

## Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy: Appendix A Cricket - Assessment of Needs

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This appendix to the Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy details the current picture of facility supply and demand for the playing pitch sport of **cricket** - at individual sites, in each of two sub-areas (North and South) and borough wide across the administrative area of the Borough of Test Valley.
- 1.2 It also sets out how this current picture of provision may change over the time period of the next Local Plan. The likely future picture of provision is assessed based on potential changes in supply (both committed and planned cricket infrastructure projects within the borough and its primary travel catchment), forecasts for growth in the resident population along with national trends in participation in cricket, and the development aspirations of the community cricket clubs based in the borough.
- 1.3 The policies, development programmes and investment priorities of the national governing body for the sport will also influence the future picture of facility supply and demand for the sport in Test Valley. These are summarised in Section 2 below.
- 1.4 The final section brings together the information on supply and demand in the borough and draws conclusions as to the adequacy or otherwise of the existing supply to accommodate current demand (both from within the borough and, if relevant, displaced demand from neighbouring local authority areas). Conclusions are also drawn as to the likely facility needs for this playing pitch sport in the North and South sub areas and borough-wide to 2036.

### 2. ECB Inspiring Generations Strategy 2020 - 2024

- 2.1 In January 2019, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced its strategy for 2020-24: '**Inspiring Generations**' - a blueprint for the future of cricket from grassroots to the top end of the professional game.
- 2.2 The new strategy aims to invest over £500 million into the game to 2024 with 26 specific action areas being targeted to deliver across 6 strategic priorities:
  - **Grow and Nurture the Core** - ensure that there is a thriving county network at the heart of the domestic game.
  - **Inspire through Elite Teams** - create and celebrate the heroes at the pinnacle of the elite game.
  - **Make Cricket Accessible** - give more people the opportunity to engage with cricket more often
  - **Engage Children and Young People** - inspire a new generation of players and fans to develop a love for cricket.
  - **Transform Women's and Girls' Cricket** - drive cricket's progress to becoming a truly gender-neutral sport. (NB. In October 2019 the ECB launched an action plan towards achieving this strategic priority).
  - **Support our Communities** - use our purpose to connect communities and improve lives more broadly across society.
- 2.3 In creating its new vision the ECB acknowledges that recreational cricket is the lifeblood of the game. In total 22 of the 26 strategic activities will be delivered and funded through the county network. In Test Valley, this is Hampshire Cricket Board (HCB) based at The Ageas Bowl in Eastleigh. The ECB has made the preparation of a facilities strategy a condition of future funding for all the County Boards. HCB propose to produce a county facilities strategy in 2020 informed by district/borough playing pitch strategies and their underlying cricket facility needs assessments. This assessment of facility needs for cricket in Test Valley will therefore inform the county facilities strategy.

- 2.4 To support the delivery of the new county facilities strategy, HCB propose to introduce a County Fund and application process for capital grants of between £1,000 and £10,000. The ECB will also launch a new Central Grant Fund in 2020 towards facility provision and enhancements that will deliver against the 6 Inspiring Generations priorities. The priority project themes for this larger Central Grants Fund (e.g. replacement of older pavilions, installation of non-turf pitches) and application criteria will also be announced in 2020.
- 2.5 The Inspiring Generations strategic priorities and action areas most relevant to the playing pitch plans for community club and recreational cricket in Test Valley are:

Table 2.1: ECB Strategic Priorities

ECB Priority	Action Areas
Grow & Nurture the Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o A new Community Investment Fund for investment in to community-based initiatives by First Class Clubs and County Cricket Boards.</li> <li>o Invest in recreational cricket club facilities enhancing the player and family experience.</li> </ul>
Make Cricket Accessible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Create a new digital community for cricket.</li> <li>o Launch a new participation product linked to the new 100 ball professional competition.</li> </ul>
Engage Children & Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Double cricket participation in primary schools.</li> <li>o Deliver a recreational playing offer from age five upwards.</li> </ul>
Transform Women's & Girl's Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Grow the base through participation and facilities investment.</li> <li>o Deliver a girls cricket programme in secondary schools.</li> </ul>
Support our Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Double the number of volunteers to include new officials and community coaches.</li> <li>o Increase participation in disability cricket.</li> </ul>

### 3. Supply & Demand Information Sources

- 3.1 For all four sports included in the PPS scope pitch supply and demand information has been gathered, as far as possible, by a combination of data collection and review, surveys and consultations. For cricket this comprises:
- o Sport England Active Places Power audit for playing pitches.
  - o Hampshire Cricket website.
  - o Websites of community cricket clubs with home grounds in Test Valley.
  - o Online survey returns submitted by six cricket clubs based in Test Valley (Andover CC; Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC; Mottisfont CC; Wherwell CC; Wellow & Plaitford CC; Thruxton CC).
  - o Cricket information provided by Test Valley schools on site visits.
  - o Information provided by town and parish councils by email and phone.
  - o Site visits to 30 of the 32 playing fields with cricket pitches in Test Valley for visual, non-technical inspection and information provided by TVBC Streetscene grounds staff, cricket club officials, school site managers, head teachers, PE staff or grounds staff in the course of the site visits.
  - o League fixture lists.
  - o TVBC pitch booking records.
  - o Sport England Active Lives Survey cricket participation data for Test Valley.
  - o Sport England Sports Market Segmentation latent cricket demand data for Test Valley.
- 3.2 In total, just over half (52%) of the 21 cricket clubs based in Test Valley either submitted completed survey returns or provided information on supply and demand and views on any facility needs and priorities. A large proportion of the cricket clubs in Test Valley are single men's team clubs. The clubs engaged in the consultation represented 75% of all affiliated cricket teams (48/64).

## 4. Supply

- 4.1 Findings relating to cricket pitch supply in Test Valley are summarised below.
- 4.2 Fine turf cricket pitches  
In the 2019 season, there were 28 maintained and operational natural turf cricket pitches in Test Valley borough plus three other natural turf pitches that were not prepared for the 2019 season due to lack of demand for bookings. (These unprepared pitches are located at Hunts Farm near Romsey, Picket Twenty Playing Field in Andover and at Upper Clatford Sports Ground a parish ground close to Andover).
- 4.3 A further cricket pitch is located just inside the Test Valley borough boundary with Eastleigh at the Hardmoor Sports Ground. Although this pitch was not available in the 2019 season due to enhancement works by Eastleigh Borough Council, it will be available in future seasons, managed and maintained by Trojans Sports Club from the club's sports ground located adjacent to this playing field.
- 4.4 When the four unused or temporarily unavailable pitches are added to the maintained supply, the total number of natural turf cricket pitches available to residents of Test Valley borough is 32.
- 4.5 In addition, four community secondary schools (3 in Andover in the north and the Romsey School in the south) have stand-alone cricket NTPs (i.e. with no maintained fine turf cricket table). These school NTPs are used exclusively for PE and school cricket currently (i.e. there is no community use).
- 4.6 The distribution of the fine turf pitch sites in the north and south sub areas is split equally as shown in the maps at Figures 7 & 8 at paragraph 1.9.2 in the Playing Pitch Strategy report and in table 4.1 below. The distribution of the cricket Non Turf Pitches (NTPs) is heavily skewed to the north sub area as shown in the maps at Figures 10 & 11 at paragraph 1.9.3 in the Playing Pitch Strategy report and in table 4.1 below.

Table 4.1: Fine Turf Cricket Playing Pitch Sites in Test Valley

Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Ownership
North	Amport Cricket Ground	SP11 8BB	Club
North	Andover Cricket Ground	SP10 1HP	Local Authority / Club lease
North	Appleshaw Ward Memorial Playing Field	SP11 9BS	Playing Field Association
North	Bakers Farm Cricket Ground	SO20 6JF	Private
South	Braishfield Recreation Ground	SO51 0QG	Club
South	Broughton Sports Field	SO20 6PP	Parish Council
North	East Anton Playing Field	SP11 6AB	Local Authority
South	East Tytherley Cricket Ground	SO51 0LW	Club
South	Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School)	SO51 6ZE	Independent school
North	Farleigh School	SP11 7PW	Independent school
South	Hardmoor Sports Ground	SO50 9HT	Local Authority (Eastleigh BC)
South	Hunts Farm Playing Field	SO51 0NJ	Local Authority
South	King's Somborne Recreation Ground	SO20 6PP	Parish Council
South	Knightwood Leisure Centre	SO53 4SJ	Local Authority
North	Longparish Cricket Ground	SP11 6PR	Parish Council / Club lease
South	Michelmersh & Timsbury Recreation Ground	SO51 0NJ	Parish Council
South	Mottisfont Sports Field	SO51 0LR	Parish Council
North	Over Wallop Sports Field	SO20 8JH	Parish Council
North	Penton Recreation Ground	SP11 0RD	Parish Council
North	Picket Twenty Recreation Ground	SP11 6UF	Local Authority
South	Romsey Sports Centre	SO51 8AF	Local Authority

Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Ownership
South	The Ampfield Recreation Ground	SO51 9BQ	Parish Council
South	Trojans Sports Club	SO50 9HT	Club
North	Upper Clatford Sports Ground	SP11 7QP	Parish Council
South	West Wellow Recreation Ground	SO51 6BT	Parish Council
North	Wherwell Playing Field	SP11 7JP	Parish Council

Table 4.2: Non Turf Cricket Pitch Sites in Test Valley

Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Ownership
North	Amport Cricket Ground	SP11 8BB	Club
North	Andover Cricket Ground	SP10 1HP	Local Authority / Club lease
South	Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School)	SO51 6ZE	Independent school
North	Farleigh School	SP11 7PW	Independent school
North	Harrow Way School	SP10 3RH	State school
North	John Hanson School	SP10 3PB	State school
North	Longparish Cricket Ground	SP11 6PR	Parish Council / Club lease
North	Picket Twenty Recreation Ground	SP11 6UF	Local Authority
South	Romsey School	SO51 8ZB	State school
North	Wherwell Playing Field	SP11 7JP	Parish Council
North	Winton Academy	SP10 2PS	State school

Quantity of fine turf pitches - benchmarking

- 4.7 The table below compares the quantity of operational natural turf cricket pitches in the borough with the provision in five contiguous neighbour local authorities both in terms of the number of pitches and the population per cricket pitch. This shows that, on a per capita basis, Test Valley is well provided with operational pitches relative to its neighbour local authority areas.

Table 4.3: Quantity by Local Authority Populations

Local Authority	No. Natural Turf Pitches <sup>1</sup>	Population*	Population per cricket pitch	Rank
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>1 per 4,571</b>	<b>2</b>
Eastleigh	18	131,700	1 per 7,317	5
Southampton	17	256,500	1 per 15,088	6
Basingstoke & Deane	35	176,800	1 per 5,051	3
Winchester	52	125,500	1 per 2,413	1
Wiltshire - eastern area**	26	134,300 <sup>2</sup>	1 per 5,163	4

\* Hampshire County Council Small Area Population Forecasts, 2018

\*\* Pewsey, Tidworth, Amesbury, Salisbury & Southern Community Areas

Non Turf Pitches (NTPs)

- 4.8 Just five of the community playing field sites with natural turf cricket pitches also have a non-turf (all weather) pitch (NTP) available for junior and recreational cricket and practice sessions. As shown in Figure 4.2, these are all in the north sub area. The other six NTPs shown are on secondary school sites.

Secured community access to the supply

- 4.9 Community access is secured to over 80% (26 of the 32) cricket playing pitch sites in Test Valley. Community access to these playing fields is secured by ownership either by the Borough Council, Parish Councils or by community cricket clubs or sports associations either freehold or under long leases.
- 4.10 The playing field sites with unsecured community access are all secondary schools in the ownership of either independent school charities or academy trusts. Two independent schools in the borough - Farleigh School (near Andover in the north)

<sup>1</sup> Sport England Active Places Playing Pitch Strategy Reports, September 2019 - operational natural grass cricket pitches

<sup>2</sup> Wiltshire Community Area JSA Reports 2016, ONS Mid Year Population Estimates 2014

and Embley (near Romsey in the south) both have several fine turf junior pitches maintained to a good standard and long standing access arrangements with Hampshire Cricket for access in the summer term for development training, fixtures and tournaments for performance district or county level age group squads (boys and girls). These venues are also used for one-off events such as a primary school cricket festival in the summer term.

Recreational cricket

- 4.11 Although community access is secured to the majority of cricket sites in the borough, relatively few are available for recreational cricket outside of the traditional club model. This reflects the need to protect and maintain fine turf pitches to the standard required for community club match play and the small number of open access sites in the borough equipped with non turf strips suitable for this type of informal play.
- 4.12 The recently established East Anton and Picket Twenty playing fields in Andover are the only open sites with provision for cricket in the north sub area. Of these two sites only Picket Twenty has a non-turf pitch suitable for recreational play.
- 4.13 All three secondary community academy schools in the town - Winton, Harrow Way and John Hanson - have non-turf cricket pitches on their playing fields. However, access to school playing fields out of school hours is restricted to organised groups on a letting basis.
- 4.14 In the south of the borough around Romsey there is currently no playing field with a non-turf pitch available on an open access basis. Romsey School is the only NTP provision in this sub area available for community hire, other than those at independent schools.

Indoor cricket

- 4.15 Within the borough, one sports hall venue in the south area - Romsey School - hosts a small winter indoor cricket league comprising four teams from Michelmersh & Timsbury CC, Braishfield CC, Wellow & Plaitford CC based in Test Valley, plus one team from out of the borough, Hythe & Dibden CC based in Southampton.
- 4.16 The larger clubs in the south sub area - Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC, Trojans CC and Ampfield & North Baddesley CC - enter teams in the South Hampshire Indoor Cricket League. This league plays all its fixtures in the new sports hall at Places Leisure Eastleigh (formerly Fleming Park Leisure Centre).
- 4.17 In Andover and the north sub area there are no indoor cricket venues. The larger clubs in this part of Test Valley - i.e. Andover CC, Amport CC, Longparish CC - travel to Amesbury in Wiltshire to compete in the Salisbury & District Indoor Cricket Association's competitions.

Winter practice indoor nets

- 4.18 Winter Practice Nets are provided and with access available to community clubs in Sports Halls at several schools in Test Valley Borough. Those identified in the course of the research and the hiring clubs are:

Table 4.4: Supply of Indoor Nets

School sports halls with nets	Hiring clubs
Farleigh School, Andover	Hampshire Cricket
Harrow Way School, Andover	None identified
Winton School, Andover	None identified
John Hanson School, Andover	Andover CC, Amport CC (also use Tidworth in Wiltshire)
Romsey School	OT & Romsey CC, Wellow & Plaitford CC
Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate College), Romsey	OT & Romsey CC, Hampshire Cricket, IBM Hursley (imported)
Mountbatten School, Romsey	Michelmersh & Timsbury CC
Norman Court School, Salisbury	Broughton CC
Test Valley School, Stockbridge	None identified

School sports halls with nets	Hiring clubs
Stroud School	Ampfield & North Baddesley CC
St George Catholic College	Trojans CC

Specialist cricket centres

- 4.19 To the west is the Tollgate Indoor Cricket Centre (4 lane coaching centre) in Salisbury. Further afield to the north-east, there is the three lane Dummer Cricket Centre on the edge of Basingstoke. Accessible from the south sub area is the 6-lane indoor cricket school facility at the Hampshire Cricket Ageas Bowl.

Supply Changes

- 4.20 The only current proposals with a current planning consent are:
- *Broughton Sports Field* - the Parish Council has secured permissions to replace the sports pavilion. This is understood to be the Parish Council's priority capital project following completion of a new village hall. Implementation and delivery of this project remains subject to raising the balance of the necessary funding. The HCB understand that £150k approximately has been secured to date.
  - *King George V Playing Field* - Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council near Ibthorpe in the north of the borough has plans to install a non turf practice strip on the edge of this playing field funded through a Section 106 planning obligation.
- 4.21 Of greater significance is the new playing field currently in development at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey. Although no cricket facilities are included in the facility mix, the proposals provide for new rugby pitches and pavilion facilities for use by the Romsey Rugby Club from the 2022/22 season onwards. Romsey RFC currently share the playing field at Romsey Sports Centre with Old Tauntonians & Romsey Cricket Club. The relocation of rugby to Ganger Farm from 2021/22 will enable enhancements to be made to the cricket outfield on the Romsey Sports Centre playing field from the end of the 2021/22 rugby season.

## 5. Demand

- 5.1 Findings relating to cricket pitch demand in Test Valley are detailed below.

Clubs and Teams

- 5.2 Test Valley currently has 21 cricket clubs (10 in the north sub area, 11 in the south) with a total of 29 Saturday men's teams competing in Hampshire Cricket Board affiliated leagues, 7 teams competing in the midweek Border League and a further 8 friendly sides playing occasional fixtures, making a total of 44 adult men's teams. 6 clubs enter a team in indoor leagues. The indoor teams generally comprise players who also play for teams in the outdoor season - i.e. the same individuals.
- 5.3 15 of the 21 cricket clubs in Test Valley (i.e. over two thirds) are single team clubs.
- 5.4 There are no women's cricket teams currently although a women's training/coaching group is run at Wellow & Plaitford CC and the further development of girls and women's cricket is the main priority in this club's 5 year development plan.
- 5.5 Seven of the 21 borough based clubs offer colts/junior cricket for boys and girls (three in the north, four in the south) including Trojans CC which has a dedicated women and girls section and a large number of girls playing. Across the clubs in Test Valley in 2019 there were 20 age group teams. To date, five of the seven clubs with junior sections have also run mixed All Stars cricket for younger children aged 5 to 8 years.
- 5.6 Opportunities to play cricket at Southern Premier League standard are available in each sub area - Andover CC in the north and at Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC (both Division 1) and Trojans CC in the south (Division 3).



5.7 At the next level, in the north, Amport CC and Longparish CC are the largest community clubs (with 2 and 3 Saturday Hampshire Cricket affiliated league sides respectively) as well established colts sections. Amport CC also runs a very well supported All Stars children's cricket coaching programme.

5.8 In the south, Ampfield & North Baddesley CC and Michelmersh & Timsbury CC each put out 2 Saturday affiliated league teams. The former club also offers All Stars coaching to children aged 5-8.

#### Indoor Cricket

5.9 In both the north and south sub areas, three of the larger clubs also provide opportunities to play indoor league cricket. The main indoor leagues are based at out of borough sports hall venues in Amesbury (across the borough boundary in Wiltshire) and in Eastleigh (the new Places Leisure Centre at Fleming Park) while, within Test Valley, a smaller league operates in the recently upgraded sports hall at Romsey School.

#### Performance Pathway

5.10 In terms of progression for talented young cricketers, HCB organise regional performance cricket through four junior districts or Regional Performance Centres (RPCs) in the North, Winchester, South East & New Forest. Trial sessions, matches and festivals are programmed for boys and girls u11, u13 and u16 age groups. These activities take place mainly on Sunday afternoons in May and in the summer holidays at a number of school and club groups with good facilities and car access (e.g. West Park School in Fareham, Yateley School in NE Hants, New Milton Cricket Club in the South and East Aston & Matrys Worthy Cricket Club near Winchester). For girls, the four RPCs and age group sides are branded as Central Cobras, Northern Taipans, Southern Sidewinder, Western Rattlers. For women and girls, the Southern Vipers (T20 league team) and Hampshire Women are at the top of the HCB Women & Girls Cricket Performance Pathway.

5.11 In Test Valley, Hampshire Cricket age group squad coaching sessions (for both boys and girls) takes place at the two largest independent schools in the borough - Embley near Romsey and Farleigh School near Andover. Both schools have excellent quality junior pitches and ancillary facilities. This is beneficial to talented young players living in the borough on the HCB performance pathway.

#### Imported and exported demand

5.12 Imported demand from outside the area in the 2019 season has been identified as approximately 9 matches per annum played by Totton & Eling CC 3rd XI (based in New Forest District) at West Wellow Recreation Ground and a similar number of home fixtures played at Hunt's Farm Sports Ground by Langley Manor CC 3rds (a City of Southampton based club). In previous seasons, Compton & Chandlers Ford CC - a large club, based near J11 of the M3 in Compton Winchester, has also hired pitches for overspill Saturday fixtures for its lower sides at either Knightwood Leisure Centre or Hunts Farm Playing Fields. In addition, Fair Oak CC (from Eastleigh Borough) has previously hired a pitch at Hardmoor Sports Ground (adjacent to Trojans Sports Club) for its 3rd team home matches. Also, the IBM Hursley club (from Winchester District) hires winter practice nets at the Hampshire Collegiate School near Romsey. The HCB understands that IBM Hursley CC is considering relocating home fixtures for its lower sides from Wide Lane Sports Ground in Eastleigh Borough to Hunts Farm in 2020.

5.13 In the event that all three out-of-borough clubs - Langley Manor CC, IBM Hursley CC and Compton & Chandlers Ford CC - decide to hire the two pitches at Hunts Farm in the 2020 season for the home fixtures of their lower sides, this imported demand will exceed the available supply at this site on Saturdays unless Knights Valley CC returns to Knightwood Leisure Centre. This Test Valley based club has been playing its home fixtures at Hunts Farm and at Southampton Outdoor Sports Centre while pitch drainage works have taken place at the Leisure Centre, the club's home ground. The HCB County Pitch Advisor inspected the pitches at both Knightwood and Hunts Farm in December 2019 and made

recommendations to the Borough Council for pitch maintenance works to ensure the pitches will be suitable for HCB affiliated league match play from 2020.

- 5.14 In addition, some of Trojans CC home fixtures for its junior sides have been exported to grounds just out of the borough - e.g. Wellington Sports Ground (King Edward VI School) and The Gregg School - while drainage improvement works have been carried out to the Hardmoor Sports Ground. From 2020, similar to Knights Valley CC, this displaced demand of Trojans CC should return to Test Valley under a management agreement between the owners of Hardmoor Sports Grounds (Eastleigh Borough Council) and Trojans Sports Club.
- 5.15 Hurstbourne Priors Parish Recreation Ground is located to the north east of Andover just over the borough boundary in Basingstoke & Deane District. This site has a single cricket pitch and a traditional thatched pavilion. A single team village cricket club based at this ground dropped out of Saturday league in 2017. Although the village team may still play occasional weekend and midweek friendly fixtures, the peak Saturday slot is available in the event of future growth in demand from either Andover to the west or Whitchurch and Basingstoke to the east.

#### Winter Practice Nets

- 5.16 None of the clubs based in the borough have reported any difficulties in securing affordable access to affordable winter practice nets for pre-season training. As detailed in the supply section above, in addition to the indoor nets at Embley and Farleigh School, there are also nets for hire and used regularly by local clubs at Romsey School (OT&RCC), St George Catholic College (Trojans CC), Norman Court School (Broughton CC), Stroud School (Ampfield & North Baddesley CC) and at John Hanson School (Andover CC).

#### Cricket Participation Trends

- 5.17 *Adults:* The most recently published findings of the national Active Lives Adult Survey<sup>3</sup> (October 2019) showed that self reported regular participation (i.e. taken part at least twice in the last 28 days) in cricket in England by adults (aged 16+) fell by 0.2% over the three years between 2015-16 and 2018-19 to 0.7%.
- 5.18 Analysis by gender shows:
- Among male adults, the cricket participation rate in 2018-19 was 1.2% and the decline over the three years was -0.4%.
  - Among female adults, the cricket participation rate in 2018-19 was just 0.1% with no significant change over the previous three years.
- 5.19 If cricket participation in Test Valley were at the national average (i.e. 0.7%), this would indicate around 420 adults (aged 16+) living in the borough play cricket (out of a 16+ adult population in 2019 of approximately 60,000 (male and females)).
- 5.20 Given that almost all cricket played by adults in Test Valley currently is by men, it is appropriate to consider most closely the adult male participation rate. Among the 30,000 approx. male residents aged 16+, the national participation rate of 1.2% gives a total of approximately 360 adult male players in Test Valley.
- 5.21 With currently 44 adult male teams of at least 11 players plus at least three 16+ colts T20 sides, current adult cricket club playing membership in Test Valley is close to 520. This is significantly above the national average adult participation rate for the sport of cricket.
- 5.22 *Children & Young People:* The Active Lives Children & Young People Survey<sup>4</sup> published its first report of findings in December 2018 based on data collected

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<sup>3</sup> Active Lives Adult Survey May 2018/19, Sport England, (October 2019)

<sup>4</sup> Active Lives Children and Young People Survey Academic Year 2018/19, Sport England (December 2019)



from year 3-11 pupils and parents of years 1-2 pupils in the 2017/18 academic year.

5.23 Focusing in on the older group (i.e. school years 5-11) and team sports activities, the findings show that 4.0% of those children and young people surveyed in England had participated in cricket outdoors at least once in the last week outside of school. Statistically significant data at local authority level for individual sports is not available.

Sports Market Segmentation (SMS)

5.24 As the two graphs below illustrate, there is higher demand from those Sports Market Segmentation Groups 'Tim', 'Ben', and 'Philip' playing and wanting to play cricket in Test Valley (the blue column) compared to the averages across the Active Sports Partnership area (Hampshire and IoW), the SE region and England as a whole (the green dot).

5.25 Among the female SMS Groups cricket participation is low with 'Chloe' the Group most likely to play or want to play cricket in Test Valley.

5.26 The main characteristics of the main Groups already playing the game or interested in playing (i.e. latent demand) are:

- o **Ben** - Competitive male urbanites, recent graduates with work hard play hard attitude
- o **Tim** - Settling down males, sporty professionals, buying a house and settling down
- o **Philip** - Comfortable, midlife males, professional, sporty with older children
- o **Chloe** - Fitness class friends, young image conscious females keeping fit and trim.

Figure 5.1: Market Segmentation – currently participating in Cricket

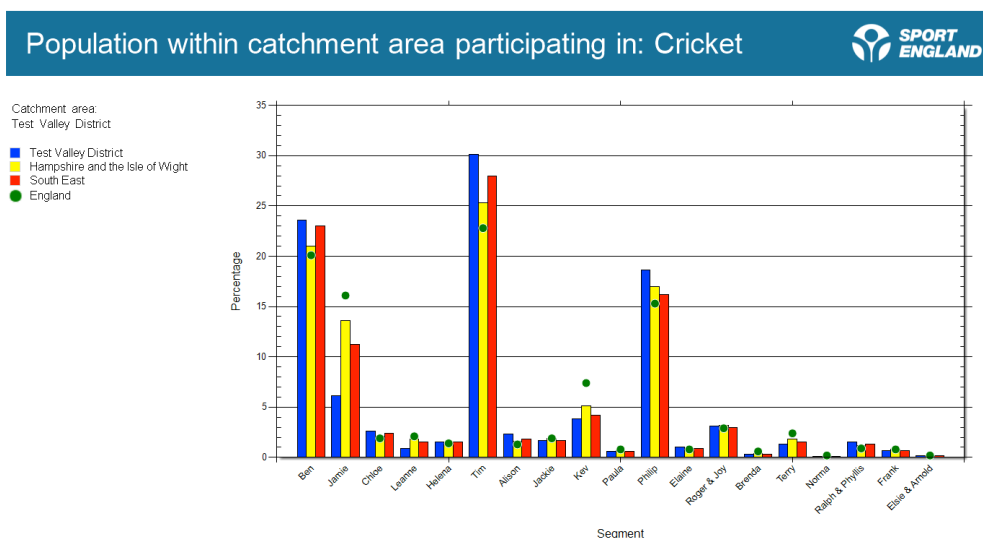
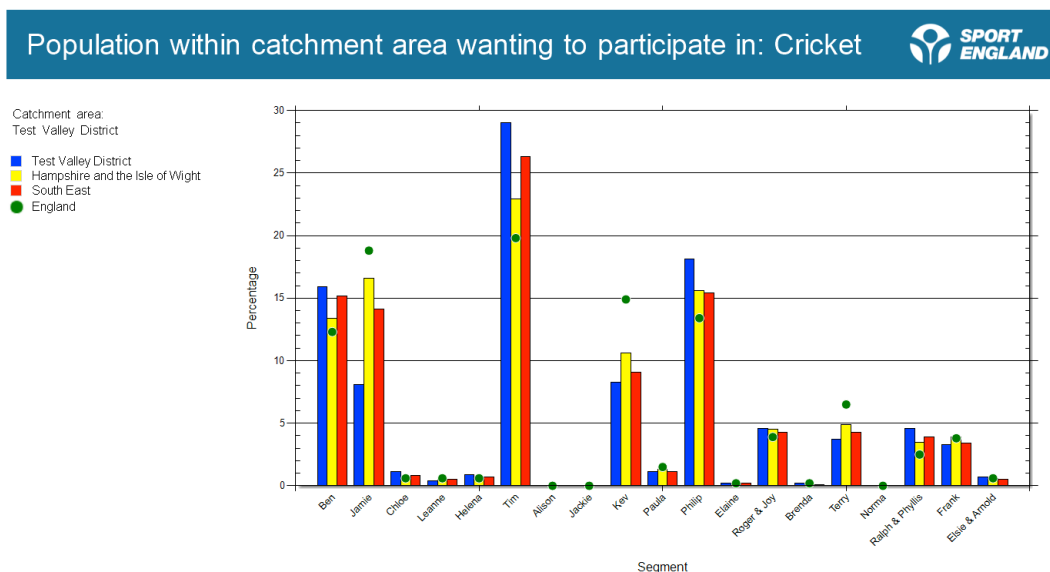


Figure 5.2: Market Segmentation – would like to participate in Cricket



Source: Sport England Sports Market Segmentation Planning Tool

Casual Demand

5.27 Clubs and facility providers can continue to target latent demand for the game within these groups by organising and promoting the right programmes with the support of the ECB through the Hampshire Cricket Board, for example social midweek evening limited over games for unaffiliated teams, Twenty/20 and softball games including 'This Girl Can' drop in sessions for girls and women.

Schools Cricket

5.28 A significant contributory factor to the much higher than average take up of cricket by adults in Test Valley is the extent to which cricket is taught and played competitively in the secondary schools in the borough, particularly in the independent sector, for example at Embley and Farleigh School. Pupils from these schools - as well as from those schools in the state sector that continue to teach cricket - feed into the community clubs.

5.29 Several of the larger clubs are registered with the HCB as delivery venues for the All Stars Cricket beginners coaching programme for primary age children.

5.30 A number of schools in Test Valley engage with Hampshire Cricket in the Community and to deliver All Stars and other coaching activities in the schools and inter-schools tournaments with qualified cricket coaches supporting school PE staff. In future, the ECB's strategy includes a target to introduce a girls cricket programme in secondary schools.

Other Cricket Activities

5.31 Several of the larger cricket clubs in the borough with junior sections programme Kwik Cricket festivals and tournaments for younger children (both hard and soft ball versions) each season.

5.32 At the performance level, several clubs nominate junior players to attend district trials each year and the HCB programme squad sessions and festivals in May and the school summer holidays. The HCB has long standing arrangements (although no formal agreement) with two large independent schools - Farleigh in the north and Embley in the south - to hire the schools' excellent cricket facilities to deliver some of this activity for the various age group squads. There is potential for the county women's T20 side, Hampshire Vipers, to play some fixtures at Embley in future.

Table 5.3: Club Demand

Test Valley Based Clubs	Teams	League (Senior Team)	Home Ground	Other Grounds Used	Winter Training Nets
<b>North</b>					
Andover CC	4 Saturday sides. Colts - u17 & u19 T20 teams; u9 & u11 mixed teams. Indoor league team.	Southern Premier Div 1	Andover Cricket Ground, London Road	London Road Sports Ground	John Hanson School
Longparish CC	3 Saturday sides. Colts - u11, u13, u15 Indoor league team	Hampshire Div 1	Longparish Cricket Ground	Bakers Field (Leckford Estate)	N/A
Amport CC	2 Saturday sides. Occasional Sunday side. Colts - u9, u13, u15 All Stars 5-8yrs Indoor league team	Hampshire Div 3	Amport Cricket Ground	N/A	John Hanson School  <i>A venue in Tidworth (Wiltshire)</i>
Thrupton CC	1 Saturday side Indoor league team	Hampshire Regional Div 2 North West	East Anton	N/A	N/A
Penton CC	1 Saturday side	Hampshire Regional Div 1 North	Penton Recreation Ground	N/A	N/A
Wherwell CC	1 Saturday side Occasional Sun/Eve side	Hampshire Regional Div 4 North (2019 winners)	Wherwell Playing Fields	N/A	N/A
Appleshaw CC	1 friendly side	N/A	Ward Memorial Playing Field in Appleshaw	Farleigh School	N/A
Over Wallop CC	1 Saturday side	Hampshire Regional Div 1 North West	Alan Evans Memorial Sports Field in Over Wallop	N/A	N/A
Stockbridge CC	1 Saturday side	Hampshire Regional Div 4 North	Bakers Farm, Leckford Estate	N/A	N/A
Idlers CC	Occasional friendly side	N/A	Bakers Farm, Leckford Estate	N/A	N/A

Test Valley Based Clubs	Teams	League (Senior Team)	Home Ground	Other Grounds Used	Winter Training Nets
<b>South</b>					
Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC	4 Saturday sides 1 Sunday side 1 Midweek side Colts - 4 mixed sides u9 -u16 All Stars 5-8yrs Indoor league team	Southern Premier Div 1	Romsey Sports Centre	East Tytherley CC  Hunts Farm (occasionally)	Romsey School  Embley
Trojans CC	3 Saturday sides 1 Midweek side u19 T20 side. Colts - 4 mixed sides u9-u15 plus girls squads.	Southern Premier Div 3	Trojans Sports Club	Hardmoor Sports Ground <i>Wellington School</i> <i>The Gregg School</i>	St George Catholic College
Michelmersh & Timsbury CC	2 Saturday sides Occasional Sunday side 1 midweek side Indoor league side	Hampshire Regional Div 3 North	Michelmersh & Timsbury Recreation Ground	N/A	Mountbatten School
Ampfield & North Baddesley CC	2 Saturday sides Occasional Sunday side 1 midweek side Indoor league side All Stars 5-8yrs	Hampshire Regional Div 4 North	The Ampfield Recreation Ground	N/A	Stroud School
Broughton CC	1 Saturday side	Hampshire Regional Div 2 Central	Broughton Recreation Ground	N/A	N/A
Braishfield CC	Occasional friendly side Indoor league team	N/A	Braishfield Cricket Ground	N/A	N/A
King's Somborne CC	Occasional evening friendly side	N/A	King's Somborne Recreation Ground	N/A	N/A
Knights Valley CC	1 Saturday side	Hampshire Regional Div 1 Central	Knightwood Leisure Centre	Temporarily relocated to Hunts Farm and Southampton Outdoor Sports Centre	<i>Thornden School (Eastleigh Borough)</i>
Mottisfont CC	1 Saturday side 1 Midweek side	Hampshire Regional Div 4 West (2019 winners)	Mottisfont Sports Field	N/A	N/A

Test Valley Based Clubs	Teams	League (Senior Team)	Home Ground	Other Grounds Used	Winter Training Nets
Wellow & Plaitford CC	1 Saturday side 1 Midweek side 1 women's training squad	Hampshire Regional Div 1 North West	West Wellow Recreation Ground	N/A	Romsey School
East Tytherley CC	1 Midweek side	Border League	East Tytherley Cricket Ground	N/A	N/A

**Club Aspirations**

- 5.33 Most village cricket clubs struggle to maintain adult teams and report loss of players (and in some cases the folding of second or Sunday sides) in recent seasons largely due to family or work pressures on time at weekends.
- 5.34 Within this general picture of contraction of the traditional game among adult men, the three largest cricket clubs in the borough (OT & Romsey CC, Trojans CC, Andover CC) as well as three of the smaller village clubs (Broughton CC, Ampport CC and Wellow & Plaitford CC) have expressed aspirations to further develop their junior sections with a particular focus on expanding opportunities for girls to play competitive cricket.
- 5.35 As far as ancillary facilities are concerned, all three of the largest clubs identify pavilion enhancement needs to accommodate girls and women's cricket growth, as has the smaller club Broughton CC.
- 5.36 The new pavilion provided on the Hardmoor Sports Ground by Eastleigh Borough Council will address this need in the short term for the Trojans Cricket Club. The greatest need for improved changing facilities to encourage women and girls cricket in the borough is therefore at the Andover and Romsey club grounds.
- 5.37 Finally, Wellow & Plaitford CC identify need for an extension to their new clubhouse to provide equipment storage space to enable the changing spaces to be used for their intended purpose and to facilitate the development of girls and women's cricket in accordance with the club's 4 year development plan aspirations. There is also a long established need for pitch drainage improvement at this site.
- 5.38 From consultation with Hampshire Cricket, with club representatives on site visits, and review of submitted survey responses and club development plans, the priority facility improvement aspirations of cricket clubs based in Test Valley are:

Table 5.4: Club Facility Priorities

Cricket Club	Priority Facility Development Aspirations/ (Ownerships)	Rationale provided
Andover CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Installation of non turf pitch on London Road Playing Field (TVBC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Safer, higher quality playing experience for juniors helping to retain and grow youth participation.</li> </ul>
Andover CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Replacement pavilion on main club ground (ground leased from TVBC to 2033)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Current pavilion is in very poor condition and well beyond its original design life.</li> <li>o Helping to retain and grow participation by all, particularly women and girls.</li> </ul>

Cricket Club	Priority Facility Development Aspirations/ (Ownerships)	Rationale provided
Romsey CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement pavilion at Romsey Sports Centre ground (building leased from TVBC to 2064)</li> <li>Improvements to evenness of cricket pitch outfield (TVBC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current pavilion is in very poor condition and well beyond its original design life.</li> <li>Helping to retain and grow participation by all, particularly women and girls.</li> <li>Safer, higher quality playing experience for all.</li> </ul>
Longparish CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve internal layout of pavilion (ground leased from Parish Council to 2043)</li> <li>Renew thatch by 2028</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping to retain and grow participation by all, particularly women and girls.</li> <li>Planned maintenance.</li> </ul>
Broughton CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace sports pavilion for cricket and football (Parish Council)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current pavilion is in very poor condition and well beyond its original design life.</li> <li>Helping to retain and grow participation by all, particularly women and girls.</li> </ul>
Trojans CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reinstate cricket pitch and build new pavilion with changing facilities on Hardmoor Playing Field (Eastleigh Borough Council) - in progress</li> <li>Upgrade multi sport pavilion changing rooms (Trojans Sports)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To meet the playing and practice needs of Trojans Cricket Club and growing juniors and girls.</li> <li>Current changing rooms on main Trojans site do not meet present day standards.</li> <li>Helping to retain and grow participation by all, particularly women and girls.</li> </ul>
Wellow & Plaitford CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension to recently completed new pavilion building to provide secure storage for cricket and grounds maintenance equipment</li> <li>Pitch drainage improvement (Parish Council)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove equipment from changing areas to improve environment and provide capacity for growth in participation particularly by women and girls.</li> <li>Improve playing quality and capacity in line with aspiration to start a 2nd Saturday team from the junior programme.</li> </ul>

## 6. The situation at individual sites

- 6.1 The pitches were quality-assessed in July in the 2019 season. Representatives of the ECB and HCB reviewed the assessments and ratings.
- 6.2 Carrying capacity for cricket is a measure of the number of *match equivalent sessions* (MES) of play (matches or training) each season that the pitch can accommodate in a season based on the number of grass wickets/strips that can be prepared on the cricket table at the site.
- 6.3 In consultation with the ECB it was agreed that a pitch rated as poor is unsuitable for use for match play. A standard quality pitch has a capacity for up to three match equivalent sessions (MES) per season per prepared wicket. The ECB guidance is that a good quality pitch has a capacity of five MES per season per prepared wicket.
- 6.4 At venues with non-turf artificial strips and/or artificial practice net systems, most training takes place using these more resilient, all weather facilities. This allows the fine turf wickets to be used exclusively for match play. As a benchmark, the ECB consider non-turf pitches have a playing capacity of 60 adult MES or 80 junior MES per season. Hampshire Cricket League rules now permit lower league adult fixtures to be played on non turf pitches (NTPs). This strengthens the needs case



for installation of more NTPs on cricket club grounds in the borough (e.g. Romsey Sports Centre) as well as at those public recreation grounds with cricket pitches used by the larger cricket clubs for 3rd and/or 4th team fixtures such as London Road in Andover and Hunts Farm in Romsey.

