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## GLOSSARY

AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
NGB	National Governing Body
FA	Football Association
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
EH	England Hockey
RFU	Rugby Football Union
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
S106	Section 106
FIT	Fields in Trust
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LDF	Local Development Framework
MUGA	Multi-use Games Area (an enclosed area using a synthetic grass or hard surface for playing sports)
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
NSA	Newark Sports Association
FE	Further Education
HE	Higher Education
TGR	Team Generation Rate
CSP	County Sports Partnership

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## PART 1: INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

This is the Playing Pitch Assessment Report prepared by Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) for Newark & Sherwood District Council and its partners.

This report presents a supply and demand assessment of playing pitch facilities in accordance with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy. It has been followed to develop a clear picture of the balance between the local supply of, and demand for, playing pitches and other outdoor sports facilities.

The guidance details a stepped approach to developing a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS). These steps are separated into five distinct sections:

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

Stages A to C are covered in this report.

### **Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach**

#### ***Why the PPS is being developed***

As outlined by the Council in the preparation stages of the study, the key drivers for a new PPS are the development of:

- ◀ Aims and objectives for improving health and well-being and increasing participation in sport;
- ◀ Sports development programmes and changes in how the sports are played;
- ◀ The need for evidence to help protect and enhance existing provision;
- ◀ The need to inform the development and implementation of planning policy;
- ◀ The need to inform the assessment of planning applications;
- ◀ Potential changes to the supply and demand due to capital programmes e.g. for educational sites;
- ◀ Budgetary pressures to ensure the most efficient management and maintenance of playing pitch provision;
- ◀ The need to develop a priority list of deliverable projects which will help to meet any current deficiencies; provide for future demands and feed into wider infrastructure planning work;
- ◀ Prioritisation of internal capital and revenue investment;
- ◀ The need to provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding.
- ◀ Potential new sports hub to be created in Newark.
- ◀ Potential new sports hub to be created in Ollerton.
- ◀ Potential new sports hub to be created in Southwell.

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## ***Agreed scope***

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

- ◀ Football pitches
- ◀ Cricket pitches
- ◀ Rugby pitches
- ◀ Hockey/artificial grass pitches (AGPs)
- ◀ Bowls
- ◀ Netball
- ◀ Tennis
- ◀ Athletics

## ***Management arrangements***

A Project Team from the District Council has worked with KKP to ensure that all relevant information is readily available and to support the consultants as necessary to ensure that project stages and milestones are delivered on time, within the cost envelope and to the required quality standard to meet Sport England methodology.

Further to this, the Steering Group is and has been responsible for the direction of the PPS from a strategic perspective and for supporting, checking and challenging the work of the project team. The Steering Group is made up of representatives from Sport England, NGBs, Sport Nottinghamshire, Newark Sports Association and Newark & Sherwood DC/Newark Town Council/Ollerton and Boughton Town Council/Southwell Town Council.

It will be important for the Steering Group to continue once the PPS has been finalised for several reasons, including a continuing responsibility to:

- ◀ Be a champion for playing pitch provision in the area and promote the value and importance of the PPS.
- ◀ Ensure implementation of the PPS's recommendations and action plan.
- ◀ Monitor and evaluate the outcomes of the PPS.
- ◀ Ensure that the PPS is kept up to date and refreshed.

## ***Study area***

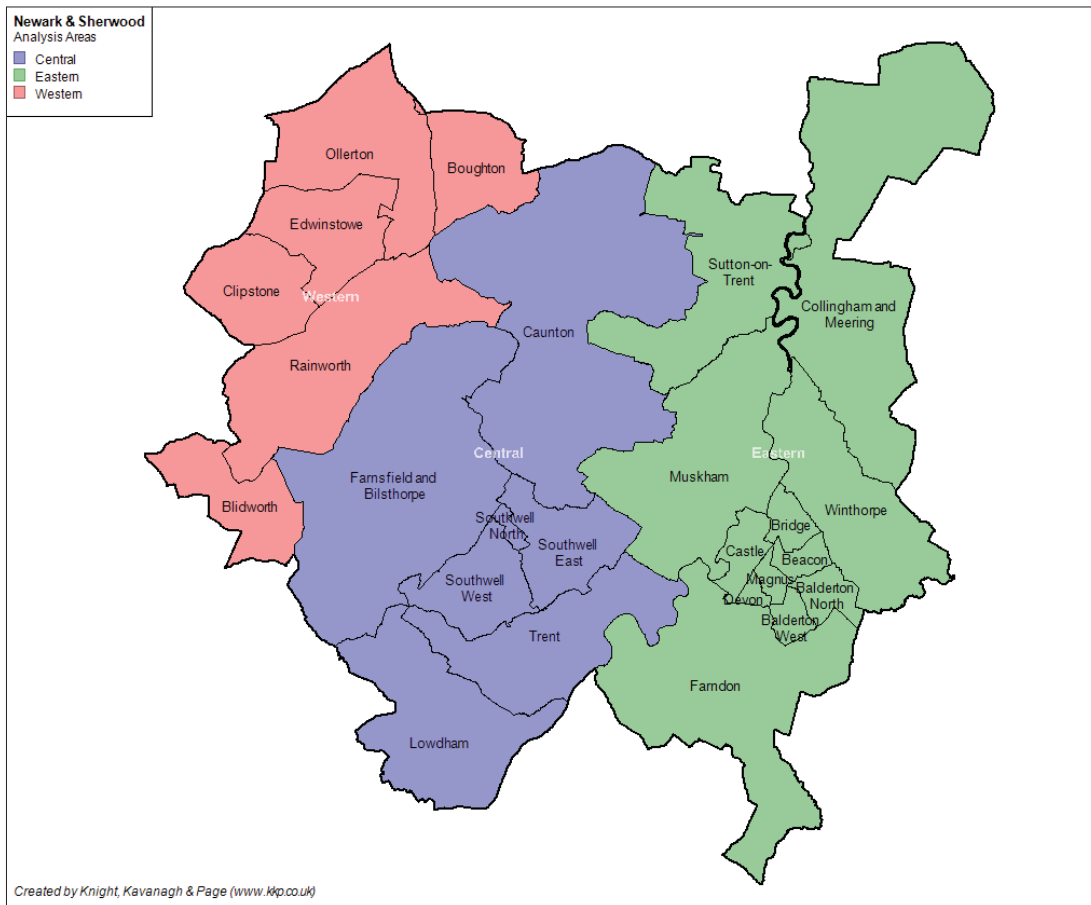
The area covered by the PPS is the district of Newark & Sherwood. Further to this sub areas or analysis areas have been created to allow a more localised assessment of provision and examination of playing pitch surplus and deficiencies at a local level. Use of analysis areas also allows local circumstances and issues to be taken into account. Newark & Sherwood is divided into the three analysis areas below:

- ◀ Central
- ◀ Eastern
- ◀ Western

The areas have broadly similar alignment to those used within the Newark & Sherwood Local Development Framework but are not fully coterminous.

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Figure 1.1: Analysis area map



## ***Tailoring the approach***

In tailoring the approach to the study area, KKP has sought to consider how the characteristics of the area impacts upon playing pitch provision, including:

### *Participation in sport and physical activity*

In order to help establish how active the local population is, what sports are played and how likely they are to participate in pitch sports, Sport England's participation analysis tool (i.e., the Local Sport Profile tool) is used. It provides a detailed understanding of key participation trends between different groups in the population.

The Active People Survey (APS) is the largest ever survey of sport and active recreation to be undertaken in Europe. The first year of the survey, APS1 was conducted between October 2005 and October 2006. A total of 363,724 adults living in England took part. APS2, the second year of the survey, was conducted between October 2007 and October 2008 with a total of 191,325 adults taking part. It has now become a continuous process, with APS3 completed in Oct 2009, APS4 in October 2010, APS5 in October 2011, AP6 in October 2012 and APS7 completed in October 2013.



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Each survey gathers data on the type, duration and intensity of people's participation in different types of sport and active recreation and cultural participation. The survey also generates data with regard to volunteering, club membership, tuition as an instructor or coach and participation in competitive sport.

### *Activity levels in the local population*

Table 1.1 shows key performance indicators from APS 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 for Newark & Sherwood and compares these to the corresponding rates for England, the East Midlands and statistical 'nearest neighbours' based on a CIPFA (the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) model. Nearest neighbours are not geographic but those which are the closest to Newark & Sherwood in terms of socio-demographics. This type of comparison has been developed to aid local authorities to compare and benchmark. The model applies a range of socio-economic indicators, including population, unemployment rates, tax base per head of population, council tax bands and mortality ratios, upon which the specific family group (nearest neighbours) is calculated.

*Table 1.1: Active People survey results for all adults – Newark & Sherwood and nearest neighbours*

KPI			National %	East Midlands %	Newark & Sherwood %	Nearest neighbours		
						Bassetlaw %	High Peak %	South Kesteven %
KPI 2 - At least 1 hour per week volunteering to support sport.	2008/09	%	4.7	5.0	<b>6.7</b>	4.5	4.6	8.0
	2009/10		4.5	4.8	<b>3.7</b>	6.5	4.5	4.2
	2010/11		7.3	7.6	<b>10.3</b>	7.9	8.4	10.9
	2011/12		7.6	8.2	<b>4.7</b>	5.0	8.9	12.1
	2012/13		6.0	7.0	<b>9.7</b>	7.6	6.4	7.9
KPI 3 - Club membership in the last 4 weeks.	2008/09	%	24.1	23.0	<b>22.6</b>	20.8	22.0	24.0
	2009/10		23.9	23.0	<b>20.8</b>	21.6	22.9	23.9
	2010/11		23.3	22.3	<b>26.7</b>	17.4	23.3	25.1
	2011/12		22.8	23.3	<b>19.9</b>	23.2	18.8	25.5
	2012/13		21.0	20.3	<b>15.9</b>	28.4	18.2	20.3
KPI 4 - Received tuition / coaching in last 12 months.	2008/09	%	17.5	17.2	<b>18.4</b>	15.6	19.5	18.1
	2009/10		17.5	16.5	<b>17.9</b>	17.0	16.8	17.6
	2010/11		16.2	15.3	<b>15.7</b>	16.0	17.2	14.0
	2011/12		16.8	15.7	<b>12.9</b>	16.3	17.6	18.4
	2012/13		15.8	14.8	<b>10.7</b>	19.6	22.2	16.5
KPI 5 - Taken part in organised competitive sport in last 12 months.	2008/09	%	14.4	14.3	<b>15.7</b>	16.2	14.9	19.6
	2009/10		14.4	15.0	<b>13.4</b>	11.7	16.8	17.1
	2010/11		14.3	13.9	<b>16.3</b>	10.2	10.0	11.8
	2011/12		14.4	14.9	<b>11.9</b>	19.0	13.0	18.6
	2012/13		11.2	12.4	<b>11.2</b>	18.3	12.6	10.2
1x30 Indicator Participation in 30 minutes moderate intensity sport per week.	2008/09	%	35.7	35.7	<b>37.6</b>	33.2	38.3	36.5
	2009/10		35.3	34.4	<b>31.7</b>	32.4	36.4	34.1
	2010/11		34.8	33.5	<b>34.1</b>	35.1	37.1	33.7
	2011/12		36.0	35.3	<b>34.8</b>	29.4	39.4	37.5
	2012/13		35.7	33.9	<b>31.2</b>	32.1	38.0	32.4



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Table 1.1 indicates that, in 2012/2013, the percentage of adults participating in at least one x 30 minutes moderate intensity sport per week was lower in Newark & Sherwood (31.2%) than both the national average (35.7%) and the regional average (33.9%). Furthermore, this figure was also lower than all of its nearest neighbours (Bassetlaw 32.1%; High Peak 38.0% and South Kesteven 32.4%).

The table also indicates that, in 2012/2013, around one in ten (9.7%) offered at least one hour per week volunteering to support sport (KPI 2) in Newark & Sherwood. This is higher than the corresponding national (6.0%) and regional (7.0%) figures. In addition, the percentage of people who obtained club membership (KPI 3) in Newark & Sherwood (15.9%) was lower than both the national average (21.0%) and regional average (20.3%). Nevertheless, around one in nine (11.2%) people in Newark & Sherwood participated in organised competitive sport in the last 12 months (KPI 5), a figure identical to the national average (11.2%).

### *Market segmentation*

Sport England has classified the adult population via a series of 19 market segments which provide an insight into the sporting behaviours of individuals throughout the country. The profiles cover a wide range of characteristics, from gender and age to the sports that people participate in. To help better understand attitudes, motivations and perceived barriers to participation, each of the 19 'sporting' segments has a distinct sporting behaviour and attitude. An overview is provided below:

*Table 1.2: Sport England market segmentation summaries*

Name	Title	Description	Top three participating sports nationally
Ben	Competitive Male Urbanites	Male (aged 18-25), recent graduates, with a 'work-hard, play-hard' attitude. Most sporty of 19 segments.	Football (33%) Keep fit/gym (24%) Cycling (18%)
Jamie	Sports Team Drinkers	Young blokes (aged 18-25) enjoying football, pints and pool.	Football (28%) Keep fit/gym (22%) Athletics (12%)
Chloe	Fitness Class Friends	Young (aged 18-25) image-conscious females keeping fit and trim.	Keep fit/gym (28%) Swimming (24%) Athletics (14%)
Leanne	Supportive Singles	Young (aged 18-25) busy mums and their supportive college mates. Least active segment of her age group.	Keep fit/gym (23%) Swimming (18%) Athletics (9%)
Helena	Career Focused Females	Single professional women, enjoying life in the fast lane (aged 26-45).	Keep fit/gym (26%) Swimming (23%) Cycling (11%)
Tim	Settling Down Males	Sporty male professionals (aged 26-45), buying a house and settling down with partner.	Cycling (21%) Keep fit/gym (20%) Swimming (15%)
Alison	Stay at Home Mums	Mums with a comfortable, but busy, lifestyle (aged 36-45).	Keep fit/gym (27%) Swimming (25%) Cycling (12%)

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Name	Title	Description	Top three participating sports nationally
Jackie	Middle England Mums	Mums (aged 36-45) juggling work, family and finance.	Keep fit/gym (27%) Swimming (20%) Cycling (9%)
Kev	Pub League Team Mates	Blokes (aged 36-45) who enjoy pub league games and watching live sport.	Keep fit/gym (14%) Football (12%) Cycling (11%)
Paula	Stretched Single Mums	Single mum (aged 26-45) with financial pressures, childcare issues and little time for pleasure.	Keep fit/gym (18%) Swimming (17%) Cycling (5%)
Philip	Comfortable Mid-Life Males	Mid-life professional (aged 46-55), sporty males with older children and more time for themselves.	Cycling (16%) Keep fit/gym (15%) Swimming (12%)
Elaine	Empty Nest Career Ladies	Mid-life professionals who have more time for themselves since their children left home (aged 46-55).	Keep fit/gym (21%) Swimming (18%) Cycling (7%)
Roger & Joy	Early Retirement Couples	Free-time couples nearing the end of their careers (aged 56-65).	Keep fit/gym (13%) Swimming (13%) Cycling (8%)
Brenda	Older Working Women	Middle aged ladies (aged 46-65), working to make ends meet.	Keep fit/gym (15%) Swimming (13%) Cycling (4%)
Terry	Local 'Old Boys'	Generally inactive older men (aged 56-65), low income and little provision for retirement.	Keep fit/gym (8%) Swimming (6%) Cycling (5%)
Norma	Later Life Ladies	Older ladies (aged 56-65), recently retired, with a basic income to enjoy their lifestyles.	Keep fit/gym (12%) Swimming (10%) Cycling (2%)
Ralph & Phyllis	Comfortable Retired Couples	Retired couples (aged 66+), enjoying active and comfortable lifestyles.	Keep fit/gym (10%) Swimming (9%) Golf (7%)
Frank	Twilight Year Gents	Retired men (aged 66+) with some pension provision and limited sporting opportunities.	Golf (7%) Keep fit/gym (6%) Bowls (6%)
Elsie & Arnold	Retirement Home Singles	Retired singles or widowers (aged 66+), predominantly female, living in sheltered accommodation.	Keep fit/gym (10%) Swimming (7%) Bowls (3%)

Knowing which segment is most dominant in the local population is important as it can help direct provision and programming. For example, whilst the needs of smaller segments should not be ignored, it is useful for Newark & Sherwood District Council to understand which sports are enjoyed by the largest proportion(s) of the population. Segmentation also enables partners to make tailored interventions, communicate effectively with target market(s) and better understand participation in the context of life stage and lifecycles.

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### *Dominant market segmentation in Newark & Sherwood by population*

The following data indicates that 'Philip', 'Tim' and 'Elsie & Arnold' are the three dominant market segments in Newark & Sherwood representing 25.9% (23,032) of the adult population (compared to 26.2% regionally and 25.4% nationally).

*Table 1.3: Newark & Sherwood: Sport England market segments*

Name	Description	Newark & Sherwood		East Midlands	England
		Number	Rate	Rate	Rate
Philip	Comfortable Mid-Life Males	8,544	<b>9.6%</b>	9.4%	8.6%
Tim	Settling Down Males	7,637	<b>8.6%</b>	8.2%	8.8%
Elsie & Arnold	Retirement Home Singles	6,851	<b>7.7%</b>	8.6%	8.0%
Roger & Joy	Early Retirement Couples	6,026	<b>6.8%</b>	7.6%	6.8%
Elaine	Empty Nest Career Ladies	5,722	<b>6.4%</b>	6.3%	6.1%
Kev	Pub League Team Mates	5,606	<b>6.3%</b>	5.7%	5.9%
Jackie	Middle England Mums	5,102	<b>5.7%</b>	5.5%	4.9%
Ralph & Phyllis	Comfortable Retired Couples	4,625	<b>5.2%</b>	3.6%	4.2%
Brenda	Older Working Women	4,622	<b>5.2%</b>	5.2%	4.9%
Ben	Competitive Male Urbanites	4,054	<b>4.5%</b>	4.3%	4.9%
Jamie	Sports Team Drinkers	3,978	<b>4.5%</b>	5.2%	5.4%
Helena	Career Focused Females	3,947	<b>4.4%</b>	4.1%	4.5%
Alison	Stay at Home Mums	3,811	<b>4.3%</b>	4.2%	4.4%
Chloe	Fitness Class Friends	3,791	<b>4.3%</b>	3.9%	4.7%
Terry	Local 'Old Boys'	3,400	<b>3.8%</b>	3.8%	3.7%
Frank	Twilight Year Gents	3,237	<b>3.6%</b>	4.7%	4.0%
Leanne	Supportive Singles	3,217	<b>3.6%</b>	4.2%	4.3%
Paula	Stretched Single Mums	3,074	<b>3.4%</b>	3.3%	3.7%
Norma	Later Life Ladies	1,936	<b>2.2%</b>	1.9%	2.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>89,180</b>	<b>100.1%</b>	<b>99.7%</b>	<b>99.9%</b>

*Source: Sport England, 2014, Measure: Sport Market Segmentation*

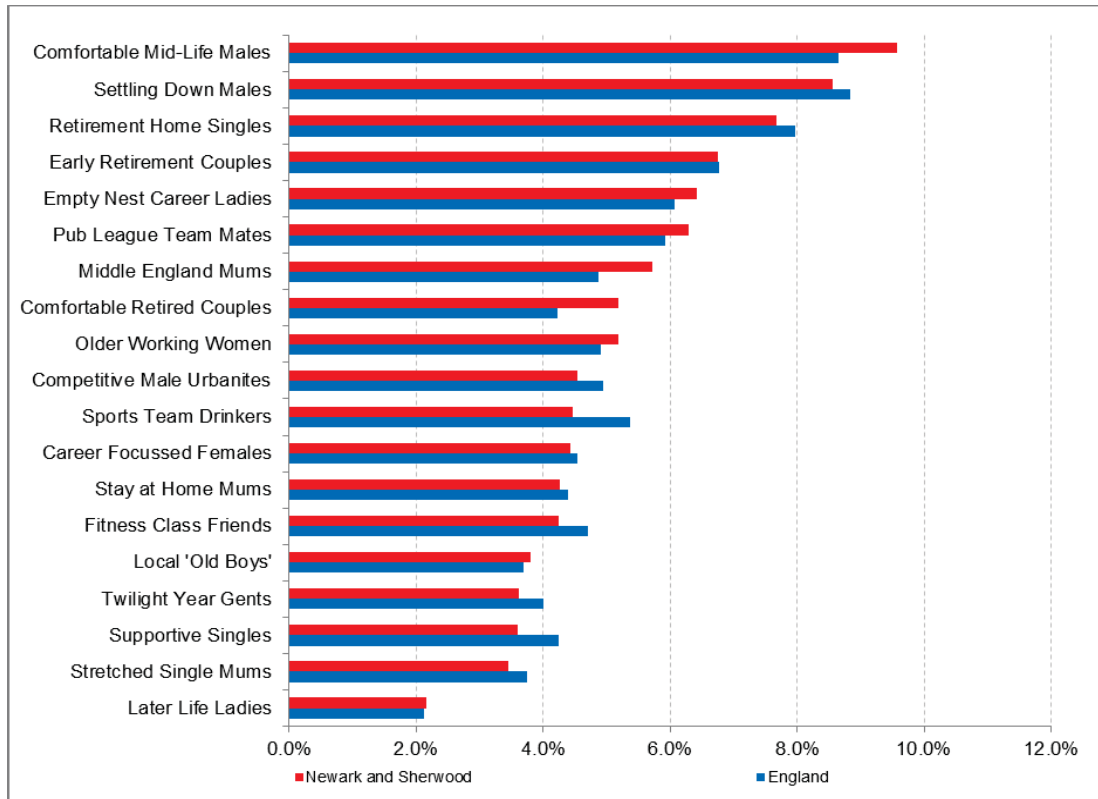
Table 1.3 illustrates that 'Philip' (comfortable mid-life male) is the market segment with the greatest coverage in Newark & Sherwood, accounting for 9.6% of the population. This means that, of the 19 segments, the greatest proportion would benefit from initiatives that appeal to 'Philips'; sports such as cycling, keep fit/gym and swimming.

'Tim' (settling down males) (8.6%) and 'Elsie & Arnold' (retirement home singles) (7.7%) are the second and third largest market segments of the population in Newark & Sherwood. Typically, 'Tims' participate in sports such as cycling, keep fit/gym swimming, while 'Elsie & Arnold' participate in keep fit/gym, swimming and bowls.

Dominant market segments in Newark & Sherwood are also identified in Figure 1.2 In addition, the dominant market segments nationally are displayed as a means of comparison. For example, the segmentation profile for Newark & Sherwood indicates 'comfortable mid-life males' to be the largest segment of the adult population at 9.6%, compared to a national average of 8.6%.

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Figure 1.2: Dominant market segments in Newark & Sherwood compared to England (March 2014)



### What does market segmentation mean for pitch sports?

Of the three largest market segments in Newark & Sherwood, only 'Elsie and Arnold' identify a pitch sport, in this case Bowls, as an activity that they participate in. None of the three largest segments identify football as a popular activity and, as such, football accounts for only 5.5% of sports participation in Newark & Sherwood, a figure that is lower than both the national (6.3%) and regional (6.5%) figures.

In addition, however, 'Philip' and 'Tim' both identify cycling, keep fit/gym and swimming as activities they enjoy participating in. 'Elsie & Arnold' also identify keep fit/gym and swimming as two of their most popular activities. It is perhaps unsurprising, therefore, that cycling (11.0%), swimming (8.1%) and gym (7.7%) account for over a quarter (26.8%) of all sports participation in Newark & Sherwood.

### Which are the most popular sports in Newark & Sherwood?

A further aspect of the Active People survey and SE segmentation is that it makes it possible to identify the top five sports within Newark & Sherwood. Analysis identifies that of the top five sports within Newark & Sherwood, cycling (11.0%) is the most popular activity with one in nine adults cycling, on average, at least once a month, compared to 8.5% in the East Midlands and 8.1% across England. Activities such as swimming (8.1%), gym (7.7%) fitness & conditioning (7.7%) and football (5.5%) are also popular within

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Newark & Sherwood. The Active People Survey only identifies the top five most popular sports in the area. As such, figures for athletics, tennis and netball are unavailable.

Table 1.4: Most popular sports in Newark & Sherwood

Sport	Newark & Sherwood		East Midlands		England	
	Number (000s)	Rate (%)	Number (000s)	Rate (%)	Number (000s)	Rate (%)
Cycling	10.1	11.0	7.8	8.5	3,458.9	8.1
Swimming	7.5	8.1	9.9	10.8	4,896.9	11.5
Gym	7.1	7.7	9.1	10.0	4,622.7	10.9
Fitness & Conditioning	7.1	7.7	5.6	6.1	2,854.7	6.7
Football	5.0	5.5	5.9	6.5	2,689.7	6.3

### Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision

It is essential that a PPS is based on the most accurate and up-to-date information available for the supply of and demand for playing pitches. This section provides details about how this information has been gathered in Newark & Sherwood.

#### *Gather supply information and views – an audit of playing pitches*

PPS guidance uses the following definitions of a playing pitch and playing field. These definitions are set out by the Government in the 2010 'Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order'.<sup>1</sup>

- ◀ **Playing pitch** – a delineated area which is used for association football, rugby, cricket, hockey, lacrosse, rounders, baseball, softball, American football, Australian football, Gaelic football, shinty, hurling, polo or cycle polo.
- ◀ **Playing field** – the whole of a site which encompasses at least one playing pitch.

This PPS counts individual grass pitches (as a delineated area) as the basic unit of supply. The definition of a playing pitch also includes artificial grass pitches (AGPs).

#### *Quantity*

All playing pitches are included irrespective of ownership, management and use. Playing pitch sites were initially identified using Sport England's Active Places web based database. The Council and NGBs supported the process by checking and updating this initial data. This was also verified against club information supplied by local leagues. For each site the following details were recorded in the project database (which will be supplied as an electronic file):

- ◀ Site name, address (including postcode) and location
- ◀ Ownership and management type
- ◀ Security of tenure
- ◀ Total number, type and quality of pitches

<sup>1</sup>. [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)>Facilities and Planning> Planning Applications

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## *Accessibility*

Not all pitches offer the same level of access to the community. The ownership and accessibility of playing pitches also influences their actual availability for community use. Each site is assigned a level of community use as follows:

- ◀ **Community use** - pitches in public, voluntary, private or commercial ownership or management (including education sites) recorded as being available for hire and currently in use by teams playing in community leagues.
- ◀ **Available but unused** - pitches that are available for hire but are not currently used by teams which play in community leagues; this most often applies to school sites but can also apply to sites which are expensive to hire.
- ◀ **No community use** - pitches which as a matter of policy or practice are not available for hire or used by teams playing in community leagues. This should include professional club pitches along with some semi-professional club pitches, where play is restricted to the first or second team.

## *Quality*

The capacity of pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by their quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of a sport. In extreme circumstances it can result in a pitch being unable to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off peak times.

It is not just the quality of the pitch itself which has an effect on its capacity but also the quality, standard and range of ancillary facilities. The quality of both the pitch and ancillary facilities will determine whether a pitch is able to contribute to meeting demand from various groups and for different levels and types of play.

The quality of all pitches identified in the audit and the ancillary facilities supporting them are assessed regardless of ownership, management or availability. Along with capturing any details specific to the individual pitches and sites, a quality rating is recorded within the audit for each pitch.

These ratings are used to help estimate the capacity of each pitch to accommodate competitive and other play within the supply and demand assessment.

In addition to undertaking non-technical assessments (using the templates provided within the guidance and as determined by NGBs), users and providers were also consulted on the quality and in some instances the quality rating was adjusted to reflect this.

### ***Gather demand information and views***

Presenting an accurate picture of current demand for playing pitches (i.e. recording how and when pitches are used) is important when undertaking a supply and demand assessment. Demand for playing pitches in Newark & Sherwood tends to fall within the following categories:

- ◀ Organised competitive play
- ◀ Organised training
- ◀ Informal play



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In addition, unmet and displaced demand for provision is also identified on a sport by sport basis. Unmet demand is defined as the number of additional teams that could be fielded if access to a sufficient number of pitches (and ancillary facilities) was available. Displaced demand refers to teams that are generated from residents of the area but due to any number of factors do not currently play within the area.

Alongside current demand, it is important for a PPS to assess whether the future demand for playing pitches can be met. Using population projections, and proposed housing growth, an estimate can be made of the likely future demand for playing pitches in Newark & Sherwood.

The resident population in Newark & Sherwood is recorded as 115,761 (these are the ONS June 2012 mid-year figures for the district). By 2026 (in line with the Core Strategy), the District's population is projected to increase by 9,388 (equivalent to a percentage of 8%) to 125,149<sup>2</sup>. However, population projections released by Nottingham Insight (trend based, projecting forward migration trends) showed the total population to be 139,200 by the year 2026. This is a significant difference to ONS however; once the planned housing growth is factored into the ONS figures the two totals are much more aligned. See below:

### *Housing growth*

The Council's Local Development Framework sets out that the majority of new housing development will be focused in and around Newark, within the Eastern Area. These will be focused in and around three strategic urban extensions, which aim to create sustainable communities including housing and community facilities. Such developments are likely to contribute further to future demand within the Eastern area.

Expansion will occur at:

- ◀ *Fernwood* with an additional 950 homes being built as phase one of a larger development proposal of approximately 3,200 dwellings (subject to planning approval).
- ◀ *Land South of Newark* where plans are to provide 3,000+ houses
- ◀ *Land East of Newark* (south of Clay Lane) where 1,000+ houses are planned.

Housing numbers planned for the Central and Western areas are less substantial, 992 for the Central area and 3,045 for the Western area (1,000 new houses of which are in Ollerton & Boughton).

To account for the potential future demand required from increased housing the national average household size of 2.3 persons per dwelling is used to calculate the equivalent potential population increase (based on the proposed number of dwellings) for each analysis area:

*Table 1.5: Population projections based on housing growth*

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<sup>2</sup> ONS 2012 mid-year population projections



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Analysis area	Current Population	Growth in dwellings	Population increase to 2026	% increase	2026 population
Eastern	56,862	7,200	16,569	29%	73,431
Central	24,443	992	2,281	9%	26,724
Western	34,456	3,045	7,004	20%	41,460
<b>Newark &amp; Sherwood</b>	115,761	11,237	25,854	22%	141,615

The table above shows a significant amount of growth in the Eastern analysis area where the most housing is planned. Based on 2.3 persons per dwelling this would lead to an increase in population of 29%. Overall in Newark & Sherwood the total population to 2026 is estimated to be 141,615 using this method.

Team generation rates are used to provide an indication of how many people it may take to generate a team (by gender and age group), in order to help estimate the change in demand for pitch sports that may arise from any population change in the study area.

