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To: Councillors Barkley (Deputy Leader), Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer, Morgan (Leader), Poland, Rollings, Smidowicz, Taylor and Vardy (for attention)

All other members of the Council  
(for information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to be held in The Preston Room, Woodgate Chambers, Woodgate, Loughborough on Thursday, 17th January 2019 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields  
Loughborough

4th January 2019

**AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (ITEM 7)**

7. OPEN SPACES, PLAYING PITCH AND INDOOR BUILT FACILITIES STRATEGIES 3 - 1219

A report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces to consider the Open Spaces, Playing Pitch and Indoor Built Facilities Strategies, including associated recommendations and action plans.

*Key Decision*



## CABINET – 17TH JANUARY 2019

### Report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces Lead Member: Councillor Harper-Davies

#### Part A

#### ITEM 7 OPEN SPACES, PLAYING PITCH AND INDOOR BUILT FACILITIES STRATEGIES

##### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to set out the Open Spaces (Appendices A to D), Playing Pitch (Appendix E), and Indoor Built Facilities Strategies (Appendix F) along with associated recommendations and action plans for approval. The recommendations and action plans for each strategy can be found in the following locations:

Appendix A: Open Spaces Strategy, Paragraph 8.1 to 8.8 (pages 65 to 80)

Appendix E: Playing Pitch Strategy, Table 15.1 (pages 293 to 304)

Appendix F: Indoor Built Facilities Strategy, Section 7 (pages 148 to 162)

##### Recommendations

1. That the Charnwood Open Spaces Strategy for 2018-2036, as set out in Appendix A to D, be approved.
2. That the Charnwood Playing Pitch Strategy for 2018-2036, as set out in Appendix E, be approved.
3. That the Charnwood Indoor Built Facilities Strategy for 2018-2036, as set out in Appendix F, be approved.

##### Reasons

1. To enable the Strategy to be adopted in order to protect and improve open spaces in Charnwood.
2. To enable the Strategy to be adopted in order to protect and improve playing pitches in Charnwood.
3. To enable the Strategy to be adopted in order to protect and improve indoor built facilities in Charnwood.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 aims to encourage healthy lifestyles for all our residents through physical activity programmes and the provision of sports facilities and green spaces. These strategies will protect existing facilities and ensure that accessibility to green spaces/sports infrastructure is maintained as the borough develops.

The Borough Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan which will consider the land use implications of the three strategies and set out policy to guide future development such as new standards of open space provision. The period covered by the strategies is 2018 to 2036. When the new Local Plan is adopted the three strategies will run concurrently with it in order to inform decision making on planning matters. The strategies may be refreshed periodically as a result of new evidence or changing priorities.

The Council’s previous Open Spaces Strategy was adopted in 2013 and ran for the period 2013 to 2028. The new strategy (Appendix A) will replace the existing one which has been developed as a result of a new Open Spaces Study being completed during 2017 (Appendix D).

Assessments for the provision of playing pitches and indoor sports have previous been commissioned to determine the levels of current and future need. These have now been developed into individual strategies in their own right. The previous Open Spaces Strategy did contain some elements of outdoor sports provision.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

*Financial Implications*

It is anticipated that the funding for the projects identified in the Action Plans will be provided from a combination of external organisations including Parish /Town Councils, sports governing bodies and developers.

However, a sum of £500k has been made available through the existing Capital Programme to support some of the actions identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy. A further report will outline how this capital expenditure will be invested by the Council.

Any capital or revenue funding in excess of the £500k committed through the existing Capital Plan would require approval through the Council’s budget setting processes. In adopting the Strategies themselves the Council is not committing to funding any projects that have not been previously approved.

The financial implications of the revised Strategies include the need to secure maintenance funding for any new responsibilities for open space management that is given to the Authority through new developments in the future.

