



Test Valley Borough Council
Sports Facilities and Playing
Pitch Strategy
– Executive Summary
2026 – 2031



This executive summary provides an overview of the key findings, recommendations and a detailed action plan from Test Valley Borough Council Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy 2026-2031. The Executive Summary should be read in conjunction with the full report.

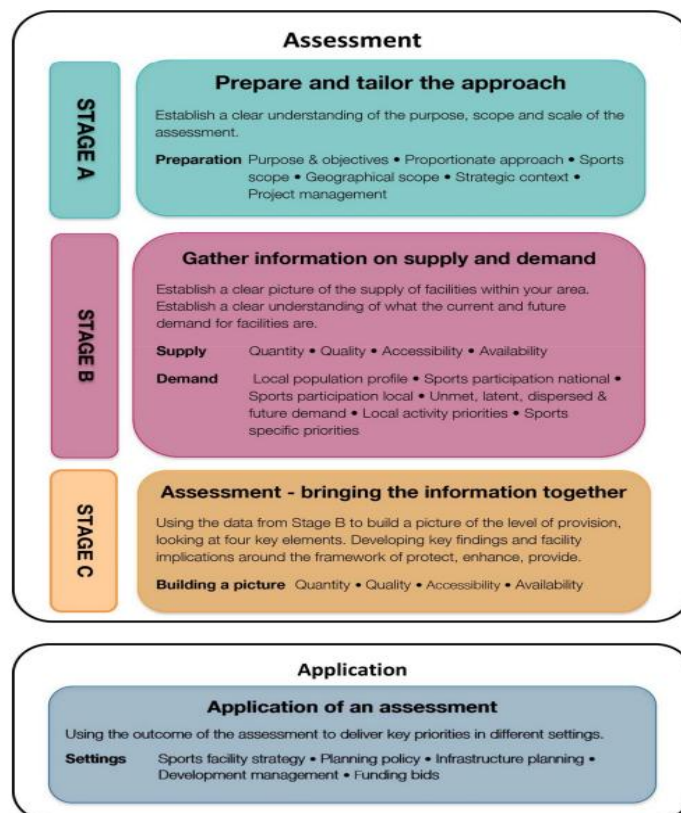
1. Brief and Aims

- a. Test Valley Borough Council recognises the way in which people access sport and physical activity has evolved since the COVID-19 pandemic and are updating their previous strategies to consider and assess how future leisure needs and population growth will impact on the borough's existing sporting provision. The council commissioned Continuum Sport & Leisure (Continuum) to lead the production of the new Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy 2026-2031 which builds on the successful delivery of a number of the priorities highlighted previously and provides an updated evidence base for the borough.
- b. The full Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy 2026-2031 is presented in two main sections followed by strategic recommendations and an action plan which details potential facility developments and enhancements based on the supply and demand analysis and is to be reviewed and amended with the Strategy Steering Group as required during the strategy period.
- c. The Playing Pitch Strategy section of the full strategy analyses the supply, demand, accessibility, and availability of facilities for the four primary playing pitch sports of cricket, football, rugby and hockey. The Sports Facilities Strategy section assesses the needs and opportunities for indoor and outdoor sport facilities including swimming pools, tennis, athletics, netball, squash, bowls and croquet, golf, cycling (i.e. BMX, cyclocross, mountain bike and road), archery, padel, extreme sports, health and fitness, outdoor and indoor gyms, rambling (Health Walks), and other indoor sports played in sports halls.
- d. The full Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy 2026-2031 has been agreed by all the key National Governing Bodies of sport (NGBs) in partnership with Sport England. When applying for funding to develop new facilities or improve current facilities, Sport England, NGBs, and most other funding organisations, require evidence that justifies the proposed project. The full strategy, developed and agreed in partnership with these same organisations, provides this evidence on the needs for improvements to sports facilities, playing pitches and ancillary facilities and is vital to the success of any funding bid.
- e. Test Valley Borough Council's main drivers for producing the updated strategy are detailed below:
 - Provide a robust evidence base for use in planning, investment and sports development decisions.
 - Identify the impact of future population growth and changing demographics on existing pitches, physical activity opportunities, and facilities and the need for further provisions / enhancements.
 - To explore opportunities to secure wider community use of school / college / academy pitches and facilities where applicable – establishing the community use arrangements currently in place and potential developments of such arrangements.
 - Identify opportunities and viability for pitches, facilities and facilities improvements.
 - Understand cross-boundary demands, both imported and exported, relating to the use of pitches and physical activity facilities (e.g. leisure centres).
 - Consider potential locations for meeting the demand for all weather pitches in the borough.
- f. This executive summary provides a summary of the methodology (section 2), the study area (section 3), the key findings from the Playing Pitch Strategy (section 3) and Sports facilities Strategy (section 4) and the action plan (section 5) from the full strategy.

2. Methodology

- a. The strategy is robust, based on local needs (current and projected to 2031), and deliverable. This objective was assured by adhering to the 'ten steps' advocated in the current Sport England's 'Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance' and the 'Assessing needs and opportunities guide for indoor and outdoor sports facilities'. This guidance is detail in figure 2.1.

Figure 2.1 - Assessing needs and opportunities guide for indoor and outdoor sports facilities (ANOG)



Stage A – Prepare and tailor the approach: Establish a clear understanding of the purpose, scope and scale of the assessment.

Stage B – Gather information on supply and demand: Establish a clear picture of the supply of facilities within the area and the current and future demands for facilities.