Future demand for pitches is calculated by adding the percentage increases in table 1.5 to the ONS population increases in each analysis area. This figure is then applied to the TGRs and is presented on a sport by sport basis within the relevant sections of this report.

Other information sources that were used to help identify future demand include:

- ◀ Recent trends in the participation in playing pitch sports.
- ◀ The nature of the current and likely future population and their propensity to participate in pitch sports.
- ◀ Feedback from pitch sports clubs on their plans to develop additional teams.
- ◀ Any local and NGB specific sports development targets (e.g. increase in participation).

Current and future demand for playing pitches is presented on a sport by sport basis within the relevant sections of this report.

A variety of consultation methods were used to collate demand information. Face to face consultation was carried out with key clubs from each sport. This allowed for the collection of detailed demand information and an exploration of key issues to be interrogated and more accurately assessed.

For data analysis purposes an online survey (converted to postal if required) was utilised. This was sent to all clubs not covered by face to face consultation.

A variety of consultation methods were used to collate information about leagues, clubs, county associations and national/regional governing bodies of sport. These were generally as follows:

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Table 1.5: Consultation summary - methods and response rates

Sport <sup>3</sup>	Total number of clubs	No. of responding clubs	Response rate	Methods of consultation
Football clubs	56	26	46%	Face to Face, Online Survey
Football teams	215	183	85%	
Cricket	32	12	38%	Face to Face, Online Survey
Rugby union	3	3	100%	Face to Face
Hockey	2	2	100%	Face to Face
Bowls	21	6	29%	Online Survey
Athletics	1	1	100%	Face to Face
Tennis	7	3	43%	Online Survey
Secondary schools	5	5	100%	Face to Face
Primary schools	47	28	60%	Online Survey

Local sports development officers, county associations and regional governing body officers advised which of the clubs to include in the face to face consultation. Sport England was also included within the consultation process prior to the project commencing. Issues identified by clubs returning questionnaires were followed up by telephone or face to face interviews.

### Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views

Supply and demand information gathered within Section B was used to assess the adequacy of playing pitch provision in Newark & Sherwood. It focused on how much use each site could potentially accommodate (on an area by area basis) compared to how much use is currently taking place.

#### *Understand the situation at individual sites*

Qualitative pitch ratings are linked to a pitch capacity rating derived from NGB guidance and tailored to suit a local area. The quality and use of each pitch is assessed against the recommended pitch capacity to indicate how many match equivalent sessions per week (per season for cricket) a pitch could accommodate.

This is compared to the number of matches actually taking place and categorised as follows, to identify:

Potential spare capacity: Play is below the level the site could sustain.	
At capacity: Play is at a level the site can sustain.	
Overused: Play exceeds the level the site can sustain.	

<sup>3</sup> Netball was consulted with via Louise Key Programme Manager at England Netball.

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### ***Develop the current picture of provision***

Once capacity is determined on a site by site basis, actual spare capacity is calculated on an area by area basis via further interrogation of temporal demand. Although this may have been identified, it does not necessarily mean that there is surplus provision. For example, spare capacity may not be available when it is needed or the site may be retained in a 'strategic reserve' to enable pitch rotation to reduce wear and tear. Capacity ratings assist in the identification of sites for improvement/development, rationalisation, decommissioning and disposal.

### ***Develop the future picture of provision - scenario testing***

Modelling scenarios to assess whether existing provision can cater for unmet, displaced and future demand is made after the capacity analysis. This will also include, for example, removing sites with unsecured community use to demonstrate the impact this would have if these sites were to be decommissioned in the future.

### ***Identify the key findings and issues***

By completing Steps 1-5 it is possible to identify several findings and issues relating to the supply, demand and adequacy of playing pitch provision in Newark & Sherwood. This report seeks to identify and present the key findings and issues, which should now be checked, challenged and agreed by the Steering Group prior to development of the Strategy (Section D).

The following sections summarise the local administration of the main grass pitch sports in Newark & Sherwood. Each provides a quantitative summary of provision and a map showing the distribution of facilities. It also provides information about the availability of facilities to/for the local community and, the governing body of each sport and regional strategic plan (where they exist). Local league details are provided in order to outline the competitive structure for each sport. The findings of club consultation and key issues for each sport are summarised.

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## PART 2: FOOTBALL

### 2.1: Introduction

Nottinghamshire FA is the primary organisation responsible for the development (and some elements of administration) of football in Newark & Sherwood. It is also responsible for the administration, in terms of discipline, rules and regulations, cup competitions and representative matches, development of clubs and facilities, volunteers, referees, coaching courses and delivering national football schemes.

This section of the report focuses on the supply and demand for grass football pitches. Part 6 captures supply and demand for artificial grass pitches (AGPs). In the future it is anticipated that there will be a growing demand for the use of AGPs for competitive football fixtures, especially to accommodate mini and youth football.

#### **Consultation**

In addition to face to face consultation with key clubs, an electronic survey was sent to all football clubs and leagues playing in Newark & Sherwood, contact details were provided by Nottinghamshire FA, and the invitation to complete the survey was distributed via email. The survey was returned by 26 clubs (including face to face interviews) which equates to a response rate of 46% (85% team response rate). The results are used to inform key issues within this section of the report. The list below highlights the clubs that were met with face to face and the leagues that were contacted via online survey and/or telephone calls.

- ✦ Blidworth Welfare FC
- ✦ Newark Flowserve FC
- ✦ Newark Town FC
- ✦ RHP Colts FC
- ✦ Robin Hood Colts FC
- ✦ Southwell City FC
- ✦ Newark Football Alliance
- ✦ New Newark Youth League

### 2.2: Supply

The audit identifies a total of 137 grass football pitches in Newark & Sherwood. Of these, 128 are known to be available, at some level, for community use. The map overleaf identifies all pitches within Newark & Sherwood regardless of community use. See Table 2.11 for the key to the map. There is also a full size 3G AGP at Joseph Whitaker School that is FA approved and can be used for competitive fixtures.

*Table 2.1: Summary of grass pitches available for community use*

Analysis area	Available for community use				
	Adult	Youth 9v9	Youth 11v11	Mini 5v5	Mini 7v7
Central	17	2	2	3	5
Eastern	25	9	1	12	17
Western	16	6	3	2	8
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>

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The table identifies a significantly large number of adult pitches in Newark & Sherwood in comparison to other pitch sizes. It should be noted that the low number of youth 11v11 pitches is due to youth 11v11 teams playing on adult pitches; in Newark & Sherwood the majority of adult pitches double up as youth 11v11 pitches. This is not ideal for youth players and is not in line with the FA Youth Review. Sites used for both are as follows (pitch numbers in brackets):

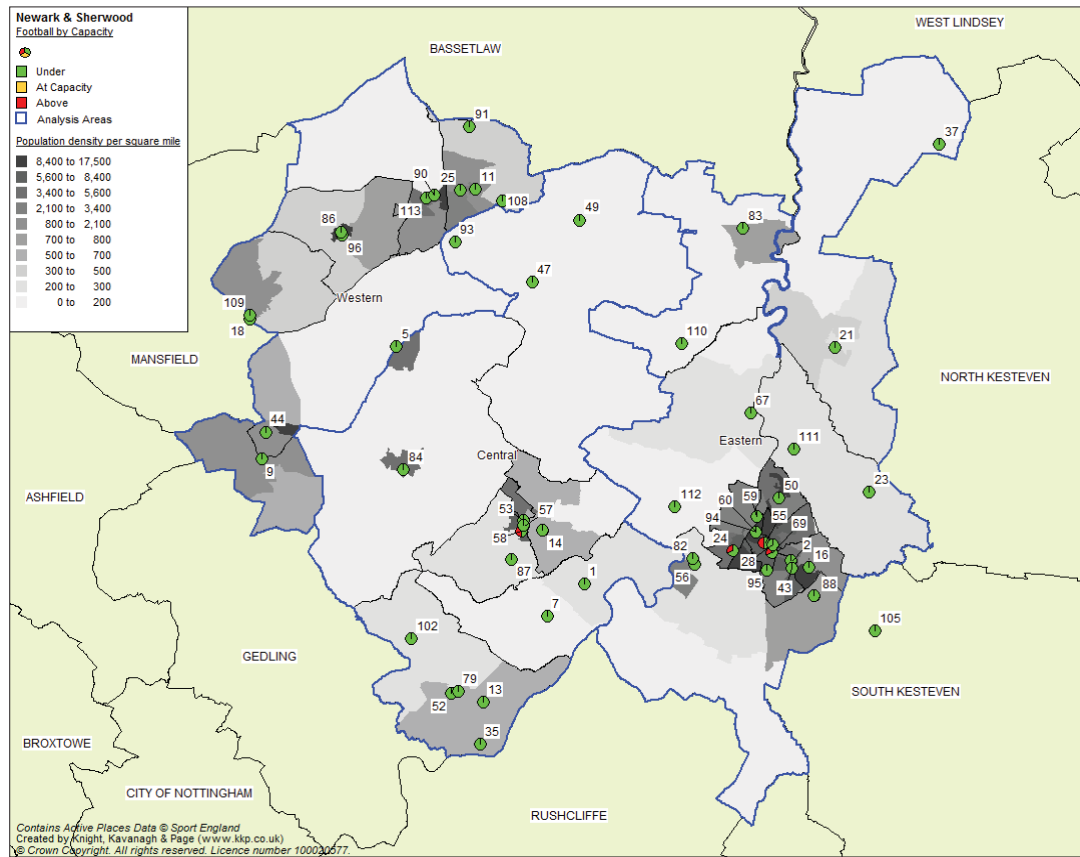
- ◀ Balderton Playing Field (3)
- ◀ Bilsthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare (2)
- ◀ Caythorpe Cricket Club (3)
- ◀ Centenary Sports Ground (3)
- ◀ Collingham Football Club (2)
- ◀ David Sillery Pavilion (1)
- ◀ Devon Park (2)
- ◀ Epperstone Village Hall (2)
- ◀ Flowserve Sport & Social Club (2)
- ◀ Gunthorpe Playing Field (1)
- ◀ Joseph Whitaker School (2)
- ◀ Laxton Sport & Recreation Field (1)
- ◀ Lincoln Road (3)
- ◀ Lowdham Village Hall Playing Fields (1)
- ◀ Magnus Sports Centre (1)
- ◀ North Muskham Village Hall Playing Field (1)
- ◀ NSK Sports Ground (2)
- ◀ Southwell Road Sports Fields (1)
- ◀ Sutton-on-Trent Sports Club (1)
- ◀ The Stadium Newark
- ◀ Southwell Memorial Ground (2)

### *Lapsed sites*

There is one adult pitch at South Clifton Playing Fields. The pitch could be brought back in to use to rectify any identified shortfalls.

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Figure 2.1: Location and capacity of football pitches in Newark & Sherwood



## Pitch quality

The quality of football pitches in Newark & Sherwood has been assessed via a combination of site visits (using non-technical assessments as determined by The FA) and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

- ◀ Good
- ◀ Standard
- ◀ Poor

Pitch quality is primarily influenced by the carrying capacity of the Site; often pitches are over used and lack the drainage necessary to improve quality.

The percentage parameters used for the non-technical assessments were as follows; Good (>80%), Standard (50-80%), Poor (< 50%). It should be noted that all of the sites that received a 'standard' rating from the non-technical assessments scored between 50% and 57%.

The table below summarises the quality of grass pitches that are available for community use.

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Table 2.2: Pitch quality assessments (community use pitches)

Adult pitches			Youth pitches			Mini pitches		
Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
21	22	15	6	12	5	17	20	10

The non-technical pitch quality audit shows that 36% of the adult pitches are good quality and 38% are standard quality. 26% are poor. The majority of youth pitches are assessed as standard quality, represented by 52%. 26% are good quality with 22% poor. Most mini pitches are also of standard quality (42%), with the rest being good (36%) or poor quality (22%).

In general, league and club consultation indicates that pitch quality over the previous three years is varied. Around a quarter of responding clubs (24%) state their pitches had got better, although these are mainly located at private club sites where clubs have increased the level of maintenance and improved the way in which they co-ordinate pitch usage and matches. Almost half (43%) were of the opinion that the pitch quality had got poorer, whilst a third of clubs believe there has been no difference in quality. The quality ratings assigned to sites in Newark & Sherwood also take account of the user quality ratings gathered from consultation.

League consultation highlights that private sites (e.g. sports clubs) offer better quality facilities than Council parks/playing fields and school pitches. In general, such sports clubs tend to have dedicated ground staff or volunteers working on pitches and the fact that they are often secured by fencing prevents unofficial use. Private site hire is often at full cost recovery. The maintenance and use of Council sites tends to be less frequent and unofficial use of these sites can further exacerbate quality issues.

Specific comments relating to the pitch conditions at individual sites can be seen in the table below. The comments are a combination of club feedback and site assessment information.

Table 2.3: Summary of pitch quality comments

Site	Comments
Collingham Football Club	Good quality pitch which drains well, largely due to the significant amount of maintenance carried out. The Club reports this as unsustainable as it has spent around £10,000 on the pitch per season. The rest of the site needs modernising and the Club is currently looking to do so.
Dukeries Leisure Centre	Used by The Fox FC (Kirton) who often find that the pitch is not cut or marked by the School, regularly enough, or on time.
Flowserve Sports & Social Club	The pitches receive maintenance work by the Club groundsman who often does extra hours/work voluntarily. Pitches are of good quality, however, the large number of teams playing on site and logistics of accommodating all pitch sizes has meant some youth and mini pitches are overmarked into senior pitches. The Club is reluctant for teams to play offsite but this may be necessary in order to manage pitch usage.
Magnus Sports Centre	Farndon Colts FC report that the pitches are not cut frequently enough and have drainage issues in places. The Club has had to re-sow the pitches themselves and currently play here due to a lack of facilities in the area and report receiving limit help from the parish council.



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Site	Comments
Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon CC)	According to users, the Parish Council carries out limited maintenance to pitches. Many games are called off each season due to the poor drainage.
Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone site)	Newark College use the pitch for fixtures but state it is not cleared before being cut and is left full of debris. Line marking is not done frequently enough and the college often has to arrange for it to be marked the day before a match. The external contractors do no other maintenance and the pitch needs reseeding and rolling. No showers in the school changing rooms so away teams have to change in the sports centre changing rooms.
North Muskham Village Hall & Playing Field	Muskham Cougars FC report a lack of maintenance carried out on the two adult and mini pitches onsite. The grass is not cut regularly enough, the surface is uneven and rabbits and moles pose a frequent problem, meaning the club often has to fill in holes themselves.
NSK Sports Ground	Standard quality pitches which have decreased in quality over the past five years. A lack of knowledge at the Club regarding required maintenance procedures has seen pitch quality decline, whilst cost limits the potential for maintenance work further. Pitches have become prone to rabbits and moles and club volunteers have to work on pitches to get them ready for upcoming games. Pavilion was burned down over six years ago and current portacabin changing facilities are extremely poor and are not fit for purpose, especially not mini and youth footballers.
Sherwood Fields	Pitches are of standard quality but the 9v9 pitch is marked onto the youth 11v11. Mini teams play offsite in the Kickstart league but the Club wishes to have all teams playing onsite, which will mean further over marking, possibly onto the adult pitch. Changing rooms are of good quality. Little maintenance work is done beyond cutting and marking, with some minor work done in the summer. Goalmouths are sometimes balding and require reseeding.
Fernwood Village Hall Field	The pitch is used by Fernwood FC and is uneven due to a high clay content within the soil. The site was previously the base of 'Fernwood Foxes', but due to growth in teams, and overplay issues, at this single adult pitch site, Fernwood was forced to relocate.

One of the main reasons for a decline in pitch quality is related to reports of limited maintenance carried out by parish councils, or a lack of available funds to carry out maintenance opportunities at private club sites. Other reasons for the decline in pitch quality include:

- ✦ Overmarked pitches
- ✦ Amount of rainfall this season (2013/14)
- ✦ Uneven and hard surfaces
- ✦ Overplay in bad weather
- ✦ Casual use
- ✦ Dog foul/litter
- ✦ Lack of investment and limited maintenance
- ✦ Infrequent grass cutting
- ✦ Lack of remedial work i.e. seeding
- ✦ Adult matches churning up pitches before afternoon youth games

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The New Newark Youth League (NNYL) suggests that the quality of pitches has generally declined over the past three years, particularly at NSK Sports Ground, Lincoln Road and Devon Park. This is thought to be primarily due to the costs of maintenance and lack of available funding. The decline of the mining scene in the area has seen the loss of some pitches at welfare sites, with those still in existence finding that maintenance and running costs are more of a challenge without the subsidies from the welfare. The NNYL itself had a ground over a decade ago where the current Newark Cattle Market is situated. It currently has land on which to develop, yet this is on a floodplain which holds back opportunities and funding and so it has been let to a local farmer. The quality of changing rooms ranges from poor to standard although juniors rarely use them and as such it is not a serious issue for the League.

The Newark Football Alliance accounts for half of the adult men's football teams in Newark & Sherwood, playing on Sunday mornings and made up of 39 teams across three divisions. The League reports that pitch quality has largely stayed the same across sites in recent years and that local authority sites tend to be slightly worse due to a lesser degree of maintenance. There are no significant pitch issues holding back development or expansion of the league, instead it is more dependent on referees. The League guarantees that a referee will be provided for every game and so the number of matches able to be held weekly will be determined by the continued presence of a sufficient number of officials. The only league requirement for clubs is that there must be changing facilities for officials and each team.

### ***Ancillary facilities***

Changing facilities are an issue at some football sites. Some of the facilities are described as poor quality by users although all responding clubs stated they had access to changing rooms if required.

*Clubs response to quality of changing facilities:*

<b>Good</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Poor</b>
29%	29%	29%

Of the clubs with access to changing facilities, quality varies broadly between sites, with all three quality ratings representing the same proportion of the stock. One club did not provide an opinion regarding the facilities it accesses. Furthermore, the facilities scoring the lowest are generally privately owned facilities.

Facilities receiving a poor rating are:

- ◄ NSK Sports Ground
- ◄ Memorial Ground (Southwell City FC)
- ◄ Sutton-on-Trent Sports Club
- ◄ Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon CC)

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### ***Security of tenure***

Tenure of sites in Newark & Sherwood is generally secure i.e. through a long term lease or a guarantee that the pitch will continue to be provided over the next three years at least, with most local authority sites ensuring community use is available whether owned by the District Council or parish councils. Examples include, War Memorial Ground in Southwell, where Southwell City FC lease the land on which its clubhouse is built, or Balderton Playing Fields where there are a number of various sports pitches and changing facilities reserved for community use.

There are a number of sites owned by parish or town councils and leased to sports clubs which manage it accordingly, such as the Centenary Ground in Southwell which is leased to Southwell City FC and Devon Park which is leased to Newark Town FC from the District Council.

However, tenure of some sites remains unsecured, notably at academies such as Newark Academy which are able make their own decisions regarding community use.

The main issue regarding unsecured sites relates to the colliery welfare sites, of which, there are several in the area. These are collectively owned by the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO), a National Charity which focuses on 'the key role of delivering community and personal welfare services within mining and former mining communities'. The decline of the mining industry has caused a withdrawal of much of the money that collieries provided to subsidise playing facilities on these sites and instead they are increasingly looking toward options for sale of the land, in most cases for housing. Clubs playing on these sites have found it difficult to fund their upkeep independently and have in some cases had to increase membership costs or cut back on maintenance. This presents a realistic threat and the potential loss of these pitches and facilities, although any developments would need to replace the existing provision elsewhere. Clubs playing on these sites in the meantime face uncertainty of tenure. Another example is Newark Flowserve, a club which is growing and unable to develop facilities further as the Flowserve Company has an extant planning permission for the existing site and the current lease has effectively expired therefore no security of tenure exists although the Company is interested in negotiating with the Sports Club regarding the partial relocation of sports pitches.

### ***Over marking with cricket pitches***

There are a number of football pitches in Newark & Sherwood which are marked onto or overlapping cricket outfields. This often creates availability issues at sites which are primarily private cricket clubs yet used for football when possible, meaning that several teams playing on these pitches can only do so between October and March each season. Cricket matches begin to clash with football matches thereafter, due to a strong cricket scene in the area on both Saturdays and Sundays, as with football.

Cricket usage is not likely to cause much damage to the surface of these pitches as most of the activity is focused on the square which is not over marked. Football teams playing at these sites may have to seek additional pitch provision either as an alternative venue whilst cricket is being played, or as and when required.

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Sites with football pitches marked onto cricket outfield are:

- ◀ Arthur Radford Memorial Ground (Adult)
- ◀ Balderton Playing Field (Adult)
- ◀ Bilsthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare (Adult)
- ◀ Blidworth Colliery Welfare (Youth & Mini)
- ◀ Caythorpe CC (Adult, Youth & Mini)
- ◀ Magnus Sports Centre (Adult & Youth)
- ◀ Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Adult)
- ◀ Norwell Playing Fields (Adult)
- ◀ NSK Sports Ground (Adult, Youth & Mini)
- ◀ Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground (Adult, Youth & Mini)
- ◀ Top Ground (Brackenhurst College)
- ◀ Walesby Village Sports Field (Adult & Mini)
- ◀ Wellow House School (Adult)

### 2.3: Demand

Through the audit and assessment, a total of 215 teams were identified as playing on grass football pitches within Newark & Sherwood. This consists of 68 men's, three women's, 83 youth boys', 4 girls' and 57 mini soccer teams.

*Table 2.4: Summary of competitive teams currently playing in Newark & Sherwood*

Analysis area	No. of teams playing				
	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5
Central	14	21	7	8	4
Eastern	34	21	16	18	17
Western	23	15	7	9	1
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>

The highest number of teams (34) falls into the adult category in the Eastern Analysis Area. This area represents almost half of the teams playing in Newark & Sherwood with 106 teams. The Central Area has a noticeably low number of adult teams with only 14, representing just 21% of all adult teams.

There are significant numbers of youth 9v9 (16), mini 7v7 (18) and mini 5v5 (17) teams which are playing in the Eastern Area. The Western Area has the least amount of youth (11v11 and 9v9) football with 22 teams in total.

The Eastern Area again makes up the majority of mini football teams, more so than the Central and Western areas combined at both age formats. Mini football team numbers are relatively low given the small sided nature and popularity of the sport, which may be due to teams playing in the Kickstart League held at central venues outside of Newark & Sherwood.

There are only four girls' and three women's teams currently playing in Newark & Sherwood, although girls are permitted to play football in mixed teams up until the age of U15. Newark Town FC, Ollerton Town FC and Southwell City FC all field women's teams, whilst the latter provides all four girls teams. AFC Brazil has an U11 girls' team not currently in a league but hoping to join a league for the 2014-2015 season.

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Clubs that responded to the online survey were asked whether there had been a change in the number of teams over the previous three years. The response rates for those which answered those relevant questions can be seen in the table below:

*Table 2.5: Change in the number of teams over the previous three years*

Team type	Clubs response		
	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same
Adult	30%	-	70%
Youth	37%	22%	41%
Mini	58%	5%	37%

The highest increase in teams is seen in the mini soccer section. Although it would then be expected that this increase in teams would translate to more youth and eventually more adult teams there is actually a trend of decline at the youth age. Of the 22% of clubs that reported a decrease in the number of youth teams, the main reason given was a lack or loss of volunteers to run the teams.

Furthermore, the reason that an increase in mini teams does not always lead to an increase in adult teams is that nationally there has been a trend of 11 aside adult men's teams decreasing due to many players opting to play small sided versions of the game instead. The way in which people, especially adult men, want to play football is changing. People want to be able to fit it in to their busy lifestyle and the small sided formats and shorter games allow players to do this without giving up their weekends. If this trend continues there is likely to be demand for more access to 3G pitches.

Mini soccer team numbers suggest that levels of increase (58%) reported at some clubs far outweigh the levels of decrease (5%) at other clubs, with the 37% reporting that numbers of mini teams have stayed the same. This identifies a clear growth in mini soccer within Newark & Sherwood, primarily due to the efforts of the New Newark Youth Football League, although some teams may be playing outside of the area in the KickStart League.

The majority (70%) of clubs with adult teams report that the number of teams has stayed the same. Of the ones which report an increase, the majority report having added U19s or ladies teams, whilst some have assumed other teams under the club name or amalgamated with another club, for example, Southwell St Mary's became part of Southwell City FC.

### ***Unmet demand***

Unmet demand is existing demand that is not getting access to pitches. It is usually expressed, for example, when a team is already training but is unable to access a match pitch, or when a league has a waiting list due to a lack of pitch provision, which in turn is hindering the growth of the League.

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The table below shows current demand for pitches that is not being met in Newark & Sherwood:

Table 2.6: Summary of unmet demand expressed by clubs

Club	Unmet demand	Analysis area	Pitch requirement	
			Number <sup>4</sup>	Type
Fernwood Foxes	2x Mini 5v5	Eastern	1	Mini 5v5
Fernwood Foxes	2x Mini 7v7	Eastern	1	Mini 7v7
AFC Brazil	Under 7s & 8s	Eastern	1	Mini 5v5
AFC Brazil	Under 9s & 10s	Eastern	1	Mini 7v7
Newark Flowserve FC	Youth 9v9	Eastern	0.5	Youth 9v9
Newark Flowserve FC	Youth 11v11	Eastern	0.5	Youth 11v11
Newark Flowserve FC	Adult	Eastern	0.5	Adult
Farndon Colts FC	Youth 11v11	Eastern	0.5	Youth 11v11
Newark Town FC	Adult	Eastern	1	Adult
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>5v5</b>
			<b>2</b>	<b>7v7</b>
			<b>0.5</b>	<b>9v9</b>
			<b>1</b>	<b>11v11</b>
			<b>1.5</b>	<b>Adult</b>

The identified unmet demand is solely in the Eastern Analysis Area. The highest demand overall is for mini pitches, two each of 5v5 and 7v7 size, which equates to four teams at each size format.

### **Latent demand**

In addition to the unmet demand identified by clubs during the consultation process a number of clubs believe that if more pitches were available, at their homeground or in the local area, they could develop more teams in the future (latent demand). The table below highlights latent demand expressed by the clubs that could *potentially* be fielded if more pitches were available. As this is difficult to quantify the clubs comments have been added to the table below.

Table 2.7: Summary of latent demand expressed by clubs

Club	Comments
Blidworth Welfare FC	Many more teams (10-15) at all ages groups but restricted by pitch issues.
Fernwood FC	Could attract more teams but can't specify at which ages.
Muskham Cougars FC	More mini soccer and possibly another adult team.
Southwell City FC	Continuing to grow and could have more teams but unsure as to at what age groups these would be.

<sup>4</sup> Two teams require one pitch to account for playing on a home and away basis. Therefore 0.5 pitches can therefore be seen in the table where there is latent demand for one team.



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### *Displaced demand*

Displaced demand refers to Newark & Sherwood registered teams that are currently accessing pitches outside of the Area for their home fixtures, normally because their pitch requirements cannot be met, which is usually because of pitch supply or in some cases quality issues.

In Newark & Sherwood most of the displaced demand comes from mini teams. Many are playing in the KickStart League which operates on a central venue basis and currently all five central venues are outside of Newark & Sherwood, with several in nearby Mansfield.

*Table 2.8: Summary of displaced demand*

Club	Team	Where displaced
Bilsthorpe FC	U7s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Blidworth Welfare FC	U7s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Blidworth Welfare FC	U8s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Blidworth Welfare FC	U9s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Blidworth Welfare FC	U11s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Blidworth Welfare FC	U11s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Blidworth Welfare FC	U12s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Ollerton Town FC	U10s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Rainworth Miners Welfare FC	U13s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Rainworth Rangers FC	U15s	Ravenshead Leisure Centre
Robin Hood Colts FC	U7s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Robin Hood Colts FC	U8s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Southwell City FC	U8s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood
Southwell City FC	U12s	KickStart Football League. Sites outside Newark & Sherwood

Displaced demand from Newark & Sherwood to the KickStart leagues is unlikely to be due to a lack of/poor quality facilities within the area and more connected to the location of the clubs, i.e. being towards the edge of the local authority and finding it easier to travel outside in order to compete.

In addition to the displaced demand above Clipstone Welfare FC is located on the Newark & Sherwood boundary yet is important to acknowledge given the size of the Club which plays Step 7 league football. It fields one senior team and several teams at mini and youth age groups. The location of the Club draws some players from within Newark & Sherwood and is considered to serve some of the demand from the nearby area.

Newark Town FC is not displaced in the defined way (i.e. outside of Newark & Sherwood), although it is currently displaced from its local community, in that it currently plays within Collingham and is subsequently removed from the Newark township. This is important to acknowledge as the Club is considered to serve the community, yet being removed from Newark has an effect on number of spectators and highlights an inability for the most densely populated area of the District to provide for and access higher level football. Collingham FC has future aspirations to field senior teams playing on a Saturday afternoon, as it has done in the past, which would in turn mean Newark Town FC would need to seek suitable facilities elsewhere which are not currently available. The proposed NSA sports hub development would plan to cater for this demand, presenting a local solution for Newark Town FC to play within the Newark area as opposed to the current 45 minute round trip to access facilities of the required standard at Collingham FC.



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### **Future demand**

#### *Population increases*

Future demand can be defined in two ways, through participation increases and using population forecasts. Team generation rates are used below as the basis for calculating the number of teams likely to be generated in the future based on population growth.

*Table 2.9: Team generation rates*

Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased population
Adult Men (16-45)	20,504	69	1:297	24,321	81.8	12.8
Adult Women (16-45)	20,385	3	1:6795	23,835	3.5	0.5
Youth Boys (10-15)	4,216	84	1:50	5,264	104.9	20.9
Youth Girls (10-15)	3,926	4	1:982	5,130	5.2	1.2
Mini-Soccer Mixed (6-9)	5,071	55	1:92	6,786	73.6	18.6

From team generation rates up to 2026 it is predicted that there will be an increase of approximately 13 adult teams, 22 youth teams and 19 mini teams.

#### *Participation increases*

A number of clubs (11) report plans to increase the number of teams they provide. Two clubs report not knowing where teams will be accommodated but the rest of the clubs have identified which sites additional teams will be accommodated at. Where quantified, clubs plan to provide an additional seven men's, two women's, 18 youth (boys), seven youth (girls) and 25 mini teams. Based on a home and away basis (i.e. two teams on one pitch) there is a need for an additional five adult pitches, 13 youth pitches and 13 mini pitches.

### **Leagues**

A significant proportion of mini football is exported from the Newark & Sherwood area by those teams playing in the KickStart League. These games are held at central venue locations outside of the area, across five sites in Mansfield and the nearby Nottinghamshire area. Mini football is still catered for in the area by the NNYL, Young Elizabethan and Chad Mansfield Leagues.

