



# Havant Borough Council

## Playing Pitch Strategy

### ***Review 2024 Strategy Objectives & Recommendations***

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## Glossary & Abbreviations

3G	Third generation (artificial grass pitch)
AGP	Artificial grass pitch
CC	Cricket Club
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CFA	County Football Association
CSP	County Sports Partnership
EA	England Athletics
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FE	Further Education
FF	Football Foundation
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HC	Hockey Club
HCFA	Hampshire County Football Association
HCB	Hampshire Cricket Board
HE	Higher Education
JFC	Junior Football Club
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
LMS	Last Man Stands
MES	The number of games a playing pitch can accommodate is addressed as match equivalent sessions.
NGB	National Governing Body
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PF	Playing Field
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQA	Pitch Quality Assessment
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFC	Rugby Football Club
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106
TGR	Team Generation Rate

**Secured Community Use** For pitches that are available to the community the degree of certainty that this availability will continue needs to be recorded (i.e. how secure is the availability to the community?). Unless local information suggests otherwise it can be assumed that the availability of all pitches in Local Authority, town and parish council and sports club ownership will be secure. PPS guidance is 3 years or greater for any agreement e.g., leasehold. Community use agreement in place would be considered as secure.

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**Unsecured Community Use** Mainly educational sites where the following should be in place to ensure certainty of secured community use: if not in place, then the site provides unsecured community use.

- A formal community use agreement
- A leasing or management agreement requiring pitches to be available to the community/a community club.
- A formal policy for community use adopted by the owner and or educational establishment.
- Written confirmation from the owner and or educational establishment.

### **Note on definitions of artificial pitch surfaces.**

Sport England has produced guidance on “Selecting the Right Artificial Surface for Hockey, Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union” This guidance can be referred to when selecting an artificial surface, but it is worth noting that this is now superseded by new and updated National Governing Body (NGB) technical guidance and you should contact the relevant NGB. The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.sportengland.org/media/4275/selecting-the-right-artificial-surface-rev2-2010.pdf>

Throughout the PPS the following abbreviations are used to describe specific types of playing pitch facility that has an artificial surface rather than natural grass.

NTP or non-turf pitch refers to an artificial turf sports surface designed specifically for cricket.

3G AGP- Third Generation Football Turf Pitch. This pitch type comprises blades of polypropylene supported by a thin base layer of sand and by an infill of rubber crumb. 3G pitches must meet the FIFA Quality Performance Standard up to Step 3 (FA National League System) or the FIFA Quality Pro Performance Standards for Step 1 & 2 level football as well as higher level FA competitions.

AGP – stands for an England Hockey recognised Artificial Grass Pitch which is either sand based/dressed or water playing surface.

World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant stands for a long pile AGP 3G with an engineered subbase system (of stone base, porous tarmac layer and shock pad) and are accepted by the rugby governing bodies (RFU and RFL).

## 1. Introduction

- 1.24 This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Review 2024 for Havant Borough Council and its partners. It has been developed in accordance with Sport England guidance and under the direction of a steering group led by the Council and including NGBs.
- 1.25 This PPS Review updates the 2017 PPS with current and future supply and demand assessments for each of the sports being considered. It updates the 2017 action plan and sets out recommendations for a strategic approach to playing pitch provision in the Borough in the short, medium, and long term.
- 1.26 The PPS Review 2024 provides an up-to-date evidence base for use in planning, investment, and sports development decisions.
- 1.27 The review establishes the principles to help inform where future resources should be focussed, and evidence need for funding bids to increase and improve playing pitch provision.
- 1.28 It builds upon the preceding Appendix A. Playing Pitch Assessment Review and is capable of:
- Providing adequate planning guidance to assess development proposals affecting outdoor sports facilities, as appropriate, directing open space contributions secured through development and informing and shaping local planning policy.
  - Informing the protection and provision of playing pitches.
  - Informing land use decisions in respect of future use of existing playing pitch areas and playing fields (capable of accommodating pitches).
  - Providing a strategic framework for the provision and management of playing pitches.
  - Supporting external funding bids and maximising support for playing pitches; and
  - Providing the basis for ongoing monitoring and review of the use, distribution, function, quality, and accessibility of playing pitches.
- 1.29 The Assessment Review Appendix A identifies the quantity and quality of the supply and the demand for each sport and provides an assessment of capacity for each site and playing pitch. The Assessment Review provides a summary of key issues and recommendations.
- 1.30 The PPS provides a framework and action plan for future provision and management of sports pitches to serve existing and new communities across Havant.
- 1.31 The PPS covers the following playing pitches and outdoor pitch sports:
- Football pitches.
  - Rugby Union pitches.
  - Cricket pitches.
  - 3G Artificial Grass Pitches; used by Football, World Rugby 22 Compliant 3G AGPs and Rugby League Approved.
  - Hockey – artificial grass pitches.
  - Athletics
  - Bowls - Outdoors
  - Golf
  - Skate Parks
  - Tennis

1.32 The objectives of the Playing Pitch Strategy are:

1. Identify changes in how the sports are played and levels of affiliated and unaffiliated participation.
2. Gather evidence to help protect and enhance existing provision.
3. To inform the development and implementation of planning policy.
4. To inform the assessment of planning applications.
5. To understand the supply of provision due to capital programmes e.g., for educational sites.
6. Establish the need to develop a priority list of deliverable projects which will help to meet any current deficiencies, provide for future demands and feed into wider infrastructure planning work.
7. Prioritisation of internal capital and revenue investment; and
8. The need to provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding.

1.33 There is a need to build key partnerships between Havant Borough Council, NGBs, Sport England, schools, further education providers, community clubs and private landowners to maintain and improve playing pitch provision. In the latter instances, the potential for the Council to take a strategic lead is more limited. This document will provide clarity about the way forward and allow key organisations to focus on the key issues that they can directly influence and achieve.

1.34 The PPS has been developed in partnership with a range of agencies and been overseen by a steering group made up of representatives from:

- Sport England
- Havant Council Planning
- Havant Council Sport and Leisure
- England and Wales Cricket Board
- Hampshire Cricket Board
- England Golf
- England Athletics
- England Hockey
- Football Foundation on behalf of the FA.
- Hampshire County FA
- Rugby Football Union
- Lawn Tennis Association

1.35 The aims of the PPS are to provide:

- a vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitches.
- a series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock.
- a series of sport-by-sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- a prioritised area-by-area action plan to address key issue.

1.36 The vision is to:

***‘Provide a network of good quality outdoor sports provision, enabling everyone to be physically active and promoting a healthier lifestyle for all.’***

- 1.37 The PPS covers the timeline between 2024 and 2042 (this aligns to the Havant Local Plan Review and the emerging 'Building a Better Future Plan'). The new Local Plan will run until 2042.
- 1.38 The individual sports and site action plans look at the short and medium timescales. It is advised that the PPS is reviewed annually. If no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the Strategy being signed off, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the Strategy and the information on which it is based to be out of date. The nature of the supply and in particular the demand for playing pitches will likely have changed over the three years. Therefore, without any form of review and update within this time period it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust.
- 1.39 The PPS approach for the sports of Football, Rugby, Hockey, and Cricket is based on the Sport England PPS Guidance: An Approach to Developing and Delivering a PPS 2013: [pps-guidance-october-2013-updated.pdf](https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/pps-guidance-october-2013-updated.pdf) ([sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com](https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/))
- 1.40 The approach comprises of 10 steps (See Figure 1) which are grouped into the following five stages:
- 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); and
  - Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date (Steps 9 & 10).

Figure 1: The 10 steps to delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy



- 1.41 Figure 1: shows the 10 steps to delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy. Step 10 in Figure 1 identifies the need to ensure that the PPS is regularly updated and reviewed to keep the PPS robust. Arrangements need to be made for the PPS to be updated on a regular basis to keep the information within it accurate and robust.

- 1.42 The methodology applied to assess the needs and opportunities for sports facilities - Athletics, Outdoor Bowls, Golf, Skateparks and Tennis follows Sport England's recommended approach, advocated in 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance' (2014). [20140722-anog-published.pdf \(sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/20140722-anog-published.pdf)
- 1.43 The Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (2014) recommends the following actions:
- Stage A: Prepare and tailor your assessment.
  - Stage B: Gather information on supply and demand.
  - Stage C: Assessment – bringing the information together.
  - Stage D: Applying the assessment.
- 1.44 The PPS is for the whole Borough not just the Council. However, the Council has a lead role to play in understanding and planning for future demand, including highlighting the need to secure investment. The PPS must consider the context of reducing budgets for local authorities that could, for example, result in a reduction of resources available to maintain playing pitches and ancillary facilities.

## Context

### National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Revised December 2023

- 1.45 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Revised December 2023 sets out the Government's planning policies and how these should be applied. It provides a framework within which locally prepared plans for housing and other development can be produced. The NPPF has a key focus in achieving sustainable development and states that the overarching social objective of the planning system is:

“To support strong, vibrant, and healthy communities...by fostering a well-designed, beautiful and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural wellbeing.”

- 1.46 Paragraphs 102 and 103 of the NPPF outline the planning policies for the provision and protection of sport and recreation facilities:

Paragraph 102: “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.”



Paragraph 103: “Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

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

- 1.47 In line with the Government’s National Planning Policy Framework, the PPS assesses existing outdoor sports provision including pitches and infrastructure along with the future need for such provision (irrespective of whether it is in public, private, MoD, or educational ownership and regardless of the nature and level of use).
- 1.48 The future picture of provision has been assessed based on potential changes in supply (both committed and planned projects within Havant and its catchment area), national trends in participation, development aspirations of the clubs based in the borough and forecast changes in the resident population informed by the targets for new housing in Havant Borough Council’s local plan review, The ‘Building a Better Future Plan’ will be the new Local Plan for Havant Borough and will run until 2042.

### Local Context

- 1.49 The Borough of Havant provides a unique setting in urban South Hampshire, located on the coastal plain between the South Downs and the sea. The coastal location has played a major part in the history of the area and continues to be at the heart of the important tourism industry and recreational activity, particularly in Emsworth and Hayling Island. The borough has many rural and green areas that retain mature trees from the time when the area was part of the Ancient Forest of Bere. The borough’s high quality environment benefits from a range of protective international and national designations. The high-quality environment is the borough’s unique feature and the foundation for ensuring the borough will be a good place to live and learn; a good place to work and play; a good place to belong and share.
- 1.50 The town of Havant is at the historic heart of the borough, with its historic streets, fresh water springs, civic and cultural functions and new shopping facilities. Waterlooville lies on the west of the borough and is a modern area of housing, shops, and employment. Waterlooville will experience more changes as a large new settlement of at least 2,000 new homes is planned on the western edge of the town. To the north of Havant, Leigh Park was developed for Portsmouth’s expanding population after the Second World War. Portsmouth City Council remains a major landowner and the impact of the city’s economy is significant to the whole of the borough.
- 1.51 The borough has excellent communications for a rapidly modernising local economy at the hub of road, rail, and sea transport networks. The M27/A27 coastal trunk route and the A3(M) London route meet in Havant and link the south coast towns and their expanding ports with London and the rest of the south east. Further west the M3 motorway links to the Midlands and the South West. The rail network provides fast coastal and London-bound trains, including direct links to Gatwick airport. The major international cargo and passenger port at Portsmouth is literally minutes away. Southampton’s port, one of the UK’s premier freight and cruise terminals, is within approximately 40 minutes’ drive time. Southampton International Airport is just 30 minutes’ drive time away and provides daily flights to regional and European destinations. London Heathrow and Gatwick Airports are about 85 minutes’ drive away.

- 1.52 The local economy has traditionally been manufacturing-based and there is a high concentration of advanced manufacturing and marine businesses in the borough. It is well placed to attract new businesses with its natural coastline and good accessibility by both road and rail.
- 1.53 Havant Borough Council is undertaking a local plan review, The 'Building a Better Future Plan' will be the Local Plan for Havant Borough. Local plans are at the heart of the planning system and every local authority in England is required by Government to prepare one. The local plan addresses the needs and opportunities for development in an area setting out how much, what type and where development will take place over at least a 15-year period. It also sets out how development should take place, what infrastructure is required to support development and how harm is avoided. The new Local Plan will run until 2042.
- 1.54 New housing needs for Havant are currently estimated at 516 per year. Between 2024 and 2042 (19 years) there will be a need for 9,804 new houses.
- 1.55 Based upon the same methodology as the previous 2017 Havant Playing Pitch Strategy 2017, the 9,804 -proposed allocation of new homes is multiplied by the average persons per dwelling (2.27 persons)<sup>1</sup>, giving a projected population increase of 22,255 residents by 2042. For this strategy, the increase of 22,555 residents will be used in future provision calculations and Playing Pitch Calculator Tool.
- 1.56 Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool should be used to identify team generation rates and need for playing pitches as and when planning applications are agreed.

### Study Area

- 1.57 The study area is the whole of the Havant Council area. Further to this, analysis areas have been created to allow for a more localised assessment of provision and examination of playing pitch supply and demand. These sub areas have been agreed by the Steering Group and make up the sub areas shown within figure 2 below.

