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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
ANOG	Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance
AP	Active Partnership
ARLFC	Amateur Rugby League Football Club
BAFA	British American Football Association
BC	Bowls Club
BE	Bowls England
BCGBA	British Crown Green Bowls Association
BSUK	BaseballSoftball UK
CFA	County Football Association
CHFA	Cheshire FA
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
EL	England Lacrosse
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FE	Further Education
FF	Football Foundation
GAA	Gaelic Athletic Association
GMA	Grounds Management Association
HE	Higher Education
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LCB	Lancashire Cricket Board
LFA	Lancashire FA
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
MCRA	MCRactive
MCC	Manchester City Council
MFA	Manchester FA
MCGBA	Greater Manchester County Crown Green Bowling Association
NGB	National Governing Body
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
PPOSS	Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RUFC	Rugby Union Football Club
S106	Section 106 Agreement
SE	Sport England
TC	Tennis Club
TGR	Team Generation Rate
U	Under
WR	World Rugby

### PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy & Action Plan for Manchester commissioned by MCRActive. Building upon the preceding Assessment Report, it provides a clear, strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of existing playing pitch and accompanying ancillary facilities up to 2031.

Since the Assessment and Strategy and Action Plan Reports were completed there has been a change in the supply of Artificial Grass Pitch provision associated with the University of Manchester Armitage Sports Centre. The updated position is contained in an Addendum to this report.

The Strategy has been developed to provide:

- ✦ A vision for the future improvement and prioritisation of playing pitches.
- ✦ A number of aims to help deliver the recommendations and actions.
- ✦ A series of strategic recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch stock.
- ✦ A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- ✦ A prioritised area-by-area Action Plan to address key issues on a site-by-site basis.

A PPOSS delivers the evidence required to ensure that sufficient land is available to meet existing and projected future outdoor sport requirements. Its robust evidence base should inform and be implemented into planning policy and other relevant corporate strategies to enable local policies, planning and sport development criteria to work efficiently and effectively.

The Strategy is capable of:

- ✦ Providing a clear framework for all playing pitch providers, including the public, private and third sectors;
- ✦ Clearly addressing the needs of all identified sports within the area, picking up on particular local demand issues;
- ✦ Addressing issues of population growth and major growth/regeneration areas;
- ✦ Addressing issues of cross boundary facility provision;
- ✦ Addressing issues of accessibility, quality and management with regard to facility provision;
- ✦ Standing up to scrutiny at a public inquiry as a robust study;
- ✦ Supporting funding applications;
- ✦ Providing realistic aspirations which are implementable within the local authority's budgetary position and procurement regime.

The Strategy and Action Plan recommends several priority projects for Manchester which should be realised over the Local Plan period. It provides a framework for improvement and, although resources may not currently be in place to implement it, potential partners and possible sources of external funding.

Partner organisations have a vested interest in ensuring that existing playing fields, pitches and ancillary facilities are protected and enhanced. As such, many of the objectives and actions within this document need to be delivered and implemented by a wide range of bodies such as National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), sports organisations, education establishments such as the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University. In many instances, the Council will not be the agency which delivers these actions or recommendations; the PPOSS is not just for the Council to act upon, it applies to/for all the stakeholders and partners involved.

### 1.1: Scope

The following types of outdoor sports facilities were agreed by the steering group for inclusion in the Assessment and Strategy:

#### ***Pitch sports:***

- ◀ Football pitches
- ◀ Rugby union pitches
- ◀ Rugby league
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Third generation artificial grass (3G) pitches
- ◀ Hockey pitches (artificial grass pitches - including use for football)
- ◀ Other pitch sports:
  - ◀ Gaelic sports
  - ◀ Lacrosse
  - ◀ American football
  - ◀ Softball

Pitch sports (i.e. football, rugby union, rugby league, hockey and cricket) have been assessed using the guidance set out in Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy (2013). In addition, any other grass sport pitches identified during the project have also been included.

Non-pitch outdoor sport facilities have been assessed using Sport England's Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (2014). These facilities are not part of the Playing Pitch Strategy guidance and therefore require a different methodology to assess supply and demand to that used for pitch sports, whilst there is not specific capacity guidance set out by their respective NGBs for assessment of these facilities.

#### ***Non-pitch sports:***

- ◀ Outdoor bowling greens
- ◀ Outdoor tennis courts
- ◀ Athletics facilities
- ◀ Golf facilities
- ◀ 3x3 basketball courts

As far as possible the preceding assessment report aims to capture all of the outdoor sports facilities within the City; however, there may be instances, for example, on school sites or private sites, where access was not possible and has led to omissions within the report. Where pitches have not been recorded within the report they remain as pitches and for planning purposes continue to be so. Furthermore, exclusions of a pitch do not mean that it is not required from a supply and demand point of view.

### 1.2: Study area

Manchester local authority area comprises a large, densely populated urban core with suburban and less densely populated wards predominantly located in the north and south parts of the Wythenshawe Area.

Key arterial routes within Manchester include the A57 'Mancunian Way' providing access to the east/west and the A5013 linking the Centre with the South. Other key features of the Authority include Heaton Park (one of the largest municipal parks in Europe), located in the north and the river Mersey which runs east to west in the South of the Authority.

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There is a substantial student population because of the presence of the two world renowned universities, Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) and The University of Manchester (UoM). Manchester Airport is also located within the City boundary, ensuring that along with the wider region it is globally connected.

The City administrative area has been split into four distinct areas, termed analysis areas, for the purpose of this study:

- ◀ North area – population 155,189<sup>1</sup>
- ◀ Central area – population 188,634
- ◀ South area – population 137,396
- ◀ Wythenshawe area - population 74,522

The Analysis Areas fit in-line with the Council's community strategy Our Manchester and ward based plans to support the Council's ambition to provide Manchester residents with access to high quality sport facilities at a neighbourhood level.

It should be noted that individual sports catchment areas do not necessarily fit into administrative boundaries and that should be taken into consideration during the decision-making process for planning and investment. The analysis areas have been devised to allow for ease of reporting.

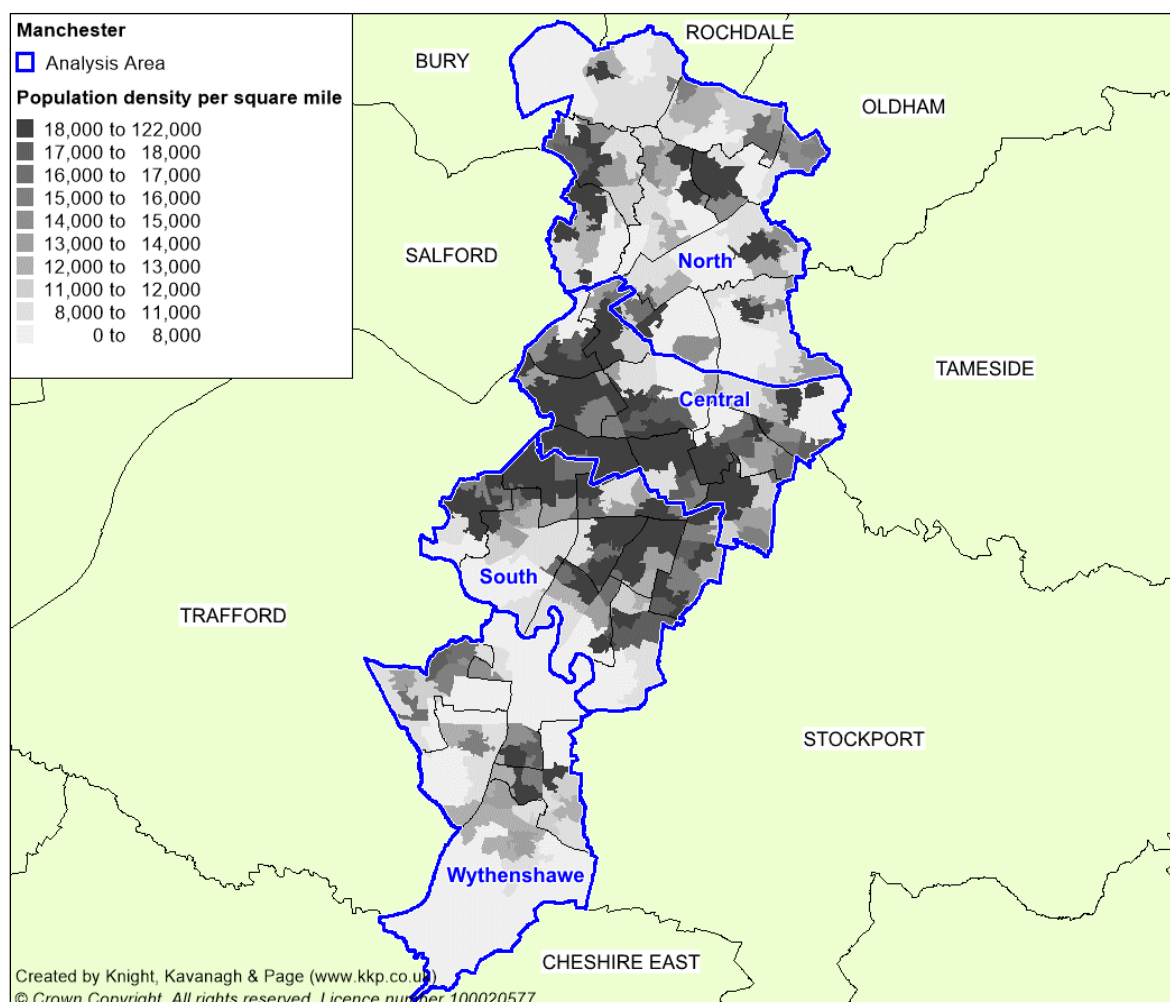


Figure 1.1: Map of analysis areas to be used for the Manchester PPOSS

### 1.3: Context

#### **Manchester Local Plan**

The key planning document for Manchester is the Local Plan (the key element of which is the Core Strategy 2012-2027), which is currently under review. This, together with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), provides the strategic planning context for Manchester. The vision set out within the Core Strategy refers to Manchester as a successful city with a growing economy, an increasing and healthy population and a place where people choose to live. This vision has been further developed through the council's "Our Manchester Strategy", which provides a long-term vision and strategy for Manchester and is overseen by a forum of Manchester leaders drawn from all the partners – public services, voluntary groups and communities working together for Manchester.

Within Manchester's Local Plan, the key planning policies which are of particular relevance to the PPOSS are Core Strategy Policies EN9, EN10, EN11 and EN12. Policy EN9 provides the overarching approach to green infrastructure in all its types and functions. Policy EN10 looks at how the city's open spaces should be safeguarded. Policy EN11 refers to how opportunities for new open space provision will be considered, whilst EN12 sets out priorities for improving quality across the city. These policies are applied in the context of a growing city which seeks to balance all the needs of Manchester's residents - whether they be for housing, shops and services, places to work or places to relax and enjoy sport.

The mission statement of the MLP review is:

*'Development in Manchester is at record levels: investment here is creating jobs and new homes are being built. At the same time, we want any future growth to support our ambition to be a zero-carbon city by 2038 or before'.<sup>2</sup>*

The current Core Strategy vision, broken down into ten points, is that by 2027, Manchester will be:

- ◀ A successful sustainable and accessible City in the front rank of cities in Europe and the world.
- ◀ A City with a growing economy driven by the strength of the regional centre and Manchester Airport which supports a successful City region.
- ◀ Meeting the challenge of climate change at the forefront of environmental initiatives and improvements.
- ◀ A City with an increased and sustainable healthy population and a community which both benefits from and drives the City's productivity upwards.
- ◀ A City with neighbourhoods where people choose to live all their lives because they offer a wide range of quality housing and an attractive environment where locally distinctive character is conserved and enhanced.
- ◀ A City with thriving district centres, which have a distinct local character and provide a good range of accessible public services, retail and local facilities.
- ◀ A City which is supported by transport infrastructure which provides sustainable and efficient links locally, within the City, and more widely, between the Regional Centre and workers across the City region. It will also have strong national and international connections made possible by its world class airport.
- ◀ A City defined by excellence in urban design and environmental quality, where its distinctive historic environment is understood, valued, cared for and its potential fully realised.
- ◀ A City where residents and visitors regularly enjoy a network of quality open spaces, parks and river valleys, enriched with biodiversity.

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<sup>2</sup>[Link to Manchester Local Plan](#)



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- ◀ An international destination for tourism and culture with the Eastlands area of the regional centre a national attraction for sport, leisure and recreation.

To achieve the vision of, 'City with an increased and sustainable healthy population', the City Council will continue to invest in developing world class community facilities, not just in the Eastlands area, but across the North, East, South, Central and Wythenshawe areas of the City to support all residents and visitors.

The PPOSS will be an evidence base document for the MLP review, as will the Indoor and Built Sports Facility Strategy concurrently being produced and forthcoming Open Space Strategy. It will ensure that existing facilities are the most appropriate in terms of quantity, quality and location and consider how best to meet the additional needs generated by the planned housing and economic growth.

#### ***Manchester Capital Schools Programme (2021-26)***

Since 2008 there has been a rapid growth of the child population in the City and the consequent need for additional primary school places and secondary school places. This increase is linked to increased inward family migration and an increase in birth rate; as the higher primary pupil numbers feed into the secondary sector there will also be a need to expand secondary provision. In addition, the number of children seeking places in special schools is increasing.

A plan for creating further and extra capacity has been developed to keep pace with the continued increase in demand. Manchester Schools Sport Facility Strategy was produced in September 2018 to set out key principles to inform the design and management of new community sports facilities. It should be noted that the current Strategy gathered available evidence and information regarding eleven sites associated with the Manchester Schools Capital Programme 2017 - 2021.

There is a need to apply the strategy principles when assessing the future pipeline of capital schools to inform the recommendation of new outdoor sport facilities for Manchester Capital School Programme by site. Recommendations will need to be considered in the context of Department for Education school design principles, cost expectations, school requirements, and availability of capital funding.

Sport England will be consulted on all new school build proposals, as part of the planning process. MCRactive will also be engaged to influence facility developments and programmes in-line with Manchester School Sport Strategy. The pipeline capital programme between 2021 and 2026 is detailed below:

#### *Secondary schools*

- ◀ Co-op Academy Belle Vue (Longsight) - October 2022 completion
- ◀ Dean Trust / UK Fast (Newton Heath) - TBC

#### *Primary schools*

- ◀ Olive Primary School (Cheetham) - TBC
- ◀ New City Centre school (Deansgate) - TBC



### ***Regional planning context***

#### *Places for Everyone*

Places for Everyone is a long-term plan of nine Greater Manchester districts (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) for jobs, new homes, and sustainable growth. It has been published by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) on behalf of the nine districts.

The plan is a joint development plan of the nine districts which will determine the kind of development that takes place in their boroughs, maximising the use of brownfield land and urban spaces while protecting Green Belt land from the risk of unplanned development. It will also ensure all new developments are sustainably integrated into Greater Manchester's transport network or supported by new infrastructure.

The plan is the result of a process that began as the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) in 2014 and has been informed by the feedback received from residents, businesses and the development industry to previous consultations on that Plan. The nine districts decided to continue to produce a joint plan following the withdrawal of Stockport Council from the GMSF.

Places for Everyone will form part of the development plan for each of the Greater Manchester districts and its key purpose is to:

- ◀ Identify how Greater Manchester should develop up until 2031;
- ◀ Identifies the amount of new development that will come forward across the nine districts, in terms of housing, offices, and industry and warehousing, and the main areas in which this will be focused;
- ◀ Supports the delivery of key infrastructure, such as transport and utilities;
- ◀ Protects the important environmental assets across the city region;
- ◀ Allocates sites for employment and housing outside of the existing urban area; and
- ◀ Defines a new green belt boundary for Greater Manchester

Places for Everyone is a plan that provides opportunities for inclusive economic growth, the provision of much needed homes and protects and enhances the natural environment. The overarching spatial strategy has three key elements:

- ◀ **Significant growth in jobs and housing at the core of the conurbation** - continuing development in the 'core growth area' encompassing the city centre and beyond to the Etihad in the east, through to the Quays, Trafford Park and Port Salford in the west. The majority of commercial employment growth and a significant amount of the overall housing supply is proposed in this area, which will be key to delivering inner area regeneration;
- ◀ **Boosting the competitiveness of the northern areas** - provision of new employment opportunities and a commitment that collectively the Council areas in the northern part of Greater Manchester meet their own local housing need;
- ◀ **Sustaining the competitiveness of the southern part of Greater Manchester** - supporting key economic drivers including the airport and realising the opportunities offered by national infrastructure investment (e.g. HS2).

Places for Everyone will be hugely important for the future prosperity of the nine districts and proposes:

- ◀ To prioritise the regeneration of brownfield land within the urban area for homes and jobs;
- ◀ To help meet the housing need of our residents by creating new places following Garden Village principles, providing much needed affordable homes; and

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- ◀ To identify the physical and social infrastructure that is needed to support new development such as new roads, public transport, and education and health facilities.

Policy Number JP-H 1: Scale, Distribution and Phasing of New Housing Development, states that the nine local authorities will deliver a minimum of 164,880 net additional dwellings over the period 2021-2037. Whilst there are no strategic housing allocation within Manchester as part of Places for Everyone, it is to provide the most housing units of the nine local authorities over the course of the plan, an expected 60,029 to be delivered in Manchester.

Policy Number JPA10 of the 2020 draft plan proposes the development of a new employment site in south Manchester to support growth of Manchester airport to 2030.

Places for Everyone directly links with the PPOSS with the proposed policy, JP-P7, sports and recreation.

#### ***Leisure operation***

Manchester City Council's current indoor leisure arrangements are contracted through Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) for the Community & Elite venues and with Sport & Leisure Management (SLM) for Wythenshawe Forum. The UK's largest leisure charitable social enterprise, GLL has managed facilities in the City since 2014 and will work in partnership with Manchester City Council to do so until 2028 under its Better brand. SLM are contracted for the same period operating under Everyone Active brand.

GLL manages leisure facilities with outdoor sports provision at the following sites:

- ◀ Belle Vue Sports Village
- ◀ Denmark Road Sports Centre
- ◀ Manchester Regional Arena
- ◀ Manchester Tennis and Football Centre
- ◀ National Speedway Stadium
- ◀ Ten Acres Lane Sports Complex
- ◀ Whalley Range Sports Centre

GLL also manages Sugden Sports Centre which is university owned and not within the MCC/MCRActive portfolio.

#### ***Manchester's Sport & Physical Activity Strategy 2019-2028***

MCRActive is a not for profit organisation established and overseen by Manchester City Council, responsible for driving sport and physical activity across Manchester, inspiring and encouraging everyone to lead a more active and healthier lifestyle. Its role is to provide leadership and a common narrative, working with the whole sport and physical activity sector to activate all publicly accessible sport and leisure places that exist across the city.

It has produced the Manchester Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, underpinned by one of the most extensive public consultation exercises the city has ever undertaken, to develop a long-term vision for the City informed by residents. Key findings were:

- ◀ Biggest barriers were lack of time (43%), lack of money (23%) and availability/timing of sessions (22%).
- ◀ Two out of three respondents wanted to be more physically active - across all inactive and active respondents.
- ◀ Provision needs to be local, accessible and easy to find.
- ◀ Most common request for more local, regular park based running and walking activities.

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The strategy vision is 'to establish Manchester in the top-flight of sport cities, with all residents active across the life course, helping to transform their health and wellbeing'. Its seven themes are:

- ◀ Encourage residents who are currently inactive to become regularly active
- ◀ Helping young people enjoy being active, healthy and reach their potential
- ◀ Sustain and increase adult participation in sport and physical activity
- ◀ The home of world-class sport that inspires people
- ◀ Creating great places to be active
- ◀ How we communicate and engage with all residents
- ◀ A skilled, motivated and valued workforce (employees and volunteers)

The Manchester Sport and Physical Activity Strategy sets out a vision to get all residents active across the life course helping to transform their health and wellbeing. The Strategy aligns to Our Manchester principles as follows:

- ◀ Better Lives (about the people) – leisure centres at the heart of neighbourhoods.
- ◀ Listening (listen, learn, respond) - consulting with residents, user groups and local members.
- ◀ Recognising Community strengths of Individuals and Communities - listening to feedback from consultations, understanding the work of clubs, community groups and working together to achieve the desired outcome.
- ◀ Working together - building relationships, keeping residents, user groups and local members informed throughout the process.

#### ***Manchester City Council Assessment of Open Space Report 2022***

In 2022 Manchester City Council commissioned KKP to carry out an Assessment of Open Spaces across the City. The assessment identifies the views and expectations of residents, key organisations, and stakeholders on the provision of open spaces across Manchester including outdoor sports facilities.

The report intends to achieve an understanding of local views about existing provision, the quality and accessibility of sites, perceived deficiencies, and expectations for additional and/or improved provision.

The findings from this survey, specifically comments/themes surrounding playing fields and outdoor sports facilities, have been analysed with evidence from the PPOSS to guide the strategic recommendations within this document. In particular, the following questions within the survey:

- ◀ Q3. What type of spaces do you use most often?
- ◀ Q7. How often do you visit each type of space?
- ◀ Q8. How long do you typically spend in each type of space?
- ◀ Q9. How do you usually travel to each type of space?
- ◀ Q10. How long are you willing to spend travelling to each type of space?
- ◀ Q13. How much do you agree/disagree with the following statement? 'Visiting open space, sport and leisure provision makes me feel better'
- ◀ Q14. Which of these options would improve open space and leisure facilities for you?
- ◀ Q15. Please tell us which sports or leisure facility you think needs upgrading.
- ◀ Q16. Please share any other comments you have on open spaces and leisure facilities in Manchester?

The results from Q3 to Q14 can be found in Appendix 4.

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Some of the key sites/facilities, in relation to PPOSS, which people thought needed upgrading (as per Q15) are as followed:

Table 1.1: Summary of details from Question 5 (Q15)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Comments
N/A	No details provided	N/A	Athletics provision
N/A	No details provided	N/A	Football pitches
N/A	No details provided	N/A	Cricket
N/A	No details provided	N/A	Rugby union pitches
5	Alexandra Park	South	Football pitch
15	Boggart Hole Clough	North	None
22	Brookdale Park	North	None
31	Chorlton Park	South	Tennis courts
54	Fog Lane Park	South	Tennis courts
63	Heaton Park	North	None
148	Hough End Fields	South	Replace grass with 3G
171	Wythenshawe Park	Wythenshawe	Athletics

#### 1.4: Headline findings

The table below highlights the quantitative headline findings identified for all main pitch sports included in the preceding Assessment Report. MES stands for match equivalent sessions and has been used as the comparable unit for natural grass pitches. Converting both the amount of play a site can accommodate (its carrying capacity) and how much play takes place there (its current use) into the same unit of demand enables a comparison to be undertaken.

Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions.

Based on how they tend to be played, this unit for football and rugby union pitches relates to a typical week within the season for each sport. For cricket pitches it is appropriate to look at the number of match equivalent sessions over the course of a season. How much play a cricket pitch can accommodate is primarily determined by the number and quality of wickets on a pitch. Only one match is generally played per pitch per day. However, play is rotated across the wickets to reduce wear and allow for repair. Each wicket is able to accommodate a certain amount of play per season as opposed to a week.

The PPOSS guidance does not advocate the conversion of MES to pitches as there is not always a case for providing pitches to meet the demand/shortfalls expressed. For example, improving the quality of pitches can also increase the capacity of existing pitches to accommodate such demand. For qualitative findings and site-specific findings, please see Part 4: Sport Specific Recommendations and Scenarios, and Part 6: Action Plan.

For artificial surfaces, how much play can be accommodated is primarily determined by availability, rather than how much play it can accommodate before its quality is adversely affected as with natural grass pitches. Therefore, hours in the peak period is used as the comparable unit. For the other non-pitch sports (i.e. tennis, bowls etc) capacity is in accordance with Paragraph B13 of the ANOG guidance.

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Table 1.2: Quantitative headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2031)
Football (grass)	North	Adult	At capacity	Shortfall of 4
Football (grass)	North	Youth 11v11	Spare capacity of 1.5	Shortfall of 1.5
Football (grass)	North	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 1	Shortfall of 1
Football (grass)	North	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	North	Mini 5v5	N/A <sup>3</sup>	N/A
Football (grass)	Central	Adult	Spare capacity of 2.5	Shortfall of 1
Football (grass)	Central	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 0.5	Shortfall of 3
Football (grass)	Central	Youth 9v9	At capacity	Shortfall of 0.5
Football (grass)	Central	Mini 7v7	At capacity	Shortfall of 2.5
Football (grass)	Central	Mini 5v5	N/A	N/A
Football (grass)	South	Adult	Spare capacity of 9.5	Spare capacity of 7.5
Football (grass)	South	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 3.5
Football (grass)	South	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 1.5
Football (grass)	South	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 5	Spare capacity of 5
Football (grass)	South	Mini 5v5	N/A	N/A
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Adult	Shortfall of 2.5	Shortfall of 5.5
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Youth 11v11	Spare capacity of 0.5	Shortfall of 1.5
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Youth 9v9	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 2.5
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Mini 7v7	Shortfall of 1.5	Shortfall of 2.5
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Mini 5v5	N/A	N/A
Football (3G pitches)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting	Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.	Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.
Cricket	North	Senior grass cricket wickets	Shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions a season.	Shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions a season.
Cricket	Central	Senior grass cricket wickets	At capacity	At capacity
Cricket	South	Senior grass cricket wickets	Shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions a season.	Shortfall of 26 match equivalent sessions a season.
Cricket	Wythenshawe	Senior grass cricket wickets	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby union	North	Senior	Shortfall of 1	Shortfall of 1
Rugby union	Central	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby union	South	Senior	Shortfall of 7	Shortfall of 9
Rugby union	Wythenshawe	Senior	Shortfall of 1.25	Shortfall of 2.75
Rugby league	Manchester	Provision	Spare capacity	Potential shortfall of grass pitches based on growth ambitions.

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

<sup>3</sup> Mini 5v5 matches are not presently played on grass football pitches, therefore there is no relevant position because all play is held on 3G pitches.

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Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2031)
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting.	<b>Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.</b>	<b>Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.</b>
Tennis	Manchester	Courts	<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>Shortfall</b>
Bowls	Manchester	Greens	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Athletics	Manchester	Tracks	Sufficient quantity, <b>but quality issues</b>	Sufficient quantity, <b>but quality issues</b>
Golf	Manchester	Courses	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Other sports	Manchester	Provision	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.

### Conclusions

From a quantitative perspective, the existing position for each sport is either that demand is being met or that there is a shortfall, whereas the future position shows the creation of shortfalls for some pitch types and in some areas where demand is currently being met, as well as the exacerbation of existing shortfalls.

Where demand is being met, this does not necessarily equate to a surplus of provision, with any spare capacity instead considered to be a solution to addressing current or future demand shortfalls. There is a resultant need to protect all existing outdoor sport provision until all demand is met, or there is a requirement to replace provision in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy.

For football there are current grass pitch capacity shortfalls for adult pitches (Wythenshawe Analysis Area), youth 11v11 pitches (Central and South analysis areas), youth 9v9 pitches (South and Wythenshawe analysis areas) and mini 7v7 pitches in the Wythenshawe Analysis Area. Additional capacity shortfalls will be created for adult pitches (North and Central analysis areas) youth 11v11 football pitches (North and Wythenshawe analysis areas), youth 9v9 pitches (North and Central analysis areas) and mini 7v7 pitches in the Central Analysis Area when accounting for future demand.

These grass pitch shortfalls for football can generally be alleviated with pitch enhancements as part of sports development initiatives. Where loss of playing field occurs qualitative improvements to existing pitches are not appropriate because of deficiencies in other pitch sport types.

There are significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas for full size 3G pitches which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.

Rugby league has no current shortfalls, however, has minor future shortfalls which can only be alleviated by the creation of new grass pitches, as there are currently none.

For rugby union, overplay can generally be alleviated via maintenance of drainage enhancements, however, other options such as greater utilisation of WR complaint 3G provision, removal of rugby league demand and creation of additional sports lighting/more even dispersal of demand should be explored.



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There is a shortfall of hockey suitable pitches of a suitable quality and security of tenure. To overcome the AGP pitch shortfalls, options should be explored, to refurbish a number of pitches in addition to securing long term hockey usage on them, particularly at Brantingham Road, Parris Wood High School and William Hulme Grammar School.

For cricket, although most shortfalls can be reduced through improving quality, there is still a need to consider increasing capacity at certain sites, either through greater utilisation of NTPs or the creation of hybrid wickets.

For non-pitch sports such as tennis, MUGAs (3x3) and Gaelic sports there are shortfalls, whereas, bowls, golf, American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball has sufficient provision. There is sufficient provision of athletics tracks, however, there is a need to improve their quality.

Additional context and further recommendations on how to alleviate the identified shortfalls are evident below in Part 4: Sport Specific Issues, Scenarios and Recommendations, and Part 6: Action Plan.



### PART 2: VISION AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 2.1: Vision

Below is a vision for Manchester in regard to its PPOSS:

*To be a City recognised for its high quality of life, with a network of quality, accessible and sustainable green spaces and world-class sports, leisure and playing pitch facilities, which offer inclusive services to all and capable of supporting sport, health and wellbeing of all residents across their life course; enabling the inactive to become active and more residents to fulfil their potential by participating in sport and physical activity, thus improving their long-term health and well-being.*

The PPOSS vision aligns to Manchester City Council's 'Our Manchester Strategy 2015- 2025' that sets out a vision for Manchester to be in the topflight of world-class cities by 2025, that is:

- ✦ Thriving and Sustainable City – with great jobs and the businesses to create them
- ✦ Highly Skilled – full of talent both homegrown and from around the world
- ✦ Progressive and equitable – a fair city where everyone has an equal chance to contribute and to benefit
- ✦ Liveable and low carbon – a great place to live with a good quality of life: a clean, green and safe City
- ✦ Connected - both physically, with world class transport, and digitally, with brilliant broadband.

It also supports the Manchester Sport and Physical Activity Strategy which sets out a vision to get all residents active across the life course helping to transform their health and wellbeing. The Strategy aligns to Our Manchester principles as follows:

- ✦ Better Lives (about the people) – leisure centres at the heart of neighbourhoods.
- ✦ Listening (listen, learn, respond) - consulting with residents, user groups and local members.
- ✦ Recognising Community strengths of Individuals and Communities - listening to feedback from consultations, understanding the work of clubs, community groups and working together to achieve the desired outcome.
- ✦ Working together - building relationships, keeping residents, user groups and local members informed throughout the process.

#### 2.2: Objectives

The PPOSS seek to deliver the following objectives:

- ✦ Provide a carefully quantified and documented assessment of current and future needs for playing pitches;
- ✦ Provide information to assist performance management and asset management,
- ✦ Provide information to underpin: o the protection, enhancement and improvement of the existing pitch stock, improvements in community access to educational and non-local authority pitches;
- ✦ To enable a process to be developed to ensure the adequate provision of new pitches and outdoor sport in relation to new housing developments;
- ✦ To help inform a framework for delivering government policies for social inclusion, environmental protection, community involvement and healthy living;
- ✦ To provide good-quality information and evidence of need for funding bids for new and improved provision;
- ✦ To ensure that the MCC strategy has strong links to all NGB Whole Sport Plans and Facilities Strategies;
- ✦ To provide the context for sports development of pitch sports which aims to develop the range of opportunities available.

### PART 3: AIMS

The following overarching aims are based on the three Sport England themes. It is recommended that they are adopted by the Council and partners to enable delivery of the overall PPOSS vision and Sport England planning objectives.

#### AIM 1

To **protect** the existing supply of outdoor sport facilities where it is needed to meet current and future needs.

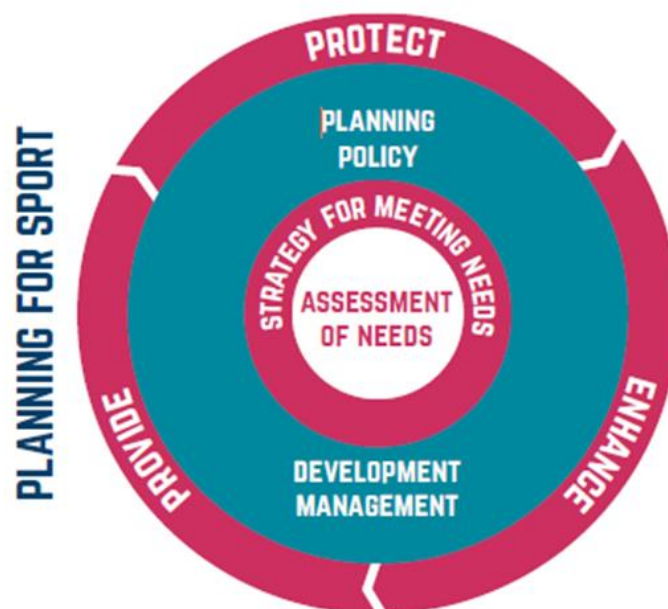
#### AIM 2

To **enhance** outdoor sport facilities and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites.

#### AIM 3

To **provide** new outdoor sport facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.

Figure 3.1: Sport England objectives diagram



Source: Sport England, Planning for Sport Guidance (June 2019)

## **PART 4: SPORT SPECIFIC ISSUES SCENARIOS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

In order to help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, a number of relevant scenario questions are tested against the key issues in this section for each playing pitch sport, resulting in sport specific recommendations.

### **4.1: Football – grass pitches**

#### ***Assessment Report summary***

- ◀ **There is sufficient capacity of grass football pitches to meet current demand overall at a Citywide level. There is a specific current capacity shortfall for youth 9v9 pitches, though demand can be met at all other pitch types at present.**
- ◀ **However, increased future demand would lead to grass pitch capacity shortfalls for all pitch types except for mini 7v7 football, where future demand can be met by existing provision.**

#### ***Supply***

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 173 formally marked grass football pitches in Manchester across 57 sites. Of these, 148 are reportedly available for community use across 49 sites.
- ◀ Of the 148 available pitches in the City 72 are in the South Area (49%), followed by the Wythenshawe Area (46 pitches, 31%) and the North Area (21 pitches, 14%). The Central Area has the fewest available pitches (nine pitches, 6%).

#### ***Quality***

- ◀ Of the 148 football pitches available for community use, most (94 pitches) are rated as standard quality. There are 23 pitches rated as good quality and 31 pitches rated as poor quality.
- ◀ Of the 48 sites that are actively used for community football, 12 sites (25%) are serviced by good quality ancillary facilities, 16 sites (33%) by standard quality ancillary facilities and nine (19%) by poor quality ancillary facilities. The remaining 11 sites (23%) are not serviced by clubhouse/changing room provision.

#### ***Demand***

- ◀ There are 789 teams identified as playing football in the City. This is made up of 191 adult men's, 18 adult women's, 328 youth boys', 25 youth girls' and 227 mini soccer teams.
- ◀ Future club growth aspirations and participation targets total 61 potential new teams, resulting in additional capacity requirement (in match equivalent sessions per week) of 12.5 for adult pitches, 9.5 for youth 11v11 pitches, 3.5 for youth 9v9 pitches, 2.5 for mini 7v7 pitches and 2.5 for mini 5v5 pitches.

#### ***Capacity***

- ◀ There are 54 pitches across 27 sites identified as having actual spare capacity, totalling 27 match equivalent sessions per week, most (15.5) on adult pitches.
- ◀ In total, 42 pitches across 12 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 14 match equivalent sessions per week.
- ◀ At a City wide level there are current capacity shortfalls for youth 9v9 pitches, whilst future demand would lead to capacity shortfalls for all formats but mini 7v7 pitches.

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#### Improving pitch quality

In total there are 42 pitches overplayed in Manchester across 12 sites, with overplay equating to 14 match equivalent sessions per week. Improving quality of such provision (i.e. through increased maintenance or improved drainage) will increase capacity at the sites and as a consequence reduce both current and future shortfalls.

To illustrate the above, Table 4.2 highlights the current levels of overplay that would be alleviated if quality improved to good at each site. As a reminder, the capacity rating for each type and quality rating is shown below.

Table 4.1: Summary of football pitch capacity ratings in match equivalent sessions per week

Adult pitch quality	Matches per week	Youth pitch quality	Matches per week	Mini pitch quality	Matches per week
Good	3	Good	4	Good	6
Standard	2	Standard	2	Standard	4
Poor	1	Poor	1	Poor	2

Table 4.2: Summary of effect of improving all overplayed grass pitches to good quality (match equivalent sessions per week)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current Capacity rating <sup>4</sup>	Good quality capacity rating <sup>5</sup>
26	Chapman Street Park (King George V Park - Gorton)	Central	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
47	Didsbury Sports Ground	South	Adult	2	Standard	0.5	1.5
63	Heaton Park	North	Youth (11v11)	2	Standard	1	3
70	Hollyhedge Park	Wythenshawe	Youth (9v9)	1	Standard	1	1
79	Levenshulme High School	South	Youth (11v11)	1	Standard	1	1
91	Manchester Metropolitan University (Platt Lane Sports Complex)	South	Adult	1	Standard	0.5	0.5
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	South	Youth (11v11)	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	South	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	1.5	1.5
137	St Pauls Catholic High School	Wythenshawe	Youth (11v11)	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	Youth (11v11)	2	Poor	1	5
160	Whalley Range AFC	South	Adult	2	Standard	0.5	1.5

<sup>4</sup> Match equivalent sessions per week

<sup>5</sup> Match equivalent sessions per week

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Current quality	Current Capacity rating <sup>4</sup>	Good quality capacity rating <sup>5</sup>
172	Wythenshawe Sports Ground	Wythenshawe	Adult	11	Poor	4.5	32.5
172	Wythenshawe Sports Ground	Wythenshawe	Adult	14	Standard	As above	As above
172	Wythenshawe Sports Ground	Wythenshawe	Youth (9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5
190	Moston Valley	North	Youth (11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	2.5

Please note the match equivalent sessions are in reference to the overall capacity of the pitch (per week) and are not in reference to peak time demand. Although theoretical capacity can be created by increasing quality, availability is determined by current usage of those pitches at the times they are required i.e. peak period. If pitches are already in use at those times, then improving quality will only benefit existing users unless programming of matches is altered to allow additional usage.

As seen, by improving pitch quality to good at all the aforementioned sites overplay could be fully eliminated. This would also create additional peak time capacity of 1.5 match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches (North Analysis Area), one match equivalent session on youth 11v11 pitches (Central Analysis Area), 0.5 match equivalent sessions each on adult and youth 11v11 pitches (South Analysis Area) and eight match equivalent sessions on adult pitches (Wythenshawe Analysis Area).

A further 0.5 match equivalent sessions at peak time could be utilised on youth 11v11 and adult pitches in the South Analysis Area if tenure could also be secured, in addition to improving pitch quality, at Levenshulme High School and Manchester Metropolitan University (Platt Lane Sports Complex).

#### *Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP)<sup>6</sup>*

An alternative approach to improving the quality of overplayed sites would be to enhance the quality of key strategic football sites as identified in the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP, 2019). The LFFP identified 15 sites for grass pitch improvements that were considered to be in need of investment as are key for football across Manchester.

The table below identifies what the impact would be on the supply and demand balance of pitches at these sites if quality was improved to good.

Table 4.3: Summary of impact of LFFP quality improvements

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Quality	Current capacity rating	Good capacity rating
21	Broadhurst Park Stadium	North	Adult	1	Good	0.5	0.5
21	Broadhurst Park Stadium	North	(11v11)	1	Standard	0	2
21	Broadhurst Park Stadium	North	(9v9)	1	Good	1.5	1.5

<sup>6</sup>[Link to Manchester LFFP](#)

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Quality	Current capacity rating	Good capacity rating
32	Chorlton Sports And Social Club	South	Adult	1	Standard	0	1
32	Chorlton Sports And Social Club	South	Adult	1	Poor	0	2
32	Chorlton Sports And Social Club	South	(7v7)	1	Poor	1.5	5.5
54	Fog Lane Park	South	Adult	4	Standard	5.5	9.5
63	Heaton Park	North	Adult	1	Standard	0	1
63	Heaton Park	North	(11v11)	2	Standard	1	1
70	Hollyhedge Park	Wythenshawe	(7v7)	1	Good	11	15
70	Hollyhedge Park	Wythenshawe	(7v7)	2	Standard	As above	As above
70	Hollyhedge Park	Wythenshawe	(11v11)	1	Standard	1	3
70	Hollyhedge Park	Wythenshawe	(9v9)	1	Standard	1	1
89	Manchester Health Academy	Wythenshawe	Adult	1	Good	1	1
89	Manchester Health Academy	Wythenshawe	(11v11)	1	Good	2.5	2.5
96	Mellands Fields (disused)	Central	Adult	5	N/A	N/A	N/A
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	South	Adult	2	Standard	3	5
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	South	(7v7)	4	Standard	15	23
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	South	(11v11)	1	Standard	0.5	1.5
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	South	(9v9)	1	Poor	1.5	2.5
101	Newall Green High School (disused)	Wythenshawe	(11v11)	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
101	Newall Green High School (disused)	Wythenshawe	(9v9)	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
101	Newall Green High School (disused)	Wythenshawe	(5v5)	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
112	Painswick Park	Wythenshawe	(11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	3.5
112	Painswick Park	Wythenshawe	(9v9)	1	Poor	0	3
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	Adult	12	Standard	10	26
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	Adult	2	Poor	As above	As above
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	(11v11)	1	Standard	1	4
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	(11v11)	1	Poor	As above	As above

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Quality	Current capacity rating	Good capacity rating
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	(9v9)	1	Standard	0.5	2.5
158	West Didsbury And Chorlton AFC	South	Adult	1	Good	0.5	0.5
158	West Didsbury And Chorlton AFC	South	(7v7)	1	Good	4.5	4.5
158	West Didsbury And Chorlton AFC	South	(11v11)	2	Good	5.5	5.5
158	West Didsbury And Chorlton AFC	South	(9v9)	1	Good	2.5	2.5
171	Wythenshawe Park	Wythenshawe	Adult	3	Standard	3	6
176	Cringle Playing Fields (Errwood Park)	South	Adult	1 <sup>7</sup>	Poor	0	2

Improving quality as set out in the table above would create 70 match equivalent sessions per week of additional capacity. In addition, if the investment was used to secure access to the education sites that are currently unavailable for community use, a total of 4.5 additional match equivalent sessions per week of spare capacity would be created.

