



Dacorum Sport & Recreation Study Outdoor Sports Facilities Assessment Report and Strategy & Action Plan



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PART I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

This is the Assessment Report considering supply and demand issues for outdoor sports facilities, their ancillary facilities and recreational parks sport provision in Dacorum, Hertfordshire. It covers the predominant issues for sports pitch provision that services football, rugby (union and league), cricket, hockey and baseball. It also considers outdoor facilities for tennis, netball, bowls and golf and an analysis of the provision of multi-use games areas which are used for formal sports delivery.

Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) Planning Department commissioned the study in September 2004. The principal research was carried out between October 2004 and February 2005. This report sits alongside another assessment report which covers indoor sport and recreation facilities.

The information from this study will be used to:

- Inform the development of appropriate planning policy within the DBC Local Development Framework.
- Prioritise investment through the development control process in terms of provision of new facilities as well as the improvement of existing facilities.
- Establish a strategy for sport and recreation facilities at the local level.
- Establish a strategy for community facilities at the local level to prioritise work programmes with local groups and allocate funding.

Study objectives

The specific objective of this study is to provide a comprehensive analysis of sport and recreation facilities in Dacorum Borough.

The assessment of these facilities and the subsequent strategy and action plan will allow Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) to plan the access, improvement and protection of land and facilities.

This report does not include strategic recommendations and policy objectives. These are included within the Strategy and Action Plan document.

1.2 GENERAL METHODOLOGY

Background information

An extensive range of background information has been reviewed and incorporated in all documents, including the relevant strategies and action plans. Those reports that impact on this study are highlighted in the appropriate section.

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Parish council questionnaire

A questionnaire was created by Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP). The questionnaire was posted to all parish councils and the data received was entered into a database. After a specific deadline KKP contacted parish councils that had not replied in order that a complete and therefore representative set of results was obtained.

Qualitative interviews

The core of the interviewing revolved around extensive consultation with key individuals, clubs, officers, groups and agencies working in and around Dacorum. More specifically, community centres and leisure centres were visited, whilst village hall personnel were consulted by telephone interviews. Qualitative in-depth interviews were conducted either face-to-face or by telephone.

Site visits

Site visits were conducted by KKP. Indoor and outdoor sites were assessed using the appropriate criteria.

- Outdoor sites were analysed using Sport England Electronic Tool Kit and sport specific evaluation sheets.
- Indoor facility condition was analysed on site and during consultation. Pre agreed questions were used.

(See Appendix Two for a list of all proformas and questionnaires that were used as part of this study).

The creation of analysis areas

The analysis areas were defined to relate to towns and villages and their catchments. The table below shows the analysis areas used and the wards included within these areas.

Wards within analysis areas:

Berkhamsted Area:

- Ashridge
- Berkhamsted Castle
- Northchurch
- Berkhamsted East
- Berkhamsted West

Eastern Villages Area:

- Watling

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Hemel Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nash Mills | <input type="checkbox"/> Bennetts End |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hemel Hempstead Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Adeyfield West |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adeyfield East | <input type="checkbox"/> Leverstock Green |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apsley | <input type="checkbox"/> Warners End |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaulden & Shrubhill | <input type="checkbox"/> Gadebridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corner Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> Highfield & St Pauls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grove Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> Boxmoor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodhall | |

Southern Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bovington, Flaunden & Chipperfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Kings Langley |
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Tring Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tring East | <input type="checkbox"/> Aldbury and Wigginton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tring West | <input type="checkbox"/> Tring Central |

Below is a table of the population of each analysis area:

Analysis area	Population
Berkhamsted Area	21,791
Eastern Villages Area	5,279
Hemel Area	81,165
Southern Area	13,900
Tring Area	15,659
Dacorum Borough	137,794

1.3 LOCAL CONTEXT

Dacorum covers an area of 21,182 hectares with a population of approximately 137,800 (2001 Census).

Situated in west Hertfordshire, Dacorum is a borough with a mixture of strong urban and rural identities. It includes the towns of Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Tring as well as a number of villages from Long Marston in the west to Flaunden in the south and Markyate and Flamstead in the north-east. It is strategically located in the motorway network, with M1, M10, and M25 all being close by.

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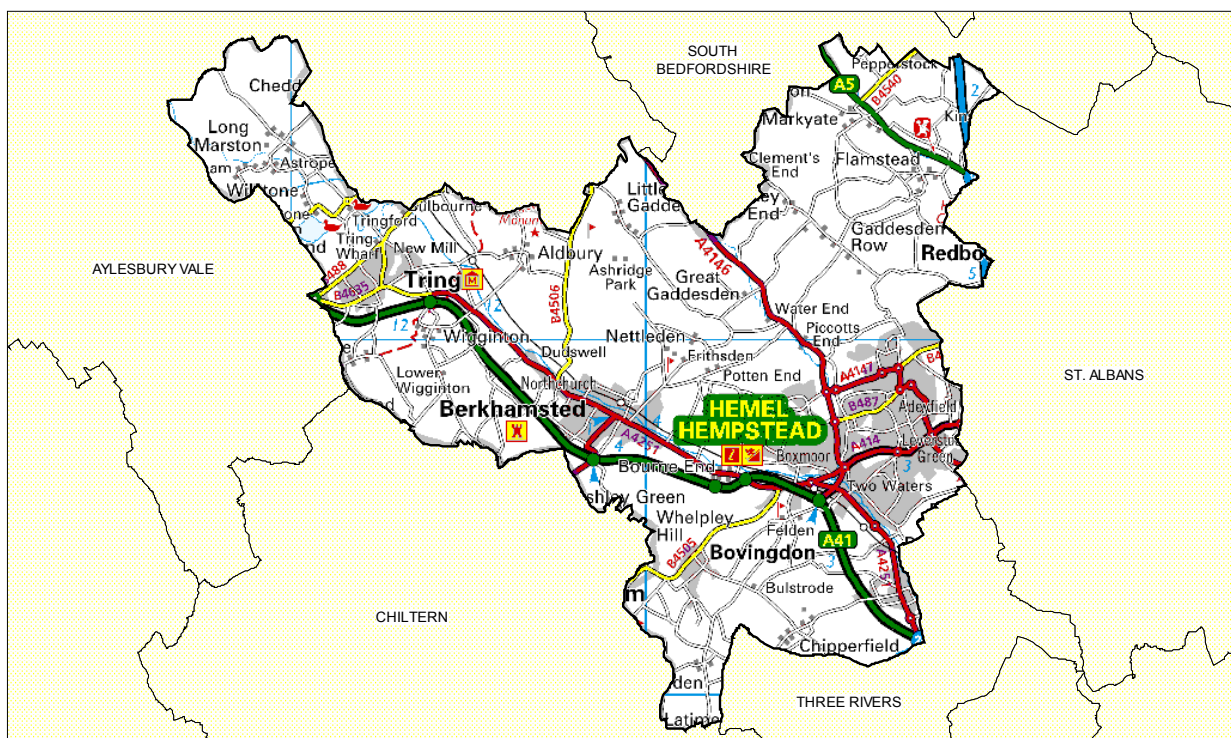
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Over a third of the Borough's 210.2 square kilometres are designated as part of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, while most of the rest has high landscape quality and potential.

Hemel Hempstead was one of the first 'New Towns' built after the Second World War. Its development reflects the original concept of the new town as a series of integrated communities with individual identity and neighbourhood focus. The rapid growth of Hemel Hempstead is reflected in the large number of buildings of similar age and appearance.

The remainder of the Borough is rural, surrounding two market towns, Berkhamsted and Tring. Although agriculture is no longer a major employment sector in Dacorum, outside the towns the communities value their rural heritage as well as expecting good modern services. The conservation of buildings and landscape are important considerations in Dacorum, balanced with concerns to maintain thriving businesses in town centres. Communities in rural areas of the Borough are represented by 16 town or parish councils.

Figure 1- Map of borough and surrounding area



1.4 PLANS AND STRATEGIES

The Community Plan

Dacorum's Community Plan seeks to reflect key needs, aspirations and priorities for people living, working and visiting the Borough. Consultation helped to develop a

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vision for Dacorum up to 2015. The Plan identifies the main actions that DBC will be taking, working together with partner organisations, to make a difference in Dacorum and to meet the community's priorities for action. These priorities are:

- ❑ Reducing Crime and Feeling Safe.
- ❑ Creating a Cleaner and Healthier Environment.
- ❑ Improving Social Care and Health.
- ❑ Ensuring Easy Access to Local Employment.
- ❑ Delivering Lifelong Learning.
- ❑ Meeting Housing Need.
- ❑ Promoting Culture, Arts and Leisure.
- ❑ Encouraging Community Involvement.
- ❑ Responding to the Needs of Children and Young People.

Dacorum Borough Local Plan 1991-2011

The Local Plan is the adopted framework for guiding, controlling and facilitating development within the District up to 2011.

The area covered by the Plan is diverse. The north and east of the Borough is largely rural in nature and dominated by the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a rural area designation. The towns of Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted and Tring are surrounded by Green Belt, and along with the villages provide facilities and services, both to their residents and the surrounding areas. Some limited opportunities for development are identified in the Plan.

Much of the southern half of the area is covered by Green Belt designation and is dominated by the main town of Hemel Hempstead. This centre has accommodated development growth in the past and continues to take the majority of it now. With good communications, shopping, employment and leisure facilities Hemel Hempstead provides a sustainable location for development over the Plan period. The villages of Bovington, Kings Langley and Chipperfield provide more limited facilities in the area to the south of Hemel Hempstead.

Below is a summary of the most relevant policies to this study.

Social and community facilities

- ❑ Provision of sufficient land to accommodate a wide range of well located social and community facilities to meet the needs of all sections of the community will be given high priority.
- ❑ Planning permission will not be granted for development which would result in the loss of viable social and community facilities, unless satisfactory alternative provision is made.
- ❑ Planning permission will not be granted for major new developments until the appropriate agencies have considered the need to provide integral social and

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community facilities. Where appropriate the necessary land or floor space will be reserved or a contribution sought towards the provision of such facilities.

- Proposals to include new social and community facilities as part of a development for another use will be encouraged. Other types of development which include or support social and community facilities likely to make an important contribution to community life will be welcomed, provided they accord with the general policies of the Plan. This may be particularly appropriate in town and local centres.

Leisure and tourism

- High priority will be given to the provision of land for a wide range of leisure activities. Provision should enable the needs of all sections of the community to be met in appropriate locations.
- In towns and large villages provision of leisure space will be sought to a standard of 2.8 hectares per 1000 population, so distributed that all residential areas are within reasonable walking distance of facilities of a type which reflects the local population's needs in terms of sport and/or play.
- In the villages existing leisure space will be retained. New leisure space will be created only where identified needs and opportunities arise.
- Proposals for new indoor sports facilities which add to the variety of provision in Dacorum will be encouraged if located in the towns.
- Indoor leisure facilities to serve large villages and settlements in the Green Belt and the Rural Area will only be permitted on a small scale to meet the needs of the local population.
- The dual use of existing indoor and outdoor facilities and the joint provision of new facilities are encouraged, particularly where there is a local shortage or where a new activity could be opened up to wider participation.

Community Safety Strategy (2005-2008)

The third Community Safety Strategy was produced in 2005 building upon the achievements of the previous strategies. The Community Safety Partnership is made up of Dacorum Borough Council, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Police Authority, Dacorum Primary Care Trust and other local groups and organisations.

The strategic objectives and key work themes for 2005 to 2008 were developed from the findings of the Crime and Disorder and Drugs Audit and a Fear of Crime Survey. They were developed in close consultation with local people, their elected representatives and supported by locally based organisations serving the community.

The Strategy runs until 31st March 2008 and has five priorities which include reduction of:

- Crime;
- Anti social behaviour;
- Drug and alcohol misuse;

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- Fear of crime; and
- Targetting prolific and other priority offenders.

A Cultural Strategy for Dacorum 'Enjoy Dacorum'

The Cultural Strategy was produced in 2002 and covers the period up to 2007. It outlines DBC's priorities for improving cultural opportunities for everyone in the community. Dacorum's definition of culture focuses on participation in sports and recreation, arts and entertainment, tourism, heritage and the countryside. The actions within the Strategy ensure that DBC's resources and skills, together with partners, are used appropriately and efficiently in furthering the cultural landscape of Dacorum.

A number of key aims were developed from consultation with the community and other partners:

- Improve the quality and range of cultural services and activities, making Dacorum a more prosperous and attractive place to live.
- Encourage greater participation in and access to cultural activities from all sectors of the community.
- Explore new and innovative ways to raise the awareness of cultural services and activities in the area to provide more information on cultural activities.
- Increase partnership working to better deliver cultural services and activities.
- Improve consultation with all the people of Dacorum to ensure knowledge about the cultural service provision that is wanted in the area.

In particular, a number of actions have been identified for sport and recreation. The cultural purpose is to maintain and improve the provision of sport and recreation opportunities in the Borough and to create equality of access to these services throughout people's lives. It also focuses on providing, and supporting others to provide, a variety of play, care and youth opportunities ensuring quality of opportunity, leisure and fun.

Sports Strategy 'Moving the Goal posts'

Covering the period 2002 – 2006, the Strategy defines what DBC would like to achieve and influence, in order to improve opportunities for participation and performance in sport and recreation.

The vision of the Strategy is that Dacorum will be a borough in which people of all ages and abilities have access to high quality, enjoyable sporting opportunities. There will be support for them to get a good introduction to sport and recreation, to participate and stay involved in sport throughout their lives.

The main recommendations of the sports strategy are:

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- Priority will be given to mass participation and the introduction to sport, but some support will also be given to those at the performance and excellence levels of sport.
- The Council will provide grant aid support to individuals and organisations and assist partners to access external funding.
- The sports service will be more co-ordinated and the sports centres and sports development will work closer together.
- Pricing of activities will reflect the market rate, whilst remaining competitive.
- Open space will be managed to balance protection of the existing environment and enable access to sporting and recreational opportunities.
- Sports opportunities will be available to all regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, income, disability or where they live.
- The Council will maximise scarce resources and ensure it delivers the most effective service to the local community, linking closely with partner organisations, such as Hertfordshire Sports Partnership, Sport England and playing its part in delivering the Council's objectives and meeting local needs.

1.5 LOCAL ISSUES

Transport

Dacorum has excellent transport links and is well serviced by the M1, M10 and M25 motorways and the main line from London Euston, as well as having close proximity to the major airports. This makes the Borough very attractive to commuters.

There is an extremely high level of car ownership in the Borough, with 1.37 per household, and 42% of households having two or more cars. Whilst these figures reflect the relative affluence of the area it does not mean that reliance on affordable, cheap and efficient public transport is less acute. Even within the most affluent wards, there are pockets of deprivation; in total 17.3% of households in Dacorum have no access to a car.

Initially neighbourhoods were designed to be fairly self-sufficient with each having a range of local facilities: shops, a church, community centre, a pub, etc. With the increase in car ownership people in the new town neighbourhoods now travel between neighbourhoods much more freely and the dependence on local facilities has decreased.

Housing

DBC manages just over 11,000 homes. This represents about one fifth of those in the Borough. The Council's Housing Strategy sets out its objectives for the future with regard to the strategic housing function. It is an overarching document that brings together other sub-strategies such as the Homelessness Strategy and Affordable Housing Strategy and complements the Council's corporate strategies and objectives. The main issue is high house prices and the need for affordable housing.

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Crime

Crime levels in Dacorum during 2003/04 were well below the national average crime rate, except for Fraud & Forgery and Vehicle Crime which were slightly higher. Dacorum has the third lowest recorded crime level in Hertfordshire.

When compared against both the national picture and Hertfordshire, Dacorum is a safe place to live and work. Over the past three years steady progress has already witnessed lower than average increases in burglary, robbery and theft offences.

1.6 LOCAL DEMOGRAPHICS

According to the 2001 Census, Dacorum has the highest population of all Hertfordshire's boroughs and districts. In total 15% of residents are aged 65 or more and 19.7% are aged under 15. There are 57,612 (2003 figure) dwellings, of which around 20% (11,291) are owned by the Council. The 2001 Census indicated that people from black and ethnic minority communities constitute 4.6% of the population of Dacorum. 5.2% of households are headed by a lone parent.

However the population profile varies ward by ward: those new town neighbourhoods that were developed most recently have a lower than borough-average age profile, with more young families and higher birth rates. The generation that originally moved to Hemel Hempstead as young adults is now at retirement age, and the proportion of 40-59 year olds, children of the original New Town settlers, is increasing (*Census 2001*).

Dacorum is among the 50 most affluent areas in the country, although there are some deprived areas. The last Index of Multiple Deprivation, taking a range of economic and social statistical measures, ranked Dacorum at 312 from a total of 354 English Council areas. This means that only 42 authorities are more affluent than Dacorum. However, of 27 wards in the Borough, three are in the 50% most deprived wards in England.

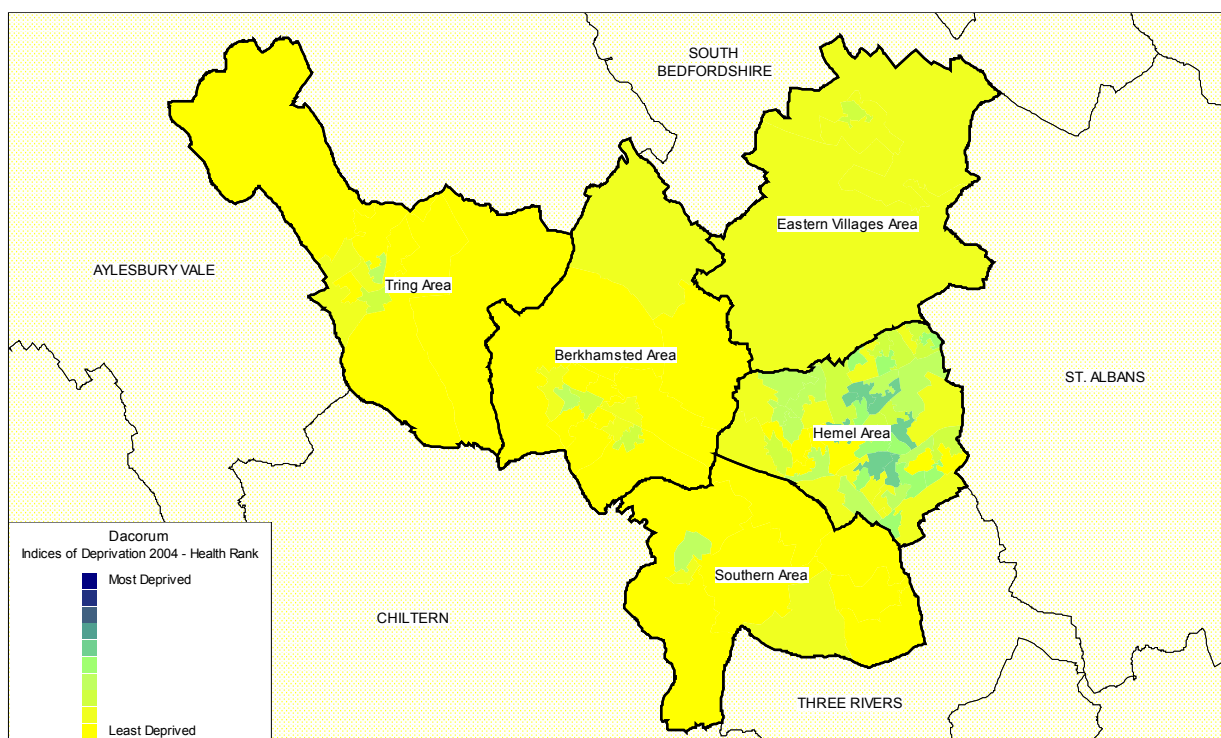
Indices of multiple deprivation (IMD)

As provided by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, the latest set of statistics available were published in 2004. The indices of multiple deprivation analyse deprivation according to key indicators:

- Income.
- Employment.
- Health deprivation and disability.
- Education, skills and training.
- Housing.
- Geographical Access to Services.

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Figure 2- Indices of deprivation 2004 – Health rank in Dacorum



There are 21 wards in Hertfordshire with poor health including Bennetts End and Highfield in Dacorum.¹ Hertfordshire appears to have fewer people claiming disability allowance than some other counties.

¹ As defined by the authors of the Indices of Deprivation report - Years of Potential Life Lost (1997-2001). Comparative Illness and Disability Ratio (2001). Measures of emergency admissions to hospital (1999-2002). Adults under 60 suffering from mood or anxiety disorders (1997-2002).

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Population demographics

The table provides a breakdown of relevant demographics to this study:

Area	Total Population	% Male	% Female	% of under 16's	% of over 60's	% of non-white ethnic origin	% of households with no vehicle
Dacorum	137,807	49.2%	50.8%	20.9%	19.5%	4.6%	17.3%
England & Wales	52,041,916	48.7%	51.3%	20.2%	20.9%	8.7%	26.8%
Berkhamsted Area							
Ashridge	2,636	50.3%	49.7%	20.1%	24.5%	1.9%	6.3%
Berkhamsted Castle	5,660	49.3%	50.7%	18.7%	18.4%	3.4%	10.8%
Berkhamsted East	5,390	48.4%	51.6%	21%	18.5%	2.8%	15.3%
Berkhamsted West	5,456	47.5%	52.5%	22.8%	21.3%	2.2%	15.7%
Northchurch	2,649	48.2%	51.8%	17%	30.1%	2.1%	19.9%
Eastern Villages Area							
Watling	5,279	50.2%	49.8%	19.9%	19%	2.1%	11.2%
Hemel Area							
Adeyfield East	5,502	48%	52%	19.1%	25%	5.1%	24.9%
Adeyfield West	4,932	48.4%	51.6%	21.6%	22.9%	5.7%	26.3%
Apsley	2,906	51%	49%	18.8%	16.2%	5.8%	17.1%
Bennetts End	5,897	48.2%	51.8%	23.6%	20.3%	8.2%	24.9%
Boxmoor	5,496	48.4%	51.6%	20.6%	20.3%	3.5%	14.7%
Chaulden & Shrubhill	5,135	49.2%	50.8%	21.3%	22.3%	3%	20%
Corner Hall	5,938	49.3%	50.7%	22.9%	16.2%	6.7%	20.1%
Gadebridge	5,234	49.7%	50.3%	22.8%	21.1%	3.5%	19.2%
Grovehill	7,809	49.1%	50.9%	21.9%	12%	5.4%	20.5%
Hemel Hempstead Central	4,869	48.8%	51.2%	16.7%	23.6%	5.3%	25.7%
Highfield & St Pauls	7,249	48.7%	51.3%	23.6%	19.2%	7.1%	28.2%
Leverstock Green	7,026	49.3%	50.7%	19.9%	22.6%	5.1%	11.9%
Nash Mills	2,662	49.5%	50.5%	20%	21.3%	9.2%	17.5%
Warners End	4,849	48.4%	51.6%	21.4%	20%	3.9%	22.5%
Woodhall	5,661	49.3%	50.7%	22.1%	6.9%	9.1%	11.9%
Southern Area							
Bovingdon Flaunden & Chipperfield	8,825	53.5%	46.5%	18.4%	18.8%	5.4%	8.1%
Kings Langley	5,075	48.7%	51.3%	20.6%	22.8%	3.4%	15.3%
Tring Area							
Aldbury and Wigginton	2,361	48.9%	51.1%	18.8%	21.9%	1.4%	8.9%
Tring Central	5,114	49.4%	50.6%	23.3%	17.3%	2.5%	15.3%
Tring East	2,731	48.3%	51.7%	19%	21.2%	1.5%	9.4%
Tring West	5,453	47.9%	52.1%	22.5%	18%	1.8%	14.5%

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The main points are:

- The age structure of Dacorum's resident population is extremely similar to that of the County. The population of Dacorum increased by just over 2% between 1991 and 1999. This was significantly lower than the 5.5% increase in the County as a whole over the same period.
- Dacorum Borough has a lower than average female population. The percentage of females in the Borough (50.8%) is very slightly lower than the national average (51.3%). This trend is exemplified in Bovington, Flaunden & Chipperfield where the female percentage is relatively low (46.5%). However the trend is reversed in Berkhamsted West, where the female percentage is higher than the national average (52.5%).
- Although Dacorum has a slightly lower than average percentage of over 60's, this is not the case in all areas. In particular, the ward of Northchurch has an ageing population (30.1%).
- Dacorum has a lower proportion of residents from black and minority ethnic communities than both the county and national averages (4.6%). The largest ethnic group in the Borough is Asian residents, accounting for 1.5% of all residents. Wards including Woodhall and Nash Mills have higher than average percentage of BME groups at around 9%.
- The majority of households in Dacorum own a car. The percentage of households with no vehicle (17.3%) is significantly lower than the national average (26.8%). However, car ownership is particularly low in Highfield and St Paul's where 28.2% have no car. In total 42% of households have two or more cars in Dacorum.
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- Dacorum has an average number of young people (under 16 years old) living in the Borough. However, there are two wards in particular with higher than average proportions of young people: Bennetts End and Highfield and St Pauls (both 23.6%).

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PART 2: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

2.1 Introduction

This report uses established, recognised quantitative and qualitative methodologies, in keeping with the recommendations of PPG17, for assessing the supply of, and demand for outdoor sports facilities.

2.2 Sport England methodology.

The analysis outlined in this report is based on Sport England's (SE) playing pitch strategy methodology, 'Towards A Level Playing Field' (2003). This document outlines specific criteria for assessing the quantity, quality, capacity and accessibility of playing pitches and ancillary facilities. These criteria and the principles of the assessment have also been applied to outdoor sports facilities other than pitches.

The scoring criteria provided in the Electronic Toolkit, which accompanies 'Towards A Level Playing Field' have been used in this study. This was implemented by carrying out site visits to all local authority playing fields, parks and recreation grounds, all secondary schools and a large number of private and voluntary sector sports clubs. The visits involve carrying out a 'non-technical visual quality assessment' to collect site, individual pitch and changing accommodation information. This information is then scored and converted into a qualitative rating. The qualitative ratings are listed as:

- Good.
- Adequate.
- Poor.

This is explained in further detail in Part 5 of this report.

SE specify the need to develop a temporal supply and demand analysis (i.e. at peak usage times, how many teams want to play and how many pitches are available) and team generation rates (i.e. the number of teams being generated by the current population). These terms are explained fully and the analysis presented in Part 6 of this report.

2.3 Information collection

Information about clubs and teams, leagues, county associations and national governing bodies (NGBs) has been collected in a variety of ways:

- Meetings with local sports development and leisure services staff.
- Face to face meetings with clubs, schools, development groups etc.
- Telephone interviews with league representatives, county associations etc.
- Questionnaires to primary and junior schools.

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Number of sports clubs and team approached for consultation in Dacorum

Sport	Questionnaires sent out	Received	%
Football	69	22	32%
Cricket	12	9	75%
Rugby Union	2	1	50%
Rugby League	1	1	100%
Bowls	7	5	71%
Tennis	6	3	50%
Netball	2	2	100%

All secondary schools in the Borough were visited. All 43 primary and junior schools were sent a questionnaire. 25 (58%) responded. All schools were telephoned and emailed at least three times to chase up responses.

A qualitative local standard has been devised for consideration within the local planning process. Taking the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) calculations a step further it considers pitches which are available for community use (rather than the entire pitch stock) and the proportion of those pitches which have been graded as poor or inadequate by users.