*Risk Management*

The risks associated with the decision Cabinet is asked to make and proposed actions to mitigate those risks are set out in the table below.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Failure to deliver the Action Plans within the Strategies	Possible	Major	The Strategies will be the subject of ongoing monitoring.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Failure to support the Council's Local Plan	Possible	Major	The Council's Officers responsible for the Strategies have worked closely on the development process to ensure they support each other's aim's, objectives and priorities.  All strategies have been developed using nationally recognised processes for the assessment of current and future need.
Failure to identify resources to deliver the Strategies over their 18 year lifespan., or sufficient income being derived from the Strategies objectives	Possible	Major	The delivery of the Strategies requires funding sources to be identified. In addition, the delivery will rely on funding through the planning system such as developer contributions, alongside other external and partner funding. The adoption of the strategies is required in order to secure funding from both developers and other sources.

### *Equality and Diversity*

The Strategies are intended to support the needs of the whole community, providing indoor/outdoor facilities that all client groups can enjoy.

An EIA has been completed to support this report.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None

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## Part B

### Background

1. The assessments and strategies will form part of the supporting evidence for the forthcoming Local Plan that will consider strategic spatial planning with the borough until 2036. The strategies account for the growth in population throughout the period.
2. The three strategies appended to this report have been written following a baseline assessment of existing facilities within the borough. Baseline assessments looked at the quantity, quality and accessibility of green spaces, sports pitches / outdoor sports facilities and indoor sports facilities throughout the borough.
3. The baseline assessments, and resulting strategies assess local provision by sub-dividing the borough into sub areas. This allows local accessibility to be determined and ensures that reasonable travel times are taken into account.
4. The assessments and strategies take into account the spectrum of facility providers throughout the borough and recognise that the Council is not the sole provider of community infrastructure for green spaces, sport pitches / outdoor sport provision and indoor sports facilities.
5. As part of the assessment and strategy development, community consultation took place with a wide range of stakeholders including parish / town councils, education establishments, sports clubs, Sport England and the National Governing Bodies representing individual sports. Individual residents were also invited to submit their views through surveys.
6. The assessment for each of the individual surveys adopted a recognised methodology that is understood nationally. The surveys were conducted by independent consultants following the agreed methodology.

### Open Spaces Assessment and Strategy

7. The vision for the Strategy is;

*“The Council will work with our partners in improving the quantity, quality and accessibility of outdoor sport and recreational opportunities by providing sustainable open spaces. It will protect and enhance biodiversity and heritage, whilst meeting the community’s needs, maximising the use of facilities, and engendering pride in the local community.”*

8. The Baseline Assessment of sites took place during 2017 and looked at the following open space typologies;
  - Parks and Gardens
  - Natural and semi-natural green space
  - Amenity green space  
Green corridors
  - Children’s Recreational Spaces

- Young Person's Recreational Spaces
  - Allotments
  - Churchyards and cemeteries (not burial capacity)
  - Civic Spaces
9. The assessments determined the accessibility, quantity and quality of existing provision on a parish by parish basis. It also proposes a set of planning standards to be used on new developments. This has been adopted through the new Open Spaces Strategy. The new standards are based upon the Fields in Trust (FIT) standards that are widely used in these assessments.
10. The Delivery Plan and Action Plan are contained between pages 64 to 88 of Appendix A.
11. Appended to this report are the following documents;

Appendix A – Open Spaces Strategy  
Appendix B – Open Spaces Strategy Appendices  
Appendix C – Open Spaces Study Executive Summary  
Appendix D – Open Spaces Study

### Playing Pitch Strategy

12. The Playing Pitch Assessment and Strategy followed the Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance. The following sports were considered as part of the assessment and strategy;
- Football
  - Cricket
  - Rugby
  - Hockey
  - Rugby League
  - Tennis
  - Golf
  - Bowls
  - BMX
  - Athletics
  - Netball
13. The assessment looked at the quantity, quality and accessibility for outdoor sports provision throughout the borough. Assessments took place over a prolonged period in order to account for the condition of pitches of both summer and winter sports.
14. The vision of the Strategy is;