- 6.5 In view of the level of resource required to maintain a fine turf pitch (both the square and the outfield) to a good standard, it was agreed in consultation with the ECB that local authority maintained pitches (where there is no additional maintenance by club volunteers with specific experience and training in cricket pitch maintenance) should be rated no higher than standard quality (i.e. a maximum capacity of three adult MES a season per wicket).
- 6.6 In the case of wickets used exclusively for junior play which causes less pitch wear, the capacities agreed with the ECB are: Standard - 5 MES per season per wicket; Good - 7 MES per season per wicket.
- 6.7 The audit table appended summarises the situation at each cricket pitch site with regard to:

*Pitch supply* (including the quality ratings) and conclusions reached as to the amount of play a site can accommodate (i.e. its carrying capacity for community use).

The amount of play estimated to take place at each site in the season (i.e. the expressed demand) adjusted to reflect any casual or education use in addition to club use for matches and training in the peak community hours.

The comparison (shown as a RAG rating) as to whether, for each pitch type it contains, a site is:

- RED - Being overplayed (current use exceeds the carrying capacity)
- AMBER - Being played to the level the site can sustain (current use matches the carrying capacity), or
- GREEN - Potentially able to accommodate some additional play (current use falls below the carrying capacity).

## 7. Current Supply and Demand Balance

- 7.1 The table below compares estimates of the total cricket play on fine turf pitches in the peak period (weekends and evenings) against available capacity across all the cricket grounds in the borough and in each of the two sub areas.
- 7.2 Only those sites where there is secured community access (i.e. local authority and club owned/leased sites) are included in this analysis. Community cricket at independent school sites in the borough is excluded as unsecured access. However, in practice, the risk of loss of this access (for example by Hampshire Cricket for development squads and tournaments and by clubs for winter nets) is low. Independent schools are incentivised to continue to provide community access to retain charitable status.
- 7.3 The poor quality pitch at Over Wallop is excluded. Pitches with a poor quality rating are considered by the ECB to be unsuitable for match play.
- 7.4 The table shows that there is a positive supply balance (i.e. unused capacity) for cricket in the borough as a whole and in both the north and south sub areas.
- 7.5 The aggregated picture of more than adequate supply for community cricket in the borough and each sub area masks localised capacity issues at the following sites:

*Romsey Sports Centre* - overplay partly due to lack of an NTP on the square and the club's preference to programme the majority of play and training sessions at this site (with the exception of 3rd XI, u11 and u13 home fixtures played at East Tytherley Cricket Ground). The club chooses not to hire alternative TVBC pitches at

Hunts Farm nearby for either match play or practice to reduce demand on the sports centre pitch.

*West Wellow Playing Field* - overplay partly due to club's choice to accommodate games for Totton & Eling CC (imported demand). There is an opportunity to enhance the quality and capacity of this pitch through improved drainage.

*Penton Playing Field* - the quality of this village pitch needs improvement to meet the club's current demand for match play.

*Alan Evans Memorial Field (Over Wallop)* - the poor quality of this pitch renders it unsuited to match play, although it was used for 11 home Hampshire NW region league fixtures in 2019.

Table 7.1: Current Supply/Demand Balance - secured sites by sub area

Sub Area	No. of secured fine turf pitches	Capacity (MES)	Estimated Use (MES)	Supply/Demand Balance (RAG) MES/season +/-
North	9	310 Adult (480 Junior)	202 Adult & Junior	+108 MES
South	11*	378 Adult (542 Junior)	325 Adult & Junior	+53 MES
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>688 (1,022 Junior)</b>	<b>527 Adult &amp; Junior</b>	<b>+161 MES</b>

\* Excludes second pitch at Hunts Farm and pitches at Knightwood Leisure Centre and Hardmoor Sports Ground as these were not prepared / available for play in the 2019 season.

- 7.6 The analysis shows, based on current expressed demand for community club use in the peak period (i.e. Saturday afternoons and midweek evenings), there is ample supply of secured cricket pitches. This positive position will be further enhanced from 2020 onwards when the three temporarily unavailable pitches come back into the supply.
- 7.7 It is clear from comparison of the number of adults' team players in Test Valley with the national adult participation rate for cricket (Active Lives Survey 2019), that demand for cricket in the borough is higher than the national average. This is driven by a particularly well developed base of schools cricket (largely in the independent sector) which feeds players into the well established community cricket clubs based mainly in the two main towns but also into some of the many single team social village cricket clubs that characterise the picture of cricket right across Hampshire and neighbouring Surrey.
- 7.8 However, in line with the national trend, demand for traditional league cricket has fallen away at several of the village grounds in the borough e.g. Upper Clatford, King's Somborne, Braishfield and, to a lesser extent, at East Tytherley. In these villages there is a need to continue efforts to stimulate demand for informal play - e.g. more friendly evening social teams and leagues along with roll out of the All Stars Cricket initiative linking with more primary schools.
- 7.9 Similarly, current demand for the Council owned pitches at Picket Twenty in Andover (new fine turf and NTP) is negligible and, in 2019, the second fine turf pitch at Hunts Farm in Romsey was under-used despite being maintained to an adequate standard for community cricket and the availability of good quality ancillary facilities and ample on site parking at both sites. Development activity is needed at these key sites to encourage more participation through non-traditional forms of the game. As part of this change, the needs case for the replacement of the Hunt's Farm fine turf with NTPs should be considered particularly now that lower league fixtures can be played on non turf. The reduced cost of maintaining NTPs over the two fine turf pitches at Hunts Farm could free up resource to reinvest in cricket development activities at both these sites located in areas of population growth.

- 7.10 Both of the sub areas (North and South) have at least one large cricket club providing traditional cricketing opportunities for men of all standards up to the Southern Premier League. There are also two clubs in each sub area that provide a good level of opportunities for junior play by both boys and girls although there are currently no dedicated girls cricket teams. While girls participation is growing rapidly, particularly in the younger age group supported by delivery of the ECB's new All Stars introduction to cricket coaching programme at primary age, opportunities for female youth and women's cricket in Test Valley are currently very limited. Demand to play cricket among older girls and women is likely to be restricted by the poor quality of ancillary changing and social facilities at the senior clubs in both Andover and Romsey, although other factors also come into play.
- 7.11 Overall, the pitches at the larger town and village club grounds continue to be maintained to a good standard most often by dedicated and experienced club volunteers and, in the case of Trojans Sports Club, by full time professional ground staff. The standard of the squares and/or outfielders at some of the small village clubs is an issue although, in most cases, they provide an appropriate quality of surface for the level of play. The quality potential of cricket pitches at these sites is necessarily constrained by the needs for the sites to also accommodate informal recreational use and, in some cases, football pitches. The two grounds with relatively poor quality pitches at the time of the site visits - Penton (poor to standard rating) and Over Wallop (poor rating) - require upgrading to a higher standard if they are to continue to accommodate league match play.

## 8. The Future Picture of Provision

- 8.1 The recent projects to provide a fine turf pitch and NTP at Picket Twenty Recreation Ground in Andover in the north and enhanced facilities at the Hardmoor Sports Ground near Romsey in the south for use by the Trojans club provide sufficient capacity to accommodate growth in cricket demand.
- 8.2 The analysis below considers the extent of forecast population growth in Test Valley borough and the potential impact on the level of demand for cricket pitches in the longer term to 2036 - i.e. the period of the new Local Plan.
- 8.3 Future population growth figures have been calculated for the period of this strategy against the primary age groups for cricket participation. The population growth estimates have been produced using 2016-based Sub-National Population Projections produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Table 8.1: Population Projections and Cricket team Generation Rates

Age Group	No. Cricket Teams 2019	Pop in Age Group 2019	Pop in Age Group 2036	Current Team Generation Rate	Pop Change in Age Group	Potential Change in Cricket Team No's
Senior Men (18-55yrs)	44	27,736	27,564	630	-172	-
Senior Women * (18-55yrs)	0	28,940	28,787	n/a	-153	-
Junior Boys (7-17yrs)	20	8,235	8,885	412	+650	<b>+1.5</b>
Junior Girls * (7-17yrs)	0	8,102	8,797	n/a	+695	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>					<b>+1.5</b>

\* Whilst a number of the junior sides currently competing in the area leagues (Winchester Warriors etc) are mixed gender, there are no dedicated female teams currently.

- 8.4 Despite an overall borough population growth forecast (based on 2016 sub national ONS figures) of +12,209 (from 125,700 to 137,909), the forecast shows a slight fall in the core adult age groups for cricket participation (i.e. 18-55 years). Population growth is therefore forecast to be disproportionately high among children and young people (0-17yrs) and, most particularly, in the 55+ older age group. Active Lives Survey data shows that, nationally, participation in sport and active recreation in the older age groups for all playing pitch sports is lower than in the under 55s.
- 8.5 Assuming current cricket 'team generation rates' (i.e. the number of residents in the prime cricket age groups in the population per existing cricket team), and the forecast population growth to 2036 in these age groups, demand for approximately 1.5 additional junior boys teams will be generated by 2036 requiring additional playing capacity.
- 8.6 However, this figure should be considered with caution in the context of the current lack of dedicated women and girls cricket teams in the borough with only one club - Trojans - with a separate women and girls section. Women and girls cricket development is the current priority for the ECB and HCB as well as for several of the clubs in the borough. The potential change is therefore likely to be understated for women and girls cricket where new teams are highly likely to form over the period to 2036.
- 8.7 Given the current zero base and the strategic focus on growing women and girls cricket in school and clubs, the HCB consider it reasonable to plan for a growth scenario where at least one new women or girl's team is established in each of the 7 clubs based in the borough with an established junior programme and/or women's development group - i.e. demand for 7 additional junior girls teams or women's teams will be generated by 2036 requiring additional playing capacity.
- 8.8 To allow for the impact of forecast borough population growth and development of women and girls cricket, it can therefore be estimated that playing capacity for 8.5 new teams will be needed by 2036.
- 8.9 National trends show a reduction in interest in taking part in sports that demand a commitment to regular attendance, in favour of a more casual involvement. This national picture is reflected locally in Test Valley where several clubs have experienced a fall in adult players and the demise of Sunday sides. However, at the same time, at the larger clubs, while traditional adult participation has been in slow decline, this is being countered by growth in participation by juniors. This growth is being stimulated in part by the increasing focus on providing opportunities for girls to play cricket but also by the introduction of the All Stars introduction to cricket programme for primary age children.
- 8.10 Alongside this local area growth in the traditional forms of cricket at junior level, there is modest growth in demand for less formal pay and play game formats for adults that do not require long term commitment to a club. Shorter cricket game formats such as T20 and Last Man Stands (LMS) are becoming more popular nationally; the latter mainly in urban areas with large ethnic minority communities from cultures with a strong cricket tradition.
- 8.11 The ECB's focus on engaging more young children - the 5-8 age group - is also likely to impact over the strategy period. Several clubs in the borough are delivering the ECB All Stars Cricket initiative providing equipment and coaching resources. To retain a high proportion of these new entrants to the sport it will be important to ensure that the cricket sites where these programmes take place have good quality non turf pitches and/or practice nets and suitable ancillary facilities (for changing, social activities and car parking).
- 8.12 As identified above, while the majority of the cricket clubs in Test Valley are focusing on sustaining their existing adult teams in the context of growing pressures of time and family commitments particularly on Sundays, several of the larger cricket clubs (e.g. Andover, Romsey, Trojans) as well as some of the village clubs (e.g. Amport, Broughton) have development plans in place to further grow

their junior sections and provide more opportunities for women and girls to play the game.

8.13 The impact of these factors on the overall picture of pitch provision for cricket in the borough will need be kept under periodic review over the period of the strategy.

8.14 At the present time, the assessment of future community demand for cricket does not support the case for provision of further pitch capacity in the borough by 2036. Rather than new cricket ground provision, the priority facility needs are for enhancement of key club cricket sites through a combination of installation of non turf pitches (NTPs) and replacement of poor quality pavilions.

## 9. Summary of key findings and issues

Cricket
<p><b>What are the main characteristics of the <u>current</u> supply of and demand for provision?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On a per capita basis, with 28 operational cricket pitches in 2019, Test Valley provided one cricket pitch per every 4,571 residents (based on 2018 population projections). In comparison with its neighbour local authorities, only Winchester has a higher per capita provision.</li> <li>○ The supply of cricket pitches is equitably split between the north and south sub areas.</li> <li>○ Reflecting the proximity of the pitch supply in the Romsey area (in the south sub area) to the City of Southampton, which has low secured pitch supply per capita, there is imported demand from a City-based cricket club. The borough's pitches are also used by lower sides of clubs from Eastleigh (Fair Oak), Winchester (IBM Hursley) and the New Forest (Totton &amp; Eling). It is also likely that a significant proportion of the playing membership of the Romsey and Trojan clubs are resident in Southampton or Eastleigh Borough.</li> <li>○ The tradition of village cricket remains strong in Test Valley although some village teams are struggling to maintain adult playing numbers (particularly for Sunday cricket which has largely gone) and pitch bookings on Saturdays and mid week evenings at several community sites - e.g. Hunt's Farm in Romsey - are in decline. Over two thirds of the 21 clubs now run just one adult team.</li> <li>○ In contrast, junior cricket demand is strong and growing in part due to the influence of the independent schools in the borough.</li> <li>○ Currently, opportunities for women and girls to play competitive cricket in Test Valley are quite limited. However, there is a good deal of current development focus on improving this position with several clubs in the borough delivering the All Stars programme for all children aged 5-8 and with development plan aims to establish women and girls' sections. Within the borough, Trojans Cricket Club has taken the lead in this area.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet <u>current</u> demand?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The findings of the detailed analysis of supply and demand for cricket pitches evidences that there is sufficient quantity of accessible and secured provision (26 pitches) to meet current demand.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall, the pitches at the larger clubs are maintained to a good standard - at Andover Cricket Club by dedicated, skilled club volunteers, at Romsey Sport Centre by the Borough Council's ground staff with specialist support from experienced club volunteers and, in the case of the Trojans Sports Club, by professional ground staff.</li> <li>○ There are long-standing issues with the quality of the outfield of the pitch at Romsey Sports Centre due to ground share between the Old Tauntonians &amp; Romsey Cricket Club and Romsey Rugby Football Club.</li> <li>○ Quality issues for club league cricket have been reported by the clubs using the public 'football share' cricket pitches at London Road Playing Fields and Knightwood Leisure Centre. Following visits to these sites (as well as Hunts Farm and Picket Twenty) by the Hampshire Cricket Board Pitch Advisor, recommendations have been made for a number of changes to the Council's maintenance tasks and programme prior to the start of the 2020 season</li> </ul>

- The relatively poor standard of the pitches at some of the small village clubs is an issue.
- In most cases, the outfielders of the village pitches are maintained to a basic level by the parish councils, as their budgets allow, with club volunteers maintaining the squares. Where works are needed to bring these pitches up to suitable standard to sustain affiliated league fixtures, these are identified in the Action Plan in the Playing Pitch Strategy.
- Several non-turf (artificial) pitches and net systems at grounds in the borough have reached the end of their safe usable lifespan and need resurfacing. Similarly, these needs are identified in the Action Plan in the Playing Pitch Strategy.
- The two senior club sites in the borough - Old Tauntonians & Romsey Cricket Club at Romsey Sports Centre and Andover Cricket Club at the London Road Cricket Ground - require enhanced or new pavilion facilities in the short term in order to sustain their current cricketing activities and to enable the delivery of plans to develop playing opportunities for women and girls and for disabled people. In the villages, Broughton Sports Field is the priority site for a new pavilion.

**What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?**

- Assuming current cricket 'team generation rates' and the forecast population growth to 2036 in these age groups, growth in demand is likely to be minimal.
- While most village clubs are likely to continue to struggle to sustain playing numbers, several of the larger cricket clubs perceive unmet demand for junior cricket and women and girls cricket. If the aspirations for growth by these clubs are achieved, it will also be a factor both in terms of supply of pitches (good quality NTPs) and in demand for appropriate spaces in pavilions.
- Should the growth scenario for women and girls cricket play out in accordance with club and NGB development plans, it is estimated this could increase demand by 2036 by an additional 8-9 teams.

**Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?**

- Overall, the findings of the detailed analysis of supply and demand for cricket pitches evidences that there are sufficient accessible and secured pitches to meet likely future demand when the unused capacity at the key community playing fields of Picket Twenty in the north and Hunts Farm in the south are taken into account as well as those village grounds that are currently under-used (e.g. Upper Clatford, Appleshaw, Longparish, King's Somborne).
- The main cricket facility needs to address future demand will be greater provision of non-turf pitches (NTPs) similar to the recent provision at Picket Twenty. The needs case for more NTPs is supported by relaxation of league rules to permit lower league adult fixtures to be played on artificial turf wickets.
- Consideration should be given in the south sub area to replacing one of the two fine turf pitches at Hunts Farm with an NTP and to providing an NTP at Romsey Sports Centre.
- In the north, consideration should be given to an NTP on the London Road Playing Fields adjacent to the Andover Cricket Club ground to address future demand for junior play and other cricket development demands.
- The existing poor quality NTP at Winton Community School in Andover also needs to be replaced to complement those at the Harrow Way and John Hanson schools and the NTP at the Romsey Community School in the south sub area in order to facilitate a girls cricket programme in secondary schools (a strategic priority of the ECB).
- The Borough Council supports the case for clubs to enhance capacity for growth of the game through installation of artificial wickets and has identified potential to work in partnership with clubs to aid fundraising initiatives towards delivery of this objective.



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Site Specific Audit Data - CRICKET

Site Name & Address	Ownership / Management	Access Security	Pitches / wickets	NTP	NT Nets	Pavilion / Changing Rooms	Pitch & Outfield Rating	Pavilion Rating	Adult (Junior) Capacity MES pa	Use MES pa	Peak Use (% of cap)	RAG	Comments
<b>NORTH</b>													
<b>East Anton,</b> Icknield Way, Andover, SP11 6AB	TVBC	Secured	1 / 10 wickets	No	No	Yes. Large, new brick built with metal roof. Ample team and officials changing and excellent social facilities.	Standard	Good - cricket club identify issues with non working showers and lack of changing space, also need for fold out table for team teas.	30 (50)	11	37%	Green	TVBC took on this site from developer of Augusta Park in 2016. Main use is for youth football. Thruxton CC is main cricket hirer (11 home adult matches in 2018 season single men's Saturday side playing in the Hampshire CL Regional Division 2 North West). Also enter a team in the Salisbury & District Indoor Cricket League played in Amesbury, Wiltshire.
<b>London Road Sports Ground,</b> Batchelors Barn Road, Andover, SP10 1HP	TVBC	Secured	1 / 15 wickets plus 1 practice wicket	No	No	Yes. Single storey brick built with metal roof. 4 team changing, officials changing, Access WCs	Standard (11.01/20 HCL 2018 rating). Club rated Outfield Poor in 2019 - considering alternative pitch for 2020 season.	Standard - issue with shower water ingress to changing area	45 (75)	40-45	100%	Orange	The primary user of this pitch is Andover CC for its 3rd XI Saturday HCL Regional Division 1 NW fixtures, 4th XI home fixtures and for its colts teams home fixtures. 3rd XI promotion led to request for maintenance of pitch to a higher standard for 2019 season. Despite works by Streetscene, outfield (football share) considered dangerous by club. Following a site visit in December 2019 by the Hampshire Cricket Board Pitch Advisor, recommendations have been made for a number of changes to the Council's maintenance tasks and programme prior to the start of the 2020 season. The club considers <b>installation of an NTP</b> on this square would improve the quality for juniors in particular and help to retain players and grow participation by youth, women and girls. NTPs are also now usable for lower league match play.
<b>Picket Twenty,</b> Telegraph Road, Andover, SP11 6UF	TVBC	Secured	1 / 5 wickets, not prepared in 2019 (no demand)	Yes	No	Yes. Large new brick built with ample team and officials changing, access WCs and community rooms	Good NTP. Fine Turf pitch and outfield not prepared or marked out in 2019 due to lack of demand.	Excellent	NTP 60 (80)	0	0%	Green	Following a site visit in December 2019 by the Hampshire Cricket Board Pitch Advisor, recommendations have been made for a number of changes to the Council's maintenance tasks and programme prior to the start of the 2020 season to bring the pitch into use in the event that promotion of the site to the local cricket community stimulates a demand.
<b>Andover CC,</b> Batchelors Barn Road, Andover, SP10 1 HP	Club	Secured - full repairing lease 14 years unexpired (2033)	1 / 12 wickets	Yes	Yes - 2 net system in good condition (4yrs old) plus 3 mobile net cages.	Yes - brick built, 2 storey in 1957. Window frames and doors very poor. Water ingress. Cramped changing and kitchen, inadequate storage.	Good - SPCL Gold Standard Accredited to 2021 (i.e. 36.50+/50). (37.8/50 2018 HCL umpire score)	Very poor	60 (84) NTP 60 (80)	30-40 senior and youth games plus u11 and training on NTP	66%	Green	Ist XI in Southern Premier Cricket League Division 1, 2nd XI in HCL County Div 1. Contracted from 6 to 4 Sat teams in recent seasons, HCL Women's team folded, youth (u17 & u19) and colts (u9, u11 etc) remain strong (SPL Gold Standard and Clubmark) and compete in area junior leagues including Winchester Warriors. Indoor team competes in Salisbury & District Indoor League in Amesbury. A Club representative maintains the pavilion was condemned as unfit by a borough surveyor in 1999. Unmade car park. <b>Pavilion replacement is a priority of the club and HCB.</b>

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<b>Longparish CC, SP11 6PR</b>	Club	Secured - 25 year lease in 2018	1 / 5 wickets plus NTP	Yes - slight bow at ends	Yes - 2 net system, one in good condition, other quite worn. Nets and cage good.	Yes - thatched wood clad brick pavilion with changing and social facilities	Good - (32.3/50 2018 HCL umpire score). Some brown thatch patches on outfield.	Standard to Good - Club aspire in development plan (2018) to improve internal layout and replace thatch in 10yrs.	25 (35) NTP 60 (80)	17 Sat league matches 2019 (1st/2nd). Colts teams plus training on NTP	68%		Village close to Wherwell. Longparish CC - 3 Sat sides, u11,u13,u15. Clubmark. 1st XI in County Div 1 & 2nd XI in County Div 4 North. Good 'Ken Ball' scoreboard. Twice finalists at Lords in the village KO cricket competition. No car park - drive onto ground and park on unmade area of grass around pitch. 3rds play home Regional Div 2 NE matches at Baker's Field Ground, Leckford Estate. Indoor teams. HCB to check club is making appropriate financial provision for re thatch in 2028 (Sinking Fund).
<b>Amport CC, Grateley Road, Amport, SP11 8BB</b>	Club	Secured	1 / 12 wicket including junior, plus a u9s wicket and pitch at far end	Yes - good	Yes - 1 net system near to pavilion, very worn surface, cage and netting good.	Yes - recently built wooden pavilion with tiled roof	Standard to Good (15.00 to 15.86 /20 HCL scores in 2018. Some issues with outfield (slope, moss, bare patches)	Good - nicely presented and cared for (hanging baskets)	48 (72)	20 Sat senior matches, 20 junior plus training (NTP)	83%		Amport CC - 2 Sat HCL sides, 1st In HCL County Div 3 North & 2nd XI in HCL Regional Division 1 NW. Occasional Sunday side, u9, u11 and u13 junior sides (Sundays), large All Stars programme Tues evenings. Indoor team competes in Salisbury & District Indoor League in Amesbury.No car park, use edge of ground.
<b>Penton Rec, Chalkcroft Lane, Penton Mewsey, SP11 0RD</b>	Parish Council	Secured	1 / 5 wickets	No	No	Yes - brick built, whitewashed with tiled roof. Fairly old, basic provision.	Poor to Standard - 12.45 / 20 HCL 2018 rating.Uneven sloping outfield, weeds, bare patches, kick about	Standard - 7.11/10 HCL 2018 rating.	7.5 (12)	10 home league games (May to Aug 2018).	83%		Pitch managed and maintained on behalf of Parish Council by Penton CC with Saturday site playing in Hampshire Cricket League Regional Div 1 North.
<b>Upper Clatford Sports Field, SP11 7QP</b>	Parish Council	Secured	1 - no wickets currently	No	No	Yes - brick built, rendered with pitched roof. Fairly old, basic provision.	N/A - not currently maintained	Poor to Standard					Only 1.5m from Andover. Locked site with 2.1m height access limit for vehicles. Upper Clatford CC 2015 champions of HCL Regional Division 3 folded in 2016. Ground home to Upper Clatford Youth FC (1st Sept to 30th April). Both clubs contributed funds to upgrade pavilion and car parking in 2015.
<b>Wherwell Playing Fields, SP11 7JP</b>	Parish Council Charity	Secured	1 / 7 wickets plus NTP	Yes	No - mobile cage and pitch covers	Yes. Substantial brick built with team and umpires changing, social area	Standard to Good (fine turf and NTP) 14.21/20 HCL 2018 rating	Good - 7.11/10 HCL 2018 rating.	28 (42)	20 approx. 8 home league Sat fixtures 2019 plus occasional evening and Sunday friendly matches and practice (NTP)	71%		Wherwell CC - HCL County Div 4 North. silver, full-time student and casual membership options from £150 p/year or £12.50 p/month (silver no match fee, Full-time students £10 & £4 per game, Casual £1 & £10 per game. Ground share with Wherwell FC & Shooters FC.
<b>Appleshaw Ward Memorial Playing Field, SP11 9BS</b>	Hampshire Playing Fields Association	Secured	1/ 12 wickets	No	No	Yes. Large brick built with team and umpires changing, access WCs and social area	Standard - short boundary and sloping outfield overlaps on one side with adult football pitch.	Good	36 (60)	15 max	42%		Appleshaw CC - single social side playing c. 11 home matches a season (mainly evenings and Sundays). Small car park with grass overflow area at end of field. HPFA is in the process of dissolution. Playing Field ownership will be transferred to the Parish Council or another body securing community access in perpetuity.

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<b>Farleigh School,</b> Andover, SP11 7PW	School Charity	Unsecured	4 / range from 5 to 10 wickets (plus extra junior strips marked in outfield)	Yes	Yes - 3 net system. Good.	Yes - and sports hall changing	Good	Standard cricket pavilion; good sports hall changing	150 (210)	Ample pitch capacity for school & community demand- (largely juniors)	Not known - no issues reported		Hampshire County Cricket - use of cricket pitches and nets for boys and girls aged U9 – U13 group squads (others at Hampshire Collegiate School). Cricket clubs hire bowling machine and nets in sports hall for winter training (£10/hr). Cricket pitch hire (£60/day). Farleigh Dads social team play occasional 20/20 evening games with other local social sides (e.g Appleshaw CC).
<b>Winton Community Academy,</b> Andover, SP10 2PS	Academy Trust	Unsecured	No fine turf table	Yes		Sports hall changing rooms available for community hires	Poor NTP	Standard to good school sports hall changing (29yrs old, refurbished 2014)	0	0 (School only)	0		Cricket NTP: £15 to £20 / match. <b>NTP requires replacement</b>
<b>John Hanson Community School,</b> Floral Way, Andover, SP10 3PB	HCC / School	Secured	No fine turf table	Yes	Yes - 4 net system. Good quality (recently refurbished)	Sports hall changing rooms available for community hires	Standard NTP	Standard school sports hall changing (17yrs old)	NTP 60 (80)	0 (School only)	0		Indoor winter nets (Andover CC)
<b>Hurstbourne Tarrant King George V Playing Field,</b> SP11 0AX	Parish Council	Secured	No fine turf table			No							The Parish Council agreed in 2019 to fund (via S106 developer monies available) a non turf practice cricket wicket on the edge of the field.
<b>Harrow Way Community School,</b> Harrow Way Andover Hampshire SP10 3RH	HCC / School	Secured	No fine turf table	Yes	No	Sports hall changing rooms available for community hires	Standard NTP	Standard school sports hall changing (50yrs old, refurbished 2009)	NTP 60 (80)	0 (School only)	0		No community cricket use identified. 2 nets for hire in Sports Hall (Taraflex floor recently replaced and roof.) Community lettings have declined in recent years. Evenings only. Caretaking costs have prohibited affordable access at weekends in recent years. However, the School has indicated it proposes to re-launch its community use to let sports facilities evenings and weekends 50 weeks per year (including the exam period) along with extension and resurfacing of the car park.
<b>Over Wallop Sports Field,</b> Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop, SO20 8JH	Parish Council	Secured	1 / 10 wickets	No	Yes - 1 net system (mobile net cage over NT strip) near to MUGA, very worn.	Yes - brick built rendered with metal roof. Fairly old basic provision.	Poor - grass cuttings, weeds, divots	Poor - some minor internal upgrades in 2018.	0	11 home fixtures in 2019 calendar plus Weds eve practice.	110%		Alan Evans Memorial Ground. Over Wallop CC Sat team play in HCL Regional League Division 1 NW. <b>Poor quality pitch needs upgrading.</b>
<b>Bakers Farm,</b> Leckford Estate, Longstock, Stockbridge SO20 6JF	Private (The Leckford Estate 'Waitrose Farm')	Unsecured	1 / 10 wickets	No	No - former single net lost to accommodate reservoir for housing	Yes - long building with single storey wooden with tiled roof with social and changing facilities	Standard - 12.56 to 13.60 HCL 2018 ratings (2 clubs)	Standard - 6.42 to 8.40/10 HCL 2018 ratings (2 clubs)	30 (50)	20 approx (2 league teams plus occasional social game)	83%		Home ground for Stockbridge CC playing in HCL Div 4 North & Longparish 3rd X1 playing in HCL Regional Div 1 NE & Idlers CC (social team playing one or two games a season).

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<b>Broughton Sports Field,</b> Buckholt Road, Broughton, SO20 8DA	Parish Council	Secured	1 / 8 wickets	No	Yes - 2 net system in good condition although bowlers area worn (short NT area)	Yes - brick built with tiled roof. Fairly old basic provision.	Standard - some moss, brown thatch, shared outfield with football	Standard	24 (40)	9 home league fixtures in 2018, plus 15 colts	100%		Broughton CC - one Sat side (HCL Regional Div 2 Central), u9/u11 fixtures in Winchester Warriors League, All Stars and growing numbers of junior players. Ground shared with football (Broughton FC). <b>Planning consent for a replacement pavilion and c. £150k secured works costs. Works scheduled for 2020. Needs case for the project is supported by HCB and HFA.</b>
<b>King's Somborne Rec,</b> Romsey Road, Kings Somborne, SO20 6PP	Parish Council	Secured	1/ 12 wickets	No	No	Village Hall with changing rooms	Standard - sloping outfield	Good	36 (60)	10 approx	28%		King's Somborne CC - playing evening 20 over friendlies only in 2019 season. Formerly played Sunday fixtures but lost players in recent seasons. TVBC maintain playing field and cricket square for Parish Council. Separate football pitch (King's Somborne FC) - no overlap of outfield.
<b>Hunts Farm,</b> Mannyngham Way, Timsbury, Romsey, SO51 0NJ	TVBC	Secured	1 / 9 wickets plus a second pitch of similar size not fully prepared - no demand	No	No	Yes. Large brick built pavilion over 2 floors with 12 team changing rooms and a small officials's changing room (not used)	Good (15.8/20 HCL 2018 rating for Knights Valley CC in 2018 - displaced fixtures from Knightwood Leisure Centre)	Good	90 (126) when both pitches prepared	30-35	40%		Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC have occasionally hired this pitch as 'reserve' site. No such hires made in 2019 (used East Tytherley Ground). Most cricket hires are imported demand for 3rd/4th team Saturday fixtures (e.g. Langley Manor CC, Southampton; Compton & Chandlers Ford CC, Eastleigh. Interest from IBM Hursley (Winchester) for 2020 as alternative second ground to the Southampton University Wide Lane Sports Ground. Drainage system over 30 years old and some water retention issues to far section to right of entrance. Following a site visit in December 2019 by the Hampshire Cricket Board Pitch Advisor, recommendations have been made for a number of changes to the Council's maintenance tasks and programme prior to the start of the 2020 season.
<b>Romsey Sports Centre,</b> Southampton Road, Romsey, SO51 8AF	TVBC / Places Leisure- Sports Centre; Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC - cricket pavilion	Secured. Club lease on pavilion building (45yrs approx. unexpired) and use of TVBC owned pitch in season.	1 / 13 senior match play wickets plus 4 end wickets for juniors or practice only	No	2 net system - Good quality	Yes. Single storey wooden pavilion installed in 1982 with 15yr lifespan and inadequate changing facilities.	Standard to Good - SPCL Silver/Gold Standard Accredited to 2020 (35.5/50 HCL 2018 umpire score)	Poor - not suitable for senior club in borough playing Southern League level and lacks adequate female & access changing. Reliant on Romsey Rapids changing.	52 senior (24 junior/ practice)	50 matches 35-40 training	112%		Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC (1st XI in Southern Premier Cricket League 1st Division, 2nd XI County Div 1 & 3rd XI in County Div 3 North). 4 Sat sides, 1 Sun friendly side, 1 Border League evening team (Premier Division), u9, u11, u13, u16 colts sides, All Stars. SPL Gold Standard Youth, plus Clubmark. OT&RCC also compete in the South Hampshire Indoor Cricket League hosted by Places Leisure in Fleming Park, Eastleigh and run a football team and a darts team. The club aspires to grow youth football as multi-sport hub club. The club has no HCL women's team. OT&RCC's recent purchase of covers assists with pitch quality. Outfield is not as high quality as square due to shared use. OT&RCC would like cricket pitch to be maintained to a higher specification when rugby club relocates. OT&RCC hire indoor winter nets at The Romsey School and the Hampshire Collegiate School. Club has plans for replacement, 2 storey pavilion at pre-planning stage. <b>TVBC/ NGB co-ordination of a site masterplan/feasibility study is needed to deliver a single shared sports pavilion for all outdoor sports users on this site. There is a strong needs case for at least one and possibly two NTPs at this ground.</b>

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<b>Knightwood Leisure Centre</b> , Skys Wood Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4SJ	TVBC / Places Leisure	Secured	1 / 10 wickets	No	No	Yes - good quality outdoor changing rooms in Leisure Centre building with exit doors to playing field.	Poor to Standard - grass recovering from 2017 drainage works, shared outfield with junior football (St Francis YFC)	Good	20 (40)	0 currently, sufficient capacity for Knights Valley CC friendly league matches from 2020	n/a out of use in 2019 season		New drainage system installed in 2017 is working well. Grass cover over drainage channels is recovering. Knights Valley CC - single team Saturday HCL Regional Division 1 Central home matches currently played at Hunt's Farm or Southampton Sports Centre - need to return to this site in 2020 to release capacity at Hunts Farm to meet imported demand. Following a site visit in December 2019, the Hampshire Cricket Board Pitch Advisor has made recommendations for a number of changes to the Council's maintenance tasks and programme prior to the start of the 2020 season.
<b>Braishfield CC</b> , Dummers Road, Braishfield, SO51 0QG	Club	Secured	1 / 7 wickets	No	No	Yes. New pavilion (wooden with metal roof) used by cricket teams.	Standard	Standard	21 (35)	Maximum 20 matches per season	95%		Braishfield CC - occasional social cricket side playing against local teams and touring sides. Sundays 2.30pm, some weekday evening games. Also complete in Romsey Indoor Cricket League at Romsey School Sports Hall. All ages and standards welcome.
<b>East Tytherley CC</b> , East Tytherley Road, Romsey, SO51 0LW	Club	Secured	1 / 8 wickets (including 2 junior lengths)	No	Yes - 1 net system (lacking NT covering on bowlers area)	Yes - low grade wooden pavilion.	Good - 14.28/20 HCL 2018 rating. (Former 1st Class cricket Groundsman)	Poor - 6/10 HCL 2018 rating.	40 (56)	20 Saturday and Midweek matches plus 15-20 colts	100%		East Tytherley CC - Tuesday evening Border League Premier only. Ground maintenance support from Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC who use regularly as second ground for home fixtures and overspill from Romsey SC. E.g. 4th XI in HCL Regional Div 2 NW, plus u11 and u13 from OT&RCC.
<b>Trojans Sports Club</b> , Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 9HT	Club	Secured	1 / 16 (8-10 are suitable for 1st XI games, 3 at each end are for juniors)	No	3 net system (1 is shorter for use with bowling machine) - worn and patched	Yes - Large pavilion with good social facilities and extensive team/officials changing rooms that can be divided m/f although in need of upgrade.	Standard to Good - SPCL Silver rating (to be reassessed in 2019). Slight slope and shared outfield with rugby (12.6/20 2018 HCL rating due to outfield).	Poor to Standard - changing rooms aged and quite basic.(7/10 2018 rating)	40 senior (24 junior/practice)	20-25 senior matches, 20 training sessions plus 15 junior matches	100%		Trojans CC 1st XI in the Southern Premier Cricket League Division 3. 2nd XI in HCL Regional Division 1 Central. Section of multi sport hub club. Cricket Club is Clubmark accredited and has 3 Saturday league teams and plays in Tuesday evening Border League Premier division. Large colts section (boys and girls teams u9 - u15). No HCL women's team. Most junior games played Sunday mornings across pitches at Trojans, Hardmoor, Wellington and Greggs School. Youth section is SPL Gold Standard accredited (due for reassessment in 2019). Large car park (partly made), access road badly pot-holed. <b>Pavilion needs upgrade (Eastleigh PPS identifies).</b>