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<sup>1</sup> Department for Communities and Local Government 2014-based Household Projections: England, 2014-2039 – Household average size projected 2029 of 2.27 persons per household

Figure 2: Havant Borough Council PPS Sub Areas for Analysis



1.58 The five sub areas identified in Figure 2 are:

- Sub Area 1: Waterlooville.
- Sub Area 2: Leigh Park.
- Sub Area 3: Havant and Bedhampton.
- Sub Area 4: Emsworth; and
- Sub Area 5: Hayling Island.

### Monitoring and Review

1.59 It must be understood that the PPS represents a 'snapshot' in time based upon the anticipated level of growth planned for Havant Council. This means there will be development proposals that will come forward on land not allocated for housing in the Havant Local Plan, such as windfall sites, that the PPS has not taken into consideration.

1.60 It will be important for the PPS to be kept live and up to date once it has been endorsed by Havant Council and the members of the Steering Group ensuring:

- Progress with the PPS recommendations and action plan.
- Monitoring and evaluating the outcomes of the PPS; and
- Ensure that the PPS is kept up to date.

- 1.61 Any review should be in accordance with Stage E Step 10 of the Sport England PPS guidance (see Figure 1).
- 1.62 As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being adopted, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS and the information on which it is based to be out of date. Ideally the PPS should be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the Steering Group to keep it up-to-date and robust.

## 2024 Havant Borough Council Playing Pitch Strategy Summary of Provision – Football, 3G and AGP Provision, Rugby Union, Hockey, and Cricket

### **Football Adult 11v11.**

- 1.63 The key findings are:
- Peak time utilisation is balanced at 5 sites and there is peak time spare capacity at eight sites. There is overplay at peak time at one site – Emsworth Recreation Ground (Emsworth Sub Area).
  - Collective peak time spare capacity in the district amounts to 9 match equivalent sessions if the sites without secured community use access are excluded this becomes overplay of 4 match equivalent sessions on the secured community sites.
  - Weekly utilisation identifies overplay at: Bidbury Meads 0.5 MES (Havant and Bedhampton Sub Area), Emsworth Recreation Ground 1 MES (Emsworth Sub Area), and Hayling College 1.5 MES (Hayling Island Sub Area).

### **Football Youth 11v11.**

- 1.64 The key findings are:
- Peak time utilisation is balanced at 2 sites and there is peak time spare capacity at three sites and overplay at peak time at one site – Hayling College (Hayling Island Sub Area).
  - Collective peak time spare capacity in the district amounts to 4.5 match equivalent sessions. If the sites without secured community use access are excluded this becomes overplay of 1.5 match equivalent sessions on the secured community sites.
  - There is not any weekly overplay of youth 11v11 pitches.

### **Football Junior 9v9.**

- 1.65 The key findings are:
- Peak time utilisation is balanced at three sites and there is peak time spare capacity at five sites and overplay at peak time at three sites – Cowplain Community College overplay 1 MES peak time (Waterlooville Sub Area), Cowplain Recreation Ground overplay 0.5 MES peak time (Waterlooville Sub Area), Front Lawn overplay 1.5 MES peak time (Leigh Park Sub Area).
  - Collective peak time spare capacity in the district amounts to 1 match equivalent session. If the sites without secured community use access are excluded this becomes a deficit of 4 match equivalent sessions on the secured community sites.

- Weekly overplay occurs at Cowplain Community College 2 MES (Waterlooville Sub Area), Cowplain Recreation Ground 0.5 MES (Waterlooville Sub Area), Front Lawn 2 MES (Leigh Park Sub Area), Hayling Park 1 MES (Hayling Island Sub Area) and Hollybank 1 MES (Emsworth Sub Area).

### **Football Mini Soccer 7v7.**

1.66 The key findings are:

- Peak time utilisation has zero balanced play sites. There is peak time spare capacity at eight sites and overplay at peak time at three sites – Cowplain Community College 0.5 MES overplay at peak time (Waterlooville Sub Area), Cowplain Recreation Ground 0.5 MES overplay at peak time (Waterlooville Sub Area), Crookhorn Technology College 1 MES overplay at peak time (Waterlooville Sub Area).
- Collective peak time spare capacity in the district amounts to 6 match equivalent sessions. If the sites without secured community use access are excluded this becomes a deficit of 2 match equivalent sessions on the secured community sites.
- Weekly overplay occurs at Crookhorn Technology College 0.5 MES (Waterlooville Sub Area).

### **Football Mini Soccer 5v5.**

1.67 The key findings are:

- Peak time utilisation has two sites with balanced play. There is peak time spare capacity at three sites and overplay at peak time at one site – Crookhorn Technology College 1.5 MES over play peak time (Waterlooville Sub Area).
- Collective peak time spare capacity in the district amounts to 0.5 match equivalent sessions. If the sites without secured community use access are excluded this becomes a deficit of 4.5 match equivalent sessions on the secured community sites.
- Weekly overplay occurs at Crookhorn Technology College 1.5 MES (Waterlooville Sub Area).

1.68 Peak time overplay cannot be overcome by improving quality of pitches. This can only be overcome by providing additional pitches or moving teams to pitches that have spare capacity.

### **Football Future Provision**

1.69 The 2024 key Issues for football are:

1. There is a need to ensure that community use of education pitches is secured through formal community use agreements that provide security of tenure for community clubs. Community football clubs are very parochial and do stay mainly on one site. If the education use was to cease there is potential for more pressure to be placed on overplayed council pitches in the future.

2. The quality of pitches has decreased since 2017 and this needs to be addressed. As a minimum Pitch Power assessments are required for all council pitches. This is to understand the requirements for improving the quality of pitches and how this increased capacity can be achieved through improved quality. The review has identified the need to improve quality of pitches at sites that have weekly overplay and find alternative sites for clubs that are playing on pitches that have overplay at peak time. Over play at peak time can be resolved by moving teams to pitches that have spare capacity, providing additional grass pitches or moving peak time play to 3G AGPs.
3. The sites impacted by peak time over play are:
  - Emsworth Recreation Ground (Emsworth Sub Area) - Adult pitches
  - Hayling College (Hayling Island Sub Area) – Youth 11v11
  - Cowplain Community College (Waterlooville Sub Area) - Junior 9v9, Mini soccer 7v7
  - Cowplain Recreation Ground (Waterlooville Sub Area) - Junior 9v9, mini soccer 7v7
  - Crookhorn Technology College (Waterlooville Sub Area) – Mini soccer 7v7, Mini Soccer 5v5.
  - Front Lawn (Leigh Park Sub Area) - Junior 9v9
4. The sites impacted by weekly overplay are:
  - Bidbury Meads (Havant and Bedworth Sub Area) Adult 11v11
  - Emsworth Recreation Ground (Emsworth Sub Area) - Adult 11v11
  - Hollybank Recreation Ground (Emsworth Sub Area) – Youth 11v11
  - Hayling College (Hayling Island Sub Area) – Adult 11v11
  - Cowplain Community College (Waterlooville Sub Area) - Junior 9v9, Mini soccer 7v7
  - Cowplain Recreation Ground (Waterlooville Sub Area) - Junior 9v9, mini soccer 7v7
  - Crookhorn Technology College (Waterlooville Sub Area) – Mini soccer 7v7, Mini Soccer 5v5.
  - Front Lawn (Leigh Park Sub Area) - Junior 9v9
  - Hayling Park (Hayling Island Sub Area) junior 9v9
5. 2 x youth 11v11 pitches could be brought back into use at Purbook Heath if drainage issues can be resolved.
6. There is a need to improve poor quality pavilions and changing facilities with a specific point of providing for both male and female use in the future. The review has identified the following sites for pavilion and changing room improvements:
  - Cowplain Recreation Ground - Poor – changing and toilets no shower provision. Facility needs extending to be fit for purpose.
  - Waterlooville Recreation Ground - Poor – changing is upstairs with no lift. Mainly cricket use and teams are segregated by folding walls.
  - Mengham Park - Poor – requires toilet refurbishment as a minimum.
  - Emsworth Recreation Ground - Poor – Council has plans and planning permission to refurbish.
  - Hollybank Recreation Ground - Poor – needs to be knocked down and rebuilt.
  - Havant and South Down College (Havant Campus) - Poor – Needs to be knocked down and rebuilt.
7. Consider re configuration of pitches in the Emsworth Sub Area following consultation with Emsworth Youth FC.



8. The sport England Playing Pitch Calculator for projected future population identifies a need to seek developer contributions to provide pitches and pavilions for future population growth to 2042:
- Adult 11v11 x 4 pitches (3.18 rounded up).
  - Youth 11v11 x 3 pitches (2.92 rounded up).
  - Junior 9v9 x 3 pitches (2.75 rounded up).
  - Mini soccer 7v7 x 2 pitches (1.80 rounded up).
  - Mini Soccer 5v5 x 2 pitches (1.63 rounded up).

### 3G and AGP Summary

#### 3G AGP

- 1.70 The current supply of 3G AGPs for football across HBC is sufficient to meet training needs of HBC teams when applying the theoretical FA model 38 teams to 1 full size 3G AGP. However, access issues of 3G AGPs have been highlighted for mid-week training by Emsworth Youth FC, Berewood Panthers FC, Cowplain Youth FC, Hayling St Andrew FC, and Hayling United FC.
- 1.71 The Cosham Football Hub site (Portsmouth) has opened (February 2024), this has 2 new full size 3G AGPs and is in ten minutes from Cowplain School 3G AGP. Consultation has identified that Berewood Panthers and Cowplain Youth have in the past had problems accessing the Cowplain School 3G AGP due to use by Portsmouth football clubs/teams. Now the Cosham hub is open future usage of the Cowplain School 3G AGP should be monitored and reviewed to identify if access has improved for local clubs such as Berewood Panthers and Cowplain Youth at the Cowplain School 3G AGP. If access is still an issue consideration of an additional 3G AGP in the Waterlooville Sub Area should be considered alongside Rugby Union AGP needs to meet current training overplay at Hook Lane by Havant Rugby Club. Provision of an additional 3G AGP in the Waterlooville area may assist with peak time and weekly over play of football on grass pitches in the sub area.
- 1.72 All education sites with 3G AGPs have FA Registration currently. This should continue and formal community use agreements should be put in place to secure community use for the foreseeable future. In addition, all 3G AGP sites should have a sink fund in place to fund replacement carpets, shock pads and sports lighting.
- 1.73 To ensure that current and any future supply are maintained to a good enough standard to accommodate demand, providers are encouraged to put sinking funds in place to ensure long-term sustainability. Annual budgets must include a sink fund to provide funds for replacing the surface every 7 -10 years depending on use and future maintenance regimes. This will allow for re-surfacing to take place when required and will ensure that FA certification remains in place.
- 1.74 Any new 3G pitches should comply with FA certification once installed and be placed on the FA 3G Pitch Register to allow for match play as well as training.
- 1.75 The Havant and Waterlooville FC 3G AGP in the Leigh Park sub area has less community use due to match play mid-week by the home team in national league competition. The community use level is capped to ensure FIFA pitch standards are maintained as required by the league. The Leigh Park sub area current level of 3G AGP provision has been reduced from 3 to 2.5 to provide for the reduction in community use at Westleigh Park.
- 1.76 The Waterlooville sub area 3G AGP future provision has included the number of Berewood Youth Teams of 9 in the future projections. The club has stated that it has issues accessing a 3G AGP in the sub area for training needs. However as previously stated this should be reviewed following the opening of the Cosham Football Hub 3G AGPs in Portsmouth on the border with Havant.

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- 1.77 Cosham Football Hub in mild local traffic is only 13 minutes from Cowplain Community Schools 3G AGP. It has been suggested that imported teams from Portsmouth have had use of the community school 3G AGP in the past and this has caused access issues for Havant teams. The review should consider if access to the Cowplain Community School 3G AGP has improved for Havant borough football teams such as Berewood youth teams once the Cosham football hub has been open for a period.
- 1.78 There is some capacity for football use at the Havant Rugby Club World Regulation 22 AGP, this capacity is a Monday and Friday evening which are not suitable times for football training.
- 1.79 When using the theoretical FA model of 38 teams to 1 3G AGP, the projected future need to 2042 shows that when considering the reduced community usage of Westleigh Park and Berewood Panthers access issues there is a small deficit of 3G AGPs in the future across the Borough. 0.07 deficit growing to 0.30 deficit when considering Berewood Panthers access issues, A review of the availability of Cowplain School 3G AGP when Cosham Football Hub (Portsmouth) is up and running will confirm if access to the schools 3G AGP for training has become available to Berewood Panthers. Currently consultation has suggested that imported teams from Portsmouth use the Cowplain School 3G AGP for training mid-week and prevent access to Havant borough football teams. The review at Stage E of the PPS will identify the current and future requirements for additional 3G AGP provision in the Waterlooville sub area.
- 1.80 When using the theoretical FA model of 38 teams to 1 3G AGP, the projected future need to 2042 shows that when considering the reduced community usage of Westleigh Park and Berewood Panthers access issues there is a small deficit of 3G AGPs in the future across the Borough. 0.07 deficit growing to 0.30 deficit when considering Berewood Panthers access issues, A review of Cowplain School 3G AGP when Cosham Football Hub (Portsmouth) is up and running will confirm the level of need required in the future.
- 1.81 When considering over play of grass pitches. Provision of an additional 3G AGP 9v9 at Front Lawn would reduce weekly and peak time overplay of grass 9v9 pitches at the site.
- 1.82 A 3G AGP at Hayling Island on the College site would provide a much-needed training venue for Hayling Island football clubs that would overcome the clubs geographical access issues to 3G AGPs and reduce overplay at the site.
- 1.83 Purbrook Park School aspires to provide a full size 3G AGP with sports lighting to replace the two smaller existing AGPs without sports lighting. Qakland's School Waterlooville are considering a 3G AGP with an athletics track.
- 1.84 If Cowplain School 3G AGP continues not to be accessible for local Havant football teams. Provision of a 3G AGP at Oaklands School may well provide for this need. The imported demand is not currently known and will need to be considered at Stage E with a review of the use of Cowplain Community School 3G AGP.
- 1.85 The RFU should discuss both Purbrook Park School and Oaklands School 3G AGP aspirations as part of Stage E with the Football Association and Football Foundation to identify if there is an opportunity to meet some of the need of Havant Rugby Clubs overplay at Hooks Lane at one or other of these sites by providing a World Rugby Regulation 22 AGP.