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## ***Football pyramid demand***

There are seven clubs in Newark & Sherwood that play within the football pyramid:

- ◀ Rainworth Miners Welfare FC – Step 5
- ◀ Newark Town FC – Step 7
- ◀ Kirton Brickworks FC – Step 7
- ◀ Southwell City FC – Step 7
- ◀ Blidworth FC – Step 7
- ◀ Ollerton Town FC – Step 7
- ◀ Thoresby FC – Step 7

Clipstone Welfare FC is located on the boundary of Newark & Sherwood and also plays at Step 7. The structure at the Club plays a part in attracting players from Newark & Sherwood.

Clubs within the step system must adhere to ground requirements set out by the FA. The higher the level of football being played the higher the requirements. Clubs cannot progress into the league/step above if the ground requirements do not meet the correct specifications. Ground grading, as it is referred to, assesses grounds from A to H, with 'A' being the requirements for Step 1 clubs. Appendix 2 highlights all requirements from grade A to H.

In Newark & Sherwood, Rainworth Miners Welfare FC plays at the highest level (Step 5) and as such is required to have floodlighting. Newark Town FC plays at Step 7 and subsequently has to play 1<sup>st</sup> team matches at Collingham FC as its home ground at Devon Park does not meet the specified requirements. Kirton Brickworks FC, Southwell City FC, Ollerton Town FC and Blidworth FC also play at Step 7.

Other clubs in Newark & Sherwood currently meet the requirements of the respective leagues but would all need to make ground improvements, or potentially move sites, in order to progress through the football pyramid. Thoresby Colliery FC is currently seeking floodlights which would enable them to progress, whilst Southwell City FC is currently limited as the Memorial Ground site is a public park and unlikely to have potential for future development. Conversely, some clubs exceed the requirements of their leagues but have ambitions to progress to play within the pyramid structure, such as Collingham FC and Ollerton Town FC which already have floodlighting for example.

## ***Future Development***

Due to a redevelopment at Newark Academy which will result in a new school building sited on a disused AGP, as well as aspirations to provide a sports hub within Newark, there are plans to build a new 3G pitch in the area. This will increase capacity for training and potential match play.

Collingham FC has just completed construction of a new 60x40m 3G pitch. The development is the first phase of the Club's redevelopment plans which will also include improvements to the clubhouse facility.

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Newark Flowserve FC has recently added a self-funded mini 7v7 pitch behind the clubhouse onsite in place of the disused tennis courts, in order to try to alleviate some of the pressure brought about by the growth in mini and junior football through the partnership with AFC Brazil which is the grass roots development partner at the Club. It would like an AGP onsite, however, the lack of a long term lease limits access to grant funding and so all developments must be self-financed by the club itself.

Southwell City FC rents the public access Memorial Ground pitches and as such the pitches cannot be developed or fenced off. However, the Club is looking to further develop its second site at Centenary Sports Ground which is leased from Southwell Town Council and managed by the Club. Bids are currently with Nottinghamshire FA regarding proposed clubhouse and pitch developments.

There is a focus on girl's football within Newark & Sherwood and this is likely to lead to more girls' teams in the future and therefore more pitches.

The youth league is looking to expand to U21 which should allow more young people to play for longer with age range groups. This could in turn lead to an increase for more adult pitches as retention from 16+ may increase.

### 2.4: Capacity analysis

The capacity for pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing football. In extreme circumstances it can result in the inability of the pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off peak times. Pitch quality is often influenced by weather conditions and drainage.

As a guide, The FA has set a standard number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without adversely affecting its current quality (pitch capacity). Taking into consideration the guidelines on capacity the following was concluded in Newark & Sherwood:

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

Table 2.11 applies the above pitch ratings against the actual level of weekly play recorded to determine a capacity rating as follows:

<b>Potential capacity</b>	Play is below the level the site could sustain
<b>At capacity</b>	Play matches the level the site can sustain
<b>Overused</b>	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

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### **Education sites**

To account for curricular/extra-curricular use of education pitches it is likely that the carrying capacity at such sites will need to be adjusted. The only time this would not happen is when a school does not use its pitches at all and the sole use is community use. The table below identifies the school sites and adjusted capacity where required:

*Table 2.10: Summary of education site capacity*

Site ID	Type	Site name	Site capacity comments/actions
7	Primary	Bleasby C of E Primary School	Pitches are available but have no current community users.
16	Primary	Chuter Ede Primary School	Pitches are available but have no current community users.
25	Academy	Dukeries Academy/Leisure Centre	Pitches available for community use and used. Capacity reduced by 0.5 on each pitch to account for school use.
43	Primary	John Hunt Primary & Nursery School	Pitches are available but have no current community users.
44	Secondary	Joseph Whitaker School & Sports College	Pitches available for community use and used. Capacity reduced by 0.5 on each pitch to account for school use.
47	Primary	Kneesall C of E Primary School	Pitches are available but have no current community users.
53	Primary	Lowes Wong Junior School	Pitches are unavailable for community use.
55	Academy	Magnus Sports Centre	Pitches available for community use and used. Capacity reduced by 0.5 on each pitch to account for school use.
58	Secondary	Minster School	Pitches available for community use and used. Capacity reduced by 0.5 on each pitch to account for school use.
59	Primary	Mount C of E Primary & Nursery	Pitches are available but have no current community users.
60	Academy	Newark Academy (Balderton Site)	Pitches available for community use and used. Capacity reduced by one on each pitch to account for school use.
82	Primary	St Peter's C of E Primary School	Pitches are unavailable for community use.
93	Independent	Wellow House School	Pitches are unavailable for community use.
94	Academy	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone Site)	Pitches available for community use and used. No recorded school use.
112	Primary	Manners Sutton Primary School	Pitches are unavailable for community use.
113	Primary	Forest View Junior School	Pitches are unavailable for community use.

The steering group decided that pitches not used for community use, despite schools stating they are available, should be removed from the actual spare capacity due to them not realistically being accessible. This is for a variety of reasons including; cost to employ a caretaker, site security, lack of changing facilities/toilets, expensive hire charges, etc.

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Table 2.11: Football pitch capacity analysis

Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Type of tenure <sup>5</sup>	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	Agreed quality rating	No. of pitches	Current play	Site capacity	Overused (+), At Capacity (0) or Accommodate additional play (-)	Pitches available in peak period
1	Arthur Radford Memorial Ground, Fiskerton	Yes	Secured	Community	Central	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
2	Balderton Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Parish Council	Eastern	Adult		Standard	3	3	6	-3	3
2	Balderton Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Parish Council	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	2
2	Balderton Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Parish Council	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1.5
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Yes	Unsecured	Colliery Welfare	Western	Adult		Good	2	2	6	-4	2
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Yes	Unsecured	Colliery Welfare	Western	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0.5	4	-3.5	0.5
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Yes	Unsecured	Colliery Welfare	Western	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1.5	4	-2.5	0
7	Bleasby C of E Primary School	No	Secured	Educational	Central	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Western	Adult		Good	1	2	3	-1	0
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Western	Mini	(7v7)	Good	3	0.5	18	-17.5	2.5
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Western	Youth	(11v11)	Good	1	3.5	4	-0.5	0
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Western	Youth	(9v9)	Good	1	0.5	4	-3.5	0.5
11	Boughton Sports Field	Yes	Unsecured	Church Diocese	Western	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Central	Adult		Standard	2	1.5	4	-2.5	1
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Central	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	1	4	-3	0
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Central	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1	4	-3	0
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Central	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
14	Centenary Sports Ground, Southwell	Yes	Secured	Town Council/ Sports Club	Central	Adult		Poor	3	5	3	2	2.5
14	Centenary Sports Ground, Southwell	Yes	Secured	Town Council/ Sports Club	Central	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	1	1	0	0.5
16	Chuter Ede Primary School	No	Secured	Sports Club	Central	Adult		Standard	2	1.5	4	-2.5	1
16	Chuter Ede Primary School	No	Secured	Educational	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
21	Collingham Football Club	Yes	Secured	Educational	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
21	Collingham Football Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Adult		Good	2	2.5	6	-3.5	1.5
21	Collingham Football Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	Good	1	2.5	6	-3.5	0
23	David Sillery Pavilion, Coddington	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Adult		Poor	1	1	1	0	1
23	David Sillery Pavilion, Coddington	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
23	David Sillery Pavilion, Coddington	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	2	1	1	0
24	Devon Park	Yes	Secured	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Adult		Standard	2	5	4	1	0.5
24	Devon Park	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	2	1	8	-7	1
24	Devon Park	Yes	Secured	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	2	4	-2	0
24	Devon Park	Yes	Secured	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1.5	2	-0.5	0
25	Dukeries Academy/Leisure Centre	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Western	Adult		Good	1	0.5	2.5	-2	1
25	Dukeries Academy/Leisure Centre	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Western	Youth	(11v11)	Good	1	0	3.5	-3.5	1
25	Dukeries Academy/Leisure Centre	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Western	Youth	(9v9)	Good	1	0	3.5	-3.5	1
28	Elm Avenue	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Eastern	Adult		Poor	1	0	1	-1	1
35	Gunthorpe Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Central	Adult		Poor	1	1.5	1	0.5	0
43	John Hunt Primary and Nursery School	No	Secured	Educational	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	3	0	12	-12	3

<sup>5</sup> Unless local information suggests otherwise it can be assumed that the availability of all pitches in LA, town and parish council and sports club ownership will be secure.

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Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Type of tenure <sup>5</sup>	Management	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	Agreed quality rating	No. of pitches	Current play	Site capacity	Overused (+), At Capacity (0) or Potential to Accommodate additional play (-)	Pitches available in peak period
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Yes	Secured	Educational	Western	Adult		Good	2	2	5	-3	0
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Yes	Secured	Educational	Western	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0.5	3.5	-3	0.5
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Yes	Secured	Educational	Western	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0.5	1.5	-1	0.5
47	Kneesall C of E Primary School	Yes-unused	Secured	Educational	Central	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
49	Laxton Sports & Recreation Field	Yes	Secured	Community	Central	Adult		Poor	1	2	1	1	1
50	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Eastern	Adult		Poor	3	1.5	3	-1.5	3
50	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	2	3	4	-1	0
50	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	3	2	6	-4	1
50	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	0.5	1	-0.5	0.5
52	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Community	Central	Adult		Good	1	1	3	-2	0
52	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Community	Central	Mini	(7v7)	Good	1	0.5	6	-5.5	0.5
53	Loves Wong Junior School	No	Secured	Educational	Central	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	2	0	4	-4	2
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Yes	Secured	Academy	Eastern	Adult		Standard	1	2.5	1.5	1	1
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Yes	Secured	Academy	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	1	1.5	-0.5	0
56	Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon Cricket Club)	Yes	Secured	Parish Council	Eastern	Adult		Standard	1	1	2	-1	1
57	Memorial Ground	Yes	Secured	Town Council	Central	Adult		Standard	2	3.5	4	-0.5	0.5
57	Memorial Ground	Yes	Secured	Town Council	Central	Mini	(5v5)	Standard	1	0.5	4	-3.5	0.5
57	Memorial Ground	Yes	Secured	Town Council	Central	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	2	2.5	8	-5.5	2
58	Minster School	Yes	Secured	Educational	Central	Adult		Good	1	0	2	-2	1
58	Minster School	Yes	Secured	Educational	Central	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	1	2.5	1.5	1	0
59	Mount C of E Primary and Nursery School	No	Secured	Educational	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
60	Newark Academy (Balderton Site)	Yes	Unsecured	Academy	Eastern	Adult		Standard	1	0	1	-1	1
60	Newark Academy (Balderton Site)	Yes	Unsecured	Academy	Eastern	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	1	0	1	-1	1
67	North Muskham Village Hall and Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Community	Eastern	Adult		Standard	1	1.5	2	-0.5	1
67	North Muskham Village Hall and Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Community	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1	4	-3	0
69	NSK Sports Ground	Yes	Secured	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Adult		Poor	2	4.5	2	2.5	2
69	NSK Sports Ground	Yes	Secured	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	Poor	2	0	4	-4	2
69	NSK Sports Ground	Yes	Secured	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	1	2	-1	0
69	NSK Sports Ground	Yes	Secured	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	0.5	1	-0.5	0.5
73	Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club	Yes	Unsecured	Sports Club	Western	Adult		Good	2	1.5	6	-4.5	1
79	Sports Fields Southwell Road, Lowdham	Yes	Secured	Town Council	Central	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	0.5
82	St Peters C of E Primary Farndon School	No	Secured	Educational	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
83	Sutton-on-Trent Sports Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Adult		Good	1	1.5	3	-1.5	1
83	Sutton-on-Trent Sports Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Good	1	0.5	6	-5.5	0.5
83	Sutton-on-Trent Sports Club	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Good	1	0.5	4	-3.5	0.5
84	The Acres Playing Field	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Central	Adult		Standard	2	0.5	4	-3.5	2
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Yes	Unsecured	Trust	Western	Adult		Poor	3	1	3	-2	2
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Yes	Unsecured	Trust	Western	Mini	(7v7)	Poor	1	0	2	-2	1
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Yes	Unsecured	Trust	Western	Youth	(9v9)	Poor	1	0	1	-1	1
87	Top Ground - Southwell Cricket Club (Brackenhurst College)	Yes-unused	Secured	Further Education	Central	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1

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88	Village Hall Field Football Pitch	Yes	Secured	Local Authority	Eastern	Adult		Good	1	0.5	3	-2.5	1
90	Walesby Lane Sports Ground	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Western	Adult		Good	1	1.5	3	-1.5	0
91	Walesby Village Sports Field	Yes	Secured	Community	Western	Adult		Good	2	1	6	-5	1
91	Walesby Village Sports Field	Yes	Secured	Community	Western	Mini	(5v5)	Good	1	0	6	-6	1
91	Walesby Village Sports Field	Yes	Secured	Community	Western	Mini	(7v7)	Good	1	2	6	-4	0
93	Wellow House School	No	Secured	Independent School	Central	Adult		Standard	1	0	2	-2	1
94	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Yes	Secured	Educational	Eastern	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	2	-1.5	1
95	Flowerserve Sports & Social Club	Yes	Unsecured	Sports Club	Eastern	Adult		Good	2	6	6	0	0
95	Flowerserve Sports & Social Club	Yes	Unsecured	Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	Good	3	4	18	-12	3
95	Flowerserve Sports & Social Club	Yes	Unsecured	Sports Club	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Good	3	2.5	18	-15.5	3
95	Flowerserve Sports & Social Club	Yes	Unsecured	Sports Club	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	Good	1	1	4	-3	0
96	Sherwood Fields, Bidworth	Yes	Secured	Parish Council/ Sports Club	Western	Adult		Standard	1	2	2	0	0.5
96	Sherwood Fields, Bidworth	Yes	Secured	Parish Council/ Sports Club	Western	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	1.5	4	-2.5	0
96	Sherwood Fields, Bidworth	Yes	Secured	Parish Council/ Sports Club	Western	Youth	(11v11)	Standard	1	1.5	2	-0.5	0
96	Sherwood Fields, Bidworth	Yes	Secured	Parish Council/ Sports Club	Western	Youth	(9v9)	Standard	2	1	4	-3	1
102	Epperstone Village Hall	Yes	Secured	Parish Council	Central	Adult		Standard	2	2	4	-2	2
108	Kirton Brickworks	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Western	Adult		Standard	1	0.5	3	-2.5	0.5
109	Clipstone Welfare FC	Yes	Secured	Sports Club	Western	Adult		Good	1	0	3	-3	1
110	Norwell Playing Fields	Yes	Secured	Parish Council	Eastern	Adult		Good	1	0	2	-2	1
111	Winthorpe Community Centre	Yes	Secured	Parish Council	Eastern	Adult		Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
112	Manners Sutton Primary School	No	Secured	Educational	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1
113	Forest View Junior School	No	Secured	Educational	Western	Mini	(7v7)	Standard	1	0	4	-4	1



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## 2.5: Supply and demand analysis

### **Spare capacity**

The next step is to ascertain whether or not any identified ‘potential capacity’ can be deemed ‘spare capacity’. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular friendly matches and activities that take place but are difficult to quantify on a weekly basis.

### **Peak time**

The peak time varies for the different pitch types. The table below identifies whether or not spare capacity can actually be considered as such, based on whether pitches are available at peak time.

Table 2.12: Spare capacity in the peak period

Pitch type	Peak time	Comments
Adult	Saturday & Sunday	<p>The demand for adult football pitches is divided almost equally between Saturday and Sunday. Most adult teams play on Sundays in the Newark Football Alliance, primarily in the morning but some kick off in the afternoon. Only football finals and some midweek matches at season end if backlog has been created. Teams use a mixture of club sites and local authority sites.</p> <p>The main league operating on Saturday PM is the Central Midlands Football League. Few local authority sites are used for this league, with the majority of matches played at club sites. The main sites are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Devon Park</li> <li>◀ Collingham Football Club</li> <li>◀ Blidworth Colliery Welfare</li> <li>◀ Rainworth Miners Welfare</li> <li>◀ Thoresby Colliery Welfare</li> <li>◀ Walesby Lane Sports Ground</li> <li>◀ Walesby Village Sports Field</li> </ul> <p>Southwell Memorial Grounds is an exception also Devon Pak but only used for Reserve team.</p> <p>There is also a high demand for adult pitches on Saturdays, as a result of youth teams playing 11v11 matches on adult pitches. These teams play mainly in the Chad Mansfield, Young Elizabethan and New Newark Youth Leagues. This will reduce the capacity available for senior matches when required. Sites where this occurs include some of the following local authority, parish council and education sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Lincoln Road Sports Facility</li> <li>◀ Magnus Sports Centre</li> <li>◀ Balderton Playing Fields</li> <li>◀ Epperstone Village Hall</li> <li>◀ Joseph Whitaker School &amp; Sports College</li> </ul>

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Pitch type	Peak time	Comments
		The adult pitches at Devon Park are standard quality yet overplayed by one match per week. This is largely because it is used by Newark Town FC for adult and youth football, as well as by three other clubs. Magnus Sports Centre is assessed as standard quality, although is overplayed by one match equivalent session per week, when also taking into consideration curriculum use and school fixtures.
Youth 11v11	Saturday AM	<p>The leagues servicing the majority of youth 11v11 teams in Newark &amp; Sherwood are the New Newark Youth League, Youth Elizabethan League and the Chad Mansfield League, all of which mainly operate on Saturday mornings. A variety of sites are used including some education sites. Council sites used for youth 11v11 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Lincoln Road Sports Facility</li> <li>◀ Balderton Playing Field</li> <li>◀ Sports Fields Southwell Road</li> </ul> <p>As previously mentioned, a significant number of teams playing youth football in these leagues are doing so on adult pitches. There are only six youth 11v11 pitches in Newark &amp; Sherwood, none of which are on local authority sites. Youth pitches on these sites may alleviate the use of adult pitches for youth football.</p>
Youth 9v9	Saturday AM	<p>The majority of the 9v9 teams playing in Newark &amp; Sherwood form part of the New Newark Youth League, although some play in the Youth Elizabethan League and Chad Mansfield Leagues. Most teams play at club sites rather than local authority facilities. The exceptions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ Lincoln Road Sports Facility</li> <li>◀ Balderton Playing Field</li> <li>◀ Devon Park</li> </ul> <p>Lowdham Colts FC play 9v9 football on the adult pitches at Epperstone Village Hall. Southwell City fields two girls teams playing in the Notts Girls &amp; Ladies League on Sunday mornings. Most 9v9 football pitches are of standard quality, however a number are subject to over marking onto other pitches. Examples include Sherwood Fields (onto Adult), Joseph Whitaker School (onto Senior Rugby Union) and Flowserve Sport &amp; Social Club (Adult).</p>
Mini 7v7	Saturday AM	<p>Most teams playing 7v7 in Newark &amp; Sherwood compete in the New Newark Youth League, Youth Elizabethan League and the Chad Mansfield League. Many of the sites used are the same as those used for youth football, with most being club sites. The peak time for 7v7 football is Saturday AM. Local authority sites used are Lincoln Road Sports Facility (Fernwood Foxes FC) and North Muskham Village Hall and Playing Field (Muskham Cougars FC). There are no 7v7 pitches showing overplay in Newark &amp; Sherwood. Few pitches report significant issues, with only NSK Sports Ground highlighting problems caused by moles.</p> <p>Some teams travel outside of the study area to play in the Kickstart League at central venues within Mansfield and the outskirts of Nottingham, also held on Saturday mornings.</p>

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Pitch type	Peak time	Comments
Mini 5v5	Saturday AM	<p>The peak time for mini 5v5 based on the number of teams is shown to be both Saturday AM. This is primarily due to demand from the New Newark Youth League. Most 5v5 pitches are at club sites, although local authority sites with 5v5 pitches in use include Lincoln Road Sports Facility, Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields and North Muskham Village Hall and Playing Field.</p> <p>Similar to 7v7 mini football, some team teams travel outside of the area to play at central venues as part of the Kickstart League. These teams generally return to play within Newark &amp; Sherwood having progressed into youth football and are not at risk of being lost from the area.</p>

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Table 2.13: Actual spare capacity

Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Current play	Overused (+), At Capacity (/) or Potential to Accommodate additional play (-)	Match equivalent sessions available in peak period	Comments
1	Arthur Radford Memorial Ground	Yes	Central	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
2	Balderton Playing Field	Yes	Eastern	Adult		3	3	-3	3	Spare capacity including peak time
2	Balderton Playing Field	Yes-unused	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	1	0	-4	2	Spare capacity including peak time
2	Balderton Playing Field	Yes	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-1.5	1.5	Spare capacity including peak time
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Yes	Western	Adult		2	2	-4	2	Spare capacity including peak time
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Yes	Western	Mini	(5v5)	1	0.5	-3.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Yes	Western	Mini	(7v7)	1	1.5	-2.5	0	No pitches available in peak period
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Yes	Western	Adult		1	2	-1	0	No pitches available in peak period
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Yes	Western	Mini	(7v7)	3	0.5	-17.5	2.5	Spare capacity including peak time
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Yes	Western	Youth	(11v11)	1	3.5	-0.5	0	No pitches available in peak period
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Yes	Western	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-3.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
11	Boughton Sports Field	Yes-unused	Western	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity including peak time
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Central	Adult		2	1.5	-2.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Central	Mini	(5v5)	1	1	-3	0	No pitches available in peak period
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes	Central	Mini	(7v7)	1	1	-3	0	No pitches available in peak period
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Yes-unused	Central	Youth	(11v11)	1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity including peak time
21	Collingham Football Club	Yes	Eastern	Adult		2	2.5	-3.5	1.5	Spare capacity including peak time
21	Collingham Football Club	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	1	2.5	-3.5	0	No pitches available in peak period
23	David Sillery Pavilion	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	1	0.5	-5.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
24	Devon Park	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	2	1	-7	1	Spare capacity including peak time
24	Devon Park	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	1	2	-2	0	No pitches available in peak period
24	Devon Park	Yes	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	1	1.5	-0.5	0	No pitches available in peak period
25	Dukeries Academy/Leisure Centre	Yes	Western	Adult		1	0.5	-2	1	Spare capacity including peak time
25	Dukeries Academy/Leisure Centre	Yes-unused	Western	Youth	(11v11)	1	0	-3.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
25	Dukeries Academy/Leisure Centre	Yes-unused	Western	Youth	(9v9)	1	0	-3.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
28	Elm Avenue	Yes-unused	Eastern	Adult		1	0	-3	1	Spare capacity including peak time
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Yes	Western	Adult		2	2	-3	0	No pitches available in peak period
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Yes	Western	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5	-3	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Yes	Western	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-1	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
50	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Yes	Eastern	Adult		3	1.5	-4.5	3	Spare capacity including peak time
50	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	2	3	-5	0	No pitches available in peak period
50	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	3	2	-10	1	Spare capacity including peak time
50	Lincoln Road Sports Facility	Yes	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-1.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
52	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Yes	Central	Adult		1	1	-2	0	No pitches available in peak period

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Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Current play	Overused (+), At Capacity (/) or Potential to Accommodate additional play (-)	Match equivalent sessions available in peak period	Comments
52	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Yes	Central	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5	-5.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Yes	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	1	1	-0.5	0	No pitches available in peak period
56	Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon Cricket Club)	Yes	Eastern	Adult		1	1	-1	1	Spare capacity including peak time
57	Memorial Ground	Yes	Central	Adult		2	3.5	-2.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
57	Memorial Ground	Yes	Central	Mini	(5v5)	1	0.5	-5.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
57	Memorial Ground	Yes	Central	Mini	(7v7)	2	2.5	-5.5	2	Spare capacity including peak time
67	North Muskham Village Hall and Playing Field	Yes	Eastern	Adult		1	1.5	-0.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
67	North Muskham Village Hall and Playing Field	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	1	1	-3	0	No pitches available in peak period
69	NSK Sports Ground	Yes-unused	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	2	0	-8	2	Spare capacity including peak time
69	NSK Sports Ground	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	1	1	-3	0	No pitches available in peak period
69	NSK Sports Ground	Yes	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-1.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
73	Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club	Yes	Western	Adult		2	1.5	-4.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
79	Sports Fields Southwell Road	Yes	Central	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
83	Sutton-on-Trent Sports Club	Yes	Eastern	Adult		1	1.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
83	Sutton-on-Trent Sports Club	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5	-5.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
83	Sutton-on-Trent Sports Club	Yes	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5	-3.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
84	The Acres Playing Field	Yes	Central	Adult		2	0.5	-3.5	2	Spare capacity including peak time
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Yes	Western	Adult		3	1	-6	2	Spare capacity including peak time
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Yes-unused	Western	Mini	(7v7)	1	0	-6	1	Spare capacity including peak time
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Yes-unused	Western	Youth	(9v9)	1	0	-4	1	Spare capacity including peak time
87	Top Ground - Southwell Cricket Club (Brackenhurst College)	Yes-unused	Central	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity including peak time
88	Village Hall Field Football Pitch	Yes	Eastern	Adult		1	0.5	-2.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
90	Walesby Lane Sports Ground	Yes	Western	Adult		1	1.5	-1.5	0	No pitches available in peak period
91	Walesby Village Sports Field	Yes	Western	Adult		2	1	-5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
91	Walesby Village Sports Field	Yes-unused	Western	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-6	1	Spare capacity including peak time
91	Walesby Village Sports Field	Yes	Western	Mini	(7v7)	1	2	-4	0	No pitches available in peak period
94	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Yes	Eastern	Adult		1	0.5	-1.5	1	Spare capacity including peak time
95	Flowserve Sports & Social Club	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	3	2	-16	3	No spare capacity due to over marked pitches
95	Flowserve Sports & Social Club	Yes	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	3	0.5	-17.5	3	No spare capacity due to over marked pitches
95	Flowserve Sports & Social Club	Yes	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	1	1	-3	0	No pitches available in peak period
96	Sherwood Fields	Yes	Western	Mini	(7v7)	1	1.5	-2.5	0	No pitches available in peak period
96	Sherwood Fields	Yes	Western	Youth	(11v11)	1	1.5	-0.5	0	No pitches available in peak period
96	Sherwood Fields	Yes	Western	Youth	(9v9)	2	1	-3	1	Spare capacity including peak time
102	Epperstone Village Hall	Yes	Central	Adult		2	2	-2	2	Spare capacity including peak time

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Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Current play	Overused (+), At Capacity (/) or Potential to Accommodate additional play (-)	Match equivalent sessions available in peak period	Comments
108	Kirton Brickworks	Yes	Western	Adult		1	0.5	-2.5	0	Minimal peak capacity (0.5 sessions). Retain to protect quality
110	Norwell Playing Fields	Yes-unused	Eastern	Adult		1	0	-2	1	Spare capacity including peak time
111	Winthorpe Community Centre	Yes-unused	Eastern	Adult		1	0	-4	1	Spare capacity including peak time

Although spare capacity is often as a result of a lack of demand for grass pitches, there are some sites that are likely to retain spare capacity as a matter of practise to allow pitches to rest and rotate. Therefore, those with 0.5 sessions spare are not included within the actual spare capacity totals.

Unused school sites which may have potential future capacity but are not currently classified as actual spare capacity:

Site ID	Site name	Available for community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Current play	Overused (+), At Capacity (/) or Potential to Accommodate additional play (-)	Match equivalent sessions available in peak period	Comments
7	Bleasby C of E Primary School	Yes-unused	Central	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-4	0	No spare capacity on school site
16	Chuter Ede Primary School	Yes-unused	Eastern	Mini	(5v5)	1	0	-4	0	No spare capacity on school site
16	Chuter Ede Primary School	Yes-unused	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	1	0	-4	0	No spare capacity on school site
43	John Hunt Primary and Nursery School	Yes-unused	Eastern	Mini	(7v7)	3	0	-12	3	Spare capacity including peak time
47	Kneasall C of E Primary School	Yes-unused	Central	Mini	(7v7)	1	0	-4	0	No spare capacity on school site
58	Minster School	Yes-unused	Central	Adult		1	0	-2	0	No spare capacity on school site
59	Mount C of E Primary and Nursery School	Yes-unused	Eastern	Youth	(9v9)	1	0	-2	0	No spare capacity on school site
60	Newark Academy (Balderton Site)	Yes-unused	Eastern	Adult		1	0	-1	0	No spare capacity on school site
60	Newark Academy (Balderton Site)	Yes-unused	Eastern	Youth	(11v11)	1	0	-1	0	No spare capacity on school site

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Actual spare capacity has been aggregated up (highlighted as green in the comments column in the table above) by area and by pitch type.

Table 2.14: Actual spare capacity summary

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match sessions per week)				
	Adult	Youth 11v11	9v9	Mini (7v7)	Mini (5v5)
Central	7	1	-	2	-
Eastern	15.5	-	1.5	3	3
Western	8	1	3	3.5	1
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>4</b>

The table shows a total of 49.5 match sessions of actual spare capacity.

There are 15 pitches within Newark & Sherwood that are available for community use but are unused (excluding school sites).

Overplay occurs when there is more play accommodated on a site than it is able to sustain (which can often be due to the low carrying capacity of the pitches). All pitches overplayed in Newark & Sherwood were assessed as standard quality. In summary, eight sites are overplayed. The majority of overplay is occurring on adult pitches. The levels of overplay expressed are relatively sustainable with improvements made to pitch quality and increases in maintenance work.

Table 2.15: Overplay summary

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Capacity rating
14	Centenary Sports Ground, Southwell	Central	Adult	3	2
23	David Sillery Pavilion, Coddington	Eastern	Youth 9v9	1	1
24	Devon Park	Eastern	Adult	2	1
35	Gunthorpe Playing Field	Central	Adult	1	0.5
49	Laxton Sports & Recreation Field	Central	Adult	1	1
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Eastern	Adult	1	1
58	Minster School	Central	Youth 11v11	1	1
69	NSK Sports Ground <sup>6</sup>	Eastern	Adult	2	2.5

<sup>6</sup> For the 2014-2015 there will only be one adult pitch available at NSK which will further exacerbate over play.