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<b>Hardmoor Sports Ground,</b> adjacent to Trojans close to boundary with Eastleigh Borough	In Test Valley owned by Eastleigh BC managed by Trojans Sports Club from autumn 2019	Secured	1 / 10 wickets	No	No	Yes - new pavilion built in 2019 will ease congestion at Trojans from 2020 season onward.	Standard - outfield shared with archery and football/ mini rugby	Excellent - new from September 2019	30 (50)	10 approx senior plus 10 junior Sunday and 10 training Friday evening	100%		Trojans CC 3rd X1 use pitch on this site for HCL Regional Division 2 Central home games. Girls teams also play Sunday morning games and train on Friday evenings on this pitch. New indoor archery hall and changing pavilion under construction to be managed by Trojans Sports Club from September 2019. Cricket pitch to be reinstated by Eastleigh BC with mini rugby / junior football on outfield. Imported cricket demand from Fair Oak CC 3rds (Eastleigh). This club aims to secure a second ground in Eastleigh in the medium term but may need to return to Hardmoor in the interim. Relocation of Fair Oak will release capacity for Trojans CC to expand (proposals for a 4th side on Saturdays).
<b>Michelmersh &amp; Timsbury Rec,</b> Mannyngham Way, Timsbury, SO51 0NJ	Parish Council	Secured	12 (6 roped off and signs of use, remainder unprepared)	No	2 net system - Good quality	Yes - traditional wooden cricket/football pavilion with changing rooms and social areas	Standard - even outfield, some weeds 13.28/20 HCL 2018 rating.	Standard - wooden with felt roof. 7.71/10 HCL 2018 rating. Large community hall adjacent (Jubilee Hall)	36 (60)	20-25 matches plus 10 training	100%		Michelmersh & Timsbury CC - 2 Saturday league sides (1st XI in County Div 3 North & 2nds in HCL Regional Div 2 NW), one Tuesday evening Border League side, and a friendly side on Sundays. Also complete in Romsey Indoor Cricket League at Romsey School Sports Hall. Small car park by pavilion. This ground is very close to Hunts Farm.
<b>The Ampfield Rec,</b> Winchester Road, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ	Parish Council	Secured	1 / 10 wickets	No - mobile net cage	No	New pavilion recently completed. Former pavilion still to be removed.	Standard - outfield uneven, high weed content, bare patches 13.55/20 HCL 2018 rating.	Excellent - new in 2018. HCL rating of 9.22/10.	30 (50)	20-25 matches plus 10 training	100%		Ampfield & North Baddesley CC. 2 Saturday Hampshire League sides (County Div 4 North & Regional Div 2 Central) and play in Border League on Tuesday evenings and some friendly matches on Sundays. South Hants Indoor winter league team. No Colts but running All Stars. No parking on site but Parish Council has plans to provide as part of project to remove former pavilion and relocate the play area which currently is too close to the cricket boundary.
<b>West Wellow Recreation Ground,</b> Lower Common Road, S051 6BT	Parish Council	Secured	1 / 8 (5 adult, 3 junior lengths)	No	1 net system - worn surface and very poor netting, needs upgrading	New wooden pavilion with tiled roof in 2018.	Standard (poorly draining marshland) - aspiration for ring drain (c. £20k) 13/20 HCL 2018 rating.	Good 9/10 2018 rating (although lacks sufficient storage space - aspiration to extend to provide cricket equipment and GM stores).	24 (40)	20-25 matches 30-35 training	220% approx		Wellow & Plaitford CC - Regional Div 1 NW (9 home games per season); Tuesday evening Border League Div 2 (home and cup games); ladies (first year - 7 training sessions); junior section 5-14 with u9 (x2) & u11 (x1) teams in NJFCA North Leagues. Clubmark. All Stars (5-8yrs). Hire ground to Totton & Eling CC 3rd X1 for 9 home Sat games per season. Train Monday (devpt squad), Weds (Juniors), Thurs (seniors). Also complete in Romsey Indoor Cricket League at Romsey School Sports Hall. Boundary fencing to gardens on one side of ground. No made car park (drive around pitch to park on grass behind pavilion). Club has a 5year development plan with girls/womens cricket the priority, plus plans to establish a 2nd Saturday side from the older juniors. 85 colts, 45 social members. Bus stop at entrance. <b>Long established need for drainage pitch improvements at this site.</b>



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<b>Mottisfont Sports Field</b> , Bengers Lane, Mottisfont, SO51 0LR	Parish Council	Secured	1 / 10 wicket	No	1 net system - net and surface need replacing	Yes - wooden with metal roof, low grade	Standard - 14/20 2018 HCL rating. Evidence of repair work and seeding on visit, slight cross slope, share with football on one side of outfield.	Poor to Standard - 7/10 HCL 2018 rating.	30 (50)	20 approx plus training	40% approx		Mottisfont CC - Single Saturday side playing in HCL County Division 4 West (currently top). Also compete in Tuesday evening Border League Div 2. Low netting fence around - vermin protection. No scoreboard or clock. Portacabin equipment store.
<b>Embley</b> (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School), Embley Park, Romsey, SO51 6ZE	School Charity	Unsecured	3 / each 10 wickets approx including junior lengths	Yes - 1 (Prep school field)	No - two sets of grass practice nets (main and upper playing fields) both poor	Yes - Upper Playing Field near Entrance to School. 3 team changing rooms. Umpire change. Kitchen etc.	Standard to Good - uneven outfields share with junior football	Standard to Good	120 (180)	Ample pitch capacity for school & community demand - priority more practice facilities (NT nets & 2nd NTP)	Not known - no issues reported		In summer term regular use of pitch and net systems evenings and weekends by Hampshire County Cricket for girls age group squad sessions and in 2019 (due to Cricket World Cup at Ageas Bowl) for displaced boys county and district performance squad sessions (others at Farleigh School). Potential to host Hants women (Vipers) T20 games in future. Indoor nets in sport hall hired in spring term to Hampshire County Cricket; IBM Hursley CC; OT & Romsey CC. The <b>School recently applied unsuccessfully for a Sport England grant towards additional cricket practice nets. Also aspire to add a second NTP on prep school playing field.</b>
<b>Stroud School</b> , Highwood Lane, Romsey, SO51 9ZH	School Charity	Unsecured	Pitch - not seen										Only community cricket use identified is Ampfield & Baddesley winter nets in sports hall
<b>The Romsey School Academy</b> , Greatbridge Rd, Romsey SO51 8ZB	Academy Trust	Unsecured	No fine turf pitch	Yes		Sports hall changing rooms available for community hires	Standard NTP with small outfield shared with other pitch sports	Standard school sports hall changing (1970s but recently upgraded)	0	0 (School only)	0		Sports Hall (1970s with recently replaced flooring) used by OT&RCC for winter net practice, also for Romsey indoor cricket league (4 teams).
<b>Norman Court School &amp; Outdoor Centre</b> , Norman Court, Salisbury SP5 1NH	Community Interest Company	Unsecured	2 pitches - not seen			Sports hall changing rooms available for community hires							No community cricket use of pitches identified. Broughton CC winter training hire of nets in sports hall

## Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy: Appendix B Football - Assessment of Needs

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This appendix to the Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy details the current picture of facility supply and demand for the playing pitch sport of **football** - at individual sites, in each of two sub-areas (North and South) and borough wide across the administrative area of the Borough of Test Valley.
- 1.2 It also sets out how this current picture of provision is likely to change over the time period of the next Local Plan. The likely future picture of provision is assessed based on potential changes in supply (both committed and planned football infrastructure projects within the borough and its primary travel catchment), forecast changes in the resident population along with national trends in participation in football, and the development aspirations of the community football clubs based in the borough.
- 1.3 The policies, development programmes and investment priorities of the national governing body for the sport will also influence the future picture of facility supply and demand for the sport in Test Valley. These are summarised in Section 2 below.
- 1.4 The final section brings together the information on supply and demand in the borough and draws conclusions as to the adequacy or otherwise of the existing supply to accommodate current demand (both from within the borough and, if relevant, displaced demand from neighbouring local authority areas). Conclusions are also drawn as to the likely facility needs for this playing pitch sport in the North and South sub areas and borough-wide to 2036.

### 2. Football Association Strategy 2017-21

- 2.1 The Football Association (FA) adopted its current four-year strategy in 2017. The focus of the FA's *National Game Strategy (NGS) 2017-21* is on strengthening the player pathway for males, females and disability including providing more opportunities for recreational play outside the traditional game format and league structures.
- 2.2 With regard to facilities, the focus is on building capacity for this growth in participation through developing sustainable, standardised and scaled pitch development. In 2018, in partnership with the Football Foundation and Sport England, the Football Association developed a ten-year investment plan in facilities for grass roots football - *The National Football Facilities Strategy 2018 -2028*. The facilities strategy aims to ensure that by 2028:
  - Every FA-affiliated club has access to a 3G artificial pitch for training and potentially matches.
  - Accelerated improvements are made to the key grass pitch sites across England to reduce fixture cancellations. Approximately 1 in 6 grass roots matches are called off nationally due to poor pitch quality.
- 2.3 To support delivery of the National Game Strategy aims, Hampshire FA - in partnership with the Football Foundation and the Hampshire local authorities - is focused on:
  - Supporting the development of **Football Hubs**<sup>1</sup> in strategic locations

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<sup>1</sup> Football Hubs serve major towns and cities with multiple pitches and modern pavilion facilities based around a minimum of 2 full size artificial grass football pitches (FTPs). In Stoneham Lane the Football Foundation and the Premier League have developed Hampshire's first Football Hub with Eastleigh Borough Council. The complex, operated by Hampshire FA, is the central venue for the Eastleigh & District Mini Soccer League which includes teams from Test Valley.

- Supporting an agreed portfolio of priority projects for new and improved facilities in each Hampshire local authority area that will have a significant impact on participation and provide capacity for growth, activated through new **Local Football Facility Plans** (LFFPs), a ten-year vision for football facilities. A LFFP for Test Valley Borough will be prepared in 2020 informed by this Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) and consultation with the large community football clubs based in the borough. The investment priorities in the LFFP will be on full size and small sided 3G pitches and improvement of grass pitches on key sites - i.e. playing facilities as opposed to ancillary facilities such as changing pavilions.

### 3. Supply & Demand Information Sources

- 3.1 For all four sports included in the PPS, the following pitch supply information has been gathered, as far as possible, by a combination of data collection and review, surveys and consultations. For football this comprises:
- Sport England Active Places Power audit for playing pitches.
  - Hampshire FA website.
  - Websites of community football clubs with home grounds in Test Valley.
  - Online survey returns submitted by 9 football clubs based in Test Valley (Andover New Street Youth FC, Andover Town FC, Romsey Town Youth FC, Upper Clatford Youth FC, Braishfield FC, Colden Common Youth FC, Bellinger Rams FC, Old Tauntonians & Romsey, St Francis YFC.
  - Site meetings with officials of Romsey Town FC, Andover FC and Andover New Street FC (the three senior clubs in the borough in the FA pyramid).
  - Football information provided by Test Valley schools on site visits.
  - Information provided by town and parish councils by email and phone.
  - Site visits to over 95% of the playing fields with football pitches in Test Valley for visual, non-technical inspection and information provided by TVBC Streetscene grounds staff, football club officials, school site managers, head teachers, PE staff or grounds staff in the course of the site visits.
  - League fixture lists.
  - TVBC pitch booking records.
  - Sport England Active Lives Survey football participation data for Test Valley.
  - Sport England Sports Market Segmentation latent demand data for Test Valley.
- 3.2 In total, 19 of the 42 football clubs based in Test Valley (45%) either submitted completed survey returns or provided information on supply and demand and views on any facility needs and priorities. A large proportion of the football clubs in Test Valley are single men's team clubs. The clubs engaged in the consultation - which included seven of the eight clubs with ten or more teams - represented over 60% of all affiliated football teams (110/180).

### 4. Supply

- 4.1 Findings relating to football pitch supply in Test Valley are summarised below.

#### Natural Turf Pitches

- 4.2 Including at schools, there are 60 playing field sites in the borough with marked football pitches. 51 of these sites currently have community access. The distribution of natural turf football pitch sites in the north and south sub areas is split broadly equally as shown in the maps at Figures 7 & 8 at paragraph 1.9.2 in the Playing Pitch Strategy report and in table 4.1 below.

Figure 4.1: Grass Football Playing Pitch Sites in Test Valley

Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Ownership
South	Abbotswood Playing Field	SO51 0BL	Local Authority
North	Appleshaw Ward Memorial Playing Field	SP11 9BS	Parish Council
North	Barton Stacey Recreation Ground	SO21 3RP	Parish Council
South	Braishfield Recreation Ground	SO51 0QG	Parish Council
South	Broughton Sports Field	SO20 8DA	Parish Council

North	Bulbery Sports Field	SP11 7PN	Parish Council
North	Burydene Playing Field, Vernham Dean	SP11 0JY	Parish Council
South	Bypass Ground (Romsey Town FC)	SO51 8AF	Private (Broadlands Estate) / Club lease
North	Chilbolton War Memorial Playing Field	SO20 6PD	Parish Council
North	East Anton Playing Field	SP11 6AB	Local Authority
South	Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School)	SO51 6ZE	Independent school
North	Farleigh School	SP11 7PW	Independent school
North	Foxcotte Sports Park (Andover New Street FC Stadium)	SP11 0TA	Local Authority / Club lease
South	Ganger Farm Playing Fields	SO51 7PB	Local Authority
North	Goodworth Clatford Recreation Ground	SP11 7RQ	Parish Council
South	Hardmoor Sports Ground	SO50 9HT	Local Authority (Eastleigh BC)
North	Harrow Way School	SP10 3RH	State school
South	Hatches Farm Playing Fields	SO51 6BG	Parish Council
South	Hunts Farm Playing Fields	SO51 0NJ	Local Authority
North	John Hanson School	SP10 3PB	State school
North	Kimpton Fyfield & Thruxton Playing Field	SP11 8NT	Parish Council
North	King George V Playing Field, Hurstbourne Tarrant	SP11 0AX	Parish Council
South	King's Somborne Recreation Ground	SO20 6PP	Parish Council
South	Knightwood Leisure Centre	SO53 4SJ	Local Authority
North	London Road Recreation Ground	SP10 1HP	Local Authority
North	Longparish Football Pitch	SP11 6PP	Parish Council
North	Longstock Recreation Ground	SO20 6EE	Parish Council
South	Michelmersh & Timsbury Recreation Ground	SO51 0NJ	Parish Council
South	Mottisfont Sports Field	SO51 0LR	Parish Council
South	Mountbatten School	SO51 5SY	State school
North	Nether Wallop Playing Field	SO20 8HB	Parish Council
South	North Baddesley Recreation Ground	SO52 9EA	Parish Council
South	Nursling & Rownhams Recreation Ground	SO16 0XH	Parish Council
North	Over Wallop Sports Field	SO20 8JH	Parish Council
North	Picket Piece Recreation Ground	SP11 6AZ	Local Authority
North	Picket Twenty Recreation Ground	SP11 6UF	Local Authority
North	Portway Stadium	SP10 3LF	Local Authority / FE College lease
South	Romsey Sports Centre	SO51 8AF	Local Authority
North	Saxon Fields	SP10 4NP	Local Authority
South	Sherfield English Sports Field	SO51 6FP	Sports Association
North	Shipton Bellinger Playing Field	SP9 7TL	Parish Council
South	St George Catholic College	SO16 3DQ	State school
North	Stockbridge FC	SO20 6EU	Parish Council / Club lease
North	Stockbridge Primary School	SO20 6EJ	State school
South	Stoneham Lane Football Complex	SO16 2PA	FA
North	Test Valley School	SO20 6HA	State school
North	Upper Clatford Sports Ground	SP11 7QP	Parish Council
South	West Tytherley Recreation Ground	SP5 1NF	Parish Council
North	Wherwell Playing Field	SP11 7JP	Parish Council
North	Wildern Playing Field, Tanglely	SP11 0JE	Parish Council
North	Winton Academy	SP10 2PS	State school

- 4.3 Between them, these playing fields provide a total of 107 grass football pitches<sup>2</sup>:
- o 50 adult
  - o 20 youth 11v11
  - o 12 youth 9v9
  - o 15 junior 7v7
  - o 10 junior 5v5
- 4.4 Several of the adult and youth pitches are over-marked so they can also be used for youth or mini soccer games.
- 4.5 In addition there are five parish council or trust owned playing fields that were last used for football but no longer have maintained pitches and have fallen out of use. Three are in the south sub-area - St Boniface (in Nursling & Rownhams Parish), West Tytherley and The Ampfield Recreation Ground - and two in the north, at Enham Alamein King's Road Recreation Ground and Longstock Recreation Ground. Also, in the north sub area, Chilbolton Playing Field still has a maintained adult pitch which was previously hired for Sunday league games but no hires were made in 2019.
- 4.6 Two new public playing field sites with football pitches come available for hire in 2020. These new sites are in Romsey in the South sub area - i.e. Ganger Farm (providing a further adult pitch and three junior pitches) and Abbotswood Recreation Ground (with one adult pitch with over-markings for junior games). These new pitches are provided with drainage systems.
- 4.7 Finally, when completed in 2020, four natural turf pitches at the new Stoneham Football Complex just over the borough boundary with Eastleigh will also serve demand from the Romsey area in the south sub area, as do grass pitches at the BTC sports ground on the site adjacent to the football complex. The football hub sites in the south of the borough serve as central league venues for mini soccer. Andover does not have a mini soccer central league venue. As such, there is a need for more small sided pitches on the playing field sites in the north of the borough.

Quantity of natural turf pitches - benchmarking

- 4.8 The table below compares the quantity of operational natural turf football pitches in the borough with the provision of five of the contiguous neighbour local authorities both in terms of the number of pitches and the population per pitch. This shows that, on a per capita basis, Test Valley is well provided with operational, maintained grass football pitches relative to its neighbour local authority areas.

Table 4.2: Quantity by Local Authority Populations

Local Authority	No. Natural Turf Pitches <sup>3</sup>	Population*	Population per football pitch	Rank
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>1 per 1,196</b>	<b>3</b>
Eastleigh	104	131,700	1 per 1,266	4
Southampton	89	256,500	1 per 2,882	6
Basingstoke & Deane	157	176,800	1 per 1,126	2
Winchester	151	125,500	1 per 831	1
Wiltshire - eastern area only (i.e. Pewsey, Tidworth, Amesbury, Salisbury & Southern Community Areas)	106	134,300 <sup>4</sup>	1 per 1,267	5

\* Hampshire County Council Small Area Population Forecasts, 2018

<sup>2</sup> The number of youth & mini soccer pitches is approximate as the exact number of pitches marked at the independent school in the north of the borough - Farleigh School - which has extensive, high quality playing fields was not assessed on the site visit.

<sup>3</sup> Sport England Active Places Playing Pitch Strategy Reports, November 2019 - operational natural grass football pitches

<sup>4</sup> Wiltshire Community Area JSA Reports 2016, ONS Mid Year Population Estimates 2014

Secured community access to the supply

- 4.9 Most of the football sites in the borough (over 75%) provide secured access to the community i.e. sites owned or leased by the Borough Council, Parish Councils or by community football clubs or sports associations or charitable trusts.
- 4.10 The unsecured sites for football are located at the independent schools, the Ministry of Defence (MOD) playing fields (and indoor 3G pitch) at Middle Wallop Station and those primary schools and secondary academy schools where community use is not formally secured either by means of planning condition or condition of grant.

Recreational football

- 4.11 Most of the local authority owned supply is available to be used for free, informal games of football (as distinct from affiliated club team competitive football). Open access for kick about play and informal football games is provided at all the parish owned playing fields and recreation grounds in the villages as well as at most of the playing field sites in Andover and Romsey owned and managed by the Borough Council. The pitches at Hunts Farm and Knightwood Leisure Centre in the south are exceptions. Vehicular access to these pitches is restricted outside the peak period, although these sites remain open for use at all times to visitors on foot or cycle.
- 4.12 For reasons of site security, health and safety and the need to maintain pitch quality, free access for recreational play is also not permitted to the three football stadium pitches in the borough - i.e. at the Andover New Street FC Stadium in Foxcotte Sports Park, the Andover FC Portway Stadium in Andover, and at the Romsey Town FC Bypass Ground. Nor is there open community access to the football pitches on school playing fields.

3G Football Turf Artificial Grass Pitches (FTPs)

- 4.13 The borough currently has two full-size floodlit artificial grass pitches designed and equipped primarily for football (i.e. FTPs), one in the north at Andover Sports Academy in Charlton and one in the south at Mountbatten School. Both these FTPs are on the FA Approved register as suitable for affiliated league match play.
- 4.14 The Andover Sports Academy FTP is available to the community during the day as well as in the evenings and at weekends.
- 4.15 The FTP at Mountbatten School in Romsey is used by the school during the school day in term times and is therefore only available to hire by community groups during the evenings and at weekends in the school terms although daytime access is available in the main school holidays.
- 4.16 The FA Register also shows a full size pitch at St George's Catholic College on the southern boundary of Test Valley with the City of Southampton. The register lists the pitch as in Southampton. However, it is understood that the playing fields are just on the Test Valley side of the boundary.
- 4.17 Also of direct relevance to the south sub area of Test Valley is the new Stoneham Football Complex at Monks Brook just across the borough boundary in Eastleigh. There are 3 No. full size 3G FTPs at the Stoneham Complex, all accredited to FIFA Quality standard. There is a further full size FA accredited 3G at Places Eastleigh (the former Fleming Park Leisure Centre). This FTP is within the drive time catchment for residents of Romsey and other parts of the south sub area. A smaller, unregistered floodlit 3G training pitch (63m x 40m) is also made available by Eastleigh FC at the club's Silverlake Stadium close to the borough boundary.
- 4.18 A further full size floodlit 3G pitch is in development at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey. This pitch will be accredited by World Rugby as suitable for rugby union and marked and equipped for rugby union. There are also preliminary proposals for a second World Rugby 3G pitch at the Trojans Sports Club ground in Stoneham



Lane in the south of Test Valley Borough on the border with Eastleigh. Although purpose-designed, line marked and equipped with posts for rugby union, recreational football and football training can also be played on World Rugby 3G pitches. However, it is likely that the majority of the peak hours in the evenings and at weekends will be taken up by rugby.

- 4.19 In addition to these full size FA and FIFA accredited pitches, there is a small number of unaccredited small-sided floodlit 3G pitches in the borough as follows:

Table 4.3: Small Sided 3G Pitches

Site	Small Sided FTPs / MUGAs	Community Use / Access
<b>North</b>		
The Mark Way School, Andover	35m x 15m - no lights, too small for formal play, no markings or rebound boards	None currently / potential for soccer tots
The Anton Junior School, Andover	40m x 20m - low level lights, rebound boards, very worn playing surface	Regular 3G hires on three midweek evenings in term time from September (Andover Town, Andover New Street, Andover Central) - although demand falling due to poor surface quality.
Middle Wallop Station	Small indoor 3G pitch	Occasional training use by an u9s team managed by one of the Army personnel, otherwise no access permitted.
<b>South</b>		
Knightwood Leisure Centre	2 No. 32m x 19m, floodlit	St Francis Juniors, Walking Football, adult 5v5 / Full community access
Knightwood Primary School	37m x 35m, floodlit with dividing netting	Stoneham Juniors, St Francis Juniors, Dads & Lads / secured out of hours access (Football Foundation grant condition).

- 4.20 Similar to World Rugby 3G pitches, recreational football and team training can also take place on AGPs with sand based, sand filled or water based playing surfaces - i.e. AGPs designed for hockey as the primary sport.
- 4.21 Within the borough, the hockey AGP at John Hanson School in Andover in the north is hired for football on three evenings a week. On an ad hoc basis, Broughton FC has also hired the sand AGP at Farleigh School for youth team training. The sand based hockey AGP at Romsey School in the south of the borough also accommodates some football hires for team training and recreational 5 a side games in the evenings. Similar to Farleigh School in the north, the sand based hockey AGP at Embley near Romsey also has occasional hires to community football teams and youth coaching camp organisers.
- 4.22 The hockey AGP at the Trojans Sports Club in the south is used exclusively for hockey.
- 4.23 At Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey a sand-based hockey AGP is in development (in addition to the World Rugby 3G AGP identified in paragraph 4.18 above). Although designed, marked and equipped for hockey use, there is likely to be some capacity on this new pitch for recreational football at times when the pitch is not required for hockey.
- 4.24 Other small-sided sand based pitches with floodlighting the borough that currently meet a proportion of the demand for recreational football and team training are:

Table 4.4: Small Sided Sand AGPs / MUGAs

Site	Small Sided sand AGPs / MUGAs	Community Use / Access
<b>North</b>		
Charlton Place Lloyds Bank Nuffield Fitness Centre and Floodlit Pitch	2 No. 35m x 18m with lights (only one in use, the second pitch needs resurfacing)	14 block bookings on the one pitch currently suitable for use - weekday evenings, company 5 a sides.
Wherwell Playing Fields	2 tennis court size with lights	Hired for training use - e.g. by Shooters Youth FC, Wherwell Royals FC

#### Supply Changes

- 4.25 As noted above, the notable committed changes in the picture of football pitch supply in Test Valley or close to the borough borders that will come available in 2021/22 are:
- *Kings Chase/Ganger Farm* - 1 new adult pitch and 3 new junior pitches from 2021/22 plus some recreational football capacity on new World Rugby and England Hockey compliant AGPs, plus changing and social pavilion facilities and car parking.
  - *Abbotswood Playing Field* - 1 new adult pitch (over marked for junior play) and a second junior pitch and changing pavilion for four teams and officials and car parking.
  - *Stoneham Football Complex* - 1 new adult pitch and 3 new youth pitches on the opposite side of Stoneham Lane from the 3 No. FTPs and pavilion opened in September 2019.

## 5. Demand

- 5.1 Findings relating to football pitch demand in Test Valley are detailed below.

#### Clubs and Teams

- 5.2 There are currently 60 football clubs with their main ground located in Test Valley borough, 24 in the north and 36 in the south.
- 5.3 12 of the 60 clubs have youth sections with multiple age group sides, 6 in the north and 6 in the south. The largest club by some way is Andover Town Youth which regularly puts out in excess of 20 age group league teams (boys, girls and mixed) each season whilst, in the south, St Francis Youth, Romsey Town Youth and Braishfield are the largest community youth clubs each entering 10+ sides in youth leagues, including mixed and girls teams.
- 5.4 A third of the football clubs playing their home fixtures in Test Valley are single adult team clubs without linked youth sections and with no aspiration to grow. Many of these teams play Sunday league football (either the Andover & District Sunday Football League in the north or City of Southampton Sunday Football League in the south) on Borough Council or Parish Council recreation grounds. From site visits and consultation with the leagues and pitch providers, it is apparent that the number of men's league teams is declining particularly in the smaller rural villages where several parish councils have responded that teams have folded in recent seasons (e.g. Wellow, Awbridge, Mottisfont, King's Somborne, North Baddesley). This is in line with the national trend.
- 5.5 In men's Saturday football the highest level currently played in the borough is Sydenhams Football League (Wessex) Division One at Step 6 in the FA National League System (NLS). Three Test Valley clubs - Andover Town, Andover New Street and Romsey currently play in this league. Just over the borough boundary in Eastleigh, AFC Stoneham play at Step 5 in the Wessex Premier Division. Eastleigh FC at The Silverlake Stadium are the closest National League club to Test Valley playing at Step 1 in the NLS.

- 5.6 Romsey Town, Andover Town and Andover New Street all currently lease grounds that meet the necessary ground grading requirements for NLS Step 6. Andover Town's Portway Stadium (leased by Sparsholt College from the Borough Council) is already of the standard necessary for two promotions to Step 4. The other two football stadia in the borough (Andover New Street at Foxcotte Sports Park and Romsey Town at the privately owned Bypass Ground) are likely to require some minor upgrading of ancillary or spectator facilities in future in order to secure a promotion to the Wessex Premier League (Step 5).
- 5.7 At the next tier in the National League System (Step 7), Stockbridge FC, currently competes in the Hampshire Premier Division. Michelmersh & Timsbury FC, Broughton FC and Andover New Street Swifts (reserve side) play in Hampshire Division One.
- 5.8 In the 2019/20 season, the Romsey Bypass Ground became the home of Southampton Women's Football Club, one of the most successful and longest established women's football clubs in the country, currently competing in the FA National League Division One South West. Just across the borough boundary, there are also opportunities for women's league football at Eastleigh FC's Silverlake Stadium. Founded in 2016, Eastleigh Ladies won promotion in their first season, and now play in the Southern Region Women's Football League First Southern.
- 5.9 Demand is growing within the larger youth football clubs in the borough for more opportunities for girls to play competitive football. Whilst participation by girls remains primarily in the younger age groups within mixed teams, there is steady growth in the number of girl's teams entering the Hampshire Girls Youth Football League.
- 5.10 The 2019/20 entry totals 18 girls age group teams at Test Valley based community clubs which is a rapid rise from a few years ago:
- Andover New Street (u12, u13, u14)
  - St Francis FC (u10s, u12, u15)
  - Southampton Women's FC (u11, u12, u13)
  - Eastleigh FC (u12, u14, u15)
  - Romsey Town Youth FC (2xu10s, u12, u14)
  - Rodaway Rovers FC (u12)
  - Shooters FC (u12).
- 5.11 The current number of affiliated teams by age group and gender at Test Valley based clubs from data provided by Hampshire FA on 2018/19 affiliations updated through the consultation process and review of 2018/19 league data on the Hampshire FA website is as follows:

Table 5.1: Test Valley Football Teams affiliated to HFA

Team Category	Number
Men Open Age	50
Men Veterans	2
Men Walking Football (5v5)	3
Women Open Age	2
Mixed Open Age Inclusion (5v5)	3
Male u13 - u18 (11v11)	22
Female u11 - u17 (9v9, 11v11)	18
Mixed u18 (11v11)	3
Mixed u15 (11v11)	11
Mixed u14 (11v11)	13
Mixed u13 (11v11)	10
Mixed u12 (9v9)	15
Mixed u11 (9v9)	17
Mixed u10 (7v7)	9
Mixed u7/u8 (5v5)	9
<b>Total Teams</b>	<b>187</b>

- 5.12 Participation in recreational (unaffiliated) small-sided games of football - both within commercial leagues and regular weekly games among work colleagues or groups of friends - is the fastest growing sector of the game and is played almost exclusively on artificial grass pitches. PowerPlay operate a new 5 a side league on Wednesday evenings at the Stoneham Lane Football Complex as well as a weekly league on the 3G at Eastleigh FC's Silverlake Stadium close by. Hampshire FA are introducing new 9v9 and 11v11 midweek leagues at Stoneham Lane. On the FTPs within Test Valley, JD Fives operate a large 5v5 midweek league (24 team, 3 divisions) at the Andover Sports Academy. Leisure Leagues operate a 6v6 league (12 teams) on Monday evenings on the FTP at Mountbatten School in Romsey.

#### Schools football

- 5.13 A significant contributory factor to demand for affiliated youth football and mini soccer at weekends in Test Valley is the extent to which football is taught and played competitively in schools in the borough, both in the state and the independent sectors. Pupils attending schools in the borough feed into the community youth football clubs.
- 5.14 Hampshire Schools' FA organise district competitions for affiliated primary schools (year 6) and affiliated secondary schools (years 8, 9 and 10), as well as county teams at u14, u15, u16 and u18. Affiliated schools in Test Valley borough fall either within the Hampshire Schools' FA Eastleigh & Winchester District or Basingstoke District.

#### Other football activities

- 5.15 The FTP at Mountbatten School is used extensively on summer weekends for youth football tournaments. Summer Tournaments sanctioned by Hampshire FA in 2019 within Test Valley borough were hosted by:
- Braishfield Bees (u8s-u16s) - August 31st (Mountbatten School)
  - Romsey Town Youth (u7-u14s) - June 15/16th (Mountbatten School)
  - St Francis Youth (u7-u14 boys, u10-u15 girls) - May 11/12th (Mountbatten School)
  - Athletico Romsey (u8-u12) - June 30th (Mountbatten School)
  - Andover New Street Youth (u7-u16 boys, u9-u12 girls) - May 18/19th (Foxcotte)
  - Andover Town Youth Festival of Football (u7-u16 mixed, u12-u14 girls) - June 22/23rd (Picket Twenty).
- 5.16 There is also growing interest in the indoor 5 a side game of Futsal in the area. The Hampshire County Futsal League is in its third season and games are played on Friday evenings twice a month at Sparsholt College's Sports Hall in Winchester. Weekly sessions of Brazilian Samba Football in the sports hall at Winton Academy in Andover are also well supported.

#### Soccer Schools and Progression Pathways

- 5.17 In addition to the schools' representative football progression pathway, a variety of organisations (both commercial and charitable) run soccer schools or provide coaching at schools in the borough after school or in the school holidays. Increasingly, talent development activities will be based at the Stoneham Football Complex managed by Hampshire FA. Currently, the largest providers of soccer schools identified operating within Test Valley are:
- *Personal Best Education*, Mountbatten School - Football Development Centre, Holiday Clubs, After School Clubs at a large number of primary schools across the borough, mainly in the south sub area.
  - *360 Degree Sports Coaching*, Southampton - Lunchtime Clubs, After School Clubs at schools mainly in the south sub area.
  - *Saints Foundation* - various school and community offers including in 2019: A Residential Soccer School for 9-15yr olds at Embley school (a week in August); An After School Club for Reception to Year 6 at Kimpton Primary School (Weds after school autumn term); A Day Soccer School for 5-13 yr old at Andover Sports Academy (Christmas Holiday); Saints Football Tots for 2-4yr olds at Yellow Dot Nursery, Chilworth (Half hour on Tuesdays).

- *Pezzaz Street Soccer & Football Academy* - weekly player development sessions for primary age children in the sports halls at John Hanson School and Winton Academy in Andover on Wednesdays after school and Saturday mornings, plus football holiday courses and fun days.
- *Chris McGinn Coaching Solutions, Real Madrid Soccer Camps, Premier Football Camps* - player development days and soccer camps at Andover (Charlton) Sports Academy.

#### Disability Football

- 5.18 Opportunities for people with disabilities to play team football in the borough are currently quite limited. Streets Ahead Youth is the main provider programming opportunities for children with disabilities in the north of the borough to play five a side on Sunday mornings at the Andover New Street FC ground in Foxcotte Sports Park. Streets Ahead enter teams in the Saints Pan Disability Football League.
- 5.19 Currently, in the south of the borough, the nearest disability football sessions currently are at Places Leisure in Eastleigh which hosts sessions delivered by Saints Foundation for both deaf/hearing impaired footballers and blind/visually impaired footballers aged 5-15 on Saturday mornings. The development of the Stoneham Lane Football Complex is likely to increase inclusive football opportunities to disabled people in the south of Test Valley borough in future.
- 5.20 In the north sub area, the village of Enham Alamein just to the north of Andover is the base for the Enham Trust, a charity supporting a substantial residential community of disabled people to live, work and enjoy life. The Trust is seeking to address the issue of inactivity among disabled people mainly because of a lack of accessible facilities, financial constraints and transports issues. Whilst not football-specific, the Trust is currently actively campaigning to raise sufficient funds to refurbish a building on its campus in the village into a sports hall for use by the local resident community of disabled people.

#### Imported and exported demand

- 5.21 Little imported demand from outside the area has been identified aside from, in the north sub area, some youth football club teams from outside the borough hiring small sided pitches at East Anton. In the south sub area, while Test Valley based club teams regularly host opponents travelling from outside Test Valley, there are few teams from outside that play home fixtures on Test Valley pitches. The exception is Colden Common Youth Football Club from Eastleigh. This large club has only a single pitch home site in Eastleigh Borough and currently hires pitches for some of its home games at Hunts Farm and at Sherfield English Sports Ground pre-season.
- 5.22 Southampton Women's FC, originally based in Southampton City, are now established at the Bypass Romsey Town Stadium in Romsey and are considered a Test Valley based club.
- 5.23 There are more instances of exported demand - i.e. teams from Test Valley clubs playing or training outside Test Valley. In part this is due to the location of central leagues just across the boundary - for example the Eastleigh & District Minisoccer League (EDMSL) now based at the Stoneham Lane Football Complex in Eastleigh. Also, St Francis Youth FC teams train extensively on 3G pitches in Eastleigh Borough at Wide Lane Sports Ground and at Toynbee School due to the lack of peak time capacity on the FTP at Mountbatten School. Similarly, Braishfield Bees train on the FTP at Thornden School in Chandler's Ford (Eastleigh Borough) due to lack of availability of mid week training slots at Mountbatten.

#### Football Participation Trends

- 5.24 *Adults:* The most recently published findings of the national Active Lives Adult Survey<sup>5</sup> (October 2019) showed that self reported regular participation (i.e. taken

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<sup>5</sup> Active Lives Adult Survey May 2018/19, Sport England, (October 2019)

part at least twice in the last 28 days) in football in England by adults (aged 16+) fell -0.6% over the three years between 2015-16 and 2018-19 to 4.6%.