In addition, more spare capacity would be created if pitches were re-established at the sites not currently providing grass pitch provision or reinstating currently unused provision (Mellands Fields, Newall Green High School and Cringle Playing Fields).

Although theoretical capacity can be created by increasing quality, availability is determined by current usage of those pitches at the times they are required i.e. peak period. If pitches are already in use at those times, then improving quality will only benefit existing users unless programming of matches is altered to allow additional usage.

As the LFFP is a live document to be informed by an up-to-date PPOSS, it is recommended that the priority list is updated on the back of this study to account for changes in demand since the project was completed. To help guide this process, the table below comments on whether the PPOSS provides evidence to support the inclusion of the sites currently featured.

Table 4.4: LFFP priority list (grass pitch improvements)

Site ID	Site name	Comments	LFFP update recommendation
21	Broadhurst Park Stadium	Key site with a variety of good and standard quality pitches. Youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity.	<b>Site is in receipt of FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding. Remove grass pitch improvement from the LFFP.</b>
32	Chorlton Sports And Social Club	Key site with a variety of poor and standard quality pitches. Adult pitches are played to capacity.	<b>Retain for improvement to improve pitch quality and establish capacity.</b>

<sup>7</sup> Site can accommodate additional pitches.



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Site ID	Site name	Comments	LFFP update recommendation
34	Co-op Academy North Manchester	Key site that is assessed as standard quality which has spare capacity.	<b>Retain if investment is required to sustain quality</b>
54	Fog Lane Park	Key site that is assessed as standard quality which has spare capacity.	<b>Retain if investment is required to sustain quality</b>
63	Heaton Park	Key site that has an adult pitch played to capacity and two overplayed youth 11v11 pitches. All pitches are standard quality.	<b>Retain investment as required to alleviate overplay and create capacity.</b>
70	Hollyhedge Park	Key site for football with a variety of good and standard quality pitches. Youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed.	<b>Site is in receipt of FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding. Issues reported with improving quality, explore whether the site should remain on the LFFP for further investment into grass pitches.</b>
89	Manchester Health Academy	Key site for football with pitches already rated as good quality.	<b>Retain for improvement and use investment to secure access</b>
96	Mellands Fields	Currently disused site, since approximately 2019. Local football organisations identify aspirations to develop 3G pitch provision onsite.	<b>Due to its current status and development aspirations further exploration is required to understand if it should remain as a priority in the LFFP.</b>
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	Key site for football with a variety of poor and standard quality pitches. Youth 9v9 and youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed.	<b>Site is in receipt of funding via FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund which has already improved quality. Remove grass pitch improvement from the LFFP.</b>
101	Newall Green High School	Currently closed and disused, however, potential plans to reopen in 2023.	<b>Due to its current status further exploration is required to understand if it should remain as a priority in the LFFP.</b>
112	Painswick Park	Pitches are poor quality with the youth 9v9 pitch played to capacity.	<b>Pending application for FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding. If successful, remove from LFFP for grass pitch improvement and monitor impact of investment.</b>
148	Hough End Playing Fields	Key strategic site for football with a variety of poor and standard quality pitches. Youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed. There is an ongoing plan to develop the sporting provision on the site.	<b>Bring pitches up to a good quality rating as a minimum as part of the hub development (due to start in Summer 2022).</b>
158	West Didsbury And Chorlton AFC	Several pitches all of which are rated as good quality.	<b>Site is in receipt of funding via FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund which has already improved quality. Remove grass pitch improvement from the LFFP.</b>
171	Wythenshawe Park	Three standard quality adult pitches with no spare capacity at peak time.	<b>Retain for improvement to improve pitch quality.</b>

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Site ID	Site name	Comments	LFFP update recommendation
176	Cringle Playing Fields (Errwood Park)	One poor quality adult pitch that is played to capacity. Site has the potential to accommodate more pitches. Kingsway Athletic FC aspires to obtain a lease to manage the site to reinstate pitches and improve their quality.	<b>Retain for improvement to enhance pitch quality and establish additional provision.</b>

In addition to the above, it is recommended that the following sites are added given the number of pitches supplied and the quality issues identified:

- ▶ **Wythenshawe Sports Ground** - grass pitch improvements and ancillary facility refurbished, however, security of tenure issues.
- ▶ **Alderman Roger's Park** - grass pitch improvements on two adult pitches with the potential to reinstate a third adult pitch, in addition to ancillary facility refurbishment. Working towards a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Baguley Athletic FC.
- ▶ **Chorlton Park** - grass pitch improvement and new pavilion (currently without), however, subject to identifying anchor club.
- ▶ **Broadhurst Park Playing Fields** - adjacent to stadium. Grass pitch improvement and potential reconfiguration to accommodate more pitches. The existing building requires refurb/remodel with a potential anchor club to be sort including but not limited to Mostonians FC and Moston Juniors FC.
- ▶ **West Gorton Playing Field** - West Gorton FC has SLA for use of the youth 11v11 and are working towards a Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund application. There is also potential for the creation of basic onsite ancillary provision such as toilets.
- ▶ **Orford Road Playing Fields** - grass pitch improvements and need for a permanent ancillary building in future. Explore the opportunity to lease to Newton Heath Locos, to be fenced to protect from dog walkers.

PitchPower can be further used to identify the suitability of these sites to be added to the project list and the level of investment required.

#### *Unused pitches*

Across the City there are 12 sites which can accommodate additional pitches (currently unmarked). These are summarised in the table below.

Table 4.5: Summary of unmarked pitches

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Post code	Number of unmarked pitches (Pitch size)
1	Abbey Hey Playing Fields	Central	M18 8WU	1 x (Youth 11v11)
15	Boggart Hole Clough	North	M9 7DF	1 x (Youth 9v9)
41	Debdale Park	Central	M18 7LJ	1 x (Adult)
59	Gorton Park	Central	M40 1WS	1 x (Adult)
71	Hulme Park	Central	M15 5JD	1 x (Adult)
76	Ladybarn Park	South	M20 4XA	1 x (Youth 11v11)
119	Plant Hill Park	North	M9 6NP	1 x (Adult) 1 x (Youth 11v11)
171	Wythenshawe Park	Wythenshawe	M23 0PH	2 x (Adult)
174	Fletcher Moss Park	South	M20 2SW	1 x (Youth 11v11)
176	Cringle Playing Fields (Errwood Park)	South	M19 1HS	2 x (Adult)
191	Lower Crumpsall Recreation	North	M8 5XF	1 x (Youth 11v11)

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Post code	Number of unmarked pitches (Pitch size)
192	Annie Lees Park	Central	M18 7GS	1 x (Adult)

In total if all these pitches were to be reinstated to a minimum of standard quality it would establish nine match equivalent sessions per week of actual spare capacity on adult pitches, five match equivalent sessions on youth 11v11 pitches and one match equivalent session on youth 9v9 pitches.

*Table 4.6: Summary of impact of reinstating unmarked pitches on the overall supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week*

Pitch type	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total	Impact of reinstating unused pitches
Adult	15.5	6	9.5	12.5	3	6
Youth 11v11	5	5	0	9.5	9.5	4.5
Youth 9v9	1	3	2	3.5	5.5	4.5
Mini 7v7	5.5	0	5.5	2.5	3	3

As seen above if the pitches were to be reinstated, they could completely alleviate the future shortfalls on adult pitches. It would also reduce potential on youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. The potential spare capacity which could be established by reinstating provision adult provision is above the requirement to alleviate the shortfalls, therefore, these pitches could be reinstated as youth 11v11 or youth 9v9v pitches in order to reduce this overplay further.

In addition to unmarked pitches there are also six sites which are classified as disused. Mellands Fields, Newall Green High School, Cheetwood Playing Fields North, The Levenshulme Cricket Club, Whitehouse Bowling Club and Broadhurst Park Playing Fields have all previously accommodated football pitches. As these sites have not been used for several years it would cost significantly more to reinstate them in comparison to the unmarked pitches listed above, however, they also have the potential to alleviate shortfalls.

#### Conclusion

As shown in the scenarios above both current and future identified shortfalls can be alleviated through a mixture of pitch enhancements at strategic sites, reinstatement of unused provision and reconfiguring of pitch layouts from adult to youth 11v11 or youth 9v9 pitch types.

#### Recommendations

- Protect existing quantity of pitches until all shortfalls are met (unless replacement provision meets Sport England Playing Field Policy requirements).
- Sustain pitch quality and seek improvements where necessary, focusing on poor quality and overplayed sites.
- Look at reinstating unmarked pitches in order to help alleviate future shortfalls.
- Reconfigure pitches from adult to youth 11v11 provision at those sites which have spare capacity.
- Look to work with clubs with their strategic ambitions to develop football provision particularly for Blackley FC (Plant Hill Park), Kingsway Athletic FC (Cringle Fields) and Wythenshawe Amateurs FC (Hollyhedge Park).
- Work to accommodate future demand at sites which are not operating at capacity or at sites not currently available for community use.
- Improve ancillary facilities where there is a clear need to do so.
- Ensure clubs playing within, or with aspirations to play within, the National League System can meet Ground Grading requirements to progress.

- ◀ Undertake PitchPower technical quality assessment of Council managed sites as part of the Football Foundation local authority pitch improvement pilot programme. Review PitchPower evidenced quality at Stage E and review and update PPOSS action plan where required.
- ◀ Support non-local authority providers to undertake PitchPower assessment and to access and implement measures to improve pitch quality.
- ◀ Update the LFFP following completion of the PPOSS.

#### 4.2: Third Generation turf (3G) pitches (See Addendum for updated position)

##### *Assessment Report summary*

- ◀ **Taking into consideration future demand there is a need for two pitches in the South Analysis Area.**
- ◀ **There is need for a joint Manchester and Trafford plan for 3G development is recommended to address cross boundary issues in Wythenshawe area.**

##### *Supply*

- ◀ There are 31 full size 3G pitches in Manchester, of which 25 are available for community use and six are not. All full size provision across the City has sports lighting.
- ◀ The North Area has the most provision with 13 pitches in total (42% of all full size 3G pitches), however five are unavailable.
- ◀ Of the 25 available pitches there are 19 on the 3G Register (14 FA registered and five FIFA certified). Six pitches are dually registered for both football and rugby union activity.
- ◀ There are a further 78 smaller size 3G pitches servicing Manchester, of which 68 are available for community use.
- ◀ Newall Green High School closed in August 2021, meaning its sports facilities have become disused. Facilities include a full size 3G pitch with sports lighting, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and a mini 5v5 pitch.

##### *Quality*

- ◀ In Manchester there are 16 pitches rated as good quality, six rated as standard and nine rated as poor. Of the community available pitches, there is a total of 12 good quality pitches (48%), six standard quality pitches (24%) and seven poor quality pitches (28%).

##### *Demand*

- ◀ Most competitive football matches in Manchester are played on 3G pitches. There are 450 teams which play competitive club football on 3G pitches in Manchester, representing 57% of teams playing matches in the City.
- ◀ In total there are 110 teams importing demand onto 3G pitches in Manchester equating to 12 teams in the North Area, 71 teams in the Central Area, two teams in the South Area and 25 teams in the Wythenshawe Area.
- ◀ In total there are 33 teams exporting demand from Manchester onto 3G pitches in other local authorities, equating to ten teams from the North Area, ten teams from the Central Area, 12 teams from the South Area and one team from the Wythenshawe Area.
- ◀ There is demand from other football providers for more 3G pitch provision, including daytime use and weekend use for central venue matches.

##### *Capacity*

- ◀ Across the City there are varying levels of spare capacity on 3G provision, both midweek and at the weekend, in the North and Central analysis areas. Exceptions to this are at Dean Trust Ardwick Academy, The Co-Operative Academy of Manchester and Wright Robinson Leisure and Belle Vue Sports Village which are used extensively at both peak periods.
- ◀ There are more significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.

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#### *Accommodating football training demand*

The FA's long-term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England the opportunity to train once per week on a floodlit 3G surface, together with priority access for every England Football Accredited Club through a partnership agreement. To enable this and to allow for an assessment of the level of provision required to accommodate the demand, it is calculated that a full size pitch can cater for up to 38 teams.

This analysis considers the number of full size 3G pitches required if every team was to remain training within the analysis area in which they play. The 3G requirement is rounded to the nearest whole number.

The scenario assumes that all pitches are fully available for club use at peak time; however, in practice, some pitches operate commercial small-sided leagues which can reduce available capacity. It also presumes that all football teams should train on full size 3G pitches when in practice a proportion of football training demand must be retained on sand based AGPs to maintain financial and commercial sustainability for such provision.

There is also a need to consider training demand on the existing smaller size 3G stock, some of which play an important role in meeting some club's requirements, although many should not be considered due to their size, lack of floodlighting and/or operational structure.

Of the 78 smaller size 3G pitches a total of 68 (across 22 sites) are available for community use. The prominent usage across these sites is recreational, commercial and/or intra mural/student sport demand meaning there is little usage for affiliated football training. These sites include:

- ◀ Burnage Academy for Boys
- ◀ Denmark Road Sports Centre
- ◀ Goals Soccer Centre
- ◀ Hideout Youth Zone
- ◀ Levenshulme High School
- ◀ Manchester Enterprise Academy
- ◀ Manchester Health Academy
- ◀ Platt Lane Sports Complex
- ◀ Manchester Tennis and Football Centre
- ◀ Manchester Youth Zone
- ◀ Power league (Central)
- ◀ Rushford Park
- ◀ Sporting Edge Community Sports Centre
- ◀ Sugden Sports Centre
- ◀ Trinity Sports Centre
- ◀ Armitage Sports Centre
- ◀ Whalley Range Sports Centre
- ◀ Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre
- ◀ Soccer in the City
- ◀ MEA Central

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Affiliation and club consultation supports this with only a select number of clubs reporting specific use of these sites for training demand. Furthermore, any training demand located at these sites is predominately located on the full size 3G provision rather than the smaller size pitches such as at Platt Lane Sports Complex, Manchester Enterprise Academy, Manchester Health Academy, Armitage Sports Centre and Trinity Sports Centre.

Hockey suitable AGPs will not be considered in the FA training scenario as they predominantly accommodate hockey demand (community clubs/student sport/intra mural) during the evening peak period and therefore do not offer substantial levels of capacity for football training. It should also be noted that hockey suitable AGPs are not recognised by the FF as a recognised surface for affiliated football and training. As a result, small size 3G pitches and full size hockey suitable AGPs are not considered below.

Using all the above, the table below considers the number of 3G pitches required if every team was to remain training within the analysis area in which they play. The 3G requirement is rounded to the nearest whole number.

Please note the total number full size 3G pitches with associated sports lighting and community access is 25, however, it should be noted that this would reduce to 19 if the poor quality pitches were taken out of circulation resulting the potential shortfalls increasing.

Table 4.7: Summary of current demand for 3G pitches for affiliated football team training – Manchester based teams

Analysis area	Current number of teams	Current requirement	Current number of available full size 3G pitches	Current shortfall
North	240	6.31 - <b>6</b>	8	0
Central	130	3.42 - <b>4</b>	9	0
South	239	6.28 - <b>6</b>	5	<b>1</b>
Wythenshawe	108	2.84 - <b>3</b>	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>

Demand can be met in principle in the North, Central and Wythenshawe areas. There is a current shortfall of one full size 3G pitch with sports lighting in the South Area.

Table 4.8: Summary of future demand for 3G pitches for affiliated football team training – Manchester based teams

Analysis area	Future number of teams	Future requirement	Current number of available full size 3G pitches	Future shortfall
North	259	6.81 - <b>7</b>	8	0
Central	148	3.89 - <b>4</b>	9	0
South	251	6.6 - <b>7</b>	5	<b>2</b>
Wythenshawe	120	3.15 - <b>3</b>	3	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>

When considering future demand, the overall shortfall increases to a total shortfall of two full size 3G pitches. This equates to a need for two in South Area.



#### *Conclusion*

The Assessment report and Strategy & Action Plan provides a robust evidence base of current and future need for outdoor sports facilities using national Sport England Guidance. Its robustness is built on the extensive consultation carried out with clubs, leagues and providers including education establishments and community organisations which includes consultation with 592 football teams playing in Manchester. The process also involved a comprehensive analysis on the current capacity levels of all provision including both full size and small size 3G pitches (using booking information) to identify if current/future demand could be accommodated on the current stock of provision.

Based on a supply and demand analysis using the above, the PPS concludes that there is insufficient supply of 3G pitches to meet demand for football within the South Area, with demand in the three other areas able to be met. It also recognised that due to high levels of demand being imported into Manchester this is putting additional strain on artificial provision particularly within the South Analysis Area.

Analysis within the Strategy (using the FA's training model) goes on to identify a shortfall of two full size 3G pitches to meet current and future football training needs in the South Area (notwithstanding any other demand from any other sports). Further it also identifies that the South and Wythenshawe areas could likely sustain additional provision beyond shortfalls identified due to significant levels of demand for community activity, educational use and weekend demand for competitive match play which is significant in Manchester and sits outside of the need for training provision.

In addition to the above, the Manchester Local Football Facility Plan is strategically aligned to the National Football Facilities Strategy; a 10-year plan to change the landscape of football facilities in England. It also represents a major funding commitment from the national funding partners (the FA, Premier League, DCMS and the Football Foundation) to inform and direct an estimated one billion pounds of investment into football facilities over the next ten years. Building on the PPS, this also supports the need for investment into 3G pitches within the South Area.

FF funding was agreed in Spring 2022 to build two full size 3G pitches with associated sports lighting as part of a hub development at Hough End Playing Fields. If this project is delivered upon, as expected in the upcoming two years, this would meet the current and future shortfalls within the South Analysis Area. Therefore, in principle, demand for 3G pitches for team training in Manchester would be met.

It should be noted that small size 3G provision within the City, evidenced within the Assessment Report, makes up more of the recreational programme of usage when compared to most local authorities. This provision is in high demand from other sports, community groups and commercial operations (Leisure leagues etc).

Both of these factors could reduce the percentage of programme of usage for affiliated football team training. If this is the case then future additional full size 3G pitches, above what is referenced above, could be explored. This can be monitored as part of the Stage E process.



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#### *University of Manchester – Armitage Sports Centre*

The University of Manchester aspires for an additional full size sports lit 3G pitch at the Armitage Sports Centre, which could involve converting a full size hockey suitable AGP. Given there is no evidence of the strategic need for, and very limited sporting benefits to increase participation in community sport, there is a need to work with the University to further explore its ambitions and understand the proposed location and programme of usage for such provision. This should be explored as part of a bespoke Task and Finish group with relevant stakeholders within the Stage E process.

#### *Wythenshawe Analysis Area*

Though demand for team training can be met in Wythenshawe in principle, in practice it is known that much capacity at 3G pitch sites in Wythenshawe is used by clubs importing demand from neighbouring local authority areas, in the case of Wythenshawe from Trafford particularly. The Trafford PPS evidences a significant shortfall of 3G pitch provision across the Borough, prompting teams to export demand for training, meaning Wythenshawe teams reportedly cannot access provision due to historic block bookings obstructing access to pitches in the area.

Strategic issues in the Wythenshawe Area with imported demand and lack of facilities in North Trafford could also help justify additional pitch provision being developed. On this basis a joint Manchester and Trafford plan for 3G development is recommended to address cross boundary issues in Wythenshawe area.

Wythenshawe Park site has been identified as a potential location to provide new 3G pitch provision due to its physical size, existing facility mix, and location. The Park has the potential to become a wider multi sport hub that can support to address local demand for 3G and grass pitches in Wythenshawe and North Trafford area to address current and future demand for match play, training, and recreational activity.

It should be noted that since the production of the Assessment Report and initial draft version of the Strategy & Action Plan information has been provided indicating that the disused site of Newall Green High School will reopen as part of the Dixons Academy group in 2023. The Football Foundation reports it will want to see the disused full size 3G pitch on the site be resurfaced, as it is condemned now based on age. If this takes place it would need to be factored into the above recommendation surrounding a joint approach between Trafford and Manchester regarding how much new provision would be required.

#### *Moving football match play demand to 3G pitches*

Moving match play to 3G pitches is supported by the FA and it is relatively popular within Manchester already with 450 teams currently playing competitively on 3G surfaces. This is due to the utilisation of several sites as central venues.

The FA is particularly keen to work with local authorities to understand the potential demand for full size floodlit 3G pitches should all competitive matches that are currently played on council pitches be transferred.

Due to the 3G hub sites already being used extensively for mini demand there is no further mini 5v5 demand from Council sites, and minimal mini 7v7 demand, which could be relocated to 3G provision. Therefore, the below analysis only focuses on youth 9v9, youth 11v11 and adult demand.

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Table 4.9: Summary of teams currently using council pitches

Pitch type	Pitch size	Peak period	No. of teams
Adult	11v11	Sunday AM	48
Youth	11v11	Sunday AM	39
Youth	9v9	Saturday AM	10
Mini	7v7	Saturday AM	3
Mini	5v5	Saturday AM	0
-	-	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

The FA suggests an approach for estimating the number of full size, floodlit 3G pitches required to accommodate the above demand for competitive matches, as seen in the table below.

Table 4.10: Summary of full size 3G pitches required for the transfer of demand on council pitches

Format	No. of teams at peak time	No. of matches at peak time	3G units required per match	Total 3G units required	3G pitches required
Adult	48	24	32	768	12
11v11	39	19.5	32	624	9.75
9v9	10	5	10	50	0.78
7v7	3	1.5	8	12	0.18
5v5	0	0	0	0	0

Transferring all youth 9v9, youth 11v11 and adult matches currently being played on council grass pitches would equate to the need for 22 full size 3G pitches (rounded up from 21.75). This is based on the greatest requirement being an accumulative of adult and youth 11v11 as they both have the same peak time.

These theoretical 22 pitches would also be able to accommodate the remaining youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 demand as the need for these pitch types is only one 3G pitch (rounded up from 0.96) in addition to being a separate peak time.

It should also be noted that the 22 full size 3G pitch requirement is in addition to the current supply of 3G pitches in Manchester, as the existing pitches are all operating close to capacity during the peak periods of Sunday AM/Saturday AM and could not accommodate this level of additional demand.

Given the number of additional pitches that would need to be established, the transferal of all demand off Council grass pitches to 3G is deemed not feasible. This being said, options could be examined to transfer the minimal amounts of mini 7v7 and youth 9v9 demand to 3G provision.

As the above training scenario is indicating a current shortfall of one, and a future shortfall of two, it is deemed possible that through alleviating this shortfall the youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 demand can be transferred to 3G as it only needs one pitch (rounded up from 0.96). Again, this would be catered for through the development of the pitches at Hough End Playing Fields.

#### *Removal of football training from hockey surfaces*

It is recommended where possible to establish a strategic plan to transfer football demand off hockey suitable AGPs to 3G provision in order to create capacity for hockey growth.

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Currently there is limited capacity midweek on 3G pitches across the City to accommodate additional demand, particularly in the South Analysis Area. This is a particular issue as the South Analysis Area accommodates all the community available hockey suitable AGPs within the City and as such they are also heavily used for football training in addition to hockey. This evidence supports a requirement for additional 3G provision in the South Area which will also assist in creating additional capacity for hockey growth. If any new 3G provision is to be established, relocating football teams off hockey suitable AGPs should be a priority for the programming.

#### *AGP conversions*

In line with Sport England guidance, MCC usually requires a planning application where any playing pitch surface is being changed from one type to another, such as sand based to 3G as this would constitute an engineering operation (There are some exceptions to this, but the advice would always be to check with the Local Planning Authority first.) This is to enable consideration of potential issues including those relating to surface drainage, noise, lighting, and to allow consultation to take place with Sport England to ensure that any impact on sports provision is assessed.

In line with MCC guidelines where a playing pitch surface is being replaced with the same type i.e. sand based to sand based or 3G to 3G, this would be considered maintenance and no planning application would be required.

#### *World Rugby compliant 3G pitches*

World Rugby produced the 'performance specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby union. The RFU investment strategy for AGPs considers sites where grass rugby pitches are over capacity and where an AGP would support the growth of the game at the host site and for the local rugby partnership, including local clubs and education establishments.

Given the level of shortfall of grass rugby union pitches in Manchester, a total of 9.25 match equivalent sessions per week, there is evidence to suggest the need to increase the utilisation of the four World Rugby compliant 3G pitches at Manchester Enterprise Academy, Platt Lane Sports Complex, Trinity Sports Centre and Armitage Sports Centre.

As all pitches are operating close to capacity, particularly midweek, there may be a need to rationalise football demand in order to accommodate additional capacity for rugby union demand. This potentially mean relocating football teams to other 3G pitches with capacity or relocating them to grass provision with capacity. This, however, should only be done after consultation with rugby clubs to understand their requirements and the site operators to understand if it is feasible.

#### **Recommendations**

- ✦ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ✦ Ensure the pitch at The Manchester College (Nicholls Community Football Centre) is suitably replaced by a new pitch at The Manchester College Openshaw Campus in mitigation for its loss.
- ✦ Look to refurbish the remaining five poor quality community available 3G pitches.
- ✦ Deliver new 3G pitch provision within the South Area, proposed at Hough End Playing Fields, to meet current and future shortfalls.

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- Develop a co-ordinated approach, with Trafford Council, regarding the development of new 3G pitch provision to address cross boundary issues in the Wythenshawe Analysis Area. Suitable sites should include, but not be limited to, Wythenshawe Park. Furthermore, this should factor in potential refurbishment of the pitch at disused site Newall Green High School.
- Ensure any potential future 3G pitch aspirations are strategically assessed by the PPOSS Steering Group to safeguard the long-term viability of current provision.
- Explore increasing the utilisation of WR compliant 3G for rugby union training demand.
- Encourage more match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches to alleviate overuse of grass pitches where appropriate.
- Ensure all current and future providers have in place a sinking fund to ensure long-term sustainability, repairs and resurfacing.
- Ensure all pitches remain on the relevant FF/WR/RFL registers and retested as required.
- Look to move youth 9v9 demand away from Council grass pitches and onto 3G pitches in a phased approach.
- Look to explore options to stop the unsolicited conversion of artificial grass surfaces including, but not limited to, the removal of permitted development rights.
- Aim to strategically and sustainability transfer football demand from hockey suitable AGPs, particularly within the South Analysis Area, to 3G pitches to release capacity for the growth of hockey. This should not be done to the detriment of either sport.

#### 4.3: Cricket pitches

##### *Assessment Report summary*

- Overall, there is currently insufficient capacity for natural turf cricket squares in Manchester to meet senior weekend or junior midweek cricket demand now or in future.**
- Current and future demand for short format leagues can be met at a quantitative level, however qualitative improvements to outfields are required to maximise use of non-turf pitches at Council managed sites.**

##### *Supply*

- There are nine grass wicket squares in Manchester located across eight sites, of which seven are available for community use, whilst one dual square site at The Manchester Grammar School is unavailable for community use.
- There are two disused sites which formerly had cricket pitch provision, at Levenshulme Cricket Club and Burnage Community Sports & Social Club.
- In Manchester, there are four non-turf pitches which accompany grass wicket squares, as well as 28 standalone NTPs.
- All clubs in Manchester have secure tenure at their home venues through ownership, long term lease and formal rent agreement.
- In total, there are three grass wicket squares which are good quality, three assessed as standard quality and one assessed as poor quality (Newton Heath Cricket Club).
- The audit of ancillary facilities determines that most club sites (four squares) are accompanied by good quality provision, with the remaining three being standard and in need of improvements.
- Four sites across Manchester do not have fixed training provision. Alexandra Park, Blackley Cricket Club and South West Manchester Cricket Club all provide training via mobile cricket nets.

##### *Demand*

- There are eight cricket clubs competing in Manchester fielding 54 teams, equating to 23 senior men's, two senior women's, 25 junior boys' and four junior girls' team.

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- ◆ Didsbury CC reports exporting it's a men's Saturday team, men's fifth and men's Sunday team, in addition to three junior teams. Teams play at Mere Cricket Club (Cheshire East), Flixton Cricket and Sports Club (Trafford) and Stretford Cricket Club (Trafford).
- ◆ Of the responding clubs, four indicate aspirations to increase levels of participation.
- ◆ Future population growth for clubs is considered to equate to two men's, three women's and five junior teams, as well as at least two additional teams for short format cricket midweek.

#### Capacity

- ◆ No sites have spare capacity and availability to accommodate additional senior cricket on Saturdays or Sundays.
- ◆ All junior wickets are overplayed, therefore do not have capacity for additional use.
- ◆ There are four sites in Manchester considered to be overplayed for senior cricket by a total of 28 match equivalent sessions per season.
- ◆ There are five sites in Manchester considered to be overplayed for junior cricket by a total of 63 match equivalent sessions per season.

#### Scenarios

##### Alleviate overplay

There are seven sites in Manchester considered to be overplayed by a total of 28 match equivalent sessions per season on senior wickets and 63 match equivalents sessions on junior wickets.

Table 4.11: Summary of overplay on senior wickets

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Square quality	Number of squares	Overplay (matches per season)
5	Alexandra Park	South	Standard	1	11
13	Blackley Cricket Club	North	Standard	1	3
44	Didsbury Cricket Club	South	Good	1	3
102	Newton Heath Cricket Club	North	Poor	1	11

Table 4.12: Summary of overplay on junior wickets

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Square quality	Number of squares	Overplay (matches per season)
5	Alexandra Park	South	Standard	1	6
44	Didsbury Cricket Club	South	Good	1	29
129	South West Manchester Cricket Club	South	Good	1	5
161	Whalley Range Cricket & Lawn Tennis Club	South	Good	1	17
170	Wythenshawe Cricket & Sports Club	Wythenshawe	Standard	1	6

As a guide, those sites which display overplay of less than 10 matches per season, such as South West Manchester Cricket Club with a good quality square, are generally able to sustain this with appropriate and rigorous maintenance.

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Improving the quality of the squares from either poor or standard to good quality would fully alleviate overplay at Blackley Cricket Club, Newton Heath Cricket Club and Wythenshawe Cricket & Sports Club. It would also reduce levels of overplay at Alexandra Park to a sustainable level (under 10 match equivalent sessions per season).

In comparison, the overplay on the junior wickets at Didsbury Cricket Club and Whalley Range Cricket & Lawn Tennis Club each exceeds 10 matches per season meaning alternative solution need to be found to alleviate shortfalls.

A solution could be to consider installing non turf wickets at these sites. As each of these squares is overplayed by less than 60 match equivalent sessions per season, all overplay could be alleviated through the installation of a wicket (as a non-turf wicket has capacity for 60 match equivalent sessions per season). This being said each site does currently have a NTP meaning there is a clear recommendation for greater utilisation of the provision to lessen overplay.

Although not readily available within grassroots cricket, there may be potential in the future to address overplay through the installation of hybrid wicket/s on competitive senior squares. The ECB has been working with SIS Pitches on the installation of hybrid cricket wickets at county cricket clubs (2019) and more recently recreational squares such as Perry Hall Park in Birmingham (2021).

A hybrid wicket combines natural turf grass with less the 5% of uniquely engineered, soft polyethylene yarn, which has already been used to improve golf tees, tennis courts and pitch surrounds. These wickets are to offer a greater capacity in addition to reducing time on repair works with a faster recovery time. Reports found that hybrid wickets improve surface stability, reduced wear, reduced bowler foot holes and significantly extended hours of playing time.

Ideally, once these become more readily available for community cricket clubs and have gone through the required testing, they could act as a way to increase levels of playing capacity on overplay squares. This would be particularly beneficial for those sites which are limited on space and cannot create additional wickets due to restrictions things such as boundary length or ball strike.

With the above being said, it should be noted that since the collation of the supply and demand data used in the proceeding Assessment Report, it is known that Didsbury Cricket Club is in the process of installing two hybrid wickets (2022).

Although it is difficult at this stage to understand the impact these wickets could have on the site's capacity, it is suggested that it could potentially alleviate all the overplay on both junior and senior wickets. This is based on the assumption that more senior demand can take place on the hybrid wickets allowing for the outer senior wickets to be used/converted for junior demand.

#### *Meeting recreational and informal demand (NTPs)*

To meet the substantial levels of recreation/informal demand in Manchester, a portfolio of investment into 17 NTPs, across 14 park sites, was carried out throughout 2020/21. This investment was delivered through the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) in partnership with the ECB, Lancashire County Cricket Club, Cheshire Cricket Board, Greater Manchester Moving, Chance to Shine and Manchester City Council. A summary of the relevant sites and the provision is outlined below.



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### *North Analysis Area*

- ◀ Heaton Park (new)
- ◀ Boggart Hole Clough (new)
- ◀ Broadhurst Park Playing Fields x 2 (new)

### *Central Analysis Area*

- ◀ Greenbank Playing Fields (new)
- ◀ Crowcroft Park (new)
- ◀ Birchfields Park (replacement damaged wicket)
- ◀ Platt Fields Park (new)

### *South Analysis Area*

- ◀ Hough End Playing Fields x 2 (replacement of damaged wickets)
- ◀ Cringle Playing Fields (one new and one replacement)
- ◀ Chorlton Park (new)
- ◀ Fog Lane Park (new)
- ◀ Merseybank Playing Fields (new)

### *Wythenshawe Analysis Area*

- ◀ Wythenshawe Park (new)
- ◀ Hollyhedge Park (replacement of damaged wicket)

All sites both support and deliver the outcomes of the PPS. They will provide South Asian Community, wider club and general recreational and informal cricketing opportunities in a non-traditional club environment. This will help to grow engagement and participation opportunities with groups currently underrepresented (e.g. women and girls and disability cricket).

All sites provide both significant opportunities for the development of informal free to access recreational cricket and will provide free and accessible focused practice and some additional match provision to support clubs across the City. Further, new demand is being created for programme including Core Cities/Wicketz.

Therefore, sustaining and maintaining the quality of this provision is deemed a high priority for the City. It should be noted that the aforementioned provision suffers from significant vandalism issues which needs to be taken into consideration whilst preserving the facilities.

### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Protect existing quantity of cricket squares.
- ◀ Improve all poor and standard quality grass squares to good quality through enhanced levels of maintenance.
- ◀ Sustain and maintain the provision of community available NTPs, particularly from the significant issue of vandalism, within parks sites to support the growing demand of midweek and recreational cricket.
- ◀ In the longer term, explore the feasibility of installing hybrid wickets on sites which are overplayed and have limited capacity, particularly at Didsbury Cricket Club and Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club.
- ◀ Work with clubs and grounds staff to review quality issues on squares to ensure appropriate quality is achieved/sustained.
- ◀ Work with clubs to improve the quality of their ancillary provision where there is a clear need to do so.
- ◀ Assist clubs in developing/refurbishing their training facilities where there is a clear need to do so.



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- ◀ Continue to support the development of cricket with the engagement of ECB initiatives such as All Stars, Dynamos and Softball cricket.
- ◀ Ensure that any developments nearby to existing cricket sites do not prejudice the use of the provision (e.g. through ball-strike issues).
- ◀ Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

#### 4.4: Rugby league

##### *Assessment Report summary*

- ◀ **In conclusion, current levels of demand for rugby league in Manchester can be met by compliant 3G pitch facilities and other playing field provision.**
- ◀ **There is, however, a potential future need for dedicated grass rugby league pitch provision within the City.**

##### *Supply*

- ◀ There are no grass rugby league pitches in Manchester. All matches and training takes place at either Belle Vue Leisure Centre on the RFL Community Standard compliant 3G pitch, or at Painswick Park on the grass rugby union pitch.
- ◀ A grass pitch for rugby league was previously marked at Manchester Regional Arena but there is no longer demand for it. It is expected that this will be marked again and used for rugby league activity as part of the planned RFL administrative relocation to Manchester.
- ◀ Ancillary facilities are available at Belle Vue Leisure Centre to service the 3G pitch. Whilst Manchester Rangers Community Foundation reports that there is currently no ancillary provision at Painswick Park but aspires to develop a small changing facility.

##### *Demand*

- ◀ Manchester Rangers Community Foundation is the only community rugby league based foundation within Manchester overseeing two junior rugby league clubs; Belle Vue ARLFC and Wythenshawe Community Rugby Club.
- ◀ The Lions Foundation has plans to relocate both its junior and women's sections at Manchester Lions into Manchester.
- ◀ Manchester Rangers Community Foundation states that it is currently working on starting a junior section based out of Broughton Park RFC. The Foundation also identifies plans to continue growth of junior rugby league clubs across Manchester.
- ◀ There may also be increased participation as a legacy effect of Rugby League World Cup 2021, to be held in the UK in 2022.

##### *Scenarios*

##### *Increasing grass rugby league pitch provision*

Since the production of the Assessment Report, and the findings referenced above, Sport England reports East Manchester Academy has reinstated the former senior grass rugby league pitch on its site. It is currently discussing with the Academy establishing a Community Use Agreement to bring in more community demand.

In addition to this, there are further aspirations to establish grass rugby league provision in order to meet demand in the City. The RFL reports Manchester is a strategic priority area for growth within the sport especially factoring in the impact of the Rugby League World Cup and its relocation and development of pitch provision at Our League Life Nation Centre/Manchester Regional Arena.

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Although future demand cannot yet be quantified it is suggested that new provision should be established within the North and/or Central analysis areas to support the already ongoing development plans referenced above. It is also recommended that any new provision established should be located at a site with secured accessibility, whether this is at a Council site or an educational facility with a CUA in place.

#### **Recommendations**

- ✦ Maintain access to RFL Community Standard 3G pitch at Belle Vue Sports Village and use of grass pitches at Painswick Park.
- ✦ As part of RFL location look establish use of grass infield area at Manchester Regional Arena for Rugby League use if required.
- ✦ Continue the developing of provision at Our League Life Nation Centre.
- ✦ Support the creation of a CUA at East Manchester Academy and look to increase community engagement.
- ✦ Look to develop further grass pitches, based on levels of demand, within the North and/or Central analysis area.
- ✦ Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

#### **4.5: Rugby union - grass pitches**

##### **Assessment Report summary**

- ✦ **There is insufficient capacity for grass rugby union pitches to accommodate current or anticipated future demand.**

##### *Supply*

- ✦ In total, there are 19 rugby union pitches in Manchester across 10 sites. There are 14 senior pitches and five junior size pitches. There are no dedicated mini pitches.
- ✦ There are 14 pitches across seven sites identified as being available for rugby union activity. All pitches unavailable for community use are junior size and at educational sites.
- ✦ There are four World Rugby Reg 22 compliant 3G pitches at The Armitage Centre (University of Manchester), Platt Lane Sports Complex (Manchester Metropolitan University), Manchester Enterprise Academy and Trinity Sports Centre.
- ✦ Of the seven sites used by rugby union clubs, three are managed by the Council, one owned via freehold and three leased to resident clubs. The lease agreement at North Manchester Rugby Club agreement is due to expire in the short-term and requires renewal.

##### *Quality*

- ✦ Most available rugby union pitches (12 of 14 pitches – 86%) are rated as poor quality. Whilst one (7%) are of standard quality, and one (7%) is accessed as good quality.
- ✦ The pitches at Painswick Park and Fletcher Moss Park are considered to have inadequate natural drainage. The respective clubs at each site aspire to install drainage systems.

##### *Demand*

- ✦ There are six affiliated rugby union clubs based and playing within the City, identified as fielding a total of 51 affiliated teams. In addition, the universities have a total of eight men's and six women's teams.
- ✦ Community club training typically takes place on grass pitch provision with and without sports lighting, with some use of the WR compliant 3G pitch at Platt Lane Sports Complex (Manchester Metropolitan University) by Didsbury Toc H RFC.
- ✦ Future demand from club growth aspirations is considered to amount to eight teams, requiring additional match play capacity of 3.5 match equivalent sessions per week on senior pitches. This increase in demand may also require increased capacity for training on pitches with sports lighting.