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Table 2.16: Overplay summary

Analysis area	Overplay (match sessions per week)				
	Adult	Youth 11v11	9v9	Mini (7v7)	Mini (5v5)
Central	3.5	1	-	-	-
Eastern	4.5	-	1	-	-
Western	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2.6: Conclusions

Having considered supply and demand, the tables below identify the overall spare capacity in each of the analysis areas for the different pitch types, based on match equivalent sessions. Future demand is based on Team generation rates (TGRs) which are driven by population increases as well as club development plans.

Table 2.17: Spare capacity/ overplay of adult pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity <sup>7</sup>	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
		Overplay	Unmet demand	Current total	Future demand	Total
Central	7	3.5	-	-3.5	0.5	-3
Eastern	15.5	4.5	1.5	-9.5	4.5	-5
Western	8	-	-	-8	2	-6
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-14</b>

The table above shows that overall in Newark & Sherwood there is spare capacity to accommodate adult teams both now and in the future across all analysis areas. There are approximately 14 surplus match sessions currently.

Table 2.18: Spare capacity/ overplay of youth 11v11 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
		Overplay	Unmet demand	Current total	Future demand	Total
Central	1	1	-	0	1	+1
Eastern	-	-	1	+1	3	+4
Western	1	-	-	-1	1.5	+0.5
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>+5.5</b>

The table above shows that currently there is a small amount of spare capacity in the Western Analysis Area. However, overall in the Study Area pitches are being played to capacity and in the future there will be a shortfall of 5.5 match sessions across the District. There is a shortfall of four match equivalent sessions in the Eastern analysis area.

<sup>7</sup> In match equivalent sessions

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Table 2.19: Spare capacity/ overplay of youth 9v9 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
		Overplay	Unmet demand	Current total	Future demand	Total
Central	-	-	-	-	1	+1
Eastern	1.5	1	0.5	0	3	+3
Western	3	-	-	-3	1.5	-1.5
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>+2.5</b>

The current picture shows that there is an oversupply of three (9v9) match sessions in Newark & Sherwood as a whole but a future deficit of 2.5 match sessions. There is spare capacity of 1.5 matches in the Western analysis area but a deficit of three match equivalents in the Eastern analysis area.

Table 2.20: Spare capacity/ overplay of mini 7v7 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
		Overplay	Unmet demand	Current demand	Future demand	Total
Central	2	-	-	-2	1	-1
Eastern	3	-	2	-1	3.5	+2.5
Western	3.5	-	-	-3.5	0.5	-3
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>

All current demand is being accommodated on 7v7 pitches in Newark & Sherwood. In part this is due to the displaced demand of teams playing in the KickStart League outside of Newark & Sherwood, which greatly reduces the demand for pitches within Newark & Sherwood. There is a current surplus of 6.5 match sessions at peak time which is enough to cater for both current demand and the projected future demand except for the Eastern area that has a shortfall of 2.5 match sessions.

Table 2.21: Spare capacity/ overplay of Mini 5v5 pitches

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Demand (match equivalent sessions)				
		Overplay	Unmet demand	Current demand	Future demand	Total
Central	-	-	-	-	1	+1
Eastern	3	-	2	-1	3.5	+2.5
Western	1	-	-	-1	0.5	-0.5
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>+3</b>

At present there is spare capacity on 5v5 pitches due to many teams playing in the KickStart League outside of Newark & Sherwood. There is current spare capacity of two match equivalent sessions which adequately serves current demand. Future demand will result in a shortfall of three match sessions overall with a deficit of one match session in the Central area and 2.5 in the Eastern area.

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### Football – grass pitch summary

- ◀ The audit identifies a total of 137 football pitches in Newark & Sherwood. Of these, 128 are available, at some level, for community use
- ◀ Most football pitches available for community use are assessed as being of standard quality (54) or good quality (44). 30 pitches are assessed as poor quality.
- ◀ 215 teams were identified as playing on pitches within Newark & Sherwood.
- ◀ There is some current unmet demand across every pitch type.
- ◀ Newark Town FC is currently displaced as it accesses a pitch at Collingham FC due to a lack of suitable facilities within Newark. Should Collingham FC realise ambitions to revive a Saturday team, Newark Town FC would again be displaced which would result in unmet demand.
- ◀ There is some exported demand at mini level from teams accessing the Kickstart League outside of Newark & Sherwood, due to the central venue basis on which the league operates within the Mansfield area. This reduces some demand for pitches within Newark & Sherwood.
- ◀ There is a total of 49.5 match sessions of actual spare capacity across the District. There are 15 pitches within Newark & Sherwood that are available for community use but are unused (excluding school sites).
- ◀ Eight sites are overplayed by a total of ten match sessions per week and most of this is on adult pitches (eight match sessions).
- ◀ There is a shortfall of youth match sessions to accommodate future demand on youth 11v11, 9v9 and 5v5 pitches.

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## PART 3: CRICKET

### 3.1: Introduction

The Nottinghamshire County Cricket Board (NCCB) is the main governing and representative body for cricket within the County, including Newark & Sherwood. Its aim is to promote the game at all levels through partnerships with professional and recreational cricketing clubs, and other appropriate agencies.

For adult cricket in Newark & Sherwood there are three main offerings. These are in the form of Saturday cricket (e.g. South Notts Leagues and Bassetlaw & District Leagues), Sunday cricket (e.g. Newark Alliance and Mansfield & District League) and midweek cricket (Newark Evening Cricket League).

The youth league structure in Newark & Sherwood tends to be club based matches which are played mid-week. Therefore there is usually no conflict with access to pitches but increased usage (if junior teams increase) will impact on quality.

#### **Consultation**

There are 32 clubs playing the majority of their matches within Newark & Sherwood. Of these, eight<sup>8</sup> responded to the survey. In addition, face to face consultation was carried out with the following clubs:

- ◀ Balderton CC
- ◀ Thoresby Colliery CC
- ◀ Newark Ransome & Marles CC
- ◀ Southwell CC

### 3.2: Supply

In total, there are 34 grass cricket squares in Newark & Sherwood, all of which are available for community use with the exception of Highfields Independent School.

*Table 3.1: Summary of pitches*

Analysis area	Number available for community use
Central	15
Eastern	10
Western	8
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>33</b>

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<sup>8</sup> It should be noted that the ECB national survey was circulated at the same time which could explain the low number of responses.

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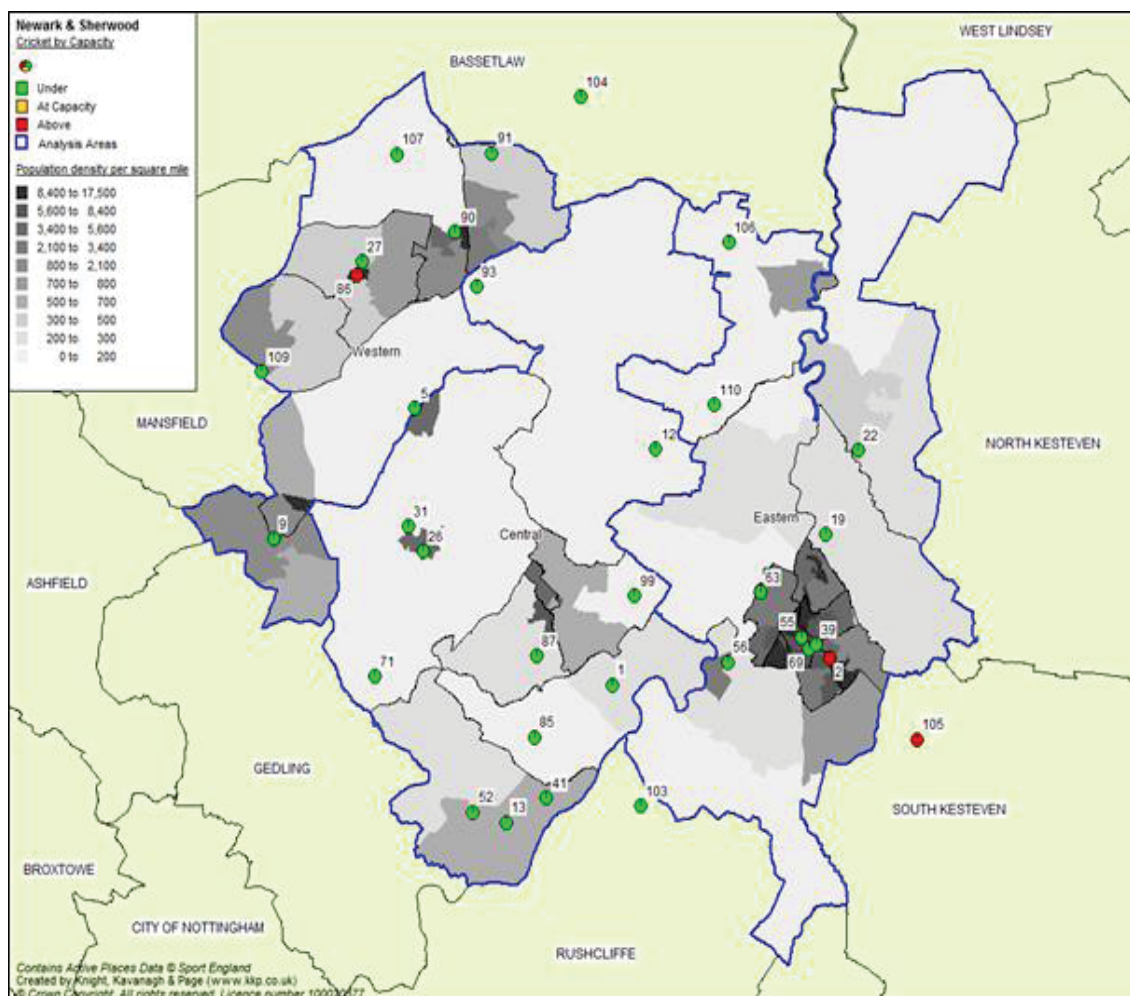
All analysis areas have at least one pitch. The largest supply is in Central Area. In addition, there are six artificial wickets in Newark & Sherwood, located at the following sites:

- ◀ Arthur Radford Memorial Ground
- ◀ Edwinstowe CC
- ◀ Farnsfield CC
- ◀ Newark Ransome & Marles CC
- ◀ The Priory Ground, Thurgarton
- ◀ Clipstone Welfare FC

No competitive senior cricket takes place on artificial wickets, although some junior cricket is played on these wickets at younger junior age groups. They may also be used for training purposes with the aid of mobile nets.

The map over leaf shows the location of all cricket pitches in Newark & Sherwood. For a key to the map see Table 3.5.

Figure 3.1: Location of cricket pitches in Newark & Sherwood



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### ***Pitch quality***

The non technical assessments carried out on cricket pitches in Newark & Sherwood found three grounds to be of good quality, the remaining 30 were of standard quality, with none assessed as poor quality. Sites assessed as good quality were:

- ◀ Dale Field (Collingham CC)
- ◀ Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground
- ◀ Walesby Village Sports Field

Newark R&M CC reports that the quality of its pitch had improved due to having more time from a dedicated groundsman which conducts maintenance work daily; however, the Club still prefers the square at its alternative venue NSK Sports Ground, as it is better quality. The site is built on a floodplain and in the past has been subject to intense flooding which proceeded to fill the clubhouse to ceiling height. As such, the Club finds it difficult to access funding in order to improve pitch quality. The edge of the outfield is undulating as it was built on soil which had previously undergone ridge and furrow ploughing.

Southwell CC plays at Top Ground on the Brackenhurst College Campus. The area is rural and a football pitch is marked onto the edge of the outfield. The Club reports that the outfield drains very poorly and that two years ago it lost half a season to rain and waterlogging. It is thought that this may be due to a new road which was built beside the ground and that the drains may have possibly become blocked as a result of the construction work. The water gathers and forms large puddles as the surface is undulating.

Balderton CC plays on at Balderton Playing Fields where there are also football pitches marked over the edge of the cricket outfield. The surface receives a good level of maintenance work regularly by the parish council grounds services team, of which there are three employed workers. There are no issues relating to pitch quality despite the site being open access and dog walkers are respectful of the pitches being used in season.

There are a number of cricket pitches at both local authority and club sites which have one or more football pitches marked over the edges of the outfield. There is potential for this to cause damage to the surface of the outfield if not effectively managed, although no cricket clubs described having particular issues with this currently. Generally cricket takes priority when the seasons overlap as many of the football pitches are marked at private cricket sites.

Maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of cricket. If the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and can, in some instances, become dangerous. To obtain a full technical assessment of wicket and pitches, the ECB recommends a Performance Quality Standard Assessment (PQS). The PSQ looks at a cricket square to ascertain whether the pitch meets the Performance Quality Standards which are benchmarked by the Institute of Groundsmanship. The report identifies surface issues and suggests options for remediation together with likely costs. For further guidance on this, please contact the ECB.

### ***Ancillary facilities***

Ancillary facilities at club sites are generally of adequate quality and fit for purpose. Balderton Playing Fields is a local authority site and has good changing facilities which were built in 2006. The changing facilities at NSK Sports Ground are very poor and are not fit for use, with two conjoined porta cabins forming two changing areas with a communal shower to serve both teams.

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### 3.3: Demand

Cricket clubs in Newark & Sherwood range from small clubs offering one or two teams to those with several senior and junior teams at different age groups. Demand for cricket in Newark & Sherwood totals 32 clubs generating 116 teams.

Table 3.2: Summary of teams by analysis area

Analysis area	No. of competitive teams	
	Senior men	Junior
Central	33	19
Eastern	25	9
Western	21	9
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>37</b>

There are currently no adult cricket teams specifically for women or girls only teams in Newark & Sherwood.

An analysis of match play identifies that peak time demand for cricket pitches is midweek, mostly due to the amount of junior cricket played throughout the week in the evenings, alongside the Newark Evening Cricket League playing adult cricket. Demand for pitches on Saturday afternoons is similarly high, meaning there is almost constant demand throughout the week. This is slightly less on Sundays as most senior cricket is played on Saturdays in the Nottinghamshire county leagues rather than on Sundays which is at a local level in the Newark Alliance. The highest number of teams is in the Central area for both senior and junior teams and this is predominantly due to the large clubs in the area, notably Farnsfield CC and Caythorpe CC.

Last Man Stands (LMS) does not currently run in Newark & Sherwood and is not a particular target location at the present time. Cricket in the area is well structured as part of the village and rural lifestyle, as such there is little demand for informal cricket as organised cricket is readily available in abundance.

#### ***Unmet demand***

No unmet demand was highlighted in Newark & Sherwood. That is, no clubs report that they have immediate demand for another team to play. Newark R&M CC uses a secondary pitch at NSK Sports Ground to play senior third team matches when required, for approximately ten games each year. The site is the location of the proposed Newark Sports Association hub site development where final plans for the layout of the site have not been confirmed. If the new site does not include a cricket square there is a need for the team to be accommodated at another site, close by within the analysis area.



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### ***Future demand***

Team generation rates are used below as the basis for calculating the number of teams likely to be generated in the future based on population growth.

*Table 3.3: Team generation rates*

Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased population
Senior Mens (18-55)	27,579	85	324	32,612	100.7	15.7
Senior Womens (18-55)	27,656	0	0	32,478	0.0	0.0
Junior Boys (7-17)	7,631	43	177	9,519	53.9	10.9
Junior Girls (7-17)	7,212	0	0	9,287	0.0	0.0

The additional future demand would equate to the need for 10 additional junior boys teams and 15 senior men's teams.

Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority and there is a target to establish two girls' and one women's team in every local authority over the next five years. 8-10% of the Whole Sport Plan funding is focused around women and girls and talent ID. There is also a real priority for disability cricket within Newark & Sherwood with Thurgarton CC being home to the County blind squad. The site is one of four hubs within the county and as such is likely to see increases in the future as this is a priority for the ECB.

### ***Training demand***

The concern for many clubs within Newark & Sherwood is a lack of indoor training facilities in the winter. For most clubs, and for the ECB, this is more of a concern than pitch capacity for the summer. The limited offering includes indoor centres at Cuckney CC (Mansfield) and the John Fretwell Centre (Mansfield) as well as the indoor facility located at Trent Bridge which is at least one hour round trip in addition to hire charges. Furthermore, the Trent Bridge facility is very popular and is often booked months in advance. Therefore there is a need to provide a more local solution to indoor facilities.

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## 3.4: Capacity analysis

Capacity analysis for cricket is measured on a seasonal rather than weekly basis. This is due to playability (i.e., only one match is generally played per pitch per day at weekends or weekday evening). Wickets are rotated throughout the season to reduce wear and allow repair. Therefore, it is more accurate to assess capacity seasonally rather than weekly. The capacity of a pitch to accommodate matches is driven by the number and quality of wickets. This section presents the current pitch stock available for cricket. It illustrates the:

- ◀ Number of grass and artificial cricket wickets per pitch
- ◀ Number of competitive matches per season per pitch

To help calculate pitch capacity, the ECB suggests that a good quality wicket should be able to take:

- ◀ 5 matches per season per grass wicket (adults).
- ◀ 60 matches per season per synthetic wicket (adults).

This information is used to allocate capacity ratings as follows:

<b>Potential capacity</b>	Play is below the level the site could sustain
<b>At capacity</b>	Play matches the level the site can sustain
<b>Overused</b>	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

Please note that there are no competitive matches taking place on synthetic wickets in Newark & Sherwood.

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Table 3.4: Cricket pitch capacity

Site ID	Site name	Ownership/ Management	Analysis area	Security of tenure	Teams/leagues accommodated	No. of grass wickets	Actual play (sessions per season)	Capacity (sessions per season)	Capacity rating (sessions per season)
1	Arthur Radford Memorial Ground	Community	Central	Secured	Fiskerton CC	12	39	60	-21
2	Balderton Playing Field	Parish Council	Eastern	Secured	Balderton CC	12	61	60	1
5	Bilsthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Ciswo	Western	Unsecured	Bilsthorpe Welfare CC	10	12	50	-38
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Sports Club	Western	Secured	Blidworth Colliery Welfare CC	12	21	60	-39
12	Caunton Cricket Club	Sports Club	Central	Secured	Caunton CC	8	15	40	-25
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Sports Club	Central	Secured	Caythorpe CC	27 (15+12)	115	135	-20
19	Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Secured	Coddington & Winthorpe CC	8	13	40	-27
22	Dale Field (Collingham CC)	Sports Club	Eastern	Secured	Collingham & District CC, Vodafone Newark CC	22 (14+8)	107	110	-3
26	Edingley Cricket Club	Sports Club	Central	Secured	Farnsfield CC	10	10	50	-40
27	Edwinstowe Cricket Club	Sports Club	Western	Secured	Edwinstowe CC	10	89	50	39
31	Farnsfield Cricket Club	Sports Club	Central	Secured	Farnsfield CC	10	69	50	19
41	Hoveringham Cricket Club	Sports Club	Central	Secured	Hoveringham CC	8	33	40	-7

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Site ID	Site name	Ownership/ Management	Analysis area	Security of tenure	Teams/leagues accommodated	No. of grass wickets	Actual play (sessions per season)	Capacity (sessions per season)	Capacity rating (sessions per season)
52	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Community	Central	Secured	Lowdham CC	10	32	50	-18
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Academy	Eastern	Secured		3	0	15	-15
56	Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon Cricket Club)	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Secured	Farndon CC	12	36	60	-24
63	Newark Ransome & Marles	Sports Club	Eastern	Secured	Newark R&M CC	10	52	50	2
69	NSK Sports Ground	Local Authority/ Sports Club	Eastern	Unsecured	Newark R&M CC	12	10	60	-50
71	Oxton Playing Fields (Closed)	Parish Council	Central	Secured	Oxton CC	10	20	50	-30
85	The Priory Ground	Sports Club	Central	Secured	Thurgarton CC	9	79	45	34
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Siswo	Western	Unsecured	Thoresby Colliery CC	12	86	60	26
87	Top Ground - Southwell Cricket Club (Brackenhurst College)	Further Education	Central	Secured	Southwell CC	12	45	60	-15
90	Walesby Lane Sports Ground	Community/ Sports Club	Western	Unsecured	Ollerton Colliery CC	10	20	50	-30
91	Walesby Village Sports Field	Community	Western	Secured		8	0	40	-40
93	Wellow House School	Independent School	Central	Secured	Thoresby Colliery CC	30 (10x3)	12	150	-138
99	Upton Cricket Club	Club	Central	Secured	Upton CC	5	12	25	-13

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Site ID	Site name	Ownership/ Management	Analysis area	Security of tenure	Teams/leagues accommodated	No. of grass wickets	Actual play (sessions per season)	Capacity (sessions per season)	Capacity rating (sessions per season)
106	Weston Cricket Club	Club	Eastern	Secured	Nelson's Ashes CC	12	7	60	-53
107	Thoresby Park CC	Council	Western	Secured	Thoresby Park CC	12	12	60	-48
109	Clipstone Welfare FC	Ciswo	Western	Secured	Clipstone Welfare CC	12	26	60	-34
110	Norwell Playing Fields	Parish Council	Eastern	Secured	Norwell CC	10	10	50	-40

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### **Capacity summary**

- ◀ Six sites in Newark & Sherwood are overplayed by a total of 121 match sessions per season and have no capacity to accommodate further play.
- ◀ 21 sites have recorded play and spare capacity, totalling 713 match sessions per season.

There are several sites in the area where cricket pitches have previously existed and have been left to become disused. Grass cricket pitches were previously in place at the following locations:

- ◀ Beckitt's Field (Little Carlton)
- ◀ South Clifton Playing Fields
- ◀ Kelham Hall
- ◀ Flowserve Sports & Social Club
- ◀ British Sugar

It is unknown as to whether there is potential for any of these sites to be reinstated should there be interest shown from Clubs in the area, however, it is unlikely that the square previously in existence at Flowserve Sports & Social Club will be brought back into use as it was located in the small area between football pitches on a site which is currently at capacity and struggling to accommodate the existing football usage. The Site at British Sugar is now fenced off and there are new owners at Kelham Hall. The South Clifton square has been disused for some time and would require investment to bring back into use but is a feasible option, as is the square at Beckitt's Field.

### **3.5: Supply and demand analysis**

#### **Spare capacity**

The next step is to ascertain whether or not any identified 'potential capacity' can be deemed 'spare capacity'. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular training sessions, or to protect the quality of the site.

There are 21 sites which show potential spare capacity on grass wickets in Newark & Sherwood, totalling 713 match sessions per season. This does not consider artificial wickets which may be used for some junior matches to help alleviate grass wicket usage.

The peak time for playing senior cricket is Saturday PM, whilst the peak time for junior cricket is midweek. Where there is a significant amount of potential capacity available, this may not represent actual space capacity, or whether pitch capacity is available at the peak time.

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The table below identifies whether any spare capacity is at peak time and can be deemed as 'actual spare capacity':

Table 3.5: Summary of actual spare capacity

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Amount of spare capacity (matches)	Pitches available in peak period (Senior)	Pitches available in peak period (Junior)	Comments
1	Arthur Radford Memorial Ground	Central	1	-21	0	0.5	Spare capacity for juniors at peak time
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Western	1	-38	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
9	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club	Western	1	-39	0	0.5	Spare capacity for juniors at peak time
12	Caunton Cricket Club	Central	1	-25	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
13	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Central	2	-20	0	0	No spare capacity at peak time
19	Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	Eastern	1	-27	1	0.5	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
22	Dale Field (Collingham CC)	Eastern	2	-3	0	0	No spare capacity at peak time
26	Edingley Cricket Club	Central	1	-40	0.5	1	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
41	Hoveringham Cricket Club	Central	1	-7	0	1	Spare capacity for juniors at peak time
52	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Central	1	-18	0	0.5	Spare capacity for juniors at peak time
56	Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon Cricket Club)	Eastern	1	-24	0	0.5	Spare capacity for juniors at peak time
69	NSK Sports Ground	Eastern	1	-50	0.5	1	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
71	Oxton Playing Fields (Closed)	Central	1	-30	0.5	1	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
87	Top Ground - Southwell Cricket Club (Brackenhurst College)	Central	1	-15	0	0	No spare capacity at peak time
90	Walesby Lane Sports Ground	Western	1	-30	0.5	1	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors



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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Amount of spare capacity (matches)	Pitches available in peak period (Senior)	Pitches available in peak period (Junior)	Comments
93	Wellow House School	Central	3	-138	2.5	3	Significant amount of spare capacity at peak time
99	Upton Cricket Club	Central	1	-13	0.5	1	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
106	Weston Cricket Club	Eastern	1	-53	1	0.5	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
107	Thoresby Park CC	Western	1	-48	1	1	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors
109	Clipstone Welfare FC	Western	1	-34	0	0.5	Spare capacity for juniors at peak time
110	Norwell Playing Fields	Eastern	1	-40	0.5	1	Spare capacity for seniors and juniors

### Overplay

There is over play in each of the three analysis areas, mostly in the Western Area. The table below summarises overplay in Newark & Sherwood:

Table 3.6: Summary of over play

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality	No. of grass wickets	Amount of overplay (matches)
27	Edwinstowe Cricket Club	Western	Standard	10	39
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Western	Good	12	26
<b>Total:</b>					<b>65</b>
2	Balderton Playing Field	Eastern	Standard	12	1
63	Newark R&M Cricket Club	Eastern	Standard	10	2
<b>Total:</b>					<b>3</b>
85	The Priory Ground	Central	Standard	9	34
31	Farnsfield Cricket Club	Central	Standard	10	19
<b>Total:</b>					<b>53</b>

Two sites in Western Area are overplayed by a total of 65 match sessions per season; Edwinstowe CC and Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground. This is mostly due to the large number of senior teams at these clubs which totals nine across Saturdays and Sundays. Senior teams tend to play more matches in a season compared to junior teams, with the potential for one or more cup competitions to supplement them. Thoresby Colliery CC already uses an alternative pitch at Wellow House School to play third team games on Saturday afternoons when required. Increased use of this ground may help to alleviate some overplay. Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground is a good quality pitch with 12 grass wickets, whilst Edwinstowe Cricket Club is assessed as standard quality and has ten wickets.

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Overplay in the Eastern Analysis Area totals just three match equivalent sessions, across two sites at Balderton Playing Fields and Newark Ransome & Marles CC. This level of excess usage is minimal and equates to an additional game on one or two wickets throughout the season. This should easily be able to be absorbed by the pitches in their current state.

Much of the overplay in Central Area is at The Priory Ground where Thurgarton CC play home games. The pitch is assessed as standard quality but only has nine grass wickets which is a relatively low number given the pitch quality to accommodate the five senior teams it has. Farnsfield CC has ten grass wickets of standard quality and is overplayed by a total of 19 matches per season. The Club is one of the largest in the area in terms of number of teams and has numerous junior sides.

### **Conclusions**

Despite large amounts of spare capacity identified within the District it is not realistic to aggregate this into a general oversupply of cricket pitches. This is due to the cricketing landscape within Newark & Sherwood, and the many parish councils within. For example a club from one parish is unlikely to travel to another area that has some spare capacity at its site.

Cricket therefore needs to be analysed on a site by site basis. To that end, the majority of cricket sites within Newark & Sherwood appear to be self-sufficient and have adequate spare capacity if required in the future, i.e. for a new team or additional juniors, etc. The sites of real concern are those which are overplayed and those where clubs require additional access to pitches, as described above. This includes the Ransome & Marles home ground which is currently over played by two matches. The secondary site at NSK has capacity for 60 matches and currently has spare capacity of 50 matches, which across the two sites gives aggregated spare capacity of 48 matches. However, if access to the NSK Ground is lost there would be a deficit of 12 matches that would need to be accommodated elsewhere within the local area.

#### **Cricket summary**

- ◀ In total, there are 34 grass cricket grounds identified in Newark & Sherwood accommodating 116 teams (79 senior and 37 junior teams).
- ◀ Three pitches are assessed as good quality, 30 as standard and none as poor.
- ◀ Six sites in Newark & Sherwood are overplayed by a total of 121 match sessions per season and have no capacity to accommodate further play.
- ◀ 21 sites have recorded play and spare capacity, totalling 713 match sessions per season. However, it is not realistic to aggregate spare capacity across the whole district and spare capacity should be considered site by site.
- ◀ All pitches are available for community use except the pitch at Highfields School.
- ◀ If access to the NSK Ground is lost there would be a deficit of 12 matches that would need to be accommodated elsewhere in the local area.
- ◀ There is a lack of indoor training provision available locally. There are two indoor centres in Mansfield (one at Cuckney CC and one at the John Fretwell Centre) and one indoor facility at Trent Bridge. For most clubs, and for the ECB, training provision is considered to be a greater problem than accessing pitches in the summer.

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## PART 4: RUGBY UNION

### 4.1: Introduction

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is the governing body for the sport across England. Rugby Union in Newark & Sherwood is delivered via a Rugby Development Officer and five Community Rugby Coaches (CRCs).

There are three rugby union clubs based in Newark & Sherwood; Newark RFC, Ollerton RFC and Southwell RFC.

#### **Club consultation**

There are three rugby union clubs based in Newark & Sherwood; Newark RFC, Ollerton RFC and Southwell RFC. Face to face consultation meetings were held with all three clubs to discuss issues which are used to inform this section of the report.

### 4.2: Supply

In total, 15 senior rugby union pitches are located across eight sites in Newark & Sherwood, most of which are available for community use with the exception of two senior pitches at Wellow House Independent School.

There are also 11 mini rugby union pitches, nine of which are at Newark RFC and are available for community use. Of the remaining pitches one is at Highfields Independent School and one is at Wellow House Independent School. Both are unavailable for community use.

*Table 4.1: Summary of grass rugby union pitches available for community use.*

Analysis area	Senior	Mini
Central	3	-
Eastern	8	9
Western	2	-
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NB: The audit only identifies dedicated, line marked pitches. For rugby union pitch dimension sizes please refer to the RFU guidelines; 'Grass Pitches for Rugby' at [www.rfu.com](http://www.rfu.com)

All three analysis areas contain pitches. The Eastern Area contains the most with eight senior and nine mini pitches, of which, Newark RFC contributes a significant number.