### **AGP – Hockey Use Key Issues**

- 1.86 The water based AGP at Havant and South Downs College (Havant Campus) requires replacing and there is a need for 2 hockey AGPs in Havant (1 replacement for existing and 1 additional AGP). Havant Hockey Club are negotiating with the school to either lease or purchase land at Havant and South Down College (Havant Campus) and provide 2 x AGPs and a clubhouse.



- 1.87 There are 2 youth 11v11 football pitches used by the school and not by the local community. However, the school will need to identify how it will play football if the playing field is to be leased or purchased by Havant Hockey Club. There is scarcity of land for such provision in Havant. If it is not possible to provide the facilities at Havant and South Downs College (Havant Campus) then consideration should be given to partnerships with nearby hockey clubs in Portsmouth to identify if there is additional land in Portsmouth that could provide such a facility.

### World Rugby Regulation 22 – Key Issues

- 1.88 There is a World Rugby Regulation 22 AGP at Havant Rugby Club (Havant and Bedhampton) that is RFU and FA registered. One possible solution is to consider the possibility of an additional World rugby 22 AGP at Havant Rugby Club if current and future capacity cannot be met by improving pitch quality and floodlights. As an alternative there is a need for the RFU to work with the FA if additional provision of an AGP is being considered in Havant borough.

### Rugby Summary

- 1.89 The 2024 key issues for rugby union are:
1. Havant Rugby Club pitches are currently overplayed by 17.75 match equivalent sessions per week, and this rises to 25.50 MES per week in 2042. To assist in meeting the current and future MES demand there is a need to improve the capacity of MES on grass rugby pitches with piped drainage, sand banding and maintaining and managing the pitches properly.
  2. There is a gap in what maintenance that Havant Borough Council can afford and what is recommended by the GMA to improve the capacity of the pitches.
  3. At Hooks Lane The quality site visit identified that the site is on a slope. The World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant pitch has good levels, but the rest of the site needs to be regraded. None of the grass pitches have drainage on a very heavy clay soil. In the past two years Havant Rugby Club has paid for and implemented winter maintenance regimes to improve pitch capacity as recommended by the GMA.
  4. Havant Rugby Club aspire to provide a second pavilion adjacent to the World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP that will become the players pavilion with changing rooms that meet RFU recommendations and guidance for female and male use and the existing club house is the business income generator providing for hospitality, conferences, and events.
  5. Priority should be placed first and foremost on alleviating overplay. Given that the majority of overplay is a result of training demand on grass pitches, it is considered that there is a potential need for additional sports lighting, however this will not address issues with overplay of pitches alone and there is a need for pitch quality improvements and/or additional access to World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP.
  6. The RFU, Football Association and Football Foundation to work in partnership to identify appropriate AGP sites coming forward that can provide additional access to World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP and or additional rugby pitches on a second site.
  7. It is recommended that HBC engage with Havant RFC to discuss the potential of a lease arrangement for the natural turf rugby pitches at Hooks Lane. A more robust security of tenure could enhance the ability for the club to attract support for both maintenance and drainage improvements.

## Hockey Summary

1.90 The 2024 key issues for hockey are:

1. The water based AGP at (Havant South Downs College (Havant Campus) is rated as 'Poor'. It is considered that the water-based carpet has a 2-year life expectancy. The water cannons are aged and only 3 of the six are working. The sports lighting requires replacing and upgrading to LED. The changing facilities are not fit for purpose and require replacing. The lack of a social space at the site is still hindering the club's development.
2. There are insufficient match slots to meet Havant Hockey Clubs match play demand of 7 per Saturday and 6.5 per Sunday. There is a need for an additional AGP as well as the existing AGP. So, a need for two AGPs to meet current demand.
3. There is insufficient training supply on one AGP at Havant and South Down College. The shortfall of 1 hour is further exacerbated if the Women's team wish to train at an alternative evening other than a Monday. The level the club plays at dictates that junior training takes place mid-week. The lack of AGP time mid-week hinders the club providing informal programmes such as Back to Hockey etc.
4. In addition, as there are no other sand based AGPs in Havant this hinders the club with its community development programme with local schools as there are insufficient facilities for this to take place.
5. Any future development of hockey AGPs at Havant South Downs College (Havant Campus) will need to consider how the college will provide for football in the future as it currently has 2 youth 11v11 pitches on site in addition to the existing hockey AGP.

## Cricket Summary

1.91 The 2024 key issues for cricket are:

1. There is a need to Improve the existing quality of maintenance on poor and standard quality cricket sites too good to increase existing capacity of play. With only 1 team using a square at any one time, there is no available spare capacity on a Saturday. There is spare capacity on 4 sites on a Sunday and 4 sites mid-week.
2. There is a need to ensure that existing latent demand and current exported demand can be met.
3. Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator projects a requirement from developer contributions to provide a minimum of 2 x 8 wicket squares with pavilion provision to meet 74 MES per season by 2042.
4. There is a need to secure long-term leases/licenses for clubs where they can apply for funding to improve facilities and provide security of tenure and if agreeable take on the maintenance of the squares, outfield, and pavilions. The clubs requiring new leases are:
  - Havant Cricket Club
  - Bedhampton Mariners Cricket Club
  - Emsworth Cricket Club
  - Purbrook Cricket Club and
  - Waterlooville Cricket Club.

5. There is a need to improve poor quality pavilions at the following sites:

- Hollybank Recreation Ground
- Havant Park
- Waterlooville Recreation Ground
- Cowplain Recreation Ground
- Bidbury Mead Recreation Ground
- Emsworth Recreation Ground Pavilion has received planning permission for improvements.

## 2. Review 2024 Strategy Objectives & Recommendations

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

2.2. The objectives of the PPS are:

- **Objective 1:** To **protect** the existing supply of outdoor sports facilities to meet current and future needs.
  - **Recommendation 1:** Ensure that all existing outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.
  - **Recommendation 2:** Secure tenure and access to sites for clubs focused on increasing participation through a range of solutions and partnership agreements; and
  - **Recommendation 3:** Ensure continued use of education facilities where there is a need. Several schools are being used in Havant for competitive play, predominantly for football. In most cases, use of pitches has been classified as unsecure, however, use is not necessarily formal and further work should be carried out to ensure an appropriate community use agreement is in place (including access to changing provision where required).

The Department for Education in February 2021 announced an investment of £10.1 million of funding to enable schools to open their sports facilities outside of school hours, to be distributed through Active Partnerships working with Sport England. This funding will help Active Partnerships to support their local schools to understand the challenges in opening their facilities.

2.3. Sites which are currently classified as being unsecure in Havant Borough include:

- Cowplain Community School (Unsecured currently but will have a Community Use agreement soon).
- Crookhorn College
- Havant Academy
- Park Community School (Community use agreement in place for 3G AGP only)
- Purbrook Park School
- Hayling College
- Havant and South Down College (Havant Campus)
- Berewood Primary School
- Emsworth Primary School
- Bidbury Junior School

2.4. The Council should explore opportunities with interested clubs and parties to provide appropriate security of tenure to meet their needs. This is particularly the case at poor quality local authority sites, possibly with inadequate ancillary facilities, so that quality can be improved, and sites developed.

2.5. Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the Council, their NGBs and the Active Partnership to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers, and partnership work.

- 2.6. Each club interested in securing tenure at a site should be required to meet criteria set by the Council in partnership with NGBs regarding service and/or strategic recommendations. Additional criteria, which considers club quality, aligned to its long-term development objectives and sustainability, will also be required.

## Tenure

- 2.7. The Council should continue to work with clubs to provide appropriate security of tenure to support the development and sustainability of sports provision and facilities towards adopting a policy which supports community management and ownership of assets to local clubs, community groups and trusts. This presents sports clubs and NGBs with opportunities to take ownership of their own facilities; it may also provide non-asset owning sports clubs with their first opportunity to take on a building. This provides the most sustainable route and best use of local resources to improve and maintain facility quality.

- **Objective 2:** To **enhance** outdoor sports provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites.
  - **Recommendation 4:** Improve quality of playing pitches and ancillary facilities; for football the focus on ancillary should be providing accessible fit for purpose, changing pavilions at multi pitch sites and minimum requirement for access to toilets at all sites.
  - **Recommendation 5:** Enhance and improve facilities where there are 2 or more playing pitches and provide sustainability of provision.
  - **Recommendation 6:** Secure external funding in partnership with other stakeholders; and
  - **Recommendation 7:** Secure developer contributions.

## Improve quality of Pitches and Courts

- 2.8. The sites identified in the table below for football all have weekly overplay that can be negated by improving the quality of the pitches.

Table 1: Football: Pitch quality/overplay improvements sites.

<b>Emsworth Sub Area</b>
Emsworth Recreation Ground – High Priority. Clear demand from user football club (Emsworth Youth FC) to reconfigure site to meet demand. There is available space on the cricket pitch side of the site to install one new football pitch (any size up to youth 11v11), which would result in the site becoming a 3-pitch site. Additional pitches and reconfiguration would be subject to improving the grass pitch quality, which is currently poor.
Hollybank Recreation Ground – Medium Priority
<b>Havant and Bedhampton Sub Area</b>
Bidbury Mead. Medium Priority

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### **Waterlooville Sub area**

Cowplain Recreation Ground - Grass pitch improvements would be deemed higher priority than the ancillary facility improvements.

Cowplain Community School – Pitch improvements being undertaken as part of Section 106 agreement

Crookhorn Technology College – Medium priority

Waterlooville Recreation Ground – Lower priority 2 poor quality adult football pitches not currently used. Does have the ability to be re-configured to allow junior size football pitches

### **Leigh Park Sub Area**

Front Lawn - Provision of a small 9v9 3g would meet the user club need (Havant & Waterlooville Youth FC). It would combat the over play on the existing poor quality grass pitch and would prevent the need for the club to move its 9v9's off site, away from what it considers home and where the rest of the club is based.

### **Hayling Island Sub Area**

Hayling College – becomes a high priority if 3G AGP not provided on site

Hayling Island Park – becomes a high priority if 3G AGP not provided at Hayling College.

**Table 2: Cricket: Pitch quality improvement sites with over play**

### **Emsworth Sub Area**

Hollybank Recreation Ground

### **Havant and Bedhampton Sub Area**

Bidbury Mead

### **Waterlooville Sub area**

Cowplain Recreation Ground

Purbrook Heath

### **Hayling Island Sub Area**

Hayling Island Park

**Table 3: Rugby Union pitch quality improvement sites**

### **Havant and Bedhampton Sub Area**

Hooks Lane

**Table 4: Hockey AGP Improvements**

### **Havant Borough wide**

There will be the need to provide 2 new AGPs for hockey (1 to replace the existing AGP and 1 additional AGP). This includes floodlighting, clubhouse (Social facilities and minimum 4 changing rooms) and carparking. There is little if any land availability in Havant for such a site. The preferred site is Havant South Down College (Havant Campus). Havant Hockey Club are in discussions with the school about the purchase or lease of the land. It is highly likely that any new sports AGP, clubhouse and carparking would have to meet Exemption 5 of Sport England's Playing Pitch Policy. An alternative solution would be to work with hockey clubs in Portsmouth to identify a site in partnership close to the Havant border with Portsmouth. In the meantime, there is a need to seek a community use agreement to formalise and safeguard community use of the existing AGP at Havant South Down College (Havant Campus).

**Table 5: Tennis Court Improvements**

### **Havant Borough wide**

There will be the need to improve 'wrap around' facilities in parks. This includes floodlighting of courts to improve all year round play and ensure coaching income in parks is not too seasonal. This also includes toilet, pavilion, and path lighting around tennis facilities to encourage comfortable and safe routes to and from courts. These facilities will also be key to driving junior and adult coaching programmes and competitions within parks.

There are currently no padel courts in Havant and considering the already existing tennis stock and number of players in Havant, the LTA are keen to increase provision in this area. Seacourt Tennis club has a planning application awaiting a decision for 2 padel courts and the refurbishment of Waterlooville Leisure Centre which is currently being consulted on has plans for 2 padel courts.

**Table 6: Skate Park Improvements**

### **Havant Borough wide**

Undertake regular checks of all skate parks in the Borough to ensure that the quality of facilities is retained and/or improved, where appropriate, to ensure the safety of all users throughout the year.