#### *Capacity*

- ◆ Three sites have potential spare capacity; however, all are used to capacity at senior peak time (Saturday PM) and therefore have no actual spare capacity.
- ◆ There are nine pitches overplayed across six sites, by a total of 9.25 match equivalent sessions per week.

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#### Scenarios

##### *Didsbury Sports Ground / Fletcher Moss Park*

Didsbury Toc H RUFC currently uses provision at Didsbury Sports Club which has two poor quality senior pitches to accommodate its competitive demand. These pitches are not accompanied by sports lighting. As a result, the pitches are overplayed by a total of 1.25 match equivalent sessions per week. The table below examines what quality the pitches would have to be in order to alleviate overplay entirely from the site.

Table 4.13: Summary of alleviating overplay at Didsbury Sports Ground and Fletcher Moss Park through quality enhancements

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	No. of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lighting?	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Improved quality	New capacity rating <sup>8</sup>
47	Didsbury Sports Ground	South	1	Senior	No	Poor (M0 / D1)	1.25	Standard (M1/D2)	0.75
47	Didsbury Sports Ground	South	1	Senior	No	Poor (M0 / D1)	1.25	Good (M2/D1)	1.75

As shown, each pitch would need to be either a quality of M1/D2 or M2/D1 in order to fully alleviate overplay on the site. It should be noted that from the 2022/23 season girls' age groups will be changing from U13, U15 & U18 to U12, U14, U16 & U18. This will likely see an increase in the number of girls' teams at Didsbury Toc H RFC meaning that improving the pitches to a M1/D2 rating would not provide sufficient enough capacity for this growth.

It should be noted that the Club, in addition to the provision at Didsbury Sports Ground, uses one poor quality (M0/D0) senior pitch at Fletcher Moss Park. This pitch does not have sports lighting and is marginally overplayed by a total of 0.25 match equivalent sessions. In order to fully alleviate overplay on the pitch there is a requirement to improve either maintenance or drainage by one increment. This would relieve the shortfall and establish 0.75 match equivalent sessions of capacity.

##### *Didsbury Sports Ground – Disused Pitch (Brooms Edge)*

An alternative solution to alleviating shortfalls at Didsbury Sports Ground would be to formally establish the disused senior pitch as usable provision at a site known as Brooms Edge (adjacent to Didsbury Sports Ground). This pitch cannot currently be used due to a poorly situated manhole cover. If this cover can be relocated to a better suited location, in addition to the pitch established to a M1/D1 quality and demand more equally dispersed across the pitches, overplay would be fully alleviated.

<sup>8</sup> Match equivalent sessions  
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#### North Manchester Rugby Club

North Manchester RUFC currently uses provision at North Manchester Rugby Club which has two poor quality senior pitches (M0/D1), one of which is partially accompanied by sports lighting. The pitch not accompanied by sports lighting has marginal levels of capacity whereas the sports lit pitch is overplayed by one match equivalent session. The table below examines what the impact of increasing levels of maintenance by one increment would have on the capacity of the site.

Table 4.14: Summary of increasing maintenance by one increment at North Manchester Rugby Club

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lighting?	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Improved quality	New capacity rating <sup>9</sup>
103	North Manchester Rugby Club	North	1	Senior	Yes – partial	Poor (M0 / D1)	1	Standard (M1 / D1)	0.5
103	North Manchester Rugby Club	North	1	Senior	No	Poor (M0 / D1)	0.5	Standard (M1 / D1)	1

Increasing the levels of maintenance by one increment at North Manchester Rugby Club would establish more capacity on the pitch without sports lighting and reduce shortfalls on the remaining pitch to 0.5 match equivalent sessions. Although this would not fully alleviate shortfalls, if demand was more evenly dispersed across the pitches, the site could more effectively manage levels of demand.

#### Old Bedians Sports Centre

Old Bedians RFC currently uses provision at Old Bedians Sports Centre which has one standard quality (M0/D2) senior pitch with sports lighting and one poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitch that does not have sports lighting. The former pitch is overplayed by two match equivalent sessions as it is used for competitive and training demand, whereas the latter pitch has minimal levels of spare capacity (0.5 match equivalent sessions). The table overleaf examines what the impact of increasing levels of maintenance by one increment would have on the capacity of the site.

Table 4.15: Summary of increasing maintenance by one increment at Old Bedians Sports Centre

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lighting?	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Improved quality	New capacity rating <sup>10</sup>
106	Old Bedians Sports Centre	South	1	Senior	No	Poor (M0 / D1)	0.5	Standard (M1 / D1)	2
106	Old Bedians Sports Centre	South	1	Senior	Yes	Standard (M0 / D2)	2	Standard (M1 / D2)	1.25

<sup>9</sup> Match equivalent sessions

<sup>10</sup> Match equivalent sessions

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Similar to North Manchester Rugby Club, increasing the levels of maintenance by one increment at Old Bedians Sports Centre would establish more capacity on the pitch without sports lighting and reduce shortfalls on the remaining pitch to 1.25 match equivalent sessions. Although this would not fully alleviate shortfalls, if demand was more evenly dispersed across the pitches the site would be able to manage levels of demand more effectively.

#### *Painswick Park*

Painswick Park is currently used by Wythenshawe Community RUFC and Wythenshawe Community RLFC and accommodates two poor quality (M0/D0) which do not have sports lighting and are overplayed by 1.25 match equivalent sessions. The table below examines what quality the pitches would have to be in order to alleviate overplay entirely from the site.

Table 4.16: Summary of increasing maintenance and drainage by one increment at Painswick Park

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lighting?	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Improved quality	New capacity rating <sup>11</sup>
112	Painswick Park	Wythenshawe	2	Senior	No	Poor (M0 / D0)	1.25	Poor (M1/D0)	0.75

As outlined in the table above if both pitches are improved in quality by one increment (whether maintenance or drainage) overplay on the site would be fully alleviated with 0.75 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity established.

#### *Hough End Playing Fields*

Broughton Park RUFC currently uses provision at Hough End Playing Fields which has four poor quality (M0/D1) senior pitches. Sport lights fully surround one pitch and partially cover a secondary pitch. These pitches are used for both competitive and training demand whereas the pitches not supplemented by sports lights are just used for competitive demand.

<sup>11</sup> Match equivalent sessions  
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Table 4.17: Summary of increasing maintenance by two increments at Hough End Playing Fields

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lighting?	Current quality	Current capacity rating	Improved quality	New capacity rating <sup>12</sup>
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	1	Senior	Yes	Poor (M0 / D1)	2	Good (M2/D1)	0.5
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	1	Senior	Yes - partial	Poor (M0 / D1)	1.5	Good (M2/D1)	0
148	Hough End Playing Fields	South	2	Senior	No	Poor (M0 / D1)	0	Good (M2/D1)	3

As seen in the table above, increasing the levels of maintenance by one increment at Hough End Playing Fields would not be sufficient enough in order to alleviate overplay. In fact, all the pitches would need to be enhanced to a M2/D1 rating, in addition to demand being more evenly dispersed across the pitches. This may also require establishing additional sports lighting in order to spread training demand across all pitches.

#### Recommendations

- Existing quantity of rugby union pitches to be protected.
- Improve the levels of maintenance by either one or two increments at Didsbury Sports Ground, Fletcher Moss Park, North Manchester Rugby Club, Old Bedians Sports Club, Painswick Park and Hough End Playing Fields (pitches leased by Broughton Park RUFC).
- If maintenance can be enhanced at North Manchester Rugby Club, Old Bedians Sports Club and Hough End Playing Fields, as required, look to disperse demand more evenly across the pitches. This may require additional sports lighting.
- Explore the feasibility of improving drainage at Painswick Park and Fletcher Moss Park.
- Look to improve relevant accompanying ancillary provision as required.
- Seek to establish greater utilisation of current World Rugby compliant 3G pitch stock to transfer training demand away from overplayed grass pitches.
- Continue to develop strong relationships between rugby clubs and schools through curricular and extracurricular programmes in order to increase levels of mini and junior participation.
- Explore the feasibility of relocating a manhole cover on the disused pitch at Didsbury Sports Ground and reinstating the pitch in order to alleviate overplay.
- Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

<sup>12</sup> Match equivalent sessions  
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#### 4.6: Hockey pitches (sand/water-based AGPs)

##### *Assessment Report summary (See Addendum for updated position)*

- There is insufficient supply of full size hockey suitable AGPs in Manchester of relevant accessibility and quality to accommodate both current and future levels of demand.

##### *Supply*

- There are 12 full size hockey suitable AGPs across nine sites, all of which, have sports lighting. In addition, there are five small size sand based AGPs across five sites.
- Seven of the full size AGPs are available for community use across four sites.
- Two pitches at Brantingham Road and Parrs Wood High School have been taken out of use in the last six months due to poor pitch quality.
- In Manchester six pitches (50%) are rated as good quality, there are five (42%) rated as poor quality and one (8%) rated as standard quality. All surfaces are heavily used for hockey and other sports.

##### *Demand*

- There are five clubs classified as being based within Manchester, whilst a further four clubs are importing demand, though only one of these also accesses any pitches outside of the City.
- In total, these clubs accommodate 62 teams: 18 men's, 24 women's and 20 dedicated junior/mini teams.
- Future demand equates to the need for one full size hockey suitable pitch based on population growth up to 2031.
- At present only one club currently access pitches outside of the City (Brooklands HC).

##### *Capacity*

- There is currently seven available AGPs in the City. Though due to Manchester High School for Girls is considered to not have wider community use, and the two poor quality pitches at the Armitage Centre and William Hulme Grammar School. This leaves four full size hockey suitable AGPs to accommodate hockey demand in the City equating to 16 match equivalent sessions.
- There are currently 42 teams in the City requiring 21 match equivalent sessions. Therefore, there is insufficient capacity for current demand.
- There is no scope to convert any of the full size hockey suitable in the City to 3G surfaces and all full size hockey suitable AGPs should be retained and protected.

***It should be noted that since the collation of the supply and demand data from the Assessment Report (which is referenced above), the pitches at Brantingham Road (St Bede's) and Parrs Wood High School have both been refurbished meaning they are now good quality.***

***Furthermore, there has been a planning appeal set for a provisional date within October (2022) regarding the creation of a new AGP within Trafford to allow for the return of exported demand from Sale HC.***

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##### *Hockey suitable AGP requirements for hockey in Manchester*

As outlined in the table below, following the recent refurbishment of the pitches at Brantingham Road and Parrs Wood High School there is a suitable number of pitches within Manchester to cater for current levels of demand (if community use is confirmed at both sites). When factoring future demand, the overall capacity would be balanced.

Table 4.18: Capacity balance of hockey in Manchester following recent pitch refurbishments

Number of teams at peak time (MES)	Actual Match play capacity at peak time (MES)	Capacity analysis	Future demand (MES)	Future capacity
21	24	3	3	

It should be noted that the scenario does not consider pitches unavailable for community use (including Manchester High School for Girls) or poor quality pitches. This also does not include training/development demand.

As future capacity for growth is limited based on the above information, it is recommended that the pitch at William Hulme Grammar School is refurbished as a hockey suitable surface and is secured long term as accessible for the sport. England Hockey reports that this pitch would still be required as an overspill for Sale HC even if the Club returned back into the neighbouring authority of Trafford.

##### *Community access for hockey clubs*

A key issue for hockey across Manchester is having secure access to provision at peak periods for both training and match play. For example, even though the pitch at Brantingham Road has been refurbished the reinstatement of community access has not been confirmed, unlike Parrs Wood High School which has confirmed the return of hockey demand.

It is recommended that community use is secured at Brantingham Road in order to operate as an overflow site following greater access to Chorlton High School South.

Previously clubs also indicated issues gaining access to Chorlton High School South midweek for training due to a lack of availability midweek (due to football usage), however, England Hockey suggests this has since been resolved.

##### *Removal of football training from hockey surfaces*

Following on from the above, it is recommended where possible to establish a strategic plan to transfer football demand off hockey suitable AGPs to 3G provision in order to create more capacity for hockey growth.

Currently there is limited capacity midweek on 3G pitches across the City to accommodate additional demand, particularly in the South Analysis Area. This is a particular issue as the South Analysis Area accommodates all the community available hockey suitable AGPs within the City and as such they are also heavily used for football training in addition to hockey.

If the aforementioned 3G pitch development at Hough End Playing Fields takes place, this should create additional capacity for football demand within the South Analysis Area if football demand relocates off the hockey suitable AGPs within the Area.

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#### *University of Manchester – Armitage Sports Centre (See Addendum for Updated Position)*

The University of Manchester aspires to create an additional full size sports lit 3G pitch at the Armitage Sports Centre, which could involve converting a full size hockey suitable AGP. Given there is no evidence of the strategic need for a 3G, and very limited sporting benefits to increase participation in community sport, there is a need to work with all partners to further understand the proposed location and programme of usage for such provision. This should be explored as part of a bespoke Task and Finish group with relevant stakeholders within the Stage E process.

The Armitage Sports Centre needs to be protected as a hockey hub site for the benefit of the Hockey across Manchester and the wider region.

#### *Platt Lane Sports Complex*

Manchester Metropolitan University aspires to develop a full size AGP with sports lighting onsite at the Platt Lane Sports Complex. Its teams currently play at The Armitage Centre (University of Manchester), and it ideally requires its own pitch. It plans to develop the AGP on a current grass football pitch, this pitch is of standard quality and is reported to have very little use, however, this would need to meet Sport England's Playing Field Policy requirements due to loss of playing field land.

If the aforementioned scenarios are delivered (i.e. community use confirmed at newly refurbished AGPs and removal of football training from hockey surfaces) there would be a sufficient number of full size hockey suitable AGPs within Manchester to meet current and future levels of community demand. Based on this, there is not a requirement for a new pitch at Platt Lane Sports Complex from a community hockey perspective. There is a need to work with all partners to further understand the proposed location and programme of usage for such provision. This should be explored as part of a bespoke Task and Finish group with relevant stakeholders within the Stage E process.

#### *AGP conversions*

In line with Sport England guidance, Manchester City Council would usually require a planning application where any playing pitch surface is being changed from one type to another, such as sand based to 3G as this would constitute an engineering operation. (There are some exceptions to this, but the advice would always be to check with the Local Planning Authority first.) This is to enable consideration of potential issues including those relating to surface drainage, noise, lighting, and to allow consultation to take place with Sport England to ensure that any impact on sports provision is assessed

#### **Recommendations**

- ◆ Protect all full size hockey suitable AGPs including a hockey hub site at the Armitage Sports Centre.
- ◆ Aim to relocate football demand, strategically and sustainably off hockey suitable AGPs, particularly within the South Analysis Area, in order to provide additional capacity for the growth of hockey. This should not be done to the detriment of either sport and should also be in the partnership with the FF/MFA.
- ◆ Work to ensure that community use is secured long term at Brantingham Road and Chorlton High School South.
- ◆ Look to refurbish the pitch at William Hulme Grammar School as a hockey suitable surface and secure long term community use.
- ◆ Once a pitch is refurbished ensure that a condition of funding is that an appropriate sinking fund is in place.

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- ✦ Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

### 4.7: Tennis

#### *Assessment Report summary*

- ✦ **In conclusion, there is insufficient capacity for tennis within club settings to meet current and future demand.**
- ✦ **There are also strategic shortfalls for parks tennis in the City, specifically in the North Area. There is a need for the development of a strategic park's tennis site, to have three or more outdoor courts.**
- ✦ **Further improvement is required to the network of parks tennis courts, to improve quality and introduce sustainable paid models which generate sinking funds, further penetrate the latent market and make use of LTA products to do so.**

#### *Supply*

- ✦ There are 147 tennis courts identified in Manchester across 42 sites, with 123 of these available for community use.
- ✦ All five LTA affiliated tennis clubs are considered to have secure tenure due to freehold on their sites.
- ✦ In total 55 of 123 have sports lighting representing 45% of community available provision, with the majority of these being at educational or sports club sites (37 courts). Only 18 out of 56 (32%) Council courts are sports lit.
- ✦ Of the 123 community available courts most are macadam surface with 54 (44%).
- ✦ Most courts in Manchester are rated as good quality (83 courts, 56%), 31 are rated as standard quality (21%) and 33 are rated as poor quality (23%). Of the good quality courts 72 are available for community use.
- ✦ The ancillary facilities servicing both Whalley Range Lawn TC and Fallowfield Lawn TC are of poor quality with need for immediate improvement.

#### *Demand*

- ✦ There are eight tennis clubs in Manchester, five of which have their own sites, with the remaining using other tennis facilities. Membership numbers where known total 1,853, made up of 1,426 senior members and 427 junior members.
- ✦ Whalley Range Lawn TC reports unmet demand, operating a waiting list of up to 100 members.
- ✦ Modelling undertaken by the LTA indicates that 24 park tennis sites in Manchester are considered to have a high penetration rate, also that there is a large latent market for tennis in the City. Segmentation data suggests more so that within club settings.

#### *Capacity*

- ✦ Using LTA viability guidelines, The Northern Tennis Club and Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club are both considered to be operating significantly over capacity and access to additional capacity is required.

### **Scenarios**

#### *LTA Investment*

In October 2021, the Government and the LTA announced a package of £30 million for investment and improvements for public tennis courts. The Government is to put £22 million whilst the LTA invest £8.4 million into the package. The investment is to be made into public tennis courts which are currently accessed as poor or unplayable quality, the investment will be to bring the courts back to a quality that will benefit the local community.

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These figures are primarily based on membership and do not take into account the significantly higher numbers likely to be generated through pay and play court bookings, the primary community and parks participation market.

Using the above funding the LTA has developed a package of support for LAs to grow the use of park tennis courts by removing key barriers to participation. The three products are ClubSpark, Rally and Gate Access and can be used individually or in combination. The products are used to provide a remote booking and access system.

Instead of providing free access, some local authorities are now securing their courts as per a membership scheme that allows members access through the use of a fob system following payment of a small yearly fee. Not only does this deter unofficial use of courts but it also allows official use to be tracked, thus providing data on how well and how often courts are being accessed. In addition, it provides income generation that can go towards ongoing maintenance of the courts.

These systems have already been installed at Fletcher Moss Park, Wythenshawe Park and Alexandra Park.

The LTA reports that all Manchester parks with tennis courts have high latent demand and rank high nationally on the LTA top 1,000 demand list. There are 21 park tennis sites which feature within this list, with the following having been targeted for investment:

- ◆ Blackley Park
- ◆ Broadhurst Park
- ◆ Chorlton Park
- ◆ Cringle Park
- ◆ Crumpsall Park
- ◆ David Lewis Recreation Ground (Boggart Hole)
- ◆ Debdale Park
- ◆ Fog Lane Park
- ◆ Kingswood Park
- ◆ Ladybarn Park
- ◆ Platt Fields Park

Currently, most of the high quality parks infrastructure is in the South Area, with sites in the Central Area at Debdale Park and Greenbank Park recently improved in summer 2021.

There are no three or more court sites in parks settings in the North Area. Seven of the nine Council managed parks sites in the North Area have just one single tennis court, whilst Blackley Park and Boggart Hole Clough are double court sites.

As a result, it is deemed a strategic priority for the development of community accessible tennis provision, particularly within the North Analysis Area, in order to actualise high levels of expressed latent demand. This could involve the refurbishment of current provision, creation of multi court sites, sports lighting and the implementation of access systems such as ClubSpark, Rally and Gate Access.

#### *Accommodating current and future demand*

The LTA suggests that a hard court without sports lighting can accommodate 40 members whereas a hard court with sports lighting can accommodate 60 members. For air domed courts, membership of 100 is considered applicable and permanent indoor courts can accommodate 200 members.



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It should be noted that the abovementioned figures relate to LTA viability guidelines for clubs and are not the maximum capacity. The figure relates to what most clubs, based on the level of provision, would find sustainable. As grass courts are only available for 12 weeks of the year they are not included in membership numbers.

The table below identifies the capacity balance at all sites currently used by clubs, taking into account both current demand and future demand

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Table 4.19: Summary of capacity analysis (club courts)

Site ID	Site	Analysis area	Club users	Current demand (members)	Future demand (members)	No of courts	Sports lighting?	Capacity (members)	Current capacity balance	Future capacity balance
45	Didsbury Lawn Tennis Club	South	Didsbury Lawn TC	25 (junior)	0	1	No	40	15	15
45	Didsbury Lawn Tennis Club	South	Didsbury Lawn TC	75	0	4	Yes	240	165	165
52	Fallowfield Bowling & Lawn Tennis Club	South	Fallowfield Lawn TC	40	0	3	Yes	180	140	140
93	Manchester Tennis and Football Centre	North	Northern Aces	-	0	4	Yes	240	240	240
144	The Albert Tennis and Bowling Club	South	The Albert TC	347	0	6	Yes	360	13	13
152	The Northern Tennis Club	South	The Northern TC	1,000	0	9	No	- <sup>13</sup>	460	460
152	The Northern Tennis Club	South	The Northern TC	1,000	0	6	Yes	360	As above	As above
152	The Northern Tennis Club	South	The Northern TC	1,000	0	3	Yes	180	As above	As above
152	The Northern Tennis Club	South	The Northern TC	1,000	0	1	No	- <sup>15</sup>	As above	As above
161	Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club	South	Whalley Range Lawn TC	300	0	3	Yes	180	120	120
171	Wythenshawe Park	Wythenshawe	Manchester City TC	41	0	6	Yes	300	499	499
171	Wythenshawe Park	Wythenshawe	Manchester City TC	41	0	4	No	240	As above	As above
174	Fletcher Moss Park	South	Fletcher Moss Community TC	25	0	4	Yes	240	215	215

As evidenced in the table above, where membership is known, both The Northern Tennis Club and Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club are operating over capacity. It should be noted that The Albert Tennis and Bowling Club is operating close to capacity and will likely need further capacity in order to accommodate future growth. It should also be noted that Fallowfield Bowling & Tennis Club also accommodates a substantial amount of pay and play demand from The University of Manchester. Although this demand cannot be quantified it is likely that the site has less capacity than is identified within the table above. It is recommended that this site is monitored throughout the Stage E process to gain a better understanding if additional provision is required.

With the above being said, The Northern Tennis Club also has three permanent indoor courts. These courts mean the site can accommodate a further 600 and remain viable. This means that the shortfall referenced in the table above is fully alleviated.

<sup>13</sup> Grass provision is considered to have no capacity as they are only usable during the summer months.

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It is therefore recommended that assistance is given, where possible, to Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club to increase the capacity of its sites to better accommodate levels of demand.

The only way to alleviate shortfalls onsite at Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club would be to create new provision or to establish an air dome over the three courts currently in situ. The Club aspires for the forming stating aspirations to create a new court on an unused piece of land.

An alternative approach is for users of this site to explore potentially accessing venues within the same analysis area, with spare capacity, as satellite venues for its demand. For example, there are levels of spare capacity within the South Analysis Area at Didsbury Lawn Tennis Club, Fallowfield Bowling & Lawn Tennis Club and Fletcher Moss Park.

#### *Housing growth scenarios*

It should be noted that later in the report in Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios, the PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts using the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator. This is only for the pitch sports of football (grass and 3G), hockey (AGPs), rugby union, rugby league and cricket and does not include calculations for sports such as tennis as there is no current guidance established on these sports. However, it is still recommended that tennis is acknowledged as part of this process especially as part of any large scale developments where there may be substantial enough increase in population for tennis courts.

#### **Recommendations**

- ◀ Retain and sustain quality of club courts for competitive play through implementation of appropriate maintenance regimes.
- ◀ Examine potential options on how to alleviate shortfalls at Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club including enhancing/developing on site provision.
- ◀ Monitor levels of play and play demand at Fallowfield Bowling & Tennis Club as part of the Stage E process to understand if additional provision is required.
- ◀ As a priority, look at establishing a bespoke package of investment between the Council and LTA to improve the quality and accessibility of identified park sites particularly within the North Analysis Area
- ◀ If successful with the above recommendation monitor levels of demand and examine the feasibility of creating dedicated indoor tennis provision in partnership with established tennis clubs in the City.
- ◀ Where applicable, assist clubs in enhancing their ancillary provision (Whalley Range Lawn TC and Fallowfield Lawn TC).
- ◀ Consider the feasibility of operating LTA programmes such as Tennis for Kids, Tennis for Free and Great British Tennis Weekend in the City to attract new players to the sport.
- ◀ Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

#### **4.8: Bowls**

##### ***Assessment Report summary***

- ◀ **There is currently sufficient capacity for both crown and flat bowling greens to meet both current and future demand for each format.**
- ◀ **There are five bowling clubs with 20 members or fewer which require support to ensure that they remain viable despite a low membership base.**

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### *Supply*

- There are 31 bowling greens in Manchester located across 26 sites.
- Across the City there are 11 sites with a total 12 disused greens.
- Of the active greens, ten are owned and managed by user clubs, 19 managed by the Council and two owned by private pubs and managed by their user clubs.
- Lloyd Hotel BC highlights a concern around renewing its lease at Lloyds Hotel which expires in 2028. The Club are looking to establish negotiations with the Pub to renew this over the next year.
- There are 18 greens rated as good quality, nine as standard quality and four as poor quality.
- Nine greens are serviced by sports lighting.

### *Demand*

- There are 25 bowling clubs playing in Manchester, with known membership totalling 791 members.
- There are 12 responding clubs which report having seen a reduction in membership over recent years, whereas three have experienced an increase.
- Of responding clubs, 14 aspire to increase membership.

### *Capacity*

- Lloyd Hotel BC, Northern Etchells BC and Withington BC are operating at or above recommended capacity levels, with usage needing to be monitored to ensure that supply remains adequate.

## **Scenarios**

### *Housing growth scenarios*

It should be noted that later in the report in Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios, the PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts using the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator. This is only for the pitch sports of football (grass and 3G), hockey (AGPs), rugby union, rugby league and cricket and does not include calculations for sports such as bowls as there is no current guidance established on these sports. However, it is still recommended that bowls is acknowledged as part of this process especially as part of any large scale developments where there may be substantial enough increase in population for bowling greens.

## **Recommendations**

- Retain existing quantity of greens.
- Ensure that any potential development of greens considered as disused are mitigated in line with Sport England NPPF.
- Assist clubs, where possible, with any future ancillary provision improvements
- Support clubs with plans to increase membership so that growth can be maximised.

## **4.9: Athletics**

### **Assessment Report summary**

- There is sufficient supply of athletics facilities in Manchester to meet current and future demand for athletics.**
- However, there are qualitative issues across the supply, with a need for some form of improvements required at each 400m track venue to ensure it can continue to meet track and field club need and other uses.**

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### *Supply*

- There are four purpose-built athletics track in Manchester.
- Of the four tracks three are 400-metre track's whilst one is a sprint specific 100-metre track.
- During non-technical assessments one track was assessed as good quality, one as standard quality and two as poor quality.
- All ancillary facilities servicing the 400-metre tracks require development to improve their quality.

### *Demand*

- Membership across the three clubs active in Manchester totals 1,618.
- All three clubs report a waiting list in place and two clubs are open to gaining new members in the future, where possible.
- Parkrun events are held each week at five sites namely, Heaton Park, Alexandra Park, Platt Fields Park, Fletcher Moss Park and Wythenshawe Park.
- Junior Parkrun events are also available, with one held in Manchester every Sunday at Alexandra Park and one at Platt Fields Park.

### **Scenarios**

#### *Housing growth scenarios*

It should be noted that later in the report in Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios, the PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts and club consultation using the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator. This is only for the pitch sports of football (grass and 3G), hockey (AGPs), rugby union, rugby league and cricket and does not include calculations for sports such as athletics as there is no current guidance established on these sports. However, it is still recommended that athletics is acknowledged as part of this process especially as part of any large scale developments where there may be substantial enough increase in population for athletics provision including purpose built and also active and healthy lifestyle provision such as trim trails / running routes etc.

#### *Track refurbishment (Boggart Hole Clough and Wythenshawe Park)*

Given that both Boggart Hole Clough and Wythenshawe Park are used by Blackley & North Manchester AC (368 members) and Sale Manchester Harriers (900 members<sup>14</sup>) it is believed that enhancing the tracks would improve capacity and the experience for the athletes. These facilities are also strategically important and services a substantial amount of demand across Manchester therefore there is an even greater need for refurbishment.

There is already a reasonably high level of demand for athletics and running events such as Parkrun in the City and as such sustaining and increasing the popularity of these as well as exploring the growth of initiatives such as RunTogether groups will also help to increase participation.

### **Recommendations**

- As a priority look to refurbish the athletics tracks at Boggart Hole Clough and Wythenshawe Park and ensure the provision is protected to accommodate current and future athletics demand.
- Look to improve accompanying ancillary where appropriate.
- Consider the feasibility of operating additional athletic programmes such as Park Runs, Couch to 5K.

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<sup>14</sup> Membership is spread across Crossford Bridge Sports Ground (Trafford), Manchester Regional Arena and Wythenshawe Park.

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- ✦ Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

#### 4.10: Golf

##### ***Assessment Report summary***

- ✦ **Manchester currently has sufficient levels of golf provision in correlation to demand, with an 18-hole courses with a focus on membership, an 18-hole municipal courses accompanied with a driving range facility.**

##### ***Supply***

- ✦ Within Manchester there are five golf venues that provide facilities, these are Didsbury Golf Club, Withington Golf Club, Heaton Park Golf Club, Northenden Golf Club and Chorlton cum Hardy Golf Club.
- ✦ All five of the golf sites within Manchester provide one standard 18 hole course each.
- ✦ There are nine driving range bays provided in the City, at Heaton Park Golf Club.

##### ***Demand***

- ✦ In Manchester, most courses (80%) are members clubs with only one being a municipal facility (Heaton Park Golf Club). There are no propriety managed courses in the City.
- ✦ In Manchester, membership to Heaton Park Golf Club is significantly cheaper than this at £60, likely accounting for it being a municipal course. Didsbury Golf Club is also marginally below the average.
- ✦ In comparison Withington Golf Club, Northenden Golf Club and Chorlton cum Hardy Golf Club membership are all above the national average cost.
- ✦ It total there are approximately 1,887 members (based on 2018 England Golf data).
- ✦ Sport England's Segmentation Tool enables analysis of 'the percentage of adults that would like to participate in golf but 'are not currently doing so'. The tool identifies latent demand of 4,444 people within Manchester.

##### ***Scenarios***

###### ***Wythenshawe Park Pitch and Putt***

As mentioned in the Assessment Report, as Heaton Park Golf Club accommodates recreational demand for Manchester, in addition to several driving range/pitch and putt facilities in close proximity to the City accommodating recreational demand (e.g. Burnage Golf Club, Cheadle Golf Club, Trafford Golf Centre and Altrincham Driving Range), it is recommended that the disused provision at Wythenshawe Park could be developed to provide capacity for other sporting demand without a detrimental effect on participation.

##### ***Recommendations***

- ✦ Retain all current, in-use affiliated golf facilities.
- ✦ Sustain course quality and seek improvements where necessary through implementation of appropriate maintenance regimes.
- ✦ Support clubs in membership retention and potential growth.
- ✦ Encourage clubs and providers to work more collaboratively in terms of creating pathways for existing and new players.
- ✦ Look to develop the disused pitch and putt facility at Wythenshawe Park to provide better quality sport and active lifestyle facilities for the demographic of Manchester.
- ✦ Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.



### 4.11: Other sports

#### **American football**

- Current demand for American football in Manchester can be accommodated with no known requirement for additional access to provision.
- There is a need for development of the 3G pitch inside the speedway track at Belle Vue Sports Village to meet requirements and guidelines for the 2023 season.

#### **Lacrosse**

- Current quantitative supply of lacrosse pitch provision is considered sufficient to meet both current and future demand for lacrosse match play.
- There is a need for access to better quality training facilities for community clubs in the City (i.e. 3G and AGP surfaces).

#### **Gaelic sports**

- Existing supply of Gaelic sports pitches in Manchester is insufficient to meet current and anticipated future demand for Gaelic sports.
- There are issues with quality, pitch specification and compliancy which require addressing in order to meet current, future and presently exported demand.

#### **Softball and baseball**

- Current supply of baseball and softball pitch provision is considered sufficient to meet both current and future demand for the sports.

#### **Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and outdoor (3X3) basketball**

- There is an insufficient supply of MUGAs and basketball courts across the City. This predominantly relates to poor quality.
- There is a need to develop a dedicated outdoor basketball venue suitable to host outdoor 3X3 competitions.

### **Scenarios**

#### *Housing growth scenarios*

It should be noted that later in the report in Part 7: Housing Growth Scenarios, the PPOSS provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts using the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator. This is only for the pitch sports of football (grass and 3G), hockey (AGPs), rugby union, rugby league and cricket and does not include calculations for other sports as there is no current guidance established on these sports. However, it is still recommended that other sports are acknowledged as part of this process especially as part of any large scale developments where there may be substantial enough increase in population for such provision.

### **Recommendations**

- Look to improve the quality of MUGAs and Outdoor (3x3) Basketball courts across the City and work with relevant stakeholder such as MCR Active to establishing new provision where appropriate.
- Provision of MUGAs and Outdoor (3x3) Basketball courts is recommended within new major housing developments and should be considered within rural communities where formal pitches may not be deliverable.
- Ensure there is suitable levels of quality and quality American football, baseball/softball, Lacrosse, Gaelic Sports provision to assist in sustaining and growing the demand for each of the sports.
- If the poor quality AGP at the Armitage Sports Centre is converted to 3G explore making it suitable for Lacrosse.

- ✦ Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

#### 4.12: Hough End Playing Fields

Hough End Playing Fields is a strategic Hub site within Manchester and is in the South Analysis Area. It currently accommodates 14 adult football pitches (two poor and 12 standard quality), two youth 11v11 pitches (one poor and one standard), one standard quality youth 9v9, two disused NTPs, four poor quality (M0/D1) senior rugby union pitches (leased to Broughton Park RUFC, two disused senior rugby union pitches and two poor quality Gaelic Sports pitches. The entire site is serviced by poor quality ancillary facilities that have been condemned leading to the installation of six temporary cabin style facilities on the adjacent site Broughton Park FC.

An initial planning application (132513/VO/2021) was approved in March 2022 for the development of the site which involves an erection of a two-storey extension to form changing rooms, cafe facilities, flexible club/social/training rooms and an extension to the existing gym space following the demolition of the existing changing block building; together with the creation of two 3G artificial football turf pitches, associated sports lighting and fencing; a 67 space car park and an additional 60 space overflow car park; and associated landscaping.

As the proposed 3G pitches will be located on current playing field land the configurations and number of pitches will alter, however, until the development is underway it is difficult to determine the revised pitch configuration. In addition, the football and Gaelic Sports pitches are going to be improved in quality. Similarly, it is not known when and what exact works will be carried out as they are in the process of being assessed by the Football Foundation PitchPower reports.

Although some aspects of the development are currently unknown the below outlines additional proposed information accurate as of April 2022.

##### *Football pitches*

The football pitches will be marked in response to need each year. This could include a combination of youth 11v11 and adult 11v11 pitches. As mentioned, the Council will have an enhanced annual pitch maintenance programme for all grass football pitches to address pitch quality in line with the Football Foundation PitchPower report. The reconfiguration and qualitative improvements of grass football pitches to a good quality will significantly increase capacity by an additional 21 match equivalent sessions per week to address current and future projected demand. Enhanced maintenance works is targeted to commence in September 2022 and will be built into the facility business plan to be managed by GLL.

##### *Gaelic sports pitches*

The long term plan is to relocate two Gaelic pitches from the North Field, which will be retained as a large recreational playing field area. The Gaelic pitches will replace the two disused senior grass rugby union pitches to be brought into use for Club/Community and will form part of the Broughton Park RUFCs lease. Of the two Gaelic football pitches, the second pitch is undersized by approximately 20%. The proposed long-term reconfiguration provides both pitches at full size to Gaelic Sports Association design guidance, both of which are oriented to an optimal playing orientation. The plan is to relocate in a phased manner to relocate Pitch 1 and undertake the pitch works in the summer of 2023 and Pitch 2 in 2024. This project is subject to planning approval and funding being secured. The plans will provide two County standard senior Gaelic pitches that will have spectator barriers and ball stop nets etc to allow for all Gaelic teams (football, hurling) to use as home ground and support the development of the sport/s locally.

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#### *Rugby union pitches*

The rugby pitches will be rotated and extended slightly to the recommended standards for senior grass pitches and remain as part of the Broughton Park RUFC lease.

#### *Cricket NTPs*

The disused used cricket NTPs will be refurbished and relocated to provide sufficient boundary size.

#### **Recommendations**

- ◆ Support in the development of Hough End Playing Fields (pitch and ancillary provision) in order to address current and future shortfalls for 3G, grass football pitches, Gaelic Sports and NTPs both for affiliated sports clubs demand in addition to recreational demand whilst providing general health and wellbeing benefits.
- ◆ Examine the potential of strategically relocating football training demand off hockey suitable AGPs in the South Analysis Area onto the new 3G pitches in order to provide capacity for hockey growth.
- ◆ Look to improve the quality of the grass football pitches on the site and tailor pitch layout to meet seasonal demand for adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 football.
- ◆ As part of the phased approach look to relocate the Gaelic Sports pitches in addition to improving their quality.
- ◆ Explore the feasibility of also improving the quality of the rugby union pitches in order to alleviate identified overplay.

#### **4.13: University demand**

The PPOSS captures demand from Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Manchester within the relevant current and future demand sections for the various sports. However, this is primarily for affiliated demand and does not always accurately identify student number growth, in particular, those studying academics sports courses. This demand is likely to increase within the next few years, for both universities, and is anticipated to result in a growth in BUCs and intermural demand, particularly for football.

This inevitably will result in greater levels of demand at Platt Lane Sports Complex (Manchester Metropolitan University) and Armitage Sports Centre (University of Manchester) and put a greater strain on the capacity of their provision. Although some of this demand will take place at peak periods for affiliated/community sports clubs (midweek evenings and weekends), most of it will take place midweek during the day.

#### **Recommendations**

- ◆ Monitor levels of demand at both universities, particularly from academic sports courses, to ensure there is sufficient enough capacity, quantity/quality of provision at Platt Lane Sports Complex (Manchester Metropolitan University) and Armitage Sports Centre (University of Manchester) to continually accommodate curricular, extracurricular and community demand.
- ◆ Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

## **PART 5: STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

### **Aim 1**

To protect the existing supply of outdoor sport facilities where it is needed for meeting current and future needs.

### **Recommendations**

- a. Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy, that outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy.
- b. Secure tenure and access to sites for high quality, development minded clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements.
- c. Maximise community use of education facilities where there is a need to do so.
- d. Protect all current supply of provision, for each sport, in order to cater for current and future demand, no matter if it is considered sufficient.

### ***Recommendation (a) – Ensure, through the use of the Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy, that outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy***

The PPOSS Assessment shows that all currently used outdoor sports sites require protection and therefore cannot be deemed surplus to requirements because shortfalls would occur both now and, in the future, if they were lost. Consideration should also be given to the protection of underused and poor quality sites from development or replacement as they may offer potential to meet shortfalls, particularly for rugby, in the future.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Paragraph 99 states that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

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

Should outdoor sports facilities be taken out of use for any reason (e.g. City Council budget restraints), land should ideally be retained so that it can be brought back into use in the future.

Although there are some identified shortfalls of match equivalent sessions i.e. for rugby union and cricket pitches, most demand is currently being met and most shortfalls are likely able to be addressed through quality improvements. However, qualitative improvements should be secured as a sports development initiative and should not be used to mitigate the loss of playing field arising from a non-sport development. It is therefore, not recommended as a priority to identify 'new' sites for provision.

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The PPOSS should be used to help inform Development Management decisions that affect existing or new outdoor sports and ancillary facilities. All applications are assessed by the Local Planning Authority on a case by case basis taking into account site specific factors. In addition, Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications that affect or prejudice the use of playing fields and will use the PPOSS to help assess those planning applications against its own Playing Fields Policy<sup>15</sup>.

Sport England's Playing Fields Policy exception E1 only allows for development of disused playing fields if a Playing Pitch Strategy (in this case PPOSS) shows a clear excess in the quantity of playing pitch provision at present and in the future across all playing pitch sport types and sizes.

#### *Policy Exception E1:*

'A carefully quantified and documented assessment of current and future needs has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Sport England that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport'.

Where the PPOSS cannot demonstrate that the site, or part of a site, is clearly surplus to requirements then replacement of the site, or part of a site, will be required to comply with the remaining Sport England policy exceptions.

#### *Policy Exception E2*

'The proposed development is for ancillary facilities supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field and does not affect the quantity and quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use'.

#### *Policy Exception E3*

'The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and does not:

- ❖ Reduce the size of any playing pitch.
- ❖ Result in the inability to use any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins and run-off areas).
- ❖ Reduce the sporting capacity of the playing field to accommodate playing pitches or the capability to rotate or reposition playing pitches to maintain quality.
- ❖ Result in the loss of other sporting provision or ancillary facilities on the site.
- ❖ Prejudice the use of any remaining areas of playing field on the site'.