Stage C – Assessment – Bringing the information together: Using the data from Stage B to build a picture of the level of provision, looking at four key elements. Developing key findings and facility implications around the framework of protect, enhance, provide.

Application – Application of an assessment: Using the outcome of the assessment to deliver key priorities in different settings.

- b. The guidance published by Sport England advocates that strategic recommendations and action planning consider the following hierarchy of needs:

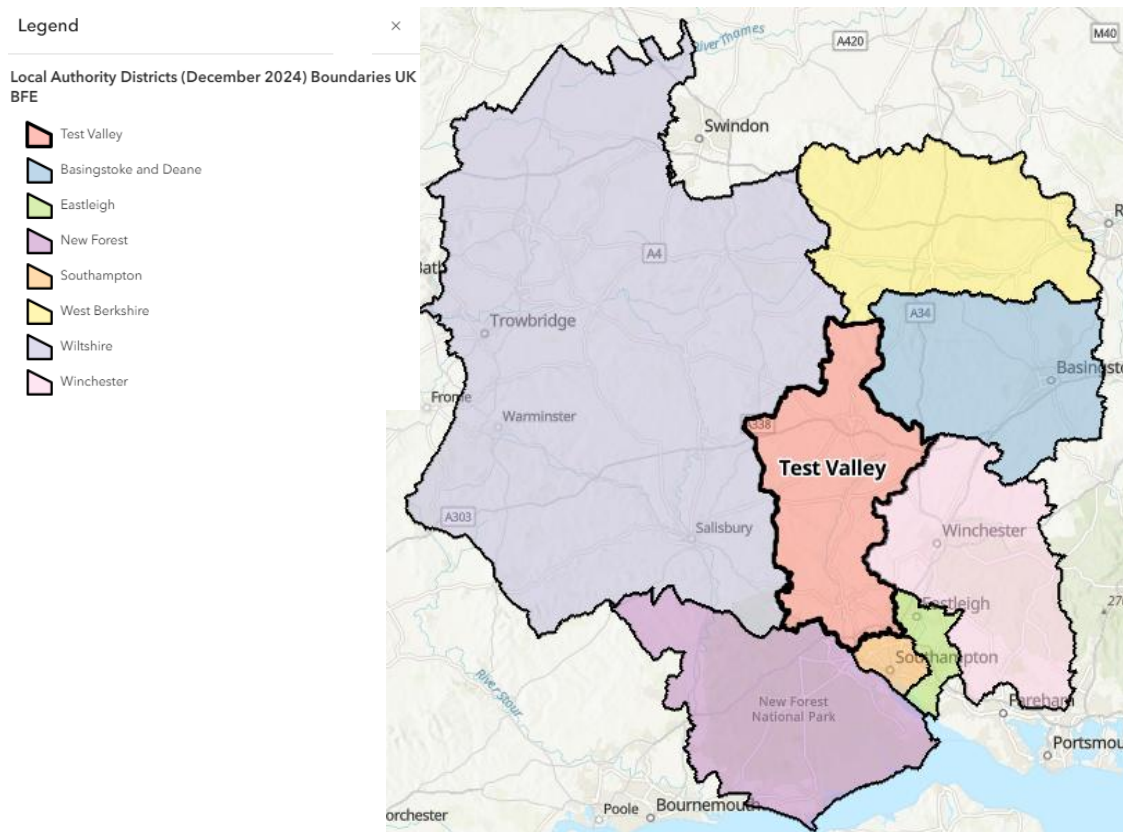
1. **Protect** existing sports facilities where these are sustainable and continue to perform a valuable role in meeting community needs.
2. **Enhance** existing facilities that meet these criteria but need improvement to continue to be of value; and, lastly,
3. **Provide** new or extended facilities where there is found to be substantial unmet needs currently or predicted for the future.

- c. The development of the strategy has been managed by the Test Valley Borough Council Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group. Internal stakeholders within the steering group involved representatives from Test Valley Borough Council including the Head of Parks, Countryside and Sport, the Sports Development Officer and the Planning Policy team. The steering group also included representatives from Hampshire County Council comprising of the Public Health Principal Spatial Planner and Strategic Development Officer in Children's Services.
- d. The external stakeholders included in the Steering Group are made up of representatives from The Football Association, Football Foundation, Lawn Tennis Association, Hampshire Cricket, England & Wales Cricket Board, Rugby Football Union, England Hockey, Sport England, Places Leisure and Continuum Sport & Leisure Ltd, the consultants appointed to co-ordinate the strategy development to the point of the recommendation and action plan.
- e. The strategies will provide the framework for future investment decisions, S106 allocations and the review of off-site financial contributions towards sport and physical activity arising from new development. This will also confirm the application of Sport England's Playing Pitch and Sports Facility Calculators by the Planning Policy Team to help ensure future investment is informed by local need and delivers the greatest benefit for communities across the borough.

3. The Study Area

- a. The study area for the full strategy covers the borough of Test Valley. As with most boroughs, there is a significant level of cross boundary movement by clubs based in neighbouring authorities and using facilities in Test Valley as well as by teams from Test Valley using facilities outside of the borough, this cross boundary movement and its effect on facilities has been taken into consideration.

Figure 3.1 – Map of Test Valley and neighbouring Local Authorities.