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PART 3: SPORT SPECIFIC SUMMARY

3.1 Introduction

The following sections summarise the local administration of the main outdoor sports within Dacorum.

They provide a quantitative summary of provision and a map showing the distribution of facilities. They also provide information about the governing body of each sport and regional strategic plans (where they exist). Details of local leagues 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.

The sports covered are as follows:

- 3.2 Football.
- 3.3 Cricket.
- 3.4 Rugby Union.
- 3.5 Rugby League.
- 3.6 Hockey.
- 3.7 Bowls.
- 3.8 Tennis.
- 3.9 Netball.
- 3.10 Golf.
- 3.11 Athletics.
- 3.12 Baseball.
- 3.13 Lacrosse.

NB The maps contain errors and omissions. Site location was based on postcodes which resulted in anomalies.

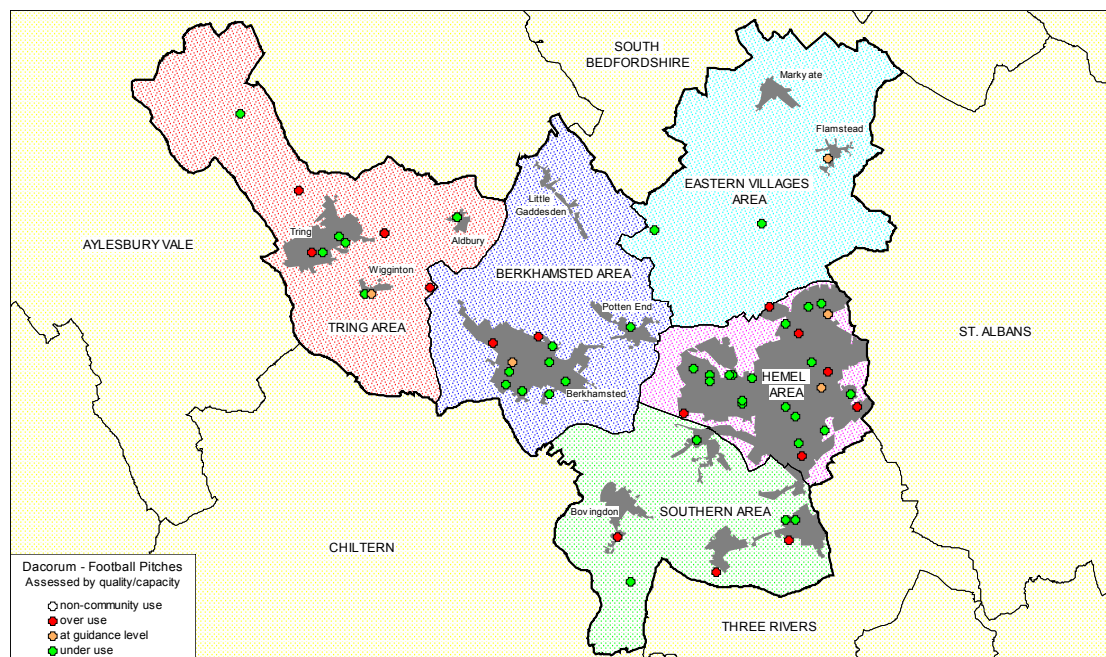
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3.2 FOOTBALL

Table 1: Summary of pitches available for community use and teams by analysis area

Analysis Area	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior mens	Senior womens	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini-soccer
Berkhamsted Area	11	2	4	13	-	10	-	8
Eastern Villages Area	5	3	-	4	-	8	-	3
Hemel Area	52	11	9	36	-	45	1	27
Southern Area	8	3	-	10	-	19	-	4
Tring Area	11	4	-	17	-	15	-	5
DACORUM	87	23	13	80	-	97	1	47

Map 1: Football pitch sites in Dacorum



Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Senior	Junior	Mini
Ashlyns School	41	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	3		
Broadwater	34	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1		
Butts Meadow	2	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1		
Greenway School	86	Berkhamsted Area	Yes		1	
Homefield, Potten End	22	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1		
Kitcheners Field	25	Berkhamsted Area	Yes			4
Lagley Meadow	8	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1		

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Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Senior	Junior	Mini
Little Gaddesden Playing Fields	77	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1		
Northchurch Recreation Ground	63	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1		
St Thomas More RC School	82	Berkhamsted Area	Yes		1	
Velvet Lawn	15	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	2		
Cavendish Road Recreation Ground	101	Eastern Villages Area	Yes	2	2	
Cross Road, Great Gaddesden	73	Eastern Villages Area	Yes		1	
Holly Bush Lane Recreation Ground (Friendless Oval)	74	Eastern Villages Area	Yes	1		
Markyate Primary School	102	Eastern Villages Area	Yes	1		
Stags End	49	Eastern Villages Area	Yes	1		
Abbot's Hill School	46	Hemel Area	Yes	1		
Adeyfield School	99	Hemel Area	Yes	1	1	
Astley Cooper School	45	Hemel Area	Yes	3		
Barncroft Primary School	71	Hemel Area	Yes		1	
Belswains	1	Hemel Area	Yes	4		
Chaulden Playing Fields	3	Hemel Area	Yes	1		
Cupid Green	4	Hemel Area	Yes	2	1	2
Gade Valley JMI School	83	Hemel Area	Yes	1	1	
Gadebridge Lane	80	Hemel Area	Yes		3	3
Grovehill	6	Hemel Area	Yes	5		2
Hemel Hempstead School	43	Hemel Area	Yes	3		
High Street Green	7	Hemel Area	Yes	3		
Holtsmere End Junior School	88	Hemel Area	No		1	
Jarman Park	33	Hemel Area	Yes	1		
John F Kennedy School	55	Hemel Area	Yes	3		
Leverstock Green	9	Hemel Area	Yes	1		
Lime Walk Primary School	85	Hemel Area	Yes		1	
Longdean School	42	Hemel Area	Yes	4		
Micklem School	93	Hemel Area	Yes		1	
Pancake Lane	36	Hemel Area	Yes	1		
Pennine Way	12	Hemel Area	Yes	4	1	
Reith Fields	14	Hemel Area	Yes	1		
South Hill Primary School	68	Hemel Area	Yes		1	
The Cavendish School	48	Hemel Area	Yes	3		
Vauxhall Road	32	Hemel Area	Yes	1		
Warners End Valley	16	Hemel Area	Yes	9		2
Boxmoor Special School	44	Southern Area	Yes	1		

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Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Senior	Junior	Mini
Community Hall Playing Fields	64	Southern Area	Yes	1		
Gaywood Park	35	Southern Area	Yes	1	1	
Green Lane	38	Southern Area	Yes	2		
Kings Langley Primary School	70	Southern Area	Yes		1	
Kings Langley School	47	Southern Area	Yes	2		
Queen Street	37	Southern Area	Yes	1		
The Boot, Tower Hill	104	Southern Area	Yes		1	
Aldbury Primary School	69	Tring Area	Yes		1	
Bishop Wood CofE School	92	Tring Area	Yes		1	
Cow Roast	28	Tring Area	Yes	1		
Icknield Way	39	Tring Area	Yes	1		
London Road	24	Tring Area	Yes		1	
Long Marston Recreation Ground	98	Tring Area	Yes	1		
Miswell Lane	10	Tring Area	Yes	1		
Mortimer Hill	11	Tring Area	Yes	1		
Pendley Sports Centre	30	Tring Area	Yes	1		
Pound Meadow	13	Tring Area	Yes	1		
St Bartholomews CofE School	84	Tring Area	Yes		1	
Stocks Road	53	Tring Area	Yes	1		
Tring School	40	Tring Area	Yes	2		
Wigginton Sports Field	65	Tring Area	Yes	1		

3.2.1 Hertfordshire FA

Football in Dacorum is administered by Hertfordshire FA. A small number of clubs are also affiliated to Middlesex FA.

Hertfordshire FA has set up a Local Football Partnership (LFP) for the County. The LFP is responsible for interpreting and implementing the FA's national strategy into local priorities, supported by both the FA and the Football Foundation.

The LFP has a network of sub-groups which have been set up in order to ensure the following:

- Engage more people in the LFP process from all areas of the football community, ensuring the LFP is as representative of the football community in the County as possible.
- Improve communication and information amongst these groups.
- Provide more in depth consideration of key issues.

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- ❑ Ensure that decisions are made based on accurate information and appropriate local knowledge.

In addition to these sub-groups, local groups have been set up on a geographical basis:

- ❑ North (North Herts, Stevenage).
- ❑ East (East Herts, Welwyn Hatfield and Broxbourne).
- ❑ South (Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere).
- ❑ West (St. Albans and Dacorum).

These groups bring together clubs, leagues, schools and other relevant organisations and individuals locally in order to assess the needs of various groups involved and to identify action to be taken.

The Hertfordshire LFP Facility Strategy outlines the priority projects for the County for 2003-06. In July 2003, detailed consultation was undertaken with local authorities to ascertain current facility provision and the priorities for development over the next few years.

From this consultation, gaps in provision were identified and a number of strategic headlines were developed which any successful facility project must address moving forward:

- ❑ Improving the facilities available in adult league football.
- ❑ Promoting the female game.
- ❑ Improving the current provision of mini-soccer pitches.
- ❑ Promoting the community use of school facilities.
- ❑ Addressing the local needs of quality full size grass football pitches.
- ❑ Ensuring that all facilities are accessible for people with disabilities.
- ❑ Supporting the growth of small sided football.
- ❑ Supporting the development of FA Community Clubs.
- ❑ Using football as a tool to promote social inclusion.

3.2.2 FA Charter Standard

The FA promotes its Charter Standard scheme as a 'best practice guide that sets standards of coaching, administration and child protection for clubs working with young people. As a benchmark for quality, it will improve the playing experience for all.'

The aim is that all junior/youth age group clubs will eventually have the basic Charter Standard. The FA, in conjunction with various bodies, has drawn up the following set of criteria for clubs wishing to reach Charter Standard:

- ❑ A written constitution.
- ❑ Self-certified screening of managers, coaches and officials.

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- ❑ All managers to have minimum of FA Junior Team Managers Award.
- ❑ Commitment to attend in-service training.
- ❑ Acceptance and promotion of codes of conduct.
- ❑ Commitment to provide mini-soccer opportunities for under 10's.
- ❑ Commitment to promote schools liaison and equal opportunities for all.

Clubs can progress to:

- ❑ Charter Standard Development Club and;
- ❑ Charter Standard Community Club.

Currently Dacorum has two Charter Standard clubs (Hemel Aces FC, Woodhall Wanderers FC).

The Charter Standard is also targeted at schools. The Cavendish School is a Charter Standard School, while Longdean School is currently a development school.

3.2.3 Watford FC - Community and Sports Education Trust

The Trust is a registered charity and aims to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing football and other sports. It also aims to advance the education of children and young people. It works with schools to achieve this aim and encourages them to pursue Charter Standard status. This development represents part of its core development policy and involves after school training, promoting healthy living and promoting curriculum coaching. Other areas of 'core development' are outlined below:

- ❑ Pay and play.
- ❑ 'Soccer at Six' (This is a scheme that takes coaching into socially deprived areas identified in liaison with the relevant local authority).
- ❑ Holiday training courses.
- ❑ Girls/women's centre of excellence.
- ❑ Coach education.
- ❑ Match day coaching package.

There are a number of factors affecting how the Trust chooses facilities, including the cost, locality or catchment of the area and the quality of the facility. Trust representatives report that there is a lack of quality, indoor facilities in the area that facilitate the 'pay and play' scheme. This is mainly due to the size of facilities.

The Trust aspires to create a central venue base, which would incorporate training pitches and an education centre. It pointed to the facility owned by West Ham United as a 'best practice' example. This is an educational facility catering for school children aged 7-17 years and can also be hired out by local businesses. It runs 'playing for success' sessions every day of the week after school and is also used by the West Ham Youth Academy. A number of local sports development officers have been joint funded in other areas in conjunction with local authorities tied to these facilities.

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3.2.4 Girls' and women's football

Hertfordshire has a Women's and Girls Football Development Officer, a post which is jointly funded by the FA, Hertfordshire Sports Partnership and the Football Foundation. This officer is responsible for the delivery of the Hertfordshire Girls Football Plan, which has been drawn up by the partners involved in the LFP. The aim of this plan is:

'to enthuse, retain and develop young players, no matter where they come from and regardless of their ability.'

The main delivery tool of the plan is the FA's '3 Lions FC Club Links' programme. This involves a series of coaching sessions and festivals in each local authority area which aim to provide regular playing opportunities leading to football clubs and coaching centres.

As yet Hertfordshire FA has not identified a girls' football club to work in partnership with delivering the programme in Dacorum.

3.2.5 League consultation

Table 2: Summary of league representatives consulted

League	Comments
Southern League (Adult football)	Currently only Hemel Hempstead Town and Berkhamsted Town FC play at this standard within Dacorum. There is no fluctuation in size as the League uses a relegation/promotion system. All clubs playing in the League must have their own ground in order to meet the regulations laid out in the League's handbook.
Suburban League (Adult football)	The Suburban League falls just below the Southern League in the FA league pyramid servicing a number of reserve teams from clubs participating at a higher level. There is no fluctuation in size as the League uses a relegation/promotion system. All three teams from Dacorum playing in the League have their own ground and are currently happy with facility provision.
South Midlands League (Adult football)	No information available, unable to contact League Secretary. There are six teams from Dacorum playing in the League.

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League	Comments
<p>Herts County League (Adult football)</p>	<p>The size of the League has remained constant over the last three years as a result of employing a relegation and promotion system.</p> <p>All teams from Dacorum participating within the League own (or control through a extended lease) their site.</p> <p>Currently there are four teams from Dacorum playing in the League.</p>
<p>West Herts League (Adult football)</p>	<p>The size of the League has remained constant over the last three years with only minor fluctuations in numbers between seasons.</p> <p>The majority of teams participating within the League use DBC or parish council owned sites. Currently the majority of teams are happy with the standard of pitch facilities although car parking at some of the sites was highlighted as a problem.</p> <p>Currently there are 13 teams from Dacorum playing in the League.</p>
<p>Berkhamsted Sunday League (Adult football)</p>	<p>The Berkhamsted Sunday League is the largest provider of Sunday morning football in Dacorum and has remained a similar size over the last three years with only minor fluctuation in numbers between seasons.</p> <p>The majority of teams playing within the League use DBC or parish council pitches. Although generally it is felt that local authority provision is of an expectable standard, car parking was raised as an issue, particularly in the Berkhamsted and Tring area. The League Fixtures Secretary rotates teams playing on local authority facilities from site to site. However, it may be more prudent to assign teams to a specific venue in order to give them more ownership of the site.</p> <p>Currently there are 44 teams from Dacorum playing in the League.</p>
<p>Watford Friendly League (Junior football 11-18 and mini soccer 7-10)</p>	<p>The largest junior league in the County has increased in size over the last three years. This is attributed to a number of teams transferring from the West Herts Youth League as it is seen as a higher standard of football.</p> <p>The majority of teams, both junior and mini, play on DBC or parish council owned sites, while a smaller number use pitches at local primary schools. The majority of pitches used by teams within the League are considered to be of generally good/adequate condition. Many junior and mini soccer teams come ready changed and, therefore, have no need to use changing facilities.</p> <p>Currently there are 74 teams from Dacorum playing in both the junior and mini soccer sections of the League.</p>

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League	Comments
<p>West Herts Youth League (Junior football 11-18 and mini soccer 7-10)</p>	<p>The number of teams playing mini football has increased whilst the number of junior teams has decreased over the last three years. This decrease is attributed to teams moving to the Watford Friendly League, which is considered to be a better standard. Over the next few seasons the number of junior teams should build back up again as mini teams move through.</p> <p>Most of the mini football teams use primary and junior school pitches. These are considered to be adequate facilities by the League. Most of the pitches are good but there is rarely provision of ancillary facilities. League representatives accept that most young children do not want changing rooms but access to toilets and water should be provided.</p> <p>Currently there are 50 teams from Dacorum playing in the junior and mini soccer sections of the League.</p>
<p>Southern Counties Floodlit League (Junior football 11-18)</p>	<p>No information available, unable to contact League Secretary.</p> <p>There are four teams from Dacorum in the League.</p>
<p>Wycombe and South Bucks Minor League (Junior football 11-18 and mini soccer 7-10)</p>	<p>No information available, unable to contact League Secretary.</p> <p>There are five teams from Dacorum in the League.</p>

3.2.6 Issues arising from club consultation

The following development/facility issues were identified during consultation. The Clubs below identified specific development or facility issues:

Tring Athletic FC

The Club currently fields six teams - four seniors and two juniors - playing at Pendley Sports Centre and Miswell Lane in Tring.

It used to have a ladies team but this was disbanded due to lack of numbers, however a recent upturn in interest has prompted the Club to re-introduce the team at the beginning of next season. The team will play on a Sunday at Miswell Lane.

Tring Corinthians AFC

The Club plays their home fixtures at Icknield Way in Tring, a ground that the Club owns. Currently it fields two senior teams. However, the Club has aspirations to introduce two further teams at the U16 and U18 age group.

The Club aspires to move up the FA pyramid into a higher league, however in order to do so they would need to improve and enlarge their current ground.

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Berkhamsted Town Youth FC

The Club plays its home games at Cow Roast, which it shares with a number of other sports clubs, including Berkhamsted and Hemel Hockey Club. It also uses Butts Meadow in Berkhamsted to train during the week.

The Club has plans to increase in size and believes if there are more suitable playing space available in the Berkhamsted area then it could field a further five teams next season at U8, U12, U13, U16 and U18.

The Club is also currently unable to use the changing facilities at Cow Roast, which means that all players must come ready changed.

Hemel Hempstead Town Youth FC

The Club plays its home fixtures on a number of local authority and school sites across the Hemel area. It currently fields 12 teams at various age groups between U7 and U18.

The Club has expressed a desire to further expand its membership to include two further teams next season, a junior boys' team and a junior girls' team. It is currently unclear as to where they will play.

Further to this the Club is in the process of applying to the Football Association for Charter Standard Status.

Berkhamsted Raiders FC

The Club is one of the largest in the area, playing its home fixtures at Kitcheners Field in Berkhamsted. It shares its site with Berkhamsted Cricket Club under the banner of the Berkhamsted Sports and Social Club.

Fielding eleven teams, the Club is popular as it has excellent facilities and a good coaching and volunteer base.

The Club has aspirations to introduce two more boys' teams and a girls' team. In order to facilitate these plans it has attempted to increase the playing area by purchasing some adjacent land. However, the planning application was turned down due to the impact on the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and significant archaeological remains.

The Club is also in the process of applying to the Football Association for Charter Standard Status.

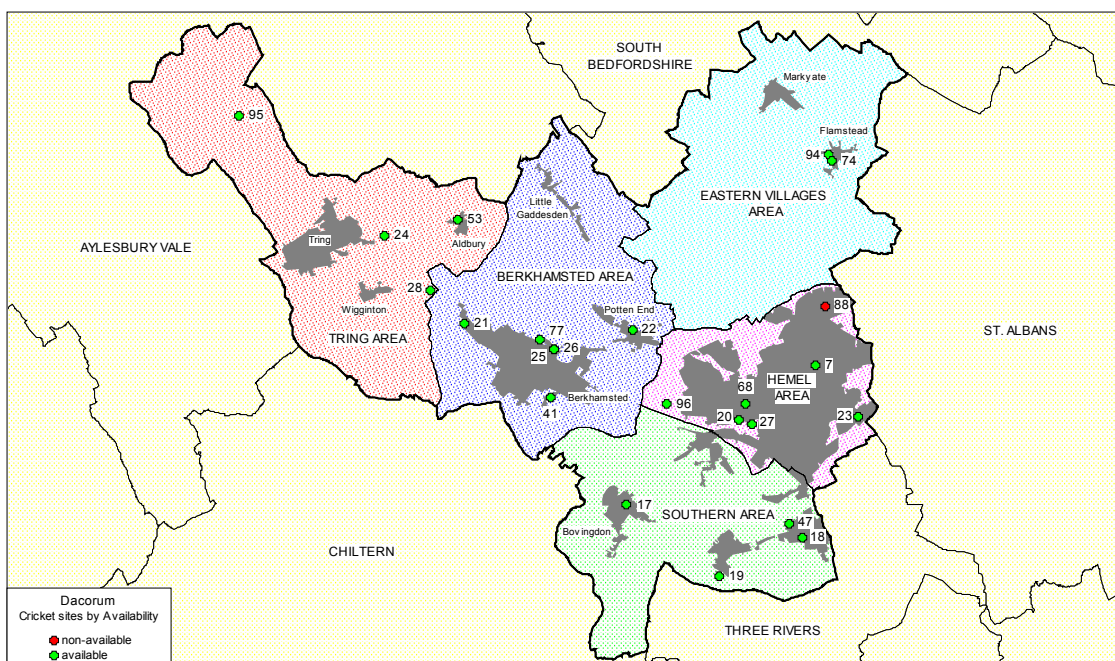
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3.3 CRICKET

Table 3: Summary of pitches available for community use and teams by analysis area:

Analysis Area	No. pitches available for community use			No. of teams			
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior mens	Senior womens	Junior boys	Junior girls
Berkhamsted Area	6	-	-	15	-	7	-
Eastern Villages Area	3	-	-	5	-	-	-
Hemel Area	5	1	-	19	1	10	-
Southern Area	6	-	-	15	-	4	-
Tring Area	5	-	-	14	1	10	-
DACORUM	25	1	-	68	2	31	-

Map 2: All cricket pitch sites in Dacorum



Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Senior cricket	Junior cricket
Ashlyns School	41	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1	
Homefield, Potten End	22	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1	
Kitcheners Collegiate	26	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1	
Kitcheners Field	25	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1	
Little Gaddesden Playing Fields	77	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1	
The Meadow, Northchurch	21	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1	

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Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Senior cricket	Junior cricket
Bridens Camp	100	Eastern Villages Area	Yes	1	
Cavendish Road Recreation Ground	101	Eastern Villages Area	Yes	1	
Holly Bush Lane Recreation Ground (Friendless Oval)	74	Eastern Villages Area	Yes	1	
Bedmond Road	23	Hemel Area	Yes	1	
Boxmoor Oval	20	Hemel Area	Yes	1	
High Street Green	7	Hemel Area	Yes	1	
Holtsmere End Junior School	88	Hemel Area	No		1
South Hill Primary School	68	Hemel Area	Yes		1
Station Road	27	Hemel Area	Yes	1	
Warners End Valley	16	Hemel Area	Yes	1	
Bourne End Cricket Club	96	Southern Area	Yes	1	
Bovingdon Green	17	Southern Area	Yes	1	
Kings Langley Common	18	Southern Area	Yes	1	
Kings Langley School	47	Southern Area	Yes	2	
The Common Chipperfield	19	Southern Area	Yes	1	
Cow Roast	28	Tring Area	Yes	1	
London Road	24	Tring Area	Yes	2	
Long Marston Cricket Club (Cheddington Lane)	95	Tring Area	Yes	1	
Stocks Road	53	Tring Area	Yes	1	

3.3.1 Hertfordshire Cricket Board

Cricket in Dacorum is organised and administered through Hertfordshire Cricket Board (HCB). Following the publication of the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) whole sport plan for cricket, HCB is compiling a county development plan. This includes an identification process for funding priorities.

This identification process is being conducted through district development groups in each local authority area. Clubs were initially invited to attend these groups if they were interested in developing/expanding their activities or had facility development aspirations. These then became the 'focus clubs' for each local authority area. The designation of focus club status enables easier access to funding streams. In Dacorum these are:

- Berkhamsted CC.
- Hemel Hempstead Town CC.
- Kings Langley CC.
- Tring Park CC.

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Each of these is required to have a development plan in order to be a focus club. Further to the above, the following clubs are being considered for inclusion, they are:

- ❑ Leverstock Green CC.
- ❑ Northchurch CC.

Community club clusters

The main thrust of the ECB whole sports plan is 'community development'. This is centred around the development of 'community club clusters'. These involve a partnership between:

- ❑ One club.
- ❑ One secondary school.
- ❑ Four primary schools.

A key performance indicator for HCB is to have 10-15 community club clusters established by May 2006 (from a total of 35 focus clubs across the County).

Pitch Advisory Scheme

This initiative has been developed by the England Cricket Board (ECB) through the Facilities Executive. The scheme is funded by the ECB in partnership with Sport England. It aims to appoint pitch advisors across England and Wales who possess the Institute of Groundsmanship Level 2 certificate and/or at least ten years' practical experience.

Assessments are undertaken at the request of a club. The role of the pitch advisor is to make prioritised, detailed assessments of pitches (clubs), producing a report with recommendations and making follow-up visits to the ground. The scheme also offers assessments to schools.

The ECB has recommended that, alongside a pitch advisor, assistants are appointed who, along with representatives of the County Board and development officers, form a Pitch Advisory Assessment Steering Group. In addition to the formation of the Steering Group the ECB is encouraging the establishment of groundsmanship associations. The objective of these groups is to raise the profile of groundsmanship and the raising of standards within the profession.

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3.3.2 League consultation

A number of leagues service the clubs/teams playing competitive cricket in Dacorum, as demonstrated in the table below. This section contains a summary of these leagues.

Table 4: Cricket league summary

League	Comments
Home Counties Premier	The highest standard of cricket that can be played in the County. The League is organised into three separate divisions with ten teams in each division. It has not fluctuated in size in the last three years as it operates a promotion and relegation system. The majority of teams within the League have their own groundsmen and, therefore, generally pitch quality is of a good standard. There are two teams from Dacorum in this league.
Saracens Herts League	Feeds into the Home Counties Premier League. Fourteen divisions including a development division for younger players. The League has a pitch marking scheme. Clubs cannot be promoted to certain divisions if the facilities are not of the required standard. The League Secretary reported that clubs struggle to maintain quality standards as this really implies that a full time groundsmen is required. Only teams in divisions 10-13 are permitted to play on artificial turf wickets. There are 20 teams from Dacorum in this league.
Chess Valley Cricket League	Chess Valley is the biggest Sunday cricket league in the South of England. It has been running since 1995 and has approximately 50 member clubs. League representatives state that the quality of pitches is generally good although changing facilities, particularly at clubs where they are shared with football/rugby can be cramped and poorer quality. There are eight teams from Dacorum in this league.
Mid Bucks League	The Mid Bucks League consists of four divisions, three of which consist of ten teams and the fourth reserve division made up of twelve teams. Three teams from Dacorum play within the League all of which own or have an extended lease on their current facility. There has been no fluctuation in the size of the League over the last three seasons and it feels membership will remain static over the course of the next few seasons. There are three teams from Dacorum in this league.
Morrant Thames Valley League	No information available, unable to contact League Secretary. There is one team from Dacorum in this league.
Four Counties League	No information available, unable to contact League Secretary. There are two teams from Dacorum in this league.

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League	Comments
Aylesbury Mid week League	No information available, unable to contact League Secretary. There are three teams from Dacorum in this league.
Bucks Women's League	No information available, unable to contact League Secretary. There are two teams from Dacorum in this league.

Coopers Cricket Club take part in a friendly league known as the Corporation League. Fixtures are not weekly and arranged on an ad hoc basis.