Continue to provide skate parks and BMX facilities where consultation has been undertaken and an identified need has been confirmed. Use Skateboard GB and Sport England Guidance to provide and construct skate parks in the future.

Carry out refurbishment of sites rated as Poor quality.

**Table 7: Golf Course Improvements**

### **Havant Borough wide**

Consider planning applications for entry level standard courses which are viewed as being more accessible to less proficient golfers.

Consider planning applications for driving range facilities in central Havant and Waterlooville.

Encourage existing clubs to work collaboratively in terms of creating pathways where appropriate and collectively cater for the needs of all golfing profiles.

**Table 8: Athletics Track Improvements**

### **Havant Borough wide**

Work with Oaklands School, Havant Athletics Club and England Athletics on a NEWGen track feasibility,

**Table 9: Bowls Green Improvements**

### **Havant Borough wide**

There is a need to replace the artificial bowls green at Bedhampton Bowls Club - The artificial surface is now 10 years old and will need replacing in the very near future. There are issues with overhanging trees that cause considerable problems with moss growth on the green. There is also a serious issue with tree roots that are invading one of the rinks under the surface, and therefore making the rink unplayable.

## Pitch Improvements

- 2.9. For hockey, Havant Hockey Club require 2 new AGPs, to meet current and future demand. At the moment, there is a need to replace the current AGP and develop a new AGP to meet current demand within Havant Borough. Havant college has applied for planning permission to build a three-storey extension. The extension is not planned to impact the existing AGP. The replacement AGP and an additional new AGP need to be provided on the existing site or an alternative site needs to be found to provide for two new AGPs.
- 2.10. To improve the overall quality of the outdoor facility stock it is necessary to ensure that provision is not overplayed beyond recommended carrying capacity.
- 2.11. It is imperative to engage with football clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity. Play should therefore be encouraged, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues that are not operating at capacity. There may be opportunities to consider the following:
- The overplay of pitches at weekends for matches can be overcome by consideration of reconfiguring pitches at Emsworth Recreation Ground and Hollybank in consultation with Emsworth Youth FC to meet the clubs current and future needs. Additional youth pitch at Emsworth Recreation Ground would provide additional capacity to meet current overplay on the existing adult pitch.
  - The overplay of the youth 11v11 pitch at peak time at Hayling college could be overcome by provision of a 3G AGP or moving peak time play to Hayling Park where there is peak time underplay of 2 MES.
  - Peak time overplay of 9v9 pitches at Cowplain Community School and Cowplain Recreation Ground can be met by moving MES to Crookhorn Technology College and Berewood Primary School there will be a need for a formal community use agreement at these two sites. All sites are in the Waterlooville sub area.
- 2.12. For cricket, an increase in the quality of the square and outfield, additional wickets, and usage of non-turf pitches (NTPs) is key to alleviating overplay.
- 2.13. For rugby union, there is a need to increase quality of drainage and maintenance to alleviate or reduce overplay. Where pitches are already at or over capacity additional sports lighting can only reduce some of the over play not all, as it allows training demand to be spread across a greater number of pitches or unmarked areas. If permanent floodlighting is not possible, portable floodlighting is an alternative, as is the installation of a second World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant 3G pitch. Consideration should also be given to provision of additional grass pitches to meet future demand.
- 2.14. For tennis there is a need to ensure that the refurbished tennis courts in parks are maintained to a good quality and there is a need to improve 'wrap around' facilities in parks. This includes floodlighting of courts to improve all year round play and ensure coaching income in parks is not too seasonal. This also includes toilet, pavilion, and path lighting around tennis facilities to encourage comfortable and safe routes to and from courts. These facilities will also be key to driving junior and adult coaching programmes and competitions within parks.
- 2.15. There are currently no Padel courts in Havant and considering the already existing tennis stock and number of players in Havant, the LTA are keen to increase provision in this area. Seacourt Tennis Club has a planning application awaiting a decision for 2 padel courts and the refurbishment of Waterlooville Leisure Centre which is currently being consulted on has plans for 2 padel courts with possible floodlighting.



- 2.16. For athletics there is a need to discuss the feasibility of a NEWGen track with England Athletics, Havant Athletic Club and Oaklands Catholic School at Oaklands Catholic School.
- 2.17. For golf there is a need to consider planning applications for entry level standard courses which are viewed as being more accessible to less proficient golfers and additional driving ranges in central Havant and Waterlooville. There is a need to encourage existing clubs to work collaboratively in terms of creating pathways where appropriate and collectively cater for the needs of all golfing profiles.
- 2.18. For bowls there is a need to maintain the current level of maintenance on the greens and a need to ensure sink funds are in place to replace artificial grass carpets when the need arises. The Bedhampton Bowls club artificial grass carpet requires replacing along with additional work to address tree root issues on the existing green.
- 2.19. For skate parks and dirt tracks there is a need to undertake regular checks of all skate parks in the Borough to ensure that the quality of facilities is retained and/or improved, where appropriate, to ensure the safety of all users throughout the year.
- 2.20. The identified poor quality skate parks will require refurbishing – Havant skate park and the dirt track at Waterlooville Recreation Ground.
- 2.21. Funding is in place to refurbish the dirt jumps at Station Road Hayling Island as a pump track in 2024.
- 2.22. Continue to provide skate parks and BMX facilities where consultation has been undertaken and an identified need has been confirmed. Use Skateboard GB and Sport England Guidance to provide and construct skate parks in the future.

## Improve Quality – Ancillary Facilities

### Football – Ancillary Facilities

- 2.23. There is a need to improve poor quality pavilions and changing facilities with specific point of providing for both male and female use in the future. The table below identifies the sites that the review has identified that require pavilion and changing room improvements:

Table 10: Sites that require Changing and pavilion improvements.

Site	Quality	Improvements Required	Priority
Cowplain Recreation Ground	Poor	Changing and toilets facilities with no shower provision. Facility needs extending to be fit for purpose.	Majority of use mini soccer, with limited access to changing provision required. Grass pitch improvements would be deemed higher priority than the ancillary facility improvements.
Waterlooville Recreation Ground	Poor	Changing is upstairs with no lift. Mainly cricket use and teams are segregated by folding walls.	Improvements to the ancillary facilities a high priority for cricket. But less so for football as the site is primarily used as a cricket site and the 2 poor quality adult football pitches not currently used.

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Site	Quality	Improvements Required	Priority
Mengham Park	Poor	Requires toilet refurbishment as a minimum.	Hub for Hayling St Andrews FC mini soccer.  Opportunity for club to take responsibility for grass pitch maintenance and to improve quality through FF home advantage programme.
Emsworth Recreation Ground	Poor	Council has plans and planning permission to refurbish.	Existing planning approval for pavilion refurbishments on the site already. Opportunity to modernise pavilion for football and cricket.
Hollybank Recreation Ground	Poor	Needs to be knocked down and rebuilt.	Medium Priority
Havant and South Down College (Havant Campus)	Poor	Needs to be knocked down and rebuilt.	Priority for hockey if hockey remains on site

### **Rugby Union – Ancillary Improvements**

- 2.24. Havant Rugby club wish to improve the kitchen facilities in the existing club house and construct additional changing provision to meet current RFU changing room recommendations and guidelines and support concurrent mixed gender activity.

### **Cricket – Ancillary Improvements**

- 2.25. The following ancillary facility improvements have been identified as required by cricket clubs.
- Emsworth Recreation Ground – Poor - Council has plans and planning permission to refurbish.
  - Hollybank Recreation Ground – Poor - Needs to be knocked down and rebuilt.
  - Havant Park – Poor – In need of updating via refurbishment.
  - Waterlooville Recreation Ground - - Poor – Changing is upstairs with no lift. Mainly cricket use and teams are segregated by folding walls.
  - Cowplain Recreation Ground - Poor – Changing and toilets facilities with no shower provision. Facility needs extending to be fit for purpose.
  - Purbrook Heath – Standard – Changing is upstairs with no lift.
  - Bidbury Mead Recreation Ground – Poor – Wooden building needs to be rebuilt, need for Improved changing and shower facilities and disabled access to the pavilion.

### **Hockey – Ancillary Improvements**

- 2.26. Havant Hockey Club will require a new clubhouse and car parking to support the 2-x new AGPS that are required to meet current and future hockey demand.

### **Bowls Clubs – Ancillary Improvements**

- 2.27. The Bedhampton Bowls Club clubhouse requires refurbishment and an extension. The clubhouse is not large enough to accommodate all 90 members for social events. Because of the lack of club house space, it is difficult when other teams visit, because the club do not have large enough changing facilities. There is also a lack of storage areas for maintenance equipment and bowling equipment.
- 2.28. Leigh Park Bowls Club requires enhancements to improve car parking facilities.
- 2.29. Emsworth Bowls Club require clubhouse improvements to meet disability access requirements.

### **Increasing Maintenance**

- 2.30. Standard or poor grass pitch quality may not be just a result of poor drainage. In some instances, ensuring there is an appropriate maintenance for the level/standard of play can help to improve quality and therefore increase pitch capacity. Each NGB can help with reviewing pitch maintenance regimes.
- 2.31. The FA has the Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP). The FA and Football Foundation have launched PitchPower (<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/pitchpower>) - a really simple tool to help individual sites inspect and improve their grass pitches. The site self-inspection will provide regular detailed assessment reports from grounds management experts at the Grounds Management Association, including recommendations on maintaining and improving the quality of the pitches. All key sites should be encouraged to undertake a PitchPower self-assessment and review the report recommendations. Grants are available through the Football Foundation to pay for enhanced grass pitch maintenance works, materials, and grounds maintenance machinery where appropriate.
- 2.32. For cricket and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), the equivalent is the Pitch Advisory Service (PAS). This is in partnership with the GMA (Grounds Management Association), ECB, FA, RFU and RFL.
- 2.33. In relation to cricket specifically, maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of the sport. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and, in some instances, become dangerous. The ECB recommends full technical assessments of wickets and pitches available through a Performance Quality Standard Assessment (PQS). The PQS assesses a cricket square to ascertain whether it meets the standards that are benchmarked by the IOG.
- 2.34. For rugby, there is an identified gap in maintenance provision being provided at Hooks Lane by the Council's grounds maintenance contractor and that required by Grounds Management Association and the PitchPower assessment.

### **Secure External Funding in Partnership with Other Stakeholders**

- 2.35. Partners, led by the Council, should ensure that appropriate funding secured for improved sports provision is directed to areas of need, underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in outdoor sports facilities.
- 2.36. To address the community's needs, to target priority areas and to reduce duplication of provision, there should be a coordinated approach to strategic investment. In delivering this recommendation the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners and through the Steering Group.
- 2.37. Although some investment in new provision will not be made by the Council directly, it is important that the Council seeks to direct and lead a strategic and co-ordinated approach to facility development by education, NGBs, sports clubs and the commercial sector to address community needs whilst avoiding duplication of provision.

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

### **Secure Developer Contributions**

- 2.39. It is important that the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) informs policies and supplementary planning documents by setting out the approach to securing sport and recreational facilities through new housing development.
- 2.40. For playing pitches, the Council should use Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator as a tool for determining developer contributions linking to sites within the locality. This uses team generation rates (TGRs) from the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth. It then converts this into pitch requirements and gives the associated costs (both for providing the provision and for its life cycle).
- 2.41. Sport England is a recommended consultee on residential developments of 300 or more units. It is up to the Council to determine what scale of development it seeks planning contributions into sport from. The mechanism the Council puts in place can operate independent of non-statutory consultation on housing developments with Sport England, whether the Council chooses to run with the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator or not.
- 2.42. The following processes should be followed to help inform the potential needs required/those that should be considered for a new housing development small or large.

### **Stage A: Determine the playing pitch requirement from the development.**

- 2.43. Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator updates the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converts the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. Based on current demand and team generation rates the calculated number of new residents needs to be put into the calculator which identifies in turn associated costs for providing the required pitches.
- 2.44. Rugby Union - By 2042 Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator generates additional teams through population increase of 1 adult rugby team, 2 junior rugby teams and 1 mini rugby team.
- 2.45. This is equivalent to:
- 1 adult MES training equivalent and 0.5 match play MES.
  - 1 junior MES training equivalent and 1 match play MES
  - 0.25 mini soccer training and match play MES.
- 2.46. This totals an additional 2.25 training MES and 1.5 Match play MES. This will require developer contributions to improve the quality of the grass pitches to meet the increased training and match play from the new population.
- 2.47. Football – The pitch needs from future population projections to 2042 identified from Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator:
- Adult 11v11 - 4 pitches (3.18 rounded up).
  - Youth 11v11 - 3 pitches (2.92 rounded up).
  - Junior 9v9 - 3 pitches (2.75 rounded up).
  - Mini soccer 7v7 - 2 pitches (1.80 rounded up).