- 5.25 Analysis by gender shows:
- Among male adults, the football participation rate in 2018-19 was 8.4% and the fall over the three years was significant at -1.3%.
  - Among female adults, the football participation rate in 2018-19 was just 0.9% with no significant change over the previous three years.
- 5.26 If football participation in Test Valley were at the national average (i.e. 4.6%), this would indicate around 2,760 adults (aged 16+) living in the borough play football (out of a 16+ adult population in 2019 of approximately 60,000 (male and females)).
- 5.27 Given that almost all football played by adults in Test Valley currently is by men, it is appropriate to consider most closely the adult male participation rate. Among the 30,000 approx. male residents aged 16+, the national participation rate of 8.4% gives a total of approximately 2,520 adult male players in Test Valley.
- 5.28 With 52 adult male teams of at least 11 players currently plus nine u18 sides, the affiliated adult football club playing membership in Test Valley is close to 900 players (assuming an average of 15 squad players per affiliated team). This suggests that well over half of all regular adult football played in the borough is likely to be unaffiliated football within small-sided leagues or friendly games.
- 5.29 *Children & Young People:* The Active Lives Children & Young People Survey<sup>6</sup> published its first report of findings in December 2018 based on data collected from year 3-11 pupils and parents of years 1-2 pupils in the 2017/18 academic year.
- 5.30 Focusing in on the older group (i.e. school years 5-11) and team sports activities, the findings show that just under a third (30.3%) of children aged 10 to 16 surveyed in England had participated in football outdoors at least once in the last week outside of school. Statistically significant data at local authority level for individual sports is not available.
- Sports Market Segmentation (SMS)
- 5.31 As the two graphs below illustrate, there is higher demand from those adult Sports Market Segmentation Groups 'Tim', 'Ben' and 'Philip' playing and wanting to play football in Test Valley (the blue column) compared to the averages across the Active Sports Partnership area (Hampshire and IoW), the SE region and England as a whole (the green dot). This suggests there is considerable latent demand among adults in Test Valley to play football or to play football more often.
- 5.32 Among the adult female SMS Groups football participation is low with 'Chloe' the Group most likely to play or want to play football in Test Valley - i.e. 'fitness class friends, young image conscious females keeping fit and trim'.
- 5.33 The main characteristics of the main Groups already playing the game or interested in playing (i.e. latent demand) are:
- Ben - competitive male urbanites, recent graduates
  - Tim - settling down males, sporty professionals,
  - Philip - comfortable, midlife males, professional.

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<sup>6</sup> Active Lives Children and Young People Survey Academic Year 2018/19, Sport England (December 2019)

Figure 5.2: Market Segmentation – currently participating in Football

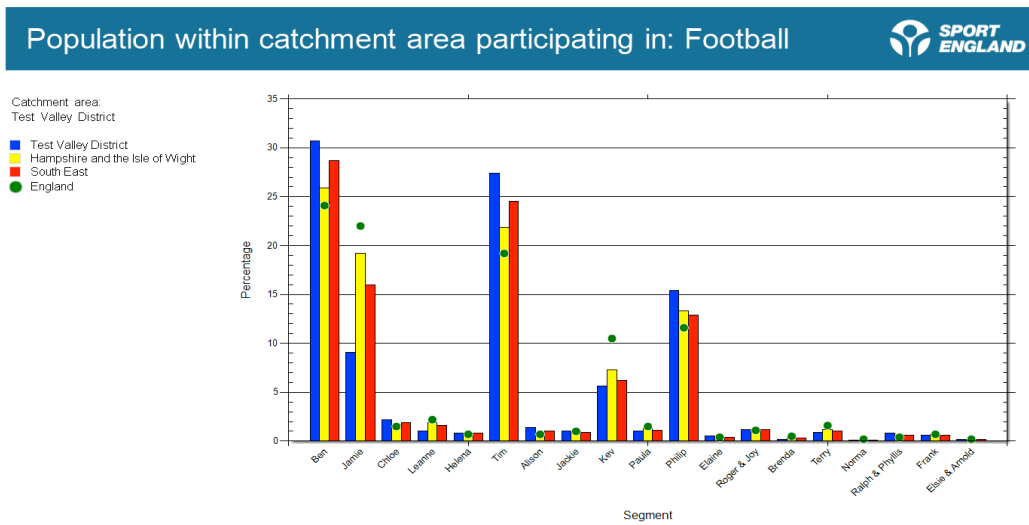
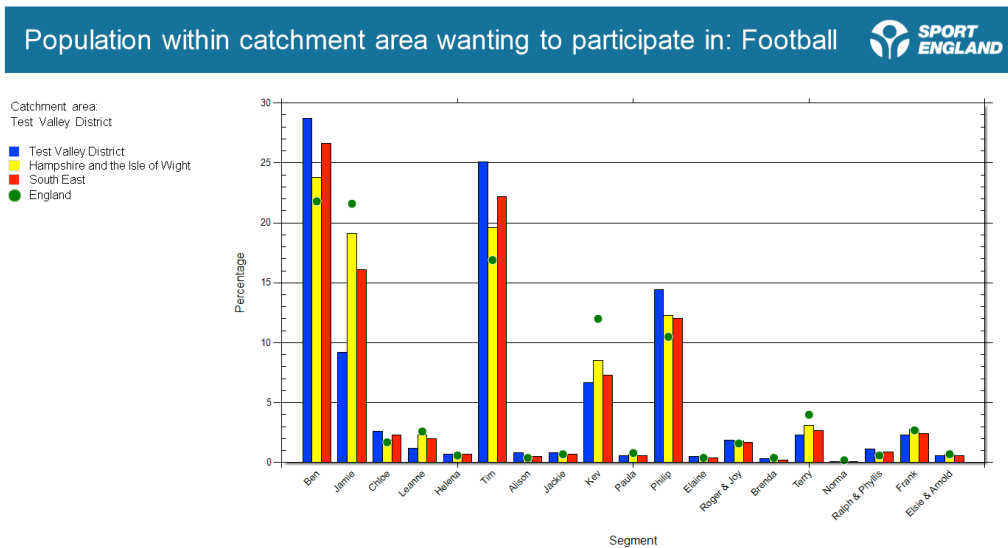


Figure 5.3: Market Segmentation – would like to participate in Football



Source: Sport England Sports Market Segmentation Planning Tool

Peak Hours

- 5.34 Current expressed demand for pitch space by affiliated clubs and teams for games and training is summarised below from data provided by the Hampshire FA, by clubs in online survey returns, by schools (lettings sheets) and parish councils.
- 5.35 In terms of peak times of play, Saturday mornings are the main focus for youth league play (except in Andover, where the largest youth league plays on Sundays) and Saturday afternoon for senior league games. This places heavy demand on the available pitches on Saturdays throughout the season, particularly in the south sub region around Romsey.



Table 5.4: Football - Club Demand

Test Valley Based Clubs	Teams	League(s)	Ground(s)	Training Venue(s)
<b>North</b>				
Andover Town FC	1 (men)	Wessex Division 1	Portway Stadium (Sat)	Portway Stadium
Andover Town Youth FC	23 (5v5 to 11v11 mixed)	Various, mainly Peter Houseman Youth	East Anton Charlton Sports Academy Portway Junior School (mostly Sun)	Charlton Sports Academy
Andover New Street FC	2 (men)	Wessex Division 1 Andover & District Saturday	Foxcotte Park (Sat)	Foxcotte Park (small lit area)
Andover New Street Inclusion (Streets Ahead)	3 (5v5 mixed)	Saints Foundation Pan Disability	Foxcotte Park (Sun)	
Andover New Street Youth FC	5 (5v5 to 11v11)	Various	Saxon Fields (Sat) u16s Foxcotte Park (Sat)	Harrow Way School - <i>not in 2019</i>
CK Andover FC	2 (men)	Andover & District Saturday	Picket Twenty (Sat)	
Ck Andover Youth FC	6 (9v9 to 11v11 mixed)	Testway Youth	Goodworth Clatford Recreation Ground (Sat) Upper Clatford Sports Field (Sat)	John Hanson School (sand AGP)
Shooters Youth FC	12 (5v5 to 11v11 mixed)	Testway Youth	Wherwell Playing Field (Sat) East Anton (Sat)	Wherwell Playing Field (sand MUGA) John Hanson School (sand AGP)
Upper Clatford Youth FC	8 (5v5 to 11v11 mixed)	Testway Youth	Upper Clatford Sports Field (Sat)	Upper Clatford Sport Field (early/late season)
Shipton Bellinger Rams YFC	6 (5v5 to 11v11 mixed)	Testway Youth	Shipton Bellinger Playing Field (Sat)	
Barton Stacey FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Barton Stacey Recreation Ground (Sun)	
Barton Stacey Youth FC	2 (11v11 mixed)	Testway Youth	Barton Stacey Recreation Ground (Sat)	
Andover Central FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	London Road (Sun)	
Andover Robins FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	London Road (Sun)	
Andover Royals FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Charlton Sports Academy (Sun)	
Baltic Youth FC	1 (7v7 mixed)	Peter Houseman Youth	East Anton (Sun)	East Anton (early/late season)
AMF United FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Picket Twenty (Sun)	
Charlton Royals FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Picket Twenty (Sun)	
Wherwell Royals FC	2 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Chilbolton Playing Fields (Sun) - <i>no hires 2019</i> Wherwell Playing Fields (Sun)	
FC Anton	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Winton Academy (Sun)	John Hanson School (sand AGP)

Test Valley Based Clubs	Teams	League(s)	Ground(s)	Training Venue(s)
Abbotts Ann Eagles FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Bulberry Sports Field (Sun)	
Vernham Dean Royals FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Vernham Dean Playing Field (Sun)	
Lee Filters FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Appleshaw Memorial Playing Field (Sun)	
Pharmasol Ayrtons FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Appleshaw Memorial Playing Field (Sun)	
Andover Galaxy FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Test Valley School (Sun) - no hires 2019	
Athletico QC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Test Valley School (Sun) - no hires 2019	
Welcome Stranger FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	Kimpton Fyfield & Thruxton Playing Field - no hires 2019	
Whitchurch United Youth FC	4 (9v9 mixed)	Testway Youth Peter Houseman Youth	Longparish Football Pitch - not in 2019	Testbourne Community School (Basingstoke & Deane District)
<b>South</b>				
Romsey Town FC	2 (men)	Wessex Division 1 Wyvern Combination	Bypass Ground (Sat)	Mountbatten School 3G
Southampton Women's FC	2 (women) +u16, u12, u11 girls	National League Division 1 SW Hampshire Girls Youth	Bypass Ground (Sun) - new in 2019 Girls Youth (Sat)	
Romsey Town Youth FC	9 (9v9 & 11v11 mixed)	Various, including Hampshire Girls Youth	Hunts Farm Hardmoor Embley Romsey Sports Centre (Mostly Sat)	Mountbatten School 3G
St Francis Youth FC	13 (5v5 to 11v11 mixed)	Various, including Hampshire Girls Youth	Hunts Farm Knightwood Leisure Centre (Mostly Sat)	Toynbee School & Wide Lane Sports Ground (both in Eastleigh Borough)
Braishfield FC	2 (men)	Southampton Saturday	Braishfield Recreation Ground (Sat)	
Braishfield Bees Youth FC	8 (5v5 to 11v11 mixed)	Testway Youth	Hunts Farm (Sat) Halterworth Primary School (Sat) Braishfield Recreation Ground (Sat)	Mountbatten School 3G
Broughton FC	3 (men)	Andover & District Saturday Andover & District Sunday	Broughton Sports Field (Sat & Sun)	
Broughton Youth FC	5 (7v7 to 11v11 mixed)	Testway Youth	Broughton Sports Field (Sat) Middle Wallop Station (Sat)	Broughton Sports Field (early/late season) Middle Wallop Station
Baddesley Park Vets	1 (men)	Southampton Saturday - <i>Friendlies only in 2019</i>	North Baddesley Recreation Ground (Sat)	
Baddesley Park Youth FC	4 (youth 11v11)	Southampton & District Tyro Sunday Youth	North Baddesley Recreation Ground (Sun)	North Baddesley Recreation Ground

Test Valley Based Clubs	Teams	League(s)	Ground(s)	Training Venue(s)
				(early/late season)
Wellow Youth FC	4 (11v11 mixed)	City of Southampton Youth Southampton & District Tyro Sunday Youth	Hatches Farm Playing Fields	Hatches Farm Playing Fields (early/late season)
Athletico Romsey FC	3 (men)	Southampton Saturday City of Southampton Sunday	Hunts Farm (Sat & Sun)	
Athletico Romsey Youth FC	1 (9v9 mixed)	Southampton & District Tyro Sunday Youth	Mountbatten School (Sun)	Mountbatten School 3G
Rodaway Rovers FC	3 (11v11 mixed)	Southampton & District Tyro Sunday Youth; Hampshire Girls Youth	Hardmoor (Sun)	Valentine Primary School (City of Southampton)
Stockbridge Town FC	1 (men)	Hampshire Premier	Stockbridge FC ground (Sat)	Stockbridge FC ground
Stockbridge Town Youth	1 (7v7 mixed)	Testway Youth	Stockbridge Primary School Field (Sat) - <i>new in 2019</i>	
Michelmersh & Timsbury FC	3 (men)	Hampshire Premier City of Southampton Saturday City of Southampton Sunday	Michelmersh & Timsbury Recreation Ground (Sat & Sun) Hunts Farm - <i>adjacent site</i>	
Michelmersh & Timsbury YFC	1 (11v11 mixed)	Testway Youth	Michelmersh & Timsbury Recreation Ground (Sat)	Mountbatten School 3G
King's Somborne FC	1 (men)	Andover & District Sunday	King's Somborne Recreation Ground (Sun)	King's Somborne RG hard court MUGA
Old Tauntonians & Romsey FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Hunts Farm (Sun)	
AFC Forestside	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Hunts Farm (Sun)	
Embley Park FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Hunts Farm (Sun)	
Sherfield English Youth FC	1 (11v11 m)	Testway Youth	Sherfield English Sports Ground (Sat)	
Star Romsey FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Hunts Farm (Sun)	
Whitenap FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Hunts Farm (Sun)	
Hamwic Rovers FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Sherfield English Sports Field (Sun)	
OS Romsey FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Sherfield English Sports Field (Sun)	

Test Valley Based Clubs	Teams	League(s)	Ground(s)	Training Venue(s)
Empire FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Sherfield English Sports Field (Sun)	
Montford FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Sherfield English Sports Field (Sun)	
Star Inn FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Sherfield English Sports Field (Sun)	
360 FC	2 (7v7 & 9v9 mixed)	Southampton & District Tyro Sunday Youth Testway Youth	Sherfield English Sports Field (Sat & Sun)	
Mottisfont FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Mottisfont Sports Field (Sun)	
Newton Heath 1977 FC	1 (men)	City of Southampton Sunday	Nursling Recreation Ground (Sun)	
Nursling FC	2 (men)	City of Southampton Saturday	Nursling Recreation Ground (Sat)	
AFC Stoneham Youth FC	2 (9v9 mixed)	JPL Southampton Development	Hardmoor (Sun)	
Club Deportivo Boca	2 (11v11)	City of Southampton Youth	Hardmoor (Sun)	The Hub (Eastleigh Borough)
Hursley Youth FC	1 (11v11 mixed)	n/a	Hardmoor (Sun)	
Eastleigh FC	3 (11v11 girls)	Hampshire Girls Youth	St George's Catholic College (Sat)	
Hampshire Walking Football	5v5	n/a	Knightwood Leisure Centre 3G MUGA (Thurs)	
Knightwood Park Walking Football	5v5	n/a	Knightwood Leisure Centre 3G MUGA (Tues)	
<i>Test Valley Spartans</i>	<i>1 (men)</i>	<i>City of Southampton Sunday</i>	<i>Sherfield English Sports Field (Sun) - not in 2019</i>	
<i>FC Queen Charlotte</i>	<i>1 (men)</i>	<i>Andover &amp; District Sunday</i>	<i>Enham Alamein Playing Field - closed 2019</i>	

Clubs in italics are imported demand - i.e. have home grounds outside Test Valley  
Sources: Hampshire FA 2018/19 affiliated team data, plus club surveys site visits etc.

### Club aspirations

- 5.36 Several of the larger youth football clubs based in Test Valley report aspirations for further growth to provide for unmet and latent demand. However, at present, the growth aspirations of the main town-based clubs are constrained by lack of availability of pitch time in the peak hours for matches and of peak evening 3G slots for training.
- o *Romsey Town FC* - The senior section of the club has short term facility enhancement priorities to sustain its existing operations at the Bypass Ground - i.e. upgrading the changing rooms and mechanical and electric services. In the longer term, the club aspires to progress in the NLS, potentially to Step 4 or 3 (Southern League) and secure the necessary quality of ground facilities. The ground aspirations include a high quality artificial grass pitch to accommodate the club's large and growing affiliated youth section with the aim of improving the player pathway whilst helping to sustain the club. The youth section has increased the number of female teams by 3/4 over the last three seasons and considers further growth is constrained by lack of FTP pitch capacity locally in Romsey for midweek team training. From 2021/22, once Ganger Farm is open,

the club would like to have access to the floodlit grass training area to the rear of the Romsey Sports Centre currently used for rugby training.

- *Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC* - The club currently runs one football team and has aspirations to grow into youth football in the winter months which will be facilitated when the rugby club relocates to Ganger Farm. By developing youth football at Romsey Sports Centre to complement the club's core cricket activities in summer, it will help to sustain the club and its aspirations for a modern clubhouse.
- *Andover New Street FC* - The short term facility improvement priority is to provide permanent changing rooms at Foxcotte to replace existing portacabin changing rooms. The club has been successful in recent seasons in growing its youth section and Streets Ahead pan disability operations. The club has aspirations to grow a FUNdamentals football school for 5-6 year olds and considers there is a need for increased peak time capacity of children's 5v5 pitches and floodlit training facilities. In the short term, the club sees an opportunity to extend a small existing grass training area on its site. In the longer term, it considers more 3G capacity will be needed in the town to accommodate growth in children's and youth football as well as 11 a side match play in prolonged periods of wet winter weather. The club is in preliminary discussions with Harrow Way School concerning the feasibility of developing a 3G pitch for shared use on the school site.
- *Andover Town FC* - The club and college are considering adding a reserve side for the first team to play home games on alternate Saturdays on the Portway Stadium pitch. The youth section relies on access to pitches at other sites (e.g. Upper Clatford) for matches and further growth will require more pitch capacity in Andover for matches and training, potentially through change of playing surface of the existing stadium pitch to 3G or through provision of a second FTP at the Sports Academy (subject to feasibility and funding).
- *Bellinger Rams FC* - The club plans to increase the number of youth teams but is concerned regarding access to and cost of floodlit training facilities.
- *Braishfield FC* - The club aspires to secure a lease from Braishfield Parish Council on its home ground - Braishfield Recreation Ground - and to raise the necessary funds to upgrade the facilities to allow promotion to the Wessex League.

## 6. The situation at individual sites

- 6.1 The pitches were quality-assessed in late October 2019. Representatives of the Football Foundation and Hampshire FA have reviewed the pitch audit assessments and playing capacity ratings.
- 6.2 Carrying capacity for football is a measure of the number of *match equivalent sessions* (MES) of play (matches or training) each week that the pitch can accommodate without adverse impact on the pitch quality for the following week.

Table 6.1: FA PPS Guide - Pitch Carrying Capacities

Rating	Adult Pitch 11v11	Youth Pitch (11v11 or 9v9)	Junior Pitch (7v7 or 5v5)
	<i>Carrying capacity - average Match Equivalent Sessions in a week</i>		
Good	3	4	6
Standard	2	2	4
Poor	1	1	2

Source: PPS Guidance Sport England, October 2013

- 6.3 The audit data table appended summarises the situation at each football pitch site with regard to:

*Pitch supply* (including the quality ratings) and conclusions reached as to the amount of play a site can accommodate (i.e. its carrying capacity).

The amount of play estimated to take place at each site in the season (i.e. the expressed demand) adjusted to reflect any casual or education use in addition to club/team use for matches and training in the peak community hours.

The comparison (shown as a RAG rating) as to whether, for each pitch type it contains, a site is:

- RED - Being overplayed (current use exceeds the carrying capacity)
- AMBER - Being played to the level the site can sustain (current use matches the carrying capacity), or
- GREEN - Potentially able to accommodate some additional play (current use falls below the carrying capacity).

## 7. Current Supply and Demand Balance

### Grass Pitches

- 7.1 The table below compares estimates of the total football play on natural grass pitches in the peak period (weekends and evenings) against available capacity across all the football playing field sites in the borough and in each of the two sub areas.
- 7.2 Only those sites where there is secured community access (i.e. local authority and club owned/leased sites) are included in this analysis. Community football at independent schools, primary schools and the MOD site in the borough is excluded as unsecured access. The impact of the new good quality grass football pitches at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm (1 adult and three junior size) and the new adult pitch at Abbotswood Playing Field on the supply demand balance in the south sub area (i.e. +15 MES) is shown in brackets in table 7.1 below.

Table 7.1: Supply/Demand Balance - secured sites by sub area

Sub Area	Secured capacity (MES/week)	Estimated Use (MES/week) in peak period	Supply/Demand Balance (RAG)	
North	95.5	56.5	+ 39 MES	
South	85.5 (100.5)	62.5	+ 23 MES	(+38)
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>181.0 (196.0)</b>	<b>119.0</b>	<b>+ 62 MES</b>	<b>(+77)</b>

- 7.3 The table shows that there is a positive supply balance (i.e. unused capacity) for football in the borough as a whole and in both the north and south sub areas.
- 7.4 However, more than half the secured capacity is located in the villages outside of the most densely populated areas - i.e. the main towns of Andover and Romsey. Table 7.2 shows that at present population levels and expressed levels of demand, there is minimal spare capacity in the weekend peak on secured grass pitches, particularly in Romsey. This allows no 'buffer' or 'reserve' to give the most heavily used pitches time to recover following prolonged periods of wet winter weather. The additional supply that will become available at Kings Chase / Ganger Farm and Abbotswood Recreation Ground in 2021/22 will relieve some of this pressure in the peak period. The impact of this new supply on the future supply/demand balance in Romsey is shown in brackets in table 7.2 below.
- 7.5 In Andover, the relatively new provision for football at East Anton, Picket Twenty and Picket Piece have served to provide additional match play capacity in the peak period.

Table 7.2: Supply/Demand Balance - secured sites by main town

Sub Area	Secured capacity (MES/week)	Estimated Use (MES/week) in peak period	Supply/Demand Balance (RAG)	
Andover Town	54.0	38.0	+ 16 MES	
Romsey Town	31.5 (46.5)	30.0	+ 1.5 MES	(+16.5)

- 7.6 The following table shows the balance of football pitch supply and demand by pitch size to meet the demands of affiliated team football across the age groups in the peak weekend period. This illustrates that the main pressure point relates to youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches due to the steady growth in the number of teams in these age groups in recent seasons, both boys and girls. This is mainly an issue on Saturdays in Romsey as, currently, most of the youth leagues in the south area play their matches on Saturdays. In Andover, there is less of an issue with regard to availability of youth pitches as the Peter Houseman Youth Football League programmes most of its fixtures on Sundays.

Table 7.3: Supply/Demand Balance - peak period by team category/pitch type

Team Category	Total pitches	Secured pitches	Secured capacity MES/wk	Demand - Sat No. MES (Teams)	Demand - Sun No. MES (Teams)	Total Demand in peak MES/wk
11v11	50	45	86	11.0 MES (22 teams)	16.0 MES (32 teams)	27.0 (54 teams)
Y 11v11	20	15	26	29.0 MES (58 teams)	9.5 MES (19 teams)	38.5 (77 teams)
9v9	12	10	16	12.5 MES (25 teams)	3.5 MES (7 teams)	16.0 (32 teams)
7v7	15	7	26	3.5 MES (7 teams)	1.0 MES (2 teams)	4.5 (9 teams)
5v5	10	7	27	6.0 MES (12 teams)	1.5 MES (3 teams)	7.5 (15 teams)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>84 (78.5%)</b>	<b>181.0</b>	<b>62.0 (124 teams)</b>	<b>31.5 (63 teams)</b>	<b>93.5 (187 teams)</b>

- 7.7 Across Test Valley, with demand from 58 teams for youth 11v11 pitches on a Saturday for league games, 29 pitches would need to be available to accommodate all home games if played at the same time. With 20 youth 11v11 pitches available in the borough (including those on unsecured school sites) there is a current shortfall of five youth 11v11 pitches. As a consequence of this shortfall, some kick off times have to be staggered (i.e. games played back to back on the same pitch) on Saturdays, or youth games played on senior pitches.

### 3G Pitches

- 7.8 During the last decade 3G FTPs have played an increasing role within the national game. They are regarded by the Football Association as the optimum facility for training by clubs. In recent seasons they have also become more popular for competitive matches to reduce reliance on local authority park pitches and maintenance particularly in response to increasing pressures on local government finances and budgets and the growing challenges presented by climate change and more extreme autumn and winter rainfalls.
- 7.9 With this in mind, the FA has designed a model scenario to help with understanding what demand there may be for full size<sup>7</sup> floodlit 3G FTPs in Test Valley if increased amounts of play were to take place on them.
- 7.10 The scenario question tested is: *How many full size floodlit 3G FTPs may be required to meet demand within Test Valley if all teams playing competitive football had access to a full size floodlit 3G FTP to train on once a week?*
- 7.11 The answer is set out below based on three full sized floodlit 3G FTPs which have full community use during peak periods<sup>8</sup> - i.e. The Sports Academy FTP in Andover and the FTPs at Mountbatten School in Romsey and St George's Catholic College in the south east of the borough adjacent to the boundary.

<sup>7</sup> A full size 3G FTP measuring 106m x 70m including run off/safety margins.

<sup>8</sup> Weekdays 17:00 - 21:00 (or 19:00 on Fridays) and 09:00 - 17:00 on weekends.



7.12 The results should be viewed as providing no more than an indication of the 'full size pitch equivalents' that may be demanded should this model approach be followed in Test Valley. In practice, in Test Valley, as in all areas, actual demand by clubs and teams is influenced mainly by cost factors and many teams will continue to train for free in parks when evening light allows and on sand based artificial grass pitches if these charge lower hire fees than a 3G equivalent.

FA Training Scenario Results

7.13 As a guide the FA suggest that 1 full size floodlit 3G FTP could potentially accommodate this training demand from 38 teams. The information from the assessment indicates that there are 187 teams playing competitive football in Test Valley. Using the FA's 1:38 ratio suggests that 5 full size equivalent floodlit 3G FTPs would be required to meet 100% of team football training on 3G within Test Valley.

7.14 Under this FA scenario, two more FTPs would be needed in the borough to meet the current training needs of all club teams.

7.15 In the Romsey area, it has been established that the grass pitch supply for youth match play is under greater demand pressure than is the case in Andover. However, 3 new FTPs have just been added to the supply at Stoneham Lane Football Complex just over the boundary. This, together with the availability of small sided FTPs for training at Knightwood Leisure Centre, Knightwood Primary School and Silverlake Stadium, and the imminent provision of additional youth grass pitches and a rugby compliant 3G AGP also suitable for football at Ganger Farm, suggest that the more pressing need for additional FTP supply is in Andover. The priority need for additional 3G supply in Andover is supported by Hampshire FA.

## 8. The Future Picture of Provision

8.1 The analysis in table 8.1 considers the extent of forecast population growth in Test Valley borough and the potential impact on the level of demand for football pitches in the longer term to 2036.

8.2 Future population growth figures have been calculated for the period of this strategy against the primary age groups for football participation. The population growth estimates have been produced using 2016-based Sub-National Population Projections produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Table 8.1: Population Projections and Football Team Generation Rates (TGR)

Age Group	No. Teams*	Pop 2019	Pop 2036	TGR	Pop Change	Potential Change in Teams
Adult Men 11v11 (16-45)	52	19,823	20,929	381	1,106	+3
Adult Women 11v11 (16-45)	2	20,604	21,489	10,302	885	-
Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15)	22	2,943	3,250	134	307	+2
Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15)	8	2,834	3,225	354	391	+1
Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11)	20	1,596	1,639	82	43	+0.5
Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11)	10	1,571	1,612	161	41	+0.25
Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9)	9	3,178	3,193	353	15	-
Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7)	9	3,149	3,117	350	-32	-

\* Excludes Walking Football, Disability teams.

8.3 Despite an overall borough population growth forecast (based on 2016 sub national ONS figures) of +12,209 (from 125,700 to 137,909), the forecast shows a

slight fall in the youngest age group 6-7 year olds. Unsurprisingly, the highest growth in Test Valley will be in the age groups above 45yrs among which regular participation in football is negligible, mainly recreational 5 aside and walking football. Active Lives Survey data shows that, nationally, participation in sport and active recreation in the older age groups for all playing pitch sports is lower than in the under 45s.

- 8.4 Assuming current football team generation rates (i.e. the number of residents in the prime football age groups in the population per existing football team), and the forecast population growth to 2036 in these age groups, demand for approximately 3 additional adult 11v11 teams and 3-4 youth 11v11 or 9v9 teams will be generated by 2036 requiring playing capacity for matches and training - i.e. up to 7 new teams in total.
- 8.5 However, this figure should be considered with caution in the context of the increasing development focus and aspirations of the FA and several of the larger clubs in the borough to continue to grow girls and women's football. Based on recent girls' football growth trends in the borough and latent demand, the number of additional women and girls football teams in Test Valley is likely to be considerably greater by 2036. It is reasonable to plan for a growth scenario where the existing number of women and girls teams increases by 50% by 2036 as the larger clubs committed to development add new female age group sides year on year. A 50% growth assumption equates to one further women's 11v11 side, 4 additional Youth Girls 11v11 sides (increased from 1 in the TGR calculation in table 8.1 above), and 5 additional Youth Girls 9v9 sides (increased from 0.25 in the TGR calculation) by 2036. This is equivalent to up to 10 additional teams making 17 in total.
- 8.6 The impact of these factors - i.e. population growth, club team growth and development aspirations particularly in the women and girls game - on the overall picture of pitch provision for football in the borough will need be kept under periodic review over the period of the strategy.
- 8.7 Given the current spare capacity of grass pitches in the borough for adult football, adult team growth is likely to be accommodated quite comfortably by the existing supply of senior 11v11 pitches. However, as identified in the previous section, there is an existing shortfall of youth pitches which is likely to become more acute as a result of population growth and expansion of girls' youth football over the new Local Plan period if no new capacity is provided. The options available to provide more capacity for youth football include improving the quality and playing capacity of existing youth football pitches, replacing or over marking some existing adult pitches as youth pitches (for example at Picket Twenty), and providing new supply (grass or 3G) when opportunities arise. In the short to medium term, given the new 3G pitch development in the south sub at Ganger Farm (one 3G rugby share) and just over the borough boundary at Stoneham (three 3Gs football only), the priority location for more 3G capacity is Andover in the north of the borough.

## 9. Summary of key findings and issues

Football
<p><b>What are the main characteristics of the <u>current</u> supply of and demand for provision?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On a per capita basis, with 107 operational football pitches in 2019, Test Valley provided one football pitch per every 1,196 residents (based on 2018 population projections). In comparison with its neighbour local authorities, this is a relatively high level of provision, on a par with Basingstoke &amp; Deane with only Winchester District having significantly more football pitches per head of population.</li> <li>○ The distribution of supply of natural turf pitches is broadly equitably split between the north and south sub areas.</li> <li>○ Despite the proximity of Romsey to the City of Southampton, which has low secured pitch supply per head, there is very little imported demand from City-based football club teams. However, it is likely that a significant proportion of the playing membership of the main community football clubs in Romsey (Romsey Town, St Francis) are resident in either the City of Southampton or Eastleigh Borough.</li> <li>○ The tradition of mens' Sunday league football remains quite strong in Test Valley although it is clear that the national trend of decline in this form of the game has had an impact in recent seasons with a number of village teams folding and several parish councils no longer maintaining their recreation ground pitches for match play.</li> <li>○ In contrast, affiliated youth football and mini soccer demand is strong and growing, particularly strongly focused on the main town-based youth football clubs - Romsey Town, St Francis, Andover Town, Andover New Street, CK Andover - but also in smaller settlements such as Braishfield, Wherwell (Shooters FC), Shipton Bellinger, Broughton, Wellow and Goodworth Clatford.</li> <li>○ The largest multi-team youth football clubs - Romsey Town, St Francis, Andover Town, Andover New Street - currently play and train across several sites as there is no hub football site in either town with sufficient capacity in the peak to accommodate all home fixtures on pitches of the required sizes.</li> <li>○ Opportunities for women and girls to play competitive football in Test Valley have expanded quite substantially in recent seasons - largely based around the development of new girls' teams from mixed age group teams in the largest clubs. There is latent demand for further growth in this area of the game.</li> <li>○ Lack of sufficient floodlit 3G capacity in the borough for mini soccer league games on Saturdays and for team training in the peak Monday to Thursday evening slots is an issue although, in the south sub area, this will be improved by the development of the Stoneham Lane Football Complex with 3 FTPs and youth grass pitches just across the borough boundary in Eastleigh.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet <u>current</u> demand?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall, the findings of the detailed analysis of supply and demand for football pitches evidences that across the borough as a whole there is sufficient quantity of accessible and secured grass football pitch provision to meet current match play and recreational demand but there is a shortfall of provision of floodlit 3G pitches in the north sub area to allow all teams to train in the peak evening slots.</li> <li>○ Whilst there is unused capacity for formal matches in the peak period in the borough, more than half the secured capacity is located in the villages outside of the most densely populated areas - i.e. the main towns of Andover and Romsey - where there are pressures.</li> <li>○ The main pressure points relate to youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches at weekends and 3G pitches for training in the evening peak. Recent new natural turf pitch supply in Andover - Picket Twenty, East Anton, Picket Piece - and new committed pitch projects in Romsey (Ganger Farm, Abbotswood) address current match day capacity needs although there is a needs case for some of the adult pitches at Picket Twenty to be changed to youth sizes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall, the three stadium football pitches, and the main public playing field sites in Andover and Romsey, are maintained appropriately.</li> <li>○ There are localised drainage system issues at Hunts Farm Sports Ground due to the age of the system.</li> <li>○ There is also a case for improving the aeration of pitches on the key football sites in the two towns (e.g. by regular verti-draining) although this would have cost implications for the Borough Council.</li> <li>○ A number of the parish council maintained pitches that are used regularly for affiliated football are maintained to a lower standard and would benefit from enhanced regimes to improve the quality of player experience and, potentially, increase capacity - e.g. Wherwell, Wellow at Hatches Farm, Goodworth Clatford, Braishfield, Upper Clatford, Shipton Bellinger, North Baddesley, Nursling.</li> </ul>

- All of the Borough Council's public playing field sites for football have good quality ancillary facilities - changing, social, parking.
- However, there are quality issues with ancillary changing, social and parking facilities at a number of football sites in the borough including two of the three football stadia - Foxcotte (Andover New Street) and the Bypass Ground (Romsey Town) - as well as at some of the parish council owned grounds that host affiliated football. Examples include: Broughton (pavilion), Upper Clatford (parking), Barton Stacey (pavilion), Nursling (pavilion).

**What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?**

- Assuming current football 'team generation rates' and the forecast population growth to 2036 in these age groups, growth in demand is likely to require capacity for 3 new adult teams and 3-4 youth teams, although based on the recent trend and the FA's development focus, this may be an underestimate due to growth in the women and girls' game. In light of these trends and development aspirations, it is reasonable to plan to provide sufficient playing and training capacity by 2036 for:
  - 4 new adult 11v11 teams (3 men, 1 women)
  - 6 new youth 11v11 teams (2 boys, 4 girls)
  - 6 new youth 9v9 teams (1 boys, 5 girls)
- It is likely that demand for affiliated men's football in the villages will continue to experience decline given the established trends. The impact is already being seen with fewer parishes maintaining formal football facilities and giving over their recreation grounds to informal recreation.
- However, this decline in demand for traditional men's football is likely to be offset by the growth trend in unaffiliated small-sided football and recreational football played on artificial grass pitches and for youth football, both for boys and girls requiring appropriate changing facilities in pavilions.

**Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?**

- The findings of the detailed analysis of supply and demand for football pitches evidences that there is an existing shortfall of youth pitches in the two towns which is likely to become more acute as a result of population growth and expansion of girls' youth football over the new Local Plan period if no new capacity is provided. This youth team growth, together with future adult demand for small-sided football and recreational football will further increase demand in the peak evening slots for the existing 3G pitches which are already at capacity during these times.
- The options available to provide more capacity include:
  - Improving the quality and playing capacity of existing youth football pitches to include key sites in the rural areas, potentially by the governing bodies establishing a 'Maintenance Hub' with specialist equipment and training in its use for club /parish ground staff
  - Replacing or over marking some existing adult pitches as youth pitches (for example at Picket Twenty)
  - Providing new supply (grass or 3G) in Romsey and Andover when opportunities arise with the priority in the short term of additional 3G capacity for team training and recreational football in Andover.

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Site Specific Audit Data - FOOTBALL (NB. Rows highlighted in grey refer to sites with a 3G pitch with or without natural turf pitches. Rows highlighted in peach refer to new playing field sites in development).