*'To ensure that there is an adequate supply of good quality facilities to accommodate a range of sports and physical activities in order to meet current and future levels of demand and to provide enhanced opportunities so as to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activity.'*

15. For the purposes of the assessment the borough was subdivided into sub-areas to ensure that provision was assessed on a local level. Provision for both adult and junior participation was assessed and the resulting strategy makes recommendations with regard to participation of all age groups.
16. Extensive consultation took place with Sport England and the National Governing Bodies of Sport throughout the development of the strategy to ensure that existing provision had been properly addressed and that future need had been assessed correctly. The draft Strategy has been signed off by Sport England and the National Governing Bodies.
17. In addition to sport specific recommendations (Appendix E, pages 293 to 304), there are 7 generic recommendations which are:
  - Charnwood Borough Council works with all relevant governing bodies (national and regional) to ensure that all playing pitch and outdoor sports facilities in Charnwood are of adequate quality to meet the needs of their users, with special attention paid to ensuring all facilities provide a safe venue to be enjoyed by their participants.
  - As identified in the 2018 Charnwood Indoor Built Sports Facility Strategy, all opportunities to open up existing and new education sites for community use of sports facilities should be explored.
  - Charnwood Borough Council seeks to ensure that any new educational sites involving new or enhanced sports facility has a Community Use Agreement (CUA) as part of the planning consent so as to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.
  - The opportunity to further develop multi-sport hub sites across the Borough is explored; this should focus on the enhancement of sites where there is currently provision for a minimum of two pitches/outdoor sports to optimise the capacity of existing facilities, allow for sharing of e.g. changing, parking etc. Multi-sport hubs provide the opportunity for co-location of a number of different but complementary sports, and can offer increased participation opportunities, particularly for young people who are able to 'try out' a number of sports on one site. The recreation sites proposed for the SUEs (all three) have significant potential for development as multi-sport hubs comprising a range of pitch sports, tennis (West of Loughborough and North East of Leicester SUEs), indoor facilities and BMX (West of Loughborough SUE). The principle should, however, be one of partnership (with education, parish councils, NGBs, local clubs) to promote existing sites where multiple sports are played and invest as identified in the sport-by-sport priorities. Ancillary provision should also be provided to a good standard at each multi-sport hub, and should, wherever possible, be shared. Management of multi-sport hubs needs to consider how best to address issues of overlapping seasons e.g. cricket and football, competitive fixtures, and demand for training. Charnwood Borough Council should focus on the development of the sites that they own and those owned by parish councils as priorities for the designation and/or development of multisport hubs. Development of multi-sport hub sites, including the three SUEs, will also help to address the

identified future need for playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities in the Borough, and specifically respond to the increased demand generated as a result of new housing development in the Borough.

- Investment in specific ancillary facilities identified on a sport-by-sport or site-by-site basis (see sport-specific recommendations and sport-by-sport summaries) should be reviewed on proposed multi-sport hub sites, and adjusted where it is possible to make economies of scale over shared provision, e.g. changing accommodation, parking provision etc. This will make the most effective use of available resources and facilitate increased use of sites across a range of sports.
- The allocated areas for sport in the three SUEs (NE Leicester, West of Loughborough and Broadnook) should be developed to provide additional sports facilities to meet identified future need in the Borough. The priority sport needs to be met are:
  - Grass pitches – football, rugby union,
  - Non-turf cricket wickets
  - Artificial grass pitches (AGPs)
  - Outdoor floodlit tennis and netball courts

18. Officers are currently working with the Football Association (FA) to develop the recommendations and inform a Local Football Facilities Plan which will be produced by the FA in 2019.

#### Indoor Sport Facilities Strategy

19. The Indoor Built Facilities Strategy followed the Sport England's Assessing Need and Opportunity Guidance (ANOG). This is the standard recognised and applied nationally and is accepted as the process required to secure developer contributions.