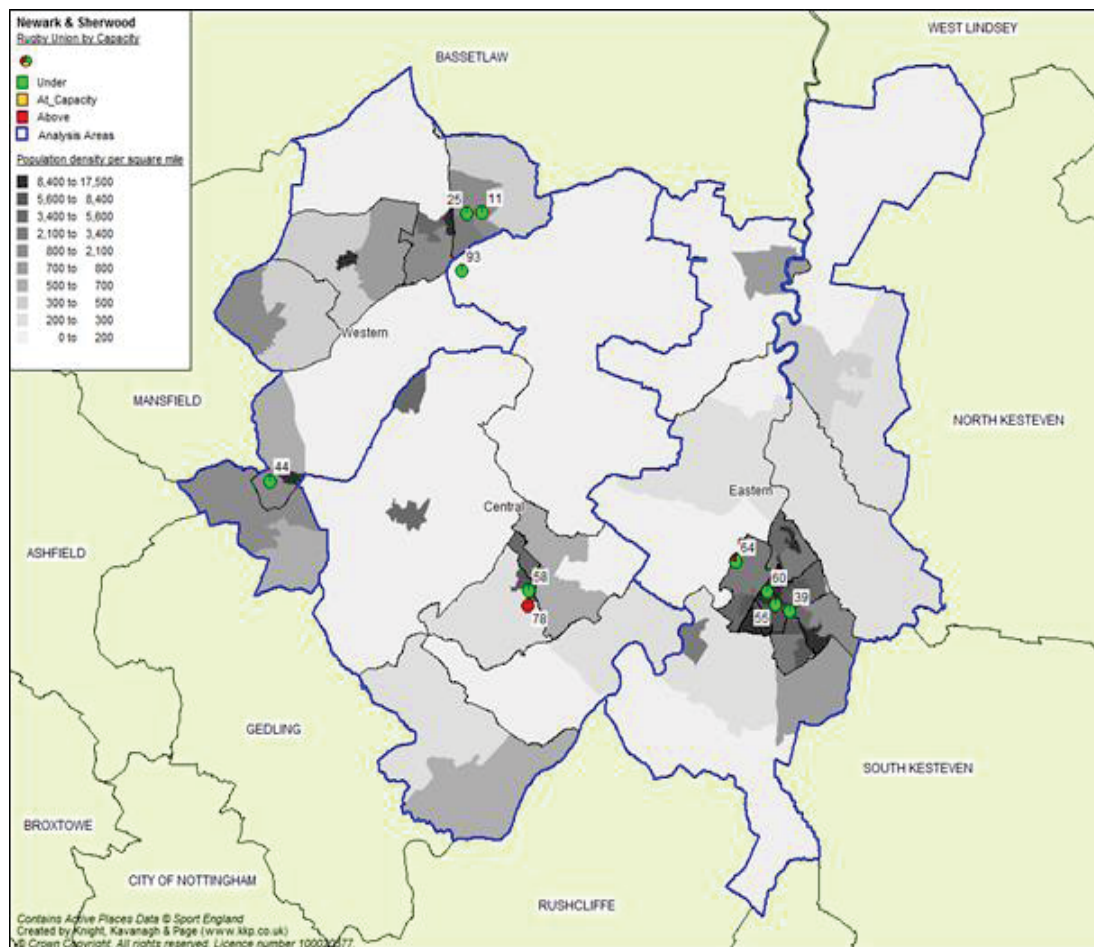
Newark RFC is located off Kelham Road, Newark (Eastern) and has five senior pitches, two of which are floodlit. The site also has nine pitches for mini rugby, with at least one pitch for each different age group. Two of these pitches have mini rugby posts for the U12 and U11 teams, with one pitch for U13 Girls, one pitch for U10s, two pitches for U9s, two pitches for U8s and one pitch for U7s. This arrangement is not typical of most club sites.

Ollerton RFC plays at Boughton Sports Field, where there are is one senior pitch. The Club currently has one adult team.

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Southwell RFC plays at Park Lane, Southwell (Central) where there are two senior pitches. The site neighbours both Southwell Leisure Centre and The Minster School where there is a senior rugby union pitch the Club also has use of.

Figure 4.1: Location of rugby union pitches in Newark & Sherwood



For a key to the map overleaf, see Table 4.10.

### **Ownership/management**

Newark RFC has ownership of the site on Kelham Road, where the vast majority of play and training takes place as the preferred home ground. Tenure is therefore secure. The Club has an informal agreement with Magnuss School for use of the pitches if required, however, this is infrequent and only if required.

Ollerton RFC hires the Boughton Sports Field pitch and changing facilities on an annual basis for a sum which equates to approximately £200 per month. The site is owned by Boughton Church Diocese which also maintains the grounds. The Club is keen to negotiate a long term lease; however, the Diocese has not been forthcoming regarding the possibility. Tenure of the site is subsequently insecure.

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The ownership of Southwell RFC is made up of two parts. The Club owns pitch one as well as the surrounding land on which it is part way through construction of a new clubhouse and changing facility. The second pitch was leased from Nottinghamshire County Council in 2013 for the duration of 20 years, with first option to purchase.

The remaining pitches are all located at education sites and managed by the respective schools or academies and are highlighted in Table 4.5.

### ***Pitch quality***

The methodology for assessing rugby pitch quality looks at two key elements; the maintenance programme and the level of drainage on each pitch. An overall quality based on both drainage and maintenance can then be generated.

The agreed rating for each pitch type also represents actions required to improve pitch quality. A breakdown of actions required based on the ratings can be seen below:

*Table 4.2: Definition of maintenance categories*

Category	Definition
M0	Action is significant improvements to maintenance programme
M1	Action is minor improvements to maintenance programme
M2	Action is no improvements to maintenance programme

*Table 4.3: Definition of drainage categories*

Category	Definition
D0	Action is pipe drainage system is needed on pitch
D1	Action is pipe drainage is needed on pitch
D2	Action is slit drainage is needed on pitch
D3	No action is needed on pitch drainage

*Table 4.4: Quality ratings based on maintenance and drainage scores:*

		Maintenance		
		Poor (M0)	Adequate (M1)	Good (M2)
Drainage	Natural Inadequate (D0)	Poor	Poor	Standard
	Natural Adequate (D1)	Poor	Standard	Good
	Pipe Drained (D2)	Standard	Standard	Good
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	Standard	Good	Good

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The table below shows quality ratings for each of the sites in Newark & Sherwood based on non-technical site assessment scores.

Table 4.5: Site quality ratings

Site ID	Site name	Community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Non tech score	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
11	Boughton Sports Field	Yes	Western	Senior	M0 / D1	Poor	1	The pitch is used for between 10-15 games per season and has no issues with drainage, in fact draining too well at times and becoming slightly dry and sandy. Maintenance is carried out by Boughton Church Diocese but has become less regular since a team using the neighboring football pitch folded, contributing towards the poor quality rating. The surface is undulating with a wave-like effect running throughout due to its location upon coal mining seams and previous wet weather. Moles often cause problems and the Club regularly has to fill in holes to repair before matches.
39	Highfields School Pitches	No	Eastern	Mini	M1 / D1	Standard	1	The pitch at Highfields School is used for curriculum PE and primary school fixtures. There is no community use. The surface is of adequate quality and is maintained by the school.
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Yes	Western	Senior	M1 / D1	Standard	1	There is one standard quality pitch at the school site, used by Mansfield RFC on an infrequent basis to accommodate some of their matches at weekend when required. A 9v9 sized football pitch is marked into the middle. Other use comes from school fixtures and rugby sessions in PE.

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Site ID	Site name	Community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Non tech score	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Yes	Eastern	Senior	M1 / D1	Standard	2	On site there are two standard quality senior rugby pitches, primarily used by Magnus School for fixtures and PE lessons. The site is essentially free of community use; however, Newark RFC has an informal agreement to use the pitches if needed. One pitch has a slight dip at one end due to being built on the location of old wells and windmills. Maintenance is carried out by Nottinghamshire County Council.
58	Minster School	Yes	Central	Senior	M1 / D1	Standard	1	The pitch is standard quality and is used by the school, as well as the adjoining Southwell RFC for mini and junior rugby. The School uses the pitch for approximately ten hours of curriculum time each week in winter, fielding five rugby union teams which play an average of one home fixture each month. The pitches are maintained by Nottinghamshire County Council.
60	Newark Academy	Yes-unused	Eastern	Senior	M1 / D1	Standard	1	There is one standard quality pitch at the Newark Academy Balderton site, maintained by a subcontractor. The pitch is uneven along one touchline with a noticeable dip. School use amounts to approximately one home fixture a month and around four hours of training each week on top of any curriculum use. The School believes that a lack of community interest derives from poor changing facilities in the Grove Leisure Centre, also on site.



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Site ID	Site name	Community use?	Analysis area	Pitch type	Non tech score	Quality rating	No. of pitches	Comments
64	Newark Rugby Football Club	Yes	Eastern	Senior	M2 / D1	Good	5	The site has five senior rugby union pitches of standard quality, maintained by the Club by two paid groundsmen who operate on a job share basis. The pitches are located on a floodplain and have a highly likelihood of flooding. All pitches are used for training with the exception of Pitch One. Pitch Two is often used for car parking on junior and mini match days. Pitches one and two are floodlit for match play, whilst pitches three and four are floodlit for training.
64	Newark Rugby Football Club	Yes	Eastern	Mini	M2 / D1	Good	9	The Club has nine mini pitches of various sizes, an arrangement which is relatively uncommon as each age group has their own designated pitch. There are U12 and U11 pitches both with posts, an U13 girls pitch, U10s pitch and two U9 pitches. Additionally there are two U8 pitches and one U7 pitch. No mini pitches are floodlit.
78	Southwell Rugby Club	Yes	Central	Senior	M1 / D1	Standard	2	The main pitch here located by the clubhouse is of standard quality. There is a hill separating the land between pitch and clubhouse, meaning any rain runs off onto the pitch. It is floodlit, with a perimeter rail surrounding. Pitch Two is rated as standard quality however the pitch suffers from water migrating from the adjacent fields to the Site. Both pitches are maintained by the Club.
93	Wellow House School	No	Central	Senior	M1 / D1	Standard	2	The School has two senior rugby union pitches and one junior pitch. All pitches are assessed as standard quality and are used by the school for curriculum PE and fixtures.
93	Wellow House School	No	Central	Mini	M1 / D1	Standard	1	



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### *Ancillary facilities*

All clubs in Newark & Sherwood have access to changing room provision for home games.

Newark RFC changing facilities are of standard quality but the Club reports that they are too small and that they can be cramped quite regularly when several teams are playing at once. There are eight changing rooms and one officials changing room, all maintained by the Club. Plans are in place to build a new clubhouse onsite in place of the existing building, which will incorporate new changing facilities. Fundraising is currently underway with the Club looking to raise £200,000 by 2017 in addition to seeking grant funding, for the production of a £1.2million two-storey clubhouse with eight changing rooms. Parking is a significant issue at Newark RFC and the number of spaces currently is inadequate, with Pitch Two often used as a car park for mini and junior matches.

The changing facilities at Boughton Sports Field are of standard quality and were previously funded by Sport England over 15 years ago. The pavilion was initially built to cater for both the rugby union and cricket teams before the cricket pitch became disused and overgrown. The rugby club is now the sole user although the building is maintained by Boughton Church Diocese. It contains two changing rooms, each with enclosed showers and toilets. There is a disabled toilet and an official's room with shower. Use of the changing rooms is included in the pitch rental cost and the Club believes they are good quality, if slightly small for a rugby team. The main issue for Ollerton RFC is that although it has access to changing facilities, there is no clubhouse. The team goes to a local pub after matches to socialise and subsequently lacks the revenue stream that would come with having a clubhouse and bar.

Southwell RFC is currently in the process of building a new clubhouse and the site is mid way through construction. The £320,000 development will include four changing rooms, officials and medical rooms, disability shower and toilet, bar, kitchen and shop. Planning has also been accepted for two additional changing rooms with a view to the Club raising a second pot of funding to extend the building. Work is due to be completed by the end of August 2014, ready for the forthcoming season.

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### 4.3: Demand

Demand for rugby pitches in Newark & Sherwood tends to fall within the categories of organised competitive play, organised training and casual use.

#### *Competitive play*

Three rugby union clubs play in Newark & Sherwood, providing a total of 36 teams.

Table 4.6: Summary of demand by analysis area

Club	Analysis area	Team type	Team play	No. of rugby union teams		
				Senior	Juniors	Mini
Newark RFC	Eastern	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	League	4	-	-
Newark RFC	Eastern	U13-17, Colts	League	-	6	-
Newark RFC	Eastern	Girls	League	-	2	-
Newark RFC	Eastern	U6-12	Friendly	-	-	8
Ollerton RFC	Western	1 <sup>st</sup>	League	1	-	-
Southwell RFC	Central	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	League	3	-	-
Southwell RFC	Central	U13-17	League	-	5	-
Southwell RFC	Central	U6-12	Friendly	-	-	7
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD TOTAL</b>				<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

At Newark RFC, there are four teams playing men's senior league rugby on Saturday afternoons. The junior section has eight junior teams, two of which are girls' teams, whilst the mini section has eight age grade teams playing friendly matches on Sundays and festivals. All teams play at Newark RFC or at Magnus Academy should there be the need for an additional pitch.

Ollerton RFC fields just one senior team, playing on Saturday afternoons at Boughton Sports Field. The Club has traditionally fielded two teams but has only entered one team for the coming season due to a decline in numbers. It intends to reinstate this second team as soon as possible.

Southwell RFC has three teams within its senior section, all of which play on a Saturday afternoon at the home ground. There are five junior teams and seven age grade teams, which play on the pitch at Minster School. The Club reports demand for another pitch, which may be a possibility in conjunction with the aforementioned school.

Peak time access to senior rugby union pitches in Newark & Sherwood is Saturday afternoons. For the junior and mini teams the majority of play takes place on Sundays, although junior rugby takes place on senior pitches.

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### ***Training***

At Newark RFC the vast majority of training takes place on the pitches at the home ground, with the exception of the main pitch. The floodlighting on pitches three and four is only suitable for training rather than matches and runs along one side of the pitches, so training creates more wear and tear on one length of the pitches. Mini teams do not train weekly but do so in the absence of a match on Sundays, on their respective pitches. The consistent addition of training usage to the already significant amount of match play is affecting pitch quality.

Ollerton RFC trains on a floodlit training area at Boughton Sports Field, behind the pitch and beside the changing pavilion. There is no training on the match pitch. The Club trains just once each week on Wednesday evenings between 6.30-8pm.

Southwell RFC teams use the match pitches for training, with senior training twice each week in addition to fixtures. Junior teams train when there is no fixture arranged on Sunday, otherwise only play matches. Mini teams train once each week on Thursday evenings. In the event of the pitches being unfit for use due to poor weather, the Club uses the AGP at Minster School.

### ***Casual usage***

As the rugby union sites in Newark & Sherwood are privately owned there is no casual use reported at these sites and no subsequent impact on quality. All of the sites are open access but no consistent casual use was identified. For example, Boughton Sports Field is open access but is set away from housing down a country lane and so less people are likely to pass by.

### ***Unmet demand***

Unmet demand is existing demand that is not getting access to pitches. It is usually expressed, for example, where a team is already training but is unable to access a match pitch or where a league has a waiting list due to a lack of pitch provision, which in turn is hindering its growth.

Newark RFC expresses unmet demand of approximately 30 mini team players which are currently registered on a waiting list, equating to around seven teams playing 4v4 rugby. There is significant pressure on the mini pitches; however, the unmet demand in part is likely to be due to programming issues and a requirement for additional coaches and volunteers.

Southwell RFC report unmet demand of one senior team. The Club has enough senior players to field a fourth senior team at present but believes it would need another pitch to accommodate this usage.

### ***Imported demand***

There is registered imported demand at Joseph Whitaker Sports College, which identifies Mansfield RFC as using the senior rugby union pitch for matches on Saturday afternoons. The school pitch is used as a secondary venue for senior matches rather than a home ground.

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### ***Future demand***

Future demand can be defined in two ways, through participation increases and using population forecasts. Team generation rates are used below as the basis for calculating the number of teams likely to be generated in the future based on population growth.

*Table 4.7: Team generation rates<sup>9</sup>*

Age group	Current population within age group	Current no. of teams	Team Generation Rate	Future population within age group	Predicted future number of teams	Additional teams that may be generated from the increased population
Senior Mens (19-45)	18,491	8	1:2284	21,788	9.5	1.5
Senior Women (19-45)	18,442	0	0	21,442	0.0	0.0
Junior Boys (13-18)	4,311	11	1:405	5,158	12.7	1.7
Junior Girls (13-18)	4,052	2	1:2006	4,926	2.5	0.5
Mini rugby mixed (7-12)	7,889	15	1:511	10,311	20.2	5.2

The future increase in population will create enough demand for the formation of five new teams at mini level, one senior team and one junior team. This does not, however, take into consideration contextual events such as any upcoming 2015 Rugby World Cup initiatives in the Area, which may drive interest in participation and subsequent demand for pitches.

Newark RFC intends on increasing the number of teams at the Club at mini and junior level by around 10%. This will total approximately four teams between the age groups of U6 and U17. The Club states that it will look to slightly increase the number of players in each squad as well as fielding extra teams, which will help to reduce or eliminate the mini team players waiting list.

Ollerton RFC has plans to restore the second senior team it previously fielded, in time for the start of the 2015/16 season. The Club does not currently have a junior section but is looking to work with local schools in order to form a Colts side, in order to help provide a stream of players progressing into the senior sides over the coming years. These two additional teams would both play at Boughton Sports Field, with junior rugby played on a Sunday morning.

Southwell RFC has plans to increase the number of teams by at least three, adding a team at mini, junior and colt's age groups. These teams would all play onsite.

### ***Latent demand***

Southwell RFC reports latent demand and suggests that both access to more pitches and better ancillary facilities would enable the Club to field more teams. It also suggests that the new clubhouse facility, which is currently under construction, will attract more people to the Club, although did not quantify the exact number of teams this would equate to.

<sup>9</sup> Based on ONS population projections to 2022.

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## 4.4: Capacity analysis

The capacity for pitches to regularly accommodate competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality, and therefore the capacity, of a pitch affect the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing rugby. In extreme circumstances it can result in the inability of the pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off peak times. To enable an accurate supply and demand assessment of rugby pitches, the following assumptions are applied to site by site analysis:

- ◀ All sites that are used for competitive rugby matches (regardless of whether this is secured community use) are included on the supply side.
- ◀ All competitive play is on senior sized pitches (except for where mini pitches are provided).
- ◀ From U13 upwards, teams play 15 v15 and use a full pitch.
- ◀ Mini teams (U6-12) play on half of a senior pitch i.e. two teams per senior pitch.
- ◀ For senior and youth teams the current level of play per week is set at 0.5 for each match played based on all teams operating on a traditional home and away basis (assumes half of matches will be played away).
- ◀ For mini teams, play per week is set at 0.25 for each match played based on all teams operating on a traditional home and away basis and playing across half of one adult team.
- ◀ All male adult club rugby takes place on a Saturday afternoon.
- ◀ All U13-18 rugby takes place on a Sunday morning.
- ◀ Training that takes place on club pitches is reflected by the addition of team equivalents.
- ◀ Team equivalents have been calculated on the basis that 30 players (two teams) train on the pitch for 90 minutes (team equivalent of one) per night.

As a guide, the RFU has set a standard number of matches that each pitch should be able to accommodate. Capacity is based upon a basic assessment of the drainage system and maintenance programme ascertained through a combination of the quality assessment and the club survey as follows:

*Table 4.8: Pitch capacity (matches per week) based on quality assessments*

		Maintenance		
		Poor (M0)	Adequate (M1)	Good (M2)
<b>Drainage</b>	Natural Inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
	Natural Adequate or Pipe Drained (D1)	1.5	2	3
	Pipe Drained (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	2	3	3.5

This guide should only be used as a very general measure of potential pitch capacity and does not account for specific circumstances at time of use and assumes average rainfall and an appropriate end of season rest and renovation programme.

The figures are based upon a pipe drained system at 5m centres that has been installed in the last eight years and a slit drained system at 1m centres completed in the last five years.

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### **Education sites**

To account for curricular/extra-curricular use of education pitches it is likely that the carrying capacity at such sites will need to be adjusted. The only time this would not happen is when a school does not use its pitches at all and the sole use is community use.

Currently there is little use of school playing fields within Newark & Sherwood. Three of the ten pitches are currently unused and four are unavailable for community use. Minster School has the only pitch with regular community use by Newark & Sherwood based clubs, Southwell RFC junior section. There is some use of the pitch at Joseph Whitaker Sports College by Mansfield RFC which use it as a secondary venue when required. The remaining available pitches are unused, located at Newark Academy Balderton and Magnus Academy, which is believed to be due to a lack of demand. Newark RFC has some use of Magnus Academy but it is by informal agreement and therefore not often enough to be classified as used.

To account for curricular/extra-curricular use of education pitches it is likely that the carrying capacity at such sites will need to be adjusted. The only time this would not happen is when a school does not use its pitches at all and the sole use is community use. The table below identifies the school sites and adjusted capacity where required.

*Table 4.9: School use of pitches and impact on capacity*

Site ID	Type	Site name	Site capacity comments/actions
44	Secondary	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Pitches are available for community use and used. 9v9 football pitch marked into the middle focuses any use towards concentrated areas of the rugby pitch. Capacity reduced by 0.5 to reflect curriculum use.
55	Academy	Magnus Sports Centre	Pitches are available for community use but currently unused. Capacity reduced by 0.5 to reflect curriculum use.
58	Secondary	Minster School	Pitch is available for community use and is use, as well as significant school usage. Capacity reduced by 1.5 to reflect curriculum use and fixtures.
60	Academy	Newark Academy	Pitches are available for community but unused. Capacity reduced by 0.5 to reflect curriculum use.

### **The peak period**

In order to fully establish actual spare capacity, the peak period needs to be established. The peak time for demand of senior rugby pitches is Saturday PM. The peak time is Sundays for junior and mini teams, although junior teams play on senior pitches.

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Table 4.10: Rugby union provision and level of community use within Newark & Sherwood

Site ID	Site name	Security of tenure	Analysis area	Pitch type	Agreed quality rating	No. of pitches	Match equivalent sessions <sup>10</sup> (per week)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
11	Boughton Sports Field	Unsecured	Western	Senior	M0 / D1 Poor	1	0.5	1.5	-1	Home ground of Ollerton RFC who field one senior team. Rented annually from Boughton Church Diocese. Very limited maintenance. No training on match pitches or any other known users. Poor quality pitch with uneven surface.
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Secured	Western	Senior	M1 / D1 Standard	1	0.5	2	-1	Education site primarily used for curriculum time and school fixtures. Used by Mansfield RFC as a secondary venue. Available for community use with some spare capacity.
58	Minster School	Secured	Central	Junior	M1 / D1 Standard	1	1	2	0.5	One standard quality pitch used significantly by the school for curriculum and fixtures. Additional community use by Southwell RFC junior section.
64	Newark RFC	Secured	Eastern	Senior	M2 / D1 Good	5	12	15	-3	Five good quality pitches, although pitch one is managed more carefully as it is the main pitch. Training takes place on pitches twice per week (six match equivalents). Used for both senior and junior rugby. Susceptible to flooding in poor weather.

<sup>10</sup> Where university training usage is unknown two match equivalent sessions have been added to current play.

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Site ID	Site name	Security of tenure	Analysis area	Pitch type	Agreed quality rating	No. of pitches	Match equivalent sessions <sup>10</sup> (per week)	Site capacity (sessions per week)	Capacity rating	Comments
64	Newark RFC	Secured	Eastern	Mini	M2 / D1 Good	9	16	27	-11	Good quality pitches, each marked out for the relevant age group and team size, two of which have posts installed. Each of the age groups uses the pitches for approximately two match equivalent sessions per week.
78	Southwell Rugby Club	Secured	Central	Senior	M1 / D2 & M1/D1 Standard	2	10	4.5	5.5	Pitch one owned by club and has pipe drainage. Pitch two leased from Nottinghamshire County Council with adequate natural drainage. Training takes place on the pitches once weekly for each age group.

All junior play takes place on senior pitches and this has been added to calculate the actual play on sites. Team equivalents for training sessions taking place on match pitches have also been added.



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### 4.5: Supply and demand analysis

#### *Spare capacity*

The next step is to ascertain whether or not any identified 'potential capacity' can be deemed 'actual capacity'. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular friendly matches and activities that take place but are difficult to quantify on a weekly basis.

Three sites with current play show some spare capacity (totalling five match sessions per week on senior pitches and 11 match sessions on mini pitches). The extent of whether this is within the stated peak time is quantified below:

*Table 4.11: Actual spare capacity on pitches with currently identified play*

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Capacity rating	Senior pitches available in peak period	Junior pitches available in peak period	Mini pitches available in peak period	Comments
11	Boughton Sports Field	Western	1	-1	0.5	1	-	Minimal spare capacity identified at peak time.
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Western	1	-1	0.5	1	-	Minimal spare capacity identified at peak time.
64	Newark RFC (mini pitches)	Eastern	9	-11	-	-	-	No spare capacity identified at peak time on the mini pitches.
64	Newark RFC (adult pitches)	Eastern	9	-3	3	2	-	Spare capacity of three senior pitches at peak time Sat pm or two pitches available at peak time (Sun am) for junior teams playing on senior pitches.

There is actual spare capacity to accommodate additional play at Boughton Sports Field and Joseph Whitaker Sports College at peak time, although the level of which is minimal. There is spare capacity to accommodate matches on adult pitches at Newark RFC on both Sat pm and Sun am. All of the above sites with spare capacity show senior pitches available for junior rugby on Sunday mornings. The spare capacity on the mini pitches at Newark RFC is not at peak time.

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### *Overplay*

Two sites show their respective senior pitches to be overplayed. The two senior pitches at Southwell RFC are overplayed by 5.5 match equivalents per week. This is largely due to the training usage which takes place on the pitches, as well as some junior matches. Some of the potential club usage on these pitches has already been diverted onto the pitches at Minster School, contributing to making it the second overplayed site. Once educational use has been factored in, the pitch is overplayed but only to a minimal degree which may be able to be absorbed with careful management and maintenance.

There are no mini pitches in Newark & Sherwood that are being overplayed.

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### 4.6: Conclusions

Having considered supply and demand above, the table below identifies the overall spare capacity in each of the analysis areas, based on match equivalent sessions.

Table 4.12: Spare capacity of senior match equivalent sessions per week

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (match sessions)	Demand (match sessions)				
		Overplay	Unmet demand	Current demand	Future demand	Total
Eastern	3	-	-	-3	1	-2
Central	-	6	0.5	+6.5	0.5	+7
Western	1	-	-	-1	0.5	-0.5
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>+2.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+4.5</b>

Overall in Newark & Sherwood there is a shortage of pitches to service current and future demand at peak time.

The majority of current demand comes from the Central Area where there is significant overplay from Southwell RFC due mainly to the match play and training on pitches, as well as unmet demand for one senior team (0.5 match equivalents per week) and future demand of 0.5 match sessions.

There is actual spare capacity in the Western Area for one match equivalent session per week. A future increase in demand by 0.5 as expressed by Ollerton RFC can therefore be accommodated.

In the Eastern Area there is actual spare capacity at Newark RFC of three match sessions on the senior pitches, future demand of one gives overall spare capacity of two matches.

#### Rugby union summary

- ◀ There are three clubs based in Newark & Sherwood; Newark RFC, Ollerton RFC and Southwell RFC. Newark RFC and Southwell RFC own their home grounds, although the latter has a lease from Nottinghamshire County Council on one of its pitches
- ◀ Ollerton RFC hires use of Boughton Sports Fields from Boughton Church Diocese. Community use is therefore unsecured
- ◀ Mansfield RFC is the only other Club to play in the area, travelling into the District to use Joseph Whitaker Sports College as a secondary site
- ◀ In total, 15 senior rugby union pitches are located across eight sites in Newark & Sherwood. All but the two pitches at Wellow House School are available for community use. One pitch (at Newark Academy) is currently unused.
- ◀ All pitches are assessed as standard quality, with the exception of Boughton Sports Field which is of poor quality. The pitches at Newark RFC were assessed as good quality.
- ◀ There is actual spare capacity at Boughton Sports Field and Joseph Whitaker Sports College for one match equivalent session each at the weekend. There is spare capacity of three matches per week at Newark RFC.
- ◀ Southwell RFC is overplayed by 6.5 matches per week. The pitches are considered to be standard quality; however, they are heavily used for matches and training; in excess of the recommended capacity and there are drainage problems due to water migrating from adjacent fields.
- ◀ Overall in Newark & Sherwood there is a shortage of match equivalent sessions on senior pitches both now and subsequently in the future.

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## PART 5: HOCKEY

### 5.1: Introduction

Hockey in England is governed by England Hockey (EH). It is administered locally by the Midland Regional Hockey Association (men) and the Nottinghamshire Hockey Association administers the women's league that covers Newark & Sherwood.

Competitive league hockey matches can only be played on sand based, sand dressed or water based pitches. Although 40mm 3G can be considered suitable for some recreational and school use this surface is not suitable for club matches.

It is considered that a hockey pitch can accommodate a maximum of four matches on the peak day (Saturdays) provided that the pitch has floodlighting.

#### ***Club consultation***

Within Newark & Sherwood there are two hockey clubs; Newark HC and Southwell Brincliffe United HC. Both were met with face to face.

### 5.2: Supply

There are four full size (sand based/dressed) artificial pitches in Newark & Sherwood suitable for competitive hockey. These are located at Dukeries Academy, Magnus Sports Centre, Minster School and Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone). There is a fifth pitch located at Newark Academy (Balderton) but it is unusable due to extremely poor quality. See AGP Part 6 for full details.

*Table 5.1: Sand AGPs by location*

Site	Analysis area	Sand filled/dressed
Minster School	Central	1
Dukeries Academy	Western	1
Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Eastern	1
Magnus Sports Centre	Eastern	1
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	-	<b>4</b>

The table above shows that there is AGP provision for hockey in each of the three analysis areas. There is one in central and one in western with two provided in eastern.

### 5.3: Demand

There are two hockey clubs in Newark & Sherwood; Newark HC, Southwell Brincliffe United HC.

Brackenhurst HC also fields one mixed team which currently only plays friendly matches. It is unlikely that it will expand its number of teams in the near future. The team is considered as an infrequent user of facilities.

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Table 5.2: Summary of teams

Name of club	No. of competitive teams		
	Senior men	Senior women	Juniors
Southwell Brincliffe HC	-	3	2
Newark HC	4	3	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>

Southwell Brincliffe HC provides three senior women's team and two junior teams. The Club finds growth difficult due to the village nature of the area and people leaving for university, etc. It is likely that the Club will remain at its current size for the foreseeable future and has no immediate plans to increase the number of teams.

Newark HC is the largest club based within Newark & Sherwood and has four men's teams and three women's teams as well as 12 junior sides. The Club has grown over the past two years and has expanded by one men's team and has doubled the number of juniors. It also offers a back to hockey session every Wednesday for women. These sessions are also likely to result in increased demand for hockey in the future. The Club also reports latent demand of one women's team and for juniors which it believes could expand if more slots were available.