- b. In tailoring the approach, it is important to understand the following unique aspects of the area.
- The borough of Test Valley is largely rural in character, with two main towns towards the north and south of the borough.
 - Some of the larger sports clubs in the borough focus around Andover and Romsey, however some sports also see a large number of community or village teams that use pitches available in their local area.
 - A number of key leisure sites within the borough are managed by Places Leisure Management Ltd, through a 30-year contract that commenced on 1 April 2017. This includes Andover Leisure Centre, Romsey Rapids, Romsey Sports Centre, Knightwood Leisure Centre and Charlton Lakeside Pavilion.
 - Test Valley Borough Council is responsible for managing a number of playing pitches within the borough including Romsey Sports Centre, Ganger Farm Sports Park, Hunts Farm (north of Romsey), London Road, Saxon Field, Picket Twenty, Picket Piece and East Anton in Andover and Charlton Sports Ground, in Charlton.
 - The previous strategy has been progressed with a number of projects delivered and update papers produced in 2022 and 2024.

- c. As part of the research that informed that strategy a survey was distributed to sports clubs in the area to understand the current landscape and the demand and issues facing each specific sport. 66 individual sports clubs responded to the survey. Figure 3.2 below shows the response rate for clubs showing almost two thirds of sports clubs have grown in the last three years and over 80% are looking to grow in the next three years

Figure 3.2 - Team response rate for sports clubs in Test Valley

	Totals
Clubs surveyed (all sports)	66
Club with more teams/active members than 3 years ago	66%
Clubs with plans to grow in the next 3 years	86%
Sports facilities are suitable to meet match demand	45%
Ancillary facilities are suitable to meet match demand	45%
Clubs with a need to improve or change sports facilities to sustain or grow	85%
Clubs with a need to improve or change ancillary facilities to sustain or grow	59%

4. Playing Pitch Strategy

- a. The Playing Pitch Strategy includes consideration of facility supply, demands, accessibility and availability for the four primary playing pitch sports of Cricket, Football, Hockey and Rugby.
- b. As part of the PPS process, a survey was distributed to playing pitch sports clubs to understand the current landscape, the demand and issues facing each specific sport. 35 individual sports clubs which primarily use playing pitch facilities responded to the survey, which covers a range of between 73%-100% of teams across the 4 key playing pitch sports (cricket 77%, Football 73%, Hockey 100%, Rugby 100%).

Changes since last strategy

- c. There has been a large increase in youth provision (including girls) within leading cricket, football, hockey and rugby clubs since the last assessment. Since 2020 there has been an increase of 45 cricket teams, 153 football teams, 13 hockey teams and 21 rugby teams. This is a total increase of 232 teams in the borough.
- d. The most significant changes in playing pitch supply for the community in the local authority area over the last five years has been additional provision in 2022 of two new AGPs, grass pitches and a new sports pavilion at Ganger Farm Sports Park in Romsey. This key site in the south of the borough provides a new full-sized 3G AGP and a hockey AGP with full community access. The 3G pitch surface is World Rugby Compliant (WRC) although the predominant use of this facility is for football. The hockey AGP is fully compliant with the governing body specification standards.
- e. The ancillary team changing facilities have been improved or replaced in line with the 2020 PPS Action Plan at: Broughton Sports Field, Goodworth Clatford Recreation Ground, Over Wallop Sports Field (Alun Evans Memorial Ground), Mountbatten School and Nursling & Rownhams Village Hall.
- f. The number of playing pitches in Test Valley available for community use both in 2025 and in 2020 are set out in figure 4.1 below for each pitch type (natural turf and artificial turf) and for each of the major playing pitch sports for which there is a current demand in the borough.

Figure 4.1 – Supply of playing pitch pitches available to community club teams

	No. of pitches		Difference
	2020	2025	
Cricket fine turf	32	22	-10
Cricket NTP	5	9	+4
Football grass*	107	99	-8
Football AGP*	7	8	+1
Hockey AGP**	5	6	+1
Rugby grass	9	9	0
Rugby AGP (WRC)	0	1	+1

*includes small sided provision.

**includes hockey AGPs on two independent school sites with very limited community club access and use.

- g. Despite the increase in artificial provision in the area, the loss in grass pitch provision for both football and cricket added with the significant growth of teams in the borough puts increasing pressure on facilities and highlights a need for more provision.
- h. Detailed Assessment of Needs reports were undertaken for each of the 4 key playing pitch sports, which assessed the current supply, demand, and future needs for facilities across the borough. A summary of the key findings for each playing pitch sport is as follows.

Cricket

- f. The assessment of facility needs shows that there are insufficient grass pitches in the area to cater for the current demand of clubs. Improvements are needed to increase the capacity of the poor and standard sites and there is also a need for at least 2 pitches (20 wickets) to cater for future demand.

Football

- g. There is a significant shortfall in provision of 3G pitches to meet training demand and no spare capacity for 9v9 grass pitches and only limited spare capacity of other grass pitches. Given the significant growth of clubs in the area the current provision needs to be improved to meet the demand. To meet future demand, additional grass and artificial grass pitch provision is needed within the borough.

Hockey

- h. There is not sufficient capacity for hockey clubs in Test Valley. Pitches at John Hanson Community School and Trojans Sports Club will need resurfacing and, the sports lighting and ancillary facilities at John Hanson Community School and The Romsey School need upgrading. Plans are in development for a new hockey pitch at Test Valley Borough Council's Picket Twenty Sports Ground to help address current and future demand.

Rugby

- i. The overall current grass pitches at the majority of the rugby sites in Test Valley are used in excess of their carrying capacity. There is also a need to upgrade the sports lighting to LED at The Goodship Ground and Trojans Sports Club. Improvements to the quality of grass pitch provision is needed in addition to the provision of a new WRC 3G pitch in the Andover area and increased access to the WRC 3G at Ganger Farm.