20. The Vision of the Strategy is:

*'to ensure that there is an adequate supply of good quality facilities to accommodate a range of sports / physical activities in order to meet current and future levels of demand and to provide enhanced opportunities so as to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activity'.*

21. The scope of the Indoor Sports Facility Strategy (ISFS) covers analysis of provision for the following facility types across the Borough of Charnwood:

- Sports Halls (including schools and community buildings), and covering indoor sports hall sports such as netball, badminton, basketball and volleyball
- Health & Fitness Centres (including dance/aerobic studios)
- Squash Courts
- Swimming Pools
- Indoor Tennis

22. Provision for both adult and junior participation was assessed and the resulting strategy makes recommendations with regard to participation of all age groups.

23. The assessment of existing facilities too that following factors into account the quantity, quantity, availability and accessibility of facilities.
24. The recommendations within the report (Appendix F, pages 148 to 162) are as follows:
- The existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports hall, swimming pool and fitness provision in the Borough are retained as a minimum, but these need not necessarily be the same facilities as at present.
  - Charnwood Borough Council promotes investment into additional swimming pool provision. The priority is a new learner pool at Soar Valley Leisure Centre.
  - Existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness suite provision in the Borough should be retained as a minimum, and where appropriate, opportunities for investment in additional health and fitness provision where there is an identified need/business case justification should be considered by all providers.
  - Opportunities to increase access to sports halls for indoor netball – training and competitive play should be considered by all relevant stakeholders – Charnwood Borough Council, facility operators local netball clubs, England Netball and the East Midlands Netball League.
  - Charnwood Borough Council seek to ensure that any new educational facility has a Community Use Agreement as part of the planning consent so as to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.
  - Charnwood Borough Council and its public and voluntary sector partners facilitate, where possible, increased access to pay and play community centres/halls to maintain and grow participation in physical activity.
  - Dialogue is established with English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) and local bowling clubs to further explore the potential of facilitating club – led development of additional indoor bowling facilities by 2036.
  - Future need for purpose-built gymnastics/ trampolining facilities in the Borough, to meet latent demand, is explored further by British Gymnastics and Trampolining, local clubs/partners, and Charnwood Borough Council.
  - Where appropriate, Charnwood Borough Council and its partners seek to secure S106 contributions that could contribute towards the development of additional and safe walking, running and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active.
  - Charnwood Borough Council and all its partners identify the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs for sports facilities, and investigate all available sources for capital funding, on a partnership basis.
  - Charnwood Borough Council and its partners prioritise investment in the development of high quality community sports facilities/spaces, with other local partners. Increasing available capacity and therefore opportunities to take part in regular physical activity, in the local community, will contribute to reduced health inequalities, increased participation better community cohesion.

- There should be on-going monitoring of this Strategy through its implementation, but as a minimum, progress should be reviewed and refreshed every five years. On-going monitoring should include partnership working with neighbouring local authorities to keep aware of facility changes and developments.

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# **Open Spaces Strategy**

**2018 – 2036**

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# 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Introduction

This is a strategy for the management of open spaces in the borough of Charnwood. It provides a review of the 2013 Open Spaces Strategy and a current Action Plan based on an up to date assessment of provision, user consultation and local needs analysis. It aims to provide a clear framework for practical action to protect and improve open spaces. It will guide prioritisation, management and resource allocation for the improvement of open spaces, and will deliver good practice in all aspects of provision. It will also exploit opportunities to increase the provision of open space, and support bids for funding to improve the network of open spaces to meet current and future needs.

The Strategy will ensure the Council's commitment to high quality open spaces is fully integrated into its strategies, plans and programmes, by influencing and informing policy development and implementation across the Council's activities.

## Purpose

The Open Spaces Strategy will provide:-

- A framework for the management, development and maintenance of open space owned by Charnwood Borough Council.
- An Action Plan for the future delivery of open space to meet identified deficiencies.
- Guidance and support for the delivery of open space through the Local Plan.
- Leadership advice and support for alternative open space delivery partners.
- Information to the communities of Charnwood on the provision of open space.