#### *Policy Exception E4:*

'The playing field or fields to be lost as a result of the proposed development would be replaced, prior to the commencement of development, by a new playing field site or sites:

- ❖ of equivalent or better quality and
- ❖ of equivalent or greater quantity;
- ❖ in a suitable location and;
- ❖ subject to equivalent or better management arrangements.

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<sup>15</sup>[Link to Sport England Playing Field Policy](#)

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### *Policy Exception E5*

'The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor facility for sport, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss, or prejudice of use, of the area of playing field'.

### *Disused sites*

Disused sites will also be considered in accordance with Sport England's policy exceptions. They provide a potential solution to reducing any identified shortfalls for rugby union. A disused site is a site where pitches were once, but are no longer, marked out and remain undeveloped.

Any disused playing fields are included within the Action Plan together with a recommendation in relation to potentially bringing the site back into use or to mitigate the loss on a replacement site to address the shortfalls identified for rugby union and cricket.

### ***Recommendation (b) – Secure tenure and access to sites through a range of solutions and partnership agreements***

Several education sites are being used in Manchester for competitive play, predominately for football (e.g. grass pitches at Parrs Wood High School, grass and 3G pitches at Wright Robinson Leisure) or for hockey (William Hulme Grammar School). However, use is not necessarily formalised and further work should be carried out to ensure an appropriate community use agreement is in place (including access to changing provision where required).

For the remaining providers, National Governing Bodies, Sport England and other appropriate bodies such as the Football Foundation can often help to negotiate and engage with providers where the local authority may not have direct influence. This is particularly the case at sites that have received funding from these bodies or are going to receive funding in the future as community access can be a condition of the agreement.

In the context of the Comprehensive Spending Review, which announced public spending cuts, it is increasingly important for the District Council to work with voluntary sector organisations to enable them to take greater levels of ownership and support the wider development and maintenance of facilities. To facilitate this, where practical, it should support and enable clubs to generate sufficient funds, providing that this is to the benefit of sport.

The City Council manages a significant proportion of playing pitch sites, 49 available pitches (34% of all available football pitch provision), with further Council managed sites unmarked or unused.

There is, however, a significant proportion in sports club management (by leasehold or freehold), with 39 of 145 available football pitch sites (27%) managed by football clubs directly and five of the seven sites used for rugby union managed by the respective clubs, although North Manchester RUFC lease is coming to an end. Consequently, the City Council may need to support clubs and NGBs in developing relationships with these providers and to establish formal community use agreements.

### *Alternative management models*

The City Council should explore possible alternative options for the future management of some sites within its playing field portfolio, including leasehold or Community Asset Transfer (CAT). Potential benefits of this include reducing costs which may allow for the retention and possible improvement of other retained sites within the portfolio, as well as potentially opening up new routes to improvement of sites and access to external funding opportunities through club-led management models.



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Local sports clubs should be supported by partners including the City Council and National Governing Bodies to achieve sustainability across a range of areas including management, membership, funding, facilities, volunteers and partnership work. For example, support club development and encourage clubs to develop evidence of business and sports development plans to generate income via their facilities. All clubs could be encouraged to look at different management models such as registering as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC)<sup>16</sup>. They should also be encouraged to work with partners locally – such as volunteer support agencies or local businesses.

The City Council could establish a series of core outcomes to derive from clubs taking on a lease arrangement to ensure that the most appropriate clubs are assigned to sites. As an example, outcomes may include:

- ◀ Increasing participation
- ◀ Supporting the development of coaches and volunteers
- ◀ Commitment to quality standards
- ◀ Improvements (where required) to facilities, or as a minimum retaining existing standards

In addition, clubs should be made fully aware of the associated responsibilities/liabilities when considering leases of multi-use public playing fields. It is important in these instances that the site, to some degree, remains available for other purposes or for other users.

Over the course of the last decade, the Council has undergone a process of externalising a substantial number of land assets to local sports clubs, mostly via long-term leasehold to football and rugby union clubs, to good effect with subsequent investment secured through partnership and NGB funding into the likes of improvement of grass pitches and installation of 3G pitches and sports lighting at these sites.

#### *Long-term leasehold*

The City Council should explore opportunities where security of tenure could be granted via lease agreements (minimum 25 years as recommended by Sport England and National Governing Bodies of Sport) so clubs are in a position to apply for external funding. This is particularly the case at poor quality sites, possibly with inadequate ancillary facilities, so that quality can be improved and sites developed.

For clubs with leaseholds already in place, these should be reviewed when fewer than 25 years remain on existing agreements to secure extensions, thus improving security of tenure and helping clubs attract funding for site developments. Any club with less than 25 years remaining on an agreement is unlikely to meet conditions of grants funded by external partners.

For example, North Manchester RUFC (North Manchester Rugby Club) has long-term leasehold agreements with the Co-Operative group which is coming to an end. Priority should be to support clubs to renegotiate new long-term agreements in order to ensure they have secure tenure onsite and to improve facilities, including eligibility to access external funding.

#### *Community Asset Transfer*

Another way of ensuring long term tenure for clubs is through a Community Asset Transfer (CAT). This is the transfer of management and/or ownership of public land and buildings from its owner (usually a local authority) to a community organisation (such as a Development Trust, a Community Interest Company or a social enterprise) for less than market value – to achieve a local social, economic or environmental benefit.

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<sup>16</sup> [Link to CASC benefits](#)

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Community based organisations are often much more effective at engaging people than other types of organisation because they are close to and directly accountable to their community.

Communities that come together to plan and deliver services can make them more inclusive and responsive than state run services. Communities can mobilise a lot of volunteer time and energy. Asset transfer can, for example:

- ◀ Help local authorities meet policy objectives.
- ◀ Make better use of underused assets.
- ◀ Open and increase opportunities for clubs/organisations to access grant funding for which local authorities cannot apply (e.g. Football Foundation Grass Maintenance Fund).
- ◀ Improve assets through increased time and resource (both financial and volunteer) than what the local authority may be able to contribute.
- ◀ Give sports clubs and community organisations more security and sustainability and help transition clubs away from being funding dependent. Opens opportunities to revenue generation and greater self-dependence.
- ◀ Enable people to protect the assets in their communities – including iconic heritage buildings and open spaces. Reducing costs to the local authority and protection against further budgetary cuts.
- ◀ Involve people in designing and running the services from which, they benefit.
- ◀ Be a catalyst for getting people more involved as volunteers.
- ◀ Keep money in the local economy through enterprise and locally owned assets.

The Sport England Community Sport Asset Transfer Toolkit is a bespoke, interactive web based tool that provides a step by step guide through each stage of the asset transfer process should this be an option for the Council to consider. It can be accessed here: [Link to Sport England Community assets and rights](#)

#### ***Recommendation (c) - Maximise community use of education facilities where there is a need to do so***

To maximise community use of education facilities it is recommended to establish a coherent, structured relationship with schools. The ability to access good facilities within the local community is vital to any sports organisation, yet many clubs struggle to find good quality places to play and train. Pricing policies at facilities can be a barrier to access but also physical access and resistance from schools to open up provision due to staffing, site security or to protect the quality of facilities for school use. For example, there is a 3G pitch at Higher Blackley Education Village - Our Lady's RC High School which was previously available for community use but no longer is. Whilst the sand based AGP at Manchester High School for Girls has partial community use, as accessibility to the site is dependent on user relationships with the School, as the School only allows certain clubs access.

Several sporting facilities are located on education sites and making these available to sports clubs can offer significant benefits to both the school/college and the local clubs. The Council and other key partners must work with schools and colleges to develop an understanding of the issues that restrict or affect community access. Support should be provided, where appropriate, to address any underlying problems.

The highest priority sites for securing formal community access arrangements should be those schools which already have community use but do not have secured community use arrangements. These already provide an important role in meeting community needs but this must be secured to ensure continued use into the future. Where appropriate, it will be important for schools to negotiate and sign formal and long-term agreements that secure community use.

As aforementioned, National Governing Bodies and Sport England can often help to negotiate and engage with schools where the local authority may have limited direct influence. This is particularly the case at sites that have received funding from the relevant bodies or are going to receive funding in the future as community access can be a condition of the funding agreement.

***Recommendation (d) - Protect all current supply of provision, for each sport, in order to cater for current and future demand, no matter if it is considered sufficient***

It should be clearly noted that, where referenced, sufficient supply does not mean there is a surplus of provision. This statement simply means there is currently enough supply to cater for identified levels of demand. As a result, if any current provision were to be lost this would result in a shortfall being established. Therefore, all current provision needs to be protected and cannot be lost without meeting NPPF and Sport England Playing Field Policy which often means a like for like replacement to equality to, or greater than, quantity/quality.

### Aim 2

To **enhance** outdoor sport facilities and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites.

### Recommendations

- e. Improve quality
- f. Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites.
- g. Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding
- h. Secure developer contributions.

### ***Recommendation (e) – Improve quality***

There are several ways in which it is possible to increase pitch quality and these are explored below.

#### *GMA Pitch Advisory Service*

With quality of grass pitches becoming one of the biggest influences on participation, the Pitch Advisory Service (PAS, formerly the Grounds and Natural Turf Improvement Programme) was launched in 2014 and is funded by the GMA and its partners; the Football Foundation, Sport England, FA, ECB, RFU and RFL.

Its aim is to raise the standards of sports surfaces as well as the understanding of sports turf management practices among grassroots clubs across England and Wales. The PAS provides an enhanced network of support and expertise available to those maintaining natural turf pitches, particularly at a local level.

The service can be utilised by grassroots clubs, organisations and local authorities with the simple aim of improving the quality of grass pitches. The key principles behind the service are to provide members of the programme with advice/practical solutions via a report which will also identify the key enhanced maintenance works required along with machinery requirements.

Pitch providers are encouraged to complete a self-assessment of pitches using the Football Foundation PitchPower app. In May 2022, PitchPower was re-launched, with enhanced capability to support use beyond football pitches and is now accessible for the assessment of natural turf pitches for cricket, rugby league and rugby union.

In relation to cricket specifically, maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of the sport. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and, in some instances, become dangerous. The ECB recommends full technical assessments of wickets and pitches available through a Performance Quality Standard (PQS) assessment. The Performance Quality Standard Assessment assesses a cricket square to ascertain whether it meets the standards that are benchmarked by the Ground Management Association.

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#### *Football Foundation PitchPower Assessment*

The Premier League, The FA and the Football Foundation are increasing efforts to improve the quality of grass pitches in England with the launch of the PitchPower app, with an aim to achieve 20,000 football pitches rated as good quality by 2030. Launched in 2020 for football and re-launched in May 2022 with functionality for cricket, rugby league and rugby union pitches, the app is a new digital self-assessment tool to allow reports and recommendations to be made more quickly and easily once submitted for review by GMA regional pitch advisors.

The tool across mobile app and desktop is open to access by all providers, for example clubs, schools and local authorities. Following a PitchPower Assessment Report, organisations can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches.

In addition to PPOSS non-technical assessments, new technical assessments were undertaken for Council managed grass football pitches in early 2022 using the PitchPower app, as part of Manchester's engagement with the Football Foundation local authority grass pitch maintenance pilot programme. Consequently, technical recommendations will be established shortly after the completion of the PPOSS for the local authority to act upon in delivering any improvement, whilst this exists at some club managed sites already.

The outputs of these and future PitchPower assessments at football and non-football sites should be reviewed and the PPOSS Action Plan updated at Stage E to reflect new technical assessment evidence and information.

#### *Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund*

Eligible clubs and organisations can also utilise the report as an evidence base to acquire potential funding streams, for example, to obtain the required maintenance equipment. If a PitchPower assessment categorises pitches as 'poor' or 'basic' they are then eligible to apply for Grass Pitch Funding through the Football Foundation through the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund<sup>17</sup>, a fund offering six-year tapered grants to help clubs enhance or sustain the quality of their grass pitches. The fund is a key part of the Football Foundation's Grass Pitch Improvement Programme - an ambition to deliver 20,000 quality grass pitches by 2030. Clubs with good or standard quality pitches can also apply for a lower level of funding.

All applicants must have the required security of tenure and have received a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report, with the fund currently open to football clubs, leagues and charities (with an annual turnover of under £500,000). Local authorities are not currently eligible applicants, however, clubs, leagues and charitable organisations using local authority sites can apply provided they have security of tenure via freehold or a lease/license with more than 12 months to run and permission from the land owner.

The City Council is not presently eligible to access the GPMF as an applicant, however, can undertake technical assessment of pitches using the PitchPower app. Opportunities to access the fund to support presently Council managed sites include establishment of a service level agreement with a resident club for maintenance responsibilities, or transfer of long-term management to the club/organisation through leasehold or CAT, both enabling the club/organisation to apply to the fund. Manchester City Council is instead exploring opportunities to investment in Council managed sites through the Football Foundation local authority grass pitch maintenance pilot programme.

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<sup>17</sup> [Link to Football Foundation Grass pitch maintenance fund](#)

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Clubs playing within the National League System (NLS) are not eligible to apply for works to pitches used for NLS play but can do so for other community pitches elsewhere onsite. Clubs in the NLS are eligible to apply for maintenance machinery and capital improvements to a first-team pitch via the Premier League Stadium Fund (PLSF).

Furthermore, the Football Foundation also launched a new Groundskeeping Community online platform in 2019 which provides a resource of expert advice for grounds staff, enabling them to connect with peers, discover new tips and tricks and share advice on best industry practice. Users can seek guidance from the GMA regional pitch advisors, who are available to answer questions and update members on changes to industry standards.

#### *Addressing quality issues*

Where facilities are assessed as standard or poor quality and/or overplayed, maintenance regimes should be reviewed and, where possible, improved to ensure that what is being done is of an appropriate standard to sustain/improve pitch quality. Ensuring continuance of existing maintenance of good quality sites is also essential.

It is also important to note the impact the weather has on quality. The worse the weather, the poorer facilities tend to become, especially if there is no dedicated drainage system in place or if existing drainage systems are inadequate or have become compromised or poorly maintained. This also means that quality can vary, year on year, dependent upon the weather and levels of rainfall.

Based upon an achievable target using existing quality scoring to provide a baseline, a standard should be used to identify deficiencies and investment should be focused on those sites which fail to meet the proposed quality standard (using the site audit database as provided in electronic format). The Strategy approach to outdoor sports facilities achieving these standards should be to enhance quality and therefore the planning system should seek to protect them.

For the purposes of quality assessments, the PPOSS refers to outdoor sports facilities and ancillary facilities separately as being of 'Good', 'Standard' or 'Poor' quality. For example, some good quality sites have poor quality elements and vice versa (e.g. a good quality pitch may be serviced by poor quality changing facilities).

It should be noted that the PitchPower assessments use a five step Performance Quality Standard rating system developed by the Grounds Management Association (GMA), with the Football Foundation and Sport England agreeing alignment with the capacity guidance within the existing PPS guidance. Alignment was agreed as follows:

Table 5.1: Summary of equivalent PPS quality rating for pitch Performance Quality Standard ratings

PQS Rating	PPS Quality Rating
Poor	Poor
Basic	Standard
Good	Good
Advanced	Good
High	Good



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Good quality refers to pitches that have, for example, good grass cover, an even surface, are free from vandalism and litter. For rugby union, a good quality pitch is also pipe and/or slit drained. In terms of ancillary facilities, good quality refers to access for disabled people, sufficient provision for referees, juniors/women/girls and appropriate provision of showers, toilets and car parking.

Standard quality refers to pitches that have, for example, adequate grass cover, minimal signs of wear and tear and goalposts may be secure but in need of minor repair. For rugby union, drainage is natural but adequate. In terms of ancillary facilities, standard quality refers to adequately sized changing rooms, storage provision and provision of toilets.

Poor quality refers to provision with, for example, inadequate grass cover, uneven surfaces and poor drainage. For rugby, pitches will have inadequate natural drainage. In terms of ancillary facilities, poor quality refers to inappropriate changing rooms with no showers, no running water and/or old, dated interiors. If a poor quality site receives little or no usage that is not to say that no improvement is needed, it may instead be the case that it receives no demand because of its quality, thus an improvement in said quality will attract demand to the site, potentially from overplayed standard or good quality sites.

Without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality pitches may be underutilised. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement. Also, key sites without a suitable offer may not be able to establish or grow participation in key sport development areas with specific requirements, such as disability or women and girls' sport.

To prioritise investment into key sites it is recommended that the steering group works up a list of criteria, relevant to Manchester, to provide a steer on future investment.

For improvement/replacement of artificial grass pitches refer to Sport England and National Governing Bodies 'Selecting the Right Artificial Surface for Hockey, Football, and Rugby Union' document for a guide as to suitable artificial grass pitch surfaces: [Link to Sport England Selecting the right artificial surface document](#)

#### *Addressing overplay*

To improve the overall quality of the outdoor facility stock; it is necessary to ensure that provision is not overplayed beyond recommended carrying capacity. This is determined by assessing quality (via non-technical site assessment) and allocating a usage limit to each (daily for hockey, weekly for football, rugby league and rugby union and seasonal for cricket).

The FA, RFU, RFL and ECB all recommend a number of matches that pitches should be able to accommodate based on quality, as seen in the table below. For other grass pitch sports, no guidelines are set by the National Governing Bodies although it can be assumed that a similar trend should be followed.

Table 5.2: Recommended carrying capacity of grass pitches in number of matches

Sport	Pitch type	Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Football	Youth pitches	4 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Football	Mini pitches	6 per week	4 per week	2 per week
Rugby union	Natural Inadequate (D0)	2 per week	1.5 per week	0.5 per week
Rugby union	Natural Adequate (D1)	3 per week	2 per week	1.5 per week
Rugby union	Pipe Drained (D2)	3.25 per week	2.5 per week	1.75 per week

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Sport	Pitch type	Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
Rugby union	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	3.5 per week	3 per week	2 per week
Rugby league	Senior pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Cricket	One grass wicket	5 per season	4 per season	0 per season
Cricket	One non-turf wicket	60 per season	60 per season	0 per season

For non-pitch outdoor sports (e.g. bowls, tennis, athletics) there are no capacity recommendations set out by the respective National Governing Bodies of Sport. Instead, potential capacity is evaluated on a site-by-site basis following consultation and site assessments.

It is imperative to engage with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity. Play should therefore be encouraged, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues that are not operating at capacity. This may include transferring play to 3G grass pitches or to sites not currently available for community use but which may be in the future.

For cricket, an increase in the usage of non-turf pitches is key to alleviating overplay as this allows for the transfer of junior demand (some senior play where permitted by local leagues) from grass wickets, this should be undertaken in-situ of quality improvements to a cricket square to improve the quality which in turn will increase carrying capacity.

For rugby union, additional sports lighting can help reduce some of the overplay on a pitch by pitch basis as it allows training demand to be spread across a greater number of pitches or unmarked areas. However, this is on the basis that there are enough pitches or unmarked training areas on a site to make this feasible.

Alternatively, access to World Rugby compliant 3G pitches will help the transfer of midweek training demand and competitive match play which in turn will reduce the pressure on grass pitches. There is demand for access to 3G pitches from football and rugby union, consequently there is case to explore increased compliancy of 3G pitches to help meet rugby union needs.

#### *Increasing maintenance*

Standard or poor grass pitch quality may not just be a result of draining poorly. In some instances, ensuring there is an appropriate maintenance for the level/standard of play can help to improve quality and therefore increase pitch capacity. Each National Governing Body of Sport can provide assistance with reviewing pitch maintenance regimes.

The Pitch Advisory Service has been developed in partnership with the Grounds Management Association (GMA) to establish a grass pitch maintenance service that can be utilised by grassroots clubs with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and therefore the quality of pitches.

The key principles behind the service are to provide clubs with advice/practical solutions in a range of areas, with the simple aim of improving playing surfaces. The programme is designed to help clubs on sites that they themselves manage and maintain but also aims to focus on developing improved maintenance programmes with local authorities that can be utilised at local authority maintained sites.

#### *Improving changing provision*

There is a need to address changing provision at some sites in the City (these are detailed in the Action Plan). As previously mentioned, without appropriate, fit for purpose ancillary facilities, good quality pitches may be underutilised. Changing facilities form the most essential part of this offer and therefore key sites should be given priority for improvement.

Sites which predominantly accommodate adult and/or older junior age group sports should be prioritised for improvements (e.g. Hough End Playing Fields), whilst there is a trend for younger junior age groups (particularly for football) not to require use of changing provision, with suitable male and female toilet provision for players and spectators considered to be of greater importance.

#### ***Recommendation (f) – Adopt a tiered approach (hierarchy of provision) to the management and improvement of sites***

To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach, the City Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of playing pitch sites and associated facilities. Please refer to Part 6: Action Plan for the proposed hierarchy.

#### ***Recommendation (g) – Work in partnership with stakeholders to secure funding***

Partners, led by the City Council, should ensure that appropriate funding secured for improved sports provision are directed to areas of need, underpinned by a robust strategy for improvement in outdoor sports facilities.

To address the community's needs, to target priority areas and to reduce duplication of provision, there should be a coordinated approach to strategic investment. In delivering this recommendation the Council should maintain a regular dialogue with local partners and through the Steering Group.

Although some investment in new provision will not be made by the City Council directly, it is important that it seeks to direct and lead a strategic and co-ordinated approach to facility development by education sites, National Governing Bodies, sports clubs and the commercial sector to address community needs whilst avoiding duplication of provision.

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

#### ***Recommendation (h) – Secure developer contributions***

It is important that this strategy informs existing policy and decisions on planning applications by setting out a justified and evidenced approach to securing sport and recreational facilities through new housing development.

For playing pitches, the City Council should use Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator as a tool for determining developer contributions linking to sites within the locality. It should be noted that although this is reasonable starting point there are also a number of Council/Local policies and approaches that also need to be taken into consideration as well.

This uses team information from the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth. It then converts this into pitch requirements and gives the associated costs (both for providing the provision and for its lifecycle).

The PPOSS should be used to help determine the likely impact of a new development on demand and the capacity of existing sites in the area, and whether there is a need for improvements to increase capacity of existing provision or if new provision is required. Where a development is located within access of existing high-quality provision, this does not necessarily mean that there is no need for further provision or improvement to existing provision, as additional demand arising from the development is likely to result in increased usage (which can result in overplay or quality deterioration).

Where it is determined that new provision is required to accompany a development, priority should be placed on providing facilities that contribute towards alleviating existing shortfalls within the locality. To determine what supply of provision is provided, it is imperative that the PPOSS findings are taken into consideration and that consultation takes place with the relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs). This is due to the importance of ensuring that the stock of facilities provided is correct to avoid provision becoming unsustainable and unused, such as single grass pitch football sites without adequate ancillary facilities or new cricket/rugby grounds located away from existing clubs. Instead, multi-pitch and multi-sport sites should be developed, supported by a clubhouse and adequate parking facilities which consider the potential for future artificial grass pitch development.

Several planning policy objectives could be implemented to enable the above to be delivered:

- ✦ Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to specific planning obligations. Where developer contributions are applicable, a Section 106 Agreement should be made that specifies, when applied, the amount that will be linked to Sport England's Building Cost Information Service from the date of the permission and timing of the contribution/s to be made.
- ✦ Contributions should also be secured towards the first ten years of maintenance on new pitches. NGBs and Sport England can provide further and up to date information on the associated costs.
- ✦ External funding should be sought/secured to achieve maximum benefit from the investment into appropriate playing pitch facility enhancement and its subsequent maintenance.
- ✦ Where new multiple pitches are provided, appropriate changing rooms and associated car parking should be located onsite.
- ✦ All new or improved outdoor sports facilities on school sites should be subject to community use agreements.

### Aim 3

To **provide** new outdoor sport facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.

### Recommendations

- i. Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand.
- j. Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current stock.
- k. Consider opportunities to meet the need of community demand for playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities through new and proposed education facilities.

#### ***Recommendation (i) - Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand***

The Steering Group should use the Action Plan within this Strategy for improvements to the Council's own outdoor sports facilities whilst recognising the need to support partners. The Action Plan lists improvements to be made to each site focused upon both qualitative and quantitative improvements as appropriate for each area.

#### ***Recommendation (j) - Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current stock***

The City Council and its partners should work to rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfalls as outlined in the preceding Assessment Report and the sport by sport specific recommendations (Part 4) as well as the following Action Plan (Part 6).

It is important that the current levels of provision are protected, maintained and enhanced to secure provision now and in the future. For most sports, the current and future demand for provision identified in the Borough can be overcome through maximising use of existing stock through a combination of:

- ♦ Improving quality to increase the capacity to accommodate more demand
- ♦ Transferring demand from overplayed sites to sites with spare capacity
- ♦ Securing long term community use at school sites including those currently unavailable

Unmet demand, changes in sport participation and trends, and proposed housing growth should be recognised and factored into future facility planning. Assuming an increase in participation and housing growth occurs, it will impact on the future need for certain types of sports facilities. Sports development work also approximates unmet demand which cannot currently be quantified (i.e. it is not being suppressed by a lack of facilities) but is likely to occur. The following table highlights the main development trends in each sport and their likely impact on facilities. However, it is important to note that these may be subject to change.

#### ***Recommendation (k) - Consider opportunities to meet the need of community demand for playing pitches through new and proposed education facilities***

The City Council and its relevant education partners should consider how the creation of new school facilities in Manchester can meet the needs of community sport. New facilities (and particularly those in major new residential developments) may provide opportunities to address shortfalls for grass playing pitches which have been identified in the PPOSS.

As detailed in Recommendation B, to maximise community use of education facilities it is recommended to establish a coherent, structured relationship with schools. The ability to access good facilities within the local community is vital to any sports organisation, yet many clubs struggle to find good quality places to play and train. Securing the use of new school facilities through a formal community use agreement (secured through planning permission) therefore provides a platform for local sports organisations to securely access facilities and may also work to address identified shortfalls.

The PPOSS should be used as a baseline to inform the facility mix of playing pitches at any new school developments in the City (in line with consultation with the National Governing Bodies of Sport) to ensure that both community and educational needs are provided for.



#### Aim 4

To **provide** a collaborative and wholistic approach across all sporting provision given substantial levels of cross authority (imported and exported) demand.

#### Recommendations

- I. Work collaboratively with neighbouring local authorities to identify co investment opportunities in order to deliver strategic projects to address cross authority demand issues/shortfalls. This can be monitored as part of a PPOSS Stage E task and finish steering group.

***Recommendation (I) – Work collaboratively with neighbouring local authorities to identify co investment opportunities in order to deliver strategic projects to address cross authority demand issues/shortfalls. This can be monitored as part of a PPOSS Stage E task and finish steering group***

There is evidence, provided within the PPOSS, indicating Manchester accommodates significant levels of imported demand from surrounding local authorities, which puts additional strain on the capacity and accessibility its provision. To a lesser extent there is also Manchester based demand accessing provision in surrounding authorities such as Tameside, Trafford, Bury, Salford, Stockport, Oldham and Rochdale (otherwise known as exported demand).

This issue is generally occurring from clubs needing to access artificial provision for either training or match play, predominantly on (3G and hockey suitable AGPs, as there is not sufficient provision and/or capacity within their locality to accommodate their demand.

Particular issues are located in the North Analysis Area / Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and Wythenshawe Analysis Area / Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council.

In order to effectively address this problem, it is recommended that Manchester City Council works collectively with its surrounding local authorities, and other relevant stakeholder (such as Sport England and NGBs) in using strategic documents such as a PPS/PPOSS, to identify potential projects to alleviate these concerns. This will include which local authority any new provision should be located in, based on strategic viability, in addition to agreeing for equal contributions to any relevant funding streams.

For example, if any new provision is to be established within the authority boundary of Manchester, in order to primarily accommodate demand from a neighbouring authority, the funding of the project would need to appropriately apportioned.

As mentioned, this approach should be factored into, and monitored, as part of a PPOSS Stage E task and finish steering group.

## **PART 6: ACTION PLAN**

The site-by-site action plan seeks to address key issues identified in the preceding Assessment Report. It provides recommendations based on current levels of usage, quality and future demand, as well as the potential of each site for enhancement. It should be reviewed in the light of staff and financial resources in order to prioritise support for strategically significant provision and provision that other providers are less likely to make. The Action Plan is separated by analysis area.

The Council should make it a high priority to work with NGBs and other partners to comprise a priority list of actions based on local priorities, NGB priorities and available funding. To allow for facility developments to be programmed within a phased approach, the Council should adopt a tiered approach to the management and improvement of outdoor facility sites and associated provision.

The identification of sites is based on their strategic importance within the City i.e. they accommodate the majority of demand, or the recommended action has the greatest anticipated impact on addressing shortfalls (identified either on a sport-by-sport basis or across the Council area as a whole).

Table 6.1: Summary of tiered site criteria

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Hub sites</b>	<b>Key centres</b>	<b>Local sites</b>
<b>Site location</b>	Strategically located in the City. Priority sites for NGBs.	Strategically located within the analysis area.	Serves the local community.
<b>Site layout</b>	Accommodates three or more grass pitches, including provision of an AGP.	Accommodates two or more grass pitches.	Accommodates one or more pitches.
<b>Type of sport</b>	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision. Could also operate as a central venue.	Single or multi-sport provision.
<b>Management</b>	Management control remains within the local authority/other provider or with an appropriate lease arrangement through a committee or education owned.	Management control remains within the local authority/provider or with an appropriate club on a lease arrangement.	Management control remains within the local authority/provider or with an appropriate club on a lease arrangement.
<b>Maintenance regime</b>	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Maintenance regime aligns with NGB guidelines.	Standard maintenance regime either by the club or in house maintenance contract.
<b>Ancillary facilities</b>	Good quality ancillary facility on site, with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	Good quality ancillary facility on site, with sufficient changing rooms and car parking to serve the number of pitches.	No changing room access on site or appropriate access to accommodate both senior and junior use concurrently (if required).

**Hub sites** are of strategic City wide importance where users are willing to travel to access the range and high quality of facilities offered and are likely to be multi-sport. These have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

**Key centres** are more community focused sites, although some are still likely to service a wider analysis area. There may be more of a focus on a specific sport.

Additionally, it is considered that some financial investment may be necessary to improve the ancillary facilities at both hub sites and key centre sites to complement the pitches in terms of access, flexibility (i.e. single-sex changing if necessary), quality and that they meet the rules and regulations of local competitions.

**Local sites** refer to those sites offering minimal provision or that are of minimal value to the wider community. Primarily they are sites with one facility or a low number of facilities that service just one or two sports. The level of priority attached to them for external investment may be relatively low.

For local authority sites, consideration should be given, on a site-by-site basis, to the feasibility of a club taking on a long-term lease (if not already present), in order that external funding can be sought. Such sites will require some level of investment, either to the outdoor sport facilities or ancillary facilities, and it is anticipated that one of the conditions of offering a hire/lease is that the Club would be in a position to source external funding to improve/extend the provision.

Other sites considered in this tier may be primary school sites or secondary school sites that are not widely used by the community or that do not offer community availability.

Some local sites are suitable for rationalisation providing that capital receipts are allocated to replace the lost provision at larger, multi-pitch sites.

#### 6.1: Management and development

The following issues should be considered when undertaking sports related site development or enhancement:

- ◆ Financial viability.
- ◆ Security of tenure.
- ◆ Planning permission requirements and any foreseen difficulties in securing permission.
- ◆ Adequacy of existing finances to maintain existing sites.
- ◆ Business Plan/Masterplan – including financial package for creation of new provision where need has been identified.
- ◆ Analysis of the possibility of shared site management opportunities.
- ◆ The availability of opportunities to lease sites to external organisations.
- ◆ Options to assist community groups to gain funding to enhance existing provision.
- ◆ Negotiation with landowners to increase access to private hub sites.
- ◆ Football investment programme/3G pitch development with the FA and Football Foundation

#### 6.2: Partners

The column indicating partners refers to the main organisations that the Council would look to work with to support delivery of the actions. Given the extent of potential actions it is reasonable to assume that partners will not necessarily be able to support all of the actions identified but where the action is a priority and resource is available the partner will endeavour to provide support.

#### 6.3: Priority

Although hub sites are mostly likely to have a **high** priority level as they have wide importance, high priority sites have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the key issues identified in the assessment. Therefore, some key centres and local sites are also identified as having a high priority level. It is these projects/sites which should generally, if possible, be addressed within the short term (1-2 years).

The majority of key centres are a **medium** priority, have analysis area importance and have been identified on the basis of the impact that the site will have on addressing the issues identified in the assessment.

The **low** priority sites tend to be single pitch or single sport sites and often club or education sites with local specific importance but that may also contribute to addressing the issues identified in the assessment for specific users.

#### 6.4: Costs

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

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

These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs which can be found at:  
[Link to Sport England Cost Guidance](#)

#### 6.5: Timescales

The Action Plan has been created to be delivered over a ten-year period. The information within the Assessment Report, Strategy and Action Plan will require updating as developments occur.

The indicative timescales relate to delivery times and are not priority based:

- ◀ (S) -Short (1-2 years);
- ◀ (M) - Medium (3-5 years);
- ◀ (L) - Long (6+ years).

#### 6.6: Aim

Each action seeks to meet at least one of the three aims of the Strategy; **Enhance, Provide, Protect**.

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#### 6.7: North Analysis Area

Table 6.2: Quantitative headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2031)
Football (grass)	North	Adult	At capacity	Shortfall of 4
Football (grass)	North	Youth 11v11	Spare capacity of 1.5	Shortfall of 1.5
Football (grass)	North	Youth 9v9	Spare capacity of 1	Shortfall of 1
Football (grass)	North	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5
Football (grass)	North	Mini 5v5	N/A <sup>18</sup>	N/A
Football (3G pitches)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting	<b>Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.</b>	<b>Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.</b>
Cricket	North	Senior grass cricket wickets	<b>Shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions a season.</b>	<b>Shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions a season.</b>
Rugby union	North	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 1</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1</b>
Rugby league	Manchester	Provision	Spare capacity	<b>Potential shortfall of grass pitches based on growth ambitions.</b>
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting.	<b>Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.</b>	<b>Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.</b>
Tennis	Manchester	Courts	<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>Shortfall</b>
Bowls	Manchester	Greens	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Athletics	Manchester	Tracks	Sufficient quantity, <b>but quality issues</b>	Sufficient quantity, <b>but quality issues</b>
Golf	Manchester	Courses	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Other sports	Manchester	Provision	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

<sup>18</sup> Mini 5v5 matches are not presently played on grass football pitches, therefore there is no relevant position because all play is held on 3G pitches.

Table 6.3: North Area action plan

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>19</sup>	Cost <sup>20</sup>	Aim
3	Abraham Moss High School	M8 5UF	3G	Secondary School	One poor quality full size (90x45m) 3G pitch which has sports lighting. Built/refurbished in 2009. Available for community use and on the FA 3G register.	Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF LTA	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance
3	Abraham Moss High School	M8 5UF	Tennis	Secondary School	Four good quality polymeric courts, with no sports lighting and available for community use.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to help increase future capacity.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
11	Bignor St Park	M8 0SE	Cricket	Council	One poor quality standalone NTP available for community use. Utilised for All Stars and Dynamos Cricket. One poor quality street cricket court.	Explore the opportunity to replace existing NTP. Look to improve street cricket court quality.	Council LCF ECB BBE	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
11	Bignor St Park	M8 0SE	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court, with no line markings and no sports lighting.	Improve quality, mark dedicated basketball lines and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council LCF ECB BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
11	Bignor St Park	M8 0SE	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council LCF ECB BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
13	Blackley Cricket Club	M9 8WD	Cricket	Sports club	One standard quality cricket square which consists of six senior wickets and one NTP. Ancillary provision of standard quality. The senior wickets are overplayed by three MES per season. Blackley CC currently in negotiations with the Council to extend its current five year lease to 25 years. The Clubhouse was left unattended for over 12 months, the Club is currently in the process of upgrading and developing the Clubhouse. The Club has plans to clear and level out the south side of the ground and develop a fixed net facility and dedicated car park, as cars currently have to park on surrounding roads. Used by Blackley CC and Lancashire Disability Team.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Look to establish long-term lease onsite for Blackley CC. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision. Explore feasibility to develop fixed net facility.	Sports club LCF ECB	Local	M	M	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide

<sup>19</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

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Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>19</sup>	Cost <sup>20</sup>	Aim
14	Blackley Park	M9 0FN	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality macadam courts, available for community use with no sports lighting.	Improve quality of courts through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
14	Blackley Park	M9 0FN	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
15	Boggart Hole Clough	M9 7DF	Football	Council	One adult pitch of standard quality, marked within athletics track. Pitch is part of the GPMF. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. Changing block is condemned. The Council aspires to develop facilities and bring back into use. Whilst Moston Juniors aspire to add additional containers to athletics compound, for changing facilities. One unmarked youth 9v9 pitch, with additional space both located alongside the athletics track and adjacent to the cricket NTP onsite, which have previously been marked as formal pitches, and could again with additional maintenance. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for changing room investment.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision to service sport activity on site. Explore opportunity to bring disused/unmarked playing fields back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Key centre	M	S-M	L H L-M	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
15	Boggart Hole Clough	M9 7DF	Cricket	Council	One poor quality standalone NTP, which has been vandalised, with part of the carpet being removed.	Explore the opportunity to replace existing NTP carpet where vandalised.	Council LCF ECB	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
15	Boggart Hole Clough	M9 7DF	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality concrete courts with no sports lighting.	Improve quality of courts through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
15	Boggart Hole Clough	M9 7DF	Bowls	Council	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council BCGBA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
15	Boggart Hole Clough	M9 7DF	Athletics	Council	One poor quality synthetic athletics track and field facility, available for community use and with sports lighting. Standard quality ancillary provision. The Council aspires to develop ancillary facilities across the site. There is a need to modify throwing cage to meet safety requirements. Sports lighting is poor and has several failings.	Explore the opportunity to resurface the track. Adjust throwing cage to meet safety requirements. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision and bring the facilities back to use. Look to improve the sports lighting and explore feasibility of replacing existing lights.	Council EA	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance

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15	Boggart Hole Clough	M9 7DF	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for MUGA investment.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	Council	Key centre	M	S-M	M	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
15	Boggart Hole Clough	M9 7DF	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
17	Bradford Park	M11 3AG	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for MUGA investment.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	Council BBE	Local	M	S-M	M	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
20	Broadhurst Park Playing Fields	M40 9GE	Football	Council	One adult pitch of poor quality and one youth 9v9 pitch of standard quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Adult pitch has potential spare capacity, although this is discounted due to poor pitch quality. Youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week. Previously, there has been up to an additional three adult pitches marked onsite. If required these three additional pitches could be brought back into use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
20	Broadhurst Park Playing Fields	M40 9GE	Cricket	Council	Two poor quality standalone NTP's. Both of which have recently been vandalised.	Explore the opportunity to replace existing NTP carpet where vandalised.	Council LCF ECB	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
21	Broadhurst Park Stadium	M40 0FJ	Football	Sports club	One good quality adult step stadia pitch. Used by FC United of Manchester (Step 3). One standard quality youth 11v11 and one good quality youth 9v9 pitch, which are part of the GPMF through Moston Juniors FC. Stadia pitch has potential spare capacity, although this spare capacity is discounted to protect step pitch. Youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity, whilst youth 9v9 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week. Ancillary provision of good quality. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch and changing room investment.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Continue maintenance regime through the GPMF. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	Sports club MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	M	S-M	M	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
21	Broadhurst Park Stadium	M40 0FJ	3G	Sports club	One standard quality full size (100x60m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. Pitch is FIFA compliant. Built/refurbished in 2015. The pitch supports training demand and match demand. Used as a central venue by the EMJFL on Saturday's. Most weekend spare capacity is on Sunday's.	Look to improve pitch quality with dedicated and enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Sports club MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