Planned new supply

- j. There are several committed or planned projects for new and enhanced playing pitch provision in the Borough which, taken together, will address some of the current need for additional playing pitch capacity. These 'pipeline' projects are:
- **Picket Twenty Sports Ground**- Test Valley Borough Council is progressing a proposal to develop an SD AGP (primarily for hockey) at Picket Twenty Sports Ground to protect the provision of hockey facilities in Andover. Initial surveys have been commissioned, and Test Valley Borough Council is aiming to submit a planning application in 2026.
 - **Foxcote Park (The Goodship Ground)**- A further key priority for the area, subject to planning and funding, is the development of a new stadia 3G AGP (possibly with a WRC surface to enable shared football and rugby use) at Foxcote Park, Andover New Street Football Club's main stadia site.
 - **North Baddesley Recreation Ground** – A cricket NTP is proposed to reduce overplay and travel by the club's teams to a ground at Lordshill outside the borough.
 - **Broughton Sports Field** – Parish Council plans for installation of a MUGA on this site to cater for recreational demand and help reduce overuse of the grass football pitch.

Summary

- u. Football has grown significantly since the last strategy putting pressure on the facilities in the area. There is a clear need to provide more artificial grass pitches across the local authority area, this includes continuing to progress the current planned AGP pitches at Picket Twenty Sports Ground (hockey), Foxcotte Park (football and potentially rugby) as well as identifying sites for new AGPs (e.g. the Bypass Ground, Ganger Farm Sports Park) and resurfacing the current stock (e.g. Charlton Sports Centre for football) to secure future use. There is the evident need to improve existing grass pitch sites as well introduce or extend community use at education sites (e.g. Romsey School, Mountbatten School, Farleigh School).
- v. For cricket there is a need for at least two new fine turf pitches (20 wickets total) to address future demand with just one opportunity for pitch reinstatement currently identified (at Over Wallop in the centre of the borough). Opportunities to secure new pitches in the Andover and Romsey areas should be explored in the context of the proposed new large scale housing developments in both towns.
- w. The two key priorities for hockey are the resurfacing of the sand-dressed pitch at John Hanson School and implementation of the proposal by Test Valley Borough Council to provide a second SD AGP in Andover at Picket Twenty Sports Ground, while exploring options to improve hockey provision in the south of the borough and develop robust CUA on sites.
- x. The three Rugby clubs in the area have high levels of demand for matches and training, which will require further improvements to the existing pitches at the club sites as well as relocation of some training to suitable WRC AGPs. Opportunities include the potential to increase rugby use of the Ganger Farm Sports Park WRC 3G pitch, if it is deemed feasible for a new 3G pitch to be developed on site. In Andover, opportunities to secure a WRC 3G pitch and access may develop at Foxcotte Park in association with proposals for 3G provision at this site.
- y. As part of the overall strategy development process, alongside the assessment of need for current and future demand, a number of scenarios were identified as options to meet the future facility needs highlighted. The Steering Group identified a number of recommendations for the enhancement of existing playing field sites and for new provision which are detailed in the action plan for playing pitches in Section 6.

5. Sports Facilities Strategy

- a. This section sets out the supply, demand, and priority actions for non-pitch sports facilities assessed as part of the Sports Facility Strategy.

Swimming Pools

- b. Whilst a high level of demand is met, the provision at Romsey Rapids Sports Centre is in need of replacement and the master planning for the future of public sports facilities in Romsey should be progressed.
- c. Andover Leisure Centre used capacity is very high (100%) compared to Sport England's comfort level of usage at 70% and long term the council should start to identify options to expand the supply and capacity of public swimming in this area. To meet current and future demand up to 2042, there is a minimum need for +4.13 lanes to accommodate additional swimming demand due to population growth.

Sports Halls

- d. There is no available capacity in the peak hours at Andover Leisure Centre, the only public sports hall in Test Valley. The remaining sports hall provision is on education sites and unsecured. There is a need to protect this provision and seek to secure access through community use agreements (CUA's) at the leading education sites
- e. In consultation NGB's highlighted a need for additional sports hall provision or dedicated facilities in the area to meet the needs of clubs and a number of sports clubs also highlighted the need for additional sport hall provision during the consultation process. To meet current and future demand up to 2042, there is a minimum need for a 6-court sports hall facility for Test Valley. Based on the analysis additional sports hall provision is needed in both the Andover and Romsey areas.

Health and Fitness

- f. There is a good spread of facilities across the borough, 12 sites with 20 or more stations, with a range of commercial and leisure centre gyms in both the north and south of the borough. However, there is a need to plan for the expansion and enhancement of the health and fitness facilities as part of the future planning for Romsey Rapids Sports Centre as well as considering options for additional public provision in the Andover area.

Archery and Ultimate Frisbee provision

- g. There is a good spread of archery clubs in the area with four clubs covering the main population centres. There is one ultimate frisbee club. There is a need to protect existing facilities and investigate the feasibility to improve ancillary facilities for archery clubs and consider providing suitable line markings for ultimate frisbee.

Athletics and Running provision

- h. There is one standard outdoor 400m athletics track located in Test Valley at Charlton Sports Centre. There is a need to achieve and maintain UKA trackmark accreditation as well as upgrade and refurbish the ancillary facilities at Charlton Sports Centre.