Site Name & Address	Ownership / Management	Access Security	Grass Pitches	AGPs / MUGAs	Pavilion / Changing Rooms	Pitch Rating	Pavilion Rating	Cap MES/wk	Use MES/wk	Peak Use (% of cap)	RAG	HFA Affiliated Users 18/19	Comments
<b>NORTH</b>													
<b>East Anton,</b> Icknield Way, Andover, SP11 6AB	TVBC	Secured	8 pitches: 4 x youth 11v11/9v9, 1 x junior 7v7, 3 x minisoccer 5v5.		Yes. Large, new brick built with metal roof. Ample team and officials changing and excellent social facilities	Standard	Excellent	24	Informal use plus 8 MES, say 12	50%		Andover Town Youth (12 teams u11-u16); Baltic Youth FC - 7v7 U9s (all Sunday in Peter Houseman YFL); Shooters Youth u14 (Saturday in Testway YFL. Baltic Youth also train at this ground.	2018/19 season - imported use as well as local teams. 2017/18 season, 67 9v9 matches played across 4 pitches with 6 cancellations by groundstaff. 112 matches played across 3 mini pitches with 14 cancellations by groundstaff. 61 7v7 matches played on single pitch with 7 cancellations by groundstaff.
<b>London Road Sports Ground,</b> Batchelors Barn Road, Andover, SP10 1HP	TVBC	Secured	2 adult pitches		Yes. Single storey brick built with metal roof. 4 team changing, officials changing, Access WCs	Standard	Standard to Good	4	Informal use plus 0.83 MES, say 2	50%		Andover Central & Andover Robins - M 11v11 (both in Andover & District Sunday FL)	2017/18 season 22 matches played on Pitch 1 (4 cancellations by groundstaff); 3 matches on Pitch 2 (1 cancellation by groundstaff).
<b>Picket Twenty,</b> Telegraph Road, Andover, SP11 6UF	TVBC	Secured	7 adult pitches		Yes. Large new brick built with ample team and officials changing, access WCs and community rooms	Standard - issue with dropped drainage lines (remedial works in progress)	Excellent	14	Informal use plus 6.1 MES, say 9	65%		AMF United, Charlton Royals (both A&D Sunday FL); CK Andover (A&D Saturday FL).	2017/18 season, 204 matches played across 7 pitches with 15 cancellations by groundstaff. Plus summer youth football tournament annually and 4 cycle events.
<b>Saxon Fields,</b> Andover, SP10 4NP	TVBC	Secured	1 junior 9v9/ 11v11 pitch		Yes. Brick built, tiled roof with two team change and officials change.	Standard - goal mouths worn, space to realign pitch to spread wear.	Good	2	Informal use plus 0.72 MES, say 1.2	60%		Andover New Street Youth teams home matches.	Prior to 2017/18 season was an adult football site. Adult teams relocated to new pitches at Picket Twenty Playing Field and this site converted to junior football with 21x7ft goals for 9v9 or youth 11v11 games. Travellers broke into the site in Sept 19 and bookings cancelled pending eviction. 2017/18 season 25 matches played, 1 cancellation by groundstaff.
<b>The (Charlton) Sports Academy, West Portway, SP10 3LF</b>	TVBC / The Sports Academy Trust	Secured	N/A	3G 108 x70m with lights (2013)	Yes. Large pavilion with extensive changing rooms shared with Athletics Club.	Good. FIFA registered. Patch repairs to vandal damaged penalty spots, plus rubber crumb top up in Aug 19	Good	Late October booking sheet shows hired as whole, half or quarter pitch with very few unlet slots between 5pm and 9.30pm Monday to Thursday. There is limited demand for training on Friday evenings so ACS programme low cost 'Strollers' walking football and 'Footy 4 Girls' sessions. Aside from Saturday morning hockey coaching (1 hr full pitch) and one Andover Town FC team (1hr qtr pitch), there are no regular bookings at the weekend).			<b>MON TO THURS EVES</b>	Andover Town Youth FC, Andover New Street FC, Upper Clatford Youth FC, Barton Stacey FC, Stockbridge Town, Wherwell Royals, Broughton FC, Andover Central FC	Originally built as a short tuft hybrid 3G and used extensively by Andover HC until change in EH policy re: 3G. Now used by hockey club for junior coaching on Saturday mornings from 9-10am with remainder of programme for football use for matches and training plus schools and Andover College during the day. The core programme includes JD Fives (commercial 5 a side league). Outside the core football season, regular hirers include: Saints Foundation (with rolling annual hire agreement), Real Madrid Soccer Camps, Chris McGinn Coaching Solutions and Premier Football Camps). The site operator states there is interest from pro clubs to book the pitch for academy development fixtures and perceives strong demand for additional capacity identifying space for small sided 3G pitches adjacent to the Martial Arts Centre building through conversion of an existing under-used tennis court and a separate under-sized netball court.

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<b>Charlton Leisure Centre, SP10 3LF</b>	TVBC	Secured	1 adult pitch with lights (on athletics stadium infield)		Yes. Large pavilion with extensive changing rooms shared with Athletics Club.	Standard	Good	2	0.86	43%		Andover Royals (A&D Sunday FL)	2017/18 season, 29 matches played (3 cancellations by groundstaff).
<b>Charlton Place Fitness Centre, SP10 1RE</b>	Lloyds Bank / Nuffield Health (contracted for next 4yrs)	Unsecured		Sand based MUGAs x2 35 x 18m each. Floodlit (2009)	No access to buildings for most MUGA hirers. One lunchtime corporate hirer is afforded access to showers & WCs in health club.	Standard - one MUGA upgraded and hired (the other not in use and needs resurfacing)	N/A	14 regular community /corporate hires per week for recreational 5 a side games (block bookings for 10+ weeks, Mondays to Fridays). Available at weekends (subject to security clearance/Photo ID) but no current hires.					Community access is limited by the security requirements of the bank and the availability of the pitch is not advertised. Access by prior arrangement with Nuffield Health via gatehouse and photo ID. Charge £20 per hour including lights.
<b>Goodworth Clatford Recreation Ground SP11 7RQ</b>	Parish Council	Secured - FIT QEII Field	1 adult pitch, 1 junior 7v7 pitch		Yes - small wooden pavilion with wooden store for GM equipment.	Poor to Standard (both pitches) - pronounced slope to adult pitch, some uneven patches, metal goalposts, naturally draining, little evidence of use.	Poor - very basic building in poor state of repair.	4.5	Informal use plus 0.5 MES, say 2.0	44%		CK Andover	Parish Council response - hired by CK Andover FC. Site has no on site car parking.
<b>Upper Clatford Sports Field, SP11 7QP</b>	Parish Council/ Sports Club	Secured	1 adult pitch with metal goalposts used with portable goals as 7v7. Space for a second junior pitch but only with pronounced crossfall.		Yes - brick built, rendered with pitched roof. Fairly old, basic provision.	Poor to Standard - club state: 'mainly maintenance issues but acceptable for a Parish Council ground'	Poor to Standard - club 'showers not working'.	1.5	Informal use plus 0.5 MES, say 1.0	67%		CK Andover and Upper Clatford Youth FC u10s 7v7 (Testway Youth FL Saturday).	Parish Council response. Only 1.5m from Andover. Locked site with 2.1m height access limit for vehicles. Upper Clatford Youth FC (1st Sept to 30th April). Occasional hires in summer for cricket since folding of Clatford CC in 2016. Clubs contributed funds to upgrade pavilion and car parking in 2015.Club survey response priorities: Pitch needs attention - goal mouths Pavilion need painting & decorating inside and out Entrance and roadway to parking complete repair potholes More parking
<b>Wherwell Playing Fields, SP11 7JP</b>	Parish Council Charity	Secured	1 x5v5 (adjacent MUGA); 1 x adult or Youth 11v11; 1 x 9v9 or 7v7. Mobile goal posts on site for adult; youth 11v11, youth 9v9; 7v7 & 5v5 minisoccer	Sand MUGA (2 tennis court size) with lights marked for football and tennis	Yes. Large brick built pavilion	Standard to Good - evidence of repairs to goalmouths in close season. AGP good - training use	Good	10	Informal use plus 5 MES max., say 7.0	70%		Shooters Youth FC (Testway YFL Saturday), Wherwell Royals FC (A&D Sunday FL). These teams also train at this site mainly on floodlit MUGA in season.	Maintenance by VCS Landscaping
<b>Farleigh School, Andover, SP11 7PW</b>	School charity	Unsecured	20 winter pitches for football & rugby (mainly youth sizes)	AGP (sand 90 x 60m, lights, new)	Yes.								Main use of AGP is hockey. (Broughton Youth FC team temporary training use of AGP in Dec 2018 while Middle Wallop MOD Indoor 3G MUGA unavailable). Hire charges: £30.00 per hour, plus £5.00 per hour for floodlights.
<b>John Hanson Community School, Floral Way, Andover, SP10 3PB</b>	HCC / School	Secured	2 youth 11v11	AGP - 17yrs old sand 100 x 60m with lights (refurbished in 2015)	Changing rooms in sports hall	Standard	n/a	4	Grass pitches - School use only	n/a		FC Anton train on the AGP.	Some football 5v5 bookings in evenings. Andover Hockey Club are the main hirer of the AGP.

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<b>The Mark Way School</b> , Andover, SP10 1HR	SEN school for day pupils to age 16	Unsecured		3G MUGA 35 x 15m (2006), no lights. 2 Changing rooms (separate from main school building)				3G MUGA is too small for formal play. Unmarked, play off perimeter fence.				Potential community use for soccer tots or similar on Saturday mornings, although would need to be combined with access to school hall in wet weather which may be a cost barrier. Access to MUGA and changing rooms is possible direct from the car park.		
<b>Harrow Way Community School</b> , Harrow Way Andover Hampshire SP10 3RH	HCC / School	Secured	3 youth 11v11 pitches		Changing rooms in sports hall	Standard	n/a	6 School use only	n/a			Andover New Street Youth trained at this site on Saturdays in 18/19 school say this is no longer the case.	School maintains cost barrier of caretaking is a barrier to availability of playing field to hire at weekends. A junior football team hired pitches on Saturdays on a trusted keyholder basis in a past season. This was ceased by the school as the club abused trust by passing key to other teams. However, the School has indicated it proposes to re-launch its community use to let sports facilities evenings and weekends 50 weeks per year (including the exam period) along with extension and resurfacing of the car park	
<b>Portway Junior School</b> , SP10 3NA	HCC / School	Unsecured	Large, flat playing field with space for two youth football pitches - One 7v7pitch marked in autumn and spring terms.		No.	Standard	n/a	4 School use plus 1 community hire per week, say 3.0	50%			Andover Youth u10 mixed 7v7 Sunday (PHYFL)	Looks to offer good potential for football subject to demand - field is directly accessible from large car park. However, unclear whether welfare facilities can be offered or caretaking. Also, Harrow Way Secondary School close by with extensive playing field.	
<b>Winton Academy</b> , SP10 2PS	Academy Trust	Unsecured	3 adult football pitches (overlaid with markings for 9v9 and 7v7), moveable goalposts.		Changing rooms in sports hall	Standard	n/a	6 School use plus 1 max. community hire per week, say 4.0	33%			FC Anton (A&D Sunday FL).	Football Pitch: £20 to £30 / match. Brazilian Samba football hire evening slot in Sports Hall. £200 returnable deposit could be a barrier to hire for some.	
<b>Portway Stadium</b> , Andover	TVBC / Andover (Sparsholt) College (15 lease 10yrs unexpired)	Secured - Lease term protects access for Andover Town FC.	1 stadium pitch with lights, stand, dug outs etc. Stadium designed to Step 4 FA Ground Grading (currently used at Step 6).		Yes - brick built two storey modern stadium building with large clubroom and bar (unlicensed) on first floor with views over pitch and team changing, officials change (one only), physio room	Good - Club & College ratings (full irrigation system in place, maintained by College land management team).	Good - club rating	3	3	100%			Andover Town (Wessex FL Div 2) home matches. Also train at the ground (Tues & Thurs eves). Sparsholt College home games Weds pm. Club aspires to develop a reserves/u18 development side to play on the Stadium pitch and to provide a pathway from a separately constituted youth section runs 7 youth boys teams and 3 mixed minisoccer teams to u15/16. Youth teams play at several other sites and train on the 3G at the Sports Academy.	Stadium developed in a funding partnership between TVBC, Sparsholt College and The Football Foundation following bankruptcy of original Andover Town FC. Used by Andover Town FC for matches and training and, in autumn and spring terms by College team on Wednesday afternoons. GM by College land management staff and the students (every Friday). Andover Town Council, College and Club have expressed aspirations to convert the pitch to 3G as home base for Andover Youth sides and to generate income to help sustain the running costs of the pavilion building (utilities, R&M). The stadium is located 200m approx. from The Charlton Sports Academy 3G.
<b>Wildhern Village Hall &amp; Playing Field</b> , Tangley, Andover SP11 0JE	Parish Council	Secured	Youth 11v11 pitch plus informal mini soccer area with Samba goals		Yes	Poor to standard - good grass cover, large divots in goalmouths, slight cross slope	Standard - changing, WCs	1.5 Informal use only	0%				Shingle surface car park. Summer sports day use by Hatherdon Primary School.	



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<b>Kimpton, Fyfield &amp; Thruxton Village Playing Field</b> , SP11 8NT	Parish Council Sports Trust	Secured - FIT Deed in progress	1 adult football and space for a second pitch or 2 junior pitches(end on)		No - a metal container on the side of the field is used to store equipment and used for changing but has no WCs.	Standard - level ground, good grass cover, quite even, rabbit protection fencing in place.	n/a	2	1	50%		Welcome Stranger FC (A&D Sunday FL) formerly hired the pitch but no formal hires in the 2019/20 season. One Andover Town Youth Team use the ground informally to train.	Parish Council response. The current Recreation field is in the process of being registered with Fields in Trust who fund a fitness instructor to run a Sunday morning keep fit session on the field. Field is also used by Primary School adjacent. Grounds Maintenance of the pitch is being transferred from the Parish Council to a local Sports Trust. Upgrading the car park (large potholes) is the PC's priority. There is no changing pavilion just a converted container. Water services are in place and a lapsed planning consent for a changing pavilion. Currently, the PC/Sports Trust has no funding available. Location is 5m approx. from Andover centre.
<b>Kimpton, Fyfield &amp; Thruxton Primary School</b> , Andover, SP11 8NT	HCC / School	Unsecured	Playing field - suitable size for one 7v7 pitch, uneven, poor grass cover.		No	Poor		2	School use plus Saints Fdn after school, say 2	100%			Saints Foundation Soccer School use this school field on Weds evenings in term (adjacent to Thruxton Village Playing Field above).
<b>Anton Junior School</b> , Andover, SP10 2HA	HCC / School	Unsecured	Marked on visit as 2 x 5v5 pitches (formerly 1 youth 11v11)	3G MUGA (Not FA compliant) with low level lighting (40m x 20m with rebound boards) - very worn surface with soft areas.	No	Flat with good grass cover		School states: Regular 3G hires on three midweek evenings in term time from Sept - although dropping off due to poor surface quality.					£30/hr incl VAT. Andover Town Youth FC (2-3 eves for 3hrs); Andover New Street FC (Thurs 3 hrs); Andover Central Club FC. <b>School needs to resurface the 3G MUGA (if have sinking fund) if this provision is to maintain appeal for community hires .</b>
<b>Middle Wallop Army Station</b> , SO20 8DY	MOD	Unsecured	2 adult pitches	3G indoor activity hall	Yes	Good	Good	6	Generally, access is restricted for MOD use, 2			Broughton Youth (1 team) managed by a MOD staff member	The Station Staff Officer has confirmed the only community access is one Broughton youth football team who use one of the grass pitches or the indoor 3G (the team manager is a senior NCO at the base). The SSO stated that the grass pitches are well used by the Army personnel and would not wish for additional use as need sufficient time to recover.
<b>Over Wallop Sports Field ('Alan Evans Memorial Ground')</b> , Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop, SO20 8JH	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult pitch (posts but no markings or evidence of use) and space for a youth pitch at far end (junior goal posts in hedge)	Hardcourt MUGA	Yes - brick built, stone rendered with metal roof. Fairly old basic provision.	Poor to Standard - grass cuttings, weeds, divots	Poor - some minor internal upgrades in 2018.	1.5	Informal use only	0%			Parish Council response. Informal football use plus cricket in summer. Secured gate to protect from unauthorised vehicle access. Unmade car park.
<b>Nether Wallop Playing Field</b> , SO20 8HB	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult pitch (posts and markings but little evidence of use). Space for a youth pitch alongside.		Yes - traditional wooden pavilion on brick footings and metal roof.	Poor to Standard - quite uneven, tufted grass, good natural drainage (chalk over gravel)	Standard	1.5	Informal use only	0%			Parish Council response. No formal use. Large playing field accessed through a housing estate. Unmade car park, 60m approx. from pavilion and pitch. Single locked tennis court (no lights) with poor perimeter fencing and no hire information. 'Supported by TVBC' signage on court. Hedge trimming contractor on site during visit.

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<b>Foxcote Park, Andover</b> SP11 0TA	TVBC / Sports & Social Club	Secured	1 stadium pitch with lights, stand, dug outs etc. Ground Grading to Step 6) and small grass training area with low level lighting		Yes - low grade portacabins next to club pavilion building - single storey with main clubroom/bar and small clubroom 'back bar' used as home base for Testway Youth FL.	Good	Poor changing - good social		3 (4 late season)	100%		Andover New Street FC (Wessex FL); Swifts (Hampshire Division One); Streets Ahead Inclusion Youth 5v5 Disability football on Sunday mornings (Saints Fdn Pan Disability League). 1st team also train at the ground on small training area.	Home ground of Andover New Street FC & Social Club. FA Community Charter Standard. FA Ground Graded to Step 5. Currently playing at Step 6. Shared access road and unmade car park with Andover RFC and Andover Archery Club (car park maintenance shared between the three clubs). Club volunteers maintain the pitch and pavilion. Own a small ride-on mower with attachments. Large youth section (including girls from u7-u15) play at various grounds and hire a regular slot at Charlton 3G for midweek training. Club's short term facility priorities stated as: 1. Upgraded team and officials changing rooms 2. Complete replacement of ground fencing 3. Upgrade the outdoor play park area (Streets Ahead) 4. Extend training area. Grant funding towards cost of plans for new changing rooms awaiting Foundation panel decision in Feb 2020. Application based on brick built solution - Club now looking at lower cost modular options. In long term, Club aspire to accommodate all teams on the site through expansion of the sports park.
<b>Longparish Football Pitch,</b> SP11 6PP	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult football			Poor	n/a		1 Informal use only	0%		Whitchurch United Youth (Testway YFL) Mixed 9v9 u11 Saturday. No longer in 2019/20 season - Parish website states informal use only.	Previous imported demand from Whitchurch in Basingstoke & Deane BC now lapsed.
<b>Hurstbourne Tarrant King George V Playing Field,</b> SP11 0AX	Parish Council	Secured	Space and goalposts for 1 adult pitch (no line markings); 1 minisoccer 5v5 pitch (moveable goals, no line markings)	Hardcourt MUGA	Yes - at end of large, modern village hall building with external access direct to playing field.	Poor - uneven. Goalposts rusting and need replacing. Little evidence of use.	Good.		1 Informal use only	0%			Parish Council response. No formal use. Located to rear of village primary school and used for PE (Tag rugby on site visit). Good quality, macadam car park.
<b>Picket Piece Recreation Ground,</b> SP11 6AZ	TVBC	Secured	1 youth 11v11 pitch	Single porous macadam tennis court and play park	Yes - newly built 'bungalow' style brick pavilion with changing for two teams and officials, security shutters.	Standard - some wear to goalmouths evidencing informal use	Good - some bulding/fire regulation and snagging issues to resolve with Developer prior to handover to TVBC		2 Informal use only	0%		No use for organised football currently as pavilion still to be adopted by TVBC and single pitch site. Provisional interest from Andover Town Youth FC and/or Andover New Steet for juniors/minis.	Option to over mark 9v9 or mini soccer on the youth 11v11 pitch to improve the appeal of this site for regular use by one or both of the large Andover youth football clubs once the pavilion is handed over to TVBC.
<b>Bulbrey Sports Field, Abbots Ann</b> SP11 7PN	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult pitch (metal posts only, no markings); 1 youth 11v11 (with posts & markings) and a 5v5 pitch (goals outside container store)		Yes - fairly old stone clad building with two team changing rooms and kitchen. External WC beside container. GM store.	Poor to Standard - level but quite uneven ground, poorly draining on visit, overlong grass.	Standard - external WC poor.		5 Informal use plus 0.5 MES, say 2.0	40%		Abbots Ann Eagles FC (A&D Sunday FL).	Parish Council response. Playing Field located on a housing estate. Macadam on site parking area. Signage on site states home base of FC Salisbury United and Muddy Runners.
<b>Longstock Recreation Ground,</b> SO20 6EE	Parish Council	Secured	Space for 1 adult football - goalposts only						Informal use only	0%			Parish Council response.

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<b>Chilbolton War Memorial Playing Field</b> SO20 6PD	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult football		Yes - very old (1947) and basic pavilion with concrete screed flooring and corrugated iron roof. 2 team changing rooms with recently upgraded showers.	Standard - level, good grass cover, uneven goalmouths	Standard - PC rating		2	Informal use only	0%			Parish Council response. Playing Field under review as no formal playing pitch use currently and poor quality ancillary facilities - no on site parking, poor 1947 pavilion in need of replacement. Pitch was formerly hired by a youth team from Andover but issues in relation to speed of driving on narrow access road, inconsiderate parking and late arrivals. Hirers responsible for own line marking before games. 1,400 approx. population with few young people and good facilities and coaching available at Wherwell which is quite close by. Considering installation of outdoor gym/trim trail equipment in future subject to resident views on demand.
<b>Amport Playground,</b> SP11 8BB	Parish Council	Secured	7v7 goalposts - no pitch markings		No.					Informal use only	0%			Parish Council response.
<b>Vernham Dean Burydene Playing Field,</b> SP11 0JY	Parish Council / Playing Field Assoc	Secured	1 adult football	SE 'Inspired' funded hardcourt MUGA with lights.	Yes - brick built substantial sports pavilion with verandah built in 2002 to support football, tennis and netball on the site (2 team changing rooms and official changing).	Standard - level, good natural drainage, overlong grass, little evidence of use.	Good quality		2	Informal use plus 0.5 MES, say 1.5	75%		Vernham Dean Royals FC (A&D Sunday FL)	Field located adjacent to village primary school with its own small playing field. Good quality macadam car park and good range of facilities - table tennis table, skate ramp, play equipment etc and kick about area and goalposts to side of adult pitch.
<b>Appleshaw Ward Memorial Playing Field,</b> SP11 9BS	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult football		Yes. Large brick built with team and officials changing, access WCs and social area	Standard	Good quality		2	Informal use plus 1.0 MES, say 2.0	100%		Lee Filters. Pharmsol Ayrtons FC (both A&D Sunday FL).	Small car park with grass overflow area at end of field.
<b>Shipton Bellinger Village Centre &amp; Playing Field,</b> SP9 7TL	Charitable trust	Secured	1 adult pitch, one youth 11v11, one 7v7	Hardcourt MUGA with rebound boards and painted goals - tennis main use (net up in October)	Yes. Large brick built village hall with changing and social facilities.	Poor to Standard - naturally draining, good grass cover but adult and youth pitch slope end to end and 7v7 pitch crossways. Little evidence of use.	Good quality		6	Informal use plus 0.5 MES, say 2.5	42%		Shipton Bellinger Rams Youth (Testway YFL) Saturday 9v9 u11 mixed.	Parish Council response. Good macadam car park and range of play and informal recreation equipment including goal posts in front of MUGA fencing for kick abouts.
<b>Enham Alamein Playing Field, Kings Road,</b> SP11 6HP	Charitable trust	Closed	Formerly 1 adult pitch, one youth 9v9 (Google Images)										Home ground of FC Queen Charlotte - FA Data 2018/19	Parish Council or Enham Trust response - 'pitches and pavilion are no longer in use'
<b>Barton Stacey Recreation Ground</b> SO21 3RP	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult football and small training area with low level lighting	New hard court MUGA in 2019 (TVBC supported) with low level lighting on one side.	Yes - PC seeking funds to replace. Wooden with felt roof. 2 team changing rooms with showers and WCs and small kitchen and equipment store.	Standard - naturally draining, slight crossfall, even, evidence of recent use.	Poor quality.		2	Informal use plus 1.0 MES, say 2	100%		Barton Stacey FC (A&D Sunday FL); Barton Stacey Youth (Testway YFL) Saturday 11v11 u14 mixed.(2019/20 u15 and u14 mixed)	Small car park by play area above field and a second unmade car park accessed from lane beside the playing field. Parish Council response. The PC are in need of a new pavilion at the Recreation Ground. They are hoping to get fund raising and consultation with the residents is started soon. Close to borough border with Winchester District. 300 households/1,000 residents approx.

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<b>Test Valley Community School,</b> Stockbridge, SO20 6HA	HCC / School	Secured	1 adult football		In sports hall	Poor to standard - grass cuts only (HCC GM contractor). Poorly draining at bottom end of field, PE staff wish to limit access to ensure suitable for school's use.	Good quality	1.5	School use only	n/a		Andover Galaxy, Athletic QC (both A&D Sunday FL). NO grass pitch hires in 2019/20 according to Lettings Manager.	Football Tots regular weekly booking in Sports Hall, and School Gym.
<b>Stockbridge FC, High Street,</b> SO20 6EU	Parish Council / Club	Secured	1 grass floodlit pitch with railings and dug outs		Yes	Good - club has own good quality tractor and attachments and a container on site for storage. Regularly scarified, rolled and weed treated annually by Southern Ground Care	Good quality	3	1.5 MES (home matches and training) plus some hires to other clubs, say 2	66%		Stockbridge FC (Hampshire Premier League)	Well maintained site by club volunteers and PC in respect of a play area on the site. Recently created a clubroom in the pavilion. Club aspires to be promoted to Wessex League. Club has lost u16 and u18 teams in recent seasons but has re-established an u9s team in 2019/20 season playing at the primary school (below). The pitch is hired to other clubs in late July and August for pre-season games. Popular as no cricket share.
<b>Stockbridge Primary School,</b> SO20 6EJ	HCC/ School	Unsecured	1 7v7 pitch		No	Poor to standard	n/a	3	School use plus 0.5 MES, say 2	66%		Stockbridge FC u9s 7v7 (new entrant to Testway YFL in 2019/20)	

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<b>Broughton Primary School</b> SO20 8AN	HCC / School	Unsecured	1 primary school 7v7 pitch			Poor to standard		3	School use only	n/a			No community access or use identified
<b>Broughton Sports Field,</b> Buckholt Road, Broughton, SO20 8DA	Parish	Secured	1 adult football and 1 7v7 pitch (plus 9v9 and 5v5 portable goals on site allowing for pitch overmarking). Separate floodlit training area.		Yes - brick built with tiled roof.	Standard - level and reasonably even, some wear.	Poor. Fairly old basic provision.	6	2	33%		Broughton FC (A&D Sunday FL); Broughton Youth (Testway YFL)u10 7v7 mixed Saturday. These teams also train at this site.	Parish Council response. Small macadam car park beside pavilion plus parking on access road (quiet cul de sac). no through road. Planning consent is secured for a replacement pavilion. The need is supported by the ECB and FA.
<b>King's Somborne Rec,</b> Romsey Road, King's Somborne, SO20 6PP	Parish	Secured	1 adult football pitch plus informal kick about area with metal goalpost.	Hardcourt MUGA with recessed 5v5 goals and new perimeter fencing.	Yes. Large recently built Village Hall with changing and social facilities for football, cricket, tennis etc.	Standard - good grass cover but rather uneven and slopes up away from Village Hall/Pavilion. TVBC maintain under contract with PC.	Good quality	2	Informal and occasional school use plus 1.0 MES, say 2	100%		King's Somborne FC (A&D Sunday FL). This team also trains at this site.	Parish Council response. Large well set up and maintained recreation ground linked by a trim trail and nature park to the village Primary School which uses the hardcourt MUGA on Thurs afternoon in term. The MUGA is reserved for Tennis Club on Mondays 11am - 1pm. High quality Village Hall with changing rooms and a good macadam car park.

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<b>Michelmersh &amp; Timsbury Rec,</b> Mannyngham Way, Timsbury, SO51 0NJ	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult pitch		Yes - traditional wooden cricket/football pavilion with changing rooms and social areas	Standard to Good - good natural drainage, level, good grass cover, no goalmouth wear or mounding, slight slope away from pavilion.	Standard - wooden with felt roof. Large community hall adjacent (Jubilee Hall)	2.5	Informal use plus 1.5 MES, say 2.5	100%		Michelmersh & Timsbury FC (Hampshire Division One); H&T FC u18s (Testway Youth FL) Saturdays. Club training also takes place at this site.	Parish response. Well maintained, tidy recreation ground with pedestrian gate linking through to TVBC Hunts Farm Sports Ground with multiple football pitches and large ancillary facilities (changing, social, parking) - see below.
<b>Hunts Farm,</b> Mannyngham Way, Timsbury, Romsey, SO51 0NJ	TVBC	Secured	5 adult pitches; 1 youth 9v9 pitch; 1 junior 7v7 pitch		Yes. Large brick built pavilion over 2 floors with 12 team changing rooms and a small officials's changing room (not used)	Standard to Good - except 9v9 (Pitch 4) Standard due to drainage issues.	Good quality	19.5	Very little informal use due to pedestrian access only outside peak hour plus 13 MES, say 15	77%		Romsey FC (1 women's team, 15 boys youth sides, 5 girls youth sides and 8 mixed mini soccer sides) in various leagues. Colden Common YFC (8 boys youth sides and 5 mixed mini sides), Plus: Athletico Romsey (Hampshire Premier League). OT & Romsey FC, AFC Forestside, Embley Park, Michelmersh & Timsbury FC, Star Romsey, Whitenap (all City of Southampton Sunday FL). Embley Park also train at this site. <b>Colden Common YFC is imported demand from Eastleigh Borough (also play pre season at Sherfield England Sports Ground in Test Valley. Club has single pitch at Colden Common RG and also hires pitches at Fleming Park).</b>	Michelmersh & Timsbury PC response. Survey return from Romsey FC. Football from second week in September. Cricket (2 pitches) from May to end August. Croquet Lawn from April to end August. 2017/18 season total of 464 games booked. 33 games cancelled on 9v9 pitch.
<b>Romsey Sports Centre,</b> Southampton Road, Romsey, SO51 8AF	TVBC / Places Leisure	Secured	1 youth 9v9 pitch		Yes - brick built pavilion over 2 floors with team changing for rugby and football users of the site and social areas.	Standard to Good - good drainage, level, good grass cover, little goalmouth wear	Standard quality	3	Informal use plus 1.5 MES, say 2.5	83%		OT & Romsey FC	2017/18 season 37 games played on the 9v9 pitch with 17 cancelled by groundstaff.
<b>Ganger Farm Playing Field,</b> Romsey, SO51 7PB	TVBC	Secured	New S106 development in early stages of construction prior to hand over to TVBC. 1 adult and 3 junior natural turf football pitches in design.	2 floodlit AGPs - i) Full size sand based (hockey main use); ii) Full size 3G (rugby main use).	Yes - scheme includes construction of a substantial new pavilion with changing and social facilities for users of the 3G and natural turf pitches.	n/a - in development	n/a - in development	The arrangements for operational management of the 2 AGPs, grass pitches and pavilion are to be determined. The primary users of the AGPs will be Romsey RFC and Romsey HC. Both are likely to provide some capacity for football use with the rugby compliant 3G pitch the preferred surface for football.					<b>NEW PROVISION IN DEVELOPMENT Football to be programmed from 2021</b> 1 adult football, 2 adult rugby, 3 junior football, 2 AGPs (1 rugby as main sport, 1 hockey as main sport). Romsey RFC are scheduled to relocate to the site from Romsey Sports Centre in summer 2020. The grass football pitches are scheduled to be in full use for 2021/22 season. The main user is likely to be Romsey Town Youth FC .
<b>Abbotswold Playing Field &amp; Pavilion,</b> Minchin Road, Romsey SO51 0BL	TVBC	Secured	New S106 development in final stages of construction prior to hand over to TVBC. 4 changing room pavilion and two pitches. 1 adult (overmarked as youth 9v9), 1 junior (7v7).		Yes. New 4 team changing rooms, 2 officials changing rooms, community room - in construction.	Preparing for play from 2020. Issues to be addressed prior to handover include high clover content of playing field.	Excellent	n/a	n/a	n/a			<b>NEW PROVISION IN DEVELOPMENT To be programmed from 2020/21 season</b>

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<b>Romsey School</b> , Romsey, SO51 8ZB	Academy Trust	Secured / CUA		AGP (sand 100 x 60m, lights, sub base repaired and new playing surface 2019)	Yes - in Sports Hall							AGP football hires by community groups and for recreational 5v5: Mon eves half pitch for 4 hrs; Tues eves Romsey Saints (half pitch 1hr); Weds eves Embley Park (1hr July to April); Thurs eves whole pitch for 2hrs plus Roke Manor (half pitch for 1hr April to end August); Fri eves half pitch for 1hr.		Pitch sub base repaired and new sand based playing surface installed Aug/Sept 2019. Main users of AGP are Romsey Hockey Club Ladies (Sat from Sept to March, various times), Romsey Hockey Club Juniors (Sun from Sept to March for 1.25 hrs) and Southampton Ladies Hockey Club (Tues & Weds eve from May - July for 1.5hrs). Some football clubs and 5v5 groups. AGP - £20 to £34/hr full (ex VAT); £10 to £17/hr half (ex VAT) plus £6-£10 for lights
<b>Mountbatten School</b> , SO51 5SY	Academy Trust	Secured / CUA / Grant Conditions	1 youth 9v9; 1 youth 11v11	3G AGP 100 x 65m with lights (Football Foundation grant funded in 2014)	Yes - in Sports Hall	Standard		4 Schools use plus 2 MES, say 4	100%	<b>3G AGP MON TO FRI EVES</b>	Braishfield Bees Youth, Michelmersh & Timsbury and Romsey Town Youth FC teams train on the 3G at this site. Plus new age group teams including Athleticom Romsey u12s (Jan 2019 MS Lettings Sheet) <b>Romsey FC survey response - growth plans limited by capacity for training.</b>	3G AGP: Booked by local clubs, leagues and coaching groups close to capacity (only spare slots Weds & Fri evenings 9-10pm). Pitches: both youth football pitches to teams from 9-11am on Saturdays in season. 3G: £70 to £85/hr whole pitch with lights; £24 to £31 for 1/3 pitch with lights; Youth football pitch: £16 per match		
<b>Norman Court School &amp; Outdoor Centre</b> , West Tytherley, SP5 1NH	Community Interest Company	Unsecured	2 youth football - not seen		Blake Hall' Sports hall and changing rooms available for community hires for 5 a side from £25 per hour								Former independent school site (closed in 2012 and reopened as outdoor adventure and training hub) on 45 acre estate close to the Salisbury District boundary. Available to groups with bunkhouse accommodation and camping for up to 120 people. Range of indoor and outdoor activities available including football. No community use of pitches identified. Site hired by Compass Holiday Clubs for multi activity weeks.	
<b>Hampshire Collegiate School</b> , Embley Park, Romsey, SO51 6ZE	School Charity	Unsecured	9v9 youth pitches (2)	AGP (sand filled 100 x 60m, floodlit)	Yes.	Good	Good quality	6 School use plus 0.5 MES, say 4.5	75%		Romsey Youth FC hire a 9v9 pitch for home fixtures and discussing with Head of PE options to mark larger youth 11v11 pitch for 2019/20 season as move up age group.	Main use of AGP is for hockey (Romsey HC 1st X1). Football hires include: Saints Foundation Soccer School (AGP and grass pitches). Wellow Youth FC hire a former rugby pitch with training lights for evening training in season.		
<b>Braishfield Recreation Ground</b> , Braishfield, SO51 0PX	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult football		Yes - Recently built wooden pavilion building with 2 team changing, single officials changing and social areas with security shutters to windows.	Good - club rating & visit	Good - club rating & visit	3 Informal use plus 3.5 MES, say 4.5	150%		Braishfield FC 2 teams (Southampton Saturday FL), plus sister youth football club Braishfield Bees with 5 mixed youth teams playing in Testway YFL on Saturdays.	Village 3 miles approx. from Romsey. Parish Council and Club Survey responses. Club is a FA Charter Standard Development Club and Regional Winner in 2017. The Club and Parish Council are negotiating a lease required by the Club to secure Football Foundation grant funding support. Progression to the Wessex league is currently prevented by ground grading regulations for floodlights, pitch railings, larger officials changing etc. The club failed to secure midweek training time at Mountbatten School despite supporting the school's FF grant application for the 3G pitch. As a consequence, teams travel to train on 3G at Thorndon School in Chandlers Ford (Eastleigh Borough).		