## Background

The Council's existing Open Space Strategy was adopted in 2013. In line with national guidance and existing strategic recommendations the key policies, evidence base and recommendations require regular review to ensure they continue to reflect local needs and priorities. A new evidence base and recommendations have been completed (Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and Playing Pitch Strategy 2018), replacing the Open Spaces Recreation Study 2010. In addition, the Council is in the process of writing a new Local Plan and the Open Spaces Strategy will inform key policies within this document.

The Borough will see significant population growth during the Strategy period and ensuring good quality and accessible open spaces are provided as part of this growth is essential to creating sustainable communities in the future. The review of the Council's Open Space Strategy will ensure that policies remain relevant, based on the most up to date evidence, addressing existing deficiencies and meeting current and projected demand up to 2036.

## **Achievements to Date**

Since the adoption of the Open Spaces Strategy 2013, there have been a number of key achievements, including:

- The creation of a Community Park at Shortcliffe Park, including new skate facility and Multi-Games Area;
- Installation of Multi-Games Areas at Jubilee Park, Great Central Park, Radmoor Park and Bottle Acre Lane Open Space;
- Refurbished tennis courts at Park Road and Nanpantan;
- Provision of a new exercise trail at Jubilee Park;
- Creation of a new pocket park and community garden at the Bell Foundry;
- Improvements to security, drainage and access at Mountfields and Ingle Pingle Allotments;
- Installation of new parkour and outdoor gym at Southfield Park;
- Additional children's play equipment at Cumberland Road Park;
- A new path network at Dishley Pool and introduction of a Park Run at the site;
- Improved path network and new play trail at Kirkstone Park;
- Creation of a community garden at Maynard's Green;
- Establishment of a weekly Green Gym volunteer group;
- Introduction of visitor facilities at The Outwoods and new Masterplan for the site.

The Council has also successfully retained two Green Flag awards (The Outwoods and Queens Park, Loughborough) and attained a third Green Flag at Forest Road Green Belt, Loughborough. Charnwood continues to have success with its entry in the regional Britain In Bloom competitions, having won East Midlands In Bloom Small City Category Award for 8 consecutive years. Queens Park has also attained a prestigious BALI Award, winning the Grounds Maintenance Free Public Access category in 2017.

While the Council is continuing to perform well, it is clear that more needs to be done to ensure that deficiencies in quantity, quality and accessibility, identified in the Open Space Assessment Study (2017) and Playing Pitch Strategy (2018) are addressed.

## **Scope of the Open Spaces Strategy**

The Open Spaces Strategy recognises all available open space in Charnwood, categorising it into a range of land types. These 'typologies' are used to measure standards and identify deficiencies in provision across the Borough.

The Council's vision and objectives are set out for open space including a range of policies that will help guide future provision and management up to 2036, remedying some of the identified deficiencies. The strategy will also inform the Local Plan and will be used to guide future decision making by the Council. Successful delivery will require the engagement of key stakeholders including the support of a wide range of Council services, as well as other landowners, such as Leicestershire County Council, Town and Parish Councils, the community sector, businesses, developers and schools.

## **Key Drivers**

There are a number of key drivers for the new strategy, including the preparation of a new Local Plan, the Council's ambitious housing growth agenda, and the issues arising from the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and Playing Pitch Strategy 2018. In addition, a range of local, regional and national strategies, frameworks and plans contribute to the need for an effective Open Spaces Strategy.

It is recognised that the next steps required will be very challenging. Budget constraints, increasing costs, and ensuring the needs of residents are identified and met will all present significant challenges.

## **Main Issues to be Addressed by the Open Spaces Strategy**

The Open Spaces Strategy aims to provide a framework for delivering the necessary additional open space needed as part of the Council's ambitious growth agenda identified in the emerging Local Plan.