3.3.3 Club consultation

Table 5: Cricket club summary

Club	League	Site	Teams
Berkhamsted	Herts League, Chess Valley league, Herts Junior League	Kitcheners Field	5 senior, 4 junior
Boxmoor	Herts League, Chess Valley League.	Boxmoor Oval	4 senior
Bourne End	Friendly	Bourne End Lane	2 senior
Bovingdon	Mid Bucks League.	Bovingdon Green	3 senior
Chipperfield	Herts League, Chess Valley League.	The Common	4 senior, 2 junior
Clarendon	Herts League.	Cow Roast	2 senior
Coopers	Corp League.	Kitcheners Collegiate	2 senior
Flamstead	Herts League	Friendless Oval	3 senior
Great Gaddesden	Friendly	Bridens Camp	2 senior
Hemel Town	Home Co'ties League, Herts League, Chess Valley League, Bucks Womens League, Herts Junior League.	Station Road	6 senior, 12 junior
Itehaad	South East League	High Street Green	1 senior
Kings Langley	Herts League, Herts Junior League.	Kings Langley Common	4 senior, 4 junior
Leverstock Gr'n	Herts League, Herts Junior League.	Bedmond Road	3 senior, 4 junior
Little Gaddesden	Mid Bucks League	Little Gaddesden Playing Fields	1 senior
Long Marston	Cherwell League, Cherwell Junior League	Long Marston Cricket Club (Cheddington Lane)	3 senior, 2 junior

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Club	League	Site	Teams
Northchurch	Herts League, Herts Junior League.	The Meadow	2 senior, 2 junior
Potten End	Mid Bucks League, Herts Junior League.	Homefield	2 senior, 4 junior
Tring Park	Home Co'ties Lg, Four Co'ties Lg, Thames Valley Lg, Chess Valley Lg, Aylesbury Lg, Bucks Women's Lg, Mid Bucks Youth Lg, Herts Junior Lg.	London Road	8 senior, 10 junior
Warners End CC		Warners End Valley	1 senior

3.3.4 Issues arising from club consultation

Berkhamsted Cricket Club

Berkhamsted Cricket Club plays on Kitcheners Field to the north of Berkhamsted town centre. The Club shares its facilities with Berkhamsted Raiders Football Club and fall under the wider banner of the Berkhamsted Sports and Social Club.

Although membership is strong fielding up to five junior teams at points last season, there has been a steady decline in numbers and it is felt that over the course of the next two seasons membership may fall again. There are plans to expand the sports and social club.

Boxmoor Cricket Club

Boxmoor Cricket Club plays its home fixtures at the Oval on St John's Road, Hemel Hempstead. It has secured a 125 year lease for the ground from the Boxmoor Trust.

Generally facilities at Boxmoor are in good condition. However, the pavilion has recently suffered from vandalism and graffiti.

The Club currently only fields senior teams but is keen to introduce a junior section and has plans in place to field one colts side next season. The Club also wishes to introduce new practice facilities to assist in the development of the impending junior team.

Bovingdon Cricket Club

Bovingdon Cricket Club is located on the village green in Bovingdon. Although owned by the Dacorum Borough Council, the Club has secured a long-term lease on the site.

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The Club fields three senior teams. However, there is no junior section. There are plans in place to introduce an under 17 colts team to play next season. However the Club is also keen to recruit new senior players as well.

Chipperfield Cricket Club

Chipperfield Cricket Club plays on Chipperfield Common. The Borough Council owns the site but the Club has significant security of tenure on the site through a long-term lease.

Currently there are four senior teams and two colts teams, however the colts teams do not participate in a league structure. As part of its development plan, the Club intends to introduce three junior teams next season at U10, 12 and 13.

Clarendon Cricket Club

Clarendon is a small club, which plays at Cow Roast in Tring. It shares the site with a number of other sports teams including Berkhamsted & Hemel Hockey Club and Berkhamsted Youth Football Club.

The Club fields two senior teams at present and does not anticipate introducing any further teams, either senior or junior.

Coopers Cricket Club

Coopers Cricket Club is based at Kitcheners Collegiate Playing Field. It leases its facility from Berkhamsted Collegiate School on a seasonal basis. There is no pavilion on site, so the Club uses the Berkhamsted Sports and Social Club pavilion, which is located adjacent to the ground.

The ground is in good condition, although there is a significant slope on the outfield. Coopers play only home fixtures as it forms part of the Corporation League which has very few members.

The Club has no plans to introduce any more teams and recently has had difficulty fielding a second team.

Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club

The Club is based at Station Road close to the centre of Hemel Hempstead. Currently the ground is leased on a long-term basis from the Boxmoor Trust, although the Club owns the pavilion.

Plans are in place to extend the pavilion to provide further changing space, which is desperately needed, and a larger bar/lounge area that could be rented out for functions in order to generate funds for the Club.

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As one of the largest cricket clubs in the County, it supports a thriving junior section currently made up of 12 teams. At present, the ground at Station Road is struggling to cope, and as a result, pitch quality is beginning to suffer. The Club has attempted to farm out some teams to other grounds, such as Berkhamsted Cricket Club, but this is dependent on availability. Ideally the club require a more permanent long-term solution.

The Club has no plans to introduce any further teams. However, this is not due to a lack of demand, The Secretary has been forced to consider introducing a waiting list.

Kings Langley Cricket Club

The Club is based on the Common at Kings Langley and leases the ground on a long-term basis from the Borough Council.

The quality of the ground has improved dramatically over the course of last season as a result of the Club investing in a full time groundsman. This has formed part of the Club's facility development plan, which proposes new sightscreens, nets and disabled access within the next two years. It also has plans to dramatically improve the outfield through levelling and re-seeding.

The Club introduced a further junior team last season and therefore do not intend to expand membership any further in the near future.

Leverstock Green Cricket Club

Leverstock Green Cricket Club plays its home fixtures at Bedmond Road in Hemel Hempstead. It has recently extended its lease from a local land-owner for a further 25 years.

The Club has facility development plans in place to introduce a new outdoor net system to help support the junior section. There are also plans to improve the standard of changing facilities in the pavilion.

Plans are in place to introduce an under 9 section at the Club in order to bolster the junior section.

Northchurch Cricket Club

Northchurch Cricket Club is based at the Meadow, which it owns, in Northchurch just to the north of Berkhamsted.

Facilities at the ground are recognised as being in good condition. However the Club has aspirations to ensure the site is connected to the main drainage system.

The Club has plans to introduce a further junior boys team next season.

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Potten End Cricket Club

Potten End Cricket club is based at Homefield in Potten End. It has secured a 50 year lease on the ground from the parish council.

The site is in good condition, although it has suffered minor incidents of vandalism over recent seasons. No plans are in place to expand either the facilities or the membership.

Tring Park Cricket Club

Tring Park Cricket Club plays at London Road on the east side of Tring. The site is owned by the Club. It is one of the few clubs in the County to have access to two separate grounds on site. Both the first and second team grounds are in excellent condition.

The Club fields eight senior and ten junior teams at London Road and has no plans to expand membership at this point. There is a facility development plan in place and it intends to build a larger storage/groundsmans shed.

The Club boasts one of the best junior sections in the County and offers a wide range of coaching.

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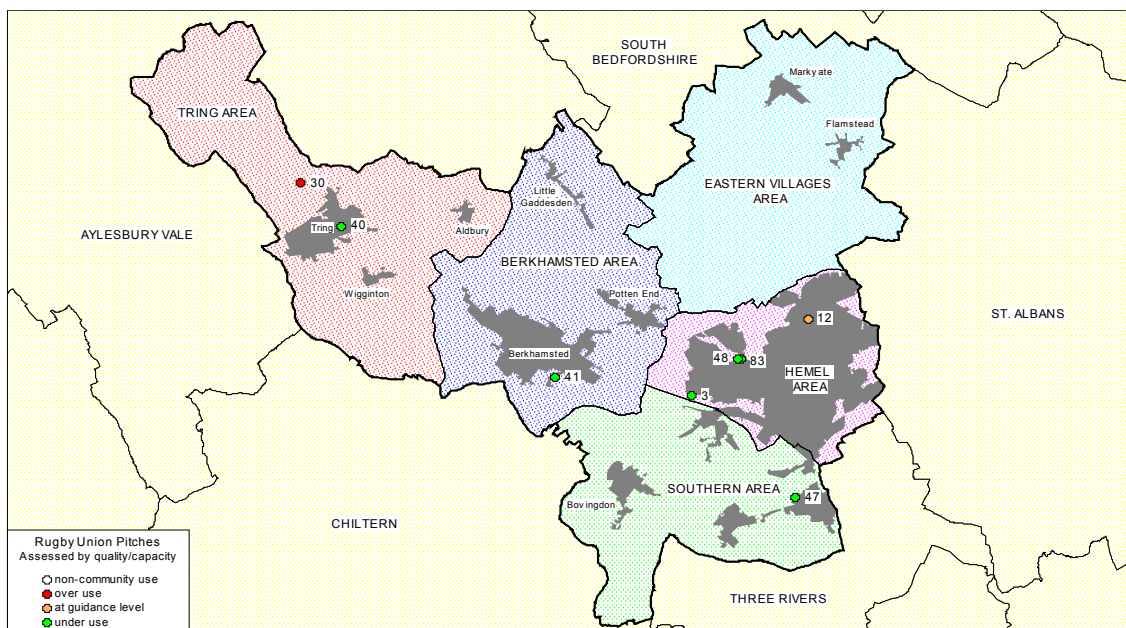
3.4 RUGBY

Table 6: Summary of pitches available for community use and teams by analysis area.

NB. Both Rugby Union and Rugby League pitches have been included in the table below as both codes are able to use the same pitches.

Analysis Area	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior mens	Senior womens	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini rugby
Berkhamsted Area	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Villages Area	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hemel Area	4	3	2	2	1	3	-	4
Southern Area	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tring Area	6	4	-	4	-	1	-	3
DACORUM	15	7	2	6	1	4	-	7

Map 3: All rugby pitch sites in Dacorum



Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Senior	Junior	Mini
Ashlyns School	41	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	2		
Kitcheners Collegiate	26	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1		
Adeyfield School	99	Hemel Area	Yes		1	
Chaulden Playing Fields	3	Hemel Area	Yes	1	1	2

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Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Senior	Junior	Mini
Gade Valley JMI School	83	Hemel Area	Yes		1	
Pennine Way	12	Hemel Area	Yes	2		
The Cavendish School	48	Hemel Area	Yes	1		
Kings Langley School	47	Southern Area	Yes	2		
Pendley Sports Centre	30	Tring Area	Yes	4	4	
Tring School	40	Tring Area	Yes	2		

3.4.1 Hertfordshire Rugby Football Union (Hertfordshire RFU)

Rugby union in Dacorum is administered by Hertfordshire RFU. It is responsible for club development and the local delivery of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) development programmes, a large part of which is the development of 'Community Rugby'.

Community Rugby

Community Rugby was initiated to cater for the needs of the clubs from the totally recreational up to the sometimes professional in the second division. Community Rugby 'requirements' are defined by the RFU as:

- Competitive activity through leagues, merit tables and cup competitions as well as 'friendly' rugby.
- Investment in facilities to meet expectations in a changing leisure market.
- Investment in people who support and manage their game. Valuing, supporting and rewarding the volunteer contribution to rugby needed to be addressed and there had to be more sympathy for volunteer administrators in the way the game was regulated.

The key issues which Community Rugby initially sought to address were the number of players dropping out of the game and a decreasing number of players coming into the game with the identification of different problems in attracting youngsters at different age groups

Investment in facilities is also a major part of Community Rugby. It identified that the game demanded:

- Better playing surfaces.
- Lighting for quality training/coaching and matches at times other than Saturday or Sunday.
- Changing and social facilities to suit the modern participant, especially as there is also a growing number of female and disabled participants.

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A Youth Section Club Development Programme – the RFU Seal of Approval

The Rugby Football Union has introduced the Seal of Approval as a method of examining, maintaining and improving the provision of rugby in the youth section of a rugby club. It aims to recognise the effort and achievement of those clubs that reach and maintain the required standard to meet the various levels of the Seal of Approval.

The Seal of Approval is used to satisfy the Active Sports Club registration criteria for those clubs involved in delivery of the Active Sports Rugby Union Programme. The criteria for the Sport England 'Safe, Effective & Child Friendly Club' mark is integrated within the Seal of Approval. A successful application for the RFU Seal of Approval will achieve the Sport England 'Safe, Effective & Child Friendly Club'.

The Programme is based upon a three year Level I, Level II and Level III Award system in which a club will be assessed on its ability to provide a safe, effective and child friendly club environment.

Having completed the Seal of Approval Audit and Evidence File, a club will identify activities or areas that require development over the next 12 months. The club will then produce a realistic development plan based upon these needs, whereupon successful accreditation will have been achieved.

By implementing the first year development plan and having the second year plan approved, a club will qualify for Level II status. The same process in year three will lead to Level III status.

The Award will be an indication of the quality of provision a club offers, and its commitment to the continued development of young rugby players. A club will receive certification to confirm accreditation, both from the Rugby Football Union and Sport England.

As an aspirational standard Hertfordshire RFU would like all clubs to have the Seal of Approval and to be able to accommodate juniors.

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Hertfordshire RFU issues

Hertfordshire RFU development officers raised the following issues:

- ❑ In general, changing facilities are of poor quality and inadequate particularly for women and girls.
- ❑ Very few clubs have training facilities on site. Those facilities in place generally, have poor quality pitch areas with little or no floodlighting.
- ❑ However the poor accessibility and cost of off site pitches (usually artificial turf) for training is inhibitive.
- ❑ Many clubs are 'over-run' on a Sunday when junior and mini rugby takes place with inadequate space for parking and changing. In most cases this is a club organisation issue.
- ❑ Compared with other areas of Hertfordshire, clubs in the western part of the County have poorer quality pitches and facilities.

Rugby development through Active Sport

A part time rugby development officer, with a specific remit to co-ordinate the development of girls' rugby was appointed in 2004 by the Hertfordshire Sports Partnership (HSP).

Activities for girl's rugby and mixed tag rugby have been taking place at clubs across the County with courses culminating in a mini summer league. Active Sport rugby has also involved more women gaining coaching qualifications at mini-midi level.

3.4.2 Issues arising from club consultation

Table 7: Rugby union club summary

Club	League	Site	Teams
Hemel Hempstead (Camelot) RFC	Herts & Middlesex League	Chaulden Playing Fields	2 men's, 1 ladies, 3 junior, 4 mini,
Tring RFC	London & SE League, Herts & Middlesex League	Pendley Sports Centre	4 senior, 1 junior, 3 mini

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Hemel Hempstead (Camelot) RFC

Hemel Hempstead (Camelot) Rugby Club plays at Chaulden Playing Fields in Hemel Hempstead. The ground is leased from the Borough Council on a long-term basis. The Club fields one senior side and seven junior teams ranging from U7 through to a colts UI7 team.

A strong network of coaches and volunteers supports the Club's junior section. It also has access to Saracens RFC based in Watford, which offers a coach education scheme as well as supporting coaching sessions at the Club.

No plans are currently in place to expand membership.

Tring RFC

Tring Rugby Football Club are based at Pendley Sports Centre on Cow Lane in Tring. It shares the site with a number of other sports clubs including Tring Athletic Football Club and Tring Outdoor Bowls Club as well as a number of Sunday league football teams. The site is considered to be in good condition.

The Club fields four senior teams and four junior teams. As with all rugby clubs in the area, it has access to Saracens RFC programmes.

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3.5 RUGBY LEAGUE

3.5.1 Issues arising from club consultation

Hemel Hempstead Stags RLFC

Hemel Hempstead Stags Rugby League Club plays at Pennine Way in Hemel Hempstead. The ground is leased from the Borough Council until 2011. The Club fields two senior and two junior teams (U13, U14). The senior teams play in National League 3 and the Rugby League Conference respectively, while the junior teams participate in the London Youth League.

The club wish to develop the site with the introduction of floodlighting, grandstand and ancillary sports building.

Further to the Club's facility development aspirations they plan to introduce three more junior teams, two boys and a girls team next season. However they believe that if pitch space was available they believe they could introduce a mini rugby programme for ten and eleven year olds and introduce two further junior teams between the ages of twelve and fifteen.

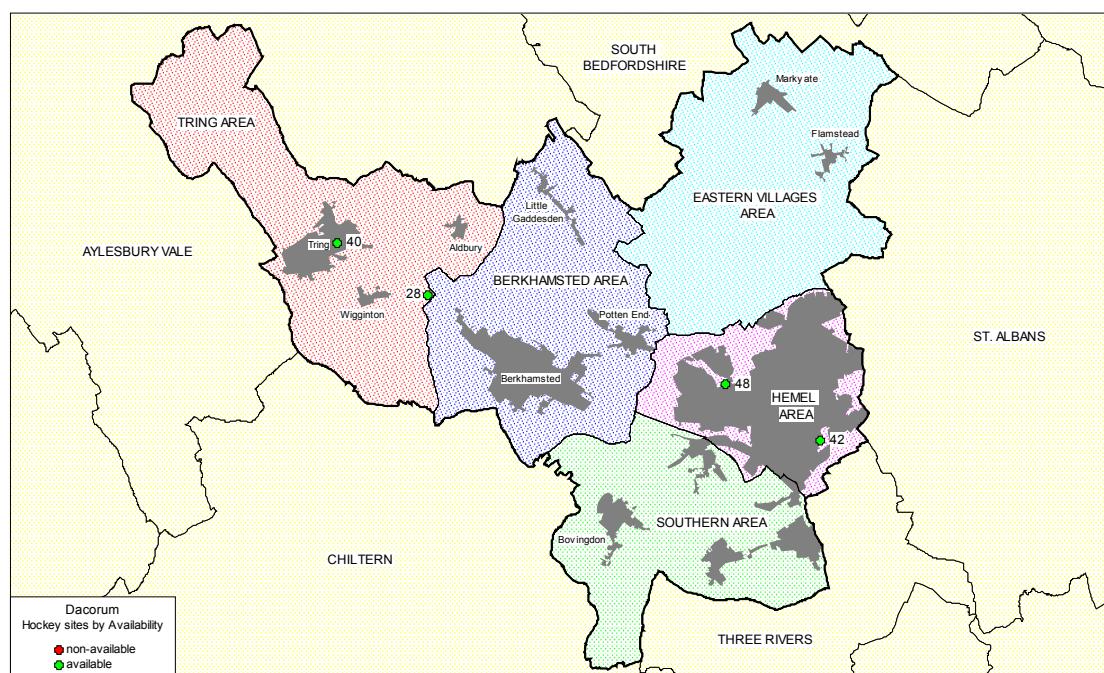
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3.6 HOCKEY

Table 8: Summary of pitches available for community use and teams by analysis area

Analysis Area	No. of available pitches		No. of teams			
	Senior grass	ATP	Senior men	Senior women	Junior boys	Junior girls
Berkhamsted Area	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Villages Area	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hemel Area	-	2	-	-	-	-
Southern Area	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tring Area	4	1	14	6	-	1
DACORUM	4	3	14	6	-	1

Map 4: All hockey pitches across Dacorum



Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Senior grass	ATP
Longdean School	42	Hemel Area	Yes		1
The Cavendish School	48	Hemel Area	Yes		1
Lockhart Field, Cow Roast	51	Tring Area	Yes	4	
Tring School	40	Tring Area	Yes		1

3.6.1 England Hockey - East Region

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The regional governing body for hockey in Hertfordshire is England Hockey East Region. The Regional Development Officer (RDO) oversees the implementation of England Hockey's national plan at a regional and County level. A major part of this is the club accreditation scheme.

Clubs 1st – England Hockey club accreditation scheme

All clubs are encouraged to register and work towards gaining Clubs 1st, England Hockey's club accreditation scheme. Clubs 1st is part of the Sport England Clubmark programme and is nationally recognised as a standard mark for clubs.

Clubs achieving the Clubs 1st award are recognised as working towards providing a safe, effective and child friendly hockey environment. They also receive the Clubmark award. County sports partnerships and funding agencies are increasingly recognising these clubs and choosing to work with them as a priority.

3.6.2 Hertfordshire Hockey Association (HHA)

Hertfordshire hockey men's and women's associations amalgamated around three years ago to form the Hertfordshire Hockey Association (HHA).

Association representatives stressed the huge change, which hockey clubs have undergone since the development of artificial turf pitches and the switch of competitive play to this surface. This has meant that a majority of clubs now play at school or leisure centre sites rather than multi-sport, voluntary sector sports grounds. Not only has this had an impact on the revenue for clubs, it has changed the operational structure and social activities of the hockey clubs. Rather than teams all playing at the same time on a Saturday afternoon and having refreshments together in an on site club house, they play matches between 10am and 6pm and may or may not convene after the game for refreshments.

On the whole, HHA states that, at schools, the quality of pitches is generally good, the quality of floodlights is adequate and the quality of changing facilities is poor. It supports the view expressed by clubs that artificial turf pitches are expensive to hire and this can be inhibitive to clubs running training sessions.

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3.6.3 Issues arising from club consultation

Berkhamsted & Hemel Hempstead Hockey Club

Berkhamsted & Hemel Hempstead HC plays on the artificial turf pitch at Cow Roast in Tring. This sand based pitch is described as being in adequate condition. Currently there are five senior men's teams competing in a range of league and club competitions, three ladies teams and two veteran's teams.

The Club does not have a competitive junior section, however it offers coaching sessions for five to fourteen year olds on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings which are well attended.

There is no indication that the Club intends to expand its membership at the moment although they welcome new members.

Tring Hockey Club

The club plays its matches at the Tring School/Sports Centre artificial turf pitch and has its clubhouse nearby at Tring Park Cricket Club. There are four men's teams, playing in the MBBO League, three ladies teams including an U18 side, playing in the Five Counties League and three veterans teams that play in the London League.

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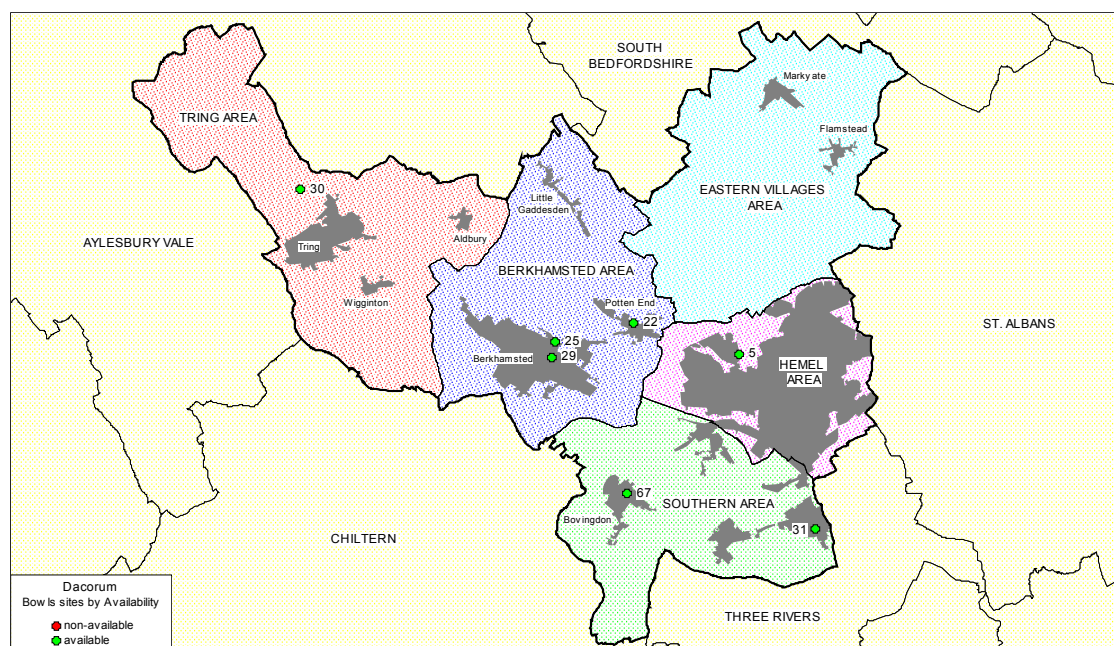
3.7 OUTDOOR BOWLS

Outdoor bowls in Hertfordshire is played on flat greens.

Table 9: Summary of bowling greens available for community use by analysis area

Analysis Area	No. of greens available	No. of teams			
		Senior bowling	Ladies bowling	Vets bowling	Junior bowling
Berkhamsted Area	4	11	8	2	-
Eastern Villages Area	-	-	-	-	-
Hemel Area	2	3	3	-	-
Southern Area	2	2	2	2	-
Tring Area	1	4	2	-	-
DACORUM	9	20	15	4	-

Map 5: All bowling green sites in Dacorum



Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Lawn bowling green
Canal Fields	29	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1
Hempstead Lane, Potten End	103	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1
Kitcheners Field	25	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1
Little Gaddesden Playing Fields	77	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1

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Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Lawn bowling green
Gadebridge Park	5	Hemel Area	Yes	2
Bovingdon Bowls Club	67	Southern Area	Yes	1
The Saracens Head	31	Southern Area	Yes	1
Pendley Sports Centre	30	Tring Area	Yes	1

3.7.1 Hertfordshire Outdoor Bowls Association (HBA)

Hertfordshire Outdoor Bowls Association is responsible for the administration of the outdoor men's game in Dacorum. It acknowledges that there has been a decline in participation in recent years and is running a campaign over the next few years to try and address this. The campaign has a fund of £60,000, which clubs can access for promotional material and to run activities. This will be concentrated around a designated recruitment week in June 2005.

HBA representatives raised the following issues in consultation which are relevant for Dacorum as well as the County in general:

- The Association recognises the role it has to play in increasing active recreation and social interaction particularly for older people. It would like to work more closely with local authorities regarding this.
- HBA considers that local authorities suffer from lack of funding for grounds maintenance and, as a consequence, provide unsatisfactory maintenance.
- Outdoor bowls governing bodies run grounds maintenance courses for clubs. However, 'voluntary' maintenance is not enough. In the opinion of HBA, the greens really need a proper groundsman.
- Most clubs have adequate but basic facilities. Vandalism is reported to be a big problem for buildings/pavilions, damage to cars in car parks and damage to the greens which, as with other fine turf sports, can result in a green being unusable for long periods of time.
- Disabled access is an issue, which many clubs now have to deal with. The County Association fears that some clubs may close as they cannot meet the expense posed by meeting DDA regulations.
- There is perceived to be some resistance from clubs towards junior participation. HBA has an Outdoor Bowls Coaching Association and aspires for every club to have a qualified coach and child protection officer.
- Representatives feel that better partnerships with local authorities are needed. The creation of 'Outdoor bowls forums' in local authority areas would provide a useful interface for clubs, HBA, local authorities and other partners e.g. PCT, community safety partnerships etc.