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<b>North Baddesley Recreation Ground, SO52 9EA</b>	Parish Council	Secured	Main Field by Pavilion: 1 adult pitch and space for a youth 11v11 (not marked). Rear Field: 1 youth 11v11 (not marked).	Hard court MUGA	Yes - substantial single storey pavilion building with 5 team changing rooms (1 used for storage) officials changing room, social spaces and kitchen. 4 storage containers on edge of field for GM, Parish and Football Club equipment.	Standard - Adult pitch on main field and youth pitch when marked. Flat and fairly even and well draining. Adult pitch is quite worn especially in goalmouths. Poor - youth pitch on rear field when marked. Poor drainage.	Standard quality		5	Informal use plus 1 MES, say 3.0	60%		North Baddesley Vets FC hire from PC on a seasonal basis and mark pitches for games. Baddesley Park FC u10s train at this site.	Parish Council response. The pavilion (hosts a youth club on two evenings a week, camera club, community church group etc). and the GM equipment were funded largely through S106 agreements from housing developments in the local area. The GM service is contracted but the Parish Council's budget limits the scope of works to little more than grass cutting and remedial repairs. <b>HFA Pitch Advisor has identified short term pitch improvement requirements in a recent report.</b> The Parish Council has been granted planning permission to extend facilities at the site to include: 2 extra tennis courts (2 poor quality existing courts on the rear field too close to trees); cricket nets; a bowls area; extension to the hard court MUGA; pavilion improvements.
<b>Sherfield English Sports Field, Steplake Lane, Sherfield English, SO51 6FP</b>	SERP Trust	Secured	2 adult pitches, pitch 2 is overmarked across as 2 x 7v7 (mobile goalposts on site)		Yes - New wooden pavilion with tiled roof erected in 2016 (for football, cricket, tennis/netball hirers). Fit out of clubroom area still in progress by SERP volunteers. Only two team changing rooms and 1 officials room so still use two team rooms in a portacabin behind the new pavilion.	Good - herringbone drainage to both pitches due to high clay content, level, even, pitches with good grass cover.	Standard (new changing rooms), Poor (portacabin changing rooms).		6	Informal use plus 4.0 MES, say 6	100%		2019/20 - Hamwic Rovers, OS Romsey, Empire 1sts, Montford 1sts, Star Inn (all in City of Southampton Sunday FL); 360 u12s (Tyro YFL) Sunday pm; 360 u9s and Romsey Town Panthers u13s (Testway YFL) Saturday mornings. Walking Football Tues mornings. Plus Summer training for 360 youth teams and summer friendly matches for the 5 Sunday morning teams plus Michelmersh & Timsbury 1st, 2nd, Vets, Romsey Town 1st and u23/reserves and Colden Common FC.	SERP response. Land gifted to community and sports trust established. TVBC, Land Fill Tax, Parish and School Trustee grants supported levelling and drainage works to playing field and addition of football & cricket pitches and a changing pavilion. Site has a well established bowls & croquet club green with its own pavilion and two fairly low grade tennis courts. Current hires by 5 mens Soton Sunday morning FL teams, Sunday afternoon 360 U12s (Tyro League) and Sat mornings 360 u9s and Romsey Town Panthers u13s (both Testway League). Walking Football on Tues mornings. Football played at the ground year round as no cricket team.
<b>St Edwards School, Melchet Court, SO51 6ZR</b>	Independent boarding and day school approved for SEN pupils	Unsecured	1 youth 11v11 pitch		In school.	Poor - uneven pitch with overlong grass.		n/a	n/a	n/a				No community use.
<b>Mottisfont Sports Field, Bengers Lane, Mottisfont, SO51 0LR</b>	Parish Council leased to Trust	Secured	1 adult football		Yes - wooden with metal roof, low grade	Poor to standard.	Poor quality		1.5	Informal use plus 0.5 MES, say 1.5	100%		Mottisfont FC (City of Southampton Sunday FL).	Access via gated unmade driveway - no formal car park. Parish Council response. Mottisfont FC have reduced in size in recent seasons. Used to put out a Saturday side.
<b>Knightwood Leisure Centre. Chandlers Ford, SO53 4SJ</b>	TVBC / Places Leisure	Secured	1 adult pitch (overmarked for youth 11v11 or 9v9 use); 1 Youth 11v11 pitch	2 x 3G MUGAs floodlit 32m x 19m each (2015)	Yes - 4 team change and official change in Leisure Centre with access direct to pitches	Standard - some uneven sections along lines of new drainage installed in 2017.	Good quality		4	Informal use plus St Francis Juniors 4	100%		Hampshire Walking Football 5v5 on 3G (Thursday evening); Knightwood Park Walking Football 5v5 on 3G (Tuesday evening).	3G MUGAs - Small sided adult games; St Francis Juniors FC boys and girls (latter also returning to use grass pitches from 2020/21 following completion of works)



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<b>Knighthood Primary School</b> , SO53 4HW	HCC/School	Secured	Uneven sloping playing field adjacent to 3G MUGA with space for a 7v7 pitch. Grass area is used by St Francis JFC and Stoneham JFC in summer for training in place of 3G	3G MUGA floodlit (37 x 35m) marked as one 5v5 or two minisoccer across with divider	No.	3G MUGA in good condition; playing field poor to standard.	Poor - hirers have access to a single portaloos and water only	From Sept: Booked Mon-Fri for 2-3hrs and Sat mornings. Reduced programme in summer term when clubs use grass area. Main users: Stoneham Juniors FC, St Francis Juniors FC, Chelsea Football Academy, Dads & Lads.						Football Foundation grant aided - community access secured by conditions of grant. Hirers have key to floodlight control. School has funded plans to upgrade existing playground as a fenced hardcourt MUGA. Knighthood Leisure Centre is close by (main venue for St Francis Juniors FC). £30/hr 3G full pitch ex. VAT. -10% for charity teams and coaching school pupils.
<b>Nursling &amp; Rownhams Recreation Ground</b> , SO16 0XH	Parish Council	Secured	2 adult pitches (only one at bottom end of site marked on visit)		Yes - modern village hall. Only 2 changing rooms (shared heating - not cost efficient).	Poor to standard - top pitch compacted, cross fall and fairly uneven but with good grass cover; lower pitch flatter but poorly draining.	Standard quality (but serves one pitch only and shares heating system with rest of Village Hall)	3 Informal use plus 1 MES, say 2	67%		Newton Heath 1977 FC (City of Southampton Sunday FL), Nursling FC Vets (City of Southampton Saturday FL). Newton Heath 1977 FC train at the Veracity Ground in City of Southampton.	Parish Council response. Only take formal bookings on lower pitch currently. Insufficient changing for two concurrent games. PC considering needs case for reinstatement of a cricket pitch between the two football pitches. Very close to Southampton City boundary and attract demand from the City although former hirer - Southside YFC - now moved to another ground. Parish Council has longstanding plans to build a larger changing pavilion separate from the village hall. Current potential to progress with S106 funding from a large scale local development.		
<b>St Boniface Park</b> , Horns Drove, SO16 8AH	Parish Council	Secured	Former single youth pitch (no longer marked)					n/a	n/a	n/a				Nursling & Rownhams Parish Council response. Very poorly draining site - too narrow for adult pitch. No longer marked but goalposts left for informal games. Parish Council considering options to enhance site for informal active recreation using S106 funds available (e.g. outdoor gym, fitness trail).
<b>Stroud Preparatory, Highwood House, Romsey</b> , SO51 9ZH (prep school to King Edward V1 School,	Independent School Charity	Unsecured	2 junior pitches (7v7)			Not seen		n/a	n/a	n/a				Limited by facility needs for boarding pupils and safeguarding issues.
<b>West Tytherley Recreation Ground</b> , SP5 1NF	Parish Council	Secured	1 adult football (unmarked on visit)		Yes - recently installed simple timber prefabricated structure with 2 team changing rooms, small clubroom with sink.	Poor to standard - slight cross fall to road, over long grass, quite uneven, no markings or evidence of recent use.	Poor to standard	1.5 Informal use only	0%					
<b>Hatches Farm Playing Fields, East Wellow</b> SO51 6BG	Parish Council	Secured	2 adult pitches (main pitch with barrier and dug outs) , 1 youth 9v9 (mobile goals of all sizes)		Yes - long basic wooden construction with 4 team changing, official change and social area.	Standard to Good	Poor to standard quality	7.5 Informal use plus 1 MES, say 3	40%		Wellow YFC (Southampton & District Tyro Sunday YFL) u13 11v11 mixed. Also train at this site.	Parish Council response. Former Wellow FC adult league side has now folded. Site is also home of Wellow LTC and £5 P&P tennis with 2 sets of 2 porous macadam courts, mini court and hitting wall. Current planning application for floodlighting to 2 courts (resubmission).		

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<b>The Bypass Ground, Romsey Town FC</b> SO51 8AF	Freehold owner Broadlands Estate leases to Romsey Town FC	Secured - 99yr lease to club from 2000 (next review 2020)	Grass stadium pitch with stand, lights (recently upgraded), low grade covered, spectator stand and dug outs, small macadam car park with unmade overspill area. (Ground Grading to Step 6).		Yes - basic changing rooms (recently redecorated), 2 teams and officials, clubroom (with ongoing internal works to provide a separate committee room), kitchen and bar. External refreshment servery. Separate container equipment store.	Standard to Good	Poor to standard quality	2.5	2	80%		Romsey Town FC (Wessex FL) and u23/Reserves team matches and occasionally training (subject to condition); host Southampton Women FC (FA National League Div 1 SW). Host Walking Football sessions on Tuesday mornings. Eastleigh FC Scholars (academy squad) occasional bookings on Wednesday afternoons.	An FA Community Charter Standard Club. RTFC and the youth section have separate but linked constitutions to secure player pathway and separate board/committee and finances. The clubhouse is the base for meetings and social events for the youth section of the club. In the short term, the Club seeks to expand onto the Sports Centre floodlit rugby training pitch when the Romsey RFC relocate to Kings Chase/Ganger Farm site. Longer term, the Club has ambitions to work in partnership to secure for the town a sports hub stadium with a 3G pitch and good quality ancillary facilities to accommodate playing and training needs of both the adult and youth sections and to facilitate sustainability and progression as far as Step 3 (Southern League). Average home gates are 100 approx. currently. Club hosts a Friday darts club and a Monday Spiritual Healing group.
<b>Awbridge Village Hall &amp; Playing Field,</b> SO51 0HG	Charitable Trust	Secured	No pitch marked - space for 1 adult pitch		Yes - high quality recently built village hall plus a separate prefabricated 'Awbridge Pavilion' with changing rooms and shared car parking.	n/a	Pavilion - poor to standard quality	n/a	n/a	n/a			Parish Council response. Good multi sport village recreation ground site with hall and 40 car spaces managed by a charitable trust. Former Awbridge FC Saturday league side has now folded.
<b>The Ampfield Rec, Winchester Road, Ampfield,</b> SO51 9BQ	Parish Council	Secured	No pitch marked - space for 1 adult pitch		New pavilion completed for 2018 season but only used for cricket currently.	n/a	Good quality	n/a	n/a	n/a		Formerly a North Baddesley FC league side - now a Vets friendly side playing occasional games.	Parish Council response. Adult pitch tried in past but too close to hedges on three sides - ball retrieval issue. No longer marked out. No parking on site but Parish Council has plans and secured CAF and S106 funding to provide parking, remove former pavilion and relocate the play area which is currently too close to the cricket boundary. Potential for two junior football pitches supported by new pavilion and parking when provided, if demand is established.
<b>Halterworth Primary School,</b> Romsey, SO51 9AD	HCC/School	Unsecured	A 5v5 pitch for u8s and a 7v7 pitch for u9s football		WCs and water only	Good condition - drains well naturally, cancellations are rare, good goalposts	n/a - Juniors have access to WC and water	12	School use plus 2 MES, say 6	50%			Braishfield Bees Juniors FC regular season hire for match u8 and u9 matches on approx. 12 Saturday mornings (10am-12noon) per annum. (Club has a link with the Headteacher). Use school car park and field and have key to welfare facilities.
<b>Trojans Sports Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh,</b> SO50 9HT	Sports Club Trust	Secured		Sand dressed (110 x 60m) with lights. Hockey use (2003).	Yes - Large pavilion with good social facilities and extensive team/officials changing rooms that can be divided m/f although in need of upgrade.		Poor to Standard changing rooms aged and quite basic	-	No football hires of this hockey AGP identified in consultations (no football goals or line markings).				Home pitch of Trojans Hockey Club. Large car park (partly made), access road badly pot-holed. Pavilion needs upgrading or replacing (Eastleigh PPS identifies this need).
<b>Hardmoor Sports Ground,</b> Stoneham Ln, Eastleigh SO50 9HT	In Test Valley owned by Eastleigh BC managed by Trojans Sports Club from autumn 2019	Secured	1 youth 11v11 pitch and 1 7v7 pitch		Yes - new pavilion in 2019 with two team changing and official changing rooms	Good - drainage improved by EBC in 2018/19	Good quality (new provision)	10	4	40%		AFC Hiltlingbury, St Francis Youth and Baddesley Park Youth (all Eastleigh & District Mini soccer league) u10 7v7 Sunday. St Francis Youth team train at Toynbee School in Eastleigh Borough. Rodaway Rovers (Southampton & District Tyro Sunday Youth FL). This team train at Valentine Primary School in City of Southampton.	Eastleigh BC sports lead has confirmed the sports hub playing field will provide for archery, cricket and a junior rugby pitch in addition to the 2 junior football pitches from 2019/20 with shared car parking and new pavilion facilities.

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<b>St George Catholic College,</b> Southampton, SO16 3DQ	Voluntary Aided School in City of Southampton	Unsecured	2 Youth 11v11	3G AGP floodlit (96 x 55m)	Yes - in Sports Hall	AGP 2014 - excellent condition	Standard	Extensive community lettings (5-10pm weekdays, 9am to 4pm weekends) with online booking available.	<b>MON TO THURS EVES</b>	Eastleigh FC	Sport field and buildings lie within Test Valley on boundary with Southampton City. £22-£45 per hour (ex VAT) Sports Hall; £70 to £90 per hour (ex VAT) 3G Full Pitch; £35-£45 half pitch. Grass football pitch £24-£50 weekends.
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NEIGHBOURING (close to boundary)												
<b>BTC Sports Ground,</b> Stoneham Lane, Southampton SO16 2PA	BTC Sports Club	Secured	3 adult pitches and 1 junior pitch		Yes - SE and LA grant support to upgrade clubhouse (WCs etc) and car parking	not seen					E&DMSL, Southampton & District Tyro Sunday Youth FL	On adjacent site to the new Stoneham Lane Football Complex, this playing field is the home ground of BTC FC Southampton a FA Charter Standard club with adult teams and 9 youth teams from u8 to u18s and a Soccer School for 4-12 year olds at £3.50 per session on Saturday mornings. There is also a bowls club on this site.
<b>Stoneham Lane Football Complex (Monks Brook),</b> Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, SO16 2PA	FA/ Hampshire FA	Secured	1 adult and 3 youth pitches (Autumn 2020)	Three 3G AGP floodlit pitches (Autumn 2019)	Yes - new pavilion with 8 team changing rooms, officials changing rooms, clubroom and café.	New provision	New provision	Eastleigh & District Mini Soccer League Central Venue from 2020/21; AFC Stoneham (Wessex League) from 2019/20.				<b>NEW PROVISION - PARTIALLY COMPLETED</b> This new £9 million facility will become a central venue for the Eastleigh and District Mini Soccer League (EDMSL), and will provide over 130 local teams in the Under 7 and Under 10 age groups the opportunity to play on state of the art 3G pitches every week. The hub will also be the new home of AFC Stoneham who have over 25 teams and whose men's first XI play in the Wessex League. EBC expect some demand from larger clubs based in the south of TVBC (eg. Romsey Town Youth FC) to access the 3G pitches for midweek training).

## Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy: Appendix C Hockey - Assessment of Needs

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This appendix to the Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy details the current picture of facility supply and demand for the playing pitch sport of **hockey** - at individual sites, in each of the two sub-areas (North and South) and borough wide across the administrative area of the Borough of Test Valley.
- 1.2 It also sets out how this current picture of provision is likely to change over the time period of the next Local Plan. The likely future picture of provision is assessed based on potential changes in supply (both committed and planned hockey infrastructure projects within the borough and its primary travel catchment), forecast changes in the resident population along with national trends in participation in hockey, and the development aspirations of the community hockey clubs based in the borough.
- 1.3 The policies, development programmes and investment priorities of the national governing body for the sport will also influence the future picture of facility supply and demand for the sport in Test Valley. These are summarised in Section 2 below.
- 1.4 The final section brings together the information on supply and demand in the borough and draws conclusions as to the adequacy or otherwise of the existing supply to accommodate current demand (both from within the borough and, if relevant, displaced demand from neighbouring local authority areas). Conclusions are also drawn as to the likely facility needs for this playing pitch sport in the North and South sub areas and borough-wide to 2036.

### 2. England Hockey Facilities Strategy 2017-27

- 2.1 England Hockey (EH) published a ten-year strategy in 2017 towards its vision *A Nation Where Hockey Matters*. To grow the participation base, EH has set an ambitious target to double the number of club hockey players from 140,000 to 280,000 nationally by 2027.
- 2.2 The strategy recognises the need to ensure that there are sufficient fit-for-purpose hockey pitches and supporting facility infrastructure to drive this ambition and the need for a facilities strategy to address the challenges to this growth from the conversion of existing sand based pitches to football 3G.
- 2.3 The Facilities Strategy to 2021 focuses available resources on:
  - **Protecting** existing hockey provision from conversion to 3G and by supporting clubs to achieve greater security of access to facilities.
  - **Improving** existing facilities where they are no longer fit for purpose.
  - **Developing** new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain.

### 3. Supply & Demand Information Sources

- 3.1 For all four sports included in the PPS, pitch supply information has been gathered, as far as possible, by a combination of data collection and review, surveys and consultations. For hockey this comprises:
  - Sport England Active Places Power audit for playing pitches.
  - England Hockey, Hampshire Hockey Association, South Hockey League and South Clubs Women's Hockey League websites.
  - Websites of the three community hockey clubs based in Test Valley.
  - Online survey returns submitted by the three hockey clubs (Andover, Romsey, Trojans).
  - Hockey information provided by Test Valley schools on site visits.

- Site visits to the five sites with hockey AGPs in Test Valley for visual, non-technical inspection and information provided by school site managers, head teachers, PE staff or grounds staff in the course of the site visits.
- League fixture lists.
- AGP booking records.
- Sport England Active Lives Survey hockey participation data for Test Valley.
- Sport England Sports Market Segmentation latent hockey demand data for Test Valley.

## 4. Supply

- 4.1 Findings relating to hockey artificial grass pitch supply in Test Valley are summarised below and the distribution of the hockey AGPs in the north and south sub areas is shown in the maps at Figures 10 & 11 at paragraph 1.9.3 in the Playing Pitch Strategy report.
- 4.2 There are currently five full competition hockey sized sand-based artificial grass pitches (AGPs) in Test Valley. A further hockey AGP is in construction.

Table 4.1: Hockey AGP Sites in Test Valley

Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Ownership
South	Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School)	SO51 6ZE	Independent school
North	Farleigh School	SP11 7PW	Independent school
South	Ganger Farm Playing Fields ( <i>from 2021/22</i> )	SO51 7PB	Local Authority
North	John Hanson School	SP10 3PB	State school
South	Romsey School	SO51 8ZB	State school
South	Trojans Sports Club	SO50 9HT	Club

- 4.3 Two of the five hockey pitches are on independent day and boarding school sites, Farleigh School in the north and Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School) in the south. This provision offers some availability for community hockey clubs in the peak times although this access is on an unsecured access basis.
- 4.4 Two hockey pitches are on community secondary school sites, John Hanson School in Andover (north) and The Romsey School (south). These are the main home pitches of Andover and Romsey hockey clubs respectively. Both pitches offer these clubs high levels of availability in the peak period, particularly at weekends. Also, the clubs enjoy a reasonable degree of security of access provided either by community use agreements or conditions of capital grants by Sport England and/or The National Hockey Foundation.
- 4.5 The fifth hockey pitch is at Trojans Sports Club on the south eastern border of Test Valley with Eastleigh Borough is fully secured and dedicated to hockey use with hockey goals and pitch markings only.
- 4.6 Due to lack of peak weekend capacity at its main site at John Hanson School, Andover Juniors currently use the Council's 3G pitch in the town at Charlton Park for introductory hockey for an hour on Saturday mornings. This playing surface is not supported by EH for hockey, should only be used if there is no alternative available and only for introductory hockey.
- 4.7 The hockey AGP under construction is at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey. This new hockey pitch will be available to hockey clubs and schools to hire together with supporting changing rooms, meeting/social spaces and refreshment facilities. Hockey hirers will share access to these ancillary facilities with rugby and football hirers of other sports pitches on this new playing pitch site, secured by the Borough Council under a Section 106 planning legal agreement.

- 4.8 Finally, Trojans Hockey Club aspire to build a second pitch at Trojans Sports Club and improve the changing facilities. This project is currently an aspiration subject to securing planning and the necessary funding.

Quantity of hockey pitches - benchmarking

- 4.9 The table below compares the quantity of operational sand based artificial grass hockey pitches in the borough with the provision in five contiguous neighbour local authorities, both in terms of the number of pitches and the population per pitch. This shows that, on a per capita basis, Test Valley is the best provided with operational, maintained artificial grass hockey pitches relative to its neighbour local authority areas.

Table 4.2: Quantity by Local Authority Populations

Local Authority	No. Pitches <sup>1</sup>	Population*	Population per hockey pitch	Rank
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>5**</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>1 per 25,600</b>	<b>1</b>
Eastleigh	5	131,700	1 per 26,340	2
Southampton	3	256,500	1 per 85,500	5
Basingstoke & Deane	2	176,800	1 per 88,400	6
Winchester	4	125,500	1 per 31,375	3
Wiltshire - east area**	4	134,300 <sup>2</sup>	1 per 33,575	4

\* Hampshire County Council Small Area Population Forecasts, 2018

\*\* Excludes new pitch in construction at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm

\*\*\* Pewsey, Tidworth, Amesbury, Salisbury & Southern Community Areas

Secured community access to the supply

- 4.10 A key issue for hockey nationally is the heavy reliance of community hockey clubs on availability of pitches on education sites in the peak hours (Monday to Thursday evenings and at weekends) from September to April. In Test Valley, three of the five pitches provide some level of security of access to community clubs. The Trojans Hockey Club enjoys full security (as a section of the Trojans Sports Club which owns its site and facilities). The Andover Hockey Club and Romsey Club have some level of security of continued access to the pitches at John Hanson School and Romsey School respectively through past grant and community use agreements.

- 4.11 The John Hanson hockey pitch was resurfaced only four years ago with contributions from the National Hockey Foundation (NHF) and Andover Hockey Club. The Romsey School pitch was resurfaced in 2019 with a contribution from the NHF and a new Community Use Agreement is drafted. As such, it is considered there is no risk in the short to medium terms of these pitches being converted to football 3G, a key issue for community hockey nationally.

Ancillary facilities

- 4.12 Only the Trojans Sports Club site provides a clubhouse with social and changing facilities. These facilities were built in the 1970s, are not fully accessible to disabled people and require upgrading.

- 4.13 At the school sites, the Andover and Romsey hockey clubs both have access to school changing rooms and toilets only. This limits the ability of these two clubs to develop club identity and ethos through interaction between teams and age groups in a shared social setting. The lack of clubhouse facilities also prevents these clubs from generating revenues from secondary spend of players, supporters and visitors on refreshments to support the clubs' financial sustainability. From the 2021/22 season, the clubs will have the option to hire access to new changing and social facilities along with the new pitch at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey. The management arrangements (opening hours, core programme, pricing) for the new pitches and ancillary facilities are still to be determined. In time, this new facility may provide the opportunity for the Romsey Hockey Club to secure a 'home' base

<sup>1</sup> Sport England Active Places Playing Pitch Strategy Reports, November 2019 - operational full size sand dressed, sand filled and water based artificial grass pitches

<sup>2</sup> Wiltshire Community Area JSA Reports 2016, ONS Mid Year Population Estimates 2014

and, possibly, some revenue income from secondary spend to help sustain the club.

## 5. Demand

5.1 Findings relating to hockey pitch demand in Test Valley are detailed below.

### Clubs and Teams

5.2 There are currently three hockey clubs with their main home pitch located in Test Valley borough, Andover Hockey Club in the north of the borough and Romsey Hockey Club and the Trojans Hockey Club in the south.

5.3 All three Test Valley based clubs have multiple men's and women's teams and large junior sections as detailed in the tables below:

Table 5.1: Test Valley Hockey Club Team and Player Numbers

Club	Men's teams (players)	Women's teams (players)	Boys teams (players)	Girls teams (players)	Minis	Total players
Andover	4 (60)	2 (30)	3 (58)	3 (57)	97	<b>302</b>
Romsey	4 (45)	4 (56)	3 (58)	4 (68)	32	<b>259</b>
Trojans	7 (192)	7 (116)	6 (123)	6 (101)	112	<b>644</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15 (297)</b>	<b>13 (202)</b>	<b>12 (239)</b>	<b>13 (226)</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>1,205</b>

Sources:

Club survey returns September 2019 (Andover HC, Romsey HC).

England Hockey affiliations January 2020 (Trojans HC)

5.4 Andover Hockey Club has exclusive use of the AGP at John Hanson School at weekends throughout the hockey season and for two hours on two evenings a week for coaching and training activities. The school hires the pitch for football at other times in the weekday evening peak hours.

5.5 Romsey Hockey Club moved most of its league programme to Embley in 2018/19 season due to the degraded condition of the club's established 'home pitch' at Romsey School. The sub base of the Romsey School AGP was repaired in summer 2019 and a new sand based playing surface installed. This upgrade enabled the club to return to the school in late September 2019. From September to end April, the hockey club has sole use of the pitch at weekends and on two evenings a week for two hours for training.

5.6 Trojans Hockey Club has exclusive use of the hockey pitch at the Sports Club. The size of this club - with in excess of 640 affiliated players - necessitates hire of pitches out of the borough (i.e. exported demand) to accommodate some fixtures. The club hires a pitch at the Wellington Sports Ground (on the adjacent site) from Edward VI School in Southampton. The club also hire pitches at Southampton Outdoor Sports Centre or at Thornden School (in Eastleigh Borough) when required (i.e. days when the club has more than four home fixtures to programme in accordance with the league regulations on start and finish times to allow visiting teams reasonable time to travel).

5.7 From 2021/22, the new Council owned hockey AGP and multi sport pavilion (with changing rooms, social areas and refreshment facilities) will be available for clubs, schools and teams to hire at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey. This new facility will provide hockey clubs in the area with a further option for matches and training.

### Other hockey activities

5.8 There is a modest amount of imported hockey demand at Romsey from Southampton City. Southampton Ladies Hockey Club hires the Romsey School pitch for summer league training for 90 minutes on two evenings a week throughout the summer months.



- 5.9 Recreational hockey is a growing feature at the three clubs through delivery of the Back to Hockey programme for non-members, promoted nationally by England Hockey and the county associations through local clubs and schools. All three clubs identified in survey returns that this initiative has led to membership growth and new women and girls teams over recent seasons.
- 5.10 Hampshire Hockey Association hires the AGP at Embley on an occasional basis for development centre coaching activities, umpires courses etc.
- 5.11 With hockey played extensively in schools in the borough - most notably at the independent secondary schools - there is a steady demand within the younger age groups for opportunities to play club team hockey, feeding into the demand experienced at all three community clubs in the borough.

Club aspirations

- 5.12 All three of the community hockey clubs in Test Valley have aspirations to secure for their club regular access in season to a second pitch to facilitate further growth and convert latent demand.
- 5.13 Andover Hockey Club aspires to regular access in season to a second hockey AGP in the town to accommodate women's team growth stimulated by Back to Hockey, more female coaches etc. The size of the club currently falls below England Hockey's guidance benchmark of 10 adult teams the governing body uses to determine if a club may require a second pitch. In the short term, there is capacity to accommodate club growth in the peak times at the Farleigh School hockey AGP (see below) a few miles outside Andover. However, this access is unsecured and availability is restricted by the needs of the school for its own terms and boarding students.
- 5.14 From 2021/22, the new Council owned pitch at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey will provide new capacity for hockey in the south of the borough. This facility will be most accessible to Romsey Hockey Club based in the town. Provided the new hockey pitch and pavilion facilities are available to hire in the peak hours at affordable rates, access to this new pitch, plus continued availability to hire the hockey pitches at Romsey School and Embley, should enable the Romsey club to achieve its aspirations for team growth building on its recent success in developing a 4th women's team from Back to Hockey and female coach development initiatives.
- 5.15 Trojans Hockey Club aspires to secure access to a second pitch on the Trojan Sports Club site and considers there is space on the site now that the Sports Club has secured a parcel of land to extend the playing fields. With more than 10 adult teams, this club meets the England Hockey guidance to determine if a club may require a second AGP. This club already relies on access to pitches out of the borough and requires additional capacity in the peak hours to accommodate latent demand and future growth from its primary travel catchment which includes parts of Romsey, Eastleigh and Southampton. This need is also identified in the current Playing Pitch Strategy for Eastleigh Borough.

Hockey Participation Trends

- 5.16 *Adults:* Locally in Test Valley and Hampshire adult participation in hockey has been growing, as evidenced by the clubs in their survey returns and in player affiliation trend data provided by EH. However, at national level, the most recently published findings of the Active Lives Adult Survey<sup>3</sup> in October 2019 showed that self reported regular hockey participation (i.e. taken part at least twice in the last 28 days) in England by adults (aged 16+) fell -0.1% over the three years between 2015-16 and 2018-19 to 0.2%.
- 5.17 Analysis of the Active Lives Survey results for regular participation in hockey by gender at a national level shows:

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<sup>3</sup> Active Lives Adult Survey May 2018/19, Sport England, (October 2019)

- Among male adults, the hockey participation rate in 2018-19 was 0.3% and the fall over the three years was significant at -0.1%.
  - Among female adults, the hockey participation rate in 2018-19 was lower at 0.2% and the fall over the three years was also significant at -0.1%.
- 5.18 If hockey participation in Test Valley were at the national average (i.e. 0.2%), this would indicate around 120 adults (aged 16+) living in the borough play hockey (out of a 16+ adult population in 2019 of approximately 60,000 (male and females)).
- 5.19 The affiliated hockey club playing membership in Test Valley of 499 adult players (see table 5.1), is over four times the national average indicating a much higher propensity for hockey participation by the Test Valley adult population than the national average.
- 5.20 *Children & Young People:* The Active Lives Children & Young People Survey<sup>4</sup> published its first report of findings in December 2018 based on data collected from year 3-11 pupils and parents of years 1-2 pupils in the 2017/18 academic year.
- 5.21 Focusing on the older school age group (i.e. school years 5-11) and team sports activities outside of school, the findings show that 4.1% of children aged 10 to 16 surveyed in England had participated in hockey outdoors at least once in the last week. Statistically significant data at local authority level for individual sports is not available. However, given the picture of very high adult participation in comparison to the national average in Test Valley and the EH player affiliations trend data for the three clubs, it is evident that participation by children in Test Valley is also well above the national average.
- 5.22 Overall, across all age groups and the three Test Valley based hockey clubs, EH report an average growth rate of 20% in player affiliation numbers over the past four seasons, broken down by individual club as follows:
- Andover HC: 33% increase
  - Romsey HC: 5% decrease
  - Trojans HC: 32% increase

#### Sports Market Segmentation (SMS)

- 5.23 As the graphs in Figures 5.2 and 5.3 illustrate, there is higher demand from those adult Sports Market Segmentation Groups 'Chloe', 'Tim', 'Ben', 'Philip', 'Alison' and 'Ralph & Phyliss' playing and wanting to play hockey in Test Valley (the blue column) compared to the averages across the Active Sports Partnership area (Hampshire and Isle of Wight), the South East region and England as a whole (the green dot).
- 5.24 This suggests there is considerable latent demand among adults in Test Valley to play hockey or to play hockey more often.
- 5.25 The main characteristics / descriptors of the main Sports Market Groups already playing the game or interested in playing (i.e. latent demand) are as follows:
- Chloe - fitness class friends
  - Ben - competitive male urbanites, recent graduates
  - Tim - settling down males, sporty professionals
  - Philip - comfortable, midlife males, professional
  - Alison - stay at home mums.
- 5.26 In Test Valley there is a higher than average participation rate for graduate and professional men aged 18-45 and graduate women aged 18-25. As the segmentation demonstrates there is also high latent demand for hockey from target latent demand within these groups by organising and promoting the right

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<sup>4</sup> Active Lives Children and Young People Survey Academic Year 2018/19, Sport England (December 2019)

programmes for example Rush Hockey, Back to Hockey or Walking Hockey (aimed at older people).

Figure 5.2: Market Segmentation – currently participating in Hockey

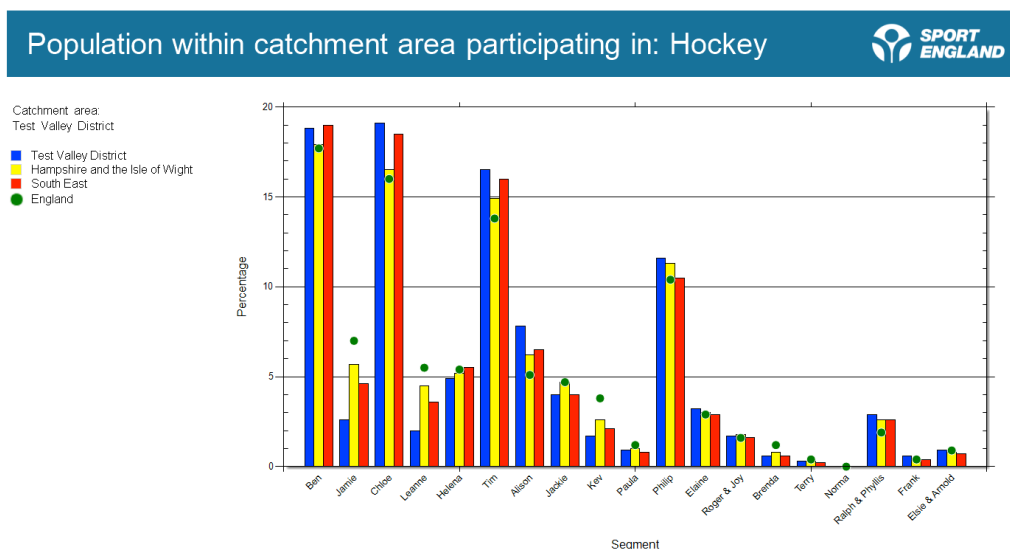
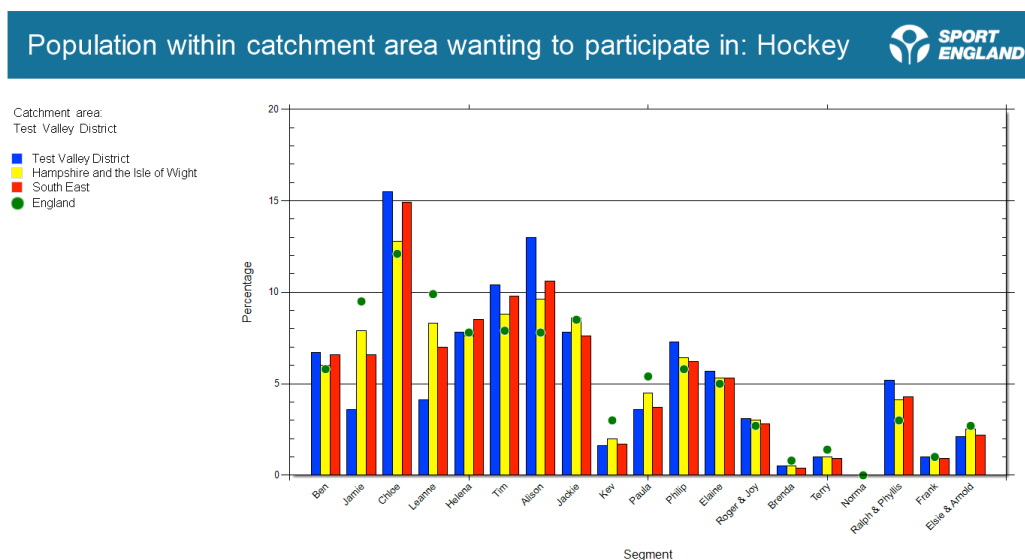


Figure 5.3: Market Segmentation – would like to participate in Hockey



Source: Sport England Sports Market Segmentation Planning Tool

Peak Hours

5.27 Current expressed demand for pitch time by affiliated clubs and teams for games and training is summarised in the table appended from data provided by the clubs in online survey returns, by schools (lettings sheets) and sourced from Hampshire hockey league websites.

5.28 In terms of peak times of play, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to around 5pm are the main focus for league play (allowing for travel time for visiting clubs). This places heavy demand on the available pitches at weekends. Evening training slots are most sought after for hockey on midweek evenings. These time slots are also in heavy demand from football teams for training and for games of 5 a side football in those areas where there is insufficient, accessible 3G supply to accommodate all the football demand. Test Valley is such an area with a shortfall

of 3G pitches. This shortfall of 3G supply is evidenced in the PPS Football Assessment of Need (PPS Appendix B).

## 6. The situation at individual sites

- 6.1 The pitches were quality-assessed at the end of the 2018/19 season and the Romsey School pitch revisited in August 2019 when upgrading works were in progress. England Hockey has reviewed and agreed the pitch audit assessments.
- 6.2 Carrying capacity for hockey is a measure of the number of hours a week in the peak period (evenings and weekends) that the AGPs suitable for hockey use are available for community hockey use, i.e. total community hours available less hours allocated to other sports (football and tennis) during the main winter season.
- 6.3 The audit data table appended summarises the situation at each hockey AGP site with regard to:

*Pitch supply* (including the quality ratings) and conclusions reached as to the amount of play a site can accommodate (i.e. its carrying capacity for community hockey use).

*The amount of play that takes place at each site* (i.e. the expressed demand) adjusted to reflect any casual or education use in addition to club use for hockey matches and training in the peak community hours.

*The comparison* (shown as a RAG rating) as to whether, for each pitch type it contains, a site is:

- RED - Being overplayed (current use exceeds the carrying capacity)
- AMBER - Being played to the level the site can sustain (current use matches the carrying capacity), or
- GREEN - Potentially able to accommodate some additional play (current use falls below the carrying capacity)

## 7. Current Supply and Demand Balance

- 7.1 It is clear that demand for hockey is stronger across Test Valley than the national average. This strong demand is driven by a particularly well-developed base of school hockey and the presence of three large community hockey clubs committed to growth across both genders and all age groups. EH data evidences that the Trojans and Andover clubs have each grown player numbers by around a third over four years.
- 7.2 Hockey demand is similarly strong relative to the national average in the neighbouring local authority areas within Hampshire and east Wiltshire. The success of the Trojans Hockey Club in particular reflects the large and relatively affluent catchment population within close proximity to the club and the high representation within this large population of those Sport Market Groups with the highest propensity to play hockey or to be interested in playing hockey. The catchment of this club draws on the northern parts of the City of Southampton and the western parts of Eastleigh Borough as well as the south sub area of Test Valley.
- 7.3 It is apparent that demand for pitch time at the Trojans club exceeds the capacity of a single pitch requiring players to travel out of the borough to play home games either in Eastleigh Borough or in the City of Southampton. A second pitch is needed at this site.
- 7.4 From 2021/22, the new pitch and pavilion at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey will provide a third hockey pitch available to hire in the Romsey catchment area in addition to the existing good quality pitches at Romsey School and Embley Park. Provided the hire rates are similar to these sites, this new provision should accommodate current demand and the growth aspirations of Romsey Hockey Club

which, in contrast to the other two clubs, has experienced a slight fall in player numbers over the last four years.

- 7.5 In the north of the borough, the Andover Club is operating at the limit of its demand capacity at John Hanson School, allowing for shared use in the evenings with football. The club relies on an hour slot on short-pile 3G pitch at the Sports Academy for introductory sessions for juniors. This playing surface is not suitable for hockey other than at introductory level. The club therefore has no spare capacity for growth on a secured community pitch. To accommodate any overspill demand, the club is reliant on hiring the pitch at Farleigh School. Availability in the peak period at this school pitch is limited by the needs of the school's own teams and boarding pupils.
- 7.6 The tables below summarises the current supply/demand balance and shows the impact of the additional capacity from 2021/22 of the new Kings Chase / Ganger Farm pitch:

Table 7.1: Current Supply/Demand Balance - secured sites by sub area\*

Sub Area	Secured capacity (Peak hours/week)	Demand (Peak hours/week)	Supply/Demand Balance (RAG)
North	13	14	-1 hours
South	44	46	- 2 hours
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>- 3 hours</b>

\* Romsey School, Trojans Sports Club, John Hanson School (excludes hockey use of Andover Sports Academy 3G)

Table 7.2: Secured Supply/Demand Balance with Ganger Farm Pitch

Sub Area	Secured capacity (Peak hours/week)	Demand (Peak hours/week)	Supply/Demand Balance (RAG)
North	13	14	-1 hours
South	75	46	+29 hours
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>+28 hours</b>

## 8. The Future Picture of Provision

- 8.1 The analysis below considers the extent of forecast population growth in Test Valley borough and the potential impact on the level of demand for hockey pitches in the longer term to 2036 - i.e. the period of the new Local Plan.
- 8.2 Future population growth figures have been calculated for the period of this strategy against the primary age groups for hockey participation. The population growth estimates have been produced using 2016-based Sub-National Population Projections produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).
- 8.3 Table 8.1 shows the number of additional male and female youth and adult hockey teams that would be created by the estimated population growth in these age groups assuming existing 'Team Generation Rates' (i.e. the existing population in these age groups divided by the existing number of teams in that age group).