Bowls, Croquet and Pétanque provision

- i. There is a good spread of bowls clubs across the borough with 2 facilities located in the north of the borough and 3 in the south. There is one Croquet Club with two greens and one purpose built pétanque piste in Test Valley.

- j. There is a need to protect current provision and playing facilities at Vigo Road Recreation Ground and Test Valley Croquet Club as well as improve ancillary facilities for Andover Bowling Club and Sherfield English Bowls Club

Cycling, BMX and Skate Park provision

- k. There are two BMX and five skate parks in Test Valley, with the skate park provision spread across the main population centres, with facilities concentrated around Andover, Romsey and Valley Park.
- l. There is a need to protect current BMX and skate park facilities as well as ensure cycle paths, routes and lighting are maintained to a good standard. Options should be explored to support Andover BMX club to develop a national standard BMX track.

Golf facilities

- m. There are 6 standard length (18-hole) golf courses in Test Valley as well as 2 adventure golf courses. 4 sites offer dedicated 9-hole par 3 courses and 1 pitch and putt course. The provision of golf facilities is distributed across the borough with clubs located within a reasonable driving catchment of the 2 major towns, Andover (north) and Romsey (south).
- n. England Golf average membership figures in affiliated golf club in Test Valley are 430, above the national average of 407. There is a need to protect and retain all current facilities and work with clubs to diversify membership.

Gymnastics and Trampolining provision

- o. There are 3 gymnastics / trampolining clubs or providers in Test Valley all with dedicated facilities. The provision of facilities is well spread across the borough with two sites located in the north of the borough and one in the south.
- p. There is a need to protect current provision and work with Starlight Gymnastics to assess options to relocate at the end of their current lease to a site that better meets the needs of the club.

Netball provision

- q. There are a total of 39 netball courts (12 indoor and 27 outdoor) across 12 different sites spread across the borough with the majority of courts on education sites, however only 3 courts across 2 sites meet England Netball's standard requirements (Andover Leisure Centre and John Hanson Community School). There are 15 netball clubs in Test Valley and England Netball highlighted a demand for more 'Back to Netball' and 'Netball Now' sessions to encourage further participation.
- r. There is a need to work with clubs and the NGB to identify suitable sites to enhance courts and ensure any new sports hall or outdoor provision meets England Netball standards.

Squash provision

- s. There are 8 publicly accessible squash courts across 3 sites in Test Valley. There is a concentration of squash courts in the south of the borough. The only provision in the north are the 2 courts at Andover Leisure Centre, which the operator reports are well used.
- t. There is a need to protect the current supply of facilities and ensure squash court provision at Romsey Sports Centre is retained and enhanced as part of any future development.

Tennis provision

- u. There are 25 sites that offer community accessible tennis courts in the area, with a total of 68 tennis courts. There are 47 outdoor courts with sports lighting in the study area. There are 11 sites with

park tennis courts, 6 club tennis sites and 8 education sites with tennis courts. There are currently only 2 community accessible indoor tennis courts in Test Valley, which are available for pay and play sessions as well as membership, both of which are located in the north of the borough at the Andover Lawn Tennis Club.

- v. There is a need to protect the current supply of facilities and maintain them throughout the life of the strategy. The feasibility of developing covered tennis courts at Knightwood Leisure Centre to provide a year round offer in the South of the borough should be explored. Additional park court facilities in north Andover should be considered as well as exploring options to provide additional sports lighting at park courts in areas of high demand.

Padel and Pickleball provision

- w. Padel is one of the fastest growing sports in Great Britain and a number of courts have been developed recently in Test Valley. There are 8 padel courts in the south of the borough, with 3 in the north around Andover, with a further site in Andover recently receiving planning permission to develop courts. The LTA are keen to work with the Council to establish a community Padel offer and map potential additional sites with high demand within a 20 minute drive time.
- x. Pickleball is played at 3 sites across the borough 2 in the north and 1 in the south. Opportunities to encourage additional pickleball activity should be explored.

Summary

- y. The Sports Facilities Strategy highlights a number of potential facility investment needs for Test Valley Borough Council and its partners to meet both current needs for sport as well as future demand and growth, as set out in Section 6 of this executive summary.
- z. The key focus for Test Valley Borough Council is that the pools complex and sports pavilions – i.e. Romsey Rapids, Romsey Town FC, Romsey Sports Centre (Cricket, Football, Tennis) need replacing and preparation of a masterplan for these sites should be a priority action so that developer contributions can be secured towards the delivery of the identified priority projects at the appropriate time.

6. Action Plan

- a. This action plan summarises the leading priority projects and facility needs for sport and recreation facilities in Test Valley as set out in the strategy.
- b. Figure 6.1-6.3 (Playing Pitch) and figures 6.4-6.6 (Sports Facilities) presents the projects in alphabetical order, with a reference to their potential to be progressed either in the short term (defined as within 2 years approximately), the medium term (defined as within 2-5 years) or longer to progress (projects dependent on acquisition of land, the outcome of wider area development planning or large-scale review of options, feasibility and viability).
- c. Figure 6.7 that follows highlights a number of sites which present opportunities for providing or extending community sports. These sites sit outside of the main action plan as further work is required to investigate relevant permission, access, suitability, and funding.
- d. Figure 6.8 identifies those sites that are not identified in figures 6.1-6.6 (for enhancement or new provision) or 6.7 (opportunity sites) but require protection for community sport through the planning system.
- e. The Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch strategy provides the evidence base and priority actions needed to enable Test Valley to protect the current sports facilities and playing pitches as well as invest in improved and new facilities where the opportunities arise. This strategy should be updated on at least an annual basis to ensure it reflects the current position. Test Valley has a good working relationship with Sport England, NGBs and local clubs which enabled them to progress the previous strategy and these relationships will be an important factor in progressing the actions in this strategy.