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3.7.2 Issues arising from club consultation

Table 10: Summary of bowling club consultation

Club	Home ground	No. of greens	Comments
Berkhamsted BC	Canal Fields	1	The green is considered to be of an adequate standard. The Club has taken over the maintenance of the green but believes that it will take a further five years to see any significant improvement.
Bovingdon BC	R/O High Street	1	No information available, unable to contact club secretary.
Hemel Hempstead BC	Gadebridge Park	2	One green is designated to the club and the second green works on a pay and play basis. DBC has undertaken some work over the last season that has improved the quality of the green. The clubhouse has suffered from vandalism.
Kings Langley BC	R/O The Saracens Pub	1	The quality of the green has improved since last season as a result of employing a specialist green keeping firm. The Club has suffered from vandalism over the last few seasons losing slates from the roof of the clubhouse and having bricks thrown onto the green.
Kitcheners BC	Kitcheners Field	1	The green is considered to be in good condition. The clubhouse is shared with the cricket club and Berkhamsted Raiders FC.
Little Gaddesden BC	Little Gaddesden Playing Fields	1	No information available.
Potten End BC	Hempstead Lane, Potten End	1	The green is considered to be in adequate condition and has remained so for the last five seasons.
Tring BC	Pendley Sports Centre	1	The green has improved dramatically since last season as a result of employing a private contractor to carry out the maintenance. The clubhouse is in reasonable condition, having recently received a lottery grant to carry out improvements.

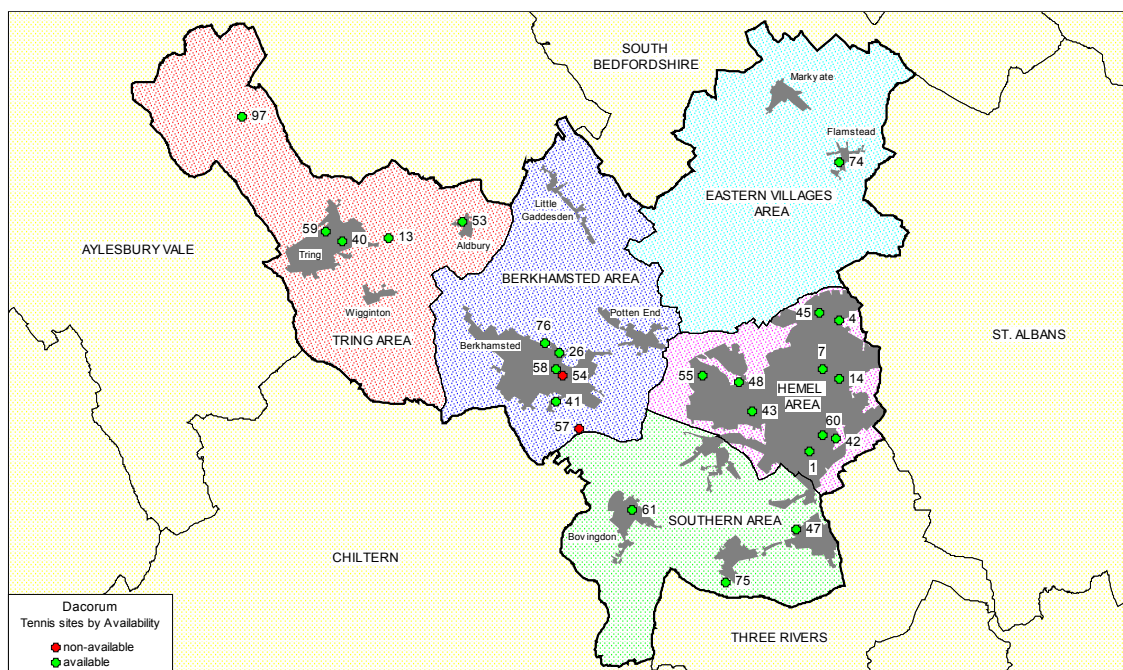
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8 TENNIS

Table 11: Summary of courts available for community use and teams by analysis area

Analysis Area	No. of available courts	No. of teams
Berkhamsted Area	25	24
Eastern Villages Area	1	-
Hemel Area	41	33
Southern Area	10	6
Tring Area	14	18
DACORUM	91	81

Map 6: All tennis sites in Dacorum



Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Courts
Ashlyns School	41	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	6
Berkhamsted Collegiate School	54	Berkhamsted Area	No	13
Berkhamsted Raquets Club	58	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	12
Kitcheners Collegiate	26	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	3
Little Gaddesden Tennis Club	76	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	3
The Meadow, Northchurch	21	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	1

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Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Courts
Thomas Coram Middle School	57	Berkhamsted Area	No	2
Holly Bush Lane Recreation Ground (Friendless Oval)	74	Eastern Villages Area	Yes	1
Astley Cooper School	45	Hemel Area	Yes	5
Belswains	1	Hemel Area	Yes	2
Cupid Green	4	Hemel Area	Yes	4
Hemel Hempstead School	43	Hemel Area	Yes	3
High Street Green	7	Hemel Area	Yes	2
John F Kennedy School	55	Hemel Area	Yes	4
Leverstock Green Tennis Club	60	Hemel Area	Yes	12
Longdean School	42	Hemel Area	Yes	3
Reith Fields	14	Hemel Area	Yes	2
The Cavendish School	48	Hemel Area	Yes	4
Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club	61	Southern Area	Yes	4
Chipperfield Tennis Club	75	Southern Area	Yes	2
Kings Langley School	47	Southern Area	Yes	4
Long Marston Tennis Club	97	Tring Area	Yes	2
Pound Meadow	13	Tring Area	Yes	2
Stocks Road	53	Tring Area	Yes	1
Tring School	40	Tring Area	Yes	3
Tring Tennis Club	59	Tring Area	Yes	6

3.8.1 Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association (HLTA)

Tennis in Dacorum is administered by Hertfordshire LTA. This body is responsible for the delivery of the LTA's national plan at a local level, the main body of this being the Club Vision Programme

Club Vision

Club Vision is the LTA's strategy to provide progressive clubs with greater support and resources at both national and county level to help clubs fully play their part in helping to 'make Britain a great tennis nation'. It is an investment programme that supports not just tennis clubs but also public 'pay and play' indoor tennis centres (ITI centres), schools and local authority venues.

It is implemented by clubs in each area completing a questionnaire about membership, facilities and activities. The outcome of the questionnaire helps the club

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and county tennis development officer identify areas or projects for the club to work on and where funding or other resources may be required.

Junior development/mini tennis

One of the areas in which many clubs are developing is junior or mini tennis. The LTA's Mini Tennis programme is targeted at four-ten year olds and features red, orange and green stages of progression which are focussed on ability rather than age. The activities use modified equipment for young children and are played either on dedicated mini tennis courts (smaller than an ordinary court) or on a small area of a standard court.

The programme aims to provide quality-assured opportunities in the local community that feature:

- Activities headed by an LTA Licensed Coach.
- Coaching sessions in red, orange and green stages.
- The Mini Tennis Awards.
- Holiday activities.
- Regular and varied fun competitions.
- Additional opportunities for the more talented players.
- Off court activities, special events and social activities.

Club capacity

LTA guidelines indicate that facilities should be able to accommodate 40 members per court and 60 members per floodlit court. This has been taken into consideration alongside the club consultation and facilities are rated as one of the following:

- Having spare capacity.
- Being at capacity.
- Being over capacity.

3.8.2 League consultation

Watford and District Tennis League

The Watford & District Tennis League covers the west Hertfordshire area including Dacorum. The number of clubs and teams participating has been growing steadily over the last five years and currently stands at 27 clubs fielding 130 teams. There are men's ladies and mixed competitions.

The basic requirements for participating in the League are that a club should have three courts and facilities to provide refreshments. Generally the venues are either private clubs or local recreation grounds. Some clubs use local school courts for matches occasionally in order to retain some capacity at the club for members' use.

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3.8.3 Issues arising from club consultation

Berkhamsted Tennis Club

Berkhamsted Tennis Club is located off Broadwater in Berkhamsted. The facility caters for both tennis and squash. The Club currently has 12 outdoor courts described as being in good condition.

Membership is thriving and the Club fields a range of teams in a number of different age groups. In total there are up to 22 teams participating in league or cup competitions.

The Club is constructing an indoor facility by covering two outdoor courts. This development will greatly improve opportunities to coach both seniors and juniors during the winter months.

In accordance with the LTA guidelines on club capacity Berkhamsted, with a membership of 700, is approaching capacity.

Leverstock Green Lawn Tennis Club

Leverstock Green Lawn Tennis Club is the largest club serving the Hemel Hempstead area. There are 12 courts at the club described as being in good condition.

It has a large membership, fielding up to 33 teams throughout the course of the year. Membership tends to fluctuate slightly season-by-season.

There are currently no facility development plans proposed in the near future.

Tring Lawn Tennis Club

The Club is based at London Road next to Tring Park Cricket Club, and plays in the Aylesbury Vale & District League. There are six courts described as being in good condition.

It has a large membership, with a strong junior section, fielding up to sixteen teams during the course of the year.

There are currently no facility development plans proposed in the near future. The Club currently use Pound Meadow for junior coaching sessions.

Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club

The Club is based in the village of Bovingdon and has four tarmac tennis courts in adequate condition.

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It fields four competitive teams, one men's, one ladies and two juniors (U12, U15), all participate in the Herts senior and junior tennis Leagues.

There are currently no planned developments.

Chipperfield Tennis Club

No information available, unable to contact the Club.

Little Gaddesden Tennis Club

No information available, unable to contact the Club.

Long Marston Tennis Club

No information available, unable to contact the club.

3.8.4 School tennis courts

Table 12: Tennis courts are also located at the following schools

School	Area	Number of courts
Berkhamsted Collegiate School	Berkhamsted	13
Tring School/leisure centre	Tring	3
Longdean School	Hemel	3
Ashlyns School	Berkhamsted	6
Hemel Hempstead School	Hemel	3
Astley Cooper School	Hemel	5
Kings Langley School	Kings Langley	4
The Cavendish School	Hemel	4
John F Kennedy School	Hemel	4
Thomas Coram Middle School	Berkhamsted	2

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3.8.5 Public pay and play courts

Tennis courts are also located at the following DBC/Parish Council sites allowing either free or 'pay and play' access to the public.

Table 13: Public courts

Site	Area	Number of courts
Belwains	Hemel	2
Cupid Green	Hemel	4
Reith Fields	Hemel	2
Pound Meadow	Tring	2
Stocks Road	Aldbury	1
Holly Bush Lane Recreation Ground	Flamstead	1
High Street Green	Hemel	2

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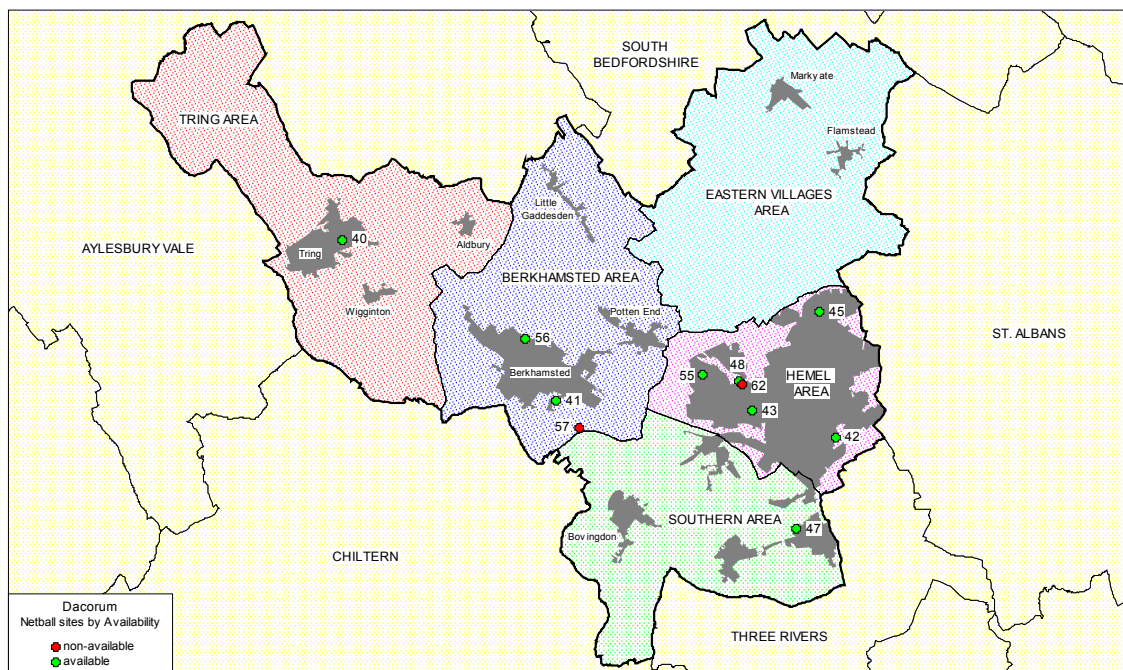
3.9 NETBALL

This section outlines the provision of facilities and deals with the issues for outdoor netball courts. Indoor courts are dealt with in the Indoor Sport & Recreation Facilities Assessment Report.

Table 14: Summary of courts available for community use and teams by analysis area

Analysis Area	No. of available courts
Berkhamsted Area	6
Eastern Villages Area	-
Hemel Area	21
Southern Area	3
Tring Area	3
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Map 7: All netball sites in Dacorum



Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Courts
Ashlyns School	41	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	4
Bridgewater Middle School	56	Berkhamsted Area	Yes	2
Thomas Coram Middle School	57	Berkhamsted Area	No	2

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Site name	KKP reference	Analysis Area	Community Use	Courts
Adeyfield School	99	Hemel Area	Yes	4
Astley Cooper School	45	Hemel Area	Yes	4
Hemel Hempstead School	43	Hemel Area	Yes	2
John F Kennedy School	55	Hemel Area	Yes	4
Longdean School	42	Hemel Area	Yes	3
The Cavendish School	48	Hemel Area	Yes	4
The Collett School	62	Hemel Area	No	1
Kings Langley School	47	Southern Area	Yes	3
Tring School	40	Tring Area	Yes	3

Table 15: Summary of netball sites

NB. All schools below, with the exception of Thomas Coram Middle School and The Collett School grant community access. Only Tring and Adeyfield Schools currently facilitate club use. NB. Thomas Coram Middle School and The Collett School have two and one netball courts respectively bringing the total of courts in Dacorum to 36, however they are unavailable for community use.

KKP ref	Site	No. courts	Site comments*
40	Tring School	3	Courts in good condition and are used regularly by the community
41	Ashlyns School	4	Courts described as being in good condition
42	Longdean School	3	Courts described as being in adequate condition
43	Hemel Hempstead School	2	Courts described as being in adequate condition
45	Astley Cooper School	4	The courts are over-marked with tennis, described as being in adequate condition.
99	Adeyfield School	4	No information available.
47	Kings Langley School	3	Courts described as being in good condition. There has been demand to use them in the winter, however there are no floodlights.
48	The Cavendish School	4	Courts described as being in good condition

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KKP ref	Site	No. courts	Site comments*
55	John F Kennedy School	4	Courts described as being in good condition
56	Bridgewater School	2	The courts are over-marked with tennis, described as being in good condition.
57	Thomas Coram School	2	N/A
62	The Collett School	1	N/A

**All quality-based comments are attributed as a result of KKP site visits.*

3.9.1 Hertfordshire Netball Association (HNA)

Netball in Dacorum is administered by HNA. All leagues and clubs are affiliated to this body. In addition, the All England Netball Association employs a regional development officer who has responsibility for the 'east area' of England.

There are two main focus areas for netball development in Hertfordshire:

- 11-16 age group development
- Grass roots to talented performer development.

A number of events take place in order to target the above focus areas in particular skill award days.

Skill Award Days

Held during the summer holidays, the Award Days are in their fifth year. This programme has concentrated in the last couple of years on more talented players with a view to progressing them to play in a club.

County development centre

HNA has identified Parmiters School in Watford as the County Development Centre for netball. This means that all county squad training sessions and county matches take place at the School. This involves the use of both indoor and outdoor courts.

The School would like HNA to contribute in some way to the refurbishment of the outdoor courts.

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3.9.2 Leagues

Parmitter School is the central venue for the Watford League and the South West Herts League. These play on alternate Sundays on the outdoor courts. The South West Herts League has 16 teams in two divisions. The Watford League has 24 teams in three divisions. Most clubs play in both leagues in order that they have a match every week. Summer leagues are also run at Parmiters from May through to July.

Although the leagues are recruiting new teams, the number participating has remained static, as some teams have folded. There has been a noticeable decline, however in summer participation.

Hemel Hempstead & District League

The League is based at Adeyfield School and runs during the winter months. Toilet facilities and changing rooms are available. The league comprises two divisions and a total of 22 teams, including youth teams. Some use is also made of Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre.

Welwyn and Hatfield League

The League is based at a central venue at Stanborough School in Welwyn Garden City in the North East Hertfordshire area and affiliated to the All England Netball Association and the HNA.

Clubs participating in the league come from all over the county to compete on a Tuesday evening.

The League caters for girls from the age of fourteen through to senior level competition. It currently has three divisions, and has aspirations to strengthen the third division and concentrate on the development of the junior game as part of its development plan

3.9.3 Issues arising from club consultation

Dacorum YSD Netball Club

The Club has four teams, an over 25's senior team, two 15-25 year old teams and a Sunday open age team. It is based at Longdean School. It plays in a number of competitive leagues during both the summer and the winter. Primarily the summer league takes place on outside courts on a Tuesday evening at a central venue at Stanborough School in Welwyn Garden City. The facilities are described as being in adequate condition with flat and spacious court surfaces, however the netball posts are in poor condition and some of the floodlights do not work.

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The Club revealed that membership has remained static over the last five years as a result of running trials and having a selection policy. It did reveal that more volunteers are required to help with officiating and organisation.

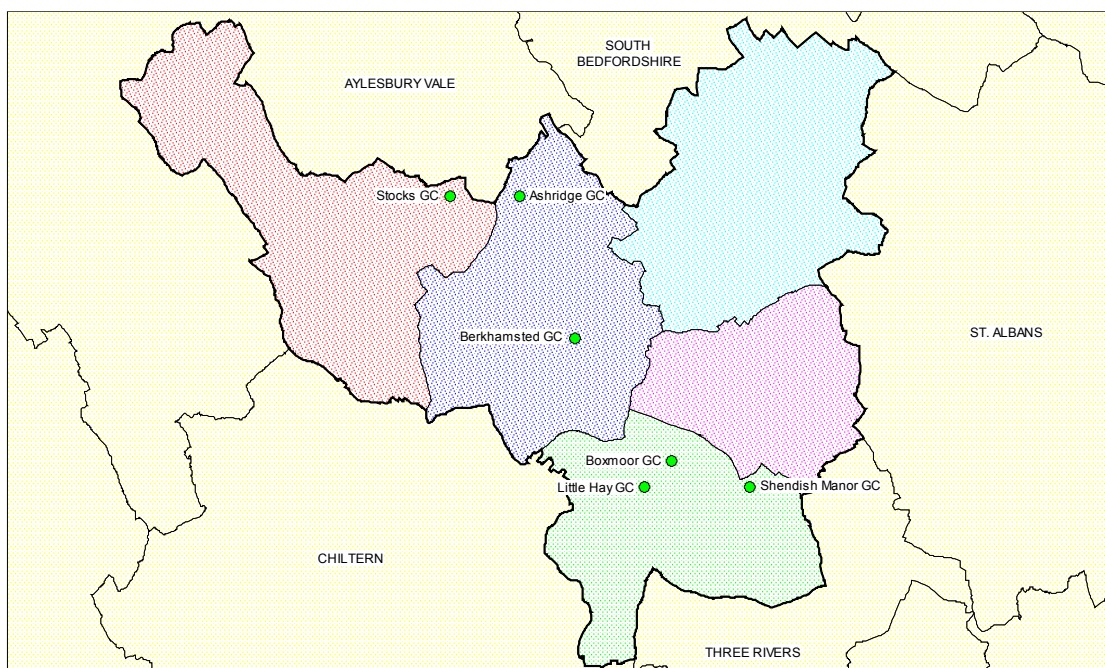
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3.10 GOLF

Table 16: Summary of provision of golf facilities in Dacorum

Club	18 hole	9 hole	Driving range	Practice areas		
				Bunker	Putting	Net
Ashridge Golf Club	√			√	√	
Berkhamsted Golf Club	√			√	√	
Boxmoor Golf Club		√				
Little Hay Golf Club	√		√	√	√	
Shendish Golf Club	√	√	√		√	
Stocks						

Map 8: Golf facilities in Dacorum



3.10.1 Context

Many young people (often influenced by their parents' perceptions) may never consider taking up golf due to the general views of the sport being expensive to participate in (club membership and equipment) and having to be nominated/sponsored by an existing member(s) in order to join a club.

Over the last ten years, however, the nature of golf facilities has changed significantly. New commercially run centres have sprung up which offer 'pay and play' facilities as well as club membership. Individuals can pay a green fee for the day or even just pay for a round of golf, allowing access to the facilities in the same way as those at

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municipal golf courses but with the quality and range of facilities one would expect to find at a private club.

Due to the arrival and development of these 'commercial' facilities, golf is now more accessible than ever to a wider spectrum of the population. In many cases it is not cost but accessibility to these facilities, which is an inhibiting factor.

3.10.2 Issues arising from club consultation

Ashridge Golf Club

Ashridge Golf Club is a private members club located in Little Gaddesden to the north of Berkhamsted. It has approximately 700 members and currently has a waiting list. Non-members are welcome but only during the week. The Club has no plans to extend its facilities at present as it has recently completed a new clubhouse providing excellent ancillary facilities. Green fees on application.

Berkhamsted Golf Club

Berkhamsted Golf Club is a private members club located on the common to the north of Berkhamsted. It has approximately 450 members of which 280 are male, 120 female and 50 junior. It is unclear if the Club currently has a waiting list. Non-members are welcome both during the week and by arrangement on the weekend. The Club provides good facilities including bar, changing rooms and a pro shop. There are no current plans to expand any of the facilities. Green fees at Berkhamsted are £28 during the week and £35 at weekends.

Boxmoor Golf Club

Boxmoor Golf Club is a nine-hole private members club located to the west of Hemel Hempstead town centre. It has approximately 290 members and does not have a waiting list. Non-members are welcome all week with the exception of Sundays. Facilities at the Club consist of a clubhouse, providing bar and food facilities as well as changing. There are no current plans to expand facilities. Green fees at Boxmoor are £15 during the week and £20 at weekends.

Shendish Manor Golf Club

Shendish Manor Golf Club is a private members club located to the south of Hemel Hempstead. It currently has approximately 100 members; paying guests are welcome by prior arrangement. The Club have excellent ancillary facilities including a driving range and clubhouse with changing rooms, bar and pro shop. Green fees at Shendish Manor are £15 during the week and £21 at weekends.

Little Hay Golf Complex

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Little Hay Golf Club is a local authority owned municipal golf complex. The complex is located just outside the village of Bovingdon. There are extensive ancillary facilities at Little Hay including a driving range as well as clubhouse facilities including changing, bar and a pro shop. There are currently no plans to extend facilities. Green fees at Little Hay are £11.60 during the week and £15.50 at weekends. Little Hay runs junior, ladies and 50+ golf programmes.

Little Hay Golf Club uses the facility as a base but has no share in the ownership. The Club has approximately 700 members but does not currently have a waiting list.

Stocks

The golf course is now in private ownership and the club has disbanded

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3.11 Athletics

Dacorum has one athletics track at Jarman Park in Hemel Hempstead which opened in 1995. The track and its ancillary facilities are owned by Dacorum Borough Council.

The stadium has the following facilities:

- ❑ Eight lane tartan track.
- ❑ Steeplechase water jump.
- ❑ Hammer and discus circles.
- ❑ Separate discus cage.
- ❑ Two sandpits with synthetic runways.
- ❑ Olympic standard pole vault runway and pit.
- ❑ One synthetic javelin runway.
- ❑ Two shot put fans.
- ❑ Football pitch/field sports area
- ❑ Clubhouse with changing and catering facilities.
- ❑ Uncovered seating for up to 230.

The stadium is the home of Dacorum & Tring Athletic Club (D&TAC). It considers that the stadium is well used, facilitating, through the Club, a wide range of events from county schools competitions through to national standard meetings. Club membership is strong and has increased over the last few years. This is attributed to the support of a strong group of coaches and enthusiastic volunteers. They train regularly on Tuesday and Thursday nights between 6.30 and 8.30.

The track has full UK athletics certification until 2006; however there are a number of facilities that require refurbishment or replacement. The floodlighting requires upgrading and the steeplechase water jump pit requires re-lining to prevent an ongoing leak. The clubhouse facility is in good condition, however the heating system is temperamental and requires upgrading. The club have expressed a concern regarding a lack of sheltered areas; the clubhouse is small and is unsuitable for large numbers of officials and competitors if the weather becomes inclement.

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3.12 Baseball

Hertfordshire Falcons Baseball Club

The Club plays at Grovehill in Hemel Hempstead. Formed in 1996 it is fully affiliated to the British Baseball Federation (BBF) and has two teams. In 2004 the Club was promoted to the British Baseball Premier Division, and the second team plays in the Southern Conference Regular League Division I. The season runs from May to September but training and friendly fixtures take place throughout the remainder of the year.

Training is held at 6.30 on Wednesday evenings and open to all, they are currently seeking new members. The Club are also keen to recruit officials and volunteers to help with match organisation and refereeing.

The Falcons are hoping to run a junior pitch, hit and run programme in south Hertfordshire schools; this in turn may encourage a junior membership.

3.13 Lacrosse

Pendley Lacrosse Club

The Club plays in the Premier Division of the South East Women's Lacrosse League. It uses Berkhamsted Collegiate School's Chesham Road ground.

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PART 4: EDUCATION PROVISION – AREA-BY-AREA ANALYSIS

4.1 Introduction

The provision of pitches at schools and colleges can make an important contribution to the overall stock of playing pitches within a particular catchment area. It is therefore important to have accurate information about the number, type, quality and availability of pitches within the education sector in Dacorum.

As stated earlier in this document, legislation within the Schools Standards and Framework Act (SSFA) 1998 was introduced by the Government requiring all state schools to seek approval from the Secretary of State for Education and Employment (Education and Skills since July 2001) for the sale of their playing fields. Section 77 of the SSFA seeks to protect school playing fields against disposal or change of use by requiring the prior consent of the Secretary of State before disposal or change of use may take place. The Department for Education and Employment produced guidance on section 77 of the SSFA within Circular 3/99 'The Protection of School Playing Fields' in June 1999.

Circular 3/99 was replaced in 2002 by guidance from the Department for Education and Skills entitled 'The Protection of School Playing Fields and Land for City Academies'. The guidance aims to strengthen the existing measures for protecting school playing fields. In particular, the guidance intends to support the development and improvement of sporting and play provision for the benefit of schools and their local communities, and to provide wider access to these facilities. Applications for disposal or change of use of playing fields will not only have to take account of existing community use but the potential use of the facilities for the local community.

The following section details playing pitch and associated facility provision on school sites.

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4.2 Education provision

Secondary School summary

Ashlyns School

Located in Berkhamsted, the School is keen to update and extend its current indoor sports facilities. Outdoor facilities include:

- ❑ 3 senior football pitches.
- ❑ 2 senior rugby pitches.
- ❑ 1 cricket square and outfield.
- ❑ 6 tennis courts.
- ❑ 4 netball courts.
- ❑ An athletics track.

There is extensive community use of the School's facilities. Three football clubs use the pitches playing up to six matches over the course of each weekend.

Berkhamsted Collegiate School

This private school is located across three sites. A new sports centre has recently been built. The School offers extensive outdoor facilities that include:

- ❑ Large unmarked grass pitch space (up to 6 senior rugby pitches).
- ❑ 6 cricket squares and outfields.
- ❑ 13 tennis courts.
- ❑ Grass running track.