Table 8.1: Population Projections and Hockey Team Generation Rates (TGR)

Age Group	No. Teams	Pop 2019	Pop 2036	TGR	Pop Change	Potential Change in Teams
Hockey Males aged 16-55	15	29,078	29,164	1,939	86	-
Hockey Females aged 16-55	13	30,238	30,379	2,326	141	-

Age Group	No. Teams	Pop 2019	Pop 2036	TGR	Pop Change	Potential Change in Teams
Hockey Boys aged 11-15	12	3,718	4,072	310	354	<b>+1.1</b>
Hockey Girls aged 11-15	13	3,630	4,036	297	406	<b>+1.4</b>

- 8.3 Assuming current hockey team generation rates (i.e. the number of residents in the prime hockey age groups in the population per existing hockey team), and the forecast population growth to 2036 in these age groups, demand for approximately 2.5 additional youth hockey teams (boy and girls aged 11-15) will be generated by 2036 requiring playing capacity for matches and training.
- 8.4 However, the PPS 2013 guidance on hockey team generation omits the mini hockey age groups (under 11s), a major area of growth in many hockey clubs over the seven years since the PPS guidance was published. All three of the hockey clubs have mini hockey sections that are not included in the team generation analysis in table 8.1.
- 8.5 The team generation analysis also excludes any consideration of demand growth. England Hockey has an ambitious target to double the number of players between 2017 and 2027. All three hockey clubs in the borough have indicated in consultation surveys that they aspire to continue to grow. Based on the recent growth trend of +20% over the past four years (i.e. 5% per annum) averaged across the three clubs' playing memberships, and taking into account latent demand, the number of additional hockey teams in Test Valley is likely to be substantially greater than +2.5 by 2036.
- 8.6 Due to the way in which junior hockey play is organised in community hockey clubs, with large numbers of minis and juniors playing in coaching squads and groups as opposed to teams, and to allow for demand growth, England Hockey advocate use of Sport England's *Playing Pitch New Development Calculator* tool. England Hockey considers this planning tool provides a more accurate assessment than team generation rates of the likely impact on hockey pitch demand of forecast population growth in an area.
- 8.7 The Playing Pitch Calculator estimates the additional demand for match play in match equivalent sessions (MES) and training (in hours per week) in the peak period for a population resulting from new development and calculates the number of new pitches required to meet the estimated demand from this new population and the approximate cost of the new pitch provision.
- 8.8 The additional population in 2036 driven by new development is assumed in the modelling as +12,209, based on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2016 based sub national population projections.
- 8.9 it has been assumed that 100% of demand from this new population of 12,209 will fall in the peak period (i.e. matches and training at weekends or weekday evenings).
- 8.10 The Playing Pitch Calculator also allows for modelling the demand for hockey pitches generated by the additional population (the 12,209) if demand to play hockey were to grow.
- 8.11 Findings from application of the Sport England *Playing Pitch New Development Calculator* tool to hockey in Test Valley are summarised in the tables below based on hockey demand growth in the new population continuing at the average of +5% per annum experienced across the three Test Valley clubs over the last four years.
- 8.12 It is important to note that the findings in table 8.2 below relate only to hockey demand growth in the new population (i.e. the 12,207 forecast

population growth by 2036) and therefore exclude future demand growth for hockey in the existing population.

Table 8.2: Additional pitch capacity needed to meet demand from new population at 2036 (i.e. 12,209) assuming a 5% per annum increase in hockey demand in all age groups (i.e. +80% by 2036)

Hockey	Additional Match Equivalent Sessions per week in peak (weekend)	Additional Training hours per week in peak (week day evening)
Adult	2.45	7.34
Junior	1.92	3.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>10.58</b>
	Number of pitches required to meet the estimated demand	Capital Cost (Lifecycle Cost) *
<b>Sand AGPs</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>£741,712 (£22,993)</b>

Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator report 03/02/20.

\*2nd Quarter 2018 prices

- 8.13 In summary, the findings show that based on current growth trends in the sport, the additional population in Test Valley at 2036 - currently estimated at just over 12,200 people - will require pitch capacity in the peak times to play between 4 and 5 matches and capacity to train for between 10 and 11 hours a week, broadly equivalent to one AGP.
- 8.14 Permissions for new housing and current housing site allocations are likely to result in the development of over twice as many new dwellings in the north (Andover) than the south (Romsey). With the development of the new pitch at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm, from 2021/22 there will be more hockey pitches in the south of the borough than the north. This distribution of pitches reflects the relative sizes of the clubs and their catchment areas. Although the current priority need is for a second pitch at Trojans Club in the south east of the borough serving Eastleigh and Southampton as well as Test Valley, there is likely to be a future need for a second hockey AGP with secured community access in the north, driven by new development in Andover and resulting population growth.
- 8.15 England Hockey is currently working with the county hockey associations and leagues to introduce greater flexibility in the rules as to when fixtures are played in order to relieve the growing pressure of demand in the Saturday daytime peak. This initiative, if successful, will serve to reduce the future need for additional pitch capacity to meet peak demand. There may also be some potential for clubs to negotiate increased access to the hockey pitches on the independent school sites at Farleigh near Andover and Embley near Romsey.
- 8.16 The impact on the overall picture of pitch provision for hockey in the borough of demand changes (i.e. population growth, club team and membership numbers and development initiatives including new game formats) and of supply changes (e.g. a second pitch at Trojans Sports Club, a second football 3G in Andover freeing up more slots for hockey on the sand AGP at John Hanson School), will need be kept under periodic review over the term of the strategy.



## 9. Summary of key findings and issues

<b>Hockey</b>
<p><b>What are the main characteristics of the <u>current</u> supply of and demand for provision?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On a per capita basis, with 5 operational hockey pitches in 2019, Test Valley provided one hockey pitch per every 25,600 residents (based on 2018 population projections). In comparison with its neighbour local authorities, this is the highest level of provision, similar to Eastleigh Borough. Provision is much lower in the City of Southampton which places demand pressure on the Test Valley pitches with secured community access and availability in the south sub-area (i.e. Trojans Sports Club and Romsey School).</li> <li>○ The distribution of supply of pitches is greater in the south of the borough than in the north. This distribution reflects the demography, travel patterns and sports market profile of hockey players and the location of the clubs. The south catchment area is larger than in the north as it draws in players from across the borough boundaries with Eastleigh and Southampton. The population in the south is also more closely matched to the hockey market profile.</li> <li>○ Nationally, the Active Lives Survey shows a small decline in adults playing hockey regularly. The experience of two out of the three community hockey clubs in Test Valley (and of most other hockey clubs in Hampshire and east Wiltshire) is very different to the national trend. Programming of initiatives like drop in Back to Hockey sessions for women and girls and the training of more female coaches and officials have resulted in growth in players and team numbers in the women's game in particular. With Test Valley, hockey club player affiliations have grown by approximately 20% over the last four seasons.</li> <li>○ There is also a growth trend in children and young people playing hockey in the borough's clubs with the teaching of hockey in the borough's secondary schools (in both the independent and state sectors) contributing to this growth.</li> <li>○ Outside the secondary schools, hockey participation is centred around the two main towns - Andover and Romsey - and at a large community sports club on the borough boundary with Eastleigh (Trojans). This is due to the requirement to play the game on artificial grass pitches which are not viable to provide in village communities.</li> <li>○ In Andover, Andover Hockey Club's current demand for pitch time is nearly all accommodated adequately on a secured home pitch at John Hanson School, although one introductory hockey session each week cannot be accommodated and, with no other hockey AGP in the town, takes place on a short-pile 3G artificial grass pitch at Andover Sports Academy.</li> <li>○ In Romsey, the Romsey Hockey Club has two more adult teams than Andover Hockey Club and needs two pitches to accommodate home fixtures in the peak. This is currently achieved through secured use of the hockey AGP at Romsey School supplemented by hire of a second hockey AGP at Embley Park, an independent school located just outside the town.</li> <li>○ From 2021/22, Romsey Hockey Club will have the opportunity to hire slots on a new hockey pitch and sports hub pavilion facilities in construction on a Council owned site at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm in Romsey.</li> <li>○ The Trojans Hockey Club located on the south-east boundary of Test Valley borough, is larger still with over 640 hockey players in 2019/20 drawn from both boroughs and from Southampton. This club benefits from secured access to a dedicated hockey pitch (with no use for other sports) and requires additional capacity to accommodate its match play needs in the peak period. The club currently hires school and Council hockey pitches in Southampton and Eastleigh.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet <u>current</u> demand?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall, across the borough as a whole, the findings of the detailed analysis of supply and demand for hockey pitches evidences that there is a shortfall in the quantity of accessible and secured artificial grass pitch provision suitable for hockey (i.e. sand filled/based or water based) to meet current match play and training demand. The shortfall is greatest in the south sub area.</li> <li>○ The Romsey Club relies on unsecured provision at Embley school to meet current demands. This will be addressed in 2021/22 through provision of a second hockey pitch with secured community use at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm that clubs will be able to hire.</li> <li>○ The Trojans Club currently relies on hire of hockey AGPs in both Eastleigh and Southampton and needs to secure a second pitch. The club aspires to provide a second pitch on its home site subject to securing the necessary planning consents and funding.</li> <li>○ The Andover Hockey Club relies on use of the 3G pitch at Charlton on Saturday mornings for an introduction to hockey session. The club does not currently have sufficient adult teams to meet England Hockey guidance to justify a second home pitch.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The three hockey pitches are provided and maintained to a good standard now that the Romsey School upgrade has been completed.</li> <li>○ There is a lack of clubhouse facilities for the Andover and Romsey clubs. These clubs currently rely of access to school changing rooms. However, from 2021/22 a new clubhouse/pavilion will</li> </ul>

be available to hire in Romsey in association with the new pitch at the Kings Chase/Ganger Farm hub site.

**What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?**

- Analysis of the impact of forecast population growth in the youth age groups for hockey based on team generation rates suggests growth of at least one youth boys team and one youth girls team.
- The team generation method of forecasting demand ignores the area of greatest growth in recent seasons - i.e. among younger primary age children - and the age group training squad approach to programming adopted by most community clubs. To account for these factors, England Hockey advocates that Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator is used to forecast the likely impact of a population growth on additional playing capacity required. Application of the Playing Pitch Calculator to Test Valley indicates a potential requirement for a further additional hockey pitch by 2036 based on recent growth trends in player numbers across the three clubs.
- Given the current hockey growth trend in the borough (5% per annum approximately) and the forecast population growth to 2036, there is likely to be a need for a further pitch in Andover to meet future demand.

**Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?**

- In the new Local Plan period, based on recent growth trends, a second pitch is likely to be required to meet future demand in the Andover area where a high proportion of new housing and population growth is planned.

## Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy: Assessment of Need Report - Hockey

**Site Specific Audit Data - HOCKEY** (NB. The row highlighted in peach refers to a new playing field site in development).

Site Name & Address	Ownership / Management	Access Security	Hockey AGP	Pavilion / Changing Rooms	Pitch Rating	Pavilion/ Changing Rating	Available Capacity in Peak (hrs/wk)	Community Use in Peak hrs/wk	Peak Use (% of cap)	RAG	Use assumptions	Comments
<b>NORTH</b>												
<b>John Hanson Community School</b> , Floral Way, Andover, SP10 3PB	HCC / School	Secured - Grant conditions	AGP - 17yrs old sand 100 x 60m with lights (refurbished in 2015)	Sports hall changing rooms only - no pavilion	Good	Good	13	13	100%		<b>Main pitch of Andover Hockey Club. 4 men (60 players); 2 women (30); 3 youth male (58); 3 youth female (57), 97 minis.</b> Exclusive use throughout the season on two evenings (2hrs), Sat (6hrs), Sun (5hrs). The school lets for football on the other 3 evenings for income generation.	The Club part funded refurbishment of the pitch in 2015 (with TVBC, England Hockey Foundation and the School/HCC) and has secured access. The club aspires to a second pitch to accommodate women's team growth stimulated by Back to Hockey, more female coaches etc. The size of the club currently falls below England Hockey's benchmark to sustain a second pitch. In the short term, there is capacity to accommodate club growth in the peak times at the Farleigh School hockey AGP (see below) a few miles outside Andover. However, this access is unsecured.
<b>The (Charlton) Sports Academy, West Portway</b> , SP10 3LF	TVBC / The Sports Academy Trust	Secured	3G (short pile) 108 x 70m with lights (2013)	Yes. Large pavilion with extensive changing rooms shared with Athletics Club	Not a hockey compliant pitch	Good	n/a	1	n/a		Saturday morning <b>Andover Hockey Club</b> minis coaching (1 hr full pitch) 9-10 am	The short pile 3G playing surface is only suitable for introductory hockey where an alternative hockey playing surface is not available.
<b>Farleigh School</b> , Andover, SP11 7PW	School charity	Unsecured	AGP (sand 90 x 60m with lights (2017)	Yes. Pavilion and changing facilities area available to hiring organisations	Good	Good	8	2	25%		Ad hoc hires by <b>Andover Hockey Club</b> when more home matches than able to accommodate at John Hanson School.	The primary use is for hockey and football by the school's day and boarding pupils. The pitch is available for hockey clubs to hire by arrangement. Community Hire charges: £30.00 per hour, plus £5.00 per hour for floodlights.

Site Name & Address	Ownership / Management	Access Security	Hockey AGP	Pavilion / Changing Rooms	Pitch Rating	Pavilion/ Changing Rating	Available Capacity in Peak (hrs/wk)	Community Use in Peak hrs/wk	Peak Use (% of cap)	RAG	Use assumptions	Comments
<b>SOUTH</b>												
<b>Romsey School</b> , Romsey, SO51 8ZB	Academy Trust	Secured / CUA	AGP (sand 100 x 60m, lights, sub base repaired and new playing surface 2015)	Sports hall changing rooms only - no pavilion	Good - newly repaired and resurfaced	n/a	13	13	100%		<b>Main pitch of Romsey Hockey Club (2019/20): 4 Men (45 players); 4 women (56); 3 youth male (58); 4 youth female (68), 32 minis.</b> Also hired as summer training venue by <b>Southampton Ladies Hockey Club</b> (Tues & Weds eve from May - July for 1.5hrs). The school lets for football on the other 3 evenings for income generation.	Romsey Hockey Club moved most league play to Hampshire Collegiate School in 2018/19 pending renewal of the playing surface at the Romsey School site. The sub base was repaired and a new sand based playing surface installed in Aug/Sept 2019. The club has returned for the current season. Hire rates: £20 to £34/hr full pitch (ex VAT) plus £6-£10/hr for lights.
<b>Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School)</b> , Embley Park, Romsey, SO51 6ZE	School Charity	Unsecured	AGP (sand filled 100 x 60m, floodlit)	Yes. Pavilion and changing facilities area available to hiring organisations.	Good	Good - but some distance from pitch	13	3	23%		2019/20 season: Romsey HC currently hires this pitch on some Sunday mornings for those home youth matches that cannot be accommodated on the newly resurfaced Romsey School pitch, and some evening slots for training. Hampshire Hockey Association also makes ad hoc hires for development activities. There are some football hires of the AGP including the Saints Foundation Soccer School.	The club designated this pitch as their main pitch for league fixtures in 2018/19 season due to the very poor condition of the Romsey School Pitch, now repaired. The primary use is for hockey and football by the school's day and boarding pupils. The club's access is unsecured. From next season, Romsey HC will have secured access to a new pitch and pavilion at Ganger Farm for fixtures, training and as a social base.
<b>Ganger Farm Playing Field</b> , Romsey, SO51 7PB	TVBC / management tbc	Secured	Yes - full size floodlit sand based hockey AGP from summer 2020.	Yes - scheme includes construction of a substantial new pavilion with changing and social facilities for users of the 3G and natural turf pitches.	n/a - in development	n/a - in development	n/a	n/a	n/a			<b>NEW PROVISION IN DEVELOPMENT</b> From 2020/21, clubs and schools will be able to hire this new hockey pitch and ancillary facilities. This new capacity in the south of the borough should enable the Romsey Hockey Club to achieve its aspirations for team growth building on its recent success in developing a 4th women's team from Back to Hockey and female coach development initiatives.
<b>Trojans Sports Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh</b> , SO50 9HT	Sports Club Trust	Secured	Sand dressed (110 x 60m) with lights. Hockey use (2003, resurfaced in 2015).	Yes - Large 1970's pavilion with extensive social facilities and team/officials changing rooms that can be divided m/f although in need of major upgrade and improved accessibility for disabled people (steps currently).	Good	Social areas are Poor to Standard - changing rooms are Poor with no disabled access.	31	33	106%		<b>Main pitch of Trojans Hockey Club: 7 Men (192 players); 7 Women (116); 6 youth male (123); 6 youth female (101); plus mixed minis (112).</b> Used exclusively by the club - no football markings or goals. 2019/20 fixtures show 4 or 5 home games on Saturdays from 10.30am and 3 or 4 on Sundays from 9am plus Sunday morning minis coaching, training 4-5 evenings and programming of Back to Hockey development sessions and summer league fixtures.	Large car park (partly made), access road badly pot-holed which needs attention. The Sports Club Pavilion will also need upgrading or replacing over the strategy period, notably the changing rooms. Trojans HC aspire to secure access to a second pitch on the site and consider there is sufficient land available. With more than 10 adult teams, the club meets the EH guidance to justify a second pitch. The club has grown its women's section rapidly through the Back to Hockey initiative and requires additional capacity in the peak hours to accommodate latent demand and future growth from Romsey, Eastleigh and Southampton catchment area. (Eastleigh PPS also identifies this need). Currently some home fixtures are played at Southampton Outdoor Sports Centre and at Thorden School when Trojans is fully programmed. Also, growth has necessitated weekly evening hire of a pitch at the Wellington Sports Ground on the adjacent site (owned by King Edward VI School, Southampton).

**LEAGUE HOCKEY (outdoor)**

**Andover HC**

Mens 1 - Hampshire/Surrey 2  
 Mens 2 - Hampshire 4  
 Mens 3 - Hampshire 6  
 Mens 4 - Hampshire 9  
 Womens 1 - Hampshire Premier  
 Womens 2 - Hampshire 3  
 u16, u14, u12 boys teams - league/cup teams  
 u16, u14, u12 girls league/cup teams

**Romsey HC**

Mens 1 - Hampshire 2  
 Mens 2 - Hampshire 4  
 Mens 3 - Hampshire 4  
 Mens 4 - Hampshire 7  
 Womens 1 - Hampshire Premier  
 Womens 2 - Hampshire 2  
 Womens 3 - Hampshire 4  
 Womens 4 - Hampshire 7  
 u16, u14, u12 boys teams - league/cup teams  
 u16, u14, u12 girls league/cup teams

**Trojans HC**

Mens 1 - Hampshire Premier 1  
 Mens 2 - Hampshire 1  
 Mens 3 - Hampshire 2  
 Mens 4 - Hampshire 4  
 Mens 5 - Hampshire 6  
 Mens 6 - Hampshire 9 South  
 Mens Vets  
 Womens 1 - National 1 South  
 Womens 2 - South 2  
 Womens 3 - Hampshire Premier  
 Womens 4 - Hampshire 2  
 Womens 5 - Hampshire 5  
 Womens 6 - Hampshire 7  
 Women O35s  
 u16, u14, u12 boys teams - league/cup teams  
 u16, u14, u12 girls league/cup teams  
 2 teams in each age group

Mens and Womens leagues: 11 home fixtures per team (Men Saturdays, Women Saturdays or Sundays between 10am and 4.30pm - Sept to April)  
 Masters: 4 home league fixtures (Sundays)  
 Youth: 6 home fixtures per team approx. (Sundays)

## Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy: Appendix D Rugby - Assessment of Needs

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This appendix to the Test Valley Playing Pitch Strategy details the current picture of facility supply and demand for the playing pitch sport of **rugby** - at individual sites, in each of the two sub-areas (North and South) and borough wide across the administrative area of the Borough of Test Valley.
- 1.2 It also sets out how this current picture of provision is likely to change over the time period of the next Local Plan. The likely future picture of provision is assessed based on potential changes in supply (both committed and planned rugby infrastructure projects within the borough and its primary travel catchment), forecast changes in the resident population along with national trends in participation in rugby, and the development aspirations of the community rugby clubs based in the borough.
- 1.3 The policies, development programmes and investment priorities of the national governing body for the sport will also influence the future picture of facility supply and demand for the sport in Test Valley. These are summarised in Section 2 below.
- 1.4 The final section brings together the information on supply and demand in the borough and draws conclusions as to the adequacy or otherwise of the existing supply to accommodate current demand (both from within the borough and, if relevant, displaced demand from neighbouring local authority areas). Conclusions are also drawn as to the likely facility needs for this playing pitch sport in the North and South sub areas and borough-wide to 2036.

### 2. Rugby Football Union Facilities Strategy 2017-2021

- 2.1 In 2017 the Rugby Football Union (RFU) launched *Game of Our Lives*, the RFU's Strategic Plan for the four years 2017-21 covering the administration and development of the game at all levels in England. In community rugby, the key aims in the strategy relate to the themes of protecting existing participation clubs and growing the game:
  - **Protect** - To support clubs to protect themselves against risks to sustainability including in the area of facilities and their quality.
  - **Grow** - Improve player transition from age grade to adult 15 a side rugby; increase female playing numbers; create a community 7 a side offering that is social and fitness focused with reduced contact; improve access to rugby in non-traditional and urban areas.
- 2.2 A new four year strategy is in preparation by the RFU. In the area of club facilities, the RFU is likely to remain committed to its long-established priorities for investment to meet the needs of the game i.e.
  - Increase the provision of integrated changing facilities that are child- friendly and can sustain concurrent male and female activity at the club.
  - Improve the quality and quantity of natural turf pitches (this includes support for enhanced pitch maintenance programmes).
  - Improve the quality and quantity of floodlighting.
  - Increase the provision of artificial grass pitches that deliver wider game development outcomes<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> There are currently 158 World Rugby certificated pitches on the RFU register in England. In the last 5 years, the RFU has invested in rugby AGPs on both club sites and community sites. 'Rugby Turf' AGPs are on rugby club sites, operated by the RFU and used by the host club and other local clubs and education establishments, enabling games to be played and training to be maximised. 'Rugby Share' AGPs are on community sites with a guaranteed number of hours for use by rugby.

- 2.3 In 2020, Hampshire RFU will be producing a Local Rugby Plan (LRP) to shape local investment priorities towards delivery of the national strategy. The Hampshire LRP will be informed by local authority area playing pitch strategies with regard to facility needs as well as the findings of the Hampshire Rugby Clubs Survey 2019/20 conducted with a sample of club members from across the county.

### 3. Supply & Demand Information Sources

- 3.1 For all four sports included in the PPS, pitch supply information has been gathered, as far as possible, by a combination of data collection and review, surveys and consultations. For rugby this comprises:
- Sport England Active Places Power audit for playing pitches.
  - Rugby Football Union and Hampshire Rugby websites.
  - Websites of the three community rugby clubs based in Test Valley.
  - Online survey returns submitted by the three clubs based in the borough - Romsey RFC Trojans FC and Andover RFC.
  - Rugby information provided by Test Valley schools on site visits.
  - Site visits to the three club sites and one park site with rugby pitches in Test Valley for visual, non-technical inspection.
  - League fixture lists.
  - Sport England Active Lives Survey rugby participation data for Test Valley.
  - Sports Market Segmentation latent rugby demand data for Test Valley.

### 4. Supply

- 4.1 Findings relating to rugby pitch supply in Test Valley are summarised below.

#### Natural turf pitches

- 4.2 Including pitches at schools, there are 14 playing field sites in the borough with marked natural turf rugby pitches, 7 in the north sub area and 7 in the south sub area. The distribution of these pitches in the north and south sub areas is shown in the maps at Figures 7 & 8 at paragraph 1.9.2 in the Playing Pitch Strategy report. Between them, these playing pitch sites provide a total of 32 grass rugby pitches, 23 senior and 9 youth<sup>2</sup>.

Table 4.1: Rugby Pitch Sites in Test Valley

Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Ownership
North	Charlton Leisure Centre Park	SP10 3LF	Local Authority
South	Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School)	SO51 6ZE	Independent school
North	Farleigh School	SP11 7PW	Independent school
North	Goodship Ground, Foxcotte Sports Park	SP11 0TA	Local Authority (leased to club)
South	Hardmoor Sports Ground	SO50 9HT	Local Authority (Eastleigh)
North	Harrow Way School	SP10 3RH	State school
North	John Hanson School	SP10 3PB	State school
South	Kings Chase/Ganger Farm Playing Fields <i>replacing Romsey Sports Centre 2021/22</i>	SO51 7PB	Local Authority
South	Mountbatten School	SO51 5SY	State school
South	Romsey School	SO51 8ZB	State school
South	St George's Catholic College	SO16 3DQ	State school
North	Test Valley School	SO20 6HA	State school
South	Trojans Sports Club	SO50 9HT	Club
North	Winton Academy	SP10 2PS	State school

<sup>2</sup> The number of youth & minis rugby pitches is approximate as the exact number of pitches marked at the independent school in the north of the borough - Farleigh School - which has extensive, high quality playing fields was not assessed on the site visit.

- 4.4 Community club rugby in the borough takes place at three large clubs across five main playing field sites with a total of 9 senior pitches, plus separate junior pitches on four of the five key sites. These sites are:
- 4.5 In the north sub area:
1. *Foxcotte Sports Park* with 2 floodlit senior pitches plus academy playing and training area of rugby pitch size (for youth and minis), a dedicated rugby clubhouse and large shared car park shared with football and archery clubs - **home Goodship Ground of Andover Rugby Football Club.**
  2. *Charlton Leisure Centre* public park pitches (2 senior). One used by Andover RFC for 'overspill' home academy fixtures and training for youth and minis on Sundays (when the Goodship Ground is at capacity or in prolonged periods of wet weather when the Goodship Ground pitches need time to recover). Changing and parking facilities are available shared with athletics, football and general visitors to the park for recreation.
- 4.6 In the south sub area:
3. *Romsey Sports Centre* with 2 senior pitches plus an academy pitch/ training area with floodlights to the rear of Romsey Rapids. Dedicated rugby clubhouse and shared parking with other users of the sports centre facilities (tennis, football, cricket, squash) and visitors to the Rapids swimming complex - **home ground of Romsey Rugby Football Club.**
  4. *Trojans Sports Club* with 3 senior pitches (2 with lights) plus 1 junior academy pitch marked on the cricket outfield from 1st Sept to 1st April, a 1970s clubhouse and car park shared with other sports (hockey, squash) - **home ground of Trojans Football Club.**
  5. *Hardmoor Sports Ground* with a youth rugby pitch used by Trojans FC for 'overspill' from its adjacent main ground, plus a new changing pavilion and car park (shared with other sports - football and archery). From 2020, these facilities will be managed and maintained by the Trojans Sports Club under terms of an agreement with Eastleigh Borough Council who owns the playing field despite its location in Test Valley.
- 4.7 In addition to this secured club supply, most of the secondary schools in the borough (including two large independent schools) teach rugby and mark pitches on their school playing fields in the autumn and/or spring terms.
- 4.8 Of the school rugby sites, the most significant with regard to rugby development is Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School). This independent school with day and boarding pupils has high quality playing fields and changing rooms and large capacity for visiting cars and minibuses. This school hosts an annual primary schools' TAG rugby tournament.
- 4.9 Schools of relevance to community rugby are St George's Catholic College, Romsey School and Mountbatten School (South Sub Area). On occasions in past seasons, the youth pitches at these two schools have been hired by Trojans FC or Romsey RFC to provide overspill capacity for academy youth/minis matches or training on Sunday mornings.
- 4.10 Finally, a new playing field site is in development at Kings Chase / Ganger Farm, Romsey which, from 2021/22 will provide the Romsey Rugby Club with access to two dedicated senior pitches and a rugby compliant floodlit artificial grass pitch, together with a clubhouse and car parking to be shared with other sports on this new playing field site (i.e. football and hockey). The new rugby pitches will be used instead of those at Romsey Sports Centre. The rugby club will sub lease dedicated rugby social facilities on the first floor of the new pavilion and have access to changing rooms on the ground floor on match days and for training evenings.



Quantity of natural turf pitches - benchmarking

- 4.11 The table below compares the quantity of operational natural turf rugby pitches in the borough with the provision in five contiguous neighbour local authorities both in terms of the total number of pitches (including pitches on school sites) and the population per pitch. This shows that, on a per capita basis, Test Valley is the best provided with rugby pitches relative to its neighbour local authority areas.

Table 4.2: Quantity by Local Authority Populations

Local Authority	No. Senior Pitches <sup>3</sup>	No. Junior Pitches <sup>4</sup>	Total Pitches	Population *	Population per football pitch	Rank
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>1 per 4,000</b>	<b>1</b>
Eastleigh	17	1	18	131,700	1 per 7,317	4
Southampton	9	1	10	256,500	1 per 25,650	6
Basingstoke & Deane	18	6	24	176,800	1 per 7,367	5
Winchester	19	9	28	125,500	1 per 4,482	2
Wiltshire - eastern area only	17	7	24	134,300 <sup>5</sup>	1 per 5,596	3

\* Hampshire County Council Small Area Population Forecasts, 2018

Secured community access to the supply

- 4.12 The five key playing field sites for rugby in Test Valley - i.e. the 3 club home grounds, plus Hardmoor Sports Ground (adjacent to Trojans Sports Club in the south) and the Charlton Leisure Centre park pitches (in Andover in the north) - all provide secured access for community use. Together, these secured sites provide a total of just 9 of the 23 senior pitches in Test Valley (39%) and 4 of the 9 junior academy pitches (44%). The majority of rugby pitches are therefore on school playing fields with limited, unsecured community availability or on Ministry of Defence (MOD) land with no community availability.
- 4.13 Although community use and/or grant agreements are in place at the Romsey and Mountbatten Schools, these agreements are believed to relate to the artificial grass pitches and do not extend to community use of the schools' playing fields. Similarly, at Test Valley School in Stockbridge, the community use agreement is believed to relate to the indoor sports centre and not the playing field. It is recommended that the extent of any security of community access to the playing fields at these schools in the borough through planning or grant conditions should be clarified and confirmed.
- 4.14 Middle Wallop Station in the north sub area has a senior rugby pitch and changing facilities. However, consultation with the Station Staff Officer has confirmed that there is no current community access. The pitch is retained for use by MOD teams and there is no prospect of this changing in future.

Recreational rugby

- 4.15 Outside of organised sessions of O2 Touch Rugby made available at the Goodship Ground in Foxcotte Sports Park by fa RFC on Monday evenings year round and in the summer at the Romsey and Trojans clubs, (detailed in the demand section below), only the two senior pitches in Charlton Park are available for free, 'pitch up and play' games among groups of friends or work colleagues. However,

<sup>3</sup> Sport England Active Places Playing Pitch Strategy Reports, November 2019 - operational natural senior grass rugby pitches

<sup>4</sup> Sport England Active Places Playing Pitch Strategy Reports, November 2019 - operational natural junior grass rugby pitches

<sup>5</sup> Wiltshire Community Area JSA Reports 2016, ONS Mid Year Population Estimates 2014



there are numerous other public parks and recreation grounds with maintained grass areas (without rugby posts) that are suitable for informal games of touch rugby.

- 4.16 From 2022/22, the new rugby AGP at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm (detailed below) will facilitate the delivery of more local opportunities for 'pitch up and play' Touch Rugby as well as for the introduction of a new recreational format currently in development by the RFU.

3G Rugby Turf Artificial Grass Pitches

- 4.17 As stated in 4.16 above, a rugby AGP is in development at the new Kings Chase/Ganger Farm playing field site in Romsey and will be available to clubs to hire from 2021/22. A second rugby AGP is proposed at Trojans Sports Club on one of the existing natural turf pitches. A feasibility study is complete. However, this project remains subject to planning and funding.

- 4.18 The nearest operational World Rugby certificated rugby AGP to Test Valley is approximately 20 minute drive time from Romsey at Applemore College, Dibden Purlieu, Southampton, SO45 4RQ. Other rugby AGPs in the area are all more than 30 minutes drive away in Farnborough or Portsmouth i.e. at:

- o Salsian College, 75 Park Road, Farnborough, GU14 6LH
- o Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College, Farnborough, GU14 8SN
- o Havant RFC, Fraser Road, Havant, PO9 3EJ
- o University of Portsmouth Playing Fields, Furze Lane, Southsea, PO4 8LW

Supply Changes

- 4.19 As noted above, the notable change in the picture of rugby playing pitch supply in Test Valley that comes available in 2021/22 is the new playing field site at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm currently in development with Section 106 funding in Romsey. Effectively replacing the existing rugby facilities at Romsey Sports Centre, the playing capacity at the new site will be increased substantially - and the quality of the player experience improved - through the provision and maintenance of higher quality grass pitches plus a new artificial grass rugby compliant AGP.

## 5. Demand

- 5.1 Findings relating to rugby pitch demand in Test Valley are detailed below.

Clubs and Teams

- 5.2 There are currently three rugby clubs with their main home pitches located in Test Valley borough; Andover Rugby Football Club in the north sub area, Romsey Rugby Football Club and Trojans Football Club in the south.

- 5.3 In the north sub area, Andover RFC currently put out three Saturday adult league teams (and an occasional fourth/vets side). In the south, Trojans FC has two adult league sides and a vets side playing regular fixtures, Romsey RFC one adult league team and a vets side playing regularly. All three clubs have boys youth teams and mixed minis sections. Trojans FC and Andover RFC have a girls youth rugby offer. Youth rugby (including girls only competition) and mini rugby membership is largest by some way at the Trojans club as detailed in the table below:

Table 5.1: Test Valley Rugby Club Team and Player Numbers

Club	Men's adult teams (players)	Women's adult teams (players)	Boys teams u12 - u18 (players)	Girls teams u12 - u18 (players)	Minis u6 - u11 (players)	Total teams (players)
Andover RFC	3 (97)	1 (20)	6 (154)	1 (11)	6 (157)	17 (439)
Romsey RFC	2 (70)	n/a	4 (114)	n/a	5 (121)	11 (305)
Trojans FC	3 (88)	2 (60)	6 (210)	3 (69)	6 (144)	20 (571)

	<b>8 (255)</b>	<b>3 (80)</b>	<b>16 (478)</b>	<b>4 (80)</b>	<b>17 (422)</b>	<b>48 (1,315)</b>
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Source: RFU (January 2020)

- 5.4 Andover Rugby Club hires use when required of two 'overspill' grass park pitches at Charlton Leisure Centre, mainly on Sunday mornings. In the 2017/18 season, the Borough Council's pitch bookings records show that one of these pitches was hired by the club on 24 occasions, the other on just one occasion.
- 5.5 Romsey Rugby Club hires 'overspill' junior pitches on school sites (Mountbatten or Romsey) when needed (usually on Sunday mornings) on those occasions when there are too many home age group junior fixtures to accommodate on the pitches at Romsey Sports Centre or when these pitches are declared too wet to use by the Council's grounds staff. From the 2021/22 season, with the additional capacity afforded by the higher quality grass pitches and the rugby AGP at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm, the need for overspill capacity offsite on school pitches should be removed.
- 5.6 Women and girl's rugby opportunities and participation have grown substantially in the borough in recent seasons, particularly at Trojans in the south sub area. This club puts out two senior women's teams and three girls' only youth age group squads (u13, u15, u18) in addition to mixed teams in the minis age groups to u11. Mixed u7-u11s squads are also in place at the Romsey and Andover clubs and there is a girls-only group this season at Andover as well as a new women's contact team playing occasional fixtures which has developed from the O2 touch rugby programme. The availability of additional, new changing facilities at Hardmoor Sports Ground from 2020 will improve facilities for girls at Trojans from this season. However, modernisation and improved disabled access to the Trojans Sports Club's existing 1970s changing facilities on the main site across the road will remain a priority.
- 5.7 Providing more opportunities for women and girls only rugby (from age u12/13 upwards) are development aims of both the Romsey and Andover community rugby clubs. At Andover, the club has been programming 'pitch up and play' free Touch rugby sessions since 2016 which has led to establishing a women's contact team. The addition of floodlighting to the second senior pitch on the club's home Goodship Ground at Foxcotte Sports Park in summer 2019 has enabled evening training and midweek games to be programmed across two pitches. This has increased the overall capacity for play in the weekend peak time by allowing the club to better manage pitch use to spread wear and tear more evenly.
- 5.8 At the Romsey Rugby Club, development of new opportunities for women and girls only rugby will be facilitated greatly by the relocation to Kings Chase/Ganger Farm from 2021/22 with a new clubhouse purpose-designed to allow both genders to play at the same time, with better draining grass pitches with greater playing capacity than those at Romsey Sports Centre and, most importantly, the availability of a 3G pitch allowing year round play and programming of Touch sessions. No longer having to share a playing field with cricket (as is the current arrangement at Romsey Sports Centre) will also facilitate the club's growth by overcoming the overlap of playing seasons which acts as a constraint on the club's development at the Sports Centre.
- Levels of play in the league structure
- 5.9 All three community rugby clubs are affiliated to Hampshire Rugby and, in the 2019/20 season, the clubs' senior men's teams compete in the following Hampshire Rugby leagues:
- Andover RFC - London Division 3 South West (Level 8)
  - Trojans FC - London Division 3 South West (Level 8)
  - Romsey RFC - Hampshire Division One (Level 10)
- 5.10 Andover RFC and Trojans FC enter teams in all the Hampshire mini & youth competitions - i.e. u18, u16, u15 leagues and u14 and u13 cups - and in the county mini age group festivals (u7/u8; u9/10; u11; u12) that take place in March annually and are usually hosted by either the Winchester, Gosport or Petersfield

clubs. Romsey RUFC also enters teams in the minis festivals and in two of the youth age groups (u15 and u16 this season).