This framework will include a set of Policy Statements that will guide the Council in its decision making process and allow for deficiencies in open space identified in the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and Playing Pitch Strategy 2018 to be addressed in a prioritised manner.

In adopting an Open Spaces Strategy, Charnwood Borough Council has shown it has aspirations to make significant improvements in the provision of open space in Charnwood. A key part of achieving success with the Strategy will be working with a variety of partners and stakeholders. In this way we can ensure that all residents of the Borough can have suitable access to the right types of high quality open space.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

### 2.1. The Definition of Open Space

- 2.1.1 ‘Open space, which includes all open space of public value, can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to open areas within a development, linear corridors and country parks. It can provide health and recreation benefits to people living and working nearby; have an ecological value and contribute to green infrastructure, as well as being an important part of the landscape and setting of built development, and an important component in the achievement of sustainable development.’ (**Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, 2014**).
- 2.1.2 Parks, natural spaces and other types of open space do not exist in isolation but make up the green infrastructure of the Borough. Green infrastructure is the physical environment within and between urban areas. It is a network of multi-functional open spaces, including formal parks, gardens, woodlands, green corridors, waterways, street trees and open countryside.

### 2.2 The Vision for Open Spaces in Charnwood

- 2.2.1 The Council will work with our partners in improving the quantity, quality and accessibility of outdoor sport and recreational opportunities by providing sustainable open spaces. It will protect and enhance biodiversity and heritage, whilst meeting the community’s needs, maximising the use of facilities, and engendering pride in the local community.

### 2.3 The Aims and Objectives of the Strategy

- 2.3.1 The aim of this Strategy is to provide a clear framework for practical action to protect and improve open spaces in Charnwood.
- 2.3.2 The objectives of this Strategy are to:
- Develop a strategic framework, including Open Spaces Policy, to guide key prioritisation and resource allocation for the management and improvement of open spaces;
  - Understand and fulfil community expectations in providing open spaces in Charnwood;
  - Provide standards of public open space which are adopted within the Local Plan;
  - Deliver good practice in the management of new and existing open space;
  - Exploit opportunities to increase the provision of open space;
  - Support and enable bids for funding to improve the network of open spaces.

## 2.4 The Importance of Open Space

- 2.4.1 'Publicly accessible green space has been at the heart of urban planning, community building, and health policies in the UK for over a hundred years. The Victorians saw public parks as a way to improve the health of those living in crowded urban centres, while the Garden City Movement of the inter war period saw open green spaces and quality recreation and sports grounds as part of a wider belief that good urban design would lead to well-developed citizens and a well-functioning society. The belief that parks and green spaces provide benefits to individuals and society has not changed substantively in the intervening years. We now have a growing body of empirical evidence which confirms that they provide direct benefits to those who use them and, importantly, indirectly to those who don't.' (Fields in Trust, **Revaluing Parks and Green Spaces, 2018**).
- 2.4.2 In February 2017 the Communities and Local Government Committee (CLGC) published a report into the value of parks and green space in the UK. The report discussed the positive contributions that parks and green spaces provide to the everyday lives of communities, with recommendations around improving the provision of, and equality of access to, parks and green spaces linked to public health strategies.
- 2.4.3 Parks and open spaces have traditionally been viewed as financial liabilities for local authorities, however, they are central to the lives of their communities. They provide opportunities for leisure, relaxation and exercise and are also fundamental to community cohesion, physical and mental health and wellbeing, biodiversity, climate change mitigation, and local economic growth. Quantifying the wider benefits of parks and open spaces is crucial to accessing new sources of funding and targeting investment in areas of greatest impact.
- 2.4.4 Table 1 below provides details of a number of wider benefits of open space:

**Table 1: Beneficial Outcomes of Open Spaces**

Beneficial Outcome	Description
Health and Wellbeing	<p>Wellbeing is a positive state of both mental and physical health. How interaction with open spaces is beneficial is well documented. It can be effective in a participatory or passive capacity, positively affect depression, and lower blood pressure and cholesterol, among many other positive interventions and preventions.</p> <p>Research undertaken in 2015 by Fields in Trust (formerly the National Playing Fields Association), found that 50 per cent of people said they would be less active without their local parks and green spaces, and 48 per cent said that using their local park made them feel healthier.</p>