Community use of the School's indoor facilities is popular. However, with the exception of Coopers Cricket Club, outdoor facilities are relatively untapped.

Adeyfield School, Hemel Hempstead

The School has the following outdoor sports facilities:

- ❑ One junior and one senior football pitch.
- ❑ One junior rugby pitch.
- ❑ One grass hockey pitch.
- ❑ Floodlit, macadam area with four tennis and four netball courts.

The School rates the overall quality of its grass pitches and courts as acceptable. All the facilities are available for community use. The football pitches are used on a regular basis by local community teams. The netball courts are also used during the holidays. The School considers the changing facilities which service its outdoor sports facilities are very poor.

Astley Cooper School

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The School has good sport facilities and, in recognition of this, it has been awarded the Sport England 'Sportsmark' to reflect its commitment to promoting the benefits of school sport and physical education.

Facilities include the following:

- ❑ 3 senior football pitches.
- ❑ 5 tennis courts.
- ❑ 4 netball courts.
- ❑ A grass athletics track.

Midlands FC, from the Berkhamsted Sunday League uses one of the football pitches on a Sunday morning.

The Cavendish School

Located in Hemel Hempstead, this school was awarded 'Sports College' status in 2001, the only school with this status in Dacorum.

The Sports College has recently benefited from a joint funded project between the Football Foundation, DFES and Sport England, building a two-floored classroom and changing facility, for the purposes of coach education, PE theory and curricular lessons.

The School has the following facilities:

- ❑ 3 senior football pitches.
- ❑ 1 senior rugby pitch.
- ❑ 4 tennis courts
- ❑ 4 netball courts.
- ❑ A full size artificial turf pitch (ATP).

There is no recorded community use of the facilities at the School.

Hemel Hempstead School

The School is located close to Hemel Sports Centre. There are limited outdoor facilities at the school, including:

- ❑ 3 senior football pitches.
- ❑ 3 tennis courts.
- ❑ 2 netball courts.

Community use of the site is limited, however Hemel Lions FC, Hemel Rangers FC and Hemel Old Boys FC have use of the football pitches on Saturday and Sunday.

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John F Kennedy School

The School has appointed a part-time fundraising manager. This is with a view to generating finance for a new performing arts and indoor P.E facility. The new facility will cost around £4.6 million and the School has put in a bid to the DfES for funding, but will have to find a further 15-20%.

The School also has good outdoor provision that includes:

- ❑ 3 senior football pitches.
- ❑ 4 tennis courts.
- ❑ 4 netball courts.

There is no recorded community use of the facilities at the school.

Longdean School

Longdean School, based in Rumballs Road, is a significant provider of curricular and community use sports in the Hemel Hempstead area. As well as a dual use sports centre the School provides a number of good quality outdoor facilities:

- ❑ 4 senior football pitches.
- ❑ A full size ATP.
- ❑ 3 tennis courts.
- ❑ 3 netball courts.

There is extensive use of the community facilities at Longdean, The School plays host to one of the only charter standard clubs in Dacorum, Woodhall Wanderers FC, which fields nine teams. The pitches also accommodate five teams from the Berkhamsted Sunday League.

Kings Langley School

The School is situated close to Three Rivers. The gym facility provides football training for Bovingdon FC. The School provides a number of outdoor facilities including:

- ❑ 2 senior football pitches.
- ❑ 2 senior rugby pitches.
- ❑ 2 separate cricket squares and outfield.
- ❑ 4 tennis courts.
- ❑ 3 netball courts.

There is limited community use of the outdoor facilities. However, Kings Langley AMS FC which plays in the Berkhamsted Sunday League uses the senior football pitches.

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Tring School

The School has extensive sports facilities both indoor and outdoor. The dual use sports hall provides a large number of booking slots for local football clubs to train in the evenings.

The pitch and non-pitch facilities include:

- ❑ 2 senior football pitches.
- ❑ 2 senior rugby pitches.
- ❑ A full size ATP.
- ❑ 3 tennis courts.
- ❑ 3 netball courts.

There is extensive community use of the indoor facilities at the School, while the netball courts are used by Shelley Netball Club (for training), AC Daniels FC use one of the football pitches on a Sunday morning.

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4.3 Middle & primary school summary by analysis area

The schools identified below responded to questionnaire or telephone interview

Table 17: Hemel Analysis Area

KKP ref	Site	Facilities available for community use?	Site Comments
69	South Hill School	Yes	The site has one junior pitch in good condition. The School also allows access to the changing rooms.
71	Barncroft School	Yes	The site has one junior pitch in adequate condition. The School also allows access to the changing rooms.
72	Nash Mills School	No	Although wider sports facilities are available at the site there are no football pitches available for the community to use.
81	Lockers Park School	No	There are currently five junior football pitches on site. However, these are not available to the community.
83	Gade Valley School	Yes *	The site has one senior and one junior football pitch and a rugby pitch described as being in adequate condition, however there is no access to the School's changing facilities.
85	Lime Walk School	Yes *	The site provides one junior football pitch described as being in adequate condition. However, the site does not give access to the School's changing facilities.
88	Holtsmere End School	Yes *	The site provides one junior football and one junior cricket pitch. However the site does not give access to the School's changing facilities.
89	George Street School	No	Although wider sports facilities are available at the site there are no football pitches available for the community to use.

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KKP ref	Site	Facilities available for community use?	Site Comments
90	Jupiter Drive School	No	Although wider sports facilities are available at the site there are no football pitches available for the community to use.
91	Boxmoor School	No	Although wider sports facilities are available at the site there are no football pitches available for the community to use.
93	Micklem School	Yes *	The site provides one junior football pitch described as being in adequate condition. However, the site does not give access to the School's changing facilities.

Table 18: Berkhamsted analysis area

KKP ref	Site	Facilities available for community use?	Site Comments
56	Bridgewater School	No	Although wider sports facilities are available at the site there are no football pitches available for the community to use.
57	Thomas Coram School	No	The School has two junior football pitches, a rugby pitch and a grass hockey pitch as well as two tennis courts. All of the outdoor facilities are considered to be in adequate condition.
86	Greenway School	Yes *	The site provides one junior football pitch described as being in adequate condition. However it does not give access to the School's changing facilities.

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Table 19: Tring Analysis Area

KKP ref	Site	Facilities available for community use?	Site Comments
92	Bishop Wood School	Yes *	The site provides one junior football pitch described as being in adequate condition. However the site does not give access to the School's changing facilities.
84	St Bartholomews School	Yes	The site provides one junior football pitch considered to be in good condition The School also grants access to changing facilities.
69	Aldbury School	Yes *	The site provides one junior football pitch described as being in adequate condition. However the site does not give access to the School's changing facilities.

Table 20: Eastern Villages analysis area

KKP ref	Site	Facilities available for community use?	Site Comments
87	Gaddesden Row School	No	Although wider sports facilities are available at the site there are no football pitches available for the community to use.

Table 21: Southern Analysis Area

KKP ref	Site	Facilities available for community use?	Site Comments
70	Kings Langley Primary School	Yes *	The site provides one junior football pitch described as being in adequate condition. However the site does not give access to the School's changing facilities.

*** Indicates that the school does not give access to their changing facilities**

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Primary schools, which did not respond to the questionnaire or telephone interview are as follows:

Bellgate Primary	Bellswains Primary	Chambersbury Primary
Great Gaddesden Primary	Dundale Primary	Flamstead Village School
Martindale Primary	Hobbs Hill Wood Primary	Leverstock Green Primary
Chaulden Junior	Rossgate Primary	St Albert The Great Primary
St Cuthbert Mayne Junior	Two Waters Primary	Broadfield Junior
St Pauls Primary Chipperfield	Hobletts Manor Junior	Markyate Primary

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PART 5: AREA BASED ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS

5.1 Introduction

This following section provides a summary of pitch and non-pitch provision in Dacorum. Provision was identified through a variety of means including Council records, league handbooks, and interviews with key stakeholders and site visits. They illustrate pitch provision under the following tables:

- Type and total number of pitches.
- Pitches that are either used or are available for community use, including primary schools, secondary schools and colleges.
- Pitches that are available for community use with pitch sport comments including temporal demand analysis.
- Pitches that have no community use, including non-community use school comments.
- Key sites.

The tables within this part of the report provide an area-by-area analysis of the use and an assessment of the quality of the majority of pitch sites within Dacorum. There are separate tables for football, rugby, cricket and hockey for each analysis area. The structure is as follows:

- Berkhamsted analysis area.
- Eastern Villages analysis area.
- Hemel analysis area.
- Southern analysis area.
- Tring analysis area.

The columns entitled “matches” refer to temporal demand or when the teams play. A figure of 1.0 for instance would be representative of two teams using that pitch on a home and away basis (every other week). This means that that pitch is receiving one game at that time every week.

These ratings will assist with the identification of sites for improvement/development, rationalisation etc. In doing so the qualitative rating of the site also needs to be taken into consideration (see below).

Each pitch site that has been identified as offering community use is included and the following details are provided where available:

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- Location.
- Number and type of pitches.
- Provision of ancillary facilities.
- Usage including when games are played (temporal demand).
- Qualitative information from pitch managers and users.

Each pitch, whether football, cricket, rugby or hockey, has been given a quality grading. This was calculated taking into account Sport England (SE) visual assessment (from the Electronic Toolkit accompanying 'Towards A Level Playing Field') and comments from site users and managers. The following scale was used:

- Good.
- Acceptable.
- Poor.

The column entitled 'matches per week' is split into three sections – play, capacity and rating.

Football and rugby

Play refers to temporal demand or when the teams play. A figure of 1.0 in this column for instance would be representative of two teams using that pitch on a home and away basis (every other week). This means that that pitch is receiving one game at that time every week. This is taken from the 2004/05 season.

Calculation of *capacity* is based on the qualitative ratings. Taking into consideration SE guidelines on capacity the following was concluded:

- If a pitch is rated as 'good' its capacity is specified as two matches per week.
- If a pitch is rated as 'acceptable' its capacity is specified as one match per week.
- If a pitch is rated as 'poor' its capacity is specified as one match every other week.

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School pitches have been issued with a different capacity rating. This is due to the fact that school pitches generally have more usage and therefore generally have higher levels of maintenance. School pitches have thus been identified to have the following capacity ratings:

- If a pitch is rated as 'good' its capacity is specified as four matches per week.
- If a pitch is rated as 'acceptable' its capacity is specified as two matches per week.
- If a pitch is rated as 'poor' its capacity is specified as one match per week.

A colour coded *rating* is then given by comparing the above information:

- Red - the pitch is being used over capacity.**
- Amber - the pitch is at capacity.**
- Green - the pitch is being used under capacity.**

This is followed by commentary relating the capacity rating to specific site/pitch issues. Where it is indicated that the level of provision is 'sufficient', this indicates that none of the pitches in the area (for the particular sports), are rated as poor quality and/or played 'over capacity', neither has any latent demand been identified by users. This is not to say that improvements to sites are not required. Conversely, where an insufficient level of provision has been identified this is because one or more sites/pitches have been rated as poor quality and/or are being over-played and/or latent demand has been expressed.

Provisos

There are a number of provisos that need to be taken into account with regard to the analysis tables as there may be some discrepancies between the SE visual rating and the consultation comments:

- Schools may have been rated as poor via the SE rating and acceptable/good through consultation. This may arise as the SE quality assessment increases rating if there is changing accommodation available. A number of the schools however have no changing accommodation available for community use.
- There may be some user information missing from some of the sites. This is because, although questionnaires were sent out to all users, some did not respond.

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Table 22: pitch provision summary

Analysis Area	Total no. of pitches							No. of pitches available for community use						
	SF	JF	MS	SR	C	GH	ATP	SF	JF	MS	SR	C	GH	ATP
Benkhurst Area	11	2	4	3	6	-	-	11	2	4	3	6	-	-
Eastern Villages Area	5	3	-	-	3	-	-	5	3	-	-	3	-	-
Hemel Area	52	12	9	4	5	-	2	52	11	9	4	5	-	2
Southern Area	8	3	-	2	6	-	-	8	3	-	2	6	-	-
Tring Area	11	4	-	6	5	4	1	11	4	-	6	5	4	1
DACORUM	87	24	13	15	25	4	3	87	23	13	15	25	4	3

Legend: SF – senior football pitches, JF – junior football pitches, MS – mini soccer pitches, SR- senior rugby union pitches, C – cricket pitches, GH –Grass hockey pitches, ATP – artificial turf pitches

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5.2 Berkhamsted area – Pitch provision and key sites

Table 23: Berkhamsted analysis area sites available for community use

KKPref	Site	Comm. Use	Owner	Sf	Jf	Mf	SRu	JRu	MRu	SCr	JCr	ATP	Tnns	NetB	ATrack	Bowls
29	Canal Fields	Yes	LA													1
34	Broadwater	Yes	LA	1												
103	Hempstead Lane, Potten End	Yes	LA													1
21	The Meadow, Northchurch	Yes	Club							1			1			
25	Kitcheners Field	Yes	Club		4					1						1
58	Berkhamsted Raquets Club	Yes	Club										12			
2	Butts Meadow	Yes	LA	1												
8	Lagley Meadow	Yes	LA	1												
15	Velvet Lawn	Yes	LA	2												
22	Homefield, Potten End	Yes	LA	1						1						
56	Bridgewater Middle School	Yes	LA											2	1	
63	Northchurch Recreation Ground	Yes	LA	1												
76	Little Gaddesden Tennis Club	Yes	LA										3			
77	Little Gaddesden Playing Fields	Yes	LA	1						1						1
86	Greenway School	Yes	LA		1											
26	Kitcheners Collegiate	Yes	Private							1			3			
41	Ashlyns School	Yes	Private	3			2			1			6	4	1	
82	St Thomas More RC School	Yes	Private		1											

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5.2.1 Berkhamsted analysis area – sport-by-sport analysis

Football

Table 24: Berkhamsted analysis area football provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week		
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating
2	Butts Meadow	LA	Yes	1									1.0	2.0	
8	Lagley Meadow	LA	Yes		1								1.0	1.0	
15	Velvet Lawn	LA	Yes	2									0.5	4.0	
22	Homefield, Potten End	LA	Yes	1									-	2.0	
25	Kitcheners Field	Club	Yes				4						2.5	8.0	
34	Broadwater	0	Yes	1									0.5	2.0	
41	Ashlyns School	Private	Yes		3								4.5	6.0	
63	Northchurch Recreation Ground	LA	Yes			1							1.5	0.5	
77	Little Gaddesden Playing Fields	LA	Yes			1							3.0	0.5	
82	St Thomas More RC School	Private	Yes						1				-	1.0	
86	Greenway School	LA	Yes					1					-	2.0	

Conclusions

- The quality of the pitches is generally of a good or adequate standard.

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- ❑ At first glance it appears as if Berkhamsted analysis area has an over provision of pitches. However it is important to note that the majority of sites are being played just under capacity. This then allows a recovery period for the pitches which is then reflected in the overall quality of the pitches.
- ❑ There appears to be a significant amount of overplay at Little Gaddesden Playing Field, however this may be as a result of the quality of the pitch as opposed to the number of teams using the facility. If the pitch was in better condition it may be able to facilitate the number of teams currently using it.
- ❑ This site is owned by DBC and is considered to be in adequate condition. Currently the site is being played to capacity. DBC should monitor the quality of the site in order to ensure that the quality of the pitch does not worsen.

Rugby

Table 25: Berkhamsted analysis area rugby provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week				
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating		
26	Kircheners Collegiate	Private	Yes		1										-	1.0	
41	Ashlyns School	Private	Yes		2										-	4.0	

Conclusion

- ❑ There is sufficient rugby provision within the Berkhamsted analysis area. Currently there are no rugby clubs playing in the area.

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Cricket

Table 26: Berkhamsted analysis area cricket provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches				Peak use
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	
21	The Meadow, Northchurch	Club	Yes	I		-	-	-	-	-
22	Homefield, Potten End	LA	Yes	I		-	-	-	-	-
25	Kitcheners Field	Club	Yes	I		-	1.0	-	1.0	2.5
26	Kitcheners Collegiate	Private	Yes	I		-	1.0	-	-	-
41	Ashlyns School	Private	Yes	I		-	-	-	-	-
77	Little Gaddesden Playing Fields	LA	Yes	I		-	-	-	0.5	-

Conclusion

- There is sufficient cricket provision in the Berkhamsted analysis area.

Hockey

There are no hockey facilities within the Berkhamsted analysis area.

Conclusion

- The hockey Club based in Berkhamsted (Berkhamsted and Hemel HC) currently uses the ATP at Cow Roast in Tring as their home venue. Tring is within five miles of Berkhamsted and currently provides a suitable venue.

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5.3 Eastern Villages analysis area pitch provision and key sites

Table 27: Eastern Villages analysis area sites available for community use

KKPref	Site	Comm. Use	Owner	Sf	Jf	Mf	SRu	JRu	MRu	SCr	JCr	ATP	Tnns	NetB	ATrack	Bowls
49	Stags End	Yes	0	1												
100	Bridens Camp	Yes	0							1						
101	Cavendish Road Recreation Ground	Yes	0	2	2					1						
102	Markyate Primary School	Yes	0	1												
74	Holly Bush Lane Recreation Ground (Friendless Oval)	Yes	LA	1						1			1			
73	Cross Road, Great Gaddesden	Yes	Private		1											

5.3.1 Eastern Villages analysis area – sport by sport analysis

Football

Table 28: Eastern Villages area football provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
49	Stags End	Private	Yes		1								0.5	1.0		
73	Cross Road, Great Gaddesden	Private	Yes						1				-	0.5		
74	Holly Bush Lane Recreation Ground (Friendless Oval)	LA	Yes		1								1.0	1.0		

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KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week		
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating
101	Cavendish Road Recreation Ground	0	Yes	2			2						6.0	8.0	
102	Markyate Primary School	0	Yes	1									-	2.0	

Conclusion

- The quality of the pitches is generally of an adequate standard. The junior pitch at Cross Road is considered to be in poor condition and currently only able to facilitate one match every other week.
- The senior pitch at Holly Bush Lane is currently being played to capacity. The Parish Council should monitor this to ensure that pitch quality remains at its current level.

Rugby

There is currently no rugby provision within the Eastern Villages analysis area.

Conclusion

- There are no rugby clubs in the Eastern Villages analysis area. Players from this area are catered for at clubs in Tring and Hemel.

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Cricket

Table 29: Eastern Villages analysis area cricket provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches				Peak use	
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm		Other
74	Holly Bush Lane Recreation Ground (Friendless Oval)	LA	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	0.5	100%
100	Bridens Camp	0	Yes	1		-	-	-	-	1.0	100%
101	Cavendish Road Recreation Ground	0	Yes	1		-	-	-	-	-	

Conclusion

- There are two cricket clubs in the Eastern Villages area. The cricket ground at Cavendish Road Recreation Ground was not being used for league matches at the time of the study.

Hockey

There is currently no hockey provision within the Eastern Villages analysis area.

Conclusion

- There are no hockey clubs in the Eastern Villages area; players are catered for at Berkhamsted and Hemel HC.

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5.4 Hemel analysis area pitch provision and key sites

Table 30: Hemel analysis area sites available for community use

KKPref	Site	Comm. Use	Owner	Sf	Jf	Mf	SRu	JRu	MRu	SCr	JCr	ATP	Tnns	NetB	ATrack	Bowls	Croq
32	Vauxhall Road	Yes	0	1													
33	Jarman Park	Yes	0	1											1		
36	Pancake Lane	Yes	0	1													
99	Adeyfield School	Yes	0	1	1			1						4			
23	Bedmond Road	Yes	Club							1							
60	Leverstock Green Tennis Club	Yes	Club										12				
1	Belswains	Yes	LA	4									2				
3	Chaulden Playing Fields	Yes	LA	1			1	1	2								
4	Cupid Green	Yes	LA	2	1	2							4				
5	Gadebridge Park	Yes	LA													2	1
6	Grovehill	Yes	LA	5		2											
7	High Street Green	Yes	LA	3						1			2				
9	Leverstock Green	Yes	LA	1													
12	Pennine Way	Yes	LA	4	1		2										
14	Reith Fields	Yes	LA	1									2				
16	Warners End Valley	Yes	LA	9		2				1							
42	Longdean School	Yes	LA	4								1	3	3			
43	Hemel Hempstead School	Yes	LA	3									3	2			

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KKPref	Site	Comm. Use	Owner	Sf	Jf	Mf	SRu	JRu	MRu	SCr	JCr	ATP	Tnns	NetB	ATrack	Bowls	Croq
45	Astley Cooper School	Yes	LA	3									5	4	1		
48	The Cavendish School	Yes	LA	3			1					1	4	4			
55	John F Kennedy School	Yes	LA	3									4	4			
68	South Hill Primary School	Yes	LA		1						1						
71	Barncroft Primary School	Yes	LA		1												
72	Nash Mills C of E Primary School	Yes	LA														
80	Gadebridge Lane	Yes	LA		3	3											
83	Gade Valley JMI School	Yes	LA	1	1			1									
85	Lime Walk Primary School	Yes	LA		1												
93	Micklem School	Yes	LA		1												
46	Abbot's Hill School	Yes	Private	1													
20	Boxmoor Oval	Yes	Trust														
27	Station Road	Yes	Trust														

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5.4.1 Hemel analysis area – sport-by-sport analysis

Football

Table 31: Hemel analysis area football provision and levels of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week		
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating
1	Belswains	LA	Yes		4								2.0	4.0	
3	Chaulden Playing Fields	LA	Yes		1								1.5	1.0	
4	Cupid Green	LA	Yes		2		1			2			4.0	5.0	
6	Grovehill	LA	Yes	5					2				2.0	14.0	
7	High Street Green	LA	Yes		3								2.0	3.0	
9	Leverstock Green	LA	Yes		1								0.5	1.0	
12	Pennine Way	LA	Yes			4		1					6.5	2.5	
14	Reith Fields	LA	Yes		1								1.5	1.0	
16	Warners End Valley	LA	Yes		9					2			8.5	11.0	
32	Vauxhall Road	0	Yes	1									2.0	2.0	
33	Jarman Park	0	Yes			1							-	0.5	
36	Pancake Lane	0	Yes		1								4.5	1.0	
42	Longdean School	LA	Yes	4									7.0	16.0	
43	Hemel Hempstead School	LA	Yes		3								1.5	6.0	
45	Astley Cooper School	LA	Yes		3								0.5	6.0	
46	Abbot's Hill School	Private	Yes		1								-	1.0	

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KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week		
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating
48	The Cavendish School	LA	Yes	3									-	12.0	
55	John F Kennedy School	LA	Yes	3									-	12.0	
68	South Hill Primary School	LA	Yes				1						1.0	4.0	
71	Barncroft Primary School	LA	Yes					1					3.0	2.0	
80	Gadebridge Lane	LA	Yes						3	3			-	15.0	
83	Gade Valley JMI School	LA	Yes			1							-	2.0	
85	Lime Walk Primary School	LA	Yes						1				-	1.0	
93	Micklem School	LA	Yes							1			-	1.0	
99	Adeyfield School	0	Yes	1									-	8.0	

Conclusion

- There are a number of pitches within the Hemel analysis area that are being played over capacity. Of particular concern is Pennine Way; pitch quality at the site is being significantly impaired by the number of fixtures. It may be prudent to move some clubs to other sites with spare capacity in order to give the pitches at Pennine Way time to recover.
- There are a number of pitches within Hemel that have spare capacity. Grovehill appears to have good quality playing pitches that could accommodate further fixtures. In order to relieve pressure on some sites currently over capacity it may be prudent to engage schools such as Longdean, Astley Cooper and Hemel Hempstead Schools.

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Rugby

Table 32: Hemel analysis area rugby provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
3	Chaulden Playing Fields	LA	Yes		1			1			2			-	4.0	
12	Pennine Way	LA	Yes	2										4.0	4.0	
48	The Cavendish School	LA	Yes	1										-	4.0	
83	Gade Valley JMI School	LA	Yes						1					-	1.0	
99	Adeyfield School	0	Yes					1						-	2.0	

Conclusion

- Currently rugby provision in Hemel is sufficient to meet the needs of the community.

Cricket

Table 33: Hemel analysis area cricket provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches						Peak use	
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Other			
7	High Street Green	LA	Yes	1		-	-	0.5	-	-	-	-	50%
16	Warners End Valley	LA	Yes	1		-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	50%
20	Boxmoor Oval	Trust	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	100%

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KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches				Peak use	
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm		Other
23	Bedmond Road	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	2.0	200%
27	Station Road	Trust	Yes	1		-	3.0	-	0.5	5.5	550%
68	South Hill Primary School	LA	Yes		1	-	-	-	-	-	

Conclusion

- Hemel Hempstead Town CC (Station Road) is being played over capacity. Consultation with the Club has revealed that they currently they farm some of their colts fixtures out to neighbouring clubs, however demand at the Club puts extensive pressure on the ground and ancillary facilities.

Hockey

Table 34: Hemel analysis area hockey provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches			Matches				Peak use	
				SGH	JGH	ATP	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm		Other
42	Longdean School	LA	Yes			1	-	-	-	-	-	
48	The Cavendish School	LA	Yes			1	-	-	-	-	-	

Conclusion

- Artificial turf in Hemel is currently sufficient to meet the needs of the community. All Hockey activity currently takes place at Cow Roast near Tring.

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5.5 Southern analysis area – Community use

Table 35: Southern analysis area sites available for community use

KKPref	Site	Comm. Use	Owner	Sf	Jf	Mf	SRu	JRu	MRu	SCR	JCr	ATP	Tnns	NetB	ATrack	Bowls
31	The Saracens Head	Yes	0													1
35	Gaywood Park	Yes	0	1	1											
37	Queen Street	Yes	0	1												
38	Green Lane	Yes	0	2												
64	Community Hall Playing Fields, Flaunden	Yes	0	1												
67	Bovingdon Bowls Club	Yes	0													1
104	The Boot, Tower Hill	Yes	0		1											
17	Bovingdon Green	Yes	LA							1						
18	Kings Langley Common	Yes	LA							1						
19	The Common Chipperfield	Yes	LA							1						
44	Boxmoor Special School	Yes	LA	1												
47	Kings Langley School	Yes	LA	2			2			2			4	3		
70	Kings Langley Primary School	Yes	LA		1											
75	Chipperfield Tennis Club	Yes	LA										2			
96	Bourne End Cricket Club	Yes	Private													1
61	Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club	Yes	Trust										4			

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5.5.1 Southern analysis area - sport-by-sport analysis

Football

Table 36: Southern analysis area football provision and levels of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week		
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating
35	Gaywood Park	0	Yes		1			1					2.5	2.0	
37	Queen Street	0	Yes		1								-	1.0	
38	Green Lane	0	Yes	2									7.5	4.0	
44	Boxmoor Special School	LA	Yes		1								0.5	2.0	
47	Kings Langley School	LA	Yes	2									0.5	8.0	
64	Community Hall Playing Fields	0	Yes		1								0.5	1.0	
70	Kings Langley Primary School	LA	Yes					1					0.5	2.0	
104	The Boot, Tower Hill	0	Yes					1					-	1.0	

Conclusion

- There is sufficient football provision in Southern analysis area although there are three sites that are being played over capacity. (Gaywood Park, Queens Street and Green Lane). All of the sites being played over capacity are single club occupancies.
- Spare Capacity has been identified at Kings Langley School, Boxmoor Special School, Kings Langley Primary School and Community Hall Playing Fields. Boxmoor Special School has now closed.