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- Mini Soccer 5v5 - 2 pitches (1.63 rounded up).
- 2.48. Southleigh is the only Strategic Housing site in Havant Borough. There are no other major development sites.
- 2.49. Reconfiguration of existing pitches at Emsworth Recreation Ground could include possibility of installing one new pitch on the site, up to youth 11v11 size, subject to grass pitch improvements. Also subject to improved drainage at Purbrook Heath, opportunity to re-instate 2 youth 11v11 pitches (or maybe 3 7v7/9v9 depending on club need).
- 2.50. There are 2 unused adult 11v11 pitches at Waterlooville Recreation Ground that could be brought back into use.
- 2.51. Provision of a small 9v9 3G AGP at Front Lawn would meet the user club (Havant & Waterlooville Youth FC) demand on the site and contribute towards the 3 9v9 pitches required in borough by 2042. It would combat the over play on the existing poor quality grass pitch and prevent the need for the club to move its 9v9's off site, away from what it considers home and where the rest of the club is based.
- 2.52. Hockey – by 2042 there is a need for the replacement of the existing AGP and 1 additional AGP to meet demand.
- 2.53. Cricket - The Playing Pitch Calculator Tool indicates population growth by 2042 will require an additional 74 MES per season. this is equivalent to 2 x 8 pitch good quality cricket squares (1.7 rounded up).
- 2.54. Consideration should be given to whether the nearest playing pitch site/s to a new housing development containing that type of provision could benefit from a contribution towards increasing capacity to meet likely need generated from the development. However, it is unlikely to be sufficient.
- 2.55. If there are no potential options to improve or extend existing provision to create additional capacity, or if capacity cannot be increased to a sufficient level, then new provision is likely to be required.
- 2.56. Where the calculator does not create demand for a whole pitch, which is often the case for smaller sized developments, it is recommended to contribute to increasing the capacity of an existing site to meet demand generated from the development.
- 2.57. Discussions should be held with relevant parties (e.g. NGBs, landowners, facility operators and user groups), and any further necessary evidence gathered (e.g. a feasibility study), to help identify the specific works that are required, and to ensure they will provide the necessary additional capacity to meet identified needs. It will also be important to demonstrate that the specific works can be delivered within an appropriate timescale in relation to the occupation of the development site.
- 2.58. When on site provision is required, priority should be placed on the creation of a minimum of two football pitches and ancillary accommodation or two rugby pitches and ancillary accommodation or 1 cricket square accommodating 8 wickets and outfield with ancillary accommodation. This will ensure that the provision is sustainable and attractive to potential users. Emphasis should also be on ensuring the site can accommodate an AGP or non turf cricket pitch given current sporting trends.

### **Summary New Developments**

- 2.59. The Playing Pitch Calculator and PPS should be used to help determine the likely impact of a new development on demand and the capacity of existing sites in the area, and whether there is a need for improvements to increase capacity of existing provision or if new provision is required.

- 2.60. Where a development is located within access of existing high-quality provision, this does not necessarily mean that there is no need for further provision or improvement to existing provision, as additional demand arising from the development is likely to result in increased usage (which can result in overplay or quality deterioration).
- 2.61. Where it is determined that new provision is required to accompany a development, priority should be placed on providing facilities that contribute towards alleviating existing shortfalls within the locality. To determine what supply of provision is provided, it is imperative that the PPS findings are taken into consideration and that consultation takes place with the relevant NGBs. This is due to the importance of ensuring that the stock of facilities provided is correct to avoid provision becoming unsustainable and unused, such as single grass pitch football sites without adequate ancillary facilities or new cricket/rugby grounds located away from existing clubs.
- 2.62. Instead, multi-pitch and multi-sport sites should be developed, supported by a clubhouse and adequate parking facilities which consider the potential for future AGP development.
- 2.63. The guidance should form the basis for negotiation with developers to secure contributions to include provision and/or enhancement of appropriate playing fields and subsequent maintenance. Section 106 contributions could also be used to improve the condition and maintenance regimes of the pitches to increase pitch capacity to accommodate more matches.
- 2.64. Several planning objectives should be implemented to enable the above to be delivered:
- Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to specific planning obligations. Where developer contributions are applicable, a Section 106/CIL Agreement or equivalent must be completed that should specify, when applied, the amount that will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service from the date of the permission and timing of the contribution/s to be made.
  - Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches. NGBs and Sport England can provide further and up to date information on the associated costs.
  - External funding should be sought/secured to achieve maximum benefit from the investment into appropriate playing pitch facility enhancement and its subsequent maintenance.
  - Any development of a site close to a cricket pitch can raise issues of risk of ball strike from balls leaving the field of play. Indeed, any site within 80 metres of a cricket wicket is at risk from ball strike and ball strike must be considered as part of the planning process. Any mitigation package that a ball strike risk assessment advised should be built into the scheme by the developer; and be constructed and maintained in perpetuity at the developer's expense. It is good practice for the requirement for mitigation to be built into any policy for a site in this position.
  - Where new multiple pitches are provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located on site; and
  - All new or improved outdoor sports facilities on school sites should be subject to community use agreements.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** To **provide** new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.
- **Recommendation 8:** Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand; and
  - **Recommendation 9:** Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current stock.

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2.65. The Sub Area Site-Specific Action Plans provide individual site recommendations by geographic area and reflect the outcomes of the scenarios and identified quantitative and quality improvements identified in Appendix A Assessment Report of this report.

2.66. The Sub Area Individual Site Action Plans are given timescales to deliver:

<b>Short Term</b> Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the PPS);	<b>Medium Term.</b> Delivered within 6 years;	<b>Long Term.</b> No specific date – In many instances the action is an aspiration and is general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with and is not an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.
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2.67. The strategic actions within the individual site action plans have also been ranked as low, medium, or high based on cost. These are based on Sport England’s estimated facility costs. The range in which these sit at are:

<b>(L) - Low - less than £50k</b>	<b>(M) - Medium - £50k-£250k</b>	<b>(H) - High £250k and above</b>
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2.68. In addition to using the planning system to lever in developer contributions, it is recognised that external partner funding will need to be sought to deliver much of the action plan. Although seeking developer contributions in applicable situations and other local funding/community schemes could go some way towards meeting deficiencies and/or improving provision, other potential/match sources of funding should be investigated e.g. look to apply for grants and work with NGBs and Sport England to seek partnership funding for several projects.

2.69. It is important that the PPS Steering Group keep this strategy alive. This will be achieved by:

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



## Summary of Recommendations

Table 11: Summary of Recommendations

Objective	Recommendation
<b>OBJECTIVE 1</b> To <b>protect</b> the existing supply of outdoor sports facilities to meet current and future needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 1: Ensure, that all existing outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.</li> <li>• Recommendation 2: Secure tenure and access to sites for participation-focused development clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.</li> <li>• Recommendation 3: Ensure continued use of education facilities where there is a need.</li> </ul>
<b>OBJECTIVE 2:</b> To <b>enhance</b> outdoor sports provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 4: Improve quality of playing pitches, courts, and ancillary facilities.</li> <li>• Recommendation 5: Adopt a sports hub approach when providing 2 or more playing pitches.</li> <li>• Recommendation 6: Secure external funding in partnership with other stakeholders; and</li> <li>• Recommendation 7: Secure developer contributions.</li> </ul>
<b>OBJECTIVE 3:</b> To <b>provide</b> new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 8: Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand possibly at multi sports sites; and</li> <li>• Recommendation 9: Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current stock.</li> </ul>

## Delivering The Action Plans

- 2.70. To facilitate the development of sport and physical activity across Havant Borough, it is advised that the Steering Group, set up as part of the Playing Pitch Strategy project, continues to work together to deliver the recommendations defined as part of this strategy.
- 2.71. Through a detailed supply and demand analysis of the sports included in the scope of the strategy, as well as stakeholder consultations across the study area, an action plan has been created, which will guide the steering group in their delivery of sports provision and facility decisions over the next 10 years.
- 2.72. This section provides a detailed action plan, broken down by site with clear owners, timescales and expected resources. This is shown overleaf.
- 2.73. The table identifies potential sources of external funding. It should be noted that funding for the actions below could come from one, or a combination, of funding sources shown below. External funding guidance, both generic and sport specific, has been referenced in the footer below. This is not an exhaustive list and could be extended to other sources, depending on availability.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Monies
  - Section 106 funding
  - Community Grants Schemes



- 2.74. The Action Plan does not identify all those clubs that may be partners or provide resources in relation to its delivery. It is assumed that where clubs have a long-standing interest in a specific site that they will be a partner in delivering the actions and contribute financially or in-kind where appropriate.
- 2.75. The Action Plan does not identify HBC as a key resource either in terms of officer time or finance, except for those sites owned and/or managed by the Council. However, the Council has an interest in all those projects delivered within the local authority area and may contribute towards them either financially or in-kind, as appropriate, and subject to available resources.
- 2.76. Actions are split by sub area, to provide specific direction on how facilities should be improved and invested in. It should be noted that not all sites have actions allocated to them, as it is unrealistic to expect funding partners to contribute to improvements at all facilities across a local authority.

**Notes on Action Plan**

**Issue/ opportunity:** The issue or opportunity that can be addressed.

**Resources:** Key resource implications (time and money<sup>17</sup>)

**Timescale:** Short: 0–2 years Medium: 2-5 years Long 5-10 years

**Priority:** Low, Medium, and High, depending on overall impact for sports participation.

**Emsworth Sub Area Individual Site Action Plans**

Site	Post Code	Sport	Management	Current Status	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost	Date Reviewed
Emsworth Recreation Ground	PO10 7PT	Cricket	Local authority licensed to club - License 5 years – square managed by club Council Contractor maintains outfield.	Good quality square with 11 wickets. Currently has capacity for 19 MES per season on Sundays and mid-week.  One non turf pitch.  Council has planning permission to refurbish changing facilities.	Carry out changing facilities refurbishment.  Need to renew lease with Cricket club.	Emsworth Cricket club. Emsworth Juniors football club/ ECB/ Hampshire Cricket Board/ Hampshire County FA.	S  S	<b>PROTECT</b>  Need to renew lease.  <b>ENHANCE</b>  Carry out changing room refurbishment.	L  M	
		Football		One adult 11v11. One mini soccer 7v7 pitch. Both standard quality.  The adult 11v11 pitch is overplayed weekly 1 MES and at peak time 0.5 MES. Weekly capacity can be improved by 2.5 MES with pitch quality improvements.  Alternative provision will need to be found for the overplay of peak time adult 11v11.  There is no identified play on the mini soccer 7v7 pitch.  Need to discuss pitch provision with Emsworth Youth FC as to the clubs needs at Emsworth Recreation Ground and Hollybank Recreation Ground.	Consider and discuss reconfiguring football pitches at Emsworth Recreation Ground and Hollybank Recreation Ground to meet football club demand and eliminate peak time play.  Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve adult 11v11 pitch quality from standard to good and implement the findings to improve weekly capacity by 2.5 MES and alleviating weekly overplay.		S  S	<b>ENHANCE</b>  Carry out improvements to maintenance of adult football pitches to increase weekly capacity.  <b>PROVIDE</b>  Correct size football pitches to meet actual demand.	M  L	
		Bowls	Emsworth Bowls Club	6 rink bowls green standard quality and standard quality clubhouse.	Maintain quality of green and improve disability access to the bowls club house.	Havant BC and Emsworth Bowls Club	S	<b>ENHANCE</b>	M	
		Skate Park		This outdoor skatepark features a range of concrete ramps a wide mini ramp located on one side, complete with a quarter pipe that comes off one of the top platforms. This ramp setup opens to the street course, which offers a back and forth run consisting of a funbox with hubba and finishing with a flat bank at the end. Skaters can also enjoy a ledge along the side of this run, perfect for grinding and practicing tricks.	Maintain equipment and site	Havant BC	S - L	<b>ENHANCE</b>	M	
		Tennis	Local authority via Operator	2 non floodlit good quality tarmac courts	Maintain quality of Courts and monitor usage.	Havant BC and Operator	S - L	<b>ENHANCE</b>	S	
Emsworth Primary School	PO10 7LX	Football	Education Unsecured Community Use	Two mini soccer 7v7 pitches and one mini soccer 5v5 pitch  Good – all pitches, club has invested in grounds maintenance at the school.	Maintain quality of pitches.  Seek a community use agreement to formally safeguard community use of the site.	Emsworth Primary School/ Emsworth Youth Football Club/ Havant BC	M S	<b>PROTECT</b>  Seek a formal community use agreement.	S	
Emsworth Sports and Social Club	PO10 7JF	Bowls	Private	Old English Bowls green poor condition	Protect in the Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	