Beneficial Outcome	Description
Biodiversity and Access to Nature	<p>Biodiversity is fundamental to the sustainability of our ecosystem. With the ever increasing pressures on agricultural practice and loss of habitat-rich gardens, public open space has increased its strategic importance. The benefits to biodiversity can be in habitat management, nature conservation, maintaining green corridors and targeting work towards protected species.</p> <p>The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) has highlighted that parks and green spaces “<i>support vital biodiversity, such as threatened pollinators, which are key to our food supply and vital to supporting our food economy</i>”.</p>
Climate Mitigation	<p>Open Spaces are likely to play an increasingly important role as part of our urban infrastructure, not least because of their potential to have a positive effect on climate change and pollution. Sustainable Urban Drainage systems mitigate against flash floods, filtrate polluted surface water and reduce demands on existing systems. Plants significantly cool and shade, and absorb CO2. Plants also act as filters for harmful airborne particles that can impact on air quality.</p> <p>Public Health England has highlighted the positive impact open spaces have on air quality, water quality, noise absorption, and flood risk mitigation.</p>
Social Cohesion	<p>Open spaces have a number of benefits on social cohesion from encouraging inter-generational engagement to fostering a sense of community ownership and reducing social isolation. Open spaces transcend culture and allow communities to meet in a neutral space.</p>
Heritage	<p>Open spaces have a number of heritage benefits: places where heritage features are found, natural and man-made, and places where memories are formed.</p>
Economy	<p>High quality open spaces have a positive impact on the local economy by attracting and retaining investments and jobs. The local work force is maintained through the provision of attractive environments which also benefit the health and wellbeing of communities.</p>
Learning	<p>Open spaces play a significant role in allowing children and young people to play, which is an integral part of their development. Open spaces also provide other opportunities to learn, from volunteering opportunities to skill-building apprenticeships.</p>

## **2.5 Issues Relating to Provision and Management of Open Spaces**

2.5.1 In addition to the deficiencies in quality, quantity and accessibility of open spaces (identified in chapters 4 and 5) there are a number of other strategic and local issues that need to be taken into account in developing and delivering the Open Spaces Strategy for Charnwood. These include:-

- The ambitious housing growth agenda that the Council is responding to (ONS estimate the population of Charnwood to increase by 17.7% between 2017 and 2036, from 180,100 to 212,100 people).
- Lack of dedicated governing body within central Government for open spaces e.g. Sport England, Arts Council etc.
- The service is particularly vulnerable to financial pressures given the lack of statutory nature of open spaces.
- Community expectations are relatively high and therefore associated costs of service provision are equally relatively high.
- The service requires long term investment and the associated costs for maintenance and replacement of open spaces can be relatively high (both capital and revenue).
- Unless quality standards are maintained at a relatively high standard, open spaces rapidly attract anti-social behaviour and can start a spiral of decline.
- Service provision is high profile, customer focused and immediately apparent e.g. children play areas, street scene etc.
- There is a matrix of service providers for open space which makes co-ordination difficult and the potential for non-uniformity of standards across the Borough.
- Competing and conflicting needs and aspirations of open spaces from the different sectors of the community.

## **2.6 The Need for an Open Spaces Strategy**

2.6.1 The Open Spaces Strategy explains how open spaces will be provided and managed in to the future and sets out the Council's expectations for quantity, quality and accessibility. This strategic framework will be reflected in the Council's emerging Local Plan to ensure that open spaces are protected and new open spaces are secured as part of new developments.

2.6.2 Where there are deficiencies in the quality of existing open spaces, this Strategy will guide how those deficiencies will be addressed.

## **2.7 The Timescale Covered by the Strategy**