### 5.4: Supply and demand analysis

#### ***Minster School***

The pitch is assessed as standard quality and is home to Southwell Brincliffe Hockey Club. All of the club's matches can be accommodated on the site's AGP as can the training requirements. The main issue for the Club is accessing the school changing rooms during half term as often the School site is closed and so there is no staffing and no access to changing rooms or toilets. The Club would like to establish a relationship with the School whereby arrangements can be made at half term to make sure that the changing rooms are readily accessible. The Club however, will be using the new changing facilities at Southwell Rugby Club once the refurbishments have been completed. Brackenhurst HC (University) also uses the pitch on Sundays for friendly matches and Tuesdays for training. Booking sheets were not provided but it is likely that there is some minimal spare capacity on the pitch.

#### ***Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone site)***

The pitch is standard quality despite being 15 years old, however, the surface would need to be replaced if a club was to be permanently based there. The goals are of a poor standard. The pitch does not have floodlights and is therefore not suitable for winter evening training. Other than ad hoc use the pitch is unused. There is a covenant on the site that says it must be retained for educational use. The site holds potential to be used a lot more than it currently is but in order to be used as a potential base site for a hockey club such as Newark Town HC it would need floodlighting in order to cater for training during the evenings and the surface would also need refurbishing. Uncertainty regarding the future management of the site and planning consent could prove an obstacle in developing it in this way.

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### ***Magnus Sports Centre***

The pitch at Magnus is heavily used both by the School and by the Community. It is home to Newark Hockey Club. As well as for hockey the pitch is booked out extensively for football training. On Saturdays the pitch is hired for all four matches by the hockey club. The pitch is also used Sunday mornings for junior hockey training/matches. There have been some issues in the past with the Club having to find alternative venues temporarily due to the pitch being double booked by the sports centre. The Club is expanding and should it grow further it would need to find a second ground due to the competition with football for training slots. Ideally it would like its own pitch and clubhouse. Booking sheets were not provided but the pitch is considered to be near capacity. Magnus Sports Centre is over ten years old and will need resurfacing in the next one to two years as there are some tears appearing in the pitch and there are a number of severely worn areas.

### ***Dukeries Academy***

The sand dressed pitch at the Dukeries is good quality and was re-surfaced in 2013. The pitch is available for community use and is used mostly for football training. Currently there is no external hockey demand for the pitch.

### ***Newark Academy (Balderton)***

The pitch at Balderton is full size and sand based but is in very poor condition to the point it has been condemned due to health and safety; it is unusable and not fit for purpose.

The pitch will be lost due to redevelopment of the School building on site. There is demand within the area for the pitch, particularly for football training (see Part 6 – currently a shortfall of three 3G pitches and Magnus Sports Centre at capacity), highlighting the need to re-provide the pitch within the area to help meet identified shortfalls.

### ***Sport England Facilities Planning Model (FPM)***

*Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM) – National Facilities Audit Dataset (January 2014)*

The FPM is a model used as a starting point to help assess the strategic provision of sports facilities, including AGPs. The Model is prescriptive and not predictive in that it does not provide precise estimates of the use of proposed facilities. Rather it prescribes an appropriate level of provision for any defined area in relation to demand and which reflects national expectations and policies. It is not a substitute for considering local club needs and should be used alongside any local assessment.

The bullet points below outline the conclusions drawn from the Sport England FPM run in Newark & Sherwood. The run shows that globally, across the district, the resident population is estimated to generate demand for a minimum of 3.3 AGPs (2.5 for football). This compares to a current available supply of 4.1 pitches (2.95 for football), giving a supply/demand balance of 0.8 AGP (0.42 football). This does not however, consider the location, nature and quality of facilities.

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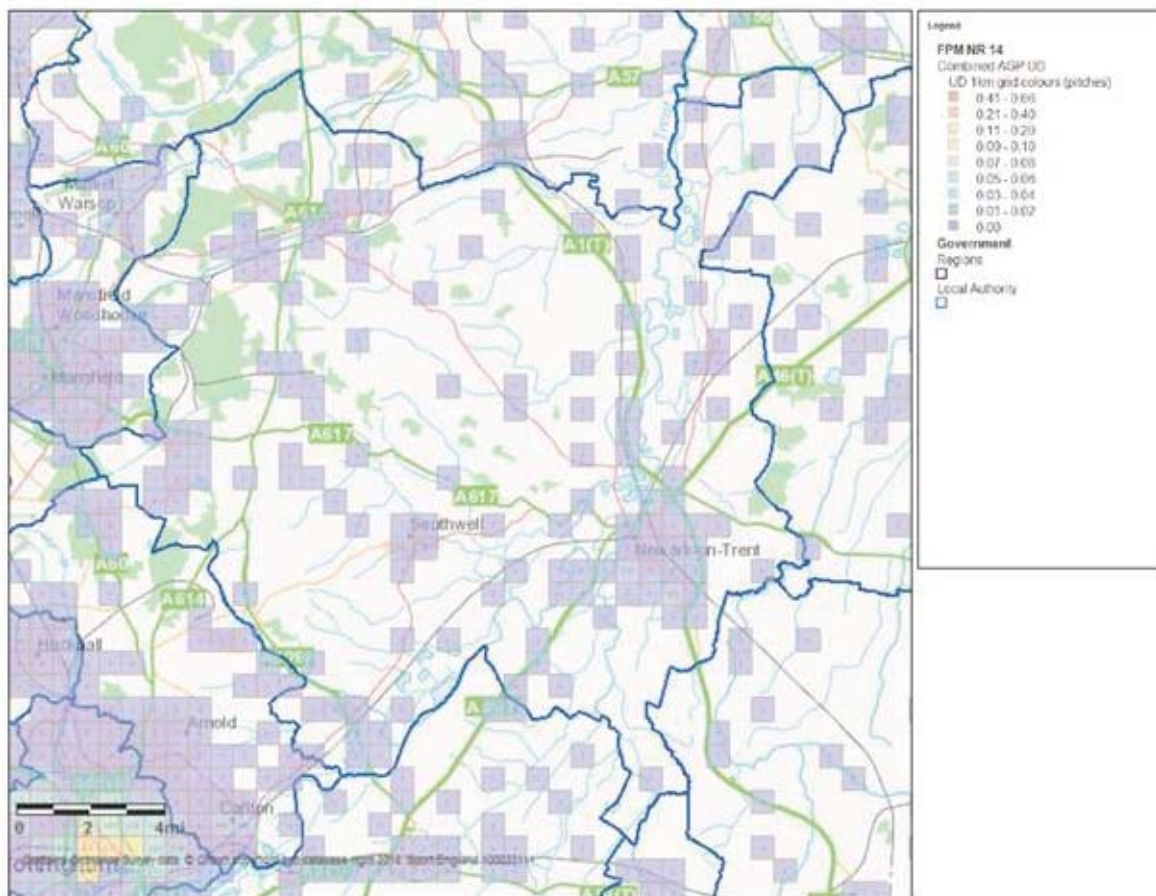
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- ◀ Only 9.5% of the demand which is met is met by residents who walk and just over 3% by those residents who use public transport.
- ◀ Around 69% of demand is retained in the district and 30% of the demand which is satisfied is met outside of the district.
- ◀ Three of the four AGPs are over 10 years old and without proper maintenance of refurbishment may show signs of a reduction in quality.
- ◀ The model estimates that only 136 visits are not being met at the peak times, this translates to an unmet demand of 0.2 of one pitch (0.13 of one pitch relates to football).
- ◀ The unmet demand is located in the main centres of population across the district; there is no one location which shows as a particular hot spot for unmet demand:

*Facilities Planning Model – Artificial Grass Pitch – combined 2014 Unmet Demand:*



- ◀ Around 82% of overall capacity in the district is being used, this compares with a county average of around 92%. Translated to individual facilities three facilities are operating at over 99%, Joseph Whitaker, Magnus and Newark Academy. Dukeries LC and Minster school are operating around 60%.
- ◀ The relative share is generally better around the Ollerton and Southwell areas of the district, which are above the national average. The share around Newark town is below the relative share.
- ◀ The majority of the facilities are designed primarily for Hockey with only one football specific site, but the majority of facilities are being heavily used for football.

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### 5.5: Potential developments/proposals

A funding bid to England Hockey to resurface the AGP at Magnus School, in partnership with Newark Hockey Club, has recently been rejected.

Highfields School is seeking funding and exploring funding options to fulfil its aspirations of an AGP onsite. The installation of a surface appropriate for competitive hockey and accessible for community use may present a potential opportunity for local hockey clubs, should access to ancillary facilities be available to accompany the pitch.

### 5.6: Scenarios

#### *Re-provide the pitch at Newark Academy (Balderton)*

Re-providing the pitch would reduce overall shortfalls in AGP provision in the area. If the new pitch was a 3G surface some football usage could potentially be transferred from Magnus Sports Centre which would allow more capacity for hockey at that site and allow Newark Hockey Club to further expand. N.B: Regardless of a new 3G pitch in the area, the surface at Magnus will require replacement.

#### *Floodlighting at Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)*

Installing floodlighting on the pitch would increase capacity and allow the pitch to be used throughout the winter for training. The site could be used by Newark Hockey Club as a second ground and allow it to further expand and accommodate expressed latent demand. However the pitch would also need resurfacing if competitive hockey was to take place regularly at the Site. Furthermore, there could be issues surrounding planning permission for floodlighting.

#### **Hockey summary**

- ◀ There are four sand based AGP suitable for competitive hockey within Newark & Sherwood.
- ◀ There are two hockey clubs within the District; Newark HC and Southwell Brincliffe HC. Brackenhurst HC also fields one mixed team which currently only plays friendly matches.
- ◀ Southwell Brincliffe HC has no plans to expand and has access to sufficient slots for its needs; however, access to the changing rooms at the home ground Minster School can be difficult during school holidays. The Club will therefore use changing facilities at Southwell RFC once the refurbishment is complete.
- ◀ Magnus Sports Centre pitch is over ten years old and will need resurfacing in the next one to two years.
- ◀ The pitch at the Lilley & Stone site is assessed as standard quality despite being 15 years old, however, the surface will need replacing if a club was to be permanently based there.
- ◀ Newark Hockey Club has expanded in recent years and continues to do so. The Club requires access to additional training slots.
- ◀ Providing floodlighting at Lilley & Stone could help to reduce shortfalls in demand for hockey slots, however the pitch would also need resurfacing if competitive hockey was to take place regularly at the Site. Furthermore, there could be issues surrounding planning permission for floodlighting.
- ◀ Re-providing the lost pitch at Newark Academy (Balderton) as 3G could take some football demand away from Magnus Sports Centre. This would allow additional slots for hockey (provided that the Centre chooses to allocate them for hockey) and allow Newark Hockey Club to expand. (Notwithstanding that the hockey surface needs to be replaced in the next one to two years).



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## PART 6: ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES (AGPS)

### 6.1 Introduction

There are several surface types that fall into the category of artificial grass pitch (AGP). The three main groups are rubber crumb (third generation turf 3G), sand (filled or dressed) and water based.

Competitive football can take place on 3G surfaces and a growing number of 3G pitches are now used for competitive match play at mini soccer and youth level. Only competition up to (but not including) regional standard can take place on a 40mm pile. Football training can take place on sand and water based surfaces but is not the preferred option.

Hockey is played predominantly on sand based/filled AGPs. Although competitive play cannot take place on 3G pitches, 40mm pitches may be suitable, in some instances, for beginner training and are preferred to poor grass or tarmac surfaces.

The International Rugby Board (IRB) 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 (this is also adopted by rugby league). The artificial surface standards identified in Regulation 22 allows matches to be played on surfaces that meet the standard. Full contact activity, including tackling, rucking, mauling and lineouts can take place.

*Table 6.1: AGP type and sport suitability*

Surface	Category	Comments
Rubber crumb	Long Pile 3G (65mm with shock pad)	Rugby surface – must comply with IRB type 22 Football surface
Rubber crumb	Long Pile 3G (55-60mm)	Preferred football surface
Rubber crumb	Short Pile 3G (40mm)	Acceptable surface for some competitive football
Sand	Sand filled	Competitive hockey and football training
Sand	Sand dressed	Preferred hockey surface and suitable for football training
Water	Water based	Preferred hockey surface and suitable for football training if irrigated.

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### 6.2 Current provision

The table below provides a list of the current supply of AGPs identified in Newark & Sherwood.

Table 6.2: Full size AGPs in Newark & Sherwood

Site ID	Site name	Ownership/ Management	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Community use	Pitch type
25	Dukeries Academy	Education	Western	1	Yes	Sand dressed
44	Joseph Whitaker College	Education	Western	1	Yes	Medium pile 3G (55-60mm)
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Education	Eastern	1	Yes	Sand filled
58	Minster School	Education	Central	1	Yes	Sand filled
60	Newark Academy	Education	Eastern	1	No-disused	Sand filled
94	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Education	Eastern	1	Yes	Sand filled

There is just one full size 3G AGP in Newark & Sherwood at Joseph Whitaker School. The table below identifies the analysis areas that all of the AGPs are located in:

Table 6.3: AGPs by analysis area

Analysis area	Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)	Short Pile 3G (40mm)	Sand filled/dressed
Central	-	-	1
Eastern	-	-	3
Western	1	-	1
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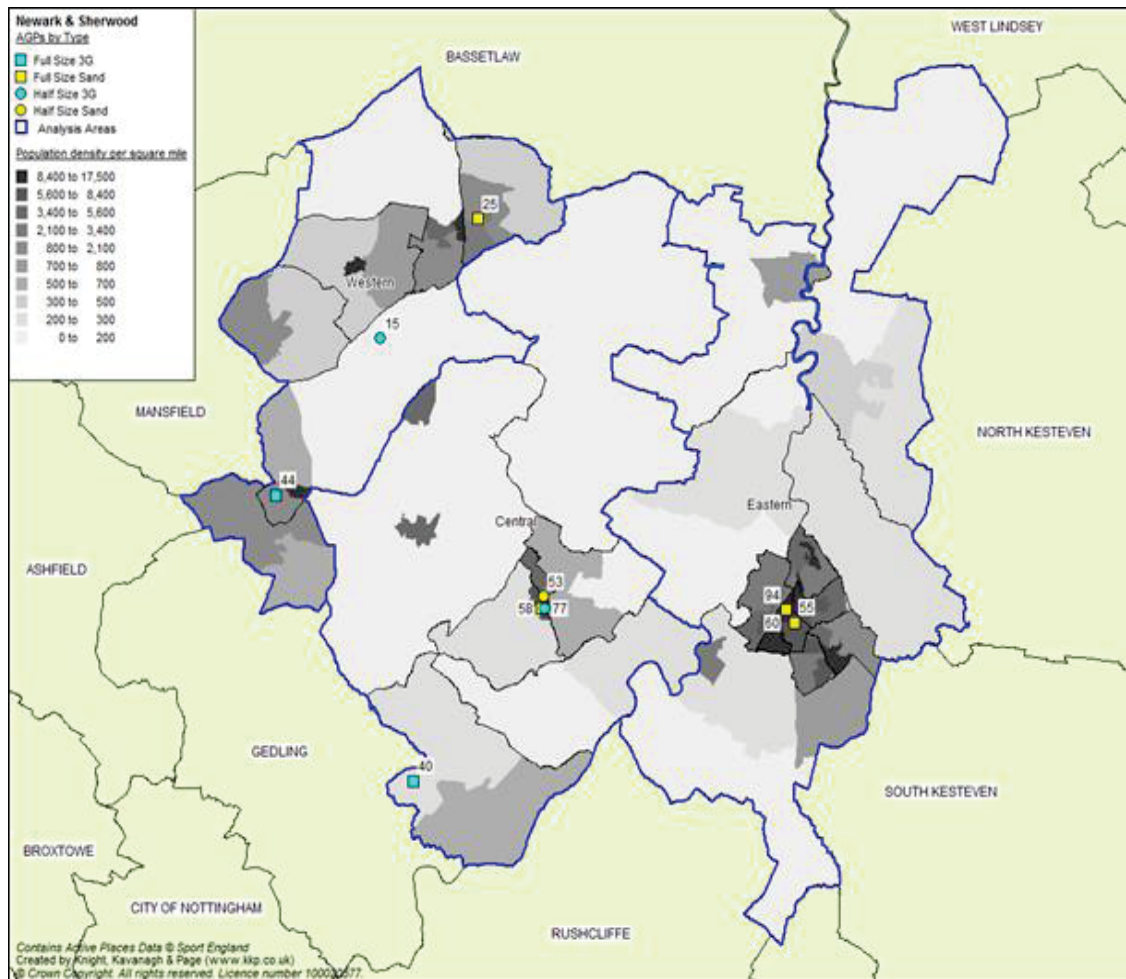
The most common type of surface in Newark & Sherwood is sand filled/based with a total of five sand based full size pitches. There is one 3G pitch and no IRB compliant surfaces suitable for competitive rugby. Central Area has the lowest number of pitches with one. Eastern Area has the most with three but one of these is disused and unplayable.

### **Additional provision**

In addition to the supply of full size pitches in Newark & Sherwood there is one half size 3G (40mm) pitch at Southwell Leisure Centre. There is a 60x40m 3G at Garibaldi College and a 60x40m 3G at Collingham FC as well as 40x20m 3G pitches at Bishop Alexander school, Muskham primary and Besthorpe primary.

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Figure 6.1: Location of current full size AGPs in Newark & Sherwood.



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### 6.4 Availability

The Table below summarises the availability of AGPs for community use in Newark & Sherwood. In addition, it records the availability of provision within the peak period based on information given by the organisation during consultation. Sport England recommends an overall peak period for AGPs of 34 hours a week (Monday to Thursday 17:00-21:00; Friday 17:00-19:00; Saturday and Sunday 09:00-17:00). This has been applied in conjunction with findings from consultation to provide a total number of hours available for community use per week during peak periods.

Table 6.4: AGP availability

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Available for community use?	Security of tenure?	Availability for community use in the peak period
25	Dukeries Academy	Western	1	Yes	No	Monday-Friday : 18hrs Weekend : 16hrs Total: 34hrs
44	Joseph Whitaker College	Western	1	Yes	No	Monday-Friday : 18hrs Weekend : 14hrs Total: 32hrs
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Eastern	1	Yes	No	Monday-Friday : 18hrs Weekend : 16hrs Total: 34hrs
58	Minster School	Central	1	Yes	No	Monday-Friday : 18hrs Weekend : 16hrs Total: 34hrs
60	Newark Academy	Eastern	1	No - disused	No	-
94	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Eastern	1	Yes	No	Monday-Friday : 0 Weekend : 16hrs Total: 16hrs

In the main, availability of provision in the peak period is good and all of the pitches are available for most of the peak period. Where there is provision on education sites, this is generally made available after school and at weekends.

### 6.5 Quality

Four of the five pitches in Newark & Sherwood are assessed as standard quality. There is one good quality pitch at the Dukeries Academy. The disused pitch at Newark Academy is condemned and unusable and is therefore rated as poor.

The carpet of an AGP usually lasts for approximately ten years. Despite the carpet at the Lilley & Stone site being built in 1999 the quality is reasonable due to very little use over the years, however in order to accommodate regular matches the pitch would need resurfacing. Of the four remaining usable sites only one (Magnus Sports Centre) is over ten years old and will need resurfacing in the next one to two years as there are some tears appearing in the pitch and some severely worn areas.

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Table 6.5: Summary of quality

Site ID	Site name	Surface type	Year built (refurbished)	Floodlit?	Quality
25	Dukeries Academy	Sand filled	2003(2013)	Y	Good
44	Joseph Whitaker College	Medium pile 3G (55-60mm)	2007	Y	Standard
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Sand filled	2001	Y	Standard*
58	Minster School	Sand filled	2008	Y	Standard
60	Newark Academy	Sand filled	-	Y	Poor
94	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Sand filled	1999	N	Standard*

\*Despite the fact that both Magnus Sports Centre and Lilley & Stone are assessed as standard quality, and are not considered poor in the way that Newark Academy pitch is, it is the opinion of England Hockey that both require resurfacing.

From 2014/15 only 3G pitches with a valid performance test and listed on the FA Register (<http://3g.thefa.me.uk/>) can be used for competitive play. This is to ensure the pitch has the same playing characteristics as natural turf and ensures that the pitches are safe to use. Currently none of the pitches have a valid performance test.

### ***The FA model***

The FA considers high quality third generation artificial grass pitches as an essential tool in promoting coach and player development. The FA can support intensive use and as such are great assets for both playing and training. Primarily such facilities have been installed for community use and training, however, are increasingly used for competition which The FA wholly supports.

The FA's long term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England the opportunity to train once per week on floodlit 3G surface, together with priority access for every Charter Standard Community Club through a partnership agreement. The FA Standard is calculated by using the latest Sport England research "AGPs State of the Nation March 2012" assuming that 51% of AGP usage is by sports clubs when factoring in the number of training slots available per pitch type per hour from 5pm-10pm Mon-Fri and 9am-5pm Saturday & Sundays. It is estimated that one full size AGP can service 60 teams. On the basis there are 215 teams playing competitive football in Newark & Sherwood, there is a recommended need for four full size 3G pitches, currently there is one in the area.

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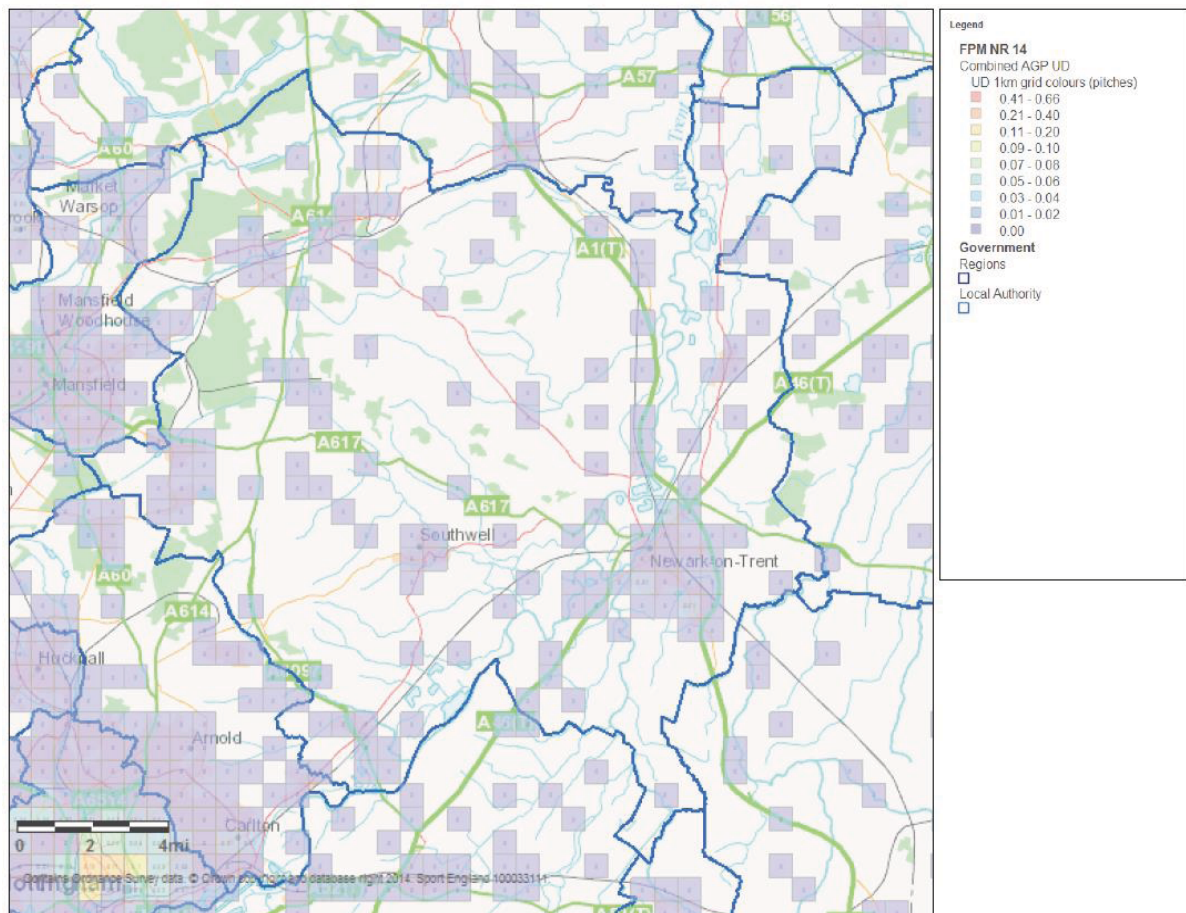
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### **Local demand**

#### *Hockey*

See Part 5: Hockey

#### *Football*

Competitive football on 3G pitches is generally not preferred in Newark & Sherwood, with no teams currently playing on this type of surface for matches. Artificial surfaces are, however, used for training, for example at Joseph Whitaker College a number of clubs including Rainworth Rangers access the pitch for training. However, given the close proximity to Mansfield, many of the clubs training there are in fact Mansfield teams.

A significant proportion (80%) of the clubs which responded to the survey expressed a need for access to more facilities for training in the area and almost all highlighted 3G pitches as a requirement. Others, such as Muskham Cougars, highlighted that floodlighting for the grass pitches is required in order to train in winter.

#### *Football leagues*

Comments from the leagues are that there are no plans at present to move any football matches onto AGPs, although there is great demand for artificial surfaces for training use which may help to alleviate some pitch usage where clubs may be training on match pitches.

### **Future developments**

Due to a redevelopment at Newark Academy and the redevelopment of the School on a disused AGP, as well as aspirations to provide a sports hub within Newark, there are plans to build a new 3G pitch in the area. This will increase capacity for training (and potential match play) and reduce the current identified shortfall in 3G pitches.

Highfields School is an independent day school with aspirations to upgrade their existing grass pitch facilities to an AGP in the near future. The school is seeking funding and exploring options, including potential for Sport England funding. It is not yet known what the preferred surface type or pitch size would be but the school is open to considering community use of the AGP should it open up access to funding.

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### AGP summary

- ◀ There are four sand based AGP suitable for competitive hockey within Newark & Sherwood and one full size 3G AGP in Newark & Sherwood at Joseph Whitaker School.
- ◀ There are two hockey clubs within the District; Newark HC and Southwell Brincliffe HC.
- ◀ Southwell Brincliffe United Hockey Club has no plans to expand and has access to sufficient slots for its needs; however, access at the home ground Minster School can be difficult during school holidays.
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- ◀ Providing floodlighting at Lilley & Stone could help to reduce shortfalls in demand for hockey slots, however the pitch would also need resurfacing if competitive hockey was to take place regularly at the Site. Furthermore, there could be issues surrounding planning permission for floodlighting.
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- ◀ On the basis there are 215 teams playing competitive football in Newark & Sherwood, there is a recommended need for four full size 3G pitches, currently there is one in the area. The FPM also highlights that much of the usage of the AGPs is football for which a sand base is not the most suitable surface.



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## PART 7: ATHLETICS

### 7.1: Introduction

As a Governing Body, UK Athletics is wholly responsible for developing and implementing the rules and regulations of the sport, including everything from anti-doping, health and safety, facilities and welfare, to training and education for coaches and officials and permitting and licensing. Locally the East Midlands area is governed through England Athletics via a team consisting of an area manager and coach/club support officers. Clubs compete in leagues and travel to various venues across the region and country to perform.

#### ***Club consultation***

Within Newark & Sherwood there is one main athletics club, this is Newark Athletic Club. The Club was met with for face to face consultation.

### 7.2: Supply

The supply of athletics facilities in Newark & Sherwood is generally very poor. There are two tracks in the District; one located at the Dukeries Academy (ID: 25 Western Analysis Area) and one at the Grove Leisure Centre/Newark Academy (ID: 33 Eastern Analysis Area). Both tracks are six lanes with a cinder surface and are assessed as poor quality.

There are throw and long jump facilities located at the Grove Leisure Centre but again the quality is poor. There is no provision for other events such as high jump and in wet weather the track is unusable. There is a basic hut on site but no electricity and no changing rooms.

Grove Leisure Centre is located jointly at the site of Newark Academy where there are plans to rebuild the school, part of which will be built onto the footprint of the current athletics track.

### 7.3 Demand

#### ***Newark Athletic Club***

The majority of demand for athletics in Newark & Sherwood currently comes from Newark Athletic Club. The Club currently has approximately 260 members (180 juniors and 80 seniors) and has grown year on year over the past ten years from 150 members to its current size. It is the only one in the area that offers junior athletics and has seen the highest increase in this age range, in particular following the 2012 Olympics. The seniors and vets have declined slightly in recent years but it intends to reinvigorate the senior section and attract new members, as well as hoping to start a disability section.

#### ***Exported demand***

For many athletics competitions the leagues work on a home and away basis. Due to the poor quality of Grove Leisure Centre the track cannot be used for competition and so the Club must travel to Grantham in order to access competition standard facilities. Furthermore, due to the poor facilities available in Newark & Sherwood, especially for throwing events, talented athletes leave the Club in order to train at better facilities outside of the area.

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## ***Running clubs***

In addition to the athletics club in Newark & Sherwood there are adult running clubs such as Newark Striders, Fernwood running club, Southwell running club and Notfast running club. These clubs do not currently access track and field facilities and instead use roads and other trails. These clubs are generally self-reliant and are accommodated within Newark & Sherwood.

## **7.4: Supply and demand analysis**

There is high demand for athletics as demonstrated through Newark Athletic Club. There is a need for improved facilities as the current track and field provision is not fit for purpose and athletes have to travel outside of the area to compete.

There is a clear need to replace the athletics track currently at Grove Leisure Centre when it is lost through the redevelopment of the School and it should be re-provided at a suitable location within the Newark area in order to maintain/increase current levels of participation. The loss of facilities at Grove Leisure Centre due to redevelopment will mean Newark AC will need to make use of temporary and inadequate facilities for at least a two year period. There is a possibility that this may impact participation levels should it require accessing a site that may not be convenient for some members, thus potentially raising a threat to the both the short-term and long-term development of the Club.

### **Athletics summary**

- ◀ There are two athletics tracks within Newark & Sherwood. Both have cinder surfaces and are assessed as poor. Both are unable to host competition.
- ◀ There is one club within the District; Newark Athletic Club. The club is growing year on year and currently has a membership of 260. However, the imminent loss of its current facility requires that a replacement facility be provided as the loss of facilities poses a real threat to sustainability.
- ◀ All athletes must travel outside of Newark & Sherwood in order to access adequate facilities for 'home fixtures'. Furthermore, due to a lack of throw facilities talented athletes move to clubs outside of Newark.
- ◀ Runners/running clubs are self-reliant and accommodated within Newark & Sherwood.