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Rugby

Table 37: Southern analysis area rugby provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
47	Kings Langley School	LA	Yes	2										-	8.0	

Conclusion

- There is sufficient rugby provision in the Southern analysis area. The facilities at Kings Langley School are considered as being in good condition.

Cricket

Table 38: Southern analysis area cricket provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches				Peak use		
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm		Other	
17	Bovingdon Green	LA	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	-	0.5	100%
18	Kings Langley Common	LA	Yes	1		-	1.5	-	-	-	2.5	250%
19	The Common Chipperfield	LA	Yes	1		-	-	-	-	-	-	
47	Kings Langley School	LA	Yes	2		-	-	-	-	-	-	

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KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches				Peak use	
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm		Other
96	Bourne End Cricket Club	Private	Yes	1		-	-	-	-	1.0	100%

Conclusion

- There is sufficient cricket provision in Southern analysis area.

Hockey

There is no hockey provision available for community use in the Southern analysis area.

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5.6 Tring analysis area – Community use

Table 39: Tring analysis area sites available for community use

KKPref	Site	Comm. Use	Owner	Sf	Jf	Mf	SRu	JRu	MRu	SCr	JCr	SGh	JGh	ATP	Tnns	NetB	Bowls
39	Icknield Way	Yes	Private	1													
51	Lockhart Field, Cow Roast	Yes	Private									4					
98	Long Marston Recreation Ground	Yes	Private	1													
24	London Road	Yes	Club		1					2							
28	Cow Roast	Yes	Club	1						1							
10	Miswell Lane	Yes	LA	1													
13	Pound Meadow	Yes	LA	1											2		
40	Tring School	Yes	LA	2			2							1	3	3	
30	Pendley Sports Centre	Yes	Trust	1			4	4									1
53	Stocks Road	Yes	LA	1						1					1		
65	Wigginton Sports Field	Yes	LA	1													
69	Aldbury Primary School	Yes	LA		1												
84	St Bartholomews CofE School	Yes	LA		1												
92	Bishop Wood CofE School	Yes	LA		1												
95	Long Marston Cricket Club (Cheddington Lane)	Yes	Private							1							
97	Long Marston Tennis Club	Yes	Private												2		
11	Mortimer Hill	Yes	Trust	1													

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59	Tring Tennis Club	Yes	Trust							6
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5.6.1 Tring analysis area – sport-by-sport analysis

Football

Table 40: Tring analysis area football provision and levels of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week		
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating
10	Miswell Lane	LA	Yes			1							1.5	0.5	
11	Mortimer Hill	Trust	Yes	1									0.5	2.0	
13	Pound Meadow	LA	Yes	1									-	2.0	
24	London Road	Club	Yes				1						-	2.0	
28	Cow Roast	Club	Yes	1									4.5	2.0	
30	Pendley Sports Centre	Private	Yes	1									3.5	2.0	
39	Icknield Way	Private	Yes			1							-	1.0	
40	Tring School	LA	Yes			2							0.5	4.0	
53	Stocks Road	LA	Yes	1									1.0	2.0	
65	Wigginton Sports Field	LA	Yes			1							-	0.5	
69	Aldbury Primary School	LA	Yes						1				-	2.0	
84	St Bartholomews CofE School	LA	Yes				1						-	4.0	
92	Bishop Wood CofE School	LA	Yes								1		-	1.0	
98	Long Marston Recreation Ground	LA	Yes			1							-	0.5	

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Conclusion

- ❑ There are a number of pitches in Tring being overplayed. DBC should monitor play at Miswell Lane and Pound Meadow as fixtures could be rotated to other sites.
- ❑ Generally pitches in the area are considered to be of good or adequate quality. Miswell Lane and Wiggington Sports Field are considered to be of poor quality.

Rugby

Table 4.1: Tring analysis area rugby provision and levels of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner		Comm Use		Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week		
						G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating
30	Pendley Sports Centre	0		Yes		1									4.0	2.0	
40	Tring School	LA		Yes				2							-	4.0	

Conclusion

- ❑ Although the pitches at Pendley Sports Centre are considered to be in good condition the Club must monitor them in order to maintain this standard. Currently they are being overplayed. However some of the play is by junior teams which does not have such a significant impact as full senior competition.

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Cricket

Table 42: Tring analysis area cricket provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches					Peak use
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Other	
24	London Road	Club	Yes	2		-	2.5	-	1.0	5.5	275%
28	Cow Roast	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	-	100%
53	Stocks Road	LA	Yes	1		-	-	-	-	-	
95	Long Marston Cricket Club (Cheddington Lane)	Private	Yes	1		-	1.0	1.0	-	0.5	100%

Conclusion

- There is sufficient cricket provision in Southern analysis area.

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Hockey

Table 43: Tring analysis area hockey provision and level of community use

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches			Matches				Peak use	
				SGH	JGH	ATP	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm		Other
40	Tring School	LA	Yes			1	-	3.5	2.0	-	-	350%
51	Lockhart Field, Cow Roast	0	Yes	4			-	-	-	-	-	

Conclusion

- There is sufficient hockey provision in the Tring analysis area.

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PART 6: SHORTFALL, ADEQUACY AND REQUIREMENT

6.1 Introduction

This section carries out various analyses on the information outlined in the previous sections. The analysis follows the guidelines in Sport England's 'Towards A Level Playing Field' and includes:

- Temporal supply and demand analysis (SE Playing Pitch Model).
- Team generation rates (TGRs).
- Qualitative local standards.

Temporal supply and demand analysis

The temporal demand for games is the proportion of matches that are played each day at particular times. For example, by looking at the temporal demand it can be identified that Sunday morning is the peak time for senior football matches in Dacorum. The supply and demand analysis compares the demand at various peak times with the number of pitches available for use. It has only been used to analyse the issues for football in Dacorum as the issues surrounding provision for the other sports are relatively straightforward. The Playing Pitch Model (PPM) is used for this numerical analysis. There are three ways in which the model is used:

- To reflect the existing situation, using information on existing teams and pitches.
- To test the adequacy of current provision by manipulating the variables in the model e.g. to remove all the pitches rated as 'inadequate/poor' from the supply side.
- To predict future requirements for pitches, by incorporating planned pitches and projected changes in population and participation.

Team generation rates (TGRs)

TGRs indicate how many people in a specified age group are currently required to generate one team. They are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band in a given area by the number of teams in that area in that age band. The TGR for each sport and age group has been calculated and used in modelling current adequacy and future demand. TGRs have been calculated for each analysis area in Dacorum.

The TGRs for Dacorum show relatively good levels of participation amongst men and junior age group boys. However, TGRs are not calculated for women and girls for all the sports as there are no teams from the Borough in certain sports. Whilst it may be conceded that females from Dacorum travel out of the Borough to participate in pitch sports, at a junior level this is less likely.

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Although TGRs are not calculated for the non-pitch sports, consultation shows reasonably high levels of participation by women in activities such as tennis and netball, although in many cases this is on a casual/friendly basis.

Qualitative local standard

Within local plans, many local authorities use the NPFA guidelines in setting local standards for outdoor sports provision. This is usually based on a number of hectares per 1,000 population which should be protected and maintained as formal outdoor sports provision and designated as such in the local plan. The NPFA outline 1.21 hectares of formal outdoor sports pitches is an aspiration for provision. Local authorities can then use this figure as a benchmark. Provision in an area might show a good level of provision compared to the NPFA standard.

However, taking the analysis a step further to identify within the pitch stock, adequate and inadequate provision and levels of latent demand in the area, makes the standard significantly more representative of the local situation. By factoring in this information a 'qualitative local standard' can be derived. That is to say a local standard which takes into account local qualitative information.

The qualitative local standard is calculated by adding the hectarage of pitch stock available for community use to the identified shortfall/surplus of pitches (latent demand). It is also useful to identify the amount of inadequate pitches within the existing stock.

It is advised that the qualitative local standards are adopted as part of the DPD and used as supplementary planning documents in the context of planning applications such as the following:

- Where applicants propose the removal/relocation of playing pitches which will effect the amount of provision in a given area.
- Where developer contributions can be gained to improve the quality of existing facilities.

Summary

It is important that all three levels of analysis are kept up to date. In line with recommendations in PPG 17: Planning for Open Space Sport & Recreation, it is important that DBC has a current audit and assessment of provision in order to respond appropriately to the needs of the local community.

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6.2 Identified adequacy and latent demand

Through consultation with representatives from sports governing bodies, local leagues and clubs the research has found evidence of a need for additional pitches based on current levels of demand (see 6.3 for details). A number of clubs have expressed this need either because they do not currently have access to pitches or the quality of an existing facility is limiting/preventing use. This latent demand shows that a lack of facility/pitch development is, to some extent, inhibiting development of clubs (especially junior football clubs and mini soccer) and opportunities to participate.

A more significant issue arising out of the research is that of the impact of the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities, particularly for football, which could be considered to be suppressing the demand for further growth.

A formula for the provision of enhancements to existing facilities should assist Dacorum Borough Council in reducing the number of inadequate pitches identified in this study. This could be done by either providing investment in existing facilities or providing new facilities of the appropriate standard. In the longer term, the improvements to facility provision should increase use and demand for pitch provision within the Borough. DBC should review the adequacy of provision as part of a rolling programme every three to five years to identify inadequacies in provision and revise priorities as applicable.

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6.3 Analysis summary: Hemel analysis area

Table 44: Hemel analysis area - pitch and team summary

Sport	No. pitches available for community use			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	52	11	9	36	-	45	1	27
Cricket	5	1	-	19	1	10	-	-
Hockey	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby	4	3	2	2	-	2	-	4

Table 45: Hemel analysis area – current demand

Sport	Site	Pitches being overplayed
Football	Chaulden Playing Fields	1 senior football pitch
	Pennine Way	3 senior football pitches, 1 junior football pitch
	Reith Fields	1 senior football pitch
	Pancake Lane	1 senior football pitch
	Abbot's Hill School	1 senior football pitch
	Barncroft Primary School	1 junior football pitch
Cricket	Station Road	1 senior cricket square
Total		7 senior football pitches, 2 junior football pitches, 1 senior cricket square

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Table 46: Hemel analysis area - summary of latent/future demand

Club	Site	Level of latent demand	Pitch Requirement
AC Hemel FC	Warners End Valley	1 senior team	1 senior football pitch
Old Kings Arms Eagles FC	Grovehill	1 senior team	1 senior football pitch
Hemel Hempstead Town CC	Station Road	3 junior boys teams	1 cricket square
Hemel Hempstead Stags RFLC	Pennine Way	2 junior, 2 mini teams	1 junior rugby pitch
Total			2 senior football, 1 cricket square, 1 junior rugby league pitch

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Temporal supply and demand analysis

Table 47: Hemel analysis area – temporal supply and demand

	Total pitches available for community use	Pitches required to meet demand on peak days	Shortfall/surplus of pitches
Senior	52	26.5 (Sun. am)	+25.5
Junior	11	6 (Sun. am)	+5
Mini	9	8.5 (Sun. am)	+0.5

Can demand be catered for?

Table 48: Hemel analysis area – impact of overplay and latent demand

	Shortfall/surplus of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+25.5	2 senior football (latent demand) 7 senior football (overplay)	Although a surplus of senior football provision currently exists there are currently seven pitches being overplayed and two football clubs have expressed a wish to introduce further teams. The combined issue of overplay and latent demand leaves a surplus of 16.5 senior football pitches at peak times.
Junior	+5	3 junior football (overplay)	Currently there is a surplus of junior football pitches within Hemel. However once overplay is taken into consideration this falls to a surplus of 2. DBC may look to improve the pitches at Pennine Way in order to improve the capacity rating at the site.
Mini	+0.5	0	Currently there is a 0.5 surplus of mini soccer pitches within Hemel, no overplay or latent demand has been identified.

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TGRs

The following TGRs have been calculated for the Hemel analysis area. Full calculations can be found in the appendices. Where no TGR is shown this indicates that no teams operate at that age group, for that sport, in this area.

Table 49: Hemel analysis area football TGRs

	Senior (16-45) Men	Senior (16-45) Women	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
FOOTBALL TEAMS	36	0	45	1	27
POPULATION 2001 Census	17,207	17,520	3,954	3,176	4,295
TGRs	1:478	-	1:88	1:3,176	1:159
DACORUM	1:358	-	1:67	1:5,330	1:154

The TGRs for the Hemel analysis area show that per percentage of the population, the levels of participation are lower than the rest of the Borough. Strong junior participation is not reflected within the senior game. There is no representation amongst women within Hemel, but the growing number of girls' teams may feed through.

Table 50: Hemel analysis area cricket TGRs

	Senior (18-55) Mens	Senior (18-55) Womens	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
CRICKET TEAMS	19	1	10	0
POPULATION 2001 Census	21,452	21,734	3,890	3,600
TGRs	1:1,129	1:21,734	1:389	-
DACORUM	1:536	1:18,153	1:206	-

Cricket TGR's show that, compared to the rest of the Borough, Hemel has a poor participation rate. This is reflected not only in the senior game but also women's and girls' representation. A number of players from Hemel may play for clubs outside the analysis area.

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Table 51: Hemel analysis area rugby TGRs

	Senior (18-45) Mens	Senior (18-45) Womens	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
RUGBY UNION TEAMS	2	1	2	0	4
POPULATION 2001 Census	16,196	16,558	2,703	962	5,545
TGRs	1:8,098	-	1:1,352	-	1:1,386
DACORUM	1:4,495	-	1:1,477	-	1:1,324

Although there are rugby union and rugby league clubs in Hemel, the TGR reflects poor participation within the sport, falling below the Borough figure with the exception of the junior game.

There is no hockey club in the Hemel analysis area. Berkhamsted & Hemel Hempstead Hockey Club is based at Cow Roast.

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Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the Hemel analysis area.

Table 52: Hemel analysis area – pitch provision summary

Population (2001 Census) 81,165	Total number of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches required to meet latent demand
Senior football	52	52	46	6	2.0
Junior football	12	11	4	7	
Mini football	9	9	9	0	
Senior rugby	4	4	4	0	
Junior rugby	3	3	2	1	1.0
Mini rugby union	2	2	2	0	
Senior cricket	5	5	5	0	1.0
Junior cricket	2	1	1	0	
ATP	2	2	2	0	

Non Pitch provision

	Total number of facilities	No. of facilities available for community use	No. of adequate facilities available for community use	No. of inadequate facilities for community use	No. of facilities required to meet latent demand
Tennis	41	41	41	0	0
Netball	22	21	21	0	0
Athletics track	2	2	2	0	0
Bowls	4	4	4	0	0
Croquet lawn	1	1	1	0	0

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Table 53: Hemel analysis area local standard calculation

Pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	1.29
Non-pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	0.12
Required additions (ha per 1,000)	0.06
Local standard	1.47

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6.4 Analysis summary: Berkhamsted analysis area

Table 54: Berkhamsted analysis area – pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men	Senior women	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	11	2	4	13	-	10	-	8
Cricket	6	-	-	15	-	7	-	-
Hockey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby Union	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 55: Berkhamsted analysis area – current demand

Sport	Site	Pitches being overplayed
Football	Northchurch Recreation Ground	1 senior football pitch
Football	Little Gaddesden Playing Field	1 senior football pitch
Total		2 senior football pitches

Table 56: Berkhamsted analysis area - Latent demand

Club	Site	Level of latent demand	Pitch Requirement
Berkhamsted Raiders FC	Kitcheners Field	2 junior boys, 1 junior girls	1 junior pitch
Berkhamsted Town Youth FC	Cow Roast	4 juniors boys, 1 mini	2 junior pitches, 1 mini soccer pitch
Total			3 junior pitches 1 mini soccer pitch

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Temporal supply and demand analysis

Table 57: Berkhamsted analysis area – temporal supply and demand summary

	Total pitches available for community use	Pitches required to meet demand at peak time	Shortfall/surplus of pitches
Senior	11	7.5 (Sun. am)	+3.5
Junior	2	2 (Sun. am)	0
Mini	4	4 (Sat am)	0

Can demand be catered for?

Table 58: Berkhamsted analysis area - impact of overplay & latent demand

	Shortfall/surplus of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+3.5	2 senior football pitches (overplay)	Although there are two senior football pitches being overplayed, there is a surplus of senior pitches in the area to accommodate potential fixture changes to allow rest periods on specific pitches. No latent demand has been expressed for senior football pitches within the area. Current surplus stands at 1.5
Junior	0	3 junior football pitches (latent)	When latent demand and overplay have been considered there is a shortfall of 3 junior football pitches within the Berkhamsted area. DBC may wish to consider the conversion of a senior football pitch to aid the shortfall.
Mini	0	1 mini soccer pitch (latent)	Once latent demand and overplay are considered there is a shortfall of one mini soccer pitch within the Berkhamsted area.

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TGRs

The following TGRs have been calculated for the Berkhamsted analysis area. Full calculations can be found in the appendices. Where no TGR is shown this indicates that no teams operate at that age group, for that sport, in that area.

Table 59: Berkhamsted analysis area football TGRs

	Senior (16-45) Men	Senior (16-45) Women	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
FOOTBALL TEAMS	13	0	10	0	8
POPULATION 2001 Census	4,183	4,195	975	789	1,119
TGRs	1:322		1:97		1:140
DACORUM	1:358		1:67	1:5,330	1:154

The TGRs for the Berkhamsted analysis area show that per percentage of the population, the levels of participation are similar compared to the rest of the Borough. It should be recognised however that latent demand has been expressed in the area and that the TGRs have potential to be increased. The lack of participation amongst women and girls is a sharp contrast to the levels of participation amongst men and boys.

Table 60: Berkhamsted analysis area cricket TGRs

	Senior (18-55) Men	Senior (18-55) Women	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
CRICKET TEAMS	15	0	7	0
POPULATION 2001 Census	5,538	5,637	965	888
TGRs	1:369		1:138	
DACORUM	1:536	1:18,153	1:206	

The TGRs for cricket in the Berkhamsted analysis area demonstrate higher levels of participation compared to the rest of the Borough. There is however, no participation amongst women and girls.

There are no rugby or hockey teams playing in the Berkhamsted analysis area. Berkhamsted and Hemel Hockey Club play within the Tring analysis area.

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Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the Berkhamsted analysis area

Table 61: Berkhamsted analysis area - pitch provision summary

Population (2001 Census) 21,791	Total number of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches required to meet latent demand
Senior football	11	11	9	2	2.0
Junior football	2	2	1	1	3.0
Mini football	4	4	4	0	2.0
Senior rugby union	3	3	3	0	
Senior cricket	6	6	6	0	

Non pitch

	Total number of facilities	No. of facilities available for community use	No. of adequate facilities available for community use	No. of inadequate facilities for community use	No. of facilities required to meet latent demand
Tennis	40	25	25	0	
Netball	8	6	6	0	
Athletics track	2	2	2	0	
Bowls	4	4	4	0	

Table 62: Berkhamsted analysis area - local standard calculation

Pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	1.44
Non-pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	0.36
Required additions (ha per 1,000)	0.27
Local standard	2.07

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6.5 Analysis summary: Tring analysis area

Table 63: Tring analysis area – pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men	Senior women	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	11	4	-	17	-	15	-	5
Cricket	5	-	-	14	1	10	-	-
Hockey	4	-	1	14	6	-	1	-
Rugby Union	6	4	-	4	-	1	-	3

Table 64: Tring analysis area – current demand

Sport	Site	Pitches being overplayed
Football	Miswell Lane	1 senior football pitch
	Pound Meadow	2 senior football pitches
	Cow Roast	1 senior football pitch
Rugby	Pendley Sports Centre	1 senior rugby pitch
Total		4 senior football pitches, 1 senior rugby pitch

Latent Demand

Table 65: Tring analysis area - Latent demand

Club	Site	Level of latent demand	Pitch Requirement
Tring Corinthians FC	Icknield Way	2 senior teams	1 senior pitch
Total			1 senior pitch

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Temporal supply and demand analysis

Table 66: Tring analysis area – temporal supply and demand

	Total pitches available for community use	Pitches required to meet demand on peak days	Shortfall/surplus of pitches
Senior	11	10.5 (Sun. am)	+0.5
Junior	4	1.5 (Sun. am)	+2.5
Mini	0	2.5 (Sun. am)	-2.5

Can demand be catered for?

Table 67: Tring analysis area – impact of overplay and latent demand

	Shortfall/surplus of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+0.5	4 senior football pitches (overplay) 1 senior football pitch (latent demand)	There is a significant lack of senior football pitches within the Tring analysis area. Currently 4 senior football pitches are being overplayed and Tring Corinthians FC expressed the need for a further pitch in order to introduce 2 more teams. Currently therefore there is a shortfall of 4.5 senior football pitches within the Tring analysis area.
Junior	+2.5	0	There is no overplay or latent demand identified for junior football provision within the area therefore there is a surplus of 2.5 junior football pitches within the area.
Mini	-2.5	0	There is no mini soccer provision within Tring. Clubs travel to Berkhamsted or Hemel or use part of a junior or senior football pitch within Tring. There is a shortfall of 2.5 mini soccer pitches.

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TGRs

Table 68: Tring analysis area football TGRs

	Senior (16-45) Men	Senior (16-45) Women	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
FOOTBALL TEAMS	17	0	15	0	5
POPULATION 2001 Census	3,082	3,201	775	722	854
TGRs	1:181		1:52		1:171
DACORUM	1:358		1:67	1:5,330	1:154

The TGRs for the Tring analysis area show that per percentage of the population, the levels of participation are higher when compared to the rest of the Borough. Strong junior participation is reflected within the senior game. There is no representation amongst women or junior girls within Tring, but Tring Athletic Ladies intend to reform next season, playing on Sunday afternoons.

Table 69: Tring analysis area cricket TGRs

	Senior (18-55) Men	Senior (18-55) Women	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
CRICKET TEAMS	14	1	10	0
POPULATION 2001 Census	4,063	4,131	752	794
TGRs	1:290	1:4,131	1:75	
DACORUM	1:536	1:18,153	1:206	

Cricket TGR's show that, compared to the rest of the Borough, the Tring analysis area has a good participation rate. This is reflected not only in the senior game but also junior participation. There is no participation among girls.

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Table 70: Tring analysis area rugby TGRs

	Senior (18-45) Men	Senior (18-45) Women	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
RUGBY UNION TEAMS	4	0	1	0	3
POPULATION 2001 Census	2,890	3,004	519	197	1,150
TGRs	1:723		1:519		1:383
DACORUM	1:4,495		1:1,477		1:1,324

The TGR's for rugby reflect stronger participation in Tring compared to any other area of the Borough. There is no women or girls' participation within Tring.

Table 71: Tring analysis area hockey TGRs

	Senior (16-45) Men	Senior (16-45) Women	Junior (11-15) Boys	Junior (11-15) Girls
HOCKEY TEAMS	14	6	0	1
POPULATION 2001 Census	3,082	2,921	560	598
TGRs	1:220	1:487		1:598
DACORUM	1:2,045	1:4,045		1:4,423

Hockey TGRs show that, compared to the rest of the Borough, the Tring analysis area has a good participation rate. This is reflected not only in the senior game but also in the women's game. It must be noted that Berkhamsted & Hemel Hockey Club play in the Tring analysis area. There is no competitive participation by junior boys and girls, though training is provided.

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Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the Tring analysis area.

Table 72: Tring analysis area pitch provision summary

Population (2001 Census) 15,659	Total number of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches required to meet latent demand
Senior football	11	11	8	3	1.0
Junior football	4	4	3	1	
Senior rugby union	6	6	6	0	
Junior rugby union	4	4	4	0	
Senior cricket	5	5	5	0	
ATP	1	1	1	0	

Non-pitch

	Total number of facilities	No. of facilities available for community use	No. of adequate facilities available for community use	No. of inadequate facilities for community use	No. of facilities required to meet latent demand
Tennis	14	14	14	0	
Netball	3	3	3	0	
Bowls	1	1	1	0	

Table 73: Tring analysis area - local standard calculation

Pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	2.62
Non-pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	0.09
Required additions (ha per 1,000)	0.09
Local standard	2.80

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6.6 Analysis summary: Eastern Villages analysis area

Table 74: Eastern Villages area – pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men	Senior women	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	5	3	-	4	-	8	-	3
Cricket	3	-	-	5	-	-	-	-
Hockey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby Union	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Eastern Villages analysis area – current demand

There has been no identified overplay within the Eastern Villages analysis area.

Eastern Villages analysis area - summary of latent/future demand

There has been no expression of latent demand within the Eastern Villages analysis area except for outdoor bowls at Markyate (ref. Moving the goalposts strategy).

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Temporal supply and demand analysis for football

Table 75: Eastern Villages area – temporal supply and demand

	Total pitches	Pitches required to meet demand on peak days	Shortfall/surplus of pitches
Senior	2	0.5 (Sat. pm & Sun. am)	+1.5
Junior	1	0	+1
Mini	0	0	0

Can demand be catered for?

Table 76: Eastern Villages analysis area – impact of overplay and latent demand

	Shortfall/surplus of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+1.5	0	Currently demand is being catered for within the Eastern Villages analysis area. There has been no expression of latent demand or overplay of pitches.
Junior	+1	0	Currently demand is being catered for within the Eastern Villages analysis area. There has been no expression of latent demand or overplay of pitches.
Mini	0	0	There is no mini soccer provision within the Eastern Villages analysis area. If demand was to arise in the future DBC may have to look to their senior football stock within the area to accommodate this.

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TGRs

Table 77: Eastern Villages analysis area football TGRs

	Senior (16-45) Men	Senior (16-45) Women	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
FOOTBALL TEAMS	4	0	8	0	3
POPULATION 2001 Census	1,087	1,126	237	178	252
TGRs	1:272		1:30		1:84
DACORUM	1:358		1:67	1:5,330	1:154

The TGRs for the Eastern Villages analysis area show that per percentage of the population, the levels of participation are low compared to the rest of the Borough. The lack of participation amongst women, girls and mini soccer is a sharp contrast to the levels of participation amongst men and boys.

Table 78: Eastern Villages analysis area cricket TGRs

	Senior (18-55) Men	Senior (18-55) Women	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
CRICKET TEAMS	5	0	0	0
POPULATION 2001 Census	1,410	1,440	229	203
TGRs	1:282			
DACORUM	1:536	1:18,153	1:206	

There are no rugby or hockey teams playing in this area of the Borough.

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Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the Eastern Villages analysis area.