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Site	Post Code	Sport	Management	Current Status	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost	Date Reviewed
Hollybank Recreation Ground	PO10 7TX	Cricket	Local Authority Secured Community Use	Used by Emsworth Cricket Club, Havant Cricket Club, and Raymarine Cricket Club  Poor quality cricket square with 8 wickets. The wickets are overplayed by 33 MES per season.  The wickets are overplayed Saturdays, Sundays and midweek due to poor quality.	Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve quality from poor to good and implement the findings to improve site capacity by 40 MES per season allowing additional Saturday mid-week or Sunday play.	Emsworth Cricket Club/ Havant Cricket Club/ Raymarine Cricket Club. Emsworth Youth Football Club/ ECB/ Hampshire Cricket Board/ Hampshire County FA.	S	<b>PROTECT</b>  <b>ENHANCE</b>  Carry out changing room refurbishment.  Carry out improvements to cricket and football pitch quality to improve capacity of play.	M  M	
		Football		One adult 11v11 and one junior 9v9 pitch. All poor quality.  The adult 11v11 has no identified use and underplay of 1 MES weekly and 1 MES at peak time.  The junior 9v9 pitch is overplayed weekly by 1 MES and has balanced play at peak time of play.  Need to discuss pitch provision with Emsworth Juniors as to the clubs needs at Emsworth Recreation Ground and Hollybank Recreation Ground.	Consider and discuss reconfiguring football pitches at Emsworth Recreation Ground and Hollybank Recreation Ground to meet football club demand.  Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve quality from poor to good on both football pitches and implement the findings to improve weekly football pitch capacity site capacity by 3 MES per week on the junior 9v9 alleviating weekly over play.		S  S	<b>PROVIDE</b>  Correct size football pitches to meet actual demand.		
Glenwood School	PO10 7NN	3G AGP	Education – Unavailable for community use School use only.	Currently provides a small 3G AGP with no floodlights and not available for community use.	Ensure this site is added to Active Places Power Playing Pitch Audit.  Ensure this site is protected in the Local Plan as a Playing Pitch Site.	Havant BC/ Sport England	S  S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Westbourne Primary School	PO10 8TG	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use School use only.	1 mini soccer 5v5 pitch	Ensure this site is protected in the Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	

**Havant & Bedhampton Sub Area Individual Site Action Plans**

Site	Address	Sport	Management	Current Status	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost	Date Reviewed
Avenue Tennis Club	PO9 2RS	Tennis	Private Club	Grass x 10 Artificial Grass x 3 Artificial Clay x 4  Of the above 3 artificial grass and 4 artificial clay courts are floodlit,  All courts are good quality.	Maintain quality of courts and clubhouse	Avenue Park Tennis Club	S - L	<b>PROTECT and ENHANCE</b>	S	
Belair Club	PO9 2RG	Bowls	Private Club	Old English Bowls Green poor quality	Protect in Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Havant Park	PO9 1HH	Cricket	Local Authority leased to club. Lease 1 year left- club maintain pitch and share pavilion currently with Havant Hockey Club	Used by Havant Cricket Club	The quality at Havant Park is good so improving quality is not possible to decrease overplay.	Havant CC/ Havant BC/ ECB/ Hampshire Cricket Board.	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
				One non turf pitch 1 good quality square with 10 wickets. Overplayed by 9 MES per season.	Need to maintain quality of wickets and square.		L	<b>ENHANCE</b>	L	
				Has balanced play on Saturdays and overplay Sundays and Midweek.  Poor quality changing rooms  Need for cricket nets either semi-permanent or permanent	Need to renew lease.  Changing rooms require refurbishment		S M	Need to maintain quality of wickets.  <b>PROVIDE</b>	H M	
		Skatepark	Local Authority	Havant Skate Park is made up of metal ramps on a tarmac base. The skate park features a back and forth run with a quarter pipe and flat bank either side of a fun box. Poor Quality	Protect in the Local Plan  There is a need to refurbish the skatepark.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT and ENHANCE</b>	M	
		Tennis	Local Authority	2 non floodlit nonporous acrylic courts good condition.	Maintain to a good standard and monitor use.	Havant BC and Operator	S			
Bidbury Junior School	PO9 3EF	Football	Education Unsecured Community Use	Two mini soccer 7v7 pitches. All pitches are poor quality. There is a current underplay weekly 1.5 MES and at peak time 1.5 MES.	Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve pitch quality.	Bidbury Junior School/ Havant BC/ Hampshire County Football Association	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
				Changing facilities standard quality	Consider a formal community use agreement with the school so pitches can be used as needs require in the future		M	<b>ENHANCE</b>	L	
Bidbury Mead Recreation Ground	PO9 3JG	Cricket	Local Authority.  Wooden structure clubroom facility leased to Club	Used by Bedhampton Mariners CC.	Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve cricket pitch quality from standard to good and implement the findings to improve site capacity by 12 MES per season allowing additional mid-week or Sunday play.	Bedhampton Mariners Cricket Club /ECB/ Hampshire Cricket Board/ Havant BC /	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
				Standard quality square with 8 wickets and 1 non turf pitch. Currently has underplay of 10 MES. per season.  One non turf pitch.  Poor quality changing rooms - Changing rooms were refurbished in 2018, but size and layout not optimum given budget available at that time for the refurb.	Improve security of wickets  Need for funding for a defibrillator.		S M	Ensure lease is renewed at appropriate time.  <b>ENHANCE</b>	M	
								Improve maintenance and quality of cricket pitches and adult football pitches to increase capacity.		

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				<p>Club requires the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improved 'square' and wickets.</li> <li>improved 'square' security (roping off) to prevent local youths riding across on bikes.</li> <li>Improved outfield (needs levelling, not easy of course)</li> <li>Improved changing and shower facilities.</li> <li>Disabled access to the Pavilion (owned by Council) and our own Clubhouse.</li> <li>Investment in Defibrillator equipment</li> <li>Long term lease of the ground and facilities</li> <li>Club to consider decking area in front of clubhouse, to view cricket.</li> </ul>	<p>Club to consider new decking area in front of clubhouse.</p> <p>Changing facilities require rebuilding.</p> <p>Need to renew lease.</p>		M M S	<p><b>PROVIDE</b></p> <p>Seek to rebuild changing facilities.</p> <p>Club to seek funding for a defibrillator and new decking in front of clubhouse.</p>	H L	
		Football		<p>Two adult 11v11, one junior 9v9 and one mini soccer 7v7 pitch, All pitches standard quality.</p> <p>The two adult 11v11 pitches are overplayed weekly by 0.5 MES and underplayed by 0.5 MES at peak time of play. The junior 9v9 pitch is underplayed weekly 1.5 MES and at peak time 0.5 MES. There is currently no identified play on the 7v7. The pitch is underplayed by 4 MES weekly and 1 MES at peak time of play.</p>	<p>Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve adult 11v11 pitch quality from standard to good and implement the findings to improve weekly capacity by 4 MES and alleviating weekly overplay.</p>	Havant BC /Hampshire County Football Association/ Foundation.	S			
		Bowls	Bedhampton Bowls Club	6 rink artificial grass bowls green poor quality and standard quality clubhouse.	<p>The artificial surface is now 10 years old and will need replacing in the very near future. in addition, there are issues with overhanging trees that cause considerable problems with moss growth on the green. There is also a serious issue with tree roots that are invading one of the rinks under the surface, and therefore making the rink unplayable.</p> <p>The Bedhampton Bowls Club clubhouse requires refurbishment and an extension. The clubhouse is not large enough to accommodate all 90 members for social events. Because of the lack of club house space, it is difficult when other teams visit, because the club do not have large enough changing facilities. There is also a lack of storage areas for maintenance equipment and bowling equipment.</p>	Bedhampton Bowls Club/ Havant borough Council	S M	<p><b>PROVIDE</b></p> <p><b>ENHANCE</b></p>	M M	
		Tennis	Local Authority via Operator.	3 tarmac non floodlit courts recently refurbished good condition.	Maintain quality and monitor usage.	Havant BC	S	<b>ENHANCE</b>	L	

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Havant and South Down College (Havant Campus)	PO9 1QL	Hockey AGP	Education Unsecured Use	<p>One x AGP 97 x 61 floodlit. Used by Havant Hockey Club</p> <p>Maximum 2 years life left in the water based AGP.</p> <p>Water system – 3 of the six cannons no longer work - it is an aged system.</p> <p>Sports Lighting requires replacing but would be very expensive and probably not the right time whilst seeking new AGP facilities.</p> <p>Changing rooms are. inadequate to host community sport and need replacing.</p> <p>There are currently insufficient match slots to meet the demand need by Havant Hockey Club.</p>	<p>Seek a community use agreement to formalise and safeguard community use of the existing site.</p> <p>Havant Hockey Club will require 2 new AGPs (1 to replace the existing AGP and 1 additional AGP) including floodlighting, a clubhouse (Social facilities and minimum 4 changing rooms) and carparking.</p> <p>There is little if any land availability in Havant for such a site. The preferred site is the existing site at Havant South Down College (Havant Campus).</p> <p>Havant Hockey Club are in discussions with the college about the purchase or lease of the land. However, it is highly likely that any new sports AGP, clubhouse and carparking would have to meet Exemption 5 of Sport England's Playing Pitch Policy.</p>	College (Havant Campus) /Havant hockey Club/ England hockey / Havant BC.	S	<p><b>PROTECT</b></p> <p>Community use agreement/lease or sale of land required to provide 2 x AGPs for hockey.</p> <p><b>ENHANCE</b></p> <p><b>PROVIDE</b></p> <p>A new facility for hockey consisting of 2 x AGPs, clubhouse and car parking.</p>	H	
		Football	<p>Two youth 11v11 pitches both poor quality. Weekly underplay 0.5 and peak time underplay 1.5 MES.</p> <p>Changing provision poor quality needs to be rebuilt.</p>	<p>An alternative solution would be to work with hockey clubs in Portsmouth to identify a site in partnership close to the Havant border with Portsmouth.</p>						
Hooks Lane – Havant Rugby Club	PO9 3EG	Rugby Union	Local authority Secured for Pitch Sports	<p>3 Grass (1 floodlit planning application in that meets RFU match play standards 100 Lux) +1 World Rugby Regulation 22 Compliant 3G AGP (RFU and FA Registered)</p> <p>There is a current shortfall of 15.7 match equivalent sessions per week, and this rises to 23.45 MES by 2040.</p> <p>Clubhouse - The club has stated there is a need to upgrade the kitchen to support the successful event and hospitality trade being catered for.</p>	<p>The grounds need to be levelled and regraded to remove the slopes.</p> <p>There is a need to Improve the capacity of MES on the grass rugby pitches with piped drainage, sand banding and maintaining and managing the pitches.</p> <p>To meet future population demands consideration of an additional World Rugby Regulation AGP should be considered to meet training needs and or additional grass pitches provided.</p>	Havant Rugby Club/ Havant BC/ RFU	M	<p><b>PROTECT</b></p> <p>Key rugby site in the borough responsible for accommodating much of the demand.</p> <p>It is recommended that HBC engage with Havant RFC to discuss the potential of a lease arrangement for the natural turf rugby pitches at Hooks Lane. A more robust security of tenure could enhance the ability for the club to attract support for both maintenance and drainage improvements.</p>	L	
			Havant rugby Club Lease	<p>There is a current shortfall of 15.7 match equivalent sessions per week, and this rises to 23.45 MES by 2040.</p> <p>Clubhouse - The club has stated there is a need to upgrade the kitchen to support the successful event and hospitality trade being catered for.</p>	<p>Clubhouse – Havant rugby club need to upgrade the existing kitchen and consider funding for a second pavilion in the future.</p>					
			World Rugby Regulation 22 AGP from Local authority and sub lease to the RFU.	<p>Clubhouse - The club has stated there is a need to upgrade the kitchen to support the successful event and hospitality trade being catered for.</p> <p>Havant Rugby Club aspire to provide a second pavilion adjacent to the World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP that will become the players pavilion with changing rooms that meet RFU recommendations and guidance for female and male use and the existing club house is the business income generator providing for hospitality, conferences, and events.</p>	<p>Priority should be placed first and foremost on alleviating overplay. Given that the majority of overplay is a result of training demand on grass pitches, it is considered that there is a potential need for additional sports lighting, pitch quality improvements and/or additional access to a World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP and additional natural grass pitches.</p>					
			Grass Rugby pitches are hired from Local Authority	<p>Havant Rugby Club aspire to provide a second pavilion adjacent to the World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP that will become the players pavilion with changing rooms that meet RFU recommendations and guidance for female and male use and the existing club house is the business income generator providing for hospitality, conferences, and events.</p> <p>FA 3G Pitch Registration expires 2026, RFU is due for renewal 2024</p>	<p>Clubhouse – Havant rugby club need to upgrade the existing kitchen and consider funding for a second pavilion in the future.</p> <p>Priority should be placed first and foremost on alleviating overplay. Given that the majority of overplay is a result of training demand on grass pitches, it is considered that there is a potential need for additional sports lighting, pitch quality improvements and/or additional access to a World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP and additional natural grass pitches.</p>					
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							S	<p><b>ENHANCE</b></p> <p>Enhance the quality of the pitches by regrading and levelling the grounds providing pipe and slit drainage, sand banding and improved maintenance regimes.</p>		
							S	<p>Havant Club to enhance existing clubhouse with new kitchen facilities.</p>		