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## PART 8: BOWLS

### 8.1: Introduction

All bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood are flat greens. The bowling season runs from May to September.

#### **Consultation**

There are 21 clubs using bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood. Of these, six replied to the survey equating to a response rate of 29%. Bowls is popular in Newark & Sherwood and there are many active teams. The main leagues servicing Newark & Sherwood are:

- ◀ Newark & District League
- ◀ Ashfield Bowls League
- ◀ North Notts Bowls League
- ◀ Trent Valley League

There are also a number of Nottingham leagues servicing the Area.

### 8.2: Supply

There are 20 bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood provided across 18 sites. Of these, only two are at District Council owned sites at Beaumont Gardens and Sherwood Avenue, although the daily management is taken on by Newark Northern BC.

*Table 8.1: Summary of the number of greens by analysis area*

Analysis area	Number of greens
Central	3
Eastern	9
Western	8
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>20</b>

All areas are provided with at least one bowling green. Eastern Area has the most with nine, whilst Central Area has the least with three. All sites have one green except for Bilsthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare and Flowserve Sports and Social Club, both of which have two flat greens each.

At Welfare Trust Sports Field and Edwinstowe Bowling Club there are secondary greens which are now derelict and unused and have been omitted from the analysis.

In addition to outdoor greens there are indoor bowling facilities in the area at Newark Indoor Bowls Centre where there are eight rinks, as well as at South Forrest Indoor Bowling Club in Edwinstowe. Greens may be unavailable during the winter period due to inclement weather conditions but opportunities to maintain participation are still available at these indoor facilities.

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Figure 8.1: Distribution of bowling greens across Newark & Sherwood

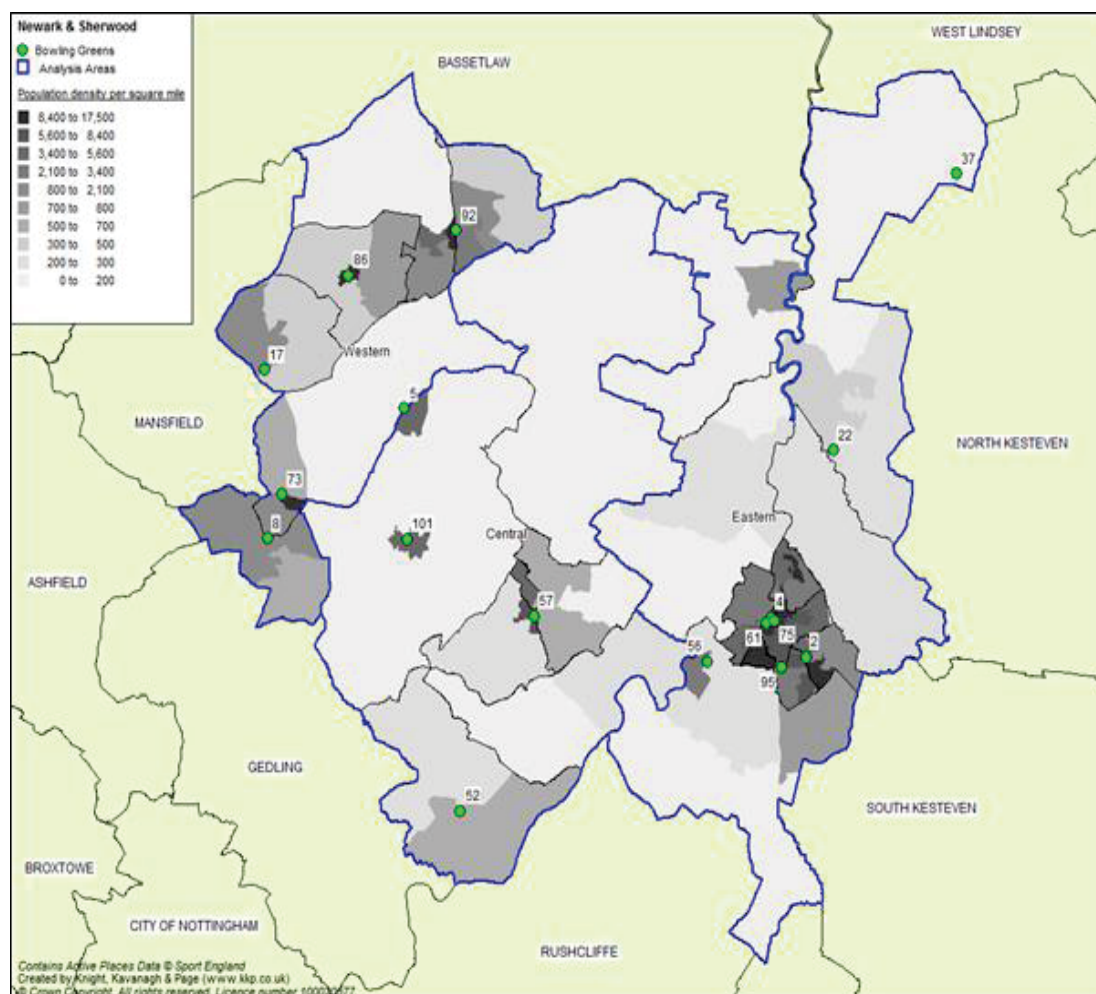


Table 8.2: Key to map

Site ID	Site	Analysis area	Number of greens	Ownership
2	Balderton Playing Field	Eastern	1	Parish Council
4	Beaumont Gardens	Eastern	1	District Council
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Western	2	Ciswo
8	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Bowls Club	Western	1	Sports Club
17	Clipstone Miners Welfare Bowls Club	Western	1	Ciswo
22	Dale Field (Collingham CC)	Eastern	1	Sports Club
37	Harby Playing Fields	Eastern	1	Parish Council
52	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Central	1	Community
56	Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon Cricket Club)	Eastern	1	Parish Council
57	Memorial Ground	Central	1	Town Council

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Site ID	Site	Analysis area	Number of greens	Ownership
61	Newark Town Bowls Club	Eastern	1	Sports Club
73	Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club	Western	1	Sports Club
75	Sherwood Avenue	Eastern	1	District Council
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Western	1	Ciswo
92	Welfare Trust Sports Field (Ollerton)	Western	1	Trust
95	Flowserve Sports & Social Club	Eastern	2	Sports Club
101	Farnsfield Bowling & Tennis Club	Central	1	Parish Council
114	Edwinstowe Bowling Club	Western	1	Parish Council

### **Management**

A total of eight sites in Newark & Sherwood are local authority owned, by a combination of district, town and parish councils. The two District Council sites are currently leased to Newark Northern Bowling Club which manage and maintain the greens and use as home venues, as well as being used by other teams. The Council pay the Club in the region of £10,000 each year to maintain the greens, although there may yet be a transfer of ownership from District to Town Council meaning this arrangement could potentially change.

There are several greens at club sites, often as part of a multi-sport offering alongside cricket or football pitches, such as Dale Field (Collingham CC) and Newark Flowserve Sports & Social Club. There are two flat greens at Newark Flowserve Sports & Social Club which are owned by the Flowserve Company. There is planning in place for the land to be sold for potential housing and so the company only offers an annual rolling lease, subsequently making tenure unsecured.

Some mining welfare sites remain under the ownership of the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO). These are at Bilsthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare, Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground and Clipstone Miners Welfare BC. These sites are managed by the local welfare organisations but the decline in the local mining industry has seen subsidies from the organisations withdrawn or reduced. This could put pressure on funding available, impacting maintenance budget and potentially influencing the future quality of the sites.

The green at Memorial Ground is part of a public park but is leased to Southwell Town BC from the Town Council until 2034. Similarly, the green at Farnsfield BC is leased from Farnsfield Parish Council until 2024. Tenure of both sites is therefore considered to be secured.

### *Quality*

All of the greens in Newark & Sherwood are assessed as good quality through a non-technical site assessment. There are no standard or poor quality greens.

In terms of the views from private clubs, two report that the greens are much better in quality than the previous year; three report that they are slightly better and one reports no change to the already good quality. No clubs report that the condition of their green has got worse to any degree. Private sites are generally better quality than council sites due to time and resource investment in regular maintenance, yet the local authority sites in

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Newark & Sherwood are either maintained by the managing tenant club (Sherwood Avenue, Beaumont Gardens) or by a parish or town council grounds team which is responsible for a small number of sites and can subsequently devote more time to them. This has produced a good standard of green across the District. The greens at Sherwood Avenue and Beaumont Gardens are maintained to a good standard by the Newark Northern BC and by G&G Greencare which also maintains Bowls Nottingham county standard greens.

### *Pricing*

Newark Northern BC lease the two District Council owned greens to other clubs for match play throughout the year. Ransomes Newark BC pay rent for use of the site at a cost of £300.

The green at Memorial Ground in Southwell is accessible for pay and play three times a week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, at a cost of £2 for two hours of use. No other sites are known to be available for pay and play bowling, with the most common reason being nobody onsite to collect payment. Casual play is available at the District Council's two greens but there is a need for signage to highlight this.

### *Pavilions*

All responding clubs report that they have access to toilets and changing facilities. Ransomes Newark BC uses the public toilet facilities at London Road Car Park, however, these shut at 6pm each night so toilets at the Club would be more convenient. Southwell Town BC sometimes has to use the main hall at Memorial Ground as an overflow changing area as the changing rooms are quite small.

### *Development*

There are plans for housing development on the Welfare Trust Sports Field, Ollerton site which would see the loss of the one bowling green currently in use. In compensation, the disused bowling green is to be rejuvenated and brought back into use. The existing clubhouse is to be demolished as part of the work and will be replaced with a new clubhouse and changing facility. Ollerton BC uses the site and reports that the Club has 15 members, therefore only producing enough demand for one green. The loss of a green will not subsequently result in any unmet demand.

## **8.3: Demand**

### ***Clubs***

There are 21 clubs using bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood. The analysis below summarises information gathered from consultation with bowls clubs playing in Newark & Sherwood:

- ◀ The level of membership of clubs varies from 15 to 85 members.
- ◀ Southwell Town BC has the largest membership with 85 members.
- ◀ The smallest club is Ollerton BC with 15 members.

None of the responding clubs reported that an additional bowling green at their home green or in the area would lead to an increase in club membership.

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Only one of the responding clubs reports having junior membership, this was Southwell Town BC with a single junior member.

All responding teams plan to increase the membership base. The table below shows the intentions of each responding club with regards to growth.

*Table 8.3: Summary of growth*

Team name	Increase in senior members	Increase in junior members
Blidworth Bowls Club	5	5
Newark Town Bowls Club	12	0
Farnsfield Bowling Club	10	10
Ransomes Newark Bowls Club	15	10
Southwell Town Bowls Club	5	5
Ollerton Bowls Club <sup>11</sup>	10	10

### ***Current demand***

All of the clubs that responded to the survey report that membership has remained static over the previous three years. There has been some loss of previous members and gain of newer members, however, the total number has remained the same. Similarly, all clubs are very eager to increase membership and most have tried to advertise their club by word of mouth, local newspaper or by distributing flyers around the local parish. Newark Town BC and Southwell BC has supplemented this by holding coaching sessions and open days to attract new bowlers.

### ***Indoor demand***

Indoor facilities form an important aspect of bowls and allow play to continue throughout winter. As such, where there is a lack of indoor facilities in an area this should be considered in order to complement the stock of outdoor greens.

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<sup>11</sup> Ollerton Bowls Club reported that it would like to increase by as many members as possible.



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Table 8.4: Bowling green capacity

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of greens	Club	No. of members
2	Balderton Playing Field	Eastern	1	Balderton BC	42
4	Beaumont Gardens	Eastern	1	Newark Ladies & Gents BC, Newark Conservative Club BC, Ransomes Newark BC	77
5	Bilthorpe Miners Colliery Welfare	Western	2	Bilthorpe BC, Church Warsop BC	84
8	Blidworth Colliery Welfare Bowls Club	Western	1	Blidworth BC	23
17	Clipstone Miners Welfare Bowls Club	Western	1	Clipstone BC	42
22	Dale Field (Collingham CC)	Eastern	1	Collingham BC	42
37	Harby Playing Fields	Eastern	1	Harby BC	42
52	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields	Central	1	Lowdham BC	42
56	Marsh Lane Playing Fields (Farndon Cricket Club)	Eastern	1	Farndon BC	42
57	Memorial Ground	Central	1	Southwell Town BC	85
61	Newark Town Bowls Club	Eastern	1	Newark Town BC	32
73	Rainworth Miners Welfare Sports Club	Western	1	Rainworth Welfare BC, Dukeries BC, Radcliffe-on-Trent Ladies BC	42
75	Sherwood Avenue	Eastern	1	Newark Northern BC, Ransomes Newark BC, Sherwood BC	95
86	Thoresby Welfare Sports Ground	Western	1	Thoresby Welfare BC (Edwinstowe)	42
92	Welfare Trust Sports Field	Western	1	Ollerton BC	15
95	Flowserve Sports & Social Club	Eastern	2	Flowserve BC	42
101	Farnsfield Bowling & Tennis Club	Central	1	Farnsfield BC	61

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### 8.5: Supply and demand analysis

The largest Club in the area is Southwell BC with 85 members. The green caters for a large area of the community and so there is a possibility that it is played to capacity or in excess. There are a significant number of members using the green at Sherwood Avenue, largely due to the incumbent Club Newark Northern BC which has 52 members. The Club also uses the green at Beaumont Park which is also well used by two other Clubs (Newark Conservative Club BC and Ransomes Newark).

Some single greens in rural areas may host Clubs with much smaller membership numbers such as Ollerton BC, although the area for which they cater may be comparatively smaller. Therefore, the total number of members may suggest that the green is underplayed and underutilised yet in relation it is important in serving the community within an area which may be somewhat isolated and rural with limited access to another green.

#### **Bowls summary**

- ◀ There are 20 bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood provided across 18 sites.
- ◀ There are two disused greens at Welfare Trust Sports Field and Edwinstowe Bowling Club which are now derelict and unused and have been omitted from the analysis.
- ◀ All of the greens in Newark & Sherwood are assessed as good quality. There are no standard or poor quality greens.
- ◀ The District Council owns two bowling greens at Beaumont Gardens and Sherwood Avenue, Newark both of which are leased to and maintained by Newark Northern BC.
- ◀ There are 20 clubs using bowling greens in Newark & Sherwood with an average playing membership of 42. The majority of clubs suggest that an additional bowling green at their home green or in the area would not lead to an increase in club membership.
- ◀ Ollerton BC is part of plans to develop the Welfare Trust Sports Field site for housing, resulting in the loss of the currently used green and rejuvenation of the disused one, with the addition of a new clubhouse.
- ◀ Junior participation is almost none existent, with just one junior member across the District at Southwell Town BC.
- ◀ Southwell BC, Newark Northern BC, Farnsfield BC and Bilsthorpe BC are all large Clubs with over 50 members. Greens in use by these clubs may be played to capacity or in excess.
- ◀ Notwithstanding that there may be additional demand for bowling greens in the future; there is significant spare capacity at some greens which may suggest that there is an oversupply.

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## PART 9: TENNIS

### 9.1 Introduction

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is the organisation responsible for the governance of tennis in England. Nottinghamshire LTA administers the sport in Newark & Sherwood.

### 9.2 Supply

The vast majority of tennis courts in Newark & Sherwood are located on either education or Council owned land. Indeed, of the 67 tennis courts identified in the audit, 35 are located at educational sites and 16 at Council sites, whether owned by district, town or parish councils.

The majority of courts are macadam surfaces, although there are also seven (disused) grass tennis courts marked out at Newark Academy - Lilley & Stone site (Newark Tennis Club) and two on the artificial pitch at Epperstone Village Hall. Additionally, there is a clay court at Caunton Tennis Club.

Please note that there may also be additional courts located at schools which did not respond to the survey.

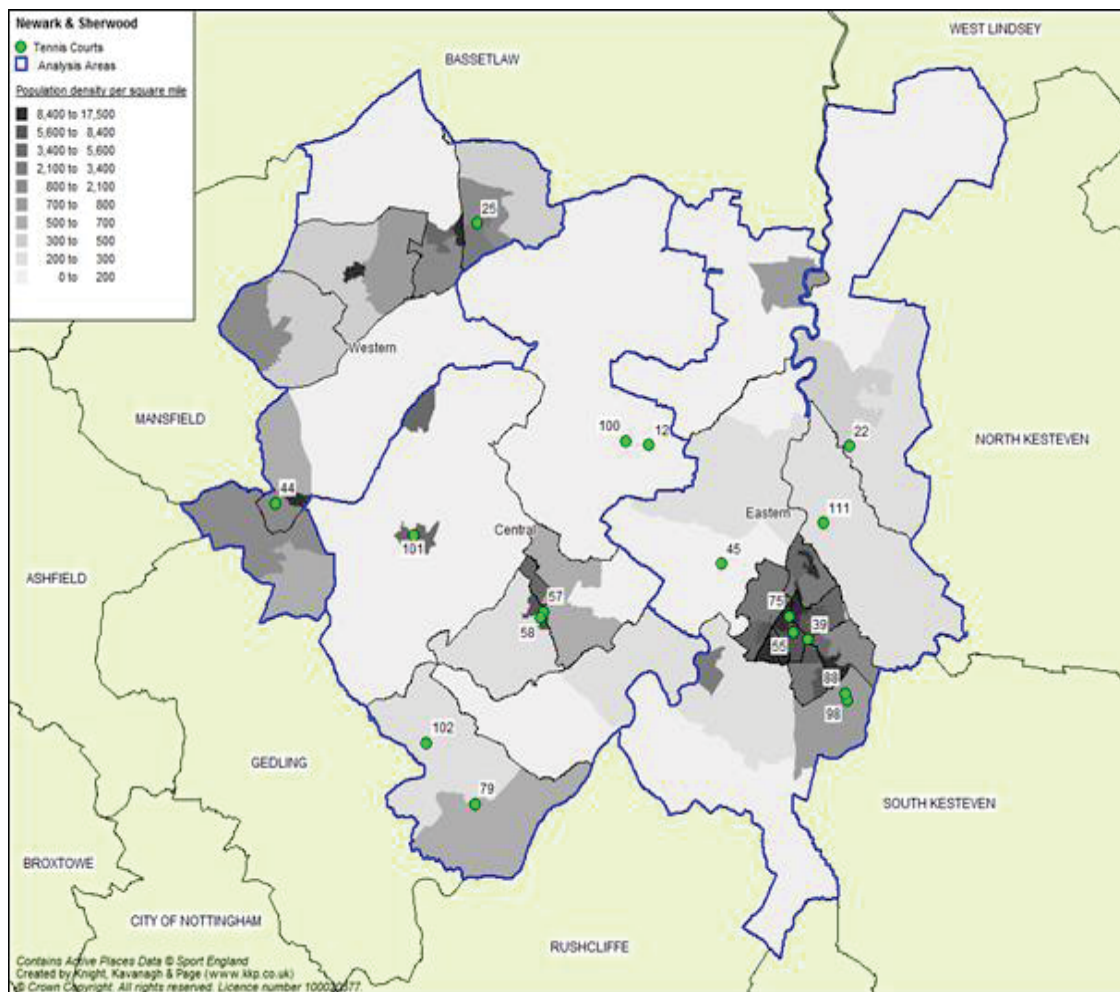
Table 9.1: Summary of tennis courts in Newark & Sherwood

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Number of courts	Surface	Quality	Ownership
12	Caunton Cricket Club	Central	2	Macadam	Good	Sports Club
22	Dale Field (Collingham CC)	Eastern	4	Macadam	Good	Sports Club
25	Dukeries Leisure Centre	Western	5	Macadam	Good	Educational
25	Dukeries Leisure Centre	Western	2 (mini)	Macadam	Poor	Educational
39	Highfields School Grass Pitches	Eastern	2	Macadam	Standard	Independent School
44	Joseph Whitaker Specialist Sports College and Foundation School	Western	6	Macadam	Good	Educational
45	Kelham Hall	Eastern	3	Macadam	Standard	Private
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Eastern	2	Macadam	Poor	Educational
57	Memorial Ground, Southwell	Central	3	Macadam	Good	Town Council
58	Minster School	Central	6	Macadam	Good	Educational
75	Sherwood Avenue, Newark	Eastern	3	Macadam	Good	District Council
79	Sports Fields Southwell Road, Lowdham	Central	2	Macadam	Good	Town Council
94	Newark Academy – Lilley & Stone Site (Newark Tennis Club)	Eastern	7	Grass	Poor	Educational
94	Newark Academy – Lilley & Stone Site (Newark Tennis Club)	Eastern	3	Macadam	Standard	Educational
98	Fernwood Tennis Club	Eastern	3	Macadam	Good	Parish Council
100	Caunton Lawn Tennis Club	Central	6	Macadam	Good	Sports Club

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Number of courts	Surface	Quality	Ownership
100	Cauntun Lawn Tennis Club	Central	1	Clay	Good	Sports Club
101	Farnsfield Bowling & Tennis Club	Central	3	Macadam	Good	Parish Council
102	Epperstone Village Hall	Central	2	Artificial	Good	Parish Council
111	Winthorpe Community Centre	Eastern	2	Macadam	Good	Parish Council

Figure 9.1: Tennis courts location map



## Quality

Non technical quality assessments were carried out for tennis courts based on a non-pitch non-technical form designed to look at aspects such as surface quality, floodlights, nets, line marking, etc. A percentage score was then converted into a three tier rating of good, standard or poor. Of the 59 tennis courts identified in the audit, 53 are rated as good quality, with two rated as standard and four as poor quality.

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Caunton Tennis Club is a performance based club and has six macadam courts and one clay court. The number of courts available is sufficient to meet the demand when supplemented by two more courts available at Caunton Cricket Club. The Club reports that the quality of the courts is much better than recent years as three of the courts have recently been resurfaced which was financed by the Club itself. Plans are currently in the early stages for a possible indoor facility on site as a result of the loss of coaching hours and matches due to inclement weather through the winter months.

Collingham Tennis Club's four macadam courts are situated at Dale Field beside the cricket pitches. They are floodlit and assessed as good quality, although one has a significant area of damage to the surface which has been filled in. The Club is looking to redevelop this court and has applied for funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund to help do so. The three floodlit courts at Farnsfield Tennis Club are of good quality and were resurfaced in 2013 along with new replacement floodlights.

The quality of the courts at Newark TC has deteriorated over recent years. The section of the Newark Academy Lilley & Stone site was leased from Nottinghamshire County Council who at present will not renegotiate the lease. As such, the County Council has ceased to continue maintenance of the seven grass courts onsite which are out of use as a result, putting more pressure on the three hard courts which have decreased in quality. The Club continues to operate on the site until further notice but tenure is unsecured. It is subsequently hesitant to invest in facilities as there is real potential that it could be asked to leave the site at any time. The Club uses the floodlit courts at Sherwood Avenue during the winter but it is unlikely that these public courts would be able to be used as a yearlong venue.

The quality of courts at school sites is generally poorer than at private or local authority owned sites. Two of the four poor quality courts are located at Dukeries Leisure Centre where they are left open to pupils and used as a playground area daily. The remaining two are at Magnus Sports Centre where the surface is severely undulating and unsafe in places, which is why the school no longer use them. Magnus Academy is hoping to replace these poor quality courts with a similar hard court area although funding has not currently been secured.

### *Availability*

The District Council courts at Sherwood Avenue are free to access and are available for pay and play use. Users pay £2 per hour or £1 for juniors at the onsite ticketing meter and floodlit evening play is available if pre-arranged with Newark TC at a small additional cost.

Pay and play is also available at Kelham Hall at a £2.50 cost per hour payable to Kelham Hall Limited. There is some pay and play available at Farnsfield Tennis Club, available to book at the local newsagent although the cost of which is unknown. The courts at Memorial Ground are leased to Southwell Tennis Club which makes the third court onsite available for use by the local community. Bookings are managed by the nearby Southwell Leisure Centre as it is only a short walk away. Winthorpe Community Centre offers tennis as a member through Winthorpe Tennis Club or on a pay and play basis at a cost of £2 per hour and a £5 refundable court key deposit.

Joseph Whitaker School operates pay and play use on the floodlit tennis courts, where there is a separate public entry point. Minster School reports that the courts are available but do not receive a large amount of usage due to the location of Southwell Tennis Club nearby at Memorial Ground.

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The courts at private sites are unavailable to hire and are accessible through membership only. Newark Tennis Club at the Lilley and Stone has a separate public access point from the school, although this is kept secured by a nominated key holder club member.

The courts at Dukeries Leisure Centre are unavailable to hire and do not feature on the pricing list. Reasons for unavailability are unknown and the courts are reserved for school use only, as are the courts at Highfields Independent School. However, Caunton Tennis Club does allow pay and play use when they are not being used by the Club for coaching or matches.

### 9.3 Demand

There are nine private tennis Clubs located within Newark & Sherwood; Caunton Tennis Club, Newark Tennis Club, Collingham Tennis Club, Southwell Tennis Club, Farnsfield Tennis Club, Fernwood Tennis Club, Lowdham Tennis Club, Epperstone Tennis Club and Winthorpe Tennis Club.

Caunton Tennis Club is a performance based club and currently has 160 senior members and 170 junior members. The Club report that membership has remained static to the previous year and, as such, both senior and junior membership has remained at the same level. The Club plans to increase membership beyond the current number by at least ten seniors and 20 juniors and has capacity onsite to do so. The Club fields 14 senior teams at present and two U16s playing in the Nottinghamshire LTA Leagues and Aegon Leagues respectively throughout the year.

Collingham Tennis Club has six teams playing in the Lincolnshire Leagues, made up of two teams in each category; mens, ladies and mixed. There is junior tennis although all age groups play friendly matches, with the exception of the U16s which play in the Aegon League. Most matches are played midweek in the evenings aside from the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team which plays on Saturday afternoons. There is also a Ladies Veterans team which plays in the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire Winter Leagues.

Newark Tennis Club has six teams, made up of three Ladies teams and a team each in the mens, mixed and junior leagues. All matches are played at weekends with occasional midweek matches. There are currently 85 members at the Club, 25 of which are junior members. The Club has plans to increase membership at all ages as far as access to enough courts will allow. The Club is unsure of the long term security of its current home the Lilley & Stone site and is seeking an alternative. Up until 2011 the Club also had use of seven grass courts but maintenance by Nottinghamshire County Council ceased and the Club was unable to fund this itself. Access to more courts would allow the club to realise its aspiration of increasing membership.

Farnsfield and Southwell Tennis clubs are growing clubs which could potentially see an increase in demand over the coming years. Farnsfield is a small village club which has a strong and developing junior section. The recent facility improvements and additional coaching equipment purchased will serve to increase the attractiveness of the Club to community members. Southwell Tennis Club has seven teams playing throughout the year in the Nottinghamshire Leagues in mens, ladies and mixed competitions.



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Southwell, Epperstone, Collingham and Fernwood Tennis Clubs are all part of the Step Into Tennis sessions run by On the Ball Coaching. The programme runs for 12 weeks in three four week blocks and is aimed at making it easier for juniors to participate in tennis and develop their skills. Step Into Tennis is part of the Tennis Challenge 1,000, which is campaign to get 1,000 new juniors and adults to try tennis in 2014. By operating in conjunction with local clubs, there is potential for this to lead to increased demand for tennis in the area and potential increases in club membership.

### ***Indoor courts***

Anecdotal evidence suggests a need for indoor courts within Newark & Sherwood to strengthen the outdoor game but also to provide a winter alternative, although this was not highlighted by the LTA as a priority. However, Newark Tennis Club is seeking relocation to an alternative site within the area as a result of the uncertainty it faces regarding its current use of the courts at Newark Academy Lilley & Stone. One option may be to relocate to the potential new Sports Hub where the Club has an aspiration to create three indoor and six outdoor courts.

### ***Cardio tennis***

Farnsfield and Caunton Tennis clubs offer Cardio Tennis as an alternative way to increase cardiovascular health and general fitness in a fun way through tennis. Caunton Tennis Club runs hour long sessions on Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons at the cost of £5 per session. Cardio Tennis is a potential alternative to those accessing fitness suites or classes and could potentially be held at other clubs in order to introduce people to tennis who may not have considered the sport. For example, Southwell Leisure Centre operates the bookings for community use of the Memorial Ground courts and could potentially package cardio tennis as part of its fitness offering.

### ***Informal usage***

Following events such as Wimbledon demand for pay and play tends to increase. The LTA reports that it is difficult to measure casual use as some courts are available for free but highlights that courts are generally busy throughout the summer months. However, comprehensive research in the eight LTA pilot areas nationally has shown that 53% of people playing tennis once per week does so at public court facilities (pay and play). As shown in the Active People Survey, participation in tennis has a seasonal peak in the summer, which is particularly pronounced amongst non-club and occasional players.

Further research carried out by the LTA suggests that many more people would play tennis if they knew where courts were located, particularly council courts, and its belief is that better promotion would increase demand.



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### **Tennis summary**

- ◀ There are 67 tennis courts identified within Newark & Sherwood, 16 of which are located at Council owned sites.
- ◀ Caunton Tennis Club report that the quality of the courts is good and has just resurfaced three of its courts.
- ◀ Collingham Tennis Club intends on resurfacing the fourth court onsite which has some repaired surface damage.
- ◀ Sherwood Avenue offers pay and play community use via a ticketing meter. Club sites available for pay and play include Caunton, Farnsfield, Southwell and Winthorpe tennis clubs.
- ◀ Courts located at school sites tend to be of inferior quality. This is due to casual use from pupils or a need to update the surface.
- ◀ In general, Newark & Sherwood is well served for quantity of tennis courts, most of which are of good quality however there is anecdotal evidence to suggest a need for indoor courts within Newark & Sherwood.
- ◀ Newark Tennis Club has unsecured tenure of the site at Newark Academy Lilley & Stone. Use of seven grass tennis courts has already been lost and the hard courts are deteriorating in quality. The Club could be asked to leave the site at any time and would require an alternative venue. The Club is therefore seeking relocation to the proposed NSA sports hub site.

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## PART 10: NETBALL

### 10.1: Introduction

England Netball is the National Governing Body which oversees, promotes and manages netball in England. Regionally Newark & Sherwood is covered by Lincolnshire Netball. England Netball run a very successful programme called 'Back to Netball'. Sessions provide a gentle re-introduction to the game for women over sixteen and are led by qualified coaches.

Currently there is no formal league structure within Newark & Sherwood but the sport has started to grow significantly over the last two years. The closest formal league is the Lincoln Netball League at Yarborough Leisure Centre which Fernwood Falcons compete in.

### 10.2: Supply

Generally the supply of netball courts within Newark & Sherwood is adequate and currently fit for purpose; however, many courts are beginning to look tired and will soon be in need of refurbishment.