Table 79: Eastern Villages analysis area – pitch provision summary

Population (2001 Census) 5,279	Total number of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches required to meet latent demand
Senior football	5	5	5	0	
Junior football	3	3	2	1	
Senior cricket	3	3	2	1	

Non pitch

	Total number of facilities	No. of facilities available for community use	No. of adequate facilities available for community use	No. of inadequate facilities for community use	No. of facilities required to meet latent demand
Tennis	1	1	1	0	

Table 80: Eastern Villages analysis area - local standard calculation

Pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	2.27
Non-pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	0.01
Required additions (ha per 1,000)	0.00
Local standard	2.28

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6.7 Analysis summary: Southern analysis area

Table 81: Southern analysis area – pitch and team summary

Sport	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini / ATP	Senior men	Senior women	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Football	8	3	-	10	-	19	-	4
Cricket	6	-	-	15	-	4	-	-
Hockey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby Union	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Current demand

Table 82: Southern analysis area – current demand/overplay

Sport	Site	Pitches being overplayed
Football	Gaywood Park	1 senior football pitch
	Queen Street	1 senior football pitch
	Green Lane	2 senior football pitch
Total		4 senior football pitches

Latent demand

There is no identified latent demand in the Southern analysis area.

Temporal supply and demand analysis

Table 83: Southern analysis area – temporal supply and demand

	Total pitches available for community use	Pitches required to meet demand on peak days	Shortfall/surplus of pitches
Senior	8	7.5 (Sun. am)	+0.5
Junior	3	2.5 (Sun. am)	- 0.5
Mini	0	1 (Sun. am)	- 1

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Can demand be catered for?

Table 84: Southern analysis area – impact of overplay and latent demand

	Shortfall/surplus of pitches at peak time	Overplay/latent demand for pitches	Comment
Senior	+0.5	4 senior football pitches (overplay)	Currently there is a surplus of 0.5 pitches within the Southern analysis area, however 4 senior football pitches are being over-played, therefore there is a total shortfall of 3.5 senior football pitches within the southern analysis area.
Junior	- 0.5	0	No overplay or latent demand was identified for junior football pitches within the area.
Mini	-1	0	Currently there is no mini soccer provision within the Southern analysis area, however a shortfall of one pitch has been expressed. It is assumed that mini soccer teams currently use part of either senior or junior pitches within the area.

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TGRs

Table 85: Southern analysis area football TGRs

	Senior (16-45) Men	Senior (16-45) Women	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
FOOTBALL TEAMS	10	0	19	0	4
POPULATION 2001 Census	3,066	2,488	556	465	730
TGRs	1:307		1:29		1:183
DACORUM	1:358		1:67	1:5,330	1:154

The TGRs for the Southern analysis area show that per percentage of the population, the levels of participation are slightly higher when compared to the rest of the Borough. Participation among junior boys, within the Southern area, is very strong (1:29), however this is not translated to the senior game. There is no women's football within the Southern area.

Table 86: Southern analysis area cricket TGRs

	Senior (18-55) Men	Senior (18-55) Women	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
CRICKET TEAMS	15	0	4	0
POPULATION 2001 Census	3,996	3,363	545	531
TGRs	1:266	-	1:136	-
DACORUM	1:536	1:18,153	1:206	

Cricket TGRs show that, compared to the rest of the Borough, the Southern analysis area has a good participation rate. This is reflected not only in the senior game but also junior. There is no participation among women and girls.

There are no rugby or hockey teams playing in this area of the Borough.

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Qualitative local standard

The table below shows the breakdown of pitch provision within the Southern analysis area.

Table 87: Southern analysis area pitch provision summary

Population (2001 Census) 13,900	Total number of pitches	Pitches available for community use	No. of adequate pitches available for community use	No. of inadequate pitches available for community use	No. of pitches required to meet latent demand
Senior football	8	8	8	0	
Junior football	3	3	3	0	
Senior rugby union	2	2	2	0	
Senior cricket	6	6	6	0	

Non-pitch

	Total number of facilities	No. of facilities available for community use	No. of adequate facilities available for community use	No. of inadequate facilities for community use	No. of facilities required to meet latent demand
Tennis	10	10	10	0	
Netball	3	3	3	0	
Bowls	2	2	2	0	

Table 88: Southern analysis area local standard calculation

Pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	1.85
Non-pitch space available for community use (ha per 1,000)	0.09
Required additions (ha per 1,000)	0.00
Local standard	1.94

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6.8 Dacorum TGR comparators

In order to place Dacorum's TGRs in context, this section allows comparison with Watford Borough Council and Three Rivers District Council. Currently there is no national standard so comparison on a wider field is not possible.

Table 89: Dacorum football TGRs compared to neighbouring authorities.

	Senior (16-45) Men	Senior (16-45) Women	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
FOOTBALL TEAMS	78	0	90	1	44
POPULATION 2001 Census	28,625	28,530	6,495	5,330	7,250
Dacorum	1:358	-	1:67	1:5,330	1:154
Watford	1:480	-	1:71	-	1:177
Three Rivers	1:242	1:16,585	1:63	1:816	1:125

Table 90: Dacorum cricket TGRs compared to neighbouring authorities

	Senior (18-55) Men	Senior (18-55) Women	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
CRICKET TEAMS	66	2	31	0
POPULATION 2001 Census	36,460	36,305	6,380	6,016
Dacorum	1:536	1:18,153	1:206	-
Watford	1:1,187	-	1:846	-
Three Rivers	1:875	-	1:173	-

Table 91: Dacorum rugby union TGRs compared to neighbouring authorities

	Senior (18-45) Men	Senior (18-45) Women	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
RUGBY UNION TEAMS	16	0	0	0	0
POPULATION 2001 Census	26,969	26,937	4,432	1,593	9,268
Dacorum	1:4,495	-	1:1,477	-	1:1,324
Watford	1:1,784	1:8,734	1:261	-	1:1,287
Three Rivers	1:3,768	-	-	-	1:5,491

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Table 97: Dacorum hockey TGRs compared to neighbouring authorities.

	Senior (16-45) Men	Senior (16-45) Women	Junior (11-15) Boys	Junior (11-15) Girls
HOCKEY TEAMS	14	6	0	1
POPULATION 2001 Census	28,625	24,267	4,725	4,423
Dacorum	1:2,045	1:4,045	-	1:4,423
Watford	1:2,674	1:2,483	1:836	1:2,406
Three Rivers	1:3,198	1:3,751	1:1,358	1:2,705

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6.9 Sport by sport key Issues

Key issues for football

- ❑ There are opportunities to work with local junior clubs to better accommodate teams all on one 'home' site, particularly in the case of Hemel Hempstead Town Youth FC.
- ❑ The failed planning application at Berkhamsted Sports and Social Club may hinder the growth and development of Berkhamsted Raiders FC
- ❑ The opportunity to allocate a number of teams from the Berkhamsted Sunday League with an official home venue, as opposed to rotating sites, may allow the Clubs to gain more ownership of the site.
- ❑ Temporal supply and demand analysis reflects a shortfall of senior football pitches in the Tring area.
- ❑ Team Generation figures (TGRs) are consistent across the Borough, however Tring displays high levels of participation compared to the size of population, this should be considered in future planned provision.

Key issues for cricket

- ❑ There is a good distribution of clubs around the District providing opportunities to play in most areas.
- ❑ Clubs are active in junior development, both coaching and competitive play.
- ❑ The development of new pavilion at Station Road will allow Hemel Hempstead Town CC to develop and cater for its expanding junior section.
- ❑ DBC should lend support and advice to Kings Langley CC 's efforts to improve its outfield.
- ❑ DBC and Parish Council should lend support and advice to Northchurch CC's efforts to ensure that the Recreation Ground is connected to the main drainage system.
- ❑ Temporal supply and demand analysis reflects sufficient provision of cricketing facilities across the Borough.
- ❑ Team Generation figures (TGR's) fluctuate across the Borough, Hemel reveals a low level of participation in comparison to its population, however Tring displays high levels of participation. This should be considered in future planned provision.

Key issues for rugby union

- ❑ There are currently few opportunities for girls and women to play rugby union in the Borough.
- ❑ Temporal supply and demand analysis reflects sufficient provision of rugby facilities across the Borough. It must be noted that Hemel and Tring are the only areas that currently have any rugby participation.
- ❑ Team Generation rates are not considered for Berkhamsted, Southern and Eastern Villages analysis areas, as there is currently no participation.

Key Issues for rugby league

- ❑ Hemel Hempstead Stags Rugby League Club are the only provider of the game in Dacorum and surrounding area. All development should be done in participation with

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the Club. Partners should also investigate and support facility development aspirations at Pennine Way.

- ❑ Temporal supply and demand analysis reflects a shortfall of Rugby League facilities across the Borough.

Key issues for hockey

- ❑ The Borough has five ATPs and is well serviced.
- ❑ There are opportunities for junior participation at Berkhamsted and Hemel HC, and Tring HC.
- ❑ There is currently no opportunity for 'competitive' junior play.
- ❑ The cost of hiring artificial turf pitches is prohibitive to club use.

Key issues for bowls

- ❑ There is a good distribution of bowling greens around the Borough.
- ❑ DBC may consider reviewing the ongoing vandalism at outdoor bowls clubs across the Borough.

Key issues for tennis

- ❑ Provision of tennis facilities across the Borough is of an adequate standard in both quality and quantity.
- ❑ Good or acceptable quality courts are available across the District for general community use at no charge.
- ❑ The two larger clubs in the District are providing opportunities for junior participation and development.

Key issues for netball

- ❑ Whilst netball does not suffer from a deficiency in the quantity of outdoor courts, there is a significant deficiency in the quality.
- ❑ As a County Development Centre for netball, and a venue used by a number of clubs from Dacorum, Parmiter School has inadequate quality outdoor facilities and car parking.

Key issues for golf

- ❑ Golf is well serviced in Dacorum, with a number of quality members' clubs as well as extensive municipal facilities at Little Hay Golf Complex.

Key issues for athletics

- ❑ DBC and partners should support Dacorum & Tring Athletics Club in their ambitions to develop the facility.

APPENDICES:

- 1. Stakeholder letter**
- 2. Parish council questionnaire**
- 3. Primary school questionnaire**
- 4. Community centre and village hall questionnaire**
- 5. Football club questionnaire**
- 6. Consultee list**

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Dear Stakeholder

SUB-REGIONAL SPORT & RECREATION STUDY

Dacorum Borough Council, Three Rivers District Council and Watford Borough Council has commissioned Knight, Kavanagh & Page (KKP) to undertake a sport and recreation strategy to examine the provision, quality, distribution and use of sport and recreation facilities within the three areas.

The study involves carrying out a comprehensive audit of all indoor and outdoor sport facilities within Council, Private, Voluntary, School and other Education ownership. The audit will identify the number, size, type, quality and location of these facilities and the provision of associated amenities such as changing rooms, floodlighting, pavilions and car parking. The study also looks at who uses the facilities and makes an assessment of the adequacy of provision in terms of the amount available and their quality.

A further part of the study will involve identifying the use of the above facilities in terms of clubs and teams playing in structured competitions. We also wish to assess the capacity of the facilities to meet the demands and aspirations of leagues, clubs and teams operating and playing in the area.

The results of the study may, for example, help the Council along with other sports providers to apply for external funding, such as the New Opportunities Fund, for future sports provision and assist in the improvement of existing facilities.

Please find enclosed a short questionnaire on the provision, use and quality of facilities. By answering these questions you will help us to find out more about the extent of provision within the area, who uses some of the existing facilities and what the need in the future is likely to be.

Please return the completed questionnaire **within two weeks of receipt** in the **attached FREEPOST envelope** or to Knight Kavanagh & Page, FREEPOST BL5625, Bury BL9 0ZZ. Should you require any further information on the above, or assistance with the questionnaire, please contact any member of our research team on the above number.

Yours faithfully

Claire Fallon
Senior Consultant

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PARISH COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE - SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY		
Name of Parish:	Contact details:	
Indoor Facilities		
Does the Parish/Town Council own any indoor space which is used for recreational activities e.g. village hall, community centres etc? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please provide address and contact details for each facility:		
FACILITY ONE		
Facility Name	Address and postcode	Contact details for manager/caretaker

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Does the Parish/Town Council lease (e.g. from the local authority) any indoor space which is used for recreational activities e.g. village hall, community centres etc? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please provide address and contact details for each facility:		
FACILITY TWO		
Facility Name	Address and postcode	Contact details for manager/caretaker

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For each indoor facility owned or leased by the Parish Council please complete the following:

FACILITY ONE:

Type of facility (village hall, community centre): _____

What facilities does it have (please tick): Main Hall Meeting room Kitchen Art Studio Crèche

What are the main types of use (keep fit classes, Brownies, meetings etc.):

How would you rate the quality of the facility: Good Adequate Poor
 Why _____

What is the approximate size of the main hall?(e.g. approx dimensions or number of badminton courts):

What type of flooring is in the hall? (e.g. wooden sprung)

FACILITY TWO:

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Type of facility (village hall, community centre): _____

What facilities does it have (please tick): Main Hall Meeting room Kitchen Art Studio Crèche

What are the main types of use (keep fit classes, Brownies, meetings etc.):

How would you rate the quality of the facility: Good Adequate Poor
Why _____

What is the approximate size of the main hall?(e.g. approx dimensions or number of badminton courts):

What type of flooring is in the hall? (e.g. wooden sprung)

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<p>Does the Parish Council have any plans to increase or improve its indoor recreational provision? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please give details:</p>			
<p>Outdoor facilities</p>			
<p>Does the Parish Council own any outdoor facilities used for recreational activities e.g. playing fields or courts etc? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>			
<p>Are the outdoor sports facilities available for clubs and teams to use? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>			
<p>If used at present, please provide details: Who maintains the playing field(s)?</p>			
Site:	Sport e.g. 1 x football 2 x tennis courts:	Club/team name:	When play:
			Club contact:

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<p>Does the Parish Council receive more requests to use the pitches/courts than it can accommodate?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please detail:</p>			
<p>Is there any unauthorised/occasional use of the pitches? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please detail:</p>			

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Ancillary facilities:						
Are changing facilities/car parking available for teams using the pitches/courts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>						
If Yes, please detail the site and number of facilities available:						
Site One Name _____						
No of changing rooms	Officials room (yes/no)	No of showers	Toilets (yes/no)	Bar/lounge (yes/no)	No of car parking spaces	
Site Two Name _____						
No of changing rooms	Officials room (yes/no)	No of showers	Toilets (yes/no)	Bar/lounge (yes/no)	No of car parking spaces	
Site Three Name _____						
No of changing rooms	Officials room (yes/no)	No of showers	Toilets (yes/no)	Bar/lounge (yes/no)	No of car parking spaces	

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<p>Please tick the appropriate box to indicate the quality of the playing field(s) and changing facilities (using the table below)</p> <p>Site One Name _____</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Good</th> <th colspan="2">Acceptable</th> <th colspan="2">Unacceptable</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Pitch</th> <th>Facilities</th> <th>Pitch</th> <th>Facilities</th> <th>Pitch</th> <th>Facilities</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>						Good		Acceptable		Unacceptable		Pitch	Facilities	Pitch	Facilities	Pitch	Facilities																								
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Site Two Name _____					
Good		Acceptable		Unacceptable	
Pitch	Facilities	Pitch	Facilities	Pitch	Facilities
Site Three Name _____					
Good		Acceptable		Unacceptable	
Pitch	Facilities	Pitch	Facilities	Pitch	Facilities

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Does the Parish/Town Council have any plans to increase or improve its outdoor sports provision?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

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PRIMARY SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE - SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY	
Name of School:	Address: Postcode:
How many pupils does the school have? What is the age range of pupils at the school?	Boys <input type="text"/> Girls <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Contact name, position (e.g. Head, PE Co-ordinator), with daytime telephone number:	
Indoor Facilities	
Does the School have a specific indoor sports hall (i.e. different from the main school hall)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please describe which activities take place in the hall (including non-sports activities):	
What is the approximate size of the hall? e.g. Number of badminton courts (specific sports hall or other general use hall)	
What type of flooring is in the hall? (e.g. wooden sprung)	
Is the hall sufficient in terms of space and quality to deliver the curriculum? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If not, please explain why below:	

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Use of the facilities	
Please list any other schools that use the facilities?	
Is the school responsible for the hiring of the facilities?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please state who is responsible:	
Are the facilities used during the holidays for coaching programmes and other similar activities?	
Indoor	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the facilities available for community use?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please list the type of sport, name of the team, along with the contact name and telephone number if available, and the usual day and time that they play: (e.g. Football - Blimp Wcdrs - at 14:00 on Sunday - A.N Other 0111 222 3333)	

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Outdoor facilities	
Does the school have playing fields?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, are they on-site or off-site?	on-site <input type="checkbox"/> off-site <input type="checkbox"/> both <input type="checkbox"/>
If off-site please give the address of the playing field and approximate distance from the school:	
Who owns the playing field(s)?	
Who maintains the playing field(s)?	
Please indicate the number, size and type of grass pitches:	
Mini-soccer pitch	<input type="text"/>
Junior football pitch	<input type="text"/>
Adult football pitch	<input type="text"/>
Junior rugby pitch	<input type="text"/>
Adult rugby pitch	<input type="text"/>
Cricket pitch (grass wicket)	<input type="text"/>
Cricket pitch (artificial wicket)	<input type="text"/>
Grass hockey pitch	<input type="text"/>
Artificial turf pitch	<input type="text"/>
Generic grass field	<input type="text"/>
Are any of the pitches/facilities overmarked (ie cricket/football marked on top of one another)?	
If so, please indicate which ones:	

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Please rate the following aspects of the pitch(es):				
	Good	Acceptable	Poor	N/a
Firmness of surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grip underfoot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bounce of ball on pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evenness of pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of grass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grass cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Posts and sockets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line markings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free from litter, dog fouling etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showers - clean, hot, plenty of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value for money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of the pitches/facilities				
On average, how many hours during a school week are the playing fields used for school sport?				
Please list any other schools that use the playing fields:				

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<p>Are the playing fields used during the holidays for coaching programmes and other similar activities?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please list any activities over the last two years:</p>
<p>Is the school responsible for the hiring of the playing fields?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please state who is responsible:</p>
<p>Are the playing fields available for community use?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Which, if any, of the pitches are used regularly by community sports teams (eg junior football, artificial turf pitch)?</p>
<p>If applicable, please list the teams that use the pitches, with contact name and telephone number if known (eg Blimp Utd, A N Other 0121 21212)</p>
<p>On which days and at what times are the pitches used (eg Thurs 6:00 - 7:00pm ; Sat 10:00 - 12:00am)</p>

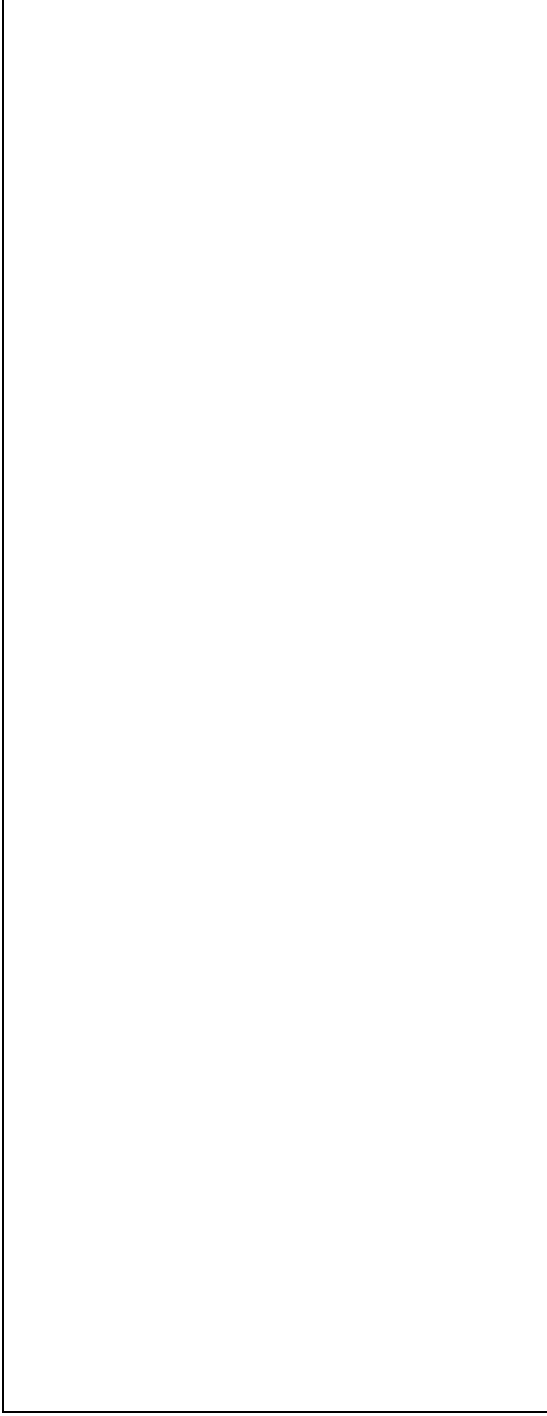
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<p>Does the school have a *community use/dual-use agreement for use of the pitches? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>* Pitches in Secured Community Use are pitches which are available for use by community teams and whose future use is secured for the following seasons by one or more of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>A formal community use agreement;</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>A leasing/management arrangement between the School and LEA requiring the pitches to be available to community teams;</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>A policy of community use minuted by the School or LEA, including tariff of charges etc;</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Minutes of the Board of School Governors allowing use of pitches by community teams, or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Written commitment from the School to the community current team(s) using the pitch(es)</i> <p>And, it is the intention of the School to maintain access for community teams to its pitch(es) at peak times (ie evenings, week-ends and/or school holidays) for the next two or more years.</p>	<p>Does the school receive more interest to use its facilities than it can accommodate? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If the school operates a waiting list, please list the number and name of teams on it:</p>
<p>Do you know of any unauthorized/occasional use of the facilities? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please detail:</p>	
Ancillary facilities	

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<p>Are there changing rooms at the School?</p> <p>If Yes, are these available for teams/individuals using the playing fields?</p> <p>If no, please indicate why (<i>eg no-one available to open up at weekends</i>):</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Is car parking available at the school for teams/individuals using playing fields?</p> <p>If yes, please indicate if this number is adequate for all pitches:</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Additional information:</p>	
<p>Does your school have any plans to develop or expand its sports provision?</p> <p>If Yes, please give details:</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Please include any further comments/views concerning playing pitch provision, quality etc in Dacorrum:</p>	

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COMMUNITY CENTRES AND VILLAGE HALLS QUESTIONNAIRE - SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY	
Name of Facility:	Address:
	Postcode:
Facilities	
Who owns the facility?	
Who manages the facility? (community association, parish, trust)	
What is the financial stability of the centre? (makes profit, balanced, in debt)	
Is it a charitable trust?	
Who maintains the facility?	

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<p>What facilities does it have (please tick): Main Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting room <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Crèche <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please detail)</p>
<p>Any additional facilities please list e.g. stage, changing rooms, showers, post office, doctors surgery, healthy living centre etc</p>
<p>What is the approximate size of the main hall? (e.g. approx dimensions, people capacity or number of badminton courts)</p>
<p>What type of flooring is in the hall? (e.g. wooden sprung)</p>
<p>How many meeting rooms are there? One <input type="checkbox"/> Two <input type="checkbox"/> Three <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What are their capacities?</p>
<p>Does the kitchen comply with health and safety regulations? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, what is required? _____</p> <p>Is it available for hire? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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<p>Is car parking available? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>How many spaces? _____</p>
<p>Condition</p> <p>How would you rate the quality of the facilities as a whole Good <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> (please note if any of the following are particular areas for concern heating age/efficiency, interior decoration, windows, roof, floor surface)</p> <p>Is there any need for refurbishment/replacement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please detail</p> <p>Does the building conform to DDA (disability discrimination act) requirements? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is there any maintenance work or development planned for the future? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Has funding already been allocated or is funding currently being sought?</p>
<p>Usage</p>

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What are the main types of use of the facility (keep fit classes, Brownies, meetings, indoor bowls, youth club etc.)?

Who are the regular or resident users of the facility:

If possible ask for a copy of the programme.