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						Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.						
22	Brookdale Park	M40 1PH	Tennis	Council	One poor quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of courts through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
22	Brookdale Park	M40 1PH	Bowls	Council	One standard quality crown green, and one disused crown green. Brookdale Park Vets BC aspire to have sports lighting installed.	Look to improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity. Protect disused green due to the potential that it may offer for meeting future needs.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L-M	Protect Enhance
22	Brookdale Park	M40 1PH	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
27	Cheetham Hill Cricket Club	M8 4HF	Football	Sports club	One good quality youth 11v11, overmarked with mini 7v7, one good quality youth 9v9 pitch. Youth 11v11 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. The Youth 9v9 pitch has potential spare capacity, though is played to capacity at peak time.  Due to being on an old cricket pitch, ground is compact and often holds surface water. Ancillary provision of standard quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Continue maintenance regime through the GPMF.	Sports club MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
27	Cheetham Hill Cricket Club	M8 4HF	Cricket	Sports club	Previously accommodated a grass square with 14 wickets. Cricket pavilion is a condemned building.	Look at providing one new non turf cricket wicket to address junior demand.	Sports club LCF ECB	Local	M	S-M	L	Protect Provide
27	Cheetham Hill Cricket Club	M8 4HF	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club BGCBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
28	Cheetham Park	M8 8BQ	Tennis	Council	One poor quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
28	Cheetham Park	M8 8BQ	MUGA	Council	Two poor quality MUGA's with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
29	Cheetwood Primary School	M8 8EJ	3G	Primary School	Three poor quality small sided (36x18m) 3G pitches, with sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Look to improve quality for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
33	Clayton Park	M11 4RU	Bowls	Council	One standard quality crown green.	Look to improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
33	Clayton Park	M11 4RU	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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34	Co-op Academy North Manchester	M9 7SS	3G	Academy	One poor quality full size (100x60m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. Pitch is on the FA 3G register. Built/refurbished in 2012. The pitch supports training demand and match demand.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
34	Co-op Academy North Manchester	M9 7SS	Football	Academy	Three standard quality adult pitches available for community use. Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
34	Co-op Academy North Manchester	M9 7SS	Tennis	Academy	Six good quality macadam courts with sports lighting, available for community use.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
37	Crumpsall Park	M8 5SA	Tennis	Council	One poor quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
37	Crumpsall Park	M8 5SA	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting. No basketball hoops.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
37	Crumpsall Park	M8 5SA	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
39	Dam Head Park	M9 6LR	Basketball	Council	Two poor quality basketball courts with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
42	Delemere Park	M11 1JY	Tennis	Council	One poor quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
42	Delemere Park	M11 1JY	Bowls	Council	Two good quality crown greens. Delemere Park BC highlights worries around sustainability of two green due to low membership numbers.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance. Monitor club membership to ensure it can sustain the use of two greens.	Council BCGBA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
42	Delemere Park	M11 1JY	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting. No basketball hoops.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BCGBA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
42	Delemere Park	M11 1JY	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BCGBA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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48	Eden Boys Leadership Academy Manchester	M8 8DT	3G	Academy	Three good quality small sided (1x 60x40m and 2x 38x20m) 3G pitches with no sports lighting and unavailable for community use.	Sustain quality and retain for school use.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
48	Eden Boys Leadership Academy Manchester	M8 8DT	MUGA	Academy	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Look to improve quality for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
56	Gaskell Street Park	M40 1WS	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
58	Goals Soccer Centre (Manchester)	M8 0AE	3G	Commercial	Eight standard quality small sided (2x 42x24m and 6x 30x20m) 3G pitches with sports lighting and available for community use. Pitches are used extensively for commercial small sided leagues.	Look to improve pitch quality with dedicated and enhanced maintenance regime. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Commercial MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
61	Harpurhey / Carrisbrook St Park	M9 5GJ	MUGA Basketball	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting. One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
63	Heaton Park	M25 2SW	Football	Council	One adult pitch of standard quality and two youth 11v11 pitches of standard quality. The Adult pitch is played to capacity, whilst the two youth 11v11 pitches are overplayed by one MES per week. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch and changing room investment.	Undertake PitchPower assessment to develop a programme of technical recommendations to support the improvement of pitch quality. Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance, in line with technical recommendations, to increase carrying capacity and reduce overplay. Explore opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary facilities onsite. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA FF LCF ECB BCGBA BE	Key centre	M	M	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
63	Heaton Park	M25 2SW	Cricket	Council	One good quality standalone NTP. Used to support All Stars, Dynamos and Last Man Stands match play demand.	Sustain NTP quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council LCF ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
63	Heaton Park	M25 2SW	Bowls	Council	Two standard quality crown greens and two poor quality flat greens. Standard quality ancillary provision.	Look to improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council BCGBA BE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
64	Herristone Road Park	M8 4PN	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
65	Hewlett Johnson Playing Fields	M11 4PS	Football	Council	Two youth 11v11 pitches of standard quality. Pitches have actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. Ancillary provision of standard quality.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA FF BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
65	Hewlett Johnson Playing Fields	M11 4PS	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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68	Higher Blackley Education Village - Our Lady's RC High School	M9 0RP	3G	Secondary School	One good quality full size (90x50m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, unavailable for community use. Pitch is on the FA 3G register. Built/refurbished in 2020. The pitch has previously been available for community use, however, the School withdrew this due to complaints from surround residents, it is now considered unavailable for community use.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Look to re-establish community use of the pitch.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF LTA	Local	M	M	L	Protect
68	Higher Blackley Education Village - Our Lady's RC High School	M9 0RP	Tennis	Secondary School	Two good quality macadam courts with no sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
72	Irk Valley Community School	M8 5XH	3G	School	One poor quality small sided (38x18m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Look to improve quality for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
72	Irk Valley Community School	M8 5XH	MUGA	School	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
77	Lees Street	M11 1WQ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
85	Etihad Campus	M11 4TQ	Football	Sports club	12 good quality adult pitches, one of which is an academy stadia pitch. Seven of the 12 pitches have sports lighting, and all are unavailable for community use. Site is the elite training ground of Manchester City FC.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance for elite sporting use.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
85	Etihad Campus	M11 4TQ	3G	Sports club	Three good quality full size 3G pitches, two of which are 110x74m whilst the final pitch is indoor. All pitches have sports lighting and are considered unavailable for community use. One outdoor pitch has FIFA 3G certification, whilst the other's FA 3G certification expired in May 2021. Site is the elite training ground of Manchester City FC.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance for elite sporting use. Ensure pitches are on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
86	Manchester City FC (Etihad Stadium)	M11 3FF	Football	Sports club	One good quality adult pitch. The elite stadia pitch for Manchester City FC.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance for elite sporting use.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
87	Manchester Communication Academy	M40 8NT	3G	Academy	One poor quality full size (95x45m) and one good quality full size (108x70m) 3G pitches with sports lighting and available for community use. The good quality pitch is on the FA 3G register. Poor quality pitch built in 2011 whereas good quality pitch was built in 2017. CUA agreement in place for use of the pitches and	Explore the opportunity to resurface poor quality 3G Pitch.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	H	S	H	Protect Enhance (LFFP)



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					teams using the site considered to have secure tenure. The good quality pitch supports training demand and match demand. The poor quality pitch supports training demand. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for 3G investment.							
87	Manchester Communication Academy	M40 8NT	MUGA	Academy	Two standard quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
92	Manchester Regional Arena	M11 3FF	Rugby league	Trust	One rugby league pitch has previously been marked on the grass area in the middle of the athletics track onsite. It was used by Manchester Rangers RLFC, however due to the team folding the grass area was no longer required and haven't been marked since. Due to the RFL headquarters proposed relocation to the site, there are plans to re-establish use of the grass area.	Explore the opportunity to maintain, mark and utilise a rugby league pitch if required for activity within the City.	Trust RFL	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Provide
92	Manchester Regional Arena	M11 3FF	Athletics	Trust	One good quality eight lane synthetic athletics track and field facility, with sports lighting and available for community use. Sports lighting on the track has started to fail, and there is a need to repair and replace as the lux levels do not currently meet the required level to host certain championship events. The Centre aspires to improve ancillary facilities onsite in partnership with the RFL and its relocation in 2022. There is also a 200m indoor track onsite.	Sustain track quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision. Prioritise upgrading sports lighting to meet lux level requirements to host championship events.	Trust EA	Key centre	H	S	L-M	Protect Enhance
93	Manchester Tennis And Football Centre	M11 3DU	3G	Trust	Three standard quality small sided (38x22m) 3G pitches with sports lighting, available for community use. Pitches support training and small sided recreational demand.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Trust MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
93	Manchester Tennis And Football Centre	M11 3DU	Tennis	Trust	Four good quality macadam courts with sports lighting, available for community use. The Centre aspires to upgrade sports lighting to LED bulbs and plans to update changing facilities to bring them up to good quality. To extend the usage of the outdoor courts, it is looking to develop a	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision. Explore the opportunity to upgrade sports lighting with LED bulbs. Explore feasibility to develop bubble dome structure over outdoor courts, to utilise courts throughout winter months.	Trust LTA	Local	M	M	L-M	Protect Enhance provide

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					bubble dome to cover the courts during the winter months.							
94	Manchester Youth Zone	M9 8AE	3G	Council	One standard quality small sided (32x16m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
100	New Moston Primary School	M40 3QJ	AGP	School	One good quality small sided (44x24m) sand filled AGP with no sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Sustain quality for continued school use.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
102	Newton Heath Cricket Club	M40 1GB	Cricket	Sports club	One poor quality grass square which consists of 12 senior wickets. Ancillary provision of good quality. There are no training facilities onsite, Newton Heath CC export demand to Woodhouses CC (Oldham) for training. Senior wickets are overplayed by 11 MES per season. Grass square is considered to be of poor quality due to low level of maintenance, there is no dedicated groundsman and volunteers have limited time to prepare match wickets, resulting in the wickets not playing to the required standard during matches. Ancillary provision has been subject to multiple acts of vandalism in recent years.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports club LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
103	North Manchester Rugby Club	M40 5SH	Rugby union	Sports club	Two senior rugby union pitches of M0/ D1 (Poor) quality. One pitch has partial sports lighting and supports training demand. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Pitch with sports lighting is overplayed by one MES per week. Whilst pitch with no sports lighting has potential spare capacity of 0.5 MES per week, however the pitch is utilised fully at peak time, and therefore has no actual spare capacity. North Manchester RUFC is coming to the end of its 25 year lease onsite, it is currently in the process of trying to renew this lease with the land owner. Work has recently been undertaken on the ancillary provision onsite, there is further work that is planned and required to improve the quality further.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure and support club with the renewal of its lease. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision.	Sports club RFU	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance

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105	Nuthurst Road Park	M40 3PJ	Tennis	Council	One poor quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
105	Nuthurst Road Park	M40 3PJ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council LTA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
108	Openshaw AEU Club	M11 1EZ	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality crown green. Openshaw AEU BC reports additional maintenance equipment is required to improve the quality of the green.	Look to improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to support club with added maintenance equipment.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
109	Openshaw Park	M11 2JJ	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality. No dedicated ancillary provision onsite. Youth 11v11 pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary facilities onsite.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide
109	Openshaw Park	M11 2JJ	Tennis	Council	One poor quality macadam court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
109	Openshaw Park	M11 2JJ	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
109	Openshaw Park	M11 2JJ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
110	Orford Road Playing Fields	M40 2SE	Football	Council	One adult pitch of standard quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Adult pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. Newton Heath Locos FC has had issues with the league over poor quality ancillary provision, it aspires to have the current changing block replaced, as this would improve the ancillary provision onsite.	Improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Prioritise the improvement or replacement of ancillary facilities onsite, to ensure they are of a sufficient quality for competitive match demand.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF BBE	Local	M	M	L-M	Protect Enhance
110	Orford Road Playing Fields	M40 2SE	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
110	Orford Road Playing Fields	M40 2SE	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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113	Park View Community School	M40 7EJ	3G	School	One standard quality small sided (64x44m) 3G pitch with no sports lighting and unavailable for community use.	Look to improve quality for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
113	Park View Community School	M40 7EJ	Tennis	School	One standard quality polymeric court with no sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
118	Philips Park	M11 4DQ	Bowls	Council	One disused bowling green.	Protect green due to the potential that it may offer for meeting future needs.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
118	Philips Park	M11 4DQ	MUGA		One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
119	Plant Hill Park	M9 6NP	Football	Council	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch which are unmarked. The goalposts are currently installed, however are not maintained for competitive football. Blackley FC Manchester aspires to have the site as its home pitches as its team's progress and require home pitches once too old for central venue play.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use. In the longer-term look to work with Blackley FC Manchester as younger age group teams progress and require a home venue for match demand.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	M	M	L	Protect Provide
119	Plant Hill Park	M9 6NP	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
126	Sandywell Millenium Green	M11 1AZ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
127	Scotland Hall Road Park	M40 2RJ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for MUGA investment.	Upgrade Multi Use Games Area to include installation of Lighting as part of a National Playzone Pilot.	Council BBE	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
128	Simpson Memorial	M40 9NB	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
132	Sporting Edge Community Sports Centre	M11 1GN	3G	Community organisation	One standard quality small sided (55x34m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. The pitch supports training demand and small sided recreational demand.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Community organisation MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
136	St Matthews Roman Catholic High School	M40 0EW	3G	Secondary School	One standard quality full size (100x60m) 3G pitch with sports lighting and available for community use. Pitch is on the FA 3G register. Built/refurbished in 2014.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
136	St Matthews Roman Catholic High School	M40 0EW	Tennis	Secondary School	One standard quality macadam court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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						Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.						
141	Talgarth Road	M40 7QA	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
143	Ten Acres Lane Sports Complex	M40 2SP	3G	Trust	One standard quality full size (100x62m) 3G pitch with sports lighting and available for community use. Pitch is on the FA 3G register. Built/refurbished in 2014. The pitch supports training demand and match demand. Used as a central venue by the EMJFL	Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	Trust MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
146	The Co-Operative Academy Of Manchester	M9 0WQ	3G	Academy	One good quality full size (91x55m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. Built/refurbished in 2016. The pitch supports training demand and match demand.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect
146	The Co-Operative Academy Of Manchester	M9 0WQ	Rugby union	Academy	One junior rugby union pitch of M0/D1 (Poor) quality. The pitch is unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use and seek to improve quality where possible.	School RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect
146	The Co-Operative Academy Of Manchester	M9 0WQ	MUGA	Academy	Two poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
147	The East Manchester Academy	M11 3DS	3G	Academy	One poor quality full size (100x60m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, unavailable for community use. Built/refurbished in 2010.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Look to establish community use of the pitch to support affiliated football team training.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF RFL RFU	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
147	The East Manchester Academy	M11 3DS	Cricket		One poor quality standalone NTP, unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School LCF ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
147	The East Manchester Academy	M11 3DS	Rugby league/ union		Previously marked with a senior rugby union pitch which is now part of the development of the Our League Life National Centre (OLL Hub) by RFL, as part of the nearby head office relocation to Manchester Regional Arena. The project consists of the demolition of an existing building onsite and construction of the hub, including classrooms and seminar	Explore the opportunity to develop the pitch and adjoining facilities with the RFL for rugby league use.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF LCF ECB RFL RFU	Key centre	M	L-M	H	Protect Provide



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					rooms, offices, kitchen facilities, changing facilities and toilets, 900 seat spectator stand, community room etc. The project would also include changing of the existing rugby union pitch for rugby league use and erection of boundary treatments and six sports lighting pylons.							
147	The East Manchester Academy	M11 3DS	MUGA		One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
154	Tweedle Hill Park	M9 8LQ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
155	Cheetwood Playing Fields North (Unity Community Primary)	M7 4YE	Grass area (Disused)	School	Grass area to the south of Unity Community Primary School – Previously known as Cheetwood Playing Fields (North), previously managed and maintained by the Council but now transferred for housing development and is disused.	Ensure appropriate mitigating provision/monies is provided to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy.	School Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect
164	Whitehouse Bowling Club	M8 4JZ	Bowls/ Football (Disused)	Sports club	Previously included adult football pitch and bowling green. The site in its entirety has now not been maintained since c2016. Full planning permission was granted for a hybrid application including residential development. Works have commenced on the social club and mitigation for the bowling green has been paid to the City Council. The applicant now intends to make a full application for the residential development. Should the Council grant planning permission, this will be subject to a new Section 106 (s106) agreement to secure the amount which relates to the playing fields.	The site should be protected from development until all demand is met (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy), as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF BCGBA BE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
183	Heaton Park Golf Club	M25 2SW	Golf	Council	18 Hole golf course, nine bay driving range, pitch & putt course and putting/chipping areas of standard quality. The course is considered to be managed under a municipal model and offers pay and play opportunities.	Look to improve course quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
188	Smedley Lane Playing Fields	M8 0QF	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 and one mini 7v7 of standard quality. One youth 9v9 pitch overmarked inside youth 11v11 pitch. No ancillary provision onsite. Youth 11v11 pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time. Mini 7v7 pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary facilities onsite.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance Provide
188	Smedley Lane Playing Fields	M8 0QF	Cricket	Council	One standard quality standalone NTP. Utilised for All Stars and Dynamos Cricket.	Look to improve NTP quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
188	Smedley Lane Playing Fields	M8 0QF	Basketball	Council	One standard quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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190	Moston Valley	M9 4PA	Football	Sports club	One youth 11v11 pitch of poor quality. No ancillary provision onsite. Pitch is overplayed 0.5 MES per week.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary facilities onsite.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance Provide
191	Lower Crumpsall Recreation	M8 5XF	Football	Council	One unmarked youth 11v11 pitch. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
197	Eggington St Park	M40 7SB	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
198	Broadhurst Park	M40 0FJ	Tennis	Council	One poor quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
198	Broadhurst Park	M40 0FJ	Bowls	Council	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
198	Broadhurst Park	M40 0FJ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
202	Clayton Vale Park	M11 4WR	Football (Disused)	Council	Long disused pitch within a park setting, directly east of St Willibrord's Catholic Primary School. Owned by the Council but aerial imagery suggests not maintained since c2000.	The site should be protected from development until all demand is met (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy), as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
204	The Manchester College Openshaw Campus	M11 2WH	3G	College	A full size 3G pitch with associated sports lighting is to be built (Sept 2022). This is a like for like replacement for the pitch at The Manchester College (Nicholls Community Football Centre), which was developed with FF funding support, including meeting relevant framework specification / CUA / T&Cs. This is taking places as part of an estate's consolidation by the College.	Re-provide One Full Size 3G pitch as a like for like replacement for The Manchester College - Nicholls Community Football Centre. Secure, Monitor and Implement a Community Use Agreement.	College MFA/LFA/C FA FF	Local	H	S	H  L	Provide
210	Collyhurst Park	M40 8LP	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
211	Bothwell Road	M40 7NY	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
212	Riverdale Road	M9 8GH	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
213	David Lewis Rec	M9 8AH	MUGA	Council	Two poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
214	Earby Grove	M9 6LL	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
215	Lathbury Road	M9 5GF	MUGA	Council	Two standard quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
216	Narborough Walk	M40 7TD	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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217	Victoria Mill Park	M40 7DB	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
218	Alcester Walk	M40 7DB	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
219	Sawley Road	M40 8DW	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
220	Andrew Road	M9 8AL	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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#### 6.8: Central Analysis Area

Table 6.4: Quantitative headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2031)
Football (grass)	Central	Adult	Spare capacity of 2.5	Shortfall of 1
Football (grass)	Central	Youth 11v11	Shortfall of 0.5	Shortfall of 3
Football (grass)	Central	Youth 9v9	At capacity	Shortfall of 0.5
Football (grass)	Central	Mini 7v7	At capacity	Shortfall of 2.5
Football (grass)	Central	Mini 5v5	N/A	N/A
Football (3G pitches)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting	Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.	Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.
Cricket	Central	Senior grass cricket wickets	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby union	Central	Senior	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby league	Manchester	Provision	Spare capacity	Potential shortfall of grass pitches based on growth ambitions.
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting.	Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.	Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.
Tennis	Manchester	Courts	Shortfall	Shortfall
Bowls	Manchester	Greens	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Athletics	Manchester	Tracks	Sufficient quantity, but quality issues	Sufficient quantity, but quality issues
Golf	Manchester	Courses	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Other sports	Manchester	Provision	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

Table 6.5: Central Area action plan

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>21</sup>	Cost <sup>22</sup>	Aim
1	Abbey Hey Playing Field	M18 8WU	Football	Sports club	One unmarked youth 11v11 pitch. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
2	Abbey Stadium	M18 7HD	Football	Sports club	One adult pitch of standard quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES per season. Abbey Hey FC reports it aspires to update the clubhouse and other ancillary provision on site, to improve the outdated facilities.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	M	L-M	Protect Enhance
7	Barrack Park	M15 4ER	Football	Council	One adult pitch of standard quality. No dedicated ancillary provision onsite. Pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES per season.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary facilities onsite.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF BBE	Local	L	L	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide
7	Barrack Park	M15 4ER	MUGA		One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
9	Belle Vue Sports Village (National Basketball Performance Centre)	M12 4TF	3G	Trust	Two standard quality full size 3G pitches, with sports lighting and available for community use. Built in 2015 and 2016. Used as a central venue by the EMJFL. The stadium pitch inside the speedway track (88x62m) is on the FA 3G register. The top pitch (100x60m) is on the FA 3G register and is also RFL compliant. Ancillary provision of good quality. The stadium pitch supports training and match demand for football and American football. The top pitch supports training and match demand for football and rugby union/league. The stadium pitch is used as a home base for matches and training by Manchester Titans American Football. The Club has temporary spray pitch markings. Due to the BAFA changing guidelines for the 2023 season, there is a need to install rugby post foundations on the outer edge of the 3G pitch in order for the pitch to be of recommended size.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitches are on the 3G/RFL registers so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Explore the opportunity to adapt the speedway track pitch to cater for future American football demand through installing foundations to allow location of goalposts to change. In addition, explore potential of adding permanent line markings on the pitch for American football.	Trust MFA/LFA/ CFA FF RFU RFL BAFA	Key centre	M	S	L	Protect Enhance

<sup>21</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>22</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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12	Birchfields Park	M14 5JU	Cricket	Council	One standalone NTP of poor quality. Utilised for Dynamos Cricket.	Look to improve NTP quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
12	Birchfields Park	M14 5JU	MUGA		One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
12	Birchfields Park	M14 5JU	Basketball		One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
25	Cedar Mount Academy	M18 7DT	3G	Academy	One poor quality full size (95x55m) 3G pitch with sports lighting. Built/refurbished in 2009. The pitch supports training demand and match demand. Used as a central venue by the MRJFL.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
26	Chapman Street Park (King George V Park - Gorton)	M18 8WQ	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 pitch of poor quality. No dedicated ancillary provision onsite. Youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. West Gorton JFC is currently working with MCR Active to establish a lease for the pitch. It is currently maintaining the pitch and plans to continue investment into it to improve the quality.	Explore opportunities to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary facilities onsite. Look to establish alternative management arrangement onsite with anchor club West Gorton JFC.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF BBE	Local	H	S-M	L-M	Protect Enhance
26	Chapman Street Park (King George V Park - Gorton)	M18 8WQ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
35	Cringle Park	M19 2QP	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality macadam courts with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA BBE	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
35	Cringle Park	M19 2QP	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council LTA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
35	Cringle Park	M19 2QP	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council LTA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
36	Crowcroft Park	M12 4QE	Bowls	Council	One disused bowling green.	Protect green due to the potential that it may offer for meeting future needs.	Council BCGBA BE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
36	Crowcroft Park	M12 4QE	MUGA		Two standard quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
36	Crowcroft Park	M12 4QE	Basketball		One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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40	Dean Trust Ardwick Academy	M13 0LF	Football	Academy	One good quality full size (106x70m) 3G pitch with sports lighting. Built/refurbished in 2016. Used as a central venue by the EMJFL and on the FA 3G register. CUA agreement in place for use of the pitches and teams using the site considered to have secure tenure. The pitch supports training demand and match demand.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
40	Dean Trust Ardwick Academy	M13 0LF	MUGA	Academy	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
41	Debdale Park	M18 7LJ	Football	Council	One unmarked adult pitch. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
41	Debdale Park	M18 7LJ	Tennis	Council	Three good quality concrete courts with no sports lighting and available for community use.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use.	Council LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
41	Debdale Park	M18 7LJ	Bowls	Council	Two good quality crown greens.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
41	Debdale Park	M18 7LJ	Basketball	Council	One good quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
43	Denmark Road Sports Centre	M15 6FG	3G	Trust	Three standard quality small sided (34x24m) 3G pitches with sports lighting and available for community use. Pitches support training demand and small sided recreational demand.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Trust MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
53	Fallowfields	M14 6PF	Football	School	One adult pitch of standard quality. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
53	Fallowfields	M14 6PF	Rugby union	School	Two junior pitches of M0/D1 (Poor) quality, which is unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
55	Gartside Gardens	M13 9WN	Tennis	Council	One standard quality macadam court with no sports lighting and available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
55	Gartside Gardens	M13 9WN	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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59	Gorton Park	M18 8AE	Football	Council	One unmarked adult pitch. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
59	Gorton Park	M18 8AE	MUGA		One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
60	Greenbank Park	M19 3ER	Tennis	Council	Two good quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
60	Greenbank Park	M19 3ER	Bowls	Council	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
60	Greenbank Park	M19 3ER	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
60	Greenbank Park	M19 3ER	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
66	Hideout Youth Zone	M12 5PX	3G	Community organisation	One standard quality small sided (30x18m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Retain for use by community organisation.	Community organisation MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
67	High Bank Park	M18 8US	Bowls	Council	One good quality crown green and one disused crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance. Protect green due to the potential that it may offer for meeting future needs.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
71	Hulme Park	M15 5EF	Football	Council	One unmarked adult pitch. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
71	Hulme Park	M15 5EF	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
78	Levenshulme Cricket Club	M19 3JG	Football/ Cricket (Disused)	Council	Disused playing field site, last utilised as a football (90m) pitch. Levenshulme Football Club previously surrendered the lease agreement and site returned to Council management. Prior to its use for football, the site was used for cricket and had a natural turf cricket square until c2000.	The site should be protected from development until all demand is met (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy), as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
81	Longsight Bowling Club	M12 5GZ	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality crown green. Longsight BC reports moss growth on the green due to lack of maintenance.	Look to improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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					Longsight BC aspires to develop sports lighting on the green, however in the past it has had opposition from neighbours.	Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.						
84	Manchester Academy	M14 4PX	Football	Academy	One standard quality adult pitch, unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
84	Manchester Academy	M14 4PX	3G	Academy	One poor quality full size (100x60m) 3G pitch. Built/refurbished in 2008. The School has recently withdrawn community use due to poor pitch quality. In August 2021 the School was awarded FF funding to resurface the pitch, once this resurfacing has taken place the pitch will reopen for community use. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for 3G investment.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure resurfacing of the pitch is completed and community use is reinstated. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	M	S	M	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
84	Manchester Academy	M14 4PX	MUGA	Academy	Two standard quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
96	Mellands Fields	M18 7SW	Grass playing field (Disused)	Private	Currently disused since approx. 2019. Previously had up to 12 football pitches of various sizes marked across the site (at last use had 5 pitches marked out). The site is managed by the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Manchester. The playing field is no longer maintained and is overgrown, whilst the sports hall building containing the changing and toilet facilities was demolished. The community organisation previously reported aspirations for a 3G pitch on the site. Site is also identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch investment.	Further investigate the feasibility of bringing the site back into use to meet shortfalls in the area. Any loss of the site would need to be fully mitigated to meet Sport England Playing Field Policy.	Private MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Disused (could be a Hub)	L-M	L	H	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
99	Moss Side Powerhouse Park	M14 4SL	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
121	Powerleague (Manchester Central)	M12 4JD	3G	Commercial	12 good quality small sided (1x 34x24m, 2x 46x34m and 9x 32x22m) 3G pitches, with sports lighting and available for community use. Used extensively for commercial small sided leagues.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Commercial MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
124	Rushford Park	M19 2AH	Football	Trust	One adult pitch of standard quality played to capacity. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Manchester Youth Academy currently operates the site and aspires to	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the potential of improving and developing ancillary provision,	Trust MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance

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					resurface the car park. It also has plans to develop the ancillary provision, at present the clubhouse has communal showers, however, the Trust wishes to install self contained cubicle showers inside each changing room.	prioritising shower and car park facilities.						
124	Rushford Park	M19 2AH	3G	Trust	Two standard quality small sided (34x20m) 3G pitches and three good quality small sided (2x 34x20 & 1x 50x30m) 3G pitches, all with sports lighting and available for community use. All pitches support training demand and small sided recreational demand.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Trust MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
139	Stanley Grove Primary Academy	M12 4NL	3G	Academy	One standard quality small sided (60x40m) 3G pitch with sports lighting and unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
140	Sugden Sports Centre	M1 7HL	3G	Trust	One standard quality small sided (30x20m) 3G pitch with sports lighting and available for community use. Pitch supports training demand and small sided recreational demand.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Trust MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
150	The Manchester College (Nicholls Community Football Centre)	M12 6BA	3G	College	One poor quality full size (92x55m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. Built/refurbished in 2005. The pitch was developed with FF Funding support, including meeting relevant framework specifications / CUAs / T&Cs. Site is to close as part of an estate's consolidation by the College. Pitch is to be replaced by new provision located at The Manchester College Openshaw Campus.	Create the pitch as a like for like replacement for the one at The Manchester College (Nicholls Community Football Centre) at The Manchester College Openshaw Campus. The new pitch must meet all the relevant framework specifications from the original pitch required from FF funding such as CUA / T&Cs.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	H	S	H	Provide
151	The Manchester Grammar School	M13 0XT	Football	Grammar School	Two adult and two youth 11v11 pitches of good quality, unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
151	The Manchester Grammar School	M13 0XT	Cricket	Grammar School	Two good quality grass cricket squares one with 10 senior wickets one with seven senior wickets. One good quality standalone NTP. All unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School LCF, ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
151	The Manchester Grammar School	M13 0XT	Rugby union	Grammar School	Two junior rugby union pitches of M1/D1 (Standard) quality. Unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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151	The Manchester Grammar School	M13 0XT	AGP	Grammar School	One good quality full size (91x55m) water based AGP, one good quality small sided (66x53m) sand dressed AGP. Both with sports lighting and unavailable for community use. Small sided pitch overmarked with six tennis courts.	Retain for school use and improve the quality of maintenance where possible.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
151	The Manchester Grammar School	M13 0XT	Tennis	Grammar School	Three good quality macadam courts with sports lighting unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
153	Trinity Sports Centre	M15 6HP	3G	Secondary School	One good quality full size (105x60m) 3G pitch with sports lighting and available for community use. Built/refurbished in 2018. Pitch is a FIFA compliant 3G and WR compliant pitch. Two good quality small sided (32x22m) 3G pitches, with sports lighting and available for community use. Full size pitch supports training demand and small sided recreational demand.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Seek to gain greater access for rugby union teams for training in order to alleviate grass pitch overplay.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect
153	Trinity Sports Centre	M15 6HP	MUGA	Secondary School	Two poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
157	Webster Primary School	M15 6JU	AGP	School	One poor quality small sided (30x18m) sand filled AGP with no sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Look to improve quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
157	Webster Primary School	M15 6JU	MUGA	School	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
159	West Gorton Playing Field	M18 7NJ	Football	Sports club	One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality. No dedicated ancillary provision. Youth 11v11 pitch is overmarked with one mini 7v7 pitch. Youth 11v11 pitch is played to capacity. West Gorton JFC has plans to develop a small changing block onsite, however at present it is looking at the best feasible location within the constrained site. West Gorton JFC is currently developing an application for the GPMF.	Explore opportunities to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop dedicated ancillary facilities onsite.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	H	S	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide



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169	Wright Robinson Leisure	M18 8RL	Football	College	Two adult pitches of good quality. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitches have actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
169	Wright Robinson Leisure	M18 8RL	3G	College	Two good quality and one standard quality full size (100x60m) 3G pitches, all with sports lighting and available for community use. Good quality pitches built in 2018 with the standard quality pitch was built in 2014. One pitch is on the FA 3G register whilst the remaining two's certification expired in April 2021. All pitches are fully utilised both during the week and at weekends, the pitches are a key central venue for the EMJFL.	Look to improve and sustain 3G pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Key centre	H	S	L	Protect Enhance
169	Wright Robinson Leisure	M18 8RL	Cricket	College	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Retain for school use.	School LCF, ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
169	Wright Robinson Leisure	M18 8RL	Tennis	College	Eight good quality macadam courts with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	School LTA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
169	Wright Robinson Leisure	M18 8RL	MUGA	College	Five poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
177	Greenbank Playing Fields	M19 3EU	Cricket	Council	Two good quality standalone NTP's.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
177	Greenbank Playing Fields	M19 3EU	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
178	Birchfields Primary School	M14 6PL	Cricket	Primary School	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Retain for school use.	School LCF, ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
186	Soccer in the City	M3 4JH	3G	Commercial	Two standard quality small sided, indoor 3G pitches, available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
189	Bold Street Sports Ground	M15 5QH	Football	College	Two adult pitches of poor quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Adult pitches are played to capacity.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
192	Annie Lees Park	M18 7GS	Football	Council	One unmarked adult pitch. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring square back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
195	MEA Central	M14 6PL	3G	Academy	One good quality small sided (80x44m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. The pitch has a shock pad however has not been tested to become WR compliant.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF RFU	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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						Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Look to rest for WR compliance, to support training demand for rugby union. Ensure pitch is tested for WR compliant status to allow community use for rugby union training.						
206	Basildon Road	M13 9AR	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
207	Rutherford Ave	M14 4DU	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
208	Botham Close	M15 6NJ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
209	Wonderland Park	M12 4NP	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
225	St George's Park	M15 4ER	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
226	Great Southern Street	M14 4HH	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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#### 6.9: South Analysis Area

Table 6.6: Quantitative headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2031)
Football (grass)	South	Adult	Spare capacity of 9.5	Spare capacity of 7.5
Football (grass)	South	Youth 11v11	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 3.5</b>
Football (grass)	South	Youth 9v9	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>
Football (grass)	South	Mini 7v7	Spare capacity of 5	Spare capacity of 5
Football (grass)	South	Mini 5v5	N/A	N/A
Football (3G pitches)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting	<b>Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.</b>	<b>Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.</b>
Cricket	South	Senior grass cricket wickets	<b>Shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions a season.</b>	<b>Shortfall of 26 match equivalent sessions a season.</b>
Rugby union	South	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 7</b>	<b>Shortfall of 9</b>
Rugby league	Manchester	Provision	Spare capacity	<b>Potential shortfall of grass pitches based on growth ambitions.</b>
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting.	<b>Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.</b>	<b>Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.</b>
Tennis	Manchester	Courts	<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>Shortfall</b>
Bowls	Manchester	Greens	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Athletics	Manchester	Tracks	Sufficient quantity, <b>but quality issues</b>	Sufficient quantity, <b>but quality issues</b>
Golf	Manchester	Courses	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Other sports	Manchester	Provision	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

Table 6.7: South Area action plan

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>23</sup>	Cost <sup>24</sup>	Aim
5	Alexandra Park	M16 8PJ	Football	Council	One adult pitch of standard quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Adult pitch has actually spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF LCF ECB LTA BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
5	Alexandra Park	M16 8PJ	Cricket	Council	One standard quality grass square with seven senior wickets, three junior wickets and one NTP. The senior wickets are overplayed by 11 MES per season, the junior wickets are overplayed by six MES per season. Site is used actively for Last Man Stands. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Friends Sporting CC and Friends United CC aspire to develop a lease to enable it to invest and develop the facilities onsite including dedicated women's and girls' changing facilities. The pitch has suffered from vandalism and unofficial use.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop an agreement onsite for Friends Sporting CC and Friends United CC, which would allow clubs to access funding to invest in and improve facilities. Explore the potential in developing dedicated women's and girls' changing facilities.	Council LCF ECB	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
5	Alexandra Park	M16 8PJ	Tennis	Council	Four good quality macadam courts, with sports lighting, available for community use. LTA gate access is installed onsite.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council LTA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
5	Alexandra Park	M16 8PJ	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
16	Bowling Green Hotel	M21 9ES	Bowls	Private	One good quality crown green. Bowling Green Hotel BC has applied for funding to develop two additional shelters alongside the green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop two shelters alongside the green.	Private BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Provide
18	Brantingham Road	M21 0UX	Football	College (St Bede's)	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. All pitches have potential spare capacity, although are discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to secure tenure for teams onsite through CUA.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
18	Brantingham Road	M21 0UX	AGP	College (St Bede's)	One poor quality full size (91x55m) sand filled AGP with sports lighting. Pitch is currently out of use due to poor quality. The pitch is due to resurfaced over the 2022 summer and will be available for community use again for the 2022/23 hockey season.	Secure community access to the Sand filled AGP for community hockey clubs.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF EH	Local	H	S	L	Protect

<sup>23</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>24</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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					<i>Since the initial version of the Strategy &amp; Action Plan the pitch has been refurbished.</i>							
19	Broad Oak Primary School	M20 5QB	Football	Primary School	One youth 9v9 of poor quality. No dedicated ancillary provision onsite. Pitch has potential spare capacity, which is discounted due to poor quality and unsecure tenure.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to secure tenure for teams onsite through CUA.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
23	Broughton Park FC	M21 7TL	3G	Sports club	One poor quality small sided (60x40m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. FA 3G certification expired in May 2021. Pitch supports rugby training demand.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Sports club RFU MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Key centre	L	L	M	Protect Enhance
23	Broughton Park FC	M21 7TL	Rugby union	Sports club	One senior rugby union pitch of M1/D3 (Good) quality with sports lighting. Ancillary provision of good quality. Pitch has potential spare capacity, however, has no spare capacity at peak time. Broughton Park RUFC aspires to develop the patio and outdoor seating area onsite. There is also a requirement to develop changing rooms with self contained toilets and specific male/female and senior/junior changing rooms. In addition, the Club is working on developing links with local GAA clubs and the Diane Modhl foundation and developing a multi sport facility onsite, with the development of an indoor centre.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop ancillary provision and other facilities onsite through partnership with local GAA clubs and the Diana Modhl Foundation.	Sports club RFU MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Key centre	L	L	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
24	Burnage Academy For Boys	M19 1ER	Football	Academy	Two youth 11v11 pitches of poor quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Pitches have potential spare capacity, which is discounted due to poor pitch quality and unsecure tenure.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to secure tenure for teams onsite through CUA.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
24	Burnage Academy For Boys	M19 1ER	3G	Academy	One poor quality small sided (60x40m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. The pitch supports training demand and small sided recreational demand.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	M	Protect Enhance

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24	Burnage Academy For Boys	M19 1ER	Cricket	Academy	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Retain for school use.	School LCF, ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
30	Chorlton High School	M21 7SL	3G	Secondary School	One poor quality full size (100x60m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. Built/refurbished in 2010. On the FA 3G register. CUA agreement in place for use of the pitches and teams using the site considered to have secure tenure. The pitch supports training demand. Pitch is due to be surfaced in the summer of 2022.	Ensure pitch is resurfaced and then maintained to sustain pitch quality. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
31	Chorlton Park	M21 7SJ	Football	Council	Two youth 11v11 and two mini 7v7 pitches of standard quality, one youth 9v9 pitch of poor quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Youth 11v11 pitches have actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. Youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity. Mini 7v7 pitches have actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
31	Chorlton Park	M21 7SJ	Cricket	Council	One poor quality standalone NTP. Pitch has been vandalised in recent months.	Explore the opportunity to replace existing NTP carpet where vandalised.	Council LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
31	Chorlton Park	M21 7SJ	Tennis	Council	Four standard quality concrete courts with sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required.	Council LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
31	Chorlton Park	M21 7SJ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
31	Chorlton Park	M21 7SJ	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
32	Chorlton Sports And Social Club	M21 7LZ	Football	Sports club	One adult pitch of standard quality, one adult pitch and one mini 7v7 of poor quality. Standard quality adult pitch overmarked with youth 9v9 pitch. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Both adult pitches played to capacity. Mini 7v7 pitch has potential spare capacity, which is discounted due to poor pitch quality. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch investment.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
44	Didsbury Cricket Club	M20 2ZY	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality grass square which consists of 12 senior wickets, three junior wickets and one NTP. Ancillary provision of good quality. Four lane net facility. Used by Didsbury CC and Cheshire CCC. Senior wickets are overplayed by 3 MES per season. Junior wickets are	Look to monitor and understand the impact the hybrid wickets could have on the site's capacity, it is suggested that it could potentially alleviate all the overplay on both junior and senior wickets. This is based on the assumption that more senior demand can take place on the hybrid wickets	Sports club LCF ECB EL	Key centre	M	M	L	Protect Enhance Provide