#### Imported and exported demand

- 5.11 No imported rugby demand has been identified - i.e. community club teams from neighbouring local authority areas playing or training on rugby pitches in Test Valley.
- 5.12 However, given the location of the Trojans Club in the south eastern corner of Test Valley close to the borough boundaries with both Eastleigh and Southampton, the membership of this club - the largest in Test Valley - is drawn from both Eastleigh and Southampton. The low supply of community rugby pitches in Southampton, as well as the opportunities afforded to play at Level 8 in the league structure, is certain to draw players living in Southampton to play for Trojans in Test Valley.
- 5.13 In terms of exported demand, the lack of sufficient playing capacity for Trojans FC at the Trojans Sports Club site (and the adjacent Hardmoor Sports Ground) results in reliance on unsecured hired access to school pitches, for example at St George's Catholic College (in Test Valley), the King Edward V1th School's Wellington Sports Ground (adjacent to Trojans in Eastleigh borough) or at Thornden School or Crestwood School (also in Eastleigh).
- 5.14 In contrast, although both the Andover and Romsey clubs are not able to accommodate all demand on their home grounds, overspill demand is accommodated on hired park or school pitches within a short journey time in Test Valley - i.e. without needing to travel out of the borough.

#### Other rugby activities

- 5.15 Recreational 'pitch up and play' Summer Touch Rugby is programmed at all three clubs in Test Valley from April to September for mixed and/or women only groups.
- 5.16 Trojans FC organises a Hampshire Rugby approved Minis Festival for u7 - u12 annually in October.
- 5.17 Hampshire County representative rugby takes place for men, women and most age groups with trials and three or four inter-county fixtures a season. Regular host venues in the county are Havant RFC and Alresford RFC. Both Trojans and Andover clubs from Test Valley have players selected to the county squads most seasons.
- 5.18 Hampshire Schools Rugby Football Union run age group competitions for affiliated schools at u14, u15, u16 and u18 age groups for boys and recently introduced inter-school girls rugby. It is likely that most inter school fixtures are played on school pitches and therefore place no capacity demand on the pitches at the three club grounds. The development of a rugby AGP in the borough from 2021/22 will be an opportunity to further develop schools rugby in Test Valley and its neighbour authorities.
- 5.19 Finally, Rugby Camps take place in the school holidays at a number of locations across the county delivered by premiership clubs (London Irish, Harlequins) as well by commercial organisations such as Socious Sports. Andover RFC have partnered with Socious Sports to deliver a week-long childrens' rugby summer camp in previous seasons. Trojans have also run 3 day summer courses with qualified coaches. Romsey RUFC has not been able to offer camps as the Sports Centre site is used in summer for cricket. However, from 2021/22, the club will be able to offer this new opportunity from the new AGP and clubhouse at Ganger Farm.

#### Club aspirations

- 5.20 Now that the Kings Chase/Ganger Farm project is definite and arrangements for relocation of Romsey RFC from Romsey Sports Centre and the club's access to the new pitches and clubhouse are in progress, the facility enhancement aspirations expressed in consultation with the clubs are as follows:

*Trojans FC:*

- Convert an existing grass pitch to a floodlit rugby AGP to increase playing capacity on site and address current pitch drainage issues and call offs in periods of wet weather, in order to reduce the need to hire facilities to play and train off site and improve the playing experience.
- Upgrade / refurbish the changing and social facilities which are outdated and do not meet the needs for women and girls or for disabled access.
- Secure improved quality to site access road from Stoneham Lane.

*Andover RFC:*

- Improve the quality of the existing Goodship Ground pitches through additional professional maintenance input to support volunteers (e.g. feeding, top dressing, weeding, verti-draining, top dressing).
- Review the opportunities at the Goodship Ground to provide additional pitches to accommodate all current rugby activity at the home site.
- Expand and refurbish the rugby pavilion (now 29 years old) to better provide for female players (additional changing facilities) and a larger social area and supporting kitchen facilities to better accommodate members' needs and community events for revenue generation to help sustain the club.
- Review the ancillary facility needs at Foxcotte Park and the potential for shared provision to improve quality, inclusivity of access and financial sustainability of all three community sports clubs.

Rugby Participation Trends

- 5.21 *Adults:* The most recently published findings of the national Active Lives Adult Survey<sup>6</sup> in October 2019 showed that self reported regular participation in rugby union (i.e. taken part at least twice in the last 28 days) in England by adults (aged 16+) fell slightly by -0.1% over the three years between 2015-16 and 2018-19 to 0.5%. Whilst Romsey RFC reported no significant change over the past three seasons, Trojans Sports Club has seen growth in the membership of its rugby section and Andover RFC report year on year growth in its female adult playing membership suggesting that locally in this part of Hampshire, adult rugby participation is an exception to the national trend.
- 5.22 Analysis of the Active Lives Survey results for regular participation in rugby by gender nationally reflects the recent development of women and girls' rugby and the general trend of decline in the number of adult men's teams at many community rugby clubs over recent seasons. To date, the national trend of decline in men's rugby is not reflected in Test Valley:
- Among male adults, the rugby participation rate in 2018-19 was 0.9% and the fall over the three years was significant at -0.3%.
  - Among female adults, the rugby participation rate in 2018-19 was 0.2%, a significant increase of +0.1% over the three years.
- 5.23 If rugby participation in Test Valley were at the national average (i.e. 0.5%), this would indicate around 300 adults (aged 16+) living in the borough play rugby out of a 16+ adult population in 2019 of approximately 60,000 (male and females).
- 5.24 Given that most rugby played by adults in Test Valley currently is by men, it is appropriate to consider most closely the adult male participation rate. Among the 30,000 approx. male residents aged 16+, the national participation rate of 0.9% gives a total of approximately 270 adult male players in Test Valley.
- 5.25 The 2019/20 affiliated adult male rugby club playing membership in Test Valley is 255 players. When male players aged 16-18 are added, the total is over 300, slightly higher than the 270 adults (16+) based on the national average rugby participation rate.

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<sup>6</sup> Active Lives Adult Survey May 2018/19, Sport England, (October 2019)

- 5.26 *Children & Young People:* The Active Lives Children & Young People Survey<sup>7</sup> published its first report of findings in December 2018 based on data collected from year 3-11 pupils and parents of years 1-2 pupils in the 2017/18 academic year.
- 5.27 Focusing on the older school age group (i.e. school years 5-11) and team sports activities outside of school, the findings show that 7.2% of children aged 10 to 16 surveyed in England had participated in rugby outdoors at least once in the last week. Statistically significant data at local authority level for individual sports is not available.
- 5.28 All three rugby clubs in Test Valley reported substantial growth in their junior academy player numbers over recent seasons. Given this, and the presence of several rugby playing schools in the borough, it is very probable that participation in rugby by children in Test Valley is above the national average.

#### Sports Market Segmentation (SMS)

- 5.29 As the graphs at Figures 5.2 and 5.3 illustrate, there is higher demand from the adult male Sports Market Segmentation Groups 'Tim', 'Ben', 'Philip', and among the female group 'Chloe', playing and wanting to play rugby in Test Valley (the blue column) compared to the averages across the Active Sports Partnership area (Hampshire and Isle of Wight), the South East region and England as a whole (the green dot).
- 5.30 This suggests there is considerable latent demand among adults in Test Valley to play rugby or to play rugby more often.
- 5.31 The main characteristics / descriptors of the main Sports Market Groups already playing the game or interested in playing (i.e. latent demand) are as follows:
- Ben - competitive male urbanites, recent graduates
  - Tim - settling down males, sporty professionals
  - Philip - comfortable, midlife males, professional
  - Chloe - fitness class friends.
- 5.32 In Test Valley there is a higher than average participation rate for graduate and professional men aged 18-45 and graduate women aged 18-25. As the segmentation demonstrates there is also high latent demand for rugby from target latent demand within these groups by organising and promoting the right programmes to attract their participation, for example 'pitch up and play' sessions of Touch Rugby, Rugby 7s etc.

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<sup>7</sup> Active Lives Children and Young People Survey Academic Year 2018/19, Sport England (December 2019)

Figure 5.2: Market Segmentation – currently participating in Rugby

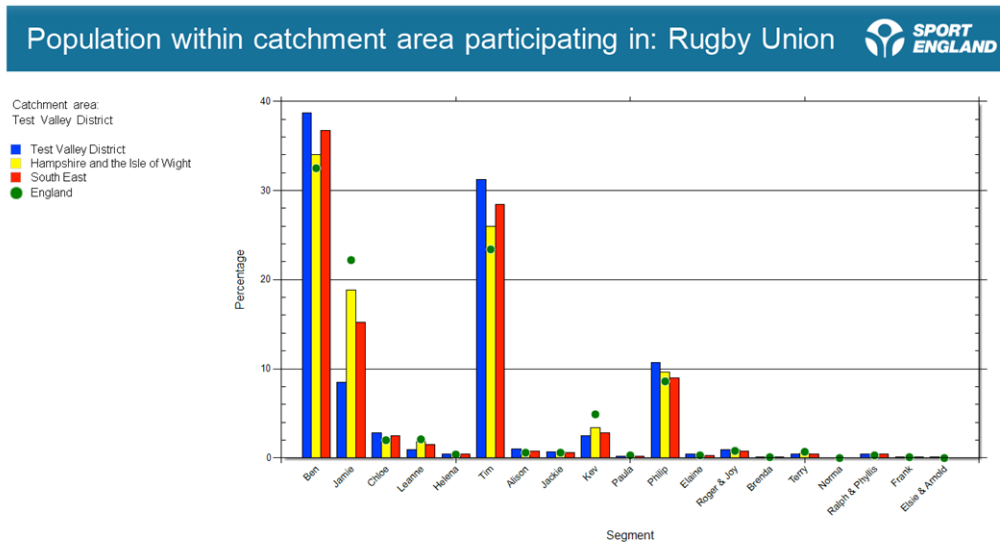
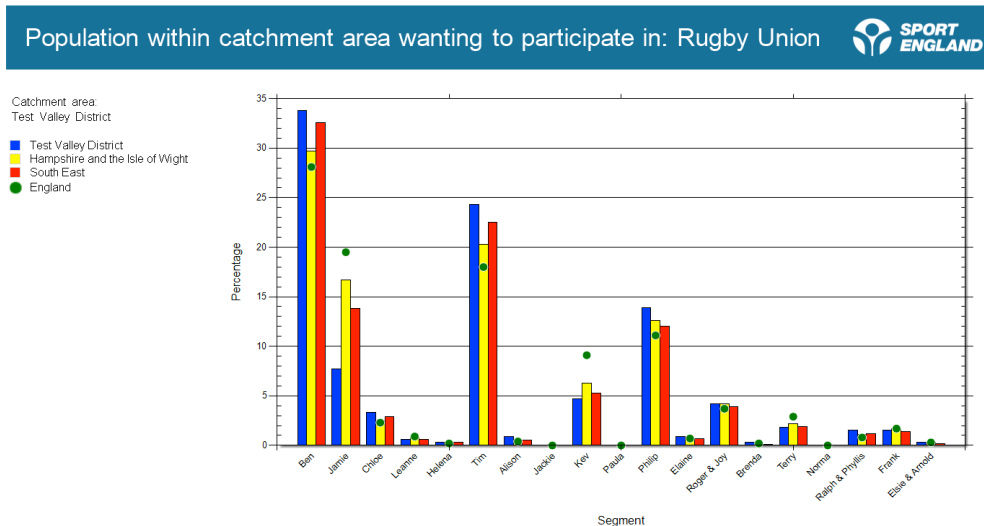


Figure 5.3: Market Segmentation – would like to participate in Rugby



Source: Sport England Sports Market Segmentation Planning Tool

**Peak Hours**

- 5.33 Current expressed demand for pitch time by affiliated clubs and teams for games and training is summarised in the table appended from data provided by the three clubs in online survey returns, in consultation with the schools with rugby pitches, and sourced from the Hampshire Rugby website.
- 5.34 In terms of peak times of play, Saturday afternoons are the main focus for league play and Sunday mornings from 10am for junior games (allowing for travel time for visiting clubs). This places heavy demand on the available pitches at weekends. Midweek evening games under lights are most often played on Wednesdays. Peak training nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 5.35 In the north sub area, the addition of floodlights to the second pitch at the Goodship Ground in Foxcotte Sports Park has increased capacity in the peak by enabling evening match play and training to be more evenly distributed reducing wear and tear. In the south sub area, the provision of a rugby AGP at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm from 2021/22 will increase capacity for rugby in the peak hours considerably.



## 6. The situation at individual sites

- 6.1 The pitches were quality-assessed in October 2019. Representatives of the RFU have reviewed and agreed the pitch audit assessments.
- 6.2 Carrying capacity for rugby is a measure of the number of *match equivalent sessions* (MES) of play (matches or training) each week that the pitch can accommodate without adverse impact on the pitch quality for the following week.

Table 6.1: RFU PPS Guide - Pitch Carrying Capacities

Drainage Ratings	Poor Maintenance (M0)	Adequate Maintenance (M1)	Good Maintenance (M2)
Natural inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
Natural adequate (D1)	1.5	3	3
Pipe (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
Pipe & Slit (D3)	2	3	3.5

Source: PPS Guidance Sport England, October 2013

- 6.3 The audit data table appended summarises the situation at each rugby pitch site with regard to:

*Pitch supply* (including the quality ratings) and conclusions reached as to the amount of play a site can accommodate (i.e. its carrying capacity).

*The amount of play estimated to take place at each site in the season* (i.e. the expressed demand) adjusted to reflect any casual or education use in addition to club/team use for matches and training in the peak community hours.

*The comparison* (shown as a RAG rating) as to whether, for each pitch type it contains, a site is:

- RED - Being overplayed (current use exceeds the carrying capacity)
- AMBER - Being played to the level the site can sustain (current use matches the carrying capacity), or
- GREEN - Potentially able to accommodate some additional play (current use falls below the carrying capacity).

## 7. Current Supply and Demand Balance

- 7.1 It is clear that demand for rugby is stronger across Test Valley than the national average. This strong demand is driven by a particularly well-developed base of school rugby and the presence of three large community rugby clubs that have been committed to growth for a number of seasons.
- 7.2 Rugby demand is similarly strong relative to the national average in the neighbouring local authority areas within Hampshire and east Wiltshire. The success of the Trojans Club in particular reflects the large and relatively affluent catchment population within close proximity to the club and the high representation within this large population of those Sport Market Groups with the highest propensity to play rugby or to be interested in playing rugby. The catchment of this club draws on the northern parts of the City of Southampton and the western parts of Eastleigh Borough as well as the south sub area of Test Valley.
- 7.3 It is apparent that demand for pitch time at the Trojans club for juniors on Sunday mornings exceeds the capacity of the single junior pitch on the Sport Club site and the youth pitch on the Hardmoor Sports Ground adjacent. This requires junior players to travel out of the borough to play home games on school sports grounds in Eastleigh Borough.
- 7.4 The provision of an additional rugby artificial grass pitch at Kings Chase/ Ganger Farm in Romsey will provide additional capacity for match play and training from



the 2021/22 season onwards. Although primarily intended to meet the demands of the Romsey Rugby Club, the new Ganger Farm artificial grass rugby pitch should provide sufficient secured capacity in the short term to enable both the Romsey and Trojans clubs in the south of Test Valley to accommodate their current playing and training needs.

- 7.5 In the north of the borough, the Andover Club is operating beyond the limit of its demand capacity at The Goodship Ground in Foxcotte Sports Park (with approximately 25 games a season played off site on pitches at Charlton Leisure Centre in the park). The addition of a second set of floodlights (with RFU grant support) in 2019 has allowed the club to spread pitch use and wear and tear more evenly by enabling evening training on two pitches rather than one. To secure more capacity on the club's home ground for match play/training and to deliver the club's aims to grow the current offer of girls only rugby, will require an increase in playing pitch capacity. This could be done via the reconfiguration of the current provision to potentially provide additional playing pitch capacity (Rugby compliant).
- 7.6 The tables below summarises the current supply/demand balance and shows the likely impact of the additional capacity from 2021/22 of the Ganger Farm new pitch:

Table 7.1: Current Supply/Demand Balance - secured sites by sub area\*

Sub Area	Secured capacity (MES/week)	Demand (MES/week in peak)	Supply/Demand Balance (RAG)
North	16	14	+ 2 MES
South	24.25	25	- 0.75 MES
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>40.25</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>+ 1.25 MES</b>

\* Romsey Sports Centre, Trojans Sports Club, Foxcotte Sports Park, Charlton Park

Table 7.2: Secured Supply/Demand Balance with Ganger Farm Pitch\*

Sub Area	Secured capacity (MES/week)	Demand (MES/week in peak)	Supply/Demand Balance (RAG)
North	16	14	+ 2 MES
South	40.25	25	+ 15.25 MES
<b>Test Valley</b>	<b>56.25</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>+ 17.25 MES</b>

\* Assumes AGP at Ganger Farm available for 16 MES/wk in peak for rugby.

## 8. The Future Picture of Provision

- 8.1 The analysis in Table 8.1 considers the extent of forecast population growth in Test Valley borough and the potential impact on the level of demand for rugby pitches in the longer term to 2036 - i.e. the period of the new Local Plan.
- 8.2 Future population growth figures have been calculated for the period of this strategy against the primary age groups for rugby participation. The population growth estimates have been produced using 2016-based Sub-National Population Projections produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Table 8.1: Population Projections and Rugby Team Generation Rates (TGR)

Age Group	No. Teams	Pop 2019	Pop 2036	TGR	Pop Change	Potential Change in Teams
Men 19-45	9	17,826	18,552	1,985	726	+0.4
Women 19-45	3	18,644	19,136	6,215	492	+0.1
Boys aged 13-18	16	4,154	4,799	260	645	+2.5
Girls aged 13-18	4	4,077	4,769	1,019	692	+0.7
Mixed 7-12	17	9,424	9,653	554	229	+0.4

- 8.3 Assuming current rugby team generation rates (i.e. the number of residents in the prime rugby age groups in the population per existing rugby team), and the forecast population growth to 2036 in these age groups, demand for approximately 0.5 additional senior rugby team, 3 youth teams and 0.5 mini rugby teams will be

generated by 2036 requiring playing capacity for matches and training (i.e. +4 teams in total).

- 8.4 However, this figure should be considered with caution in the context of the aspirations of the RFU and the three rugby clubs in the borough to continue to grow particularly in the area of providing more opportunities for girls only rugby from age 12 and the introduction of women's rugby at the Romsey club following relocation to Kings Chase/Ganger Farm.
- 8.5 Based on recent growth trends in the clubs' playing memberships and latent demand, the number of additional rugby teams in Test Valley is likely to be greater than +4 by 2036. In consultation with the RFU, a growth scenario of up to +6 new women and girls teams by 2036 is considered a realistic target subject to sustained commitment of the Andover club to build on its recent success to develop its offer to women and girls and successful delivery of the Romsey club of its development plans from 2021/22 at Ganger Farm. Under this growth scenario, sufficient capacity will be needed by 2036 for approximately 10 new teams to play and train. This equates to a future capacity need for 15 Match Equivalent Sessions (assuming a home match every 2 weeks and a weekly training session).
- 8.5 Table 7.2 shows that the additional playing capacity afforded by the AGP at Ganger Farm will provide sufficient additional capacity in the peak in the south sub area to accommodate team growth and additional Match Equivalent Sessions generated by the Romsey club. In the north, match play from team growth could be accommodated within the spare capacity on the rugby pitches at Charlton Park. However, evening training will require floodlights which are only available at the club's home Goodship Ground at Foxcotte where there is no spare capacity.
- 8.6 In the longer term, there may be a needs case for additional supply in the south sub area to accommodate rugby growth at Trojans particularly if the club's ambition to consolidate all match play and training on the pitches under the sports club's own management and maintenance - i.e. at the home ground plus Hardmoor Sports Ground adjacent - is to be achieved.
- 8.7 Similarly, in the north sub area, if the ambitions of the Andover club to consolidate all play at its home ground are to be achieved, increased playing capacity through reconfiguration of the site (or upgrade of a grass pitch to AGP) will need to be reviewed.
- 8.8 The impact on the overall picture of pitch provision for rugby in the borough of demand changes (i.e. population growth, club team and membership numbers and development initiatives including new game formats) and of supply changes (e.g. at Ganger Farm and Trojans Sports Club) will need to be kept under periodic review over the term of the strategy.

## 9. Summary of key findings and issues

Rugby
<p><b>What are the main characteristics of the <u>current</u> supply of and demand for provision?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On a per capita basis, with 32 operational rugby pitches in 2019, Test Valley provided one rugby pitch per every 4,000 residents (based on 2018 population projections). In comparison with its neighbour local authorities, this is the highest level of provision, similar to Winchester District. Provision is much lower in the City of Southampton which places demand pressure on the Test Valley pitches with secured community access and availability in the south sub-area (i.e. Trojans Sports Club and Romsey Sports Centre) as residents travel to access playing opportunities at the level of rugby they seek.</li> <li>○ The distribution of supply of pitches is broadly even across the north and south sub areas although concentrated in the two main population centres of Romsey and Andover. The school pitch at Test Valley School in Stockbridge is the only provision in the rural areas.</li> <li>○ This distribution reflects the demography, travel patterns and sports market profile of rugby players and the location of the clubs. The south catchment area is larger than in the north as it draws in players from across the borough boundaries with Eastleigh and Southampton. The population in the south is also more closely matched to the rugby market profile.</li> <li>○ Nationally, the Active Lives Survey shows a small decline in adult males playing rugby regularly, partly offset by growth in women's participation in the game. The experience of the three community rugby clubs in Test Valley (and of most other rugby clubs in Hampshire) is different to the national trend. Programming of initiatives like 'pitch up and play' 02 Touch Rugby sessions for mixed groups and women only for example and a strong development focus on establishing women's teams and girls only rugby from age 12 upwards at Trojans and the training of more female coaches and officials have resulted in growth in players and team numbers in the women's game in particular.</li> <li>○ There is also a growth trend in children and young people playing rugby in the borough's clubs with the teaching of rugby in the borough's secondary schools (in both the independent and state sectors) contributing to this growth.</li> <li>○ In Andover, the club's demand for match play and training is accommodated mainly on its secured home Goodship Ground pitches at Foxcotte Sports Park just to the north of the town. However, on Sundays, the club currently also hires Council pitches in Charlton Park half a mile away to accommodate upwards of 25 academy games/training sessions a season (depending on the weather conditions and wear and tear on its home pitches) suggesting that additional pitch space and improved pitch quality/maintenance is required to realise the club's ambition of bringing all rugby activity on site.</li> <li>○ In Romsey, the club currently shares a playing field with the town's cricket club which constrains the capacity and growth potential for both sports clubs. However, this constraint will be removed from 2021/22 when the rugby club relocates to a new playing field site in the town currently in development funded via a Section 106 planning legal agreement. The new site will provide additional playing capacity in the form of a full size floodlit rugby artificial grass pitch.</li> <li>○ The Trojans club (located on the south-east boundary of Test Valley where it meets Eastleigh Borough and City of Southampton) is by far the largest of the three clubs, although its first side plays at the same level in the league structure as Andover RFC. Like Andover RFC, Trojans FC are also unable to accommodate all demand for match play on their home ground and the youth pitch the club manages on the adjacent Hardmoor Sports Ground. The club relies on hiring school pitches on an ad hoc basis particularly in periods of wet weather as the club pitches drain poorly.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet <u>current</u> demand?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The findings of the detailed analysis of supply and demand for rugby pitches evidences that of the 32 pitches only 13 are on secured community use sites. Whilst across the borough as a whole there is no shortfall in the quantity of accessible and secured rugby pitches and some unused capacity of one of two parks pitches in Andover in the north, in the south sub area there is insufficient accessible and secured provision to meet current match play and training demand.</li> <li>○ However, from the 2021/22 season, with the completion of Kings Chase/Ganger Farm and the enhancement of the junior pitch at Hardmoor, both Romsey RFC and Trojans FC will have sufficient pitches with secured community access to meet current demands for match play and training at most times with only occasional need to hire school pitches.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The main pitch at Romsey Sport Centre is uneven and the Goodship Ground pitches at Foxcotte Sports Park leased by Andover RFC suffer from localised areas with poor grass cover and show some signs of soil compaction indicating a need for improved maintenance.</li> <li>○ The pitch quality issue for Romsey RFC will be addressed from 2021/22 following this club's relocation to newly provided grass pitches (with pipe and slit drainage) and a new rugby AGP.</li> </ul>

**Rugby**

- The Andover RFC pitches at Goodship Ground benefit from maintenance support from the Council (with grass cutting) but otherwise rely on club volunteers and expert advice from a retired RFU Head Groundsman at Twickenham. More remedial maintenance is needed requiring specialist equipment and increased budget provision.
- The main pitch quality issue at Trojans FC is that the pitches, whilst well maintained, rely of natural drainage and are susceptible to water-logging and fixture call offs in periods of persistent rainfall.
- The clubhouses at both Andover RFC and Trojans FC are in need of refurbishment and expansion to cater to changing to better accommodate growing demand among girls and women.

**What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?**

- Assuming current rugby growth trends in the borough and region (which are bucking the national trend of slight decline shown in Active Lives Survey data), and the forecast population growth to 2036 in Test Valley, there is likely to be a need for further pitch capacity beyond the new supply at Ganger Farm and the enhanced junior pitch at Hardmoor Sports Ground which are needed to meet the current secured supply shortfall in the south sub area.
- Analysis of the impact of forecast population growth in the core age groups for rugby based on team generation rates suggest growth of at least 4 additional teams by 2036. Should the developments plans for women and girls rugby at the clubs be successfully delivered, it is reasonable to estimate that a further 6 girls and women's teams may be established - i.e. a total of 10 new teams requiring pitch capacity for matches and training by 2036.

**Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?**

- The new supply of floodlit rugby artificial grass pitch and higher quality replacement grass pitches at Ganger Farm, together with the reinstatement of the enhanced junior pitch at Hardmoor Sports Ground, should be sufficient to address the capacity shortfall for adult and junior match play on Saturdays and Sundays and for evening training in the short term for both the Romsey club and Trojans.
- However, the demographic profile and demand growth trend - together with the development plans of the Andover and Romsey rugby clubs for women and girls rugby supported by the RFU - strongly suggest the need for further capacity in the peak period with Trojans Sports Club the priority location for a second rugby AGP in Test Valley once Ganger Farm is established and the peak slots are filled at this new site.
- Additional pitch capacity may also be required to meet future demand in the Andover area where a high proportion of the borough's new housing and population growth is planned. As stated above, there is an opportunity to reconfigure the current pitch provision at Foxcotte Park to provide additional playing pitch capacity (rugby compliant). The RFU's preferred option to consolidate supply on the Andover RFC community club site.

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Site Specific Audit Data - RUGBY UNION

(NB. The row highlighted in peach refers to a new playing field site in development).

Site Name & Address	Ownership / Management	Access Security	Grass Pitches	Rugby AGP	Pavilion / Changing Rooms	Pitch Ratings: Maintenance & Drainage (0-3)	Clubhouse Rating	Cap MES/wk	Use MES/wk	Peak Use (% of cap)	RAG	Use Assumptions	Comments
<b>NORTH</b>													
<b>Club</b>													
<b>Goodship Ground, Foxcotte Park, Andover SP11 0TA</b>	TVBC freehold / lease ground to Andover RFC (49 years remaining). Clubhouse owned by Andover RFC.	Secured	2 adult pitches (both with lights), plus academy area for youth and mini rugby matches/training (equivalent of 1 adult pitch or 2 junior pitches).		Yes - substantial two storey brick built clubhouse, 29 years old.	<b>M1/D2</b> (Good club rating) Grass cuts by TVBC by arrangement. Other maintenance by club volunteers with own equipment. Compacted with large bare patches on visit including along drainage pipelines.	Average (club rating). Needs renewal of electrics, hot water system, kitchen equipment. Capacity limitations of changing for females, plus social area and kitchen.	5 (adult pitches) 5 (youth/mini)	12 (16 teams: 8 home w/end games / training plus 4 evening sessions on average.	120%		<b>Home ground of Andover RFC</b> 3 men's teams (plus vets) - Saturday pm; 1 women's team (Sunday pm), a girls only training group, 6 boys teams and 6 mixed minis teams (Sunday am, Colts Sunday pm). Adult and older youth train on 3 evenings, O2 Touch Monday evening.	Andover RFC share an access road and unmade (stone, un-kerbed) car park with Andover New Street FC and Andover Archery Club. In practice, maintenance of the car park is carried out by mainly by rugby club volunteer labour. Club volunteers also maintain the pitches and pavilion aside from grass cuts carried out by TVBC. RFU grant supported floodlights to pitch 2 were installed in summer 2019 for use in 19/20 season. <b>The Andover RFC facility development priorities (subject to funding and planning) are: improve maintenance of existing pitches, expansion of ground to provide up to 2 additional grass pitches, refurbish and extend clubhouse, upgrade car park.</b>
<b>Park</b>													
<b>Charlton Leisure Centre, SP10 3LF</b>	TVBC	Secured	2 adult pitches in park		Yes. Large pavilion with extensive changing rooms shared with Athletics Club.	<b>M1/D1</b> TVBC Streetscene maintain to specification	Good	6	2	33%		Pitch 1: used 24 times in 2017/18 and Pitch 2 only once all by Andover RFC on Sunday mornings.	TVBC changed pitches from football to rugby in 2015 to meet overspill demand from Andover RFC at Foxcotte Park.
<b>School</b>													
<b>Farleigh School, Andover, SP11 7PW</b>	School charity	Unsecured	Several youth and mini rugby pitches.		Yes. Pavilion and changing facilities area available to hiring organisations.		Good						The primary use of these pitches is by the school's day and boarding pupils for hockey. The pitches are available for hire by arrangement. No current community use identified.
<b>John Hanson Community School, Floral Way, Andover, SP10 3PB</b>	HCC / School	Unsecured	1 youth pitch		Sports hall changing rooms only		n/a		School use only	n/a			
<b>Test Valley Community School, Stockbridge, SO20 6HA</b>	HCC / School	Unsecured	1 youth pitch		In sports hall	Grass cuts only (HCC GM contractor). Poorly draining at bottom end of field	Good quality	1.5	School use only	n/a		Rugby Tots (9-12 noon Saturdays) in Sports Hall. No grass pitch hires in 2019/20 according to Lettings Manager.	PE staff wish to limit access to ensure suitable for school's use.
<b>Harrow Way Community School, Harrow Way Andover Hampshire SP10 3RH</b>	HCC / School	Unsecured	1 youth pitch (top section of playing field)		Sports hall changing rooms only		n/a		School use only	n/a			In the past, the cost barrier of caretaking has been a barrier to availability of the playing field and indoor sports facilities to hire at weekends. The School has expressed interest in re-launching community use of the existing sports facilities (and a planned new fitness gym), supported by expanded car parking.

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<b>Winton Academy, SP10 2PS</b>	Academy Trust	Unsecured	1 youth pitch		Sports hall changing rooms only		n/a		School use only	n/a			No community use of pitch identified in consultations with the school.
<b>MOD</b>													
<b>Middle Wallop Army Station, SO20 8DY</b>	MOD	Unsecured	1 adult pitch		Yes	Good - MOD rating	Good - MOD rating		Access restricted to MOD staff and families	n/a			The Station Staff Officer has stated that the grass pitches are well used by the Army personnel and teams and would not wish for additional use as need sufficient time to recover.

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<b>SOUTH</b>													
<b>Club</b>													
<b>Trojans Sports Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 9HT</b>	Sports Club Trust	Secured	3 adult pitches (2 with lights) plus 1 junior pitch marked on cricket outfield from 1st Sept to 1st April.	Club proposal to convert an adult pitch at feasibility stage.	Yes - Large 1970's pavilion with extensive social facilities and team/officials changing rooms that can be divided m/f although in need of major upgrade and improved accessibility for disabled people (steps currently).	<b>M2/D1</b> Good - club rating. Maintenance: full time groundsman with leased tractor and mowers, contract in close season renovations. Drainage: Natural and generally adequate but to reduce call offs and off site school pitch hires in periods of persistent rainfall, pitches would benefit from installation of drainage system or conversion of a pitch to AGP.	Social areas are Poor to Standard - changing rooms are Poor with no disabled access.	9 (adult pitches) 3 (junior pitch)	14 (20 teams: 10 home w/end games / training plus 4 evening sessions on average).	116%		<b>Home ground of Trojans FC</b> with 570 playing member (2 men's teams, 2 women's, 1 vets, 6 youth boys, 3 youth girls, 6 minis). Seasonal programme includes training or games every weekday evening in season and games or training both morning and afternoons on both Saturdays and Sundays. Commercial hire Nov to Jan of part of cricket outfield as a tented Christmas Party venue (large marquee).	Home ground of Trojans FC. Rapid growth in female and minis playing members in recent seasons. Large car park (partly made), access road badly pot-holed. Pavilion needs upgrading or replacing (Eastleigh PPS also identifies this need). Club access youth pitch on Sunday mornings on Hardmoor Sports Ground (below). Club currently hire pitches for youth and minis on Sunday mornings off site at St Edward VI School's Wellington Sports Ground (adjacent) and at St George Catholic College (close by). Also occasional use of school pitches at Thorden School or Crestwood School in Eastleigh Borough. <b>The Trojans Sports Club's facility development priorities (subject to funding and planning) are: Provision of a 3G rugby pitch (£1.2m approx.); upgrade the clubhouse / changing rooms (£0.5m approx).</b>
<b>Hardmoor Sports Ground, Stoneham Ln, Eastleigh SO50 9HT</b>	In Test Valley owned by Eastleigh BC managed by Trojans Sports Club from autumn 2019	Secured - club about to take on 35yr lease from EBC	1 youth pitch		Yes - new pavilion in 2019 with two team changing and official changing rooms (shared with football and cricket)	<b>M2/D2</b> Good - drainage improved by EBC in 2018/19. Maintained by Trojans groundsman from 2019/20.	Good quality (new provision)	3.25	Will relieve a proportion of overplay of main site (above) from this season.			New provision in 2019/20 with capacity for 3.25 MES. Due to the number of teams, this will still leave a shortfall of capacity (0.75 MES) overall.	Eastleigh BC sports lead has confirmed the sports hub playing field will provide for archery, cricket and a junior rugby pitch in addition to the 2 junior football pitches from 2019/20 with shared car parking and new pavilion facilities.

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<b>Romsey Sports Centre,</b> Southampton Road, Romsey, SO51 8AF	TVBC / Places Leisure	Secured - Club lease to May 2021	2 adult pitches, plus a floodlit training area (to rear of Romsey Rapids)		Yes - brick built pavilion over 2 floors with team changing for rugby and football users of the site and social areas.	<b>M1/D1</b> Standard - club rating. TVBC Streetscene maintain to specification. Issues with main pitch (uneven) and case for annual vertidrainage of pitches to improve natural drainage.	Standard quality	6 (adult pitches) 3 (training area)	8 (11 teams: 6 home games / training plus 2 evening sessions on average on floodlit training area)	100%		<b>Home ground of Romsey RFC</b> 1 men's team, vets, 4 youth boys, 5 minis. 305 playing members; Girls in minis age groups only currently.	Also hire pitch either at Romsey School or Mountbatten School for youth or minis training on some Sunday mornings when insufficient capacity on main ground due to match play. Club reports largely unchanged playing membership number over recent seasons but has plans for growth particularly for girls and younger age groups with expanded capacity from 2020/21 when relocate to Ganger Farm.
<b>Ganger Farm Playing Field,</b> Romsey, SO51 7PB	TVBC / management tbc	Secured	New S106 development in early stages of construction prior to hand over to TVBC. 2 adult grass pitches in design.	Yes - new WR 3G floodlit AGP from summer 2020	Yes - scheme includes construction of a substantial new pavilion with changing and social facilities for users of the 3G and natural turf pitches.	n/a - in development	n/a - in development	The arrangements for operational management of the 2 AGPs, grass pitches and pavilion are to be determined. The primary users of the AGPs will be Romsey RFC and Romsey HC. Both are likely to provide some capacity for football use with the rugby compliant 3G pitch the preferred surface for football.				The two grass rugby pitches being provided at this new site will have pipe and slit drainage systems which, will increase the playing capacity by a minimum of 0.5 MES per week compared to Romsey SC. The higher quality grass pitches, together with the much greater capacity afforded by the full size 3G pitch in comparison to the small floodlit training area at Romsey SC will provide the club with substantial new capacity for team growth as the population increases.	<b>NEW PROVISION IN DEVELOPMENT Rugby to be programmed from 2021</b> 1 adult football, 2 adult rugby, 3 junior football, 2 AGPs (1 rugby as main sport, 1 hockey as main sport). <b>Romsey RFC</b> are scheduled to relocate to the site from Romsey Sports Centre in summer 2020 providing the club with secured access for all its playing and training needs on the AGP and grass pitches in all weather conditions.
<b>School</b>													
<b>Embley (formerly Hampshire Collegiate School),</b> Embley Park, nr Romsey, SO51 6ZE	School Charity	Unsecured	3 Rugby pitches (one with training lights)		Yes.	Good	Good quality					Host venue for area Primary Schools mini rugby festival annually.	
<b>Romsey School,</b> Romsey, SO51 8ZB	Academy Trust	Unsecured	2 youth rugby pitches		Yes - in Sports Hall	<b>M0/D1</b> Grass cutting - minimal maintenance		3		School use for PE plus ad hoc hire, say 1.5		Occasional hire on a Sunday morning by Romsey RFC for youth or minis training.	Pitch available on Lettings Schedule at low cost £12/hr including VAT.
<b>Mountbatten School,</b> Romsey, SO51 5SY	Academy Trust	Unsecured	1 youth pitch		Yes - in Sports Hall	<b>M0/D1</b> Grass cutting - minimal maintenance. Pitch drains quite poorly but has improved since clearing of storm drain.		1.5		School use for PE plus ad hoc hire, say 1.5		Occasional hire on a Sunday morning by Romsey RFC for youth or minis training.	Pitch available on Lettings Schedule at low cost £16/hr including VAT.
<b>St George Catholic College,</b> Southampton, SO16 3DQ	Voluntary Aided School	Unsecured	Youth pitches	3G AGP floodlit (96 x 55m) NOT rugby compliant	Yes - in Sports Hall	Not known	Standard					Extensive community lettings of Sports Hall and AGP (5-10pm weekdays, 9am to 4pm weekends) with online booking available. Occasional hire on a Sunday morning by Trojans FC for youth or minis training.	Sport field and buildings lie within Test Valley on boundary with Southampton City. £22-£45 per hour (ex VAT) Sports Hall; £70 to £90 per hour (ex VAT) 3G Full Pitch; £35-£45 half pitch. Grass football/ rugby pitch £24-£50 weekends.

NB. Pitch scores and RAG rating for secured club home grounds, park pitches and schools with unsecured club community use.