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					<p>attract support for both maintenance and drainage improvements.</p> <p>There is a need to consider if Havant Rugby Club would consider a leasing arrangement that may provide additional access to fund maintenance and pitch improvement requirements.</p>			<p><b>PROVIDE</b></p> <p>Consider provision of a second World rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP additional grass pitches off site and additional floodlights to meet current and future demand.</p> <p>Havant Rugby Club to seek funding to provide a second pavilion.</p>		
Portsmouth Water Company	PO9 9LG	Bowls	Private	Disused 6 rink bowls green poor quality	Need to protect in the Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<p><b>PROTECT</b></p> <p><b>Protect in the Local Plan</b></p>	L	
Warblington School	PO9 3RR	Football	Education Unsecured Community Use	Two adult 11v1, one youth 11v11 and one mini soccer 7v7 pitch, pitches all standard quality.	<p>Maintain quality of pitches.</p> <p>Seek a community use agreement to formally safeguard community use of the site.</p>	School / Havant BC/ Hampshire County FA and Football Foundation	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
		3G AGP		<p>Full size floodlit 3G AGP Registered with FA - 3G Pitch Register expires May 2025. Built 2010 will require carpet refurbishment soon.</p> <p>Changing facilities – Standard quality</p>	<p>Renew 3G AGP carpet at the appropriate time.</p> <p>Ensure renewal of 3G pitch registration and school to provide a sink fund for carpet and light replacement.</p>		M	<p><b>PROVIDE</b></p> <p>Maintain 3G AGP FA Pitch Registration</p>	L	
							L	<p>Provide a sink fund for carpet and floodlight replacement.</p>	H	
Bosmore Junior School	PO9 1DA	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Trosnant Junior School		Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	



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Site	Post Code	Sport	Management	Current Status	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost	Date Reviewed
Beechlands Golf Course	PO11 0AG	Golf	Proprietor	Par 3. 9-hole golf course standard quality and standard quality clubhouse	Protect in Local Plan and maintain current quality.	Golf Professional/ Havant BC	S - L	<b>PROTECT and ENHANCE</b>	L	
Hayling College	PO11 8NU	Football	Education Unsecured Use	One adult floodlit 11v11 football pitch, poor quality overplayed weekly 1.5 MES with balanced play at peak time.	Consider provision of a 3G AGP to meet demand from the college and Hayling Island football teams.	Hayling College. Havant BC, Hampshire County Football Association. Football Foundation	S	<b>PROTECT</b>  Formalise a community use agreement for use of the pitches and courts.  <b>ENHANCE</b>  Enhance quality of pitches and seek to refurbish changing facilities.  <b>PROVIDE</b>  Consider 3G AGP at the site.	L	
				Two youth 11v11 football pitches standard quality. Balanced play weekly and overplayed at peak time 1 MES/.	PitchPower Assessment should be undertaken to improve quality of pitches and reduce weekly over play. If adult 11v11 was improved from poor to good quality, this would increase weekly capacity by 2 MES and eliminate weekly over play.		S		M	
				One mini soccer 7v7 football pitch poor quality. Underplayed weekly 1 MES underplayed peak time 0.5 MES.	The youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed at peak time by 1 MES. Hayling Park in the sub area has youth 11v11 pitches underplayed.		S		H	
				One mini soccer 5v5 Football pitch poor quality Under played 1 MES weekly and 0.5 MES at peak time.  Ancillary facilities require refurbishment.	Consider moving teams to Hayling Park to eliminate peak time overplay.		S			
					Consider refurbishment of changing facilities.  Formalise a secure community use agreement for the site.		M S			
		Rugby		One rugby pitch, no community use						
		Tennis		4 non floodlit tarmac tennis courts poor quality.	Consider improvements to the courts and opening courts through the community use agreement.	School/ Havant BC	M	<b>Enhance</b>	S	
Hayling Golf Club	PO11 0BX	Golf	Members Club	18-hole links golf Course 3 story art décor good quality clubhouse.	Maintain current good quality	Club		<b>PROTECT</b>		
Hayling Park	PO11 0HB	Cricket	Local Authority Secured Use	Natural Grass two cricket squares twenty-two wickets	Carry out a Performance Quality Assessment to identify works required to improve quality from poor to good and implement the findings to improve site capacity by 61 MES per season.	Hayling Cricket Club Kerala Cricket Club/ Havant BC, ECB/ Hampshire Cricket/ Hampshire CFA/ Football Foundation	S	<b>PROTECT</b>  <b>ENHANCE</b>  Enhance quality of pitches  Need to refurbish cricket nets with permanent or semi-permanent structure.	M	
				Poor quality wickets are overplayed due to the quality on Saturdays, Sundays, and Midweek.	Refurbish cricket nets.		M		L	
				Poor quality training facilities (cricket nets).  Good quality changing facilities						
		Bowls	Hayling Island Bowls Club	Good quality 7 rink artificial grass green standard quality clubhouse.  There are requirements to improve the fencing surrounding the artificial green.	Work to secure lease arrangements with the bowls club regarding winter use of the bowls clubhouse.  Consider how to fund improved security/fencing around the artificial grass green.  Consider a sink fund to provide for replacement artificial green carpet when required.	Hayling Bowls Club/ Hayling Island Community Centre/ Havant BC	S		S	



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		Tennis	Local authority via Operator	4 tarmac tennis courts good quality	Maintain good quality and monitor use.	Havant BC/ Operator	S			
		Football		Two youth 11v11 pitches, poor quality pitches currently underplayed 2 MES weekly and at peak time.  Two junior 9v9 pitches. Poor quality, Overplayed weekly 1 MES balanced play at peak time.	Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve quality from standard to good and implement the findings and maximise use to improve capacity. Junior 9v9 MES would increase by 6 MES eliminating weekly overplay.					
Hayling Island Skate Park	PO11 0BA	Skate Park	Local Authority	Hayling Island Skatepark – Re developed in 2022. Replacing the old existing metal and wooden ramps with a new concrete structure that includes quarter pipes, pockets, roll overs, driveways, curbs, and other obstacles suitable for all abilities.	Protect in the Local Plan. Maintain quality	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Mengham Park	PO11 9LF	Football	Local Authority Secured  Designated Village Green status.	One mini soccer 7v7 and one mini soccer 5v5 pitch. Both pitches are poor quality.  7v7 has underplay weekly 1.5 MES and 0.5 MES at peak time.  5v5 is underplayed weekly 0.5 MES and has balanced play at peak time.  Ancillary facilities are poor.	Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve quality from poor to good and implement the findings and maximise use to improve capacity.  Should be a high priority to improve grass pitches at Mengham through club taking on maintenance responsibilities (supported potentially by Home Advantage Programme). 3G AGP at Hayling College still required even with grass pitch improvements at Mengham.  Consider toilet refurbishment as a minimum.	Havant BC/ Football Foundation/ Hampshire CFA.	S  M  M	<b>PROTECT</b>  Well, used facility Protect.  <b>ENHANCE</b> High priority to improve quality of grass pitches. Potentially through FA Home Advantage Programme  Refurbish toilet facilities as a minimum.	M  H  L  L	
Mengham Park Junior School	PO11 9ET	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Mill Rythe Holiday Village	PO11 0PB	Tennis	Private	2 non floodlit tennis courts average condition	Protect in Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Royal British Legion	PO11 9ES	Bowls	Private	Old English Bowls Green	Protect in the Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Sandy Point Tennis Club	PO11 9SN	Tennis	Private	1 non floodlit tarmac tennis court	Protect in the Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Seacourt Tennis Club	PO11 9AJ	Tennis	Club	2 tarmac floodlit courts.  Planning application submitted for 2 floodlit padel courts.	Support the application for 2 padel courts.  Maintain quality of courts	Seacourt Tennis Club.	S	<b>PROVIDE</b>	M	
Sinah Warren Coastal Hotel	PO11 0BZ	Tennis	Private	2 non floodlit tarmac courts	Protect in Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	S	
Station Road Hayling Island	PO11 0FN	Dirt Track	Local Authority	Poor quality dirt track. Funding is available in 2024 to construct a Pump Track to replace the Dirt Tracks.	Complete the construction of a new Pump Track in 2024.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROVIDE</b>	M	
Tournebury Golf Course	PO11 9DL	Golf	Private	9-hole links golf course and 10 bay floodlit driving range. Good quality facilities and course.	Protect in the Local Plan. Maintain quality of existing facilities.	Operator	S - L	<b>PROTECT</b>	M	

**Leigh Park Sub Area Individual Site Action Plans**

Site	Post Code	Sport	Management	Current Status	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost	Date Reviewed
Bartons Green	PO9 5QA	Football	Local Authority manage pitches.  Changing Facilities leased to club.	Three adult 11v11, two junior 9v9 and two 7v7 mini soccer pitches. All standard quality.	Maintain quality of pitches and changing rooms.	Club/ Havant BC/ Hampshire County FA.	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
				Adult pitches currently underplayed 2 MES weekly and 0.5 MES at peak time. Junior 9v9 underplayed by 3 MES weekly and 1 MES at peak time the mini soccer 7v7 pitches are underplayed by 7 MES weekly and 1.5 MES at peak time.  Changing rooms good quality	Work with the football club to increase its teams and usage.		L	<b>ENHANCE</b>  Support community usage and develop facilities.	M	
Bartons Triangle	PO9 9NP	Skate Park	Local Authority	Metal skatepark situated on a tarmac base. The skatepark features a mini-ramp, various rails, volcanos, quarter pipes, spine and funbox.  Standard quality	Protect in Local Plan and maintain quality	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Havant Academy	PO9 5JD	Football	Education Unsecured Community Use	Four adult 11v11 and 1 junior 9v9 pitch all standard quality.  Changing facilities – standard quality	Providing a secure formal community use agreement in the past has proved difficult. An attempt should be made again. If not, successful this enhances the need for additional 3G AGP provision at Front Lawn to assist with mitigation if the pitches at this site were not available for community use in the future.	Havant Academy/ Havant BC/ Hampshire County Football Association	S	<b>PROTECT</b>  Seek a formal community use agreement.  Maintain quality of pitches.	H  L	
		Tennis	Education Unsecured use	4 tarmac courts all floodlit	Consider formal community use agreement to open floodlit courts for community use.	Havant Academy/ Havant BC/ LTA	S - M	<b>PROVIDE and ENHANCE</b>	M	
Front Lawn	PO9 5AN	3G AGP	Local Authority manage grass pitches and lease Community Hub to Hampshire County FA	Full size 3G AGP. Built 2016  FA 3G Pitch Registered to May 2024	Need to maintain FA 3G Pitch Registration.  There needs to be a sink fund for replacement carpet and lighting.	Havant BC/ Hampshire County FA	S  M	<b>PROTECT</b>  <b>ENHANCE</b>  <b>PROVIDE</b>  Sink fund for replacement carpet and floodlighting.	L  M  H	
		Football		One adult 11v11 and one 9v9 both standard quality.  The 9v9 pitch is overplayed weekly and at peak time. The adult pitch has underplay of 1 MES weekly and balanced play at peak time.  Changing rooms good quality	The 9v9 pitch quality cannot be improved to meet peak time overplay. There is a need to consider providing a new 9v9 3G AGP to meet the need of 9v9 play and future play at this site.  Need to improve storage facilities for football equipment.	Havant BC/Hampshire County FA	S	Provide a 9v9 3G AGP.	H	
				Havant and Waterlooville Youth FC have a container which is out of planning permission and once it is decided to remove the container then the club will have a problem.  The club has stated that the roll-on goals are expensive and are stored by being chained to the 3G facility if there was a	Improve storage facilities with a permanent facility.		L  M			

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				secure area for these it would be much better.						
		Bowls	Leigh Park Bowls Club	6 rink bowls green standard quality and good quality clubhouse.	Review car parking on site in the summer months when bowls is in operation with other facilities at Front Lawn.  Maintain current quality of bowls green	Leigh Park Bowls Club/ Havant BC/ Front Lawn Community Hub  Leigh Park Bowls Club	S	<b>ENHANCE</b>	L	
		Tennis	Local Authority via Front Lawn Community Hub	3 tarmac courts floodlit good quality.	Maintain courts to good quality and monitor use.	Front Lawn Community Hub/Havant BC.		<b>ENHANCE</b>	L	
Havant and Waterlooville – Westleigh Park	PO9 5TH	3G Stadia Pitch	Local authority owned leased to Club to manage.	Full size stadia pitch with floodlights built 2020.	Need to maintain FA 3G Pitch Registration.	Havant and Waterlooville Football Club / Havant BC / Hampshire County FA	S	<b>PROTECT</b>		
				FA 3G Pitch Registered to May 2024	Club needs to provide a sink fund for replacement carpet and lighting.		S	<b>ENHANCE</b>		
				Changing provision standard quality. Club are interested in improving changing facilities to make them inclusive and accessible particularly for disabled users.	Need to provide accessible and inclusive changing rooms.		M	<b>PROVIDE</b>	H	
					There are concerns of overuse of the 3G AGP and if funding will be available to replace the pitch when required.		L		L	Maintain and renew 3G FA Pitch Registration.
Park Community School	PO9 4BU	Football	Education – Unsecured Community Use	One adult 11v11, and one junior 9v9 pitch, all poor quality.	Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve quality from poor to good and implement the findings and maximise use to improve capacity.	Park Community School/ Hampshire County FA/ Football Foundation/ Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
				The adult 11v11 and junior 9v9 pitch have balanced play weekly and at peak time of play due to education use.	Bring pitches back into community use once pitch improvements have been made.		M	<b>ENHANCE</b>	M	
				Changing rooms standard quality	Need to maintain FA 3G Pitch Registration from May 2026.		S	<b>PROVIDE</b>		
				3G AGP (Formal community use agreement in place).	School needs to provide a sink fund for replacement carpet and lighting. 3G was built 2013 and the carpet will need replacing soon. It is understood this is in place.		M			Sink fund for replacement carpet and floodlighting. Maintain and renew 3G FA Pitch Registration.
Prospect Park School	PO9 4AQ	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Riders Federation Junior & infant School	PO9 4RY	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	Two mini soccer 5v5 pitches	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Sharps close Primary School	PO9 5PE	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	Two mini soccer 5v5 pitches	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Warren Park Primary School	PO9 4LR	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	