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					overplayed by 29 MES per season. Didsbury Cricket Club is now in the process of installing two hybrid wickets (2022). The Club also aspires to develop clubhouse roof and patio area.	allowing for the outer senior wickets to be used/converted for junior demand. Explore the potential to develop clubhouse roof and patio area.						
44	Didsbury Cricket Club	M20 2ZY	Lacrosse	Sorts club	Two good quality grass men lacrosse pitches. Ancillary provision of good quality.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club LCF, ECB EL	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
45	Didsbury Lawn Tennis Club	M20 5GQ	Tennis	Sports club	One good quality macadam junior court with no sports lighting and four good quality artificial turf courts with sports lighting and available for community use. The Club plans to resurface the artificial turf courts in the coming years, as they are coming to the end of their lifespan.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface courts when required.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	M	M	Protect Enhance
46	Didsbury Park	M20 5LS	Football	Council	One mini 7v7 pitch of good quality. No dedicated ancillary provision. Mini 7v7 pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
46	Didsbury Park	M20 5LS	Bowls	Council	One standard quality crown green and one disused crown green.	Look to improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Protect green due to the potential that it may offer for meeting future needs.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
47	Didsbury Sports Ground	M20 2RU	Football	Trust	Two adult pitches of standard quality. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. Didsbury FC reports the site has a lack of female changing facilities and plans to develop dedicated provision in the coming years.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance, in line with technical recommendations, to increase carrying capacity and reduce overplay. Continue maintenance regime through the GPMF. Explore the potential in developing dedicated women's and girls' changing facilities.	Trust MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Key centre	L	M	L-M	Protect Enhance
47	Didsbury Sports Ground	M20 2RU	Cricket	Trust	Two standard quality standalone NTP's. The site previously maintained a seven wicket grass square. The NTP's are actively used for Last Man Stands and GMAL.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Trust LCF ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
47	Didsbury Sports Ground	M20 2RU	Rugby union	Trust	Two senior rugby union pitches of M0/D1 (Poor) quality. One pitch currently unused due to manhole cover in the centre of the pitch. Ancillary provision of good quality. The pitches are overplayed by 1.25 MES per week. Overarching sports club has plans to develop female changing facilities.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the potential in developing dedicated women's and girls' changing facilities.	Trust RFU	Key centre	L	M	L-M	Protect Enhance
52	Fallowfield Bowling & Lawn Tennis Club	M14 6BN	Tennis	Sports club	Three good quality artificial turf courts with sports lighting and available for community use. Ancillary provision of poor quality.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the potential in improving ancillary facilities.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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					Fallowfield LTC has plans to develop ancillary provision onsite which is currently not utilised due to poor quality. The courts get significant additional use from pay & play and university teams.							
52	Fallowfield Bowling & Lawn Tennis Club	M14 6BN	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality crown green.	Look to improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
54	Fog Lane Park	M20 6SF	Football	Council	Four adult pitches of standard quality. No dedicated ancillary provision. Adult pitches have actual spare capacity of two MES at peak time. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch and changing room investment.	Explore opportunities to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to improve quality of changing facilities onsite. Consider establishing alternative management arrangement onsite with anchor club/s.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Key centre	H	S-M	M	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
54	Fog Lane Park	M20 6SF	Cricket	Council	One poor quality standalone NTP. Pitch has been victim of vandalism with burnt areas on the carpet.	Explore the opportunity to replace existing NTP carpet where vandalised.	Council LCF ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
54	Fog Lane Park	M20 6SF	Tennis	Council	Two poor and two standard quality macadam courts with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Key centre	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
54	Fog Lane Park	M20 6SF	Bowls	Council	One disused bowling green.	Protect green due to the potential that it may offer for meeting future needs.	Council BCGBA BE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
54	Fog Lane Park	M20 6SF	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
54	Fog Lane Park	M20 6SF	Basketball	Council	One standard quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
73	Kd Grammar School For Boys	M16 8NH	3G	Grammar School	One standard quality small sided (36x32m) 3G pitch with no sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
74	Kingswood Park	M14 6GG	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality concrete courts with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
74	Kingswood Park	M14 6GG	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council LTA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
74	Kingswood Park	M14 6GG	Basketball	Council	One standard quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council LTA BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
76	Ladybarn Park	M20 4XA	Football	Council	One unmarked youth 11v11 pitch. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect



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76	Ladybarn Park	M20 4XA	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality macadam courts with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
76	Ladybarn Park	M20 4XA	Bowls	Council	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
76	Ladybarn Park	M20 4XA	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for MUGA investment.	Upgrade Multi Use Games Area to include installation of Lighting as part of a National Playzone Pilot.	Council BBE	Local	H	S	M	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
76	Ladybarn Park	M20 4XA	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
79	Levenshulme High School	M19 1FS	Football	Secondary School	One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality. Ancillary provision of good quality. Youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by one MES per week.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
79	Levenshulme High School	M19 1FS	3G	Secondary School	One standard quality small sided (54x38m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
80	Lloyd Hotel	M21 9AN	Bowls	Private	One good quality crown green. Lloyd Hotel BC has a lease on the site from the pub landlord which expires in 2028. It has engaged in conversations to renew the lease but has been unsuccessful and it concerned it may lose access to the green. The small pavilion onsite which requires improvement to increase the quality of the ancillary offer.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision. Ensure renewal of the lease agreement to ensure continued use of the green for Lloyd Hotel BC.	Private BCGBA	Local	H	M	L	Protect
82	Loreto High School Chorlton	M21 7SW	AGP	Secondary School	One poor quality full size (91x55m) sand filled AGP with sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School EH	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance
82	Loreto High School Chorlton	M21 7SW	MUGA	Secondary School	Two poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
83	Maine Road Football Club	M21 0TT	Football	Sports club	One adult pitch of good quality. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitch has actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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90	Manchester High School For Girls	M14 6HS	AGP	Secondary School	One standard quality full size (91x55m) sand filled AGP with sports lighting, partially available for community use, with the School being very particular with which clubs it allows access.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Explore the opportunity of a CUA to secure future usage of the pitch.	School EH LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
90	Manchester High School For Girls	M14 6HS	Tennis	Secondary School	Two standard quality macadam courts with no sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School EH LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
91	Manchester Metropolitan University (Platt Lane Sports Complex)	M14 7UU	Football	University	One adult pitch of standard quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Pitch is also marked for and supports American football match play. Adult pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. The university aspires to develop the adult pitch into a full size sand based AGP as its hockey teams currently play off site at the University of Manchester's Armitage Centre and would prefer its teams play at its own site.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop a full size sand based AGP to support hockey onsite.	University MFA/LFA/ CFA FF EH RFU RFL EL BAFA	Key centre	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
91	Manchester Metropolitan University (Platt Lane Sports Complex)	M14 7UU	3G	University	Two good quality full size (100x64 & 100x60m) 3G pitches with sports lighting, available for community use. Built/refurbished in 2019 and 2016. One pitch has markings for rugby and is WR and FIFA compliant, the other pitch has lacrosse markings and is FIFA compliant. Two good quality small sided (1x 40x36 & 1x 60x40m) 3G pitches with sports lighting, available for community use. The larger of the two is within a covered dome structure. All 3G pitches support a range of training, match and small sided recreational demand for football, rugby union/league and lacrosse. The University aspires to compete within the BUCs Super Rugby League, which requires WR compliant 3G. The full size 3G pitches are used as a central venue by MRJFL.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Explore the feasibility of developing the WR complaint full size 3G to meet requirements for BUCs Super Rugby League. Ensure pitches are on the 3G Register and are tested for WR compliance so that they can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Look to utilise spare capacity on WR compliant pitch for rugby union use.	University MFA/LFA/ CFA FF EH RFU RFL EL BAFA	Key centre	L	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
95	Manley Park	M16 0AN	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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97	Merseybank Playing Fields	M20 2ZN	Football	Council	Two adult, four mini 7v7 and one youth 11v11 of standard quality, on youth 9v9 of poor quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Adult pitches have actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time. Mini 7v7 pitches have actual spare capacity of three MES at peak time. Youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. Youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 1.5 MES per week. The clubhouse onsite has issues with asbestos, although this is currently contained. There is one communal changing room which means there are safeguarding issues when multiple teams are at home. Fletcher Moss Rangers FC aspires to demolish and rebuild a new clubhouse, planning approval was granted in 2019, with a revised proposal submitted in 2020 still pending. The clubhouse would include multiple changing rooms including gender specific facilities. Pitches are part of the GPMF and they have improved in quality in recent years. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch and changing room investment.	Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop and deliver approved plans to replace ancillary provision onsite. Look to establish alternative management arrangement onsite with anchor club Fletcher Moss Rangers.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	H	S-M	L  M-H	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	M20 2ZN	Cricket	Council	One standard quality standalone NTP. Last Man Stands have ad-hoc use though the outfield is not cut short enough to support cricket and therefore is used irregularly. LMS suggests it could use the site to further grow the leagues in the City if the outfield was cut to an acceptable level.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure outfield is maintained to an acceptable level to support cricket.	Council LCF ECB	Local	M	S	L	Protect Enhance
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	M20 2ZN	Tennis	Council	Three poor quality concrete courts with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	M20 2ZN	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
97	Merseybank Playing Fields	M20 2ZN	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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106	Old Bedians Sports Centre	M20 5QX	Football	Sports club	Two adult pitches of standard quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Adult pitch has actual spare capacity of two MES at peak time. The overarching sports club aspires to redevelop the clubhouse. It aspires to add shower cubicles to be more inclusive as at present women do not shower due to privacy. It also plans to develop the social space within the clubhouse.	Undertake PitchPower assessment to develop a programme of technical recommendations to support the improvement of pitch quality. Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance, in line with technical recommendations, to increase carrying capacity and reduce overplay. Explore the potential in improving ancillary provision. Prioritising the shower facilities and social areas.	Sports club MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Key centre	M	M	L-M	Protect Enhance
106	Old Bedians Sports Centre	M20 5QX	Rugby union	Sports club	Two senior rugby union pitches, one of M0/D1 (Poor) quality and one of M0/D2 (Standard) quality which has sports lighting. Pitch with sports lighting is overplayed by two MES per week. Pitch with no sports lighting has potential spare capacity but is played to capacity at peak time. The overarching sports club aspires to redevelop the clubhouse. It aspires to add shower cubicles to be more inclusive as at present women do not shower due to privacy. It also plans to develop the social space within the clubhouse.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the potential in improving ancillary provision. Prioritising the shower facilities and social areas.	Sports club RFU	Key centre	M	M	L-M	Protect Enhance
106	Old Bedians Sports Centre	M20 5QX	GAA	Sports club	One standard quality GAA pitch. Oisín CLG suggests the pitch requires ballstop fencing and perimeter fencing around the pitch. The overarching sports club aspires to redevelop the clubhouse. It aspires to add shower cubicles to be more inclusive as at present women do not shower due to privacy. It also plans to develop the social space within the clubhouse.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to install GAA specific ballstop fencing and perimeter pitch fencing around the pitch. Explore the potential in improving ancillary provision. Prioritising the shower facilities and social areas.	Sports club GAA LGAA	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
107	Old Moat Park	M20 3EQ	MUGA	Council	Two standard quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
114	Parkway Playing Fields	M21 7PU	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
114	Parkway Playing Fields	M21 7PU	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
115	Parrs Wood High School	M20 5PG	Football	Secondary School	Six adult and one youth 9v9 pitches of standard quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Adult pitches have potential spare capacity but are played to capacity at peak time. Youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity. Lacrosse pitches have been marked on pitches for ad-hoc use in the past.	Undertake PitchPower assessment to develop a programme of technical recommendations to support the improvement of pitch quality. Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance, in line with technical recommendations, to increase carrying capacity and reduce overplay.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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115	Parrs Wood High School	M20 5PG	Cricket	Secondary School	Three good quality standalone NTP's. used extensively as a site for Last Man Stands.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	School LCF, ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
115	Parrs Wood High School	M20 5PG	AGP	Secondary School	One poor quality full size (91x55m) sand dressed AGP with sports lighting, currently out of use due to poor quality after floods in February 2022. Ancillary provision of standard quality. The pitch supports training and match demand. The School plans to resurface the pitch over the 2022 summer and have it ready for use by the 2022/23 hockey season. <b>Since the initial version of the Strategy &amp; Action Plan the pitch has been refurbished.</b>	Sustain quality and look to secure community use through a CUA. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time, for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School EH	Key centre	H	S	M	Protect Enhance
115	Parrs Wood High School	M20 5PG	Tennis	Secondary School	Three standard quality concrete courts with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	School LTA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
115	Parrs Wood High School	M20 5PG	Baseball/ Softball	Secondary School	Eight standard quality softball diamonds. Manchester Softball League use as a central venue, it highlights outfield can often be uneven across the site and therefore only use the site for lower league matches.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	School BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
115	Parrs Wood High School	M20 5PG	MUGA	Secondary School	Three poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
120	Platt Fields Park	M14 6LA	Cricket	Council	One poor quality standalone NTP. Pitch has been victim to vandalism in recent years with parts of the carpet being burnt.	Explore the opportunity to replace existing NTP carpet where vandalised.	Council LCF ECB	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
120	Platt Fields Park	M14 6LA	Tennis	Council	Two poor quality concrete courts with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	S	L	Protect Enhance
120	Platt Fields Park	M14 6LA	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting. Explore the feasibility of developing MUGA into second basketball court, which would allow the site to be used as a 3x3 competition venue.	Council BBE	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide
120	Platt Fields Park	M14 6LA	Basketball	Council	One standard quality basketball court with no sports lighting. Site has been identified by Ball Out UK as a potential hub site in Manchester for 3x3 Outdoor basketball which could be a competition venue. It suggests	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting. Explore the feasibility of developing MUGA into second basketball court, which would allow the site to be used as a 3x3 competition venue.	Council BBE	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide



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					developing the MUGA into a second basketball court.							
122	Red Lion Bowling Club	M20 4BT	Bowls (Disused)	Private	One disused bowling green.	The site should be protected from development until all demand is met (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy), as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.	Private BCGBA BE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
123	Royal British Legion Bowling Green	M19 2EX	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
129	South West Manchester Cricket Club	M21 0SG	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality grass square which consists of 12 senior wickets and three junior wickets. Ancillary provision of good quality. Senior wickets have spare capacity of 11 MES per season, with actual spare capacity to accommodate further teams midweek. Junior wickets are overplayed by five MES per season. All club training takes place on the square, however the Club aspires to develop fixed net provision onsite.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop fixed net facility onsite.	Sports club LCF ECB	Local	M	M	L-M	Protect Provide
129	South West Manchester Cricket Club	M21 0SG	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
135	St John's Catholic Primary School	M21 9SN	MUGA	Primary School	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
144	The Albert Tennis And Bowling Club	M20 2PA	Tennis	Sports club	Six good quality artificial turf courts with sports lighting, available for community use. Ancillary provision of good quality. The Albert TC aspires to upgrade sports lighting to LED Bulbs. The Club is currently considered to be operating at capacity.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the opportunity to upgrade sports lighting with LED bulbs.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
144	The Albert Tennis And Bowling Club	M20 2PA	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
145	The Barlow Roman Catholic High School	M20 6BX	Football	Secondary School	One youth 11v11 pitch of poor quality. Pitch is unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
145	The Barlow Roman Catholic High School	M20 6BX	AGP	Secondary School	One poor quality small sided (64x33m) sand dressed AGP with sports lighting and available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	School EH	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance
145	The Barlow Roman Catholic High School	M20 6BX	MUGA	Secondary School	Two poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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148	Hough End Playing Fields	M20 1NA	Football	Council	<p>The site has 12 adult pitches of standard quality, two adult pitches of standard quality. One youth 11v11 pitch of standard quality, one youth 11v11 pitch of poor quality, one youth 9v9 pitch of standard quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality.</p> <p>Adult pitches have actual spare capacity of three MES at peak time. Youth 11v11 pitches overplayed by 1 MES per week. Youth 9v9 pitch has potential spare capacity but is played to capacity at peak time.</p> <p>Changing facilities condemned, teams currently access temporary portacabin changing rooms located on Broughton Park FC. Development of changing facilities to take place as part of wider development of the site.</p> <p>The site is due to be redevelop, which is likely to see a reconfiguration of pitches, some of which may be lost for the development of at least one 3G pitch.</p> <p>Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch, 3G and changing room investment.</p> <p><b><i>It should be noted that since the production of the Assessment Report and original draft of the Strategy &amp; Action Plan, FF funding is now confirmed towards the strategic hub development. This includes two new 3G pitches, Leisure Centre Extension, new car parking and access works pitch will have non-rubber crumb infill. Actions regarding grass pitch improvement still required.</i></b></p>	Development of Football Hub Facilities including two new 3G pitches (cork infill), Leisure Centre Extension, new car parking and grass pitch improvements via enhanced maintenance.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Hub site	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
148	Hough End Playing Fields	M20 1NA	Cricket	Council	Two disused NTP's onsite, which are due to be replaced with two new standalone NTP's onsite as part of portfolio investment across the City.	Since the initial draft of the document the NTPs have been installed, therefore, look to maintain them as to meet levels of demand.	Council LCF ECB	Hub site	L	L	L	Protect
148	Hough End Playing Fields	M20 1NA	Rugby union	Council	<p>Four senior rugby union pitches of M0/D1 (Poor) quality. One pitch has sports lighting, with another having partial sports lighting, the remaining two have no sports lighting. Ancillary provision at Broughton Park Rugby Club services these pitches. There are also two additional unmarked rugby union pitches onsite.</p> <p>The pitch with full sports lighting is overplayed by two MES per week, the pitch with partial sports lighting is overplayed by 1.5 MES per week,</p>	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop a full size 3G which would be WR complaint on the site as part of the wider site development, providing rugby union clubs with access. Seek to improve pitch quality as part of the wider site reconfigurations/developments.	Council RFU RFL	Hub site	H	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide

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					whilst the remaining two pitches are played to capacity. The redevelopment of the site is likely to see at least one 3G pitch onsite, as part of the proposed development the two disused pitches will be improved in quality, whilst the 3G pitch/pitches will be installed with shock pads and be WR compliant.	Ensure that security of tenure for Broughton Park Rugby Club remains with any site developments.						
148	Hough End Playing Fields	M20 1NA	GAA	Council	Two poor quality GAA pitches. Pitches are undersized and non-compliant. As part of the wider site development, the two pitches are due to be relocated closer to Broughton Park FC where two pitches will be constructed to specification with championship facility requirements. The GAA community has a partnership with Broughton Park RUFC and plans to share ancillary facilities once the relocation takes place. A number of clubs and teams will relocate back to the site once the development is completed.	Explore the opportunity to relocate Gaelic Sport pitches and develop two compliant Gaelic sport pitches with championship facility requirements adjacent to Broughton Park FC.	Council GAA LGAA	Hub site	H	S-M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
152	The Northern Tennis Club	M20 3YA	Tennis	Sports club	Nine adult grass courts of good quality with no sports lighting, six Clay and three American clay (Hartu) courts of good quality with sports lighting. One junior grass court of standard quality with no sports lighting. Ancillary provision of good quality. The Northern TC aspires to develop onsite gym and function area of clubhouse. It also to cover junior grass court and add additional outdoor seating and patio area. The Club also aspires to develop an additional three clay courts on old court and building past the current clay courts onsite. The courts would be covered with a canopy to add further indoor type facilities onsite for year round usage. The Club is currently operating well above recommended capacity.	Look to sustain and improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity. Explore feasibility to develop three additional clay courts with canopy cover. Explore the potential to develop ancillary provision onsite. Prioritising the onsite gym, function areas and outdoor seating/patio area.	Sports club LTA	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)  <b>See Addendum for Updated Position</b>	M14 6HE	Football	University	Two adult pitches of good quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Adult pitches have potential spare capacity but are discounted due to unsecure tenure. The sports pavilion servicing all sports is of standard quality and requires updating, all showers are	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve, replace or redevelop the ancillary provision onsite.	University MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Key centre	L	L	H	Protect Enhance

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					communal and there is a need for each changing room to have self contained showers, especially for the female changing facilities. The university plans to develop ancillary and indoor facilities onsite.							
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)  <b>See Addendum for Updated Position</b>	M14 6HE	3G / AGP		Two good quality full size (1x 105x70m & 1x 130x80m) 3G pitches with sports lighting and available for community use. Both built/refurbished in 2016. Four poor quality small sided (2x 32x16m & 2x 30x25m) 3G pitches with sports lighting available for community use. Smaller full size pitch is on the FA 3G register, the larger pitch has rugby posts installed is on the FA 3G register and is WR compliant. Three good quality full size (91x55m) and one poor quality full size (91x55m) sand dressed AGPs with sports lighting available for community use. The University aspires to create a new full size 3G pitch on the site which could involve the conversion of an AGP. The sports pavilion servicing all sports is of standard quality and requires updating, all showers are communal and there is a need for each changing room to have self contained showers, especially for the female changing facilities. The university plans to develop ancillary and indoor facilities onsite.	Sustain good quality full size artificial pitch (3G and AGP) quality with appropriate maintenance. Given there is no evidence of the strategic need for a 3G, and very limited sporting benefits to increase participation in community sport, there is a need to work with the University to explore its ambitions and understand the proposed location and programme of usage for such provision. This should be explored as part of a bespoke Task and Finish group with relevant stakeholders, including planning, within the Stage E process. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, for all artificial provision, such as a sinking fund formed over time for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitches are on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Look to utilise spare capacity on WR compliant 3G pitch for rugby union use. Look to improve small sided pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to improve, replace or redevelop the ancillary provision onsite.	University MFA/LFA/ CFA FF EH EL	Key centre	H	S	H	Protect Enhance Provide
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	M14 6HE	Tennis		Two good quality macadam courts with sports lighting, available for community use.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance.	University LTA	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	M14 6HE	Cricket		Fixed net practise facility onsite.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance.	University LCF ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
158	West Didsbury And Chorlton AFC	M21 8FE	Football	Sports club	One adult, two youth 11v11 one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitches of good quality, adult pitch has sports lighting. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitch has potential spare capacity but is played to capacity at peak time. Youth 11v11 pitches have actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Continue maintenance regime through the GPMF. Explore the opportunity to develop ancillary provision onsite. Prioritising extension of the clubhouse, and pitch side dugouts.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)

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					peak time. Youth 9v9 pitch has potential spare capacity but is played to capacity at peak time. Mini 7v7 pitch has potential spare capacity but is played to capacity at peak time. West Didsbury & Chorlton AFC has plans to extend the current clubhouse, which would extend the function and bar area, it also plans to develop the home and away dugouts on the adult pitch. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch and changing room investment.	Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.						
160	Whalley Range AFC	M21 0XX	Football	Sports club	Two adult pitches of standard quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Adult pitches are overplayed by 0.5 MES per week.	Undertake PitchPower assessment to develop a programme of technical recommendations to support the improvement of pitch quality. Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance, in line with technical recommendations, to increase carrying capacity and reduce overplay. Continue maintenance regime through the GPMF.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
161	Whalley Range Cricket And Lawn Tennis Club	M16 8WS	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality grass square which consists of 14 senior wickets, three junior wickets and one NTP. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Two lane fixed net facility. Senior wickets have spare capacity of eight MES per season, with actual spare capacity to accommodate further teams during the week. Junior wickets are overplayed by 17 MES. The outfield onsite has issues with drainage in the past, Whalley Range CC aspires to improve drainage onsite to protect good quality square. The overarching sports club aspires to develop ancillary provision onsite with the changing rooms and showers identified as a priority. Whalley Range CC has also applied for funding for a new engine for its heavy roller.	Sustain square quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the opportunity to install hybrid wicket/s to support the alleviating of overplay across the square. Explore the feasibility of improving drainage across the site. Explore the opportunity to develop ancillary provision onsite. Prioritising the changing rooms and shower facilities.	Sports club LCF ECB LTA	Local	L	M	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide
161	Whalley Range Cricket And Lawn Tennis Club	M16 8WS	Tennis	Sports club	Three good quality macadam courts with sports lighting and available for community use. The overarching sports club aspires to develop ancillary provision onsite with the changing rooms and showers identified as a priority. The tennis club plans to develop a hard court on the furthest grass area south of the	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the feasibility to develop an additional court onsite. Explore the opportunity to develop ancillary provision onsite. Prioritising the changing rooms and shower facilities.	Sports club LCF ECB LTA	Local	L	M	M	Protect Enhance Provide

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					cricket pitch which is currently an unused space, if this was not big enough for a full size court, the Club would look to develop either a junior or padel court. The Club is currently operating well above recommended capacity.							
162	Whalley Range High School	M16 8GW	Football	Secondary School	One adult pitch of poor quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Adult pitch played to capacity.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
163	Whalley Range Sports Centre	M16 8GW	3G	Trust	Nine good quality small sided (1x 40x30m, 2x 30x20m & 6x32x20m) 3G pitches with sports lighting and available for community use.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary.	Trust MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
165	William Hulme Grammar School	M16 8PR	Football	Grammar School	Two adult pitches of standard quality. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitches have potential spare capacity but are discounted due to unsecure tenure.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to secure tenure for teams onsite through CUA.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	M	L	Protect Enhance
165	William Hulme Grammar School	M16 8PR	Cricket	Grammar School	One standard quality standalone NTP. Fixed net facility onsite.	Retain for school use.	School LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
165	William Hulme Grammar School	M16 8PR	AGP	Grammar School	One poor quality full size (92x55m) sand filled AGP with sports lighting, available for community use. Pitch supports training and match demand for hockey.	Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Secure the site for community hockey.	School EH	Local	M-H	M	M-H	Protect Enhance
167	Withington Girls School	M14 6BL	AGP	Secondary School	One good quality full size (91x55m) sand filled AGP with sports lighting, predominantly unavailable for community use. Overmarked with tennis courts. Utilised for hockey and lacrosse, some community use from England Lacrosse Women's teams.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time for repair and resurfacing when necessary. If required explore gaining access to pitch for community use.	School EH EL	Local	L	L	L	Protect
167	Withington Girls School	M14 6BL	Tennis	Secondary School	Two standard quality macadam courts with sports lighting unavailable for community use. Eight artificial turf courts marked on AGP.	Retain for school use.	School LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
167	Withington Girls School	M14 6BL	Lacrosse	Secondary School	Two good quality women's grass lacrosse pitches some community use from England Lacrosse Women's teams.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	School EL	Local	L	L	L	Protect



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173	Withington Bowling Club	M14 6UX	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green. Withington BC is operating above recommended capacity.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
174	Fletcher Moss Park	M20 2SW	Football	Council	One unmarked youth 11v11 pitch. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed. Has some ad-hoc use where required and is cut short.	If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
174	Fletcher Moss Park	M20 2SW	Rugby union	Council	One senior rugby union pitch of M0/D0 (Poor) quality. No dedicated ancillary provision, facilities at Didsbury Sports Ground used to service pitch. Senior pitch is overplayed by 0.25 MES per week. Didsbury Toc H RFC reports as the Club grows it aspires to improve drainage on the pitch to support its training and match demand.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to install dedicated drainage.	Council RFU	Local	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
174	Fletcher Moss Park	M20 2SW	Tennis	Council	Four good quality macadam courts with sports lighting, available for community use. LTA Gate access is installed onsite.	Sustain court quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
175	Burnage Village Garden	M19 2WG	Tennis	Sports club	One poor quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Sports club LTA BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
175	Burnage Village Garden	M19 2WG	Bowls	Sports club	One poor quality crown green.	Look to improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports club LTA BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
176	Cringle Playing Fields (Errwood Park)	M19 1HS	Football	Council	One adult pitch of poor quality. In addition, there are two unmarked adult pitches. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Adult pitch is played to capacity. Kingsway Athletic JFC is working with the Council to establish a CUA onsite in order to submit an application for the GPMF on the pitches. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch and changing room investment.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. If required explore opportunity to dedicate maintenance to bring disused/unmarked pitches back to use. Look to establish CUA onsite for Kingsway Athletic JFC. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	H	S-M	L	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
176	Cringle Playing Fields (Errwood Park)	M19 1HS	Cricket	Council	One good quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
176	Cringle Playing Fields (Errwood Park)	M19 1HS	GAA	Council	One poor quality GAA pitch. The pitch has received limited maintenance since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Council GAA LGAA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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180	The Didsbury	M20 2SG	Bowls (Disused)	Private	One disused bowling green.	The site should be protected from development until all demand is met (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy), as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.	Council BCGBA BE, BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect
182	Withington Golf Club	M20 2UE	Golf	Sports club	18 Hole golf course, and practise facilities of good quality. The course is considered to be managed in house as a member club.	Sustain course quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
185	Chorlton cum Hardy Golf Club	M21 7JJ	Golf	Sports club	18 Hole golf course, and practise facilities of good quality. The course is considered to be managed in house as a member club.	Sustain course quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
194	Chorlton High School South	M21 7SU	AGP	Secondary School	One good quality full size (100x65m) sand dressed AGP with sports lighting and available for community use. CUA agreement in place for use of the pitches and teams using the site considered to have secure tenure. Pitch supports training and match demand for hockey.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time, for repair and resurfacing when necessary. If required explore gaining access to pitch for community use.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
200	Burnage Community Sports & Social Club	M19 1AB	Cricket Football (Disused)	Sports club	Previously a cricket pitch (four grass wickets and non-turf pitch) previously used by Burnage CC which folded several years ago. The playing field was subsequently used for football training by Heaton Mersey Vipers FC but this use also ceased. The site has no present known sporting use despite the social club remaining operational and no sport is played onsite. Sport England reports that unpermitted development has impacted on the playing field, reducing the area that the site is no longer sizable to accommodate senior cricket matches.	Work with the Club to bring the site back into sporting use that meets an identified need with sports facilities that comply with the relevant NGB guidance.	Sports club ECB LCF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
201	St Margaret's Centre Playing Field (Harry Dalton Playing Fields)	M21 0TT	Football Cricket (Disused)	Trust	Disused playing field, now overgrown, adjacent to Maine Road FC. Approximately 1.75ha in area, previously marked with football pitches of various sizes and configurations, last as two youth 11v11 size pitches c2013. The playing field also has a disused non-turf cricket pitch within it. Aerial imagery suggests the site ceased to be maintained c2019.	The site should be protected from development until all demand is met (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy), as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.	Trust MFA/LFA/ CFA FF ECB LCF	Local	L	L	L	Protect

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203	Merseybank Playing Fields (South)	M20 2ZN	Baseball Softball (Disused)	Council	Area of disused playing field land located South of the currently in use Merseybank Playing Fields. The land previously accommodated Baseball / Softball fields.	The site should be protected from development until all demand is met (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy), as there is potential need for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.	Council BSUK	Local	L	L	L	Protect
205	Brooms Edge	M20 2RU	Rugby union (Disused)	Council	Disused playing field adjacent to Didsbury Sports Ground, previously used by Manchester Metropolitan University. Last reported used in 2007 and aerial imagery suggests that the site ceased to be maintained from sometime between 2013-2016. Previously accommodated one senior rugby union pitch. Plans to transfer management to Didsbury Sports Association to reinstate as a pitch for use. Site requires significant investment to bring back to use, including relocation of a manhole within the pitch area to elsewhere onsite, though rugby posts are still in place. No funding plan currently in place.	Consider establishing alternative management arrangement onsite with Didsbury Sports Associate to alleviate identified overplay at Didsbury Sports Club. This would include the relocation of a manhole cover.	Council Sports Club RFU	Local	H	S-M	L-M	Protect Enhance
221	Clinton Ave	M14 7LZ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
224	St Mary's Playing Fields	M16 7HB	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

## 6.10: Wythenshawe Analysis Area

Table 6.8: Quantitative headline findings

Sport	Analysis area	Pitch type	Current capacity total in MES <sup>[1]</sup>	Future capacity total in MES (2031)
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Adult	<b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 5.5</b>
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Youth 11v11	Spare capacity of 0.5	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Youth 9v9	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Mini 7v7	<b>Shortfall of 1.5</b>	<b>Shortfall of 2.5</b>
Football (grass)	Wythenshawe	Mini 5v5	N/A	N/A
Football (3G pitches)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting	<b>Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.</b>	<b>Significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.</b>
Cricket	Wythenshawe	Senior grass cricket wickets	At capacity	At capacity
Rugby union	Wythenshawe	Senior	<b>Shortfall of 1.25</b>	<b>Shortfall of 2.75</b>
Rugby league	Manchester	Provision	Spare capacity	<b>Potential shortfall of grass pitches based on growth ambitions.</b>
Hockey (sand AGPs)	Manchester	Full size, with sports lighting.	<b>Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.</b>	<b>Shortfall of relevant pitches of suitable accessibility and quality.</b>
Tennis	Manchester	Courts	<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>Shortfall</b>
Bowls	Manchester	Greens	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Athletics	Manchester	Tracks	Sufficient quantity, <b>but quality issues</b>	Sufficient quantity, <b>but quality issues</b>
Golf	Manchester	Courses	Spare capacity	Spare capacity
Other sports	Manchester	Provision	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.	Sufficient for American football, Lacrosse and Softball & Baseball. Insufficient for Gaelic Sports and MUGAs / Outdoor (3x3) Basketball.

<sup>[1]</sup> MES – match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket)

Table 6.9: Wythenshawe Area action plan

Site ID	Site	Post code	Sport	Management	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Site hierarchy tier	Priority	Timescales <sup>25</sup>	Cost <sup>26</sup>	Aim
4	Alderman Roger's Park	M23 2GW	Football	Council	Two adult pitches of standard quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Adult pitches have actual spare capacity of one MES at peak time.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced maintenance levels. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF BBE	Local	M	M	L	Protect Enhance
4	Alderman Roger's Park	M23 2GW	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
6	Baguley Park	M23 1WL	MUGA	Council	Two poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
10	Benchill Community Centre	M22 8EJ	3G	Trust	One standard quality small sided (60x40m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced maintenance levels. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. If required explore gaining access to pitch for community use.	Trust MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
38	Culmere Park	M22 0WQ	MUGA	Council	Two poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
51	Ericstan Park	M23 9LL	Football	Sports club	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitch of good quality. Youth 11v11 pitch overmarked with mini 7v7v. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time. Youth 11v11 pitch has potential spare capacity but is played to capacity at peak time. Wythenshawe Town FC has plans to develop its hospitality and function area, through the development of an additional hospitality building connecting onto the current clubhouse. The Club aspires to convert its adult pitch to a 3G pitch.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore the feasibility of converting adult pitch to a 3G pitch. Explore the potential of the development of a hospitality and function building connecting to the current clubhouse.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide
57	GMB Cringlewood Social Club	M23 0DN	Bowls	Sports club	One poor quality crown green.	Improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports club BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
62	Haveley Hey Community Primary School	M22 9NS	MUGA	Primary School	Two poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

<sup>25</sup> (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

<sup>26</sup> (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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70	Hollyhedge Park	M22 4US	Football	Sports club	One adult and one mini 7v7 of good quality, one youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and two mini 7v7 of standard quality. Youth 11v11 pitch overmarked with mini 7v7 pitch. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitch has potential spare capacity which is discounted to protect step pitch. Youth 11v11 pitch has actual spare capacity of one MEs at peak time. Youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by one MEs per week. Mini 7v7 pitches have potential spare capacity but are played to capacity at peak time. If Wythenshawe Amateurs FC get promoted there would be a need to extend the changing rooms to meet requirements. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch investment.	Improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to develop ancillary provision. Prioritising the extension of changings rooms to meet requirements.	Sports club Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF LCF ECB BCGBA BBE	Local	H	S-M	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)
70	Hollyhedge Park	M22 4US	Cricket	Sports club	One good quality standalone NTP.	Sustain quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club Council LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
70	Hollyhedge Park	M22 4US	Bowls	Sports club	One standard quality crown green. Northern Etchells BC suggests work on pathways around the green is required.	Look to improve quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore opportunity to develop ancillary provision. Prioritising pathways around the green.	Sports club Council BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
70	Hollyhedge Park	M22 4US	MUGA	Sports club	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve green quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports club Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
75	Kirkup Gardens	M22 1UY	Tennis	Council	One poor quality concrete court with no sports lighting, available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
75	Kirkup Gardens	M22 1UY	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
88	Manchester Enterprise Academy	M22 9RH	3G	Academy	One good quality full size (100x60m) 3G pitch with sports lighting and available for community use. Built/refurbished in 2017. Pitch is on the FA 3G register and is WR complaint. Five standard quality small sided (1x 40x32m & 4x 36x22m) 3G pitches with sports lighting, available for community use. The full size 3G pitch supports training and match demand.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. If required explore gaining access to pitch for community use. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF RFU RFL	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



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					The small sided pitches support training and small sided recreational demand.	Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Seek to gain greater access for rugby union teams for training in order to alleviate grass pitch overplay.						
88	Manchester Enterprise Academy	M22 9RH	MUGA	Academy	Three poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
89	Manchester Health Academy	M23 9BP	Football	Academy	One adult and one youth 11v11 pitches of good quality. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitch has potential spare capacity but is discounted due to unsecure tenure. Youth 11v11 pitch has potential spare capacity but is played to capacity at peak time. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch investment.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance. Explore opportunity to secure tenure for teams onsite through CUA. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
89	Manchester Health Academy	M23 9BP	3G	Academy	One good quality full size (105x70m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. The pitch is on the FA 3G register. Built/refurbished in 2017. One standard quality small sided (77x32m) 3G pitches with sports lighting and available for community use. The full size 3G pitch supports training and match demand. The small sided pitch supports training and small sided recreational demand.	Look to improve and sustain pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. If required explore gaining access to pitch for community use. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
89	Manchester Health Academy	M23 9BP	Cricket	Academy	One standard quality standalone NTP.	Retain for school use.	School LCF, ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect
89	Manchester Health Academy	M23 9BP	MUGA	Academy	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
98	Milky Button Park	M23 2QB	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
101	Newall Green High School	M23 2SX	Football/ 3G (Disused)	Secondary School	The School closed in August 2021, which included a full size 3G pitch, with sports lighting, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and a mini 5v5 pitch. All have become disused. Previously used by Wythenshawe Celtic FC. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch and 3G investment. <b>Since the production of the Assessment Report and initial draft version of the Strategy &amp; Action Plan information has been provided indicating that Dixons Academy will reopen the site 2023.</b>	Protect the site in accordance with Sport England and NPPF guidelines and explore potential future options for the site. Engage new school to ensure both grass pitches and full size 3G pitch are enhanced in quality, via relevant methods (pitch improvements and refurbishment), to meet school and community need. Secure Community Use Agreement to protect future use in accordance with local sport priorities.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	H	S-M	M-H	Protect Enhance (LFFP)



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104	Northenden Social Club	M22 4JT	Tennis	Sports club	Three poor quality macadam courts with no sports lighting and available for community use.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting to extend hours of use and capacity.	Sports club LTA BCGBA	Local	L	L	L-M	Protect Enhance
104	Northenden Social Club	M22 4JT	Bowls	Sports club	One good quality crown green. One disused crown green.	Sustain green quality with appropriate maintenance. Protect disused green due to the potential that it may offer for meeting future needs.	Sports club LTA BCGBA	Local	L	L	L	Protect
112	Painswick Park	M22 1GQ	Football	Council	One youth 11v11 and one youth 9v9 pitches of poor quality. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Youth 11v11 pitch has potential spare capacity but is discounted due to poor pitch quality. Youth 9v9 pitch is played to capacity. Benchill Celtic JFC and Wythenshawe Community RFC are working with the Council to establish a lease across the sports pitches onsite. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch investment.	Undertake PitchPower assessment to develop a programme of technical recommendations to support the improvement of pitch quality. Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance, in line with technical recommendations, to increase carrying capacity and reduce overplay. Continue maintenance regime through the GPMF. Explore the potential of improving ancillary provision. Look to establish lease agreement onsite for Benchill Celtic JFC and Wythenshawe Community RFC. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L-M	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
112	Painswick Park	M22 1GQ	Rugby union	Council	Two senior rugby unions pitches of M0/D0 (Poor) quality. Pitches are overmarked in the summer for junior rugby league. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Senior pitches are overplayed by 1.25 MES per week. Benchill Celtic JFC and Wythenshawe Community RUFC are working with the Council to establish a lease across the sports pitches onsite. Wythenshawe Community RUFC aspires to have dedicated drainage installed into the pitches.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Improve onsite ancillary provision. Explore the opportunity to install dedicated drainage. Look to establish lease agreement onsite for Benchill Celtic JFC and Wythenshawe Community RFC.	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF RFU RFL	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
112	Painswick Park	M22 1GQ	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
116	Peel Hall Park	M22 5HP	MUGA	Council	Two standard quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
125	Sandilands Primary School	M23 9JX	Football	Primary School	Two mini 5v5 of poor quality. Unavailable for community use.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance for continued school use.	School MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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125	Sandilands Primary School	M23 9JX	MUGA	Primary School	Four poor quality MUGAs with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School MFA/LFA/CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
130	Southwick Park	M23 0FG	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
130	Southwick Park	M23 0FG	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
131	Sparkford Ave	M23 9EL	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
133	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Primary School	M22 9NW	MUGA	Primary School	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
134	St Anthony's RC Primary School	M22 0NT	MUGA	Primary School	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
137	St Pauls Catholic High School	M23 2YS	Football	Secondary School	One youth 11v11 of standard quality. Ancillary provision of standard quality. Youth 11v11 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
137	St Pauls Catholic High School	M23 2YS	3G	Secondary School	One poor quality full size (91x55m) 3G pitch with sports lighting, available for community use. Built/refurbished in 2008. Pitch is on the FA 3G pitch register.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface pitch. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	M	M	M-H	Protect Enhance
137	St Pauls Catholic High School	M23 2YS	MUGA	Secondary School	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
142	Tayfield Road Park	M22 0BT	MUGA	Council	One standard quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
149	The Manchester College - Northenden Campus	M23 0DD	Football MUGA (Disused)	College	Disused college playing field with multi-use games area. Playing field and one 11v11 pitch - planning permission granted for residential development of the site. S106 to go into groundworks and reinstatement of dormant pitches to the south western parcel of Wythenshawe Park, which will increase the number of pitches onsite, as well as contribution towards the new changing facility project.	If agreed with relevant stakeholders and meeting relevant NPPF and Sport England guidance provide aforementioned mitigation.	College MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Local	L	L	L	Provide
166	Willows Primary School	M22 1BQ	MUGA	Primary school	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	School	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance

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168	Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre	M22 1QW	3G	Trust	Four standard quality small sided (38x20m) 3G pitches with sports lighting and available for community use. The operator recently contacted MCRactive regarding concerns over their future viability and operation. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for 3G investment.	Look to improve pitch quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Ensure the provider has in place a mechanism for future sustainability, such as a sinking fund formed over time (as per Football Foundation Terms & Conditions), for repair and resurfacing when necessary. Ensure the pitch is on the 3G Register so that it can support use for competitive match play and is renewed when required. Ensure site is continued to be operated and future sustainability of the site is realised. Explore the feasibility to undertake LFFP priority projects onsite.	Trust MFA/LFA/ CFA FF BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance (LFFP)
168	Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre	M22 1QW	MUGA	Trust	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Trust BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
170	Wythenshawe Cricket and Sports Club	M22 4JF	Football	Sports club	One adult pitch of good quality. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitch has actual spare capacity of 0.5 MES at peak time.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club MFA/LFA/ CFA, FF	Local	L	L	L	Protect
170	Wythenshawe Cricket and Sports Club	M22 4JF	Cricket		One standard quality grass square which consist of 14 senior wickets and four junior wickets. Ancillary provision of good quality. Fixed net facility onsite. Senior wickets have spare capacity of seven MES per season, with actual spare capacity to accommodate additional teams during the week. Junior wickets are overplayed six MES per season.	Look to improve square quality with enhanced levels of maintenance.	Sports club LCF ECB	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
171	Wythenshawe Park	M23 0PH	Football	Council	Three adult pitches of standard quality. Two unmarked adult pitches. Not maintained for football, although goalposts remain installed, pitches are being rested due to be used throughout the 2022/23 season. Ancillary provision of poor quality. Adult pitches have potential spare capacity but are played to capacity at peak time. There are ambitions to demolish current changing block and develop a new purpose built facility to service all sports. Site is identified in the LFFP as a priority site for grass pitch and changing room investment. Mitigation from The Manchester College - Northenden Campus development has been identified to	Undertake PitchPower assessment to develop a programme of technical recommendations to support the improvement of pitch quality. Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance, in line with technical recommendations, to increase carrying capacity and reduce overplay. Explore the opportunity to replace current changing block with a new development purpose built facility to service all sports. Reinstate unmarked pitches. Use relevant mitigation monies to carry out aforementioned enhancements. Explore the feasibility for the site to be developed to alleviate 3G issues in	Council MFA/LFA/ CFA FF	Key centre	H	S-M	M-H	Protect Enhance Provide (LFFP)

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					go into groundworks and reinstatement of dormant pitches to the south western parcel of Wythenshawe Park, which will increase the number of pitches onsite, as well as contribution towards the new changing facility project. Site has been identified as potentially suitable for the development of 3G as part of joint approach from Trafford and Manchester councils.	co-ordination with Trafford and Manchester councils.						
171	Wythenshawe Park	M23 0PH	Cricket	Council	One good quality standalone NTP.	Sustain pitch quality with appropriate maintenance.	Council LCF, ECB	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
171	Wythenshawe Park	M23 0PH	Tennis	Council	Six standard quality macadam courts with sports lighting and four poor quality macadam courts with no sports lighting, available for community use. LTA gate access system installed onsite.	Improve quality of court through regular, high standard or maintenance, resurfacing if required. Explore opportunity to install sports lighting on non-lit courts to extend hours of use and capacity.	Council LTA	Key centre	L	M	L-M	Protect Enhance
171	Wythenshawe Park	M23 0PH	Bowls	Council	Two disused bowling greens.	Protect greens due to the potential that it may offer for meeting future needs.	Council BCGBA BE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect
171	Wythenshawe Park	M23 0PH	Athletics	Council	One poor quality eight lane 400m track and field facility, with sports lighting and available for community use. Ancillary provision of poor quality. There is a need to modify throwing cages onsite to meet recently changed guidelines/requirements. Track is only used as a training venue due to poor track quality. There are ambitions to demolish current changing block and develop a new purpose built facility to service all sports.	Look to improve track quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Explore the opportunity to resurface the track. Make adjustments to throwing cage to meet safety requirements. Explore the opportunity to replace current changing block with a new development purpose built facility to service all sports.	Council EA	Key centre	M	M	M	Protect Enhance
171	Wythenshawe Park	M23 0PH	Golf	Council	There is also a disused pitch and putt facility which has not been formally used for over five years.	Look to develop the disused pitch and putt facility at Wythenshawe Park to provide better quality sport and active lifestyle facilities for the demographic of Manchester	Council EG	Key centre	H	S	L-M	Provide
171	Wythenshawe Park	M23 0PH	Baseball/ Softball	Council	One poor quality senior baseball diamond and one standard quality junior baseball diamond. The senior baseball diamond is not fit for purpose and requires significant investment to improve quality. The junior diamond requires specific baseball dirt to be put on the bases as due to lack of maintenance throughout the Covid-19 lockdown grass grew through the dirt and now the bases are no longer visible.	Look to improve diamonds quality with enhanced levels of maintenance. Look to establish agreement onsite for Manchester Baseball Club to take on added maintenance responsibility to put time and funds into improving pitches.	Council BSUK	Key centre	L	M	L-M	Protect Enhance

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					Manchester Baseball Club aspires to have greater responsibility of the pitches through more maintenance and a lease of the pitches for better opportunity for investment.							
171	Wythenshawe Park	M23 0PH	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
172	Wythenshawe Sports Ground	M23 0BD	Football	Trust	11 adult, one mini 7v7 and one youth 9v9 pitches of poor quality and 14 adult pitches of standard quality. Ancillary provision of good quality. Adult pitches are overplayed by 4.5 MES per week. Youth 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 MES per week. Mini 7v7 pitch has potential spare capacity but is played to capacity at peak time. Wythenshawe Forum Trust has a lease on the site until 2023, the University of Manchester and the Council have the intention to lease the site to the Trust on a long-term lease.	Undertake PitchPower assessment to develop a programme of technical recommendations to support the improvement of pitch quality. Improve pitch quality through enhanced levels of maintenance, in line with technical recommendations, to increase carrying capacity and reduce overplay. Look to establish lease agreement onsite for Wythenshawe Forum Trust.	Trust MFA/LFA/CFA FF	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
172	Wythenshawe Sports Ground	M23 0BD	Baseball/ Softball	Trust	Eight good quality softball diamonds.	Sustain diamond quality with appropriate maintenance.	Trust BSUK	Key centre	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
181	Didsbury Golf Club	M22 4NQ	Golf	Sports club	18 Hole golf course, and practise facilities of good quality. The course is considered to be managed in house as a member club.	Sustain course quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
184	Northenden Golf Club	M22 4FR	Golf	Sports club	18 Hole golf course, and practise facilities of good quality. The course is considered to be managed in house as a member club.	Sustain course quality with appropriate maintenance.	Sports club EG	Local	L	L	L	Protect
196	Southern Cross School	M22 4AB	AGP	School	One good quality small sided (37x21m) sand dressed AGP with no sports lighting, unavailable for community use.	Retain for school use.	School EH	Local	L	L	L	Protect
222	Haveley Park	M22 8HP	MUGA	Council	One poor quality MUGA with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance
223	Brookfield Gardens	M22 8BL	Basketball	Council	One poor quality basketball court with no sports lighting.	Improve quality and explore opportunity to install sports lighting.	Council BBE	Local	L	L	L	Protect Enhance



## **PART 7: HOUSING GROWTH SCENARIOS**

The Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy provides an estimate of demand for pitch sport based on population forecasts and club consultation to 2031. This future demand is translated into teams likely to be generated, rather than actual pitch provision required. The Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC)<sup>27</sup> adds to this, updating the likely demand generated for pitch sports based on housing increases and converts the demand into match equivalent sessions and the number of pitches required. This is achieved via team generation rates in the Assessment Report to determine how many new teams would be generated from an increase in population derived from housing growth and gives the associated costs of supplying the increased pitch provision.

As identified earlier under Recommendation (h) – Secure developer contributions, for playing pitches, the City Council should use Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator as a tool for determining developer contributions linking to sites within the locality.

Where demand does not warrant new pitch provision, the Action Plan in this document should be consulted to determine whether the additional demand can be accommodated via existing provision (in which case no further action is required). If this is not the case, contributions should be sought to enhance existing provision in the locality to accommodate the increased demand. This can be through, for example, improving quality, or providing new or improved ancillary provision. Consultation with appropriate NGBs should also be used to assist in the selection of suitable sites and suitable enhancements.

The scenarios below show the additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth. The demand is shown in match equivalent sessions per week for most sports, except for cricket, where match equivalent sessions are by season. Training demand is expressed in either hours or match equivalent sessions. Where expressed in hours, it is expected that demand will be to either a 3G pitch (to accommodate football training demand) or an AGP (to accommodate hockey match play and training demand). Where expressed in match equivalent sessions, it is expected training will take place on floodlit grass pitches.

The scenarios are as follows:

- ◀ **Scenario One** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 22,159 dwellings in the North Analysis Area.
- ◀ **Scenario Two** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 35,801 dwellings in the Central Analysis Area.
- ◀ **Scenario Three** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1,750 dwellings in the South Analysis Area.
- ◀ **Scenario Four** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1,319 dwellings in the Wythenshawe Analysis Area.
- ◀ **Scenario Five** - additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 61,029 dwellings across Manchester

It should be noted that the figures used were provided by the Planning & Infrastructure Team and Manchester City Council and represent the distribution of new residential development 2021-37. The indicative figures assume that population growth will average 2.87<sup>28</sup> per dwelling.

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<sup>27</sup> [Link to Active Places Power](#)

<sup>28</sup> The occupancy rate of 2.87 is based upon figures used across housing development schemes within the City.



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Please note that the examples used in each of the abovementioned scenarios have been provided on the basis that there is no adjustment in future demand (from participation growth) over and above population growth. It is suggested that this is monitored and updated as part of the Stage E review to monitor the likely impact on future participation levels.

Furthermore, the below scenarios are using ONS data for predicted future growth<sup>29</sup> in order to give a base understanding of the impact of housing demand. This is different to that used in the proceeding Assessment Report which uses MCC population projections. Once the PPOSS is adopted it is recommended that any future usage of the PPC uses the most recent available housing growth data.

Team information used for the calculations includes imported demand for football and for hockey as this is likely to remain imported into the City for the foreseeable future.

#### 7.1: Scenario One – additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 22,159 dwellings in the North Analysis Area

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 22,159 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.87 per household is 66,596 people. This population increase equates to 50.4 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 3.35 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 57.72 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 94.34 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 8.83 match equivalent sessions for hockey on AGPs. There are also 3.29 and 0.3 match equivalent sessions per week of training for on a floodlit grass pitch for rugby union and rugby league, respectively.

Table 7.1: Summary of likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 22,159 dwellings

Pitch sport	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>30</sup>	Training demand <sup>31</sup>
Adult football	12.46	94.34 hours
Youth football	21.11	As Above
Mini soccer	13.60	As above
Rugby union	2.99	3.29 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.24	0.30 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	2.63	7.90 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.72	0.93 hours
Cricket	57.72	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

<sup>29</sup> [Link to ONS Population Projections](#)

<sup>30</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>31</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 7.2: Summary of estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>32</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>33</sup>	Number of changing rooms	Capital cost
Adult football	12.46	£1,208,551	£255,004	24.92	£4,169,500
Youth football	21.11	£1,637,952	£343,970	21.29	£3,561,766
Mini soccer	13.6	£329,890	£69,277	0	£0
Rugby union	2.99	£406,610	£87,014	5.99	£1,002,003
Rugby league	0.24	£26,717	£5,904	0.48	£80,151
Cricket	1.24	£356,160	£71,944	2.49	£416,526
Sand based AGPs	0.66	£530,311	£16,440	1.32	£220,431
3G	2.48	£2,396,143	£91,399	4.97	£830,823

#### 7.2: Scenario Two – additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 35,801 dwellings in the Central Analysis Area

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 35,801 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.87 per household is 102,749 people. This population increase equates to 77.77 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 5.18 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 89.06 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 145.56 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 13.63 match equivalent sessions for hockey on AGPs. There are also 5.08 and 0.46 match equivalent sessions per week of training for on a floodlit grass pitch for rugby union and rugby league, respectively.

Table 7.3: Summary of likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 35,801 dwellings

Pitch sport	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>34</sup>	Training demand <sup>35</sup>
Adult football	19.22	145.56 hours
Youth football	32.57	As above
Mini soccer	20.99	As above
Rugby union	4.62	5.08 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.37	0.46 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	4.07	12.20 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	1.11	1.43 hours
Cricket	89.06	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

<sup>32</sup> [Link to Sport England cost guidance](#)

<sup>33</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

<sup>34</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>35</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 7.4: Summary of estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>36</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>37</sup>	Number of changing rooms	Capital cost
Adult football	19.22	£1,864,639	£393,439	38.45	£6,433,004
Youth football	32.57	£2,527,144	£530,700	32.84	£5,495,355
Mini soccer	20.99	£508,979	£106,886	0	£0
Rugby union	4.62	£627,347	£134,252	9.24	£1,545,962
Rugby league	0.37	£41,221	£9,110	0.74	£123,663
Cricket	1.92	£549,509	£111,001	3.84	£642,647
Sand based AGPs	1.02	£818,203	£25,364	2.03	£340,096
3G	3.83	£3,696,941	£141,017	7.66	£1,281,854

### 7.3: Scenario Three – additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1,750 dwellings in the South Analysis Area

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,750 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.87 per household is 5,023 people. This population increase equates to 3.81 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.25 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 4.35 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 7.12 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 0.67 match equivalent sessions for hockey on AGPs. There are also 0.25 and 0.02 match equivalent sessions per week of training for on a floodlit grass pitch for rugby union and rugby league, respectively.

Table 7.5: Summary of likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,750 dwellings

Pitch sport	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>38</sup>	Training demand <sup>39</sup>
Adult football	0.94	7.12 hours
Youth football	1.59	As Above
Mini soccer	1.03	As above
Rugby union	0.23	0.25 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.02	0.02 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.20	0.60 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.05	0.07 hours
Cricket	4.35	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

<sup>36</sup> [Link to Sport England Cost Guidance](#)

<sup>37</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

<sup>38</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>39</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 7.6: Summary of estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>40</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>41</sup>	Number of changing rooms	Capital cost
Adult football	0.94	£91,154	£19,234	1.88	£314,483
Youth football	1.59	£123,534	£25,942	1.61	£268,628
Mini soccer	1.03	£24,882	£5,225	0	£0
Rugby union	0.23	£30,668	£6,563	0.45	£75,574
Rugby league	0.02	£2,015	£445	0.04	£6,045
Cricket	0.09	£26,863	£5,426	0.19	£31,416
Sand based AGPs	0.05	£39,999	£1,240	0.1	£16,626
3G	0.19	£180,724	£6,894	0.37	£62,663

#### 7.4: Scenario Four – additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 1,319 dwellings in the Wythenshawe Analysis Area

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 1,319 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.87 per household is 3,786 people. This population increase equates to one match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 0.06 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 1.14 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 1.87 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 0.02 match equivalent sessions for hockey on AGPs. There are also 0.07 and 0.01 match equivalent sessions per week of training for on a floodlit grass pitch for rugby union and rugby league, respectively.

Table 7.7: Summary of likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 1,319 dwellings

Pitch sport	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>42</sup>	Training demand <sup>43</sup>
Adult football	0.25	1.87 hours
Youth football	0.42	As above
Mini soccer	0.27	As above
Rugby union	0.06	0.07 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0	0.01 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	0.05	0.02 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	0.01	0.0 hours
Cricket	1.14	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

<sup>40</sup> [Link to Sport England cost guidance](#)

<sup>41</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

<sup>42</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>43</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

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Table 7.8: Summary of estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>44</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>45</sup>	Number of changing rooms	Capital cost
Adult football	0.25	£23,934	£5,050	0.49	£82,573
Youth football	0.42	£32,446	£6,814	0.42	£70,562
Mini soccer	0.27	£6,535	£1,372	0	£0
Rugby union	0.06	£8,053	£1,723	0.12	£19,846
Rugby league	0	£529	£117	0.01	£1,588
Cricket	0.02	£7,054	£1,425	0.05	£8,250
Sand based AGPs	0.01	£10,504	£326	0.03	£4,366
3G	0.05	£47,462	£1,810	0.1	£16,457

#### 7.5: Scenario Five – additional demand for pitch sports generated from housing growth from 61,029 dwellings across Manchester

The estimated additional population derived from housing growth from 61,029 dwellings with an occupancy rate of 2.87 per household is 175,153 people. This population increase equates to 132.56 match equivalent sessions of demand per week for grass pitch sports, accumulative 8.82 match equivalent sessions for hockey and 151.81 match equivalent sessions of demand per season for cricket.

Training demand equates to 248.13 hours of use per week for football on 3G pitches and 23.22 match equivalent sessions for hockey on AGPs. There are also 8.66 and 0.79 match equivalent sessions per week of training for on a floodlit grass pitch for rugby union and rugby league, respectively.

Table 7.9: Summary of likely demand for grass pitch sports generated from 61,029 dwellings

Pitch sport	Match demand (MES) per week <sup>46</sup>	Training demand <sup>47</sup>
Adult football	32.77	248.13 hours
Youth football	55.51	As above
Mini soccer	35.78	As above
Rugby union	7.87	8.66 match equivalent sessions
Rugby league	0.63	0.79 match equivalent sessions
Adult hockey	6.93	20.79 hours
Junior & mixed hockey	1.89	2.43 hours
Cricket	151.81	-

The table below translates estimated demand into new pitch provision with associated capital and lifestyle costs.

<sup>44</sup> [Link to Sport England cost guidance](#)

<sup>45</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)

<sup>46</sup> As per the PPS Guidance, demand for cricket is considered in terms of match equivalent sessions per season rather than per week.

<sup>47</sup> Hours equate to access to a full size floodlit 3G pitch or hockey suitable AGP

Table 7.10: Summary of estimated demand and costs for new pitch provision

Pitch type	Number of pitches to meet demand	Capital cost <sup>48</sup>	Lifecycle Cost (per annum) <sup>49</sup>	Number of changing rooms	Capital cost
Adult football	32.77	£3,178,589	£670,682	65.54	£10,966,133
Youth football	55.51	£4,307,936	£904,667	55.99	£9,367,741
Mini soccer	35.78	£867,638	£182,204	0	£0
Rugby union	7.87	£1,069,418	£228,855	15.75	£2,635,351
Rugby league	0.63	£70,268	£15,529	1.26	£210,804
Cricket	3.27	£936,731	£189,220	6.55	£1,095,498
Sand based AGPs	1.73	£1,394,764	£43,238	3.46	£579,751
3G	6.53	£6,302,049	£240,387	13.06	£2,185,133

## 7.5: The most appropriate way to meet the estimated demand

It is important that the above results are looked at alongside the findings of the Assessment Report, and the recommendations and actions of the Strategy. By doing so, the most appropriate way of meeting the estimated needs can be determined and any resulting proposals justified. This should include:

- ◀ Using the Assessment Report and related Strategy to understand the nature of the playing pitch sites within an appropriate catchment of the new population along with issues, recommendations and actions relevant to that area.
- ◀ Looking at the different ways in which the needs could be met, including for example:
  - ◀ Enhancing existing provision to increase capacity, supported by suitable management and maintenance arrangements to ensure the greater capacity is maintained over the longer term;
  - ◀ Undertaking works, and ensuring long term maintenance and access arrangements, to secure new or greater community use of existing provision;
  - ◀ Providing new pitches as an extension on current sites.
  - ◀ Providing new (natural and/or artificial grass pitches).

If the decision is taken to provide new pitches, then the calculator takes the estimated needs for matches and training activity and converts this into an estimate of the likely pitch provision required to meet the needs of population projections. Indicative costs are also provided to provide this level of pitch provision in addition to costing for associated changing room provision.

## 7.6: Conclusion

Accumulatively across Manchester the scenarios identify that, through overall housing growth up to 2037, demand will be generated to some extent for all pitch sports (football, 3G, rugby union, rugby league, cricket and hockey).

Although some of this demand can be accommodated on the current stock of provision it is probable that new provision will need to be established due to the substantial levels of growth, particularly in the North and Central analysis areas.

<sup>48</sup> [Link to Sport England cost guidance](#)

<sup>49</sup> Lifecycle costs are based on the % of the total project cost per annum as set out in Sport England's Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces documents (2012)



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Furthermore, it is anticipated that requirement for new sporting provision, generated from the level of housing growth in the Central Analysis Area, could also be provided in the surrounding analysis areas. This is due to the topography of the City and lack of available land to create new facilities.

Due to the nature of how football is played in Manchester, with the use of 3G pitches at central venues, it can be argued that there is also not a strategic need to create any new mini pitch provision. This is based on the likelihood that these teams will play their fixtures in 3G provision rather than grass. This means there is a greater need for 3G provision, then what is suggested in the scenarios above.

Although the scenarios above suggest the growth in population in the North and Central analysis areas generates most potential demand, using evidence within the Assessment Report and this Strategy, it is suggested that any new 3G provision is better located in the South and Wythenshawe analysis areas. This would assist in addressing the capacity issues generated from imported football demand. It would also allow for the opportunity to transfer football demand off hockey suitable AGPs in order to create more capacity for hockey.

Notwithstanding the above, the recommendations made need to take into consideration any specific planning policy requirements within the City. This includes, but is not limited to, the gathering and/or spending of S106 monies within a designated catchment area from a development. Any such regulations could reduce, or even stop, the use of monies generated in one area of the City being used in another area. For example, using monies generated from a development in the North Analysis Area and relocating them into the South Analysis Area.

If more capacity could be achieved on 3G, it could potentially accommodate demand generated from future population and lessen the need to create any new hockey suitable AGPs. However, as referenced in the document, there is a strategic need to maintain current levels of hockey suitable AGPs to meet current and future demand. Therefore, potential developer contributions could be spent improving the accessibility and quality of current pitch stock.

There is a future shortfall of youth football pitches that needs to be addressed, meaning there is a potential requirement to create new pitches, however, as the shortfalls are minimal potential monies generated from housing growth would be more effectively spent on improving pitch quality and reconfiguring pitch layouts from adult to youth 11v11/youth 9v9 pitch types.

For cricket, monies should firstly be directed to alleviating identified levels of overplay by providing and/or greater utilisation of NTPs at club sites and improving quality square/ancillary provision where applicable. The creation of hybrid wickets could then provide additional capacity at club sites and should be explored. If overplay remains then the potential of creating new provision, particularly for the larger clubs, should be examined by the PPOSS Steering Group.

The already planned creation of two senior grass rugby league pitches as identified within the Strategy is anticipated to accommodate the future demand for the sport.

Although the PPC is suggesting limited growth for rugby union provision based on housing growth, in fact, initially there is a strategic need to improve the current capacity of pitches across the City through either maintenance and/or drainage enhancements. Furthermore, there is a need for greater levels of sports lighting at specific sites to better disperse levels of demand, particularly training. Therefore, it is suggested that monies generated from developer contributions are initially spent on the above before new provision is established.

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With the above being said, the Council should work with relevant stakeholders and use the PPOSS, in conjunction with the PPC, to understand if onsite provision would be required or if contributions should be secured to improving existing sites/pooled together to establish dedicated sites. This approach would minimise the potential of establishing single pitch sites which are not considered to provide long term sustainability for pitch sports.

Whilst the need seems substantial, it must be noted that these figures are based upon the whole of City and accounts for over a decade of development. In practice, the requirements will be staggered, with existing provision able to meet some if not all the needs when developments are considered on a case-by-case basis. This would be achieved through contributions being directed towards improvements rather than new provision.

It should also be acknowledged that when considering any potential disposal of disused sites identified within the PPOSS, consideration should be given as to whether these sites can sustainably be brought back into use to meet future need before deciding on disposal and replacement to meet Sport England's Playing Field Policy.

Please note that the PPC only includes the main pitch sports but there may also be a requirement to improve facilities for other pitch and non-pitch sports such as softball, lacrosse, tennis, bowls and athletics, for example. Therefore, securing developer contributions to deliver improvements/new provision should be guided by this Strategy and in particular the site by site Action Plan and in consultation with the relevant NGB through the PPOSS Steering Group.

## **PART 8: DELIVER THE STRATEGY AND KEEP IT ROBUST AND UP TO DATE**

The section below is a generalised approach on how to deliver a PPOSS whilst also keeping it robust and up to date. However, as agreed by Sport England and the NGBs, a more tailored approach should be considered for Manchester, aligning with the processes adopted by other local authorities in the North West (see Appendix 1).

### **8.1: Delivery**

The PPOSS provides guidance for maintenance/management decisions and investment made across Manchester. By addressing issues identified in the Assessment Report and using the strategic framework presented in this Strategy, the current and future sporting and recreational needs of the City can be met. The Strategy identifies where there is a deficiency in provision and identifies how best to resolve this in the future.

Production of this Strategy is the start of the process. Successful Strategy implementation and the benefits to be gained depend upon regular engagement between all partners involved and the adoption of a mutually bought into, strategic approach. It is important that this document is used in a practical manner, supports engagement with partners and encourages partnerships to be developed, to ensure that outdoor sports facilities are regarded as a vital aspect of community life and which contribute to the achievement of City Council priorities.

Each member of the Steering Group should take the lead to ensure the PPOSS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence. The role of the Steering Group should not end with the completion of the PPOSS document.

To help ensure that the PPOSS is well used it should be regarded as the key document within the study area guiding the improvement and protection of playing pitch and outdoor sport provision. It needs to be the document to which people and agencies regularly turn to for information in respect of how current demand should be met and what actions are required to improve the situation and meet future demand. To ensure that this is achieved the Steering Group needs to have a clear understanding of how the PPOSS can be applied and therefore delivered.

The process of PPOSS development has already led to several benefits that assist its application and delivery. These include enhanced partnership work across different agendas and organisations, pooling of resources along with strengthened relationships and understanding between stakeholders, members of the Steering Group and the sporting community. The drivers behind the PPOSS and the work to develop the recommendations and Action Plan will have also highlighted, and helped the Steering Group to understand, the key areas to which its influence should be applied and strategy delivered.

Following sign off of the PPOSS, a short-term Action Plan should be prepared by the Council, in consultation with relevant partners, in order to distil the existing Action Plan and to give the Steering Group a short-term focus. This would then need to be revised through regular meetings.

### **8.2: Monitoring and updating**

It is important that there is regular annual monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy. This should be led by the Council and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the Steering Group. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPOSS has been applied should be a key component of monitoring its delivery and be an on-going role of the Steering Group.

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The Steering Group that takes the PPOSS forward should be a sub-regional group made up of representatives from the Council as well as other partners such as the NGBs. This offers benefits in terms of joint working on strategic and cross-boundary issues and will also be more efficient in terms of administration when compared to each authority having its own individual Steering Group.

KKP will provide the tools used to produce the PPOSS to the Council as well as training on how to use such tools, such as the Playing Pitch Database used to hold all information gathered. This will enable the monitoring and updating process to be carried out.

As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPOSS being signed off by the steering group, Sport England and the National Governing Bodies will consider the PPOSS and the information on which it is based to be out of date.

The nature of the supply and in particular the demand for outdoor sports facilities will likely to have changed over the three years. Therefore, without any form of review and update within this time period it would be difficult to make the case that the supply and demand information and assessment work is sufficiently robust.

Ideally the PPOSS should be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the Steering Group. This will help to maintain the momentum and commitment built up during its development. Taking into account the time to develop the PPOSS this should also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.

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

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

Once the PPOSS is complete, the role of the Steering Group should evolve so that it:

- ✦ Acts as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the PPOSS and outdoor sports provision in the area
- ✦ Monitors, evaluates and reviews progress with the delivery of the recommendations and action plan
- ✦ Shares lessons learnt from how the PPOSS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances
- ✦ Ensures that the PPOSS is used effectively to input into any new opportunities to secure improved provision and influence relevant programmes and initiatives
- ✦ Maintains links between relevant parties with an interest in local outdoor sports provision;
- ✦ Reviews the need to update the PPOSS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based. Further to review the group should either:
  - ✦ Provide a short annual progress and update paper;
  - ✦ Provide a partial review focussing on particular sport, pitch type and/or sub area; or
  - ✦ Lead a full review and update of the PPOSS document (including the supply and demand information and assessment details).

- ◀ Consider how provision for sport be made in new development, where onsite provision is required and how developer contributions are used.

Alongside regular Steering Group meetings, a good way to keep the PPOSS up to date and maintain relationships is to hold annual sport specific meetings with pitch sport National Governing Bodies and other relevant parties. These could be part of a process of updating key supply and demand information plus, if necessary, amending assessment work, tracking progress in respect of implementing action plan recommendations and highlighting new issues and opportunities.

Meetings could be timed to coincide with annual National Governing Body affiliation processes. This would help to signal changes in the number and nature of sports clubs in the area. Other information that is already collected on a regular basis such as pitch booking records for local authority and other sites should also feed into these meetings.

National Governing Bodies will also be able to confirm any further performance quality assessments undertaken within the study area. Discussion with league secretaries may also indicate annual league meetings may be useful to attend to pick up on specific issues and/or enable a review of the relevant club details to be undertaken.

The Steering Group should regularly review and refresh area by area plans taking account of any improvements in pitch quality (and hence increases in pitch capacity) and also any new negotiations for community use of education sites in the future.

It is important that the Council maintains the data contained with the accompanying Playing Pitch Database. This will enable it to refresh and update area by area plans on a regular basis. The accompanying databases are intended to be refreshed on a season by season basis and it is important that there is cross-departmental work encompassing, for example, grounds maintenance and sports development departments, to ensure that this is achieved and that results inform subsequent annual sports facility development plans. Results should be shared with partners via a consultative mechanism.

### **8.3: Manchester Local Football Facility Plan**

The findings of, and any subsequent changes, to the PPOSS should align with the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) for Manchester, which will also serve as a live document requiring concurrent management by the Football Foundation in partnership with County FAs and the local authority.

The position for formal and affiliated football provision determined and updated through the PPOSS should form the basis for investment into formalised football provision echoed through the LFFP, which will further explore opportunities for investment into informal, recreational, small sided and indoor football as an extension of the PPOSS findings, the result being a wholistic plan for partnership investment into football facilities in Manchester over the next decade. The PPOSS and LFFP should demonstrate synergy and should inform each other.


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#### 8.4: Checklist

To help ensure the Playing Pitch Strategy is delivered and is kept robust and up to date, the steering group can refer to the new methodology Stage E Checklist: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date:

[Link to Sport England PPS Guidance](#)

Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date	Tick 	
	Yes	Requires Attention
<b>Step 9: Apply &amp; deliver the strategy</b>		
1. Are steering group members clear on how the PPS can be applied across a range of relevant areas?		
2. Is each member of the steering group committed to taking the lead to help ensure the PPS is used and applied appropriately within their area of work and influence?		
3. Has a process been put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered and the PPS is being applied?		
<b>Step 10: Keep the strategy robust &amp; up to date</b>		
1. Has a process been put in place to ensure the PPS is kept robust and up to date?		
2. Does the process involve an annual update of the PPS?		
3. Is the steering group to be maintained and is it clear of its on-going role?		
4. Is regular liaison with the National Governing Bodies and other parties planned?		
5. Has all the supply and demand information been collated and presented in a format (i.e. single document that can be filtered accordingly) that will help people to review it and highlight any changes?		
6. Have any changes made to the Active Places Power data been fed back to Sport England?		



**APPENDIX ONE: TAILORED APPROACH FOR MANCHESTER STAGE E**

<b>What?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>
<p>1. Internal steering group meeting</p> <p>Meeting between council officers internal steering group members to discuss and log key changes in provision, covering:</p> <p>New pitch provision  Pitch improvements  Pitch re-configuration  Pitch loss/threat  Community access agreements (e.g. Education/private sites)  Plans for future provision</p> <p>The outcomes from the meeting and updates to documents should be recorded.</p>	<p>Manchester Council / MCR Active</p>	<p>Bi-annually</p>
<p>2. Sport England and NGB update meetings</p> <p>The council to hold series of update meetings with individual sports NGBs to discuss and log:</p> <p>Any changes in club and team details  Any changes in sport format  Any site specific updates  Changes to supply and demand data  The application and use of the PPOSS e.g. In delivery of new or improved provision, funding opportunities, programmes and initiatives  Any new issues and opportunities.</p>	<p>Manchester Council / MCR Active  NGBs  Sport England</p>	<p>Annually for each sport, to fit with affiliation process (generally October for winter sports and June for summer sports)</p>

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What?	Who?	When?
<p>3<sup>50</sup>. Prepare annual PPOSS progress paper</p> <p>Based on the outcome of actions above, a short annual PPOSS progress and update paper should be produced, highlighting:</p> <p>The delivery of PPOSS recommendations and any changes in priority;</p> <p>Changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area and other supply and demand information with implications for PPOSS key findings;</p> <p>Details of any developments of a specific sport or particular format;</p> <p>Details of any new or emerging issues and opportunities;</p> <p>Any issues with the application of the PPOSS and lessons learnt;</p> <p>Actions needed to keep the PPOSS 'live' and up to date.</p> <p>Based on the above, the annual progress paper will also consider if a partial or full update of the PPOSS is required.</p> <p>Alternatively, both the assessment report and the strategy can be updated to take into account and referencing all of the above.</p>	PPOSS steering group	Annually
<p>4. Circulation and agreement</p> <p>Circulate the annual progress paper or updated PPOSS document to the steering group for comment and agreement with opportunity to hold a further meeting to discuss findings and issues.</p>	PPOSS steering group	Annually
<p>5. Publish paper</p> <p>Make annual progress paper or updated documents available online; report any significant findings to appropriate committee if considered necessary.</p>	Manchester Council / MCR Active	Annually – following completion of all of the above

<sup>50</sup> Sport England has produced a model Annual Monitoring Report which can be tailored to meet the needs of the Council.

#### APPENDIX TWO: GLOSSARY

**Capacity** is the amount of play a site can regularly accommodate (in the relevant comparable unit) for community use without adversely affecting its quality and use. This is typically outlined by the NGB.

**Overplay** is when a pitch is used over the amount that the carrying capacity will allow, (i.e. more than the site can accommodate). Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected.

**Spare capacity** is the amount of additional play that a pitch could potentially accommodate in addition to current activity. There may be reasons why this potential to accommodate additional play should not automatically be regarded as actual spare capacity, for example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below its carrying capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of friendly matches and training activity. This needs to be investigated before the capacity is deemed **actual spare capacity**.

**Match equivalent sessions** is an appropriate comparable unit for pitch usage. For football, rugby union and rugby league, pitches should relate to a typical week within the season and one match = one match equivalent session if it occurs every week or 0.5 match equivalent sessions if it occurs every other week (i.e. reflecting home and away fixtures). For cricket pitches, it is appropriate to look at the number of match equivalent sessions over the course of a season and one match = one match equivalent session.

**Displaced demand** generally relates to play by teams or other users of playing pitches from within the study area (i.e. from residents of the study area) which takes place outside of the area. This may be due to issues with the provision of pitches and ancillary facilities in the study area, just reflective of how the sports are played (e.g. at a central venue for the wider area) or due to the most convenient site for the respective users just falling outside of the local authority/study area.

**Unmet demand** is demand that is known to exist but unable to be accommodated on current supply of pitches. This could be in the form of a team with access to a pitch for matches but nowhere to train or vice versa. This could also be due to the poor quality and therefore limited capacity of pitches in the area and/or a lack of provision and ancillary facilities which meet a certain standard of play/league requirement. League secretaries may be aware of some unmet demand as they may have declined applications from teams wishing to enter their competitions due to a lack of pitch provision which in turn is hindering the growth of the league.

**Latent demand** is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision. This could include feedback from a sports club who may feel that they could set up and run an additional team if they had access to better provision.

**Future demand** is an informed estimate made of the likely future demand for pitches in the study area. This is generally based on the most appropriate current and future population projections for the relevant age and gender groupings for each sport. Key trends, local objectives and targets and consultation also inform this figure.

**Casual use** or other use could take place on natural grass pitches or AGPs and include:

- ♦ Regular play from non-sports club sources (e.g. companies, schools, fitness classes)
- ♦ Infrequent informal/friendly matches
- ♦ Informal training sessions
- ♦ More casual forms of a particular sport organised by sports clubs or other parties
- ♦ Significant public use and informal play, particularly where pitches are located in parks/recreation grounds.

### **APPENDIX THREE: SPORTING CONTEXT**

The following section outlines a series of national, regional and local policies pertaining to the study and which will have an important influence on the Strategy.

#### **National context**

The provision of high quality and accessible community outdoor sports facilities at a local level is a key requirement for achieving the targets set out by the Government and Sport England. It is vital that this strategy is cognisant of and works towards these targets in addition to local priorities and plans.

#### ***Department of Media Culture and Sport Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation (2015)***

The Government published its strategy for sport in December 2015. This strategy confirms the recognition and understanding that sport makes a positive difference through broader means and that it will help the sector to deliver five simple but fundamental outcomes: physical health, mental health, individual development, social and community development and economic development. In order to measure its success in producing outputs which accord with these aims it has also adopted a series of 23 performance indicators under nine key headings, as follows:

- ◀
- ◀ More people taking part in sport and physical activity.
- ◀ More people volunteering in sport.
- ◀ More people experiencing live sport.
- ◀ Maximising international sporting success.
- ◀ Maximising domestic sporting success.
- ◀ Maximising domestic sporting success.
- ◀ A more productive sport sector.
- ◀ A more financially and organisationally sustainable sport sector.
- ◀ A more responsible sport sector.

#### ***Sport England: Uniting the Movement (2021)***

Sport and physical activity have a big role to play in improving the physical and mental health of the nation, supporting the economy, reconnecting communities and rebuilding a stronger society for all. From this notion, Sport England has recently released its new strategy, Uniting the Movement, its 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity.

It seeks to tackle the inequalities long seen in sport and physical activity. Providing opportunities to people and communities that have traditionally been left behind, and helping to remove the barriers to activity, has never been more important.

There are three key objectives to the Strategy:

- ◀ Advocating for movement, sport and physical activity.
- ◀ Joining forces on five big issues
- ◀ Creating the catalyst for change

In particular, the five big issues are identified where the greatest potential is seen for preventing and tackling inequalities in sport and physical activity. Each one is a building block that, on its own, would make a difference, but together, could change things profoundly:

**Recover and reinvent:** Recovering from the biggest crisis in a generation and reinventing as a vibrant, relevant and sustainable network of organisations providing sport and physical activity opportunities that meet the needs of different people.

**Connecting communities:** Focusing on sport and physical activity's ability to make better places to live and bring people together.

**Positive experiences for children and young people:** Unrelenting focus on positive experiences for all children and young people as the foundations for a long and healthy life.

**Connecting with health and wellbeing:** Strengthening the connections between sport, physical activity, health and wellbeing, so more people can feel the benefits of, and advocate for, an active life.

**Active environments:** Creating and protecting the places and spaces that make it easier for people to be active.

The specific impact of the Strategy will be captured through programmes funded, interventions made, and partnerships forged. For each specific area of action, a set of key performance indicators will be developed. This hybrid approach will help evidence the overall progress being made by all those involved in supporting sport and physical activity.

#### **National Planning Policy Framework (amended 2021)**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out planning policies for England. It details how these changes are expected to be applied to the planning system. It also provides a framework for local people and their councils to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

The NPPF states the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It identifies that the planning system needs to focus on three themes of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. A presumption in favour of sustainable development is a key aspect for any plan-making and decision-taking processes. In relation to plan-making the NPPF sets out that Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs.

The 'promoting healthy communities' theme identifies that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficiencies or surpluses in local areas should also be identified. This information should be used to inform what provision is required in an area.

As a prerequisite the NPPF states existing open space, sports and recreation buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- ◀ An assessment has been undertaken, which has clearly shown that the open space, buildings or land is surplus to requirements.
- ◀ The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location.
- ◀ The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

In order for planning policies to be 'sound' local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities.

#### ***GreaterSport - Greater Manchester Moving in Action (2021-2031)***

GreaterSport is the Active Partnership covering Greater Manchester. Active Partnerships are locally based strategic organisations which recognise that activity levels are affected by a complex system of influences and no single organisation or programme creates sustainable change at scale. Via adoption of a collaborative whole system approach, they seek to make active lifestyles the social norm for everyone and address levels of inactivity in society.

Working in collaboration with all ten Greater Manchester authorities across the region, its latest strategy;<sup>51</sup> aims to create a happier, healthier, more connected Greater Manchester. This will be achieved through the following priorities:

- ◀ Culture change: To create the conditions for a cultural shift to make moving a normal part of every day for all.
- ◀ Whole system integration: To work together as one GM team to lead, model, advocate for and embed a whole-system approach to physical activity.
- ◀ Active Lives For All: To work with and meet the needs of Greater Manchester people, families and communities, in all their diversity, to enable everyone to live an active life.
- ◀ Inclusive participation and access: To widen access and participation in physical activity, sport and active travel to create a greater, more inclusive choice of ways to be active every day.
- ◀ Active places: To grow and spread place-based active approaches, environments, and partnerships to create the conditions for an active life in localities, neighbourhoods and across the city region.