Are there any resident users? (i.e. groups/organisations renting space on a long term contract):

Is the facility booked to capacity at peak times? Yes No

Is local demand being met by the facility? Yes No

Anything not catered for that should be:

Are there any plans to increase/decrease the numbers of people using the building? e.g. setting up youth club / moving after school club to another venue? _____

Are any activities not allowed? E.g. ball games, youth groups, consumption of alcohol. _____

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<p>Are any activities not able to be carried out due to the state of the building e.g. too cold for older people, dangerous areas for toddlers? _____</p> <p>Does the building have an entertainments license? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is there clear access to the facility? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What is the catchment area for the facility? _____</p> <p>What is the pricing policy/structure? Is it cheaper to hire for people who live in the town/village?</p>
<p>Links</p>

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<p>Links to public transport? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Are there any links with local schools in terms of schools using the facility for after school clubs or during school hours? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Detail _____</p> <p>Are there any links with local clubs? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Detail _____</p> <p>Are there any links with other village halls/centres? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Detail _____</p> <p>Are there any links with LA sports development? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Are there any plans to increase or improve the indoor provision? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>If yes, please give details:</p>	
<p>Any other issues</p>	

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FOOTBALL CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE - SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY			
Name of Club:		In which local authority is your pitch located?	
Teams eg: 1 x Senior 1 x u16	*League(s) / Competition(s)	When play eg Sat am	Home Ground (s) Address
Postcode			
<p><i>* If possible, please attach a fixture list.</i></p>			
<p>In the previous five years has the number of teams in your club:</p> <p>Senior: increased <input type="checkbox"/> decreased <input type="checkbox"/> stayed the same <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Junior: increased <input type="checkbox"/> decreased <input type="checkbox"/> stayed the same <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If there has been a change, please indicate how many teams and the reasons for the change:</p>			
<p>Do you have plans to increase the number of teams? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please indicate how many more: senior <input type="checkbox"/> junior boys <input type="checkbox"/> junior girls <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Where will they play?</p>			

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Does the club have a written sports development plan? If yes, please enclose a copy or indicate main objectives of the plan:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this linked to FA Charter Standard status (please tick)	
Yes Charter Standard achieved	Yes Charter Standard applied for No
Does the club have any facility/pitch development plans (eg pitch drainage, clubhouse improvement etc)? If yes, please give details:	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you applied for, or received, lottery or other funding over the past five years? If yes, please give details:	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
HOME GROUND - IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE HOME GROUND PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR BOTH/ALL USING SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY	
Name of ground or playing field:	

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Is the ground owned, leased or rented by the club? <input type="checkbox"/> owned <input type="checkbox"/> leased <input type="checkbox"/> rented <input type="checkbox"/> If leased or rented, please state who you lease or rent from: If leased, please state length of lease and when it expires: If rented please state the cost of renting the pitch per season:	
Who maintains the ground? Club <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is this your preferred home ground? If no, please state where you would prefer to play:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
How far do the majority of your players have to travel to play? Up to 2mils <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5mils <input type="checkbox"/> 5mils + <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does training take place *on your pitch <input type="checkbox"/> elsewhere at the ground <input type="checkbox"/> **off site <input type="checkbox"/>	
* If train on pitch please indicate for how many hours per week: _____ **If off site please give address of venue(s)	
How many pitches are there at your home ground? 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 + <input type="checkbox"/> How many are Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Mini <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you have a designated pitch: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please indicate pitch number: _____ Do you consider your designated pitch to be: correct size <input type="checkbox"/> undersize <input type="checkbox"/>	
How many home matches did you play on your designated pitch last season? How many matches were cancelled (<i>excluding frozen pitches</i>) on the designated pitch last season? What were the main reasons for the cancellations?	_____ _____ _____

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<p>Has the quality of your designated pitch got better or worse since last season?</p> <p>Much better <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly better <input type="checkbox"/> No difference <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly poorer <input type="checkbox"/> Much poorer <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please indicate why:</p>
<p>If more pitches were available at your ground or in the area, would your club have more teams?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, how many more teams and in which age groups?</p>
<p>If better facilities were available at your ground would your club have more teams? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, What facilities would be required? (Eg more pitches, better changing facilities)</p>

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ANCLLARY FACILITIES	
Are changing facilities available to your club? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If Yes, how many rooms? _____
Are there separate Senior /Junior changing areas available?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there separate Male /Female changing areas available?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Who owns the facilities?	Club <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Who maintains the facilities?	Club <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the facility have: officials room <input type="checkbox"/> showers <input type="checkbox"/> toilets <input type="checkbox"/> kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> access for disabled <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the facilities secured during matches?	Is car parking available? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is this adequate for all pitches? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the ground have any of the following:	
clubhouse <input type="checkbox"/> floodlights <input type="checkbox"/> dugouts <input type="checkbox"/> stands <input type="checkbox"/> fencing <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Has the site suffered from vandalism in the last year?	
If yes, please indicate specific incidences:	
Do any other clubs/teams play at this site?	
If yes, please could you let us have the name(s) (if known):	
Are there facilities for any other sport(s) at this site?	
If yes, please could you specify (eg tennis courts, cricket square etc):	

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PITCH/FACILITY QUALITY	
<p>In the previous five years has there been an increase or decrease in the number of pitches and facilities available for use in the area? increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease <input type="checkbox"/> stayed the same <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If there has been a change please indicate number of pitches:</p>	
<p>In the previous five years has there been an increase or decrease in the quality of pitches and facilities available for use in the area? increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease <input type="checkbox"/> stayed the same <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If there has been a decrease please give details of specific problems over the quality:</p>	
<p>If there has been a decrease is this restricting teams/players from playing? Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please give details:</p>	

Rating	Pitches	Changing facilities
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<p style="text-align: center;">Good</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A level playing surface ▪ More than 80% grass cover ▪ Little sign of wear & tear ▪ No waterlogging ▪ Goal posts secure with no dangerous protrusions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sufficient changing accommodation for available pitches ▪ Clean & well decorated ▪ Lockable changing rooms ▪ Sufficient shower areas & toilets ▪ Little sign of vandalism
<p style="text-align: center;">Acceptable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approximately 50 % grass cover ▪ Minimal wear & tear ▪ Sloping playing surface ▪ Minimal waterlogging ▪ Goal posts secure but in need of minor attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reasonable changing accommodation for available pitches ▪ Clean but in need of redecoration ▪ Some segregated shower areas ▪ Some segregated, lockable changing areas
<p style="text-align: center;">Unacceptable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uneven playing surface ▪ Little or no grass cover ▪ Signs of excessive wear & tear ▪ Significant waterlogging ▪ Goal posts loose & potentially dangerous. ▪ Remedial action required ▪ Potholing & rutting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Insufficient changing accommodation for available pitches ▪ Dirty (mud, litter, graffiti) ▪ Communal shower area(s) ▪ Standing water & overpowering odour ▪ Limited lockable changing areas ▪ Un-repaired vandalism

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Using the scale above please rate the following aspects of your home ground/facilities. *(Please tick appropriate box)*

	Good	Acceptable	Unacceptable	N/a
Firmness of surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grip underfoot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bounce of the ball on the pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evenness of pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of grass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grass cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Posts and sockets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Line markings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free from litter, dog fouling, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showers - clean, hot, plenty of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value for money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Are any of the following issues currently problematic for your club? *(Please tick all that apply)*

- Lack of internal funding (subs / fund-raising)
- Lack of external funding (parish council, governing bodies etc)
- Lack of appropriate local facilities
- Access difficulties for members (cost, lack of public transport etc)
- Lack of information about local facilities / services
- Poor/no relationship with local clubs (facility usage / exit routes etc)
- Lack of voluntary assistance (committee members / coaches etc)
- Membership recruitment / retention
- Other (please specify)

Any further comments please:

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CONSULTEE LIST

Consultees covering both indoor and outdoor facilities:

Name	Organisation	Designation
Lorna Clark	Dacorum Borough Council	Senior Planning Officer
Dave Cove	Dacorum Sports Trust	Managing Director
Rebecca Hermant	Dacorum Sports Trust	Business Development Manager
Amanda Colwill	Dacorum Sports Trust	Sports Development Manager
Dave Gill	Dacorum Borough Council	Community Centres Manager
Matt Chatfield	Dacorum Borough Council	Senior Community Enablement Officer
Chris Hope	Three Rivers District Council	Head of Leisure Services
Joyce Guthrie	Watford Borough Council	Special Projects and Support Services Manager
Lindsay Martin	Hertfordshire County Council	Education Strategic Planning Officer
Susan Aldis	Aldbury Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Colin Westwood	Berkhamsted Town Council	Parish Clerk
Barry McKay	Bovingdon Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Liz Holliday	Chipperfield Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Sue Draper	Flamstead Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Ken Louvet	Flaunden Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Margaret Young	Great Gaddesden Parish Council	Parish Clerk

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Name	Organisation	Designation
Kim Yexley	Kings Langley Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Fiona McWilliams	Little Gaddesden Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Jennifer Bissmire	Markyate Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Pat West	Nash Mills Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Katrina Bond	Nettleden with Potten End Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Colin Westwood	Northchurch Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Dawn Slade	Tring Rural Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Susan Johnson	Tring Town Council	Parish Clerk
Claire Crouchley	Wigginton Parish Council	Parish Clerk
Mr Guilder	Longdean School	Head of PE
Caroline Dow	Thomas Coram School	Head of PE
Sally Ambrose	The Cavendish School	Head of PE
Peter Melitus	Tring School	Site Manager
Jack Stephenson	Astley Cooper School	Head of PE
Liz Pickford	Kings Langley School	Facilities Manager
Matt Lennon	John F Kennedy School	Head of P.E
John Richards		Head of Fundraising
Gary Mullings	Hemel Hempstead School	Head of PE
Mrs Swaffield	Bridgewater Middle School	Head Teacher

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Name	Organisation	Designation
Miss Bjonggaard	Ashlyns School	Head of PE
Bob Carvey	Berkhamsted Collegiate School	Bursar
Mr White	Adeyfield School	Head of PE
Dave Buxton	Boxmoor House Special School	Site & Network Manager
Chris Barker	Woodfield Special School	Site Manager
Elaine Gardner	The Collett School	Head Teacher

Indoor facilities consultees list:

Name	Organisation	Designation
Geoff Wood	Herts Sports Partnership	Swimming Development Officer
David Bartlett	Herts Badminton Association	Secretary
Matt Eames	Herts Sports Partnership	Basketball Development Officer
Paula Leonard	All England Netball Association	Development Officer
Charlie Bethel	Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association	National Manager
Sharon Lowe	Bennetts End Community Centre	Manager
Angela Kubik	Tring Community Centre	Manager
Melanie Berry	Apsley Community Centre	Manager
Shelia Knight	Leverstock Village Hall	Manager
Maureen Rolph	Adeyfield Community Centre	Manager

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Name	Organisation	Designation
Arno Andreason	Woodhall Farm Community Centre	Manager
Laura Windsor	Gadebridge Community Centre	Manager
Phil Farrer	Kings Langley Community Centre	Manager
Linda Lowe	Warners End Community Centre	Manager
Sandra Austin	Highfield Community Centre	Manager
Jo Pike	Chaulden Community Centre	Manager
Kathy Ridges	Grovehill Community Centre	Manager
Chris Gibbs	Berkhamsted Sports Centre	Duty Manager
Amanda Colwill	Hemel Sports Centre	Sports Development Manager
Ray Preston	Kings Langley Swimming Club	Head Coach
Christine Thompson	Berkhamsted Swimming Club	Secretary
Chris Roberts	Tring Swimming Club	Secretary
Mike Cox	Hemel Swimming Club	Secretary
Kris Gruber	FIFOLITS Swim Club	Secretary
Michelle Hewson	Berkhamsted Barracudas	Secretary
Kate Nash	Berkhamsted Gymnastics Club	Secretary
Alan Russell		Chairman
Annie Price	Sapphire School of Gymnastics	Club Manager
Burch Hefferman	Down Under Tennis Club	Director

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Name	Organisation	Designation
Angela Noghani		Manager
Mrs Price	Dacorum Fencing Club	Secretary
Alan Wilkins	Berkhamsted Volleyball Club	Secretary
Kath Worrell	Shelley Netball Club	Secretary
Richard Carr	Berkhamsted Squash Club	Secretary
Brian Paske	Tring Squash Club	Chairman
Maurice Wigmore	Dacorum Table Tennis Club	Secretary
Tony Marno	West Herts Warriors Basketball Club	Secretary
Brian Sadler	Kodak Badminton Club	Secretary
Steve Green	Woodside Badminton Club	Chairman
Peter Harns	Owl Badminton Club	Secretary
David Lancaster	Carlton Badminton Club	Secretary
Mrs Biswell	Warners End Badminton Club	Secretary
Mrs B Gulon	Egerton Badminton Club	Secretary
Roy Hazelwood	Hemel School of Karate	Manager
Elizabeth Bird	Dacorum Judo Club	Secretary
Malcolm Phipps	Shotokan Karate International	Secretary
John Bates	Hemel Shotokan Junior	Secretary
Peter Jackson	Puffins Sports Club for the Disabled	Secretary
Roy Smith	Bury Judo Club	Secretary

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All 30 community hall facilities identified by KKP, including village halls were contacted through telephone questionnaires. KKP spoke to a representative of each facility. Usually this was the facility manager or bookings clerk.

Outdoor Facilities consultees list:

Governing Body	Leagues	Clubs
Herts Football Assoc'n	Southern Football Lge	Tring Athletic
Watford FC – Community & Sports Education Trust	Suburban Football Lge	Tring Corinthians
	West Herts Football Lge	Berkhamsted Town Youth
	Waford Friendly Lge (Jun)	Hemel Hempstead Town Youth
	W Herts Youth Lge	Berkhamsted Town Raiders
		Old Kings Arms Eagles
		AC Hemel
Hertfordshire Cricket Board	Home Counties Premier Cricket Lge	Berkhamsted CC
	Saracens Herts Lge	Boxmoor CC
	Chess Valley Cricket Lge	Bovingdon CC
	Mid Bucks Cricket Lge	Chipperfield CC
		Clarendon CC
		Coopers CC
		Hemel Hempstead Town CC
		Kings Langley CC
		Little Gaddesden CC
		Northchurch CC
		Potten End CC
		Tring Park CC

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Herts RFU		Camelot RUFC Hemel Stags RLFC
England Hockey E Region		Berkhamsted & Hemel Hempstead HC
Herts Hockey Assoc'n		
Herts Outdoor Bowls Association		Berkhamsted BC Bovingdon BC Hemel Hempstead BC Kings Langley BC Kitcheners BC Little Gaddesden BC Potten End BC Tring BC
Herts Lawn Tennis Association	Watford & District Tennis League	Berkhamsted LTC Leverstock Green LTC Tring LTC Bovingdon & Flaunden LTC
Herts Netball Association	Welwyn & Hatfield League	Dacorum YSD Netball Club Ashridge Golf Club

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	Berkhamsted Golf Club
	Boxmoor Golf Club
	Shendish Manor Golf Club
	Little Hay Golf Club
	Herts Falcons Baseball Club

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I. INTRODUCTION

Of the PPG17 typologies, this section of the document is specifically targeted at outdoor sports facilities including grass pitches, artificial turf pitches, tennis, netball, flat green bowls and golf facilities. The Strategy has been developed from research and analysis of outdoor sports facility provision and use within Dacorum. It follows an Assessment Report, which details provision, quality and usage levels.

Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) commissioned the study in September 2004. The principal research was carried out between October 2004 and March 2005.

The Strategy sets out a vision for the next ten years in relation to the provision and improvement of outdoor sports facility sites and associated facilities. The Action Plan recommends a number of high priority projects for the Borough, which should be implemented over the next five years (2005-2010). It should be recognised that the strategy and action plan is outlined to provide a framework for improvement of facilities. Resources may not currently be in place to implement it, and therefore partnerships and possible sources of external funding have been identified.



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2. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM THE ASSESSMENT REPORT

2.1 General

Across the Borough, outdoor sports facilities are provided on around 93 sites. These include DBC parks and recreation grounds, schools, private and voluntary sports clubs and parish council playing fields.

There are 188 match standard pitches across the Borough (185 grass and 3 artificial turf). This includes provision for football, cricket, rugby, hockey and baseball. Nearly all of these are available for use (although not necessarily used) by the community. In addition to this there are 106 tennis courts, 36 netball courts and 9 bowling greens situated on public parks, private sports clubs and at schools. 91 of the tennis courts are available for community use. All bowling greens and 33 of the netball courts are available for community use. Almost all of those not available for community use are tennis and netball courts located at schools.

The pitches, courts and greens accommodate over 450 teams across the relevant sports each week. These teams are listed in the playing pitch database.

In order to give the consultation and site findings a more local context, the Borough has been split into analysis areas. In each area the number and location of outdoor sports facilities considered to be inadequate in terms of quality has been identified. Further to this, the number of pitches being overplayed and additional pitches needed to meet local unmet (latent) demand has also been taken into consideration.



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The amount of unmet demand varies in each area and, in some cases, none has been identified. Generally, the findings show that if pitch and ancillary facility provision on existing sites were all of good quality, current and latent demand would be accommodated. Population growth and local demand should be monitored to ensure that future needs are met.



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Summary of inadequate pitches and latent demand across the Borough

Analysis area	No. of inadequate facilities	Latent demand expressed	Facilities being played over capacity
Hemel	6 senior football 7 junior football 1 junior rugby	2 senior football 1 junior rugby league 1 senior cricket	7 senior football 2 junior football 1 senior cricket
Berkhamsted	2 senior football 1 junior football	3 junior football 1 mini soccer	2 senior football
Tring	3 senior football 1 junior football	1 senior football	5 senior football
Eastern villages	1 junior football 1 senior cricket	None	None
Southern	None	None	4 senior football

2.2 Local standards

Within the accompanying Assessment Report, local standards (in hectares per thousand of population) for outdoor sports facility provision are calculated. This figure takes into account the fact that poor quality pitches cannot be relied upon as part of the pitch stock throughout the playing season.

Summary of local standards

Analysis area	Population	Required improvements to existing space (ha per 1,000 population)	Required additional space (ha per 1,000 population)	Outdoor sports facilities local standard (ha per 1,000 population)
Hemel	81,165	0.17	0.06	1.47
Berkhamsted	21,791	0.17	0.27	2.07
Tring	15,659	0.32	0.09	2.80
Eastern villages	5,279	0.46	0.00	2.28
Southern	13,900	0.00	0.00	1.94

It is recommended that DBC updates the qualitative local standards on a regular basis (every two to three years based on PPG17 guidance) to take into account improvements to existing sites, installation of new sites and subsequent fluctuations in localised latent demand.



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3. A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITY IMPROVEMENT

3.1 Introduction

The following section provides a framework for DBC and partners to maintain and improve the outdoor sports facilities within the Borough.

3.2 Aim

The overall aim of the Strategy is as follows:

‘By 2015 Dacorum will have an appropriate distribution and range of high quality outdoor sports facility sites with associated ancillary facilities, which will provide opportunities for participation from all sections of the community.’

3.3 Strategic objectives

The aim will be worked towards by the implementation of the following objectives:

1. Provide usable, accessible and sustainable outdoor sports facilities and ancillary facilities within the Borough.
2. Seek to ensure that this provision is of an appropriate distribution, quantity and quality.
3. Rectify identified inadequacies and meet identified shortfall as outlined in the Assessment Report through improvements to the current pitch stock and ancillary facilities.
4. Encourage, support and develop partnerships with local schools, which do not have formal community use arrangements to develop structured use of outdoor sports facilities.
5. Proactive use of planning powers to secure appropriate developer contributions for new or enhanced facilities.
6. Work in tandem with the parish councils and voluntary sector organisations/clubs, with regards to securing and developing pitch and other outdoor sports provision for the use of sport and recreation.
7. Ensure that existing and future provision complies with DDA legislation and is fully accessible for all residents (including juniors and girls/women).



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4. TARGETS

4.1 Introduction

A number of targets have been developed (highlighted in green boxes) and should be implemented to enable the policy objectives to be delivered. It is recommended that DBC adopts these to enable it to achieve the Strategy's aims and objectives.

4.2 Development route of pitch provision

With particular reference to the provision of football pitches, DBC should consider evolving development routes for pitch provision that can be applied to all types of site in the Borough. This approach should facilitate the delivery of appropriately specified pitches, servicing all levels of demand. It must recognise demand and supply issues within specific catchment areas.

1. Development route of pitch provision

Outline a development route of provision, which enables resources to be targeted at sites of strategic importance on a local and district-wide level.

A number of characteristics for both development routes are identified. These apply either to site elements that are already in place or, in some instances, are not in place but have the potential to be developed:



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Development route 1	Development route 2
Strategically placed in the local analysis area context. Accessible for residents within local analysis/settlement area	Strategically placed in the local village context Accessible for residents in the immediate locality
10 minute drive-time.	5 minutes or less drive-time
Often services two sports, e.g. football, tennis.	Often services one pitch sport and one or two clubs use as a home ground e.g. football.
Good quality ancillary facilities with changing rooms/shower (men's and women's)/toilets. Making reasonable adjustments to comply with DDA requirements.	Ideally include good quality ancillary facilities with changing rooms/showers/toilets. Making reasonable adjustments to comply with DDA requirements.
Linked to NGB facilities strategies. Clubs have/are working towards achieving Charter Standard or equivalent accreditation.	Clubs currently working towards achieving Charter Standard or equivalent accreditation.

Reference has been made to the above routes in the action plan where each site has been classified into one of the development routes.

Development Route 1 sites are the largest providers of playing pitches in the Borough. DBC and its partners should secure and commit significant funding to their maintenance and, where necessary, improvement. Improvements in the quality of these pitches will relieve pressure on other sites across the Borough and increase capacity and the adequacy of a large proportion of the pitch stock. Consideration should be given to prioritise those sites highlighted as being played over capacity or under capacity (due to poor quality).

Development Route 2 sites are smaller than Development Route 1 sites. They will predominantly be parish council/voluntary sector managed facilities.



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Conclusion

It should be recognised that this model is intended to be flexible to assist with funding priorities. Through investment, sites can be reclassified. It should also be noted that although Development Route 2 sites would generally be considered as local priorities, in some instances they may become district-wide priorities. This is likely to be the case in areas which have a particularly low level of provision.

4.3 Sport specific targets

2. Football

- ❑ Prioritise investment in pitch quality at sites which have been classified as poor quality.
- ❑ Redistribute play from sites which have been identified as overplayed.
- ❑ Each site to have appropriate size and specification changing facilities, which enable access for all user groups (e.g. women/girls/disabled) and pitch capacity to be maximised.
- ❑ Support Tring Athletic FC in its aspirations to re-introduce a ladies football team.

3. Cricket

- ❑ At least one more club in the Borough to provide and develop opportunities for girls' and women's participation.

4. Rugby union

- ❑ Support Hemel Hempstead RFC and Tring RFC in developing opportunities for junior, women's and girls' participation.

5. Rugby league

- ❑ Support Hemel Hempstead Stags RLFC in its aspirations to develop the junior game (girls and boys) in Dacorum. This may have an implication for the provision of ancillary facilities.

6. Tennis

- ❑ Increase public awareness of playing and coaching opportunities at clubs through increased publicity.
- ❑ Protect and maintain the current level of courts which are open for public recreational use.

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7. Golf

- Protection and maintenance of the municipal facilities at Little Hay Golf Complex.



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4.4 Education sites

The key aims of the School Sport Co-ordinator Programme (SSCP) include:

- To improve the PE and School Sport Programme by establishing and developing links within and between families of schools.
- To increase all young people's participation in community sport through creating and strengthening links with sports clubs, leisure facilities and community providers.

Improvements to existing and creation of new facilities at schools, along with increasing community/club access to school facilities will help achieve these aims.

4.4.1 Primary schools

There are some primary schools in Dacorum that currently allow community use on their pitches. This brings in extra income and increases schools' roles in the local community, thus improving relationships with local families and magnifying community ownership of the schools' facilities. However, where primary schools do have their own pitches it is important to take into consideration the fact that there will be curriculum use also and pitches will require some recovery time.

10. Primary/junior school playgrounds

Every primary and junior school should have an adequate quality playground surface (regardless of size) for sports activities with appropriate playground markings on the ground and on walls/fences etc to facilitate cricket and hockey as well as other sports (netball, basketball, short tennis) and general movement and ball skills.

Schemes, which, should be considered to facilitate this include:

- England Cricket Board playground markings.
- Youth Sport Trust – 'Zoneparc'.
- DfES Sporting Playgrounds.

11. Primary/junior school playing fields

- Primary and junior schools, which have existing playing fields on site or immediately adjacent should mark out a minimum of one 60m x 40m training grid, which can be used for pitch sports (e.g. mini soccer, tag rugby etc.).
- Formal arrangements to be in place for community use of school playing fields and other outdoor sports facilities where appropriate.



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4.4.2 Secondary schools

A number of schools allow community use of their pitches, the most significant being Longdean School in Hemel, which supports a number of both senior and junior football teams. Consultation with schools, however, did highlight certain improvements that are needed to pitch and non-pitch facilities.

There is substantial potential for the development of sporting opportunities in the Borough, particularly when the School Sports Partnership (SSP) is in place and creating avenues for funding. It is paramount that DBC works/continues to work with the SSP once it is finalised in order to fully utilise the facilities available to meet the targets in the PE and School Sport Club Links (PESSCL) strategy.

12. Secondary school playing fields

- ❑ Continue the development of community use of schools' pitches. Provide support, where appropriate, in order for schools to achieve effective community use agreements.
- ❑ Support those schools that have existing community use and require improvements to the facilities to enable increased capacity as well improving facilities for curriculum purposes.
- ❑ Improvements to pitches and ancillary facilities to accommodate additional wear and tear, and improvements to site access and security may be required. This must include access to changing facilities, and where this is not possible, access to toilets as a minimum.



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5. ACTION PLAN 2005 – 2015

5.1 Priorities

Taking into account the findings of the Assessment Report, in particular the site by site section and the consultation, it is paramount that DBC secures and improves its existing pitch stock and ancillary facilities in order that sites can be used to capacity. In addition to this, it is important that DBC provides support and guidance to the relevant partners (i.e. parish councils, private and voluntary sports clubs) within the Borough to apply for funding to improve their facilities.

The following sites have been identified as having the greatest priority for attention and investment over the next five years in Dacorum. They have been identified as such from the consultation and site visits that were undertaken as part of the accompanying Assessment Report.

The action plan has been separated into each analysis area, with the key current issues highlighted about the site, the recommended actions that should be implemented in partnership with DBC, the relevant clubs or schools etc. Potential funding streams have also been identified to provide a steer for the partners regarding appropriate sources of capital or revenue funding that could be applied for. The action plan also emphasises the targets that the particular site meets within the strategy.



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5.2 General action plan

Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Strategy targets	Potential external funding
Incomplete information about primary/junior school provision in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility for community use. This results in an incomplete view of the current and future capacity of the existing pitch stock.	DBC to work with the LEA to complete this information and keep it updated.	DBC, Hertfordshire County Council, local primary/junior schools.	Up to date, accurate picture of outdoor sports facility provision at local schools enabling DBC to respond appropriately to Section 106 opportunities, sports development initiatives etc.	11. Primary/junior school playgrounds, 12. Primary/junior school playing fields.	N/A



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5.3 Area action plans

Hemel analysis area action plan

Site	Development route	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Strategy targets	Potential external funding
Pennine Way (Hemel Hempstead Stags ARFLC)	I	The Club wishes to develop the site with the introduction of floodlighting, grandstand and ancillary sports building. This will allow the Stags to expand, not only its junior membership, but also open age male and female.	DBC to work with the Club to ensure that the facility development plan is implemented. The site could also be used for football finals.	DBC, Hemel Hempstead Stags ARLFC.	Creation of extended facilities at Pennine Way. Site may in turn provide a venue for a rugby league development centre to service not only the Borough but the surrounding area.	Rugby league, Football.	Sport England Lottery Fund (SELF)
Station Road (Hemel Hempstead Town CC)	I	Plans are in place to replace the pavilion to provide further changing space, which is desperately needed. The Club is also desperate to find another square in the locality in order to cope with the demand for junior cricket.	DBC to support the Club in their attempts to gain funding to provide further changing space. DBC to help source a suitable cricket facility in the locality in order to facilitate demand for junior participation in Hemel.	DBC, ECB, Hemel Hempstead Town CC DBC, Hemel Hempstead Town CC, Boxmoor Trust	Expansion of current pavilion in order to meet the needs of the Club. Provision of 2 nd square in order to meet demand for junior cricket in Hemel.	Cricket	SELF N/A



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Berkhamsted analysis area action plan

Site	Development route	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Strategy targets	Potential external funding
Berkhamsted Sports Club	I	Plans to expand the sports club have been put on hold as planning permission for an extension to the clubhouse and provision of two further junior football pitches was not granted due to impact on the Green Belt and Chilterns AONB.	DBC should work with the Club to explore ways in which expansion plans can be accommodated.	DBC, Berkhamsted Sports Club, local residents.	Provision of suitable facilities expanded to meet the needs of the club.	Football, Cricket	Football Foundation (FF), SELF.
The Meadow (Northchurch CC,)	I	Facilities at the ground are recognised as being in good condition. However the Club has aspirations to ensure the site is connected to the main drainage system.	DBC to ensure that Northchurch CC aspirations of being connected to the main drainage system are met.	Northchurch CC, DBC, Northchurch Parish Council	Connection to the main drainage system.	Cricket,	N/A



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Site	Development route	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Strategy targets	Potential external funding
Berkhamsted TC		The Club has implemented planning permission to 'bubble' two of its outdoor courts in order to support tennis coaching during the winter months, particularly at junior level. It is a large provider of junior tennis within Dacorum and this facility will prove important in the continuation of this junior support.	DBC and partners should support the continued development at the club, as they are a key provider of junior coaching within the authority.	DBC, LTA, Berkhamsted TC.	Provision of suitable indoor tennis facility in Berkhamsted.	Tennis	N/A



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Tring analysis area action plan

Site	Development route	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Strategy targets	Potential external funding
Miswell Lane	I	This senior pitch site is described as being in poor condition. Currently due to the quality of the pitch the site is being overplayed and this is further damaging the surface.	DBC should consider taking steps to improve the playing surface at the site and in turn improve the pitch's capacity.	DBC	Provision of good quality football pitch, which helps to support and sustain senior football within the Tring area.	Development route of pitch provision, Football.	N/A



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Southern analysis area

Site	Development route	Current issues	Recommended actions	Partnerships	Outcomes	Strategy targets	Potential external funding
Gaywood Park	I	This Parish council owned senior football pitch is described as being in adequate condition, however continued use at this level might result in continued deterioration.	Parish Council and DBC to monitor usage of the site and explore options of redistribution of users to sites with spare capacity in the area to ensure that pitch quality on the site is maintained.	Parish Council, DBC, users.	Ensure that management of users is monitored to ensure that pitch quality is maintained.	Football.	N/A