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Warren Skate Park St Clare's Avenue	PO9 4HL	Skate Park	Local Authority	This is a tarmac skate park, with metal ramps and pipes present. The skate park is situated as part of a wider public park. The park features back and forth runs along with raised pipe areas and banks at either end. BMX dirt jumps. Standard quality.	Protect in Local Plan Maintain quality	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
West Leigh Skate Park	PO9 5RT	Skate Park	Local Authority	It is a tarmac surface with multiples-built ramps that sit on top of the tarmac. Site has a small youth shelter on site.	Protect in Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	

**Waterlooville Sub Area Individual Site Action Plans**

Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current Status	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost	Date Reviewed
Berewood Primary School	PO7 3BE	Football	Education Unsecured Use	One junior 9v9 and one mini soccer 7v7 all poor quality. Both pitches not currently used for community use but have been used in the past.  No changing provision	Ensure as a minimum the use of toilet facilities on site.  Need to secure a formal community use agreement.  Consider pitches for future community use,	Berewood Primary School/ Havant BC	S  S  M	<b>PROTECT</b>  Need to secure a formal community use agreement.  <b>ENHANCE</b>  <b>PROVIDE</b>  Access to toilet facilities as a minimum.	L   M	
Berewood Cricket Ground and Pavilion	New development	Cricket	Local authority – Secured Community Use	Facility currently being developed			S			
Berewood Skate Park	PO7 5ST	Skate Park	Local Authority	This square concrete skatepark features a unique “hole” in the middle that is laid with grass, adding a touch of green to the otherwise grey landscape. Designed like a street park, Berewood Skatepark has many rails and ledges, as well as a set of stairs and a hubba. The skatepark also boasts a set of banks for experienced riders. Concrete seats are dotted around the skatepark. Standard quality.	Protect in Local Plan  Maintain existing quality	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Cowplain School	PO8 8RY	Football	Education Unsecured Use	One adult 11v11, one junior 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 all poor quality.  Planning permission agreed to reconfigure football pitches and improve quality to improve capacity.  Part of the planning permission conditions requires a formal community use agreement to be in place.  Changing provision is rated as standard quality.	Cary out quality improvements as agreed within the planning permission and put in place a formal community use agreement,  The 3G AGP needs to remain on the FA 3G Pitch Register.  The school needs to ensure a sink fund is in place to replace the carpet and floodlights when required.  Review the usage of the 3G AGP at Cowplain School once Cosham Football Hub is in operation to identify if access has improved for local teams such as Berewood Panthers and Cowplain Youth FC. If access has not improved, consider an additional 3G AGP in the Waterlooville Sub Area.	Cowplain School/ Havant BC/ Football Foundation Hampshire County FA.	S  S  M	<b>PROTECT</b>  Formal community Use Agreement  <b>ENHANCE</b>  Improve pitch quality to increase playing capacity.  <b>PROVIDE</b>  3G FA Pitch Registration.	L  M  L	
		3G AGP		Full size 3G AGP refurbished 2019.  FA 3G Pitch Registered to 2024.				Sink fund required to provide for new carpet and floodlights when required.	H	
		Athletics		Grass 8 lane athletics track						
		Rugby		1 senior rugby pitch not used for community use.						

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Cowplain Recreation Ground	PO8 8EH	Football	Local authority Secured Use	One adult 11v11, one junior 9v9 pitch, and one mini 7v7 all poor quality.	Carry out a PitchPower Assessment to identify works required to improve quality from poor to good and implement the findings to improve junior 9v9 and mini soccer 7v7 capacity and eliminate weekly overplay. This is not seen as a high priority.	Havant BC / Hampshire County FA	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	M	
				One adult pitch currently used the junior 9v9 and 7v7 pitches are both overplayed weekly.			Changing provision requires extending and refurbishing.	M		
		Poor changing and toilets with no shower provision. Facility needs extending to be fit for purpose.	Carry out a Performance Quality Assessment to identify works required to improve quality from poor to good and implement the findings to improve site capacity by 50 MES per season allowing additional Saturday mid-week or Sunday play.	Havant BC/ ECB/ Hampshire County Cricket Board.	S	Quality improvements to pitches will eliminate weekly overplay.				
		Cricket			One square 10 wickets poor quality. Overplayed by 17 MES per Season.	Due to quality the wickets are overplayed Saturdays, Sundays, and midweek.	Changing provision is poor quality.			
Bowls	Cowplain Bowls Club	1 x 7 rink artificial grass green good quality and good quality clubhouse.	Artificial grass green will need replacing in or around 2025. Ensure a sink fund or funding is in place.	Cowplain Bowls Club/ Havant BC	M	<b>ENHANCE</b>	M			
		Tennis	Local Authority via operator	3 non-porous acrylic courts recently refurbished good quality no floodlights.	Maintain quality standard and monitor use.	Havant BC and Operator	S - L	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Crookhorn College	PO7 5UD	Football	Education Unsecured Use	One junior 9v9 pitch, one mini 7v7 and one mini 5v5 all poor quality.	Seek a formal community Use Agreement.	Crookhorn College / Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Seek a formal community use agreement	L	
				Mini soccer 7v7 and 5v5 are overplayed weekly and at peak time.	Consider pitch improvements to secure a community use agreement.		S			
		Rugby	One rugby pitch, no community use.							
		Tennis		5 tarmac courts all floodlit average quality.	Through a community use agreement consider improving quality of courts and opening floodlit courts for community use.	Crookhorn College / Havant BC/ LTA	M	<b>PROVIDE and ENHANCE</b>	M	
Havant and South Downs College	PO7 8AA	3G AGP	Education Unsecured Use	Full size 3G AGP with floodlights. Built 2013.	Seek a formal community Use Agreement		S	<b>PROTECT</b> Seek a formal community use.	L	
				Will require carpet replacement soon.	The 3G AGP needs to remain on the FA 3G Pitch Register.		S			
					The school needs to ensure a sink fund is in place to replace the carpet and floodlights when required.		M			<b>PROVIDE</b> 3G FA Pitch Registration.
								H	Sink fund required to provide for new carpet and floodlights when required.	
Hobby Close Field Wecock (Phoenix Skate Park)	PO8 9AY	Skate Park	Local Community Project	New skate park opened 2021 and replaced a poor skate park facility.	Protect in Local Plan and maintain to existing quality	Havant BC/ Wecock Farm Community	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	



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Portsmouth Golf Course	PO7 5QL	Golf	Private	18-hole golf course standard quality and good quality clubhouse.	Protect in the Local Maintain quality	Havant BC Operator	S S - L	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Purbrook College Road	PO7 8SW	Skate Park	Local Authority	Small concrete skatepark located within the College Road Play Area by South Downs college. It features a small mini ramp on one side with a flat bank leading off the one of the top platforms and a driveway with rail and hubba next to a ledge and a small quarter pipe to finish as a return ramp. Standard quality.	Protect in the Local Plan Maintain existing quality	Havant BC Havant BC	S S - L	<b>PROTECT</b>	L L	
Purbrook Heath	PO7 5RU	Cricket	Local Authority Secured Community Use - Bar and Square maintenance leased to Club 1 year left. Council Contractor maintains outfield.	Used by Purbrook Heath CC. 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI require a new home on a Saturday.  One standard quality square, one non turf pitch and 12 wickets. Underplayed by 1 MES per season.  Need to renew lease.  Outfield drainage issues, impact pitch quality.	Consider transferring 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI to the new Berewood Cricket Square and Pavilion when developed 2026.  Improve quality from poor to good and implement the findings to improve site capacity by 12 MES per season allowing additional Saturday mid-week or Sunday play.  Independent feasibility completed highlighting new drainage scheme requirements at site to enable use as a multi-sport site, bring football use back and enhance cricket outfield. Currently working through - S106 funds of circa £120k ringfenced for project.	Havant BC/ECB/ Hampshire Cricket Board / Purbrook Heath Cricket Club/ Hampshire County FA/ Football Foundation	S	<b>PROTECT</b>  Renew the lease.  <b>PROVIDE</b>  Provide a secure facility for cricket clubs 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI.  Complete new drainage scheme works using S106 funds bringing football use back and enhancing cricket provision.	L	
		Football		2 Youth 11v11 pitches currently unused due to drainage issues.			M		L	
		Bowls		Purbrook Heath Bowls Club 6 rink grass green good quality and clubhouse good quality			Club to maintain quality of green.		Purbrook Heath Bowls Club	S - L
		Tennis	Local Authority via Operator	3 non floodlit tarmac tennis courts good quality	Maintain good quality and monitor use,	Havant BC and Operator	S - L	<b>ENHANCE</b>	L	
Purbrook Park School	PO7 5DS	Cricket	Education Unsecured Use	One Non-Turf Cricket Pitch not used for community use.  3 Adult 11v11 pitches all poor quality.	Need to secure a formal community use agreement.  School aspires to replace the two small AGPs with no sports lighting with a full size AGP with sports lighting.	Havant BC  Havant BC/ Hampshire County FA/ Football Foundation and Rugby football Union.	S	<b>PROTECT</b> Need for a formal community use agreement.  <b>PROVIDE</b>  Provide and maintain a sink Fund and FA 3G pitch registration.  Consider replacement full size 3G AGP with sports lighting and discuss a joint World Rugby regulation 22 AGP and 3G AGP for football.	L	
		Football		Pitches have underplay 1 MES weekly and 2 MES at peak time.  Changing facilities rated as standard quality.					M	
		3G AGPs		2 small 3G AGPs neither are FA 3G Pitch Registered. No sports lighting.					H	
		Rugby		One rugby pitch – no community use.						



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Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form	PO7 7BW	Cricket	Education Unsecured Use	One non turf Cricket Pitch – not used for community use. The boundary is barely big enough for the maximum under 9 junior boundary size. It is a secondary and 6 <sup>th</sup> form college but would not be suitable for this level or senior open age community use.	Protect in Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
		Athletics		8 lane grass athletics track.	Seek security of use of athletic facilities at the school for use by Havant Athletics Club	Havant Athletics Club /School	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
					Consult with Havant Athletics club and School and England athletics with regards to the provision of a New/Gen athletics facility.	England Athletics School, Havant BC, Havant Athletics Club.	M	<b>PROVIDE</b>	H	
					School has shown an interest in a 3G AGP alongside an athletics facility. There is a need to carry out a feasibility for 3G AGP and World Rugby Regulation 22 compliant AGP together.	School, Havant BC. Hampshire FA. Football Foundation and Rugby Football Union	M	<b>Provide</b>	H	
		Rugby		Two rugby pitches – no community use.						
Waterlooville Golf Course	PO8 8AP	Golf	Private	18-hole golf course with clubhouse good quality	Protect in the Local Plan	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
					Maintain quality	Operator	S - L		L	
Waterlooville Recreation Ground	PO7 7HU	Cricket	Local Authority Secured Community Use.  Bar in pavilion leased to club but has expired.  Council contractor maintains square and outfield with club support.	Used by Waterlooville Cricket Club  Underplay 12 MES per season.  Changing provision is poor quality. – changing is upstairs with no lift. Mainly cricket use and teams are segregated by folding walls.  Cricket Club has stated they would like to take over the maintenance of the ground in 2024.	Need to improve changing facilities. High priority for cricket lower priority for football.	Havant BC/Hampshire Cricket/ECB	M	<b>PROTECT</b> Need to renew lease with the cricket club for pavilion and include maintenance of the square,  <b>PROVIDE</b> Improved changing facilities.  <b>ENHANCE</b> Improve football pitch quality for future use.	L	
		Football		Two adult 11v11 pitches poor quality currently not used,	Carryout a PitchPower assessment to improve the pitches and bring them into use in the future.	Havant BC/ Hampshire County FA / Football Foundation	S		M	
		Bowls		Waterlooville Bowls Club	6 rink artificial grass green good quality. Clubhouse good quality.	Club to maintain good quality and consider putting in place a sink fund for artificial grass carpet replacement in the future.	Waterlooville Bowls Club		S	<b>PROTECT and ENHANCE</b>

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**Playing Pitch Strategy Review 2024 Strategy Objectives & Recommendations**

Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current Status	Recommended Actions	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost	Date Reviewed
		Tennis	Local Authority and Operator	4 non floodlit tarmac courts good quality	Maintain quality and monitor use.	Havant BC and Operator	S - L	<b>ENHANCE</b>	L	
		Bike Dirt Track	Local Authority	Poor quality.	Requires replacement/refurbishment consider a small pump track.	Havant BC	M	<b>PROVIDE</b>	M	
Mill Hill Primary School	PO7 7DB	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	Two mini soccer 7v7 and one mini soccer 5v5 pitches	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Queens Inclosure Primary School	PO7 8NT	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Springwood Junior School	PO7 8ED	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	One youth 11v11 pitch	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	
Moorlands Primary School	PO7 5QL	Football	Education – Unavailable for community use	One mini soccer 7v7 pitch and one mini soccer 5v5 pitch	Protect playing field in the Local Plan.	Havant BC	S	<b>PROTECT</b>	L	

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