Figure 6.1 Priorities and actions for playing pitches in Test Valley (short term)

Site	Facility type	Priority actions	Lead	Partners
Braishfield Cricket Ground	Cricket	Implement GMA Pitch Power report recommendations to raise quality from poor to at least standard.	Club	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Charlton Sports Centre	Football	Resurface 3G and renew FA Register status for affiliated play.	TVBC	FA
	Football	Improve quality of grass pitches through improved maintenance.	TVBC	FA
Ganger Farm Sports Park	Football	Deliver FA PitchPower quality report recommendations for grass pitch improvement.	TVBC	FA
Goodship Ground	Rugby	Reinstate third pitch.	Club, TVBC	RFU
Harrow Way School	Rugby	Seek to negotiate access agreements to allow for use of school pitches at weekends for training and youth fixtures when club sites at capacity or at risk of over use.	School, TVBC	RFU
Mountbatten School	Rugby	Seek to secure community access to allow for increased use of school pitches at weekends for training and youth fixtures when club sites at capacity or at risk of over use.	School, TVBC	RFU
Picket Twenty Sports Ground	Hockey	Deliver proposals to install a SD AGP.	TVBC	EH
	Cricket	Promote use of NTP	TVBC	ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Romsey Sports Centre	Cricket	Complete plans to upgrade changing rooms and provide new showers.	TVBC	ECB, Hampshire Cricket
	Cricket	Install NTP to reduce overuse of FTP and increase playing capacity.	TVBC	ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Sherfield English Sports Field	Football	Deliver FA PitchPower quality report recommendations for grass pitch improvement.	Parish Council	TVBC, FA
The Romsey School	Rugby	Seek to negotiate access agreements to allow for use of school pitches at weekends for training and youth fixtures when club sites at capacity or at risk of over use.	School, TVBC	RFU
Trojans Sports Club	Hockey	Explore options to secure additional match play and training slots either at Romsey School or out of the borough.	Club	TVBC, EH
	Rugby	Explore options to relocate some training demand to a WRC 3G either at Wide Lane Sports Ground in Eastleigh or in the Romsey area should future slots become available.	Club	TVBC, RFU
	Rugby	Support club to improve maintenance practices on grass pitches		
West Wellow Rec. Ground	Cricket	Investigate options to improve drainage options on the site.	Parish Council	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket

Figure 6.2 Priorities and actions for playing pitches in Test Valley (medium term)

Site	Facility type	Priority actions	Lead	Partners
Andover Cricket Ground	Cricket	Replace the pavilion to improve the accessibility and quality of provision.	TVBC, Club	ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Barton Stacey Recreation Ground	Football	Explore options to utilise the grass pitch for affiliated football to meet the future pitch shortfalls for Junior 11v11 provision, ensuring access to suitable ancillary facilities.	Parish Council	TVBC, FA
Broughton Sports Field	Football, Multisport	Provide a MUGA to reduce informal use of formal grass pitches.	Club, Parish Council	TVBC, FA
East Anton Sports Ground	Football, Multisport	Enhance MUGA to reduce informal use of formal grass pitches.	TVBC	FA
	Cricket	Provide new non turf practice net systems if the opportunity allows	TVBC	ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Foxcotte Park	Football, Rugby	Raise funds to enable the delivery of proposals to upgrade the grass stadium pitch to a WRC 3G AGP, providing peak hours for Andover New Street FC and Andover RFC.	TVBC, Clubs	FA, RFU
Goodship Ground	Rugby	Consider options for engineered drainage with GMA.	Club, TVBC	RFU
	Rugby	Upgrade sports lighting to LED.	Club, TVBC	RFU
John Hanson School	Hockey	Resurface SD AGP and install LED lights, ensuring a robust CUA continues to remain in place.	School, TVBC	EH
King's Somborne Rec. Ground	Cricket	Provide upgraded non turf practice net systems.	Parish Council	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Mottisfont Sports Field	Cricket	Provide upgraded non turf practice net systems.	Club, Parish Council	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket
		Replace the pavilion to improve quality of provision.	Club, Parish Council	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket
North Baddesley Rec. Ground	Cricket	Install NTP to provide an additional site for Ampfield and North Baddesley CC.	Club, Parish Council	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket
The Romsey School	Hockey	Explore options to upgrade sports lighting to LED.	School	EH, TVBC
Trojans Sports Club	Hockey	Plan for the resurface of SD AGP.	Club	TVBC, EH
	Rugby	Upgrade sports lighting to LED.	Club	TVBC, RFU
Upper Clatford Playing Fields	Football	Enhance MUGA to reduce informal use of formal grass pitches.	Parish Council	TVBC, FA
West Wellow Rec. Ground	Cricket	Install NTP to increase playing capacity.	Parish Council	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket

Figure 6.3 Priorities and actions for playing pitches in Test Valley (long term)