*Table 10.1: Netball courts in Newark & Sherwood*

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of outdoor courts	Quality
25	Dukeries Leisure Centre	Western	2	Standard
39	Highfields School	Eastern	2	Standard
55	Magnus Sports Centre	Eastern	2	Poor
94	Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone)	Eastern	2	Standard
20	Coddington Primary School	Eastern	1	Standard
59	The Mount C of E Primary School	Eastern	1	Standard
7	Bleasby Primary School	Central	1	Standard
93	Wellow House School	Central	1	Good
58	Southwell Leisure Centre	Central	6	Good
114	Holy Trinity School	Central	2	Standard
43	John Hunt School	Eastern	1	Standard
44	Joseph Whittaker Sports College	Western	2	Standard

The courts at Magnus Sports Centre are considered to be of poor quality due to an undulating and uneven surface. All analysis areas have netball courts. The lowest number is in the Western Analysis Area.

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### 10.3: Demand

Currently there is one established formalised club in Newark & Sherwood which is Fernwood Falcons. As there is no current formal league within the area the Club travels to a central venue league in Lincoln to compete.

There are also seven netball 'groups', six of which have been formed from the 'Back to Netball' programme. The group in Coddington is an unofficial group that have got together to play netball on a casual basis at the primary school. Newark Shooters has created an official team having started out as a 'Back to Netball' group.

*Table 10.2: Netball clubs and location*

Club	Home ground	Floodlit?	Analysis area	No. of teams
Southwell Ladies	Southwell Leisure Centre	Y	Central	1
Sherwood Ladies	Dukeries Academy	Y	Western	1
Newark Shooters	Newark Academy – Lilley & Stone	N	Eastern	1
Roaring Megs	Newark Academy – Lilley & Stone	N	Eastern	1
Collingham - Colls Dolls	Newark Academy – Lilley & Stone	N	Eastern	1
Slaney Shooters	Newark Academy – Lilley & Stone	N	Eastern	1
Coddington	Coddington Primary School	N	Eastern	1
Fernwood Falcons	Yarborough Leisure Centre, Lincoln	Y	Outside	1

### 10.4: Supply and demand analysis

As netball is still growing within Newark & Sherwood the current supply of courts is adequate to accommodate demand. Access to the courts appears to cause no problems for the majority of teams. However; similarly to other 'non-pitch' sports within Newark & Sherwood; during the winter months there is a lack of floodlit courts and/or indoor facilities. So whilst summer netball is well catered for there it is more difficult to access good quality netball provision in winter.

The Collingham team travel to Newark Academy to access courts due to a lack of courts within the area. For players this is a 45 minute round trip and it is believed that the Club could grow further if there were facilities within Collingham.

There is a long term aspiration at The Dukeries Academy to start a netball league in the future. Currently there are two courts but if the league was to become successful it is likely that there would need to be additional courts in the area in the long term and quality would need to be improved.

Courts are currently fit for purpose within Newark & Sherwood, if a little tired; however, if netball continues to grow as it has over the previous three years there will be a need to improve the quality at the key sites (Table 10.2) in order to accommodate additional play. Key sites that are used and will need improving are the Dukeries Academy and Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone).

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### **Netball summary**

- ◀ There are 23 netball courts identified within Newark & Sherwood. All courts are located on education sites.
- ◀ Currently there are seven netball groups within Newark & Sherwood, six of which have been formed from the 'Back to Netball' programme. There is one formalised club, Fernwood Falcons, which travels to Lincoln to compete in a central venue league.
- ◀ All demand is currently accommodated with the existing supply of courts; however there is demand in the winter for floodlit and/or indoor courts.
- ◀ The Collingham team travel to Newark Academy to access courts due to a lack of courts within the area. It is believed that the Club could grow further if there were facilities within Collingham.
- ◀ Key sites that will need refurbishing in the future if participation continues to increase are Dukeries Academy and Newark Academy (Lilley & Stone).

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## APPENDIX 1: 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.

### *Sport England: A Sporting Habit for Life (2012-2017)*

In 2017, five years after the Olympic Games, Sport England aspires to transforming sport in England so that it is a habit for life for more people and a regular choice for the majority. Launched in January 2012 the strategy sets out how Sport England will invest over one billion pounds of National Lottery and Exchequer funding during the five year plan period. The investment will be used to create a lasting community sport legacy by growing sports participation at the grassroots level following the 2012 London Olympics. The strategy will:

- ◀ See more people starting and keeping a sporting habit for life
- ◀ Create more opportunities for young people
- ◀ Nurture and develop talent
- ◀ Provide the right facilities in the right places
- ◀ Support local authorities and unlock local funding
- ◀ Ensure real opportunities for communities

The vision is for England to be a world leading sporting nation where many more people choose to play sport. There are five strategic themes including:

- ◀ Maximise value from current NGB investment
- ◀ Places, People, Play
- ◀ Strategic direction and market intelligence
- ◀ Set criteria and support system for NGB 2013-17 investment
- ◀ Market development

The aim by 2017 is to ensure that playing sport is a lifelong habit for more people and a regular choice for the majority. A specific target is to increase the number of 14 to 25 year olds playing sport. To accomplish these aims the strategy sets out a number of outcomes:

- ◀ 4,000 secondary schools in England will be offered a community sport club on its site with a direct link to one or more NGBs, depending on the local clubs in a school's area.
- ◀ County sports partnerships will be given new resources to create effective links locally between schools and sport in the community.
- ◀ All secondary schools that wish to do so, will be supported to open up, or keep open, their sports facilities for local community use and at least a third of these will receive additional funding to make this happen.
- ◀ At least 150 further educational colleagues will benefit from a full time sports professional who will act as a College Sport Maker.
- ◀ Three quarters of university students aged 18-24 will get the chance to take up a new sport or continue playing a sport they played at school or college.
- ◀ A thousand of our most disadvantaged local communities will get a Door Step Club.

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- ◀ Two thousand young people on the margins of society will be supported by the Dame Kelly Holmes Legacy Trust into sport and to gain new life skills.
- ◀ Building on the success of the Places People Play, a further £100 million will be invested in facilities for the most popular sports.
- ◀ A minimum of 30 sports will have enhanced England Talent Pathways to ensure young people and others fulfil their potential.

### ***National Planning Policy Framework***

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.

### ***The FA National Game Strategy (2011 – 2015)***

The Football Association's (FA) National Game Strategy provides a strategic framework that sets out key priorities, expenditure proposals and targets for the national game (i.e., football) over a four year period. The main issues facing grassroots football are identified as:

- ◀ Growth and retention (young and adult players)
- ◀ Raising standards and behaviour
- ◀ Better players
- ◀ Running the game
- ◀ Workforce
- ◀ Facilities

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'The National Game Strategy' reinforces the urgent need to provide affordable, new and improved facilities in schools, clubs and on local authority sites. Over 75% of football is played on public sector facilities. The leisure budgets of most local authorities have been reduced over recent years, resulting in decaying facilities that do not serve the community and act as a disincentive to play football. The loss of playing fields has also been well documented and adds to the pressure on the remaining facilities to cope with the demand, especially in inner city and urban areas.

The growth of the commercial sector in developing custom built five-a-side facilities has changed the overall environment. High quality, modern facilities provided by Powerleague, Goals and playfootball.net for example, have added new opportunities to participate and prompted a significant growth in the number of five-a-side teams in recent years.

### ***The FA National Facilities Strategy (2013 – 2015)***

The recently launched National Facilities Strategy sets out the FA's long term vision for development of facilities to support the National Game. It aims to address and reflect the facility needs of football within the National Game. The National Game is defined as all non-professional football from Steps 1-7 of the National League System down to recreational football played on open public space. The role of facilities will be crucial in developing the game in England. One of the biggest issues raised from 'the Big Grassroots Football Survey' by that of 84% respondents, was 'poor facilities'.

The FA's vision for the future of facilities in England is to build, protect and enhance sustainable football facilities to improve the experience of the nation's favourite game. It aims to do this by:

- ◀ Building - Provide new facilities and pitches in key locations to FA standards in order to sustain existing participation and support new participation.
- ◀ Protecting - Ensure that playing pitches and facilities are protected for the benefit of current and future participants.
- ◀ Enhancing - Invest in existing facilities and pitches, ensuring that participation in the game is sustained as well as expanded.

The Strategy commits to delivering in excess of £150m (through Football Foundation) into facility improvements across the National Game in line with identified priorities:

- ◀ Natural grass pitches improved – target: 100
- ◀ A network of new AGPs built – target 100
- ◀ A network of refurbished AGPs – target 150
- ◀ On selected sites, new and improved changing facilities and toilets
- ◀ Continue a small grants programme designed to address modest facility needs of clubs
- ◀ Ongoing support with the purchase and replacement of goalposts

It also commits to:

- ◀ Direct other sources of investment into FA facility priorities
- ◀ Communicate priorities for investment across the grassroots game on a regular basis
- ◀ Work closely with Sport England, the Premier League and other partners to ensure that investment is co-ordinated and targeted



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### ***England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Champion Counties Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017***

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic plan in 2013 which seeks to deliver successful England teams at all levels, to produce a vibrant domestic game as well as increasing participation during the period 2014-17. It builds on the 2005 plan, Building Partnerships and the subsequent 2009 initiative, Grounds to Play.

The plan will take advantage of local partnerships developed in earlier plans and support local delivery of priorities through the County network. It targets operational excellence to make maximum use of scarce resources and facilities during a time of economic austerity.

Among the targets set under the four pillars of Effective Governance, Vibrant Domestic Game, Enthusiating Participation and Successful England teams, which are relevant to the playing pitch strategy, are:

- ◀ An increase in participation as measured by Sport England's Active People Survey from 183,400 to 197,500
- ◀ Expand the number of clubs participating in NatWest CricketForce from 2,000 to 2,200
- ◀ Increase the number of cricket's volunteers to 80,000 by 2017
- ◀ Expand the number of participants in women's and disabilities cricket by 10% by 2017
- ◀ To increase the number of TwelfthMan members from 220,000 to 250,000 by 2017
- ◀ Complete an approved Community Engagement programme with all 18 First Class Counties and MCC
- ◀ For each £1 provided in facility grants through the 'Sport England Whole Sport Plan Grant Programme' ensure a multiplier of three with other funding partners
- ◀ Provide a fund of £8.1m of capital investment to enhance floodlights, sightscreens, replay screens, power sub-stations and broadcasting facilities at First Class County venues
- ◀ Provide an interest-free loan fund to community clubs of £10 million
- ◀ Qualify and engage 50 Level 4 coaches to support the development of professional cricketers
- ◀ Expand the number of coaches who have received teacher level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications to 50,000
- ◀ Provide a fund of £2 million for community clubs to combat the impact of climate change
- ◀ Introduce a youth T20 competition engaging 500 teams by 2017

The following actions executed during the duration of Building Partnerships provide a strong base for this plan. Actions include:

- ◀ Streamlining ECB governance
- ◀ Building participation by more than 20% per annum (as measured through ECB focus clubs and County Cricket Boards)
- ◀ Developing women's cricket
- ◀ Attracting volunteers
- ◀ Expanding cricket's spectator base
- ◀ Introducing grants and loans to clubs
- ◀ Developing disabilities cricket

This plan therefore influences 'Grounds to Play' in the areas of facilities and coaches, which is where ECB investment will be focussed. Partnership funding and support will play a key role in the delivery of actions and maintaining the strength of the pillars.

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### ***The Rugby Football Union National Facilities Strategy (2013-2017)***

The RFU National Facility Strategy 2013-2017 provides a framework for development of high-quality, well-managed facilities that will help to strengthen member clubs and grow the game in communities around them. In conjunction with partners, this strategy will assist and support clubs and other organisations, so that they can continue to provide quality opportunities for all sections of the community to enjoy the game. It sets out the broad facility needs of the sport and identifies investment priorities to the game and its key partners. It identifies that with 1.5 million players there is a continuing need to invest in community club facilities in order to:

- ◀ Create a platform for growth in club rugby participation and membership, especially with a view to exploiting the opportunities afforded by RWC 2015.
- ◀ Ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of rugby clubs, through supporting not only their playing activity but also their capacity to generate revenue through a diverse range of activities and partnerships.

In summary the priorities for investment which have met the needs of the game for the Previous period remain valid:

- ◀ Increase the provision of changing rooms and clubhouses that can sustain concurrent adult and junior male and female activity at clubs
- ◀ Improve the quality and quantity of natural turf pitches and floodlighting
- ◀ Increase the provision of artificial grass pitches that deliver wider game development

It is also a high priority for the RFU to target investment in the following:

- ◀ Upgrade and transform social, community and catering facilities, which can support the generation of additional revenues
- ◀ Facility upgrades, which result in an increase in energy-efficiency, in order to reduce the running costs of clubs
- ◀ Pitch furniture, including rugby posts and pads, pitch side spectator rails and grounds maintenance equipment

### ***England Hockey (EH) - A Nation Where Hockey Matters (2013-2017)***

EH have a clear vision, a powerful philosophy and five core objectives that all those who have a role in advancing Hockey can unite behind. With UK Sport and Sport England's investment, and growing commercial revenues, EH are ambitious about how they can take the sport forward in Olympic cycles and beyond.

*"The vision is for England to be a 'Nation Where Hockey Matters'. A nation where hockey is talked about at dinner tables, playgrounds and public houses, up and down the country. A nation where the sport is on the back pages of our newspapers, where children dream of scoring a goal for England's senior hockey team, and where the performance stirs up emotion amongst the many, not the few"*

England Hockey aspires to deepen the passion of those who play, deliver and follow sport by providing the best possible environments and the best possible experiences. Whilst reaching out to new audiences by making the sport more visible, available and relevant and through the many advocates of hockey.

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Underpinning all this is the infrastructure which makes the sport function. EH understand the importance of volunteers, coaches, officials, clubs and facilities. The more inspirational people can be, the more progressive Hockey can be and the more befitting the facilities can be, the more EH will achieve. The core objectives are as follows:

- ◀ Grow our Participation
- ◀ Deliver International Success
- ◀ Increase our Visibility
- ◀ Enhance our Infrastructure
- ◀ Be a strong and respected Governing Body

England Hockey has a Capital Investment Programme (CIP), that is planned to lever £5.6 million investment into hockey facilities over the next four years, underpinned by £2m million from the National Governing Body. With over 500 pitches due for refurbishment in the next 4-8 years, there will be a large focus placed on these projects through this funding stream. The current level of pitches available for hockey is believed to be sufficient for the medium term needs, however in some areas, pitches may not be in the right places in order to maximize playing opportunities

### ***'The right pitches in the right places'<sup>12</sup>***

In 2012, EH released its facility guidance which is intended to assist organisations wishing to build or protect hockey pitches for hockey. It identifies that many existing hockey AGPs are nearing the end of their useful life as a result of the installation boom of the 90's. Significant investment is needed to update the playing stock and protect the sport against inappropriate surfaces for hockey as a result of the rising popularity of AGPs for a number of sports. EH is seeking to invest in, and endorse clubs and hockey providers which have a sound understanding of the following:

- ◀ Single System – clubs and providers which have a good understanding of the Single System and its principles and are appropriately places to support the delivery.
- ◀ ClubsFirst accreditation – clubs with the accreditation are recognised as producing a safe effective and child friendly hockey environment
- ◀ Sustainability – hockey providers and clubs will have an approved development plan in place showing their commitment to developing hockey, retaining members and providing an insight into longer term goals. They will also need to have secured appropriate tenure.

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<http://englandhockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=1143&sectionTitle=The+Right+Pitches+in+the+Right+Places>

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### *England Netball - Your Game, Your Way 2013-17 Whole Sport Plan*

England Netball remains committed to its '10-1-1' mission, vision and values that form the fundamentals for its strategic planning for the future for the sport and business.



To facilitate the successful achievement of Netball 10:1:1 and Goal 4, England Netball will:

- ◀ Accelerate the participation growth by extending our market penetration and reach through the activation of a range of existing and new participant-focused products and programmes that access new and targeted markets.
- ◀ Increase the level of long-term participant retention through targeting programmes at known points of attrition and easy transition through the market segments, supported by an infrastructure that reflects the participant needs and improves their netball experience.
- ◀ Build a sustainable performance pathway and system built on the principles of purposeful practice and appropriate quality athlete coach contact time.
- ◀ Develop sustainable revenue streams through the commercialisation of a portfolio of products and programmes and increasing membership sales. This will also include the creation of cost efficiencies and improved value for money through innovative partnerships and collaborations in all aspects of the business.
- ◀ Establish high standards of leadership and governance that protect the game and its people and facilitates the on-going growth and transformation of the NGB and sport.

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### ***British Tennis (LTA) - Place to Play Strategy***

The LTA aim to get more people to play tennis more frequently and the places to play strategy is a way of doing this. The strategy will aim to provide high quality facilities for everyone at a convenient location.

It's one plan that aims to increase opportunities for people to play tennis on a regular basis at tennis clubs close to their home, which provides high quality opportunities on safe and well maintained tennis courts.

The strategy sets out:

- ◀ Overall vision for places to play
- ◀ How to grow regular participation by supporting places to play to develop and deliver the right programmes
- ◀ Capital investment decisions to ensure we invest in the right facilities to grow the sport
- ◀ Supporting performance programmes in the right locations

The LTA is committed to growing the sport to ensure that more people are playing tennis more often at first class tennis facilities, with high quality coaching programmes and well organised competition.

The overall aim for the next five years (2011-2016) is to ensure that, as far as practicably possible, the British population has access to and are aware of the places and high quality tennis opportunities in their local area. In brief

- ◀ Access for everyone to well maintained high quality tennis facilities which are either free or pay as you play
- ◀ A Clubmark accredited place to play within a ten minute drive of their home
- ◀ Indoor tennis courts within a 20 minute drive time of their home
- ◀ A mini tennis (ten and under) performance programme within a 20 minute drive of their home (Performance Centres)
- ◀ A performance programme for 11 - 15 year olds within a 45 minute drive time of their home (High Performance Centre)
- ◀ A limited number of internationally orientated programmes strategically spread for players 16+ with an international programme (International High Performance Centres)

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### ***Bowls England Strategic Plan 2014-2017***

Bowls England is the largest National Governing Body for the sport of bowls in England, with more than 116,000 individual affiliated members. However, the challenges that the sport now faces are probably greater than at any time in its history.

Research has shown that recruiting and retaining members continues to be a top priority for clubs, many of whom continue to operate in the face of decreasing membership and rising costs.

The Bowls England Strategic Plan sets out three main objectives:

**Promote** the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

**Recruit** new participants to the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

**Retain** current and future participants within the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

The following are strategic priorities for the period to March 2017:

1. To increase participation in the sport of outdoor flat green bowls
2. To support County Associations and Clubs
3. To provide strong leadership and direction

### ***England Athletics: Whole Sport Plan 2013-2017***

The England Athletics plan outlines a strategy to attract and retain 3 million athletics participants by 2017, from a current base of 1.9 million as measured by Active People, whilst cementing athletics as the most popular individual sporting activity in England.

*“The ambition is to make England an athletic nation. Traditional athletics for some, running for many, fitness for all”.*

In order to achieve this, the goals of the strategic plan are:

- ◀ To grow and sustain participation levels in the sport.
- ◀ To improve the experiences of every participant in the sport.
- ◀ To improve performance levels and to grow the next generation of senior athletic champions.

The plan also reflects a total commitment to delivering an inclusive sport, setting specific disability targets that are woven into the core measures for growth and retention of participation. Key personnel within the England Athletics staffing structure will now lead this area of work, focusing on:

- ◀ Delivering inclusive formats of the sport.
- ◀ National policy and programme development.
- ◀ Coaching and teaching resources.

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### APPENDIX 2: CONSULTEE LIST

Consultee	Designation	Organisation
Phil Beard	Business Manager, Parks & Amenities	Newark & Sherwood District Council
Andy Hardy	Business Manager, Community Sports and Arts Development	Newark and Sherwood District Council
Fiona Houghton	Club & Coach Development Officer	Newark & Sherwood District Council
Matt Bloor	Sports Development Officer	Nottinghamshire County Council
Karen Wakefield	Town Clerk	Ollerton & Boughton Town Council
Alan Mellor	Town Clerk	Newark Town Council
Carol Standish	Town Clerk	Southwell Town Council
Ricky Stevenson	County Development Manager	Nottinghamshire FA
Simon Dowdy	Relationship Manager	England Hockey
Louise Key	Programme Manager	England Netball
Andy McFeeters	LTA	The Lawn Tennis Association
Keith Tongue	Club Development Officer	England Cricket Board
Peter Shaw	Regional Funding & Facilities	Rugby Football Union
Catherine Jones	PE Teacher	Dukeries Academy & Complex
Sue Harpham	Sports College Manager	Joseph Whitaker Sports College
Jane Atherton	Admin Manager	Joseph Whitaker Sports College
Steve Mitchell	Head of PE	Newark Academy
Jacqueline Straw	Business Director	The Minster School
Martin Wilson	Site Manager	The Minster School
Dave Scott	Premises Manager	Magnus C of E Academy
Paul Lynch	Chairman	Newark Athletic Club
Chris Wain	Head Groundsman	Blidworth Welfare FC
Geoff Ritson	Secretary	Southwell City FC
Vicki Hayward	Treasurer	Southwell City FC
Steve Brown	Vice-Chairman	Southwell City FC
Chris Wade	Club Secretary	Newark Town FC
Linda Cree	Club Secretary	R.H.P Colts YFC
James King		R.H.P Colts YFC
John Mersh	Chairman	Newark Flowserve FC
Phil Selby-Smith	Vice-Chairman & Coach	Robin Hood Colts YFC
Glenn Cobb	League Chairman	New Newark Youth League
Simon Roberts	League Secretary	Newark Football Alliance
David Duddles	Director of Mini & Youth Teams	Newark Rugby Union FC
Jim Wigglesworth	Club & Fixtures Secretary	Ollerton Rugby Club
Tom Craig	Chairman	Southwell Rugby Club
James Middleton	Chairperson	Newark Hockey Club
Tim Burch	Youth Section Chair	Newark Hockey Club
Jane Kemp	Chair	Southwell Brincliffe Hockey Club
Graham Jackson	Chairman	Balderton Cricket Club
Martin Cheshire	Hon Secretary	Thoresby Colliery CC



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<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Murray Wookey	Hon Secretary	Southwell CC
Tim Wilson	Chairman	Southwell CC
Dave Cannell	Director of Youth	Newark Ransome & Marles Cricket Club
Gary Lambert	Chairman	Newark Ransome & Marles Cricket Club

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### APPENDIX 3: REQUIREMENTS OF STEP SYSTEM

Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
7	No minimum and no boundary fencing required	Post and rope around all sides that accommo date spectators . Minimum of 1.83m (ideally 2m) away from touchline and if hard standing exists (not compulsory ) it should be minimum of 0.9 metres width.	Not essential but its desirable that a technical area exists within the laws of the game	Not compulsory	Not required, however where one exists it must be fixed and fully operational	No specific requirements for accommodation	None Required	Provision should be made for adequate toilet facilities	Existing must be 12m <sup>2</sup> , with 4 shower heads and adequate toilets for players .New build 18m <sup>2</sup> .	Minimum 4m <sup>2</sup> , 1 shower and access to toilets (not necessarily inside the changing room). New build 6m <sup>2</sup> .  Provision for both male and female officials required.

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Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
Entry to Step 6/ H	No minimum, but ground must be enclosed with fencing 1.83m high	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Hard standing width of 0.9m on spectator side of barrier on a minimum of 2 adjacent sides from the entrance.	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	1 required or a pay box.	Can be on 1 side only. 50 minimum covered. No allocation required for Directors	None Required	2 WC's should be required	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC (exclusive use but not necessarily en suite) and 1 wash hand basin. New build 6m2.  Provision for both male and female officials required.
6/ G	No minimum, but ground must be enclosed with fencing 1.83m high	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Hard standing width of 0.9m on spectator side of barrier on a minimum of 2 sides on adjacent sides from the entrance.	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	1 required or a pay box.	Can be on 1 side but preferably 2 sides. 100 minimum covered of which 50 must be seated and located in one stand. No allocation required for Directors	None Required	Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. New build 6m2.  Provision for both male and female officials required.

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Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
5/ F	No minimum, but ground must be enclosed with fencing 1.83m high	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Hard standing width of 0.9m on spectator side of barrier on a minimum of 3 sides.	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	1 required or a pay box.	Can be on 1 side but preferably on 2 sides of ground. 200 minimum covered of which 100 must be seated (can be 2 stands each 50) 16 seats allocated to Directors. Public address system required.	None Required	Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m <sup>2</sup> , with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m <sup>2</sup> .	Minimum 4m <sup>2</sup> , 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. New build 6m <sup>2</sup> .  Provision for both male and female officials required.

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Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
Seekin g promoti on from 5- 4/ E	1,000	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 0.9m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	2 required with 0.9m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on at least 2 sides of ground. 250 minimum covered of which 150 must be seated in not more than 2 stands (no stand can have less than 50 seats). 16 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 16 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required.	Minimum 2 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 buzzer required. New build 6m2.  Provision for both male and female officials required.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m2.

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Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
4/ D	1,300 with potential to increase to 1,950	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 0.9m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	2 required with 0.9m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on at least 2 sides of ground. 300 minimum covered of which 150 must be seated in not more than 2 stands (no stand can have less than 50 seats). 24 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 24 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required.	Minimum 2 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 2 urinals or equivalent and 1 WC. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m2.  Provision for both male and female officials required.

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Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
3/ C	1,950, with potential to increase to 3,000	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 0.9m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 8 people or 4m in length	Average lux of 120 for existing or 180 lux must be provided for new	3 required with 0.9m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on 2 sides of ground. 500 minimum covered of which 250 must be seated (no more than 2 stands, minimum of 50 per stand). 24 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 24 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required.	4 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 4 urinals or equivalent and 2 WC's. Female: 2WC's	Existing must be 12m2, with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC. New build 18m2.	Minimum 4m2, 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m2.  Provision for both male and female officials required.



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Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
2/B	3,000, with potential to increase to 4,000	1.1m high and 1.83 m away from touchline (ideally 2m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 0.9m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 11 people or 5.5m in length	Average lux of 180	6 required with 0.9m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on 2 sides of ground. 500 minimum covered of which 250 must be seated and located in one stand. 24 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 24 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required	6 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 4 urinals or equivalent and 2 WC's. Female: 2WC's	Must be 18m <sup>2</sup> , with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC.  Provision for both male and female officials required.	Minimum 4m <sup>2</sup> , 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required.  New build 6m <sup>2</sup> .

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Step/ Grade	Min Capacity	Pitch Barrier	Technical area	Floodlights	Turnstiles	Spectator Accommodation	Press seating	Toilets within ground	Players Changing	Match Officials Changing
1/A	4,000, with potential to increase to 5,000	1.1m high and 2.25 m away from touchline (ideally 2.75m). Must be in filled so ball can't pass through. 1m hard standing on all 4 areas of the ground	Same side of pitch, ideally 3m apart and seat 11 people or 5.5m in length	Average lux of 250	8 required with 1m hard standing to all spectator areas.	Preferably on 2 sides of ground. 500 minimum covered of which 250 must be seated and located in one stand. 24 seats allocated to Directors. Also need separate Directors room for hospitality serving minimum 24 people. Separate medical room required, not accessed through changing rooms. Public address system required	12 with lights and writing facilities	Male: 4 urinals or equivalent and 2 WC's. Female: 2WC's	Must be 18m <sup>2</sup> , with 4 shower heads, 1 wash hand basin, 1 WC and 2 urinals.	Minimum 6m <sup>2</sup> , 1 shower, 1 WC and 1 wash hand basin. Bell buzzer required. New build 6m <sup>2</sup> .  Provision for both male and female officials required.

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Improving pitch quality is one way to increase the capacity at sites. Given the cost of doing such work and the continued maintenance required (and associated costs) alternatives need to be considered that can offer a more sustainable model for the future of football. The alternative to grass pitches is the use of AGPs for competitive matches and this is something that the FA is supporting, particularly for mini football.

*Summary of competitive teams playing on grass pitches in Newark & Sherwood*

Analysis area	Adults	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5
Central	14	21	7	8	4
Eastern	34	21	16	18	17
Western	23	15	7	9	1
<b>NEWARK &amp; SHERWOOD</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>

### *What if all mini and youth football played on AGPs*

In order to test the scenario a programme of play for AGPs has been created based on the current peak time demand for mini/youth pitches in Nottingham. In terms of programming; one full size AGP can accommodate four 5v5 pitches, two 7v7 pitches, two 9v9 pitches or one youth 11v11 pitch at any one time.

### *Mini 5v5 & 7v7 combined programme*

Time slot	Matches per full size AGP	Total teams/matches
9.00am – 10.00am	4 x mini (5v5)	22/11
10.00am – 11.00am	6 x mini (7v7)	35/18
11.00am – 12.00pm		
12.00pm – 1.30pm		

### *How many AGPs would be required if all mini teams were moved to 3G?*

There are currently 57 mini teams in Newark & Sherwood, which, based on the programming above would require three AGPs.

### *Youth 9v9 programme*

Time slot	Matches per full size AGP	Total teams/matches
9.30am – 11.00am	2 x youth (9v9)	30/15
11.00am – 12.30pm	2 x youth (9v9)	

### *How many AGPs would be required if all youth 9v9 teams were moved to 3G?*

There are currently 30 youth 9v9 teams which would require 3.75 (rounded to four) AGPs if all were to play in the same time slots highlighted in the table above.

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### *Youth 11v11 programme*

Time slot	Matches per full size AGP	Total teams/matches
12.30pm – 2.30pm	1 x youth (11v11)	57/29
2.30pm – 4.30pm	1 x youth (11v11)	

### ***How many AGPs would be required if all youth 11v11 teams were moved to 3G?***

There are currently 57 youth 11v11 teams which would require 14.5 (rounded to 15) AGPs if all were to play in the same time slots highlighted in the table above.

### ***Adult programme (Saturday pm)***

Time slot	Matches per full size AGP	Total teams/matches
12.00pm – 2.00pm	1 x adult (11v11)	20/10
2.00pm – 4.00pm	1 x adult (11v11)	

### ***How many AGPs would be required if all adult Saturday teams were moved to 3G?***

There are currently 20 adult 11v11 teams which would require five AGPs if all were to play in the same time slots highlighted in the table above.

### ***Adult programme (Sunday am)***

Time slot	Matches per full size AGP	Total teams/matches
10.00am -12.00pm	1 x adult (11v11)	30/15
12.00pm – 2.00pm	1 x adult (11v11)	

### ***How many AGPs would be required if all adult Sunday teams were moved to 3G?***

There are currently 30 adult 11v11 teams which would require 7.5 (rounded to eight) AGPs if all were to play in the same time slots highlighted in the table above.