#### ***The FA National Football Facilities Strategy (2018-28)***

The Football Association's (FA) National Football Facilities Strategy (NFFS) provides a strategic framework that sets out key priorities and targets for the national game (i.e., football) over a ten-year period.

The Strategy sets out shared aims and objectives it aims to deliver on in conjunction with The Premier League, Sport England and the Government, to be delivered with support of the Football Foundation.

These stakeholders have clearly identified the aspirations for football to contribute directly to nationally important social and health priorities. Alongside this, the strategy is clear that traditional, affiliated football remains an important priority and a core component of the game, whilst recognising and supporting the more informal environments used for the community and recreational game.

Its vision is: *"Within 10 years we aim to deliver great football facilities, wherever they are needed"*

£1.3 billion has been spent by football and Government since 2000 to enhance existing football facilities and build new ones. However, more is needed if football and Government's shared objectives for participation, individual well-being and community cohesion are to be achieved. Nationally, direct investment will be increased – initially to £69 million per annum from football and Government (a 15% increase on recent years).

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<sup>51</sup> [Link to GM Moving Strategy](#)



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The NFFS investment priorities can be broadly grouped into six areas, recognising the need to grow the game, support existing players and better understand the different football environments:

- ◀ **Improve 20,000 Natural Turf pitches**, with a focus on addressing drop off due to a poor playing experience;
- ◀ **Deliver 1,000 3G AGP 'equivalents'** (mix of full size and small sided provision, including MUGAs - small sided facilities are likely to have a key role in smaller / rural communities and encouraging multi-sport offers), enhancing the quality of playing experience and supporting a sustainable approach to grass roots provision;
- ◀ **Deliver 1,000 changing pavilions/clubhouses**, linked to multi-pitch or hub sites, supporting growth (particularly in women and girls football), sustainability and providing a facility infrastructure to underpin investment in coaching, officials and football development;
- ◀ **Support access to flexible indoor spaces**, including equipment and court markings, to support growth in futsal, walking football and to support the education and skills outcomes, exploiting opportunities for football to positively impact on personal and social outcomes for young people in particular;
- ◀ **Refurbish existing stock to maintain current provision**, recognising the need to address historic under-investment and issues with refurbishment of existing facilities;
- ◀ **Support testing of technology and innovation**, building on customer insight to deliver hubs for innovation, testing and development of the game.

#### *Local Football Facility Plans*

To support in delivery of the NFFS, The FA commissioned a national project. Since 2020, every local authority across England has a Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP). Each plan is unique to its area as well as being diverse in its representation, including currently underrepresented communities.

Identifying strategic priorities for football facilities across the formal, recreational and informal game, LFFPs present a ten-year vision for football facilities that aims to transform the playing pitch stock in a sustainable way. They identify key projects to be delivered and act as an investment portfolio for projects that require funding. LFFPs guide the allocation of 90% of national football investment (The FA, Premier League and DCMS) and forge stronger partnerships with local stakeholders to develop key sites. This, together with local match-funding will deliver over one billion pounds of investment into football facilities over the next 10-years.

It is important to recognise that an LFFP is an investment portfolio of priority projects for potential investment - it is not a detailed supply and demand analysis of all pitch provision in a local area. Therefore, it cannot be used as a replacement for a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) and it will not be accepted as an evidence base for site change of use or disposal.

A LFFP will; however, build on available/existing local evidence and strategic plans and may adopt relevant actions from a PPS and/or complement these with additional investment priorities.

#### ***The FA: Time for Change Strategy (2020-24)***

The FA launched its new National Game Strategy in January 2021 which aims to 'unite the game and inspire the nation'. It will do this in two ways, by 'changing the game to maximise its impact' and by 'serving the game to deliver football for all'.

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To achieve this, the strategy will focus on six Game Changer objectives, to change the fabric of the game and tackle long-term issues, to make the largest possible impact in the years ahead:

- ◀ Win a major tournament
- ◀ Service > two million through a transformed media platform
- ◀ Ensure equal opportunities for every girl
- ◀ Delivery of 5,000 quality pitches
- ◀ A game free of discrimination
- ◀ Maximise the appeal and revenue of the FA cups and BFAWSL

These are underpinned by eight Serve objectives, ensuring maintenance of brilliant business-as-usual services to support the growing and evolving needs of the game:

- ◀ Trusted, progressive regulation and administration
- ◀ Safe and inclusive football pathways and environment
- ◀ Personalised and connected learning experiences
- ◀ Maximum investment into the game
- ◀ Diverse, high-performing workforce and inclusive culture
- ◀ World class venues and events
- ◀ Strong reputation and clear brand identity
- ◀ Technology enabled and insight driven

#### ***England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Inspiring Generations (2020-2024)***

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic plan in 2019. The strategic plan aims to connect communities and improve lives by inspiring people to discover and share their passion for cricket

The plan sets out six important priorities and activities, these are:

- ◀ ***Grow and nurture the core***
  - ◀ Create an infrastructure investment fund for First Class County Clubs (FCCs)
  - ◀ Introduce a new Community Investment Funding for FCCs and County Cricket Boards (CCBs)
  - ◀ Invest in club facilities
  - ◀ Develop the role of National Counties Cricket
  - ◀ Further invest in County Competitions
- ◀ ***Inspire through elite teams***
  - ◀ Increase investment in the county talent pathway
  - ◀ Incentivise the counties to develop England Players
  - ◀ Drive the performance system through technology and innovation
  - ◀ Create heroes and connect them with a new generation of fans
- ◀ ***Make cricket accessible***
  - ◀ Broaden crickets appeal through the New Competition
  - ◀ Create a new digital community for cricket
  - ◀ Install non-traditional playing facilities in urban areas
  - ◀ Continue to deliver South Asian Action Plans
  - ◀ Launch a new participation product, linked to the New Competition

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#### ◀ **Engage children and young people**

- ◀ Double cricket participation in primary schools
- ◀ Deliver a compelling and coordinated recreational playing offer from age five upwards
- ◀ Develop our safeguarding to promote safe spaces for children and young people

#### ◀ **Transform women's and girls' cricket**

- ◀ Grow the base through participation and facilities investment
- ◀ Launch centres of excellence and a new elite domestic structure
- ◀ Invest in girls' county age group cricket
- ◀ Deliver a girls' secondary school programme

#### ◀ **Support our communities**

- ◀ Double the number of volunteers in the game
- ◀ Create a game-wide approach to Trust and Foundations through the cricket network
- ◀ Develop a new wave of officials and community coaches
- ◀ Increase participation in disability cricket

### ***The Rugby Football Union Strategy (2021)***

Through the strategy, the RFU aims to enrich lives, introduce more people to rugby union and develop the sport for future generations. The goal is to achieve this by strengthening and uniting rugby union in England and producing consistently winning England teams.

Eight key strategic priorities are identified with all investment decisions aligned to these. The strategy also outlines the RFU's core activities which form the backbone of its business operations and services to the game.

The priorities include four 'Game Objectives' and four 'Driving Objectives' as detailed below.

#### *Game Objectives*

- ◀ Enjoyment – enable positive player experiences on and off the field
- ◀ Winning England – create the best possible high-performance system for England Rugby
- ◀ Welfare – enhance player welfare to protect and support the wellbeing of players
- ◀ Flourishing rugby communities – support clubs to sustain and grow themselves and to reflect society

#### *Driving Objectives*

- ◀ Diversity & Inclusion – drive rugby union in England to reflect the diversity of society
- ◀ Understand – build a deep understanding of players, volunteers and fans to shape the future of the game
- ◀ Connect – connect with and grow the rugby community and create exceptional experiences
- ◀ Commercial and operational excellence – ensure a sustainable and efficient business model delivered by an inspired workforce

### ***England Hockey Strategy***

The link to England Hockey's Facilities Strategy can be found [here](#). It is presently updating the incumbent strategy, to be completed in 2022.

**Vision:** For every hockey club in England to have appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

**Mission:** More, Better, Happier Players with access to appropriate and sustainable facilities

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The 3 main objectives of the facilities strategy are:

#### 1. **PROTECT: To conserve the existing hockey provision**

- There are currently over 800 pitches that are used by hockey clubs (club, school, universities) across the country. It is important to retain the current provision where appropriate to ensure that hockey is maintained across the country.

#### 2. **IMPROVE: To improve the existing facilities stock (physically and administratively)**

- The current facilities stock is ageing and there needs to be strategic investment into refurbishing the pitches and ancillary facilities. England Hockey works to provide more support for clubs to obtain better agreements with facilities providers & education around owning an asset.

#### 3. **DEVELOP: To strategically build new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain. This might include consolidating hockey provision in a local area where appropriate.**

England Hockey has identified key areas across the country where there is a lack of suitable hockey provision and there is a need for additional pitches, suitable for hockey. There is an identified demand for multi pitches in the right places to consolidate hockey and allow clubs to have all of their provision catered for at one site.

### ***Rugby League World Cup 'Inspired by 2022' Legacy Programme***

The Rugby League World Cup 2022 will develop a £10 million legacy programme with funds driven into local clubs and community projects. The government investment, delivered by Sport England, is part of RLWC 2021's ambitious plan to grow the sport and make it more visible, engaging and welcoming to current and potential participants.

The funding will be split into large transformational community projects, such as changing room improvements and new artificial grass pitches with the remaining funding used for smaller scale initiatives such as supplying new kit and equipment to promote club and community development. The investment will focus on the following four key areas:

- ◀ Creating welcoming environments
- ◀ Encouraging participation growth
- ◀ Building community engagement
- ◀ Cultivating further investment

### ***Tennis in Britain - LTA Strategy***

The LTA's vision for 2019 – 2023, Tennis Opened Up includes seven strategies relating to three objectives which are built around its mission 'to grow tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable'.

#### **Objectives**

- ◀ Increase the number of fans on our database from [623,602] to [1,000,000] by 2023.
- ◀ More people playing more often;
  - ◀ Increase the number of adults playing tennis each year from [7.7% (4,018,600)] of the population to [8.5% (4,420,460)], and the frequency of adults playing tennis twice a month 2.5% 1,311,800 to 1.9% 1,500,000 by 2023.
  - ◀ The number of children playing tennis once a week from 550,000 to 700,000 (7.9% to 10% of the population) by 2023.

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- ◀ Enable 5 new players to break into the top 100 by 2023 and inspire the tennis audience.

#### *Strategies:*

1. Visibility - Broaden relevance and increase visibility of tennis all year round to build engagement and participation with fans and players.
2. Innovation - Innovate in the delivery of tennis to widen its appeal.
3. Investment - Support community facilities and schools to increase the opportunities to play
4. Accessibility - Make the customer journey to playing tennis easier and more accessible for anyone
5. Engagement - Engage and collaborate with everyone involved in delivering tennis in Britain, particularly coaches and volunteers to attract and maintain more people in the game.
6. Performance - Create a pathway for British champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders.
7. Leadership - Lead tennis in Britain to the highest standard so it is a safe, welcoming, well-run sport.

#### ***British Crown Green Bowling Association***

Please note there is no current facility guidance provided by British Crown Green Bowling Association responsible for crown green bowls in England.

[Link to BCGBA website](#)

#### ***England Athletics Strategic Plan – Athletics & Running: for everyone, forever – 2017 and beyond***

This plan sets out England Athletics' mission, vision and strategic priorities that will direct how they work as an organisation during the coming years: what they do and how they will do it.

**Vision:** Make athletics and running the most inclusive and popular sport in England, led by a network of progressive clubs and organisations and supported by a sustainable, respected and trusted governing body.

For England Athletics to achieve this vision, they will focus on three values:

- Pride – taking pride in their work and demonstrating to athletes that they recognise the importance of their role in bettering athletics.
- Integrity – demonstrate integrity to earn respect and to build effective partnerships.
- Inclusivity – promote inclusivity in all their actions.

**Mission:** To grow opportunities for everyone to experience athletics and running, to enable them to reach their full potential.

In order to achieve their mission, England Athletics will have three strategic priorities.

1. To expand the capacity of the sport by supporting and developing its volunteers and other workforce. The target is to achieve a 6% increase every year of licensed leaders, coaches and officials.
2. To sustain and increase participation and performance levels in our sport. To achieve this, England Athletics' current targets are to increase the number of club registered athletes from (149,000 to 172,000), engage 135,000 people through the RunTogether programme and to increase athlete performance levels across all events and disciplines by 1% every year.

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3. To influence participation in the wider athletics market. Their target here is to increase the number of regular athletes or runners by at least one million.

#### ***England Athletics Facility Strategy (2018 – 2025)***

The purpose of this document is to set out our long term vision for athletics facilities in England. Facilities form a vital component of the overall England Athletics strategy.

The development, protection and enhancement of facilities will support our strategic plan and help England Athletics contribute to the delivery of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Sporting Futures: A New Strategy for Sport and Sport England's strategy Towards an Active Nation. Appropriate facilities help to attract and inspire new participants and provide the foundation and focus for a significant proportion of the England Athletics family.

The England Athletics Strategic Plan notes that the sport increasingly needs to become financially sustainable and that a business-like and innovative approach is a vital component of its future success. Facilities are fundamental, but they are also expensive to create and to maintain. The sport therefore faces a significant challenge to develop, improve and maintain facilities, most of which are currently operated and funded by third parties.

This strategy sets out a challenge to all those involved with the delivery of the sport to be innovative and business like in the operation and development of facilities at a time of financial challenge, as it aims "To create an innovative and inspiring network of sustainable athletic facilities, with the capacity to meet both current and future demand across England".

#### ***England Golf – Strategic Direction (2021-2025)***

In 2021 England Golf launched its new Strategy to leads, support, inspire and deliver for its community of golfers, golf clubs and counties. Its re-focusing its priorities, energy and passion into the key areas to help widen golf's appeal, highlighting the sport as a more inclusive and accessible offer.

The objectives are:

- ◆ Lead through strong governance & integrity
- ◆ Energise & support the golf community
- ◆ Deliver a more inclusive & accessible sport
- ◆ Inspire current & future generations

[Link to England Golf Strategy](#)



**APPENDIX FOUR: MCC OPEN SPACE SURVEY RESPONSES (PPOSS SPECIFIC)**

Table 1: Summary of answer to the question what type of spaces do you use most often?

<b>Q3. What type of spaces do you use most often? Select all that apply</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Q3.1. Local parks	752	70.2%
Q3.2. Community parks	576	53.8%
Q3.3. Destination parks	536	50.0%
Q3.4. Nature reserve, common or woodland	582	54.3%
Q3.5. Play area for young children	230	21.5%
Q3.6. Play area for older children (eg skatepark, BMX track)	160	14.9%
Q3.7. General amenity greenspace	319	29.8%
Q3.8. Allotments and community gardens	198	18.5%
Q3.9. Cemeteries/churchyards	149	13.9%
Q3.10. Civic spaces, war memorials etc	94	8.8%
Q3.11. Cycleways, footpaths, bridleways etc	509	47.5%
Q3.12. Indoor sports provision (eg leisure centres, sport specific venues)	226	21.1%
Q3.13. Outdoor sports provision (eg sports playing pitches)	167	15.6%
Q3.14. I do not visit any type of open space	4	0.4%
<b>Base</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>-</b>

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Table 2: Summary of answer to the question how often do you visit each type of space?

Q7. How often do you visit each type of space?	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annually	I don't visit this kind of space	-	Total
Q7.1. Local parks	287	463	150	25	102	44	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.2. Community parks	163	409	200	61	129	109	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.3. Destination parks	102	260	349	139	117	104	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.4. Nature reserve, common or woodland	138	285	340	153	89	66	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.5. Play area for young children	40	195	68	42	546	180	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.6. Play area for older children (eg skatepark, BMX track)	50	80	86	40	603	212	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.7. General amenity greenspace	163	282	176	60	247	143	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.8. Allotments and community gardens	50	103	76	63	605	174	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.9. Cemeteries/churchyards	2	66	172	197	475	159	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.10. Civic spaces, war memorials etc	10	47	95	202	519	198	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.11. Cycleways, footpaths, bridleways etc	272	277	193	50	179	100	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.12. Indoor sports provision (eg leisure centres, sport specific venues)	49	209	154	101	402	156	<b>1,071</b>
Q7.13. Outdoor sports provision (eg sports playing pitches)	22	143	96	74	560	176	<b>1,071</b>

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Table 3: Summary of answer to the question how long do you typically spend in each type of space?

Q8. How long do you typically spend in each type of space? Tick all that apply	Less than an hour	One to two hours	Two to five hours	More than five hours	I don't visit this kind of space	-	Total
Q8.1. Local parks	299	498	113	9	95	57	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.2. Community parks	224	501	111	7	118	110	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.3. Destination parks	73	425	307	34	117	115	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.4. Nature reserve, common or woodland	67	451	318	42	101	92	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.5. Play area for young children	128	167	30	3	555	188	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.6. Play area for older children (eg skatepark, BMX track)	48	98	76	39	594	216	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.7. General amenity greenspace	224	273	86	10	300	178	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.8. Allotments and community gardens	55	102	93	19	614	188	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.9. Cemeteries/churchyards	281	120	13	1	473	183	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.10. Civic spaces, war memorials etc	217	89	11	1	533	220	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.11. Cycleways, footpaths, bridleways etc	153	394	162	27	208	127	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.12. Indoor sports provision (eg leisure centres, sport specific venues)	74	312	62	10	430	183	<b>1,071</b>
Q8.13. Outdoor sports provision (eg sports playing pitches)	55	201	51	5	562	197	<b>1,071</b>

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Table 4: Summary of answer to the question how do you usually travel to each type of space?

Q9. How do you usually travel to each type of space? Tick all that apply	Walk	Car or private vehicle	Public transport	Cycle	Other	I don't visit this kind of space	-	Total
Q9.1. Local parks	762	96	17	59	11	82	44	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.2. Community parks	568	167	35	80	14	108	99	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.3. Destination parks	241	438	103	85	10	103	91	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.4. Nature reserve, common or woodland	330	380	83	94	6	93	85	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.5. Play area for young children	254	78	7	18	3	532	179	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.6. Play area for older children (eg skatepark, BMX track)	81	90	28	50	14	593	215	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.7. General amenity greenspace	415	105	28	53	9	290	171	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.8. Allotments and community gardens	170	68	13	43	2	589	186	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.9. Cemeteries/churchyards	192	155	31	47	4	458	184	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.10. Civic spaces, war memorials etc	148	97	70	27	8	505	216	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.11. Cycleways, footpaths, bridleways, canal towpaths etc	360	86	14	255	13	211	132	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.12. Indoor sports provision (eg leisure centres, sport specific venues)	114	239	43	67	4	420	184	<b>1,071</b>
Q9.13. Outdoor sports provision (eg sports playing pitches)	92	138	33	48	5	553	202	<b>1,071</b>

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Table 5: Summary of answer to the question how long are you willing to spend travelling to each type of space?

<b>Q10. How long are you willing to spend travelling to each type of space? Tick all that apply</b>	<b>Up to 5 minutes</b>	<b>Up to 10 minutes</b>	<b>Up to 15 minutes</b>	<b>Up to 30 minutes</b>	<b>More than 30 minutes</b>	<b>I don't visit this kind of space</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Total</b>
Q10.1. Local parks	153	244	261	200	58	82	73	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.2. Community parks	61	193	284	249	69	101	114	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.3. Destination parks	17	47	151	346	302	99	109	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.4. Nature reserve, common or woodland	21	59	137	304	347	92	111	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.5. Play area for young children	39	88	104	82	31	529	198	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.6. Play area for older children (eg skatepark, BMX track)	13	32	68	104	59	571	224	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.7. General amenity greenspace	108	117	164	141	61	286	194	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.8. Allotments and community gardens	29	75	109	71	23	563	201	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.9. Cemeteries/churchyards	26	62	137	124	64	450	208	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.10. Civic spaces, war memorials etc	20	44	90	107	72	501	237	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.11. Cycleways, footpaths, bridleways, canal towpaths etc	127	149	175	165	107	194	154	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.12. Indoor sports provision (eg leisure centres, sport specific venues)	6	75	175	175	45	393	202	<b>1,071</b>
Q10.13. Outdoor sports provision (eg sports playing pitches)	12	59	96	124	43	523	214	<b>1,071</b>

Table 6: Summary of answer to the question how much do you agree/disagree with the following statement? 'Visiting open space, sport and leisure provision makes me feel better'

<b>Q13. How much do you agree/disagree with the following statement? 'Visiting open space, sport and leisure provision makes me feel better'</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Total</b>
Count	805	222	27	3	7	7	<b>1,071</b>
Percent (all)	75.2%	20.7%	2.5%	0.3%	0.7%	0.7%	100.0%
Percent (excluding -)	75.7%	20.9%	2.5%	0.3%	0.7%		100.0%

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Table 7: Summary of answer to the question which of these options would improve open space and leisure facilities for you?

Q14. Which of these options would improve open space and leisure facilities for you? Select all that apply	Count	Percent
Q14.1. Greater attractiveness (e.g. flowers, trees)	664	62.0%
Q14.2. Better maintenance and care of features	837	78.2%
Q14.3. Improved access to and within sites	360	33.6%
Q14.4. More public events	254	23.7%
Q14.5. Greater information on sites	268	25.0%
Q14.6. Better and wider range of facilities (i.e. play equipment, seating, refreshments)	513	47.9%
Q14.7. Greater community involvement	367	34.3%
Q14.8. More wildlife/habitat promotion	616	57.5%
Q14.9. Upgrade of specific sports and leisure facilities	311	29.0%
Q14.10. Other (please specify):	353	33.0%
<b>Base</b>	<b>1,071</b>	





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### PART 1: ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES

#### Introduction

Part 1 is an addendum to the Manchester Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy to update on levels and type of supply of Artificial Grass Pitches at the University of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre). The update provides an amended position for football and hockey demand and supply in relation to their use of Artificial Grass Pitches. The addendum is required because one of the sand based Artificial Grass Pitches at the Armitage Sports Centre has been converted to 3G. This means hockey is no longer able to be played on that pitch but it is suitable for football and lacrosse. The addendum looks at how the conversion has affected hockey and football in the Analysis Area (South).

At the time the supply and demand data for the winter sports was captured, November 2021, the University of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre) accommodated the following provision, all of which was and remains available for community use:

Table 1.1: Summary of supply at University of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre) as of November 2021

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Post code	Provision	Quantity	Quality rating
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	South	M14 6HE	Full size hockey suitable AGPs with sports lighting.	3	Good
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	South	M14 6HE	Full size hockey suitable AGPs with sports lighting.	1	Poor
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	South	M14 6HE	Full size 3G pitches with sports lighting.	2	Good
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	South	M14 6HE	Small size 3G pitches with sports lighting.	4	Poor
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	South	M14 6HE	Adult grass football pitches	2	Good
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	South	M14 6HE	Tennis courts with sports lighting.	2	Good
156	University Of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre)	South	M14 6HE	Fixed net practise facility onsite.	1	Standard

Furthermore, consultation undertaken in person with the University in 2021 identified its plans to convert the poor quality hockey sand based AGP to 3G. This data was used to produce the Assessment Report and Strategy & Action Plan documents including running bespoke scenarios to understand what impact a conversion would have on the levels of supply and demand for both football and hockey across Manchester.

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As of the beginning of August 2022, the Assessment Report was signed off by all the PPOSS Steering Group with the Strategy & Action Plan Report nearing its final version after several rounds of amendments from the wider steering group. In addition, wider steering group meetings ranging through from Stage A to Stage D had been completed.

For the summary of findings please see the relevant accompanying Assessment and Strategy & Action Plan documents.

#### Developments

At the end of August 2022, it was brought to attention of the Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) steering group that the University of Manchester had converted the poor quality hockey suitable AGP to a 3G surface despite the PPOSS Steering Group raising significant concerns about the conversion with the University. It should be noted Manchester City Council and Sport England's position on AGP conversions is as follows and is included in the main Strategy document in Section 4 (3G Pitches and Hockey):

*"In line with Sport England guidance, Manchester City Council would usually require a planning application where any playing pitch surface is being changed from one type to another, such as sand based to 3G as this would constitute an engineering operation. (There are some exceptions to this, but the advice would always be to check with the Local Planning Authority first.) This is to enable consideration of potential issues including those relating to surface drainage, noise, lighting, and to allow consultation to take place with Sport England to ensure that any impact on sports provision is assessed."*

Following discussions with the stakeholders it was decided to create an Addendum to the PPOSS to set out the updated position as the conversion has had an immediate impact on both the levels of supply and demand for hockey suitable AGPs and 3G pitches and subsequent recommendations.

Therefore, the recommendations relating to the University of Manchester (Armitage Sports Centre) and the overall sport by sport recommendations for 3G pitches and hockey suitable AGPs within the Strategy & Action Plan document will be superseded with the recommendations within this document.

#### 3G pitches

##### **Current supply and demand summary for 3G pitches**

- ◀ **In principle, there is a current need for one pitch in the South Analysis Area. Taking into consideration future demand there is a need for two pitches in the South Analysis Area.**
- ◀ **There is need for a joint Manchester and Trafford plan for 3G development is recommended to address cross boundary issues in Wythenshawe area.**

##### *Supply*

- ◀ There are 31 full size 3G pitches in Manchester, of which 25 are available for community use and six are not. All full size provision across the City has sports lighting.
- ◀ The North Area has the most provision with 13 pitches in total (42% of all full size 3G pitches), however five are unavailable.
- ◀ Of the 25 available pitches there are 19 on the 3G Register (14 FA registered and five FIFA certified). Six pitches are dually registered for both football and rugby union activity.
- ◀ There are a further 78 smaller size 3G pitches servicing Manchester, of which 68 are available for community use.

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- ◀ Newall Green High School closed in August 2021, meaning its sports facilities have become disused. Facilities include a full size 3G pitch with sports lighting, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and a mini 5v5 pitch.

#### *Quality*

- ◀ In Manchester there are 16 pitches rated as good quality, six rated as standard and nine rated as poor. Of the community available pitches, there is a total of 12 good quality pitches (48%), six standard quality pitches (24%) and seven poor quality pitches (28%).

#### *Demand*

- ◀ Most competitive football matches in Manchester are played on 3G pitches. There are 450 teams which play competitive club football on 3G pitches in Manchester, representing 57% of teams playing matches in the City.
- ◀ In total there are 110 teams importing demand onto 3G pitches in Manchester equating to 12 teams in the North Area, 71 teams in the Central Area, two teams in the South Area and 25 teams in the Wythenshawe Area.
- ◀ In total there are 33 teams exporting demand from Manchester onto 3G pitches in other local authorities, equating to ten teams from the North Area, ten teams from the Central Area, 12 teams from the South Area and one team from the Wythenshawe Area.
- ◀ There is demand from other football providers for more 3G pitch provision, including daytime use and weekend use for central venue matches.

#### *Capacity*

- ◀ Across the City there are varying levels of spare capacity on 3G provision, both midweek and at the weekend, in the North and Central analysis areas. Exceptions to this are at Dean Trust Ardwick Academy, The Co-Operative Academy of Manchester and Wright Robinson Leisure and Belle Vue Sports Village which are used extensively at both peak periods.
- ◀ There are more significant capacity issues within the South and Wythenshawe areas which have limited amounts of spare capacity for additional demand.

#### **Current recommendations for 3G pitches**

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ◀ Ensure the pitch at The Manchester College (Nicholls Community Football Centre) is suitably replaced by a new pitch at The Manchester College Openshaw Campus in mitigation for its loss.
- ◀ Look to refurbish the remaining five poor quality community available 3G pitches.
- ◀ Deliver new 3G pitch provision within the South Area, proposed at Hough End Playing Fields, to meet current and future shortfalls.
- ◀ Develop a co-ordinated approach, with Trafford Council, regarding the development of new 3G pitch provision to address cross boundary issues in the Wythenshawe Analysis Area. Suitable sites should include, but not be limited to, Wythenshawe Park. Furthermore, this should factor in potential refurbishment of the pitch at disused site Newall Green High School.
- ◀ Ensure any potential future 3G pitch aspirations are strategically assessed by the PPOSS Steering Group to safeguard the long-term viability of current provision.
- ◀ Explore increasing the utilisation of WR compliant 3G for rugby union training demand.
- ◀ Encourage more match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches to alleviate overuse of grass pitches where appropriate.
- ◀ Ensure all current and future providers have in place a sinking fund to ensure long-term sustainability, repairs and resurfacing.
- ◀ Ensure all pitches remain on the relevant FF/WR/RFL registers and retested as required.
- ◀ Look to move youth 9v9 demand away from Council grass pitches and onto 3G pitches in a phased approach.

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- Look to explore options to stop the unsolicited conversion of artificial grass surfaces including, but not limited to, the removal of permitted development rights.
- Aim to strategically and sustainability transfer football demand from hockey suitable AGPs, particularly within the South Analysis Area, to 3G pitches to release capacity for the growth of hockey. This should not be done to the detriment of either sport.

#### ***Revised supply and demand summary for 3G pitches***

Below are the revised supply and demand analysis which supersede the aforementioned. For ease of reference any alterations have been highlighted and are in bold font.

- In principle, there is a sufficient supply to cater for demand in each analysis area, however, when taking into consideration future demand there is a need for one pitch in the South Analysis Area.**
- It is recommended that a joint Manchester and Trafford plan for 3G development to address cross boundary issues in the Wythenshawe area is prepared This will require agreement and input from Trafford Council.**

#### *Supply*

- There are 32 full size 3G pitches in Manchester, of which 26 are available for community use and six are not. All full size provision across the City has sports lighting.**
- The North Area has the most provision with 13 pitches in total (42% of all full size 3G pitches), however five are unavailable.
- Of the 26 available pitches there are 19 on the 3G Register (14 FA registered and five FIFA certified). Six pitches are dually registered for both football and rugby union activity.
- There are a further 78 smaller size 3G pitches servicing Manchester, of which 68 are available for community use.
- Newall Green High School closed in August 2021, meaning its sports facilities have become disused. Facilities include a full size 3G pitch with sports lighting, two youth 11v11, one youth 9v9 and a mini 5v5 pitch.

#### *Quality*

- In Manchester there are 17 pitches rated as good quality, six rated as standard and nine rated as poor. Of the community available pitches, there is a total of 13 good quality pitches, six standard quality pitches and seven poor quality pitches.**

#### *Demand*

- Most competitive football matches in Manchester are played on 3G pitches. There are 450 teams which play competitive club football on 3G pitches in Manchester, representing 57% of teams playing matches in the City.
- In total there are 110 teams importing demand onto 3G pitches in Manchester equating to 12 teams in the North Area, 71 teams in the Central Area, two teams in the South Area and 25 teams in the Wythenshawe Area.
- In total there are 33 teams exporting demand from Manchester onto 3G pitches in other local authorities, equating to ten teams from the North Area, ten teams from the Central Area, 12 teams from the South Area and one team from the Wythenshawe Area.
- There is demand from other football providers for more 3G pitch provision, including daytime use and weekend use for central venue matches.

#### *Capacity*

- Across the City there are varying levels of spare capacity on 3G provision, both midweek and at the weekend, in the North and Central analysis areas. Exceptions to this are at Dean Trust Ardwick Academy, The Co-Operative Academy of Manchester and Wright Robinson Leisure and Belle Vue Sports Village which are used extensively at both peak periods.



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### ***Revised recommendations for 3G pitches***

Below are the revised recommendations which supersede the aforementioned. For ease of reference any alterations have been highlighted and are in bold font.

- ◀ Protect current stock of 3G pitches.
- ◀ Ensure the pitch at The Manchester College (Nicholls Community Football Centre) is suitably replaced by a new pitch at The Manchester College Openshaw Campus in mitigation for its loss.
- ◀ Look to refurbish the remaining five poor quality community available 3G pitches.
- ◀ Deliver new 3G pitch provision within the South Area, proposed at Hough End Playing Fields, to meet current and future shortfalls.
- ◀ Develop a co-ordinated approach, with Trafford Council, regarding the development of new 3G pitch provision to address cross boundary issues in the Wythenshawe Analysis Area. Suitable sites should include, but not be limited to, Wythenshawe Park. Furthermore, this should factor in potential refurbishment of the pitch at disused site Newall Green High School.
- ◀ Ensure any potential future 3G pitch aspirations are strategically assessed by the PPOSS Steering Group to safeguard the long-term viability of current provision.
- ◀ Explore increasing the utilisation of World Rugby compliant 3G pitches for rugby union training demand.
- ◀ Encourage more match play demand to transfer to 3G pitches to alleviate overuse of grass pitches where appropriate.
- ◀ Ensure all current and future providers have in place a sinking fund to ensure long-term sustainability, repairs and resurfacing.
- ◀ Ensure all pitches remain on the relevant national governing body registers and retested as required.
- ◀ Look to move youth 9v9 demand away from Council grass pitches and onto 3G pitches in a phased approach.
- ◀ Look to explore options to prevent the unsolicited conversion of artificial grass surfaces including, but not limited to, the removal of permitted development rights on new AGPs, and with reference to the MCC and Sport England position statement on conversions.
- ◀ Aim to strategically and sustainability transfer football demand from hockey suitable AGPs, particularly within the South Analysis Area, to 3G pitches to release capacity for the growth of hockey. This should not be done to the detriment of either sport.
- ◀ **Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going 3G pitch developments in more depth.**
- ◀ **The Stage E process should look to understand the following regarding supply and demand for 3G and other types of AGPs including but not limited to, levels of community access and utilisation on all provision at the Armitage Sports Centre.**
- ◀ **A greater need for the MMU proposed AGP should be supported with community use to cater for existing and future demand as Hockey is at a balanced point but has no room for growth.**

### **Hockey suitable AGPs**

#### ***Current supply and demand summary for hockey suitable AGPs***

- ◀ **There is insufficient supply of full size hockey suitable AGPs in Manchester of relevant accessibility and quality to accommodate both current and future levels of demand.**

#### ***Supply***

- ◀ There are 12 full size hockey suitable AGPs across nine sites, all of which, have sports lighting. In addition, there are five small size sand based AGPs across five sites.
- ◀ Seven of the full size AGPs are available for community use across four sites.

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- Two pitches at Brantingham Road and Parrs Wood High School have been taken out of use in the last six months due to poor pitch quality.
- In Manchester six pitches (50%) are rated as good quality, there are five (42%) rated as poor quality and one (8%) rated as standard quality. All surfaces are heavily used for hockey and other sports.

#### *Demand*

- There are five clubs classified as being based within Manchester, whilst a further four clubs are importing demand, though only one of these also accesses any pitches outside of the City.
- In total, these clubs accommodate 62 teams: 18 men's, 24 women's and 20 dedicated junior/mini teams.
- Future demand equates to the need for one full size hockey suitable pitch based on population growth up to 2031.
- At present only one club currently access pitches outside of the City (Brooklands HC).

#### *Capacity*

- There is currently seven available AGPs in the City. Though due to Manchester High School for Girls is considered to not have wider community use, and the two poor quality pitches at the Armitage Centre and William Hulme Grammar School. This leaves four full size hockey suitable AGPs to accommodate hockey demand in the City equating to 16 match equivalent sessions.
- There are currently 42 teams in the City requiring 21 match equivalent sessions. Therefore, there is insufficient capacity for current demand.
- There is no scope to convert any of the full size hockey suitable in the City to 3G surfaces and all full size hockey suitable AGPs should be retained and protected.

#### ***Current recommendations for hockey suitable AGPs***

- Protect all full size hockey suitable AGPs including a hockey hub site at the Armitage Sports Centre.
- Aim to relocate football demand, strategically and sustainably off hockey suitable AGPs, particularly within the South Analysis Area, in order to provide additional capacity for the growth of hockey. This should not be done to the detriment of either sport and should also be in the partnership with the FF/MFA.
- Work to ensure that community use is secured long term at Brantingham Road and Chorlton High School South.
- Look to refurbish the pitch at William Hulme Grammar School as a hockey suitable surface and secure long term community use.
- Once a pitch is refurbished ensure that a condition of funding is that an appropriate sinking fund is in place.
- Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going developments in more depth.

#### ***Revised supply and demand summary for hockey suitable AGPs***

Below are the revised recommendations which supersede the aforementioned. For ease of reference any alterations have been highlighted and are in bold font.

It should be noted that since the collation of the supply and demand data from the Assessment Report (which is referenced above), the pitches at Brantingham Road (St Bede's) and Parrs Wood High School have both been refurbished meaning they are now good quality.

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Furthermore, there has been a planning appeal set for a provisional date within October (2022) regarding the creation of a new AGP within Trafford to allow for the return of exported demand from Sale HC. This is in addition to the conversion of the poor quality AGP at the Armitage Sports Centre to 3G.

- ✦ **There is currently sufficient supply of full size hockey suitable AGPs in Manchester to meet demand, however, there is a need to secure community access for provision at Brantingham Road and Chorlton High School South.**
- ✦ **When considering future demand capacity becomes balanced meaning there would be a requirement for the refurbishment and secured access of the provision at William Hulme Grammar School.**

#### *Supply*

- ✦ **There are 11 full size hockey suitable AGPs across nine sites, all of which, have sports lighting. In addition, there are five small size sand based AGPs across five sites.**
- ✦ Six of the full size AGPs are available for community use across four sites.
- ✦ Two pitches at Brantingham Road and Parrs Wood High School have been taken out of use in the last six months due to poor pitch quality.
- ✦ In Manchester six pitches are rated as good quality, there are five (42%) rated as poor quality and one (8%) rated as standard quality. All surfaces are heavily used for hockey and other sports.

#### *Demand*

- ✦ There are five clubs classified as being based within Manchester, whilst a further four clubs are importing demand, though only one of these also accesses any pitches outside of the City.
- ✦ In total, these clubs accommodate 62 teams: 18 men's, 24 women's and 20 dedicated junior/mini teams.
- ✦ Future demand equates to the need for one full size hockey suitable pitch based on population growth up to 2031.
- ✦ At present only one club currently access pitches outside of the City (Brooklands HC).

#### *Capacity*

- ✦ **There is currently eight available AGPs in the City. Though due to Manchester High School for Girls is considered to not have wider community use, and the poor-quality pitch at the William Hulme Grammar School, this leaves six full size hockey suitable AGPs to accommodate hockey demand in the City equating to 24 match equivalent sessions.**
- ✦ **There are currently 42 teams in the City requiring 21 match equivalent sessions. Therefore, there is sufficient capacity for current demand although tenure needs to be secured at Brantingham Road and Chorlton High School South.**

#### ***Revised recommendations for hockey suitable AGPs***

Below are the revised recommendations which supersede the aforementioned. For ease of reference any alterations have been highlighted and are in bold font.

- ✦ **Protect all current full size hockey suitable AGPs and retain for hockey demand.**
- ✦ Aim to relocate football demand, strategically and sustainably off hockey suitable AGPs, particularly within the South Analysis Area, in order to provide additional capacity for the growth of hockey. This should not be done to the detriment of either sport and should also be in the partnership with the FF/MFA.
- ✦ Work to ensure that community use is secured long term at Brantingham Road and Chorlton High School South.

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- ◀ Look to refurbish the pitch at William Hulme Grammar School as a hockey suitable surface and secure long term community use.
- ◀ Once a pitch is refurbished ensure that a condition of funding is that an appropriate sinking fund is in put in place.
- ◀ **To agree secured usage, in consultation with relevant sporting stakeholders, on the remaining hockey suitable AGPs at the Armitage Sports Centre to ensure there are suitable levels of capacity to meet demand.**
- ◀ **Establish a PPOSS Task and Finish Group as part of the Stage E process in order to monitor and examine on going hockey developments in more depth.**
- ◀ **The Stage E process should look to understand the following regarding supply and demand for hockey suitable and other types of AGPs including but not limited to, levels of community access and utilisation on all provision at the Armitage Sports Centre.**
- ◀ **A greater need for the MMU proposed AGP should be supported with community use to cater for existing and future demand as Hockey is at a balanced point but has no room for growth.**

## **PART 2: HOUSING POSITION**

Since the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) was signed off by the Steering Group and submitted to Scrutiny Committee for approval, there has been a change to the housing position. Page 21 of the PPOSS Assessment Report refers to the Residential Growth Strategy (2015-2025), Housing Strategy (2015-2021) and an emerging Housing Strategy (2021) which brings the previous Housing Strategy and the Residential Growth Strategy into a single document. The previous Residential Growth Strategy set a target to deliver a minimum of 25,000 units by 2025. The Housing Strategy (2022-2032) increases that target to 36,000 units to be delivered over the ten-year period.

The Housing Strategy (2022-2032) does not affect the data and analysis for future demand for pitch provision as that was based on population growth rather than housing growth. Nor are the Housing Growth Scenarios contained in Part 7 of the PPOSS Strategy and Action Plan affected as they used the housing requirements contained in Manchester's Core Strategy and the emerging Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document.

Should the housing requirement contained within Manchester's emerging Local Plan Review change, then the PPOSS Annual Monitoring Report will provide an updated position and revised Housing Growth Scenarios.