Site	Timescale	Facility type	Priority actions	Lead	Partners
Enham Alamein	Long	Football	Investigate the feasibility to improve ancillary facilities.	Owner	FA, TVBC
Ganger Farm Sports Park	Long	Football / Rugby	Assess options to upgrade a grass pitch to 3G AGP exploring the feasibility of a WRC surface if the preferred location impacts a grass rugby pitch.	TVBC	FA, RFU
	Long	Rugby	Seek to secure additional training slots for Romsey RFC on a WRC surface if additional 3G provision is provided in the area.	TVBC	RFU
London Road Sports Ground	Long	Cricket	Investigate options to improve ancillary facilities.	TVBC	ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Longparish Cricket Ground	Long	Cricket	Investigate the feasibility to upgrade the pavilion to improve quality of provision.	Club	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Longparish Football Pitch	Long	Football	Consider options to provide ancillary provision on site.	Parish Council	TVBC, FA
Over Wallop Sports Field	Long	Cricket	Reinstate fine turf pitch on site with NTP.	Parish Council	TVBC, ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Romsey Sports Centre / Bypass Ground	Long	Football, Rugby	Assess the feasibility of a suitable location for 3G provision ensuring there is no impact on other sports provision in area.	TVBC	FA, RFU, Clubs
The Romsey School	Long	Hockey	Consider options to improve ancillary facilities.	School	EH, TVBC
Thruxton Rec. Ground	Long	Football	Consider options to provide ancillary provision on site.	Parish Council	FA
Trojans Sports Club	Long	Cricket, Football, Hockey, Rugby	Undertake a master planning exercise for the site involving all of the clubs sports sections to address the various demands for each sport.	Club, TVBC, EBC,	NGBs, SE
Upper Clatford Playing Fields	Long	Football	Investigate options to improve ancillary facilities.	Parish Council	TVBC, FA
Site to be identified	Long	Cricket	Identify opportunities to develop new wickets within catchment of club sites currently overplayed to cater for future demand.	TVBC	ECB, Hampshire Cricket
Sites to be identified	Long	Football	Investigate the feasibility of additional sites for 3G pitch provision to meet the current and future shortfalls, in addition to those already identified further options to be explored include Winton Academy, Enham Alamein plus 3 other sites linked to areas of housing growth, which should be included as on site provision, where possible along with the appropriate ancillary facilities (including car parking provision).	TVBC	FA, RFU

Figure 6.4 Priorities and actions for Sports Facilities in Test Valley (short term)

Site	Timescale	Facility type	Priority actions	Lead	Partners
Andover Leisure Centre	Short	Sports Hall	Work with operator to extend the availability of the sports hall at Andover Leisure Centre to ensure full accessibility for community clubs in peak hours.	Places Leisure, TVBC	Sport England
Braishfield Recreation Ground	Short	Ultimate Frisbee	Consider options to provide suitable line markings for ultimate frisbee.	Parish Council	UK Ultimate (Frisbee)
Charlton Sports Centre	Short	Athletics	Achieve and maintain a UKA TrackMark accreditation at Charlton Sports Centre.	TVBC	England Athletics
		Walking/ Cycling	Finalise plans for a fully connected circular walking and cycling route around the perimeter of Charlton Sports Ground. This is for walking, running and cycling.	TVBC	Parish
East Anton Strategic Development	Short	Sports Hall Health and Fitness	Deliver 2 court activity hall, gym/studio in East Anton and explore suitable management opportunities to maximise sports provision.	TVBC	Sport England
Rookwood School	Short	Sports Hall	Establish availability for community use at Rookwood School.	School, TVBC	Hampshire CC
Romsey Area	Short	Gymnastics	Assess options to relocate at the end of the current lease to a site that better meets the needs of the club.	Starlight Gymnastics	TVBC, British Gymnastics
Vigo Road Recreation Ground	Short	Bowls	Improve the banks around the green.	Club	
Romsey and Abbey Tennis Club	Short	Tennis	Support Romsey and Abbey Tennis Club to develop ancillary facilities at their site.	TVBC, Club	LTA

Figure 6.5 Priorities and actions for Sports Facilities in Test Valley (medium term)

Site	Timescale	Facility type	Priority actions	Lead	Partners
Andover Turf Company (Outdoor Archery Range)	Medium	Archery	Investigate the feasibility of improving current ancillary facilities for archery at Andover Turf Company by improving the toilets, parking, and outdoor seating.	Club	TVBC, Archery GB
Hunts Farm Recreation Ground	Medium	Croquet	Work with Test Valley Croquet Club to review the specification and maintenance of the lawns.	TVBC, Club	Croquet England
Borough wide	Medium	Pickleball	Explore opportunities to encourage additional pickleball activity.	TVBC, Places Leisure	Pickleball England, LTA

Figure 6.6 Priorities and actions for Sports Facilities in Test Valley (long term)

Site	Timescale	Facility type	Priority actions	Lead	Partners
Andover BMX Club	Long	BMX	Investigate options to develop a national standard BMX track.	Club	British Cycling TVBC
Charlton Sports Centre	Long	Athletics	Upgrade and refurbish the ancillary facilities at the track, including additional sports lighting and CCTV. TVBC are looking to increase staffing to enhance user experience and address antisocial behaviour on site.	TVBC	England Athletics
Enham Alamein	Long	Sports Hall	Investigate options to invest in indoor sports provision.	Enham Alamein	TVBC, Sport England
Knightwood BMX Track	Long	BMX	Explore opportunities to develop ancillary facilities.	Knightwood BMX	Places Leisure
Knightwood Leisure Centre	Long	Tennis	Explore feasibility of developing covered tennis courts to provide a year-round tennis offer in the south of the borough.	Places Leisure	TVBC, LTA
Sherfield English Bowling Club	Long	Bowls	Plan to refurbish and improve the quality of ancillary facilities on site.	Club	TVBC
Virgo Road Recreation Ground	Long	Bowls	Deliver significant community pavilion project, leased to Andover Bowls Club, enabling the club to play indoor short mat bowls as well as hire hall for community use and provide access to kiosk and public toilets as part of the development.	TVBC, Club	England Bowling
Test Valley Area	Long	Netball	Work with clubs and England Netball to explore suitable sites to enhance courts to meet England Netball standards.	TVBC, England Netball	Clubs
Test Valley Area	Long	Golf	Protect and retain all current facilities working with clubs to diversify membership.	Clubs, TVBC	England Golf
Sites to be identified	Long	Padel	Explore options with the LTA to develop a community padel offer in the borough	TVBC	LTA
Site to be identified	Long	Archery	Investigate the feasibility and suitable locations to provide an indoor archery range in the borough which could serve both Romsey Archers and Tenzon Bowmen.	Clubs	Archery GB

Figure 6.7 Opportunities for providing or extending community sports opportunities to be investigated further at the following sites, all pending funding and relevant permissions; all potential opportunities listed are dependent on the support of the site owners/operators

Site	Timescale	Facility type	Potential actions	Partners
Andover Area	Long	Health and Fitness	Consider options for additional public health and fitness provision in the Andover area.	TVBC, Sport England
Andover Area	Long	Sports Hall	Commence planning for the provision of additional public sports hall capacity in Andover areas in association with housing growth plans, ensuring the provision is compliant with England Netball Court sizes.	TVBC, Sport England, England Netball
Andover Area	Long	Swimming	Identify options to expand the supply and capacity of public swimming in the Andover area in the context of housing and population growth.	TVBC, Sport England, Swim England
Foxcotte Park	Long	Archery, Football, Rugby,	Work closely with clubs in the area to understand theirs, and wider sporting participation, needs and look to ensure any applicable offsite contributions can be associated with the area and adjacent land to enhance the current provision. Depending on the clubs and local need, it is likely this will be a combination of enhancements to ancillary or pitch provision, and wider/adjacent facility development and delivery.	TVBC, NGBs
Romsey Area	Medium	Health and Fitness Swimming, Sports Hall, Squash	Progress with master planning for the future of public sports facilities in Romsey in the context of housing and population growth, specifically including the potential redevelopment of Romsey Rapids, enhancement and expansion of health and fitness provision, public sports hall space and ensuring the current squash court provision is retained and enhanced.	TVBC
Various school sites	Medium	Sports Halls	Seek discussions with education providers regarding options to secure current public access to school sports halls (by means of CUAs) and to explore any options to extend public availability.	TVBC, Hampshire CC
Various school sites	Long	Various Sports	Support Schools to enhance and improve facilities for community use.	TVBC, Hampshire CC
New Community / Sports Hall provision	Long	Badminton / Table Tennis	Any new provision should ensure suitable storage and work with respective NGBs to develop new sports opportunities in the area.	TVBC, NGBs
Borough wide	Long	Skate	Make improvements to current skate provision to address antisocial behaviour. Investigate areas for additional skate parks	TVBC
Borough wide	Long	Cycling	Add multiuse bike and pedestrian routes in new developments – circular routes, which are safe for learning to ride.	TVBC, HCC
Borough wide	Long	Cycling	Work to incorporate pump track and downhill bike tracks as on-site provision at new developments	TVBC
Borough wide	Long	Running	Explore options to develop ActiveTracks in parks and open spaces as part of future housing developments	TVBC
Borough wide	Long	Tennis	Explore options to provide sports lighting at park courts in areas of high demand.	TVBC

Figure. 6.8 Other playing pitch sites for protection

Site	Sport (s)
Amport Playground	Football (Informal)
Anton Junior School	Football
Abbotswood Sports Ground	Football
Ampfield Recreation Ground	Cricket
Amport Cricket Club	Cricket
Appleshaw War Memorial Playing Field	Football, Cricket
Bakers Farm (Leckford Estate)	Cricket
Braishfield Recreation Ground	Football
Bulbery Sports Ground , Abbots Ann	Football
Chilbolton War Memorial Playing Field	Football
East Tytherley Cricket Ground	Cricket
Goodworth Clatford Recreation Ground (Queen Elizabeth Playing Field)	Football
Halterworth Primary School	Football
Hardmoor Sports Ground	Football, Rugby, Cricket
Hatches Farm Playing Fields	Football
Hunts Farm Sports Ground	Football, Cricket
Hurstbourne Tarrant KGV Playing Field	Football (Informal)
Knightwood Leisure Centre	Football, Cricket
Knightwood Primary School	Football
Longstock Recreation Ground	Football (Informal)
Michelmersh & Timsbury Recreation Ground	Football, Cricket
Middle Wallop Army Station	Football
Nether Wallop Playing Field	Football
Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall and Recreation Ground	Football
Penton Recreation Ground	Cricket
Picket Piece Recreation Ground	Football
Portway Stadium	Football
Saxon Fields	Football
Shipton Bellinger Village Centre & Playing Field	Football
St George Catholic College	Football
Stockbridge FC	Football
Vernham Dean Burydene Playing Field	Football (informal)
Wherwell Playing Fields	Football, Cricket
Wildhern Village Hall & Playing Field	Cricket
Winton Community Academy (Lift- Winton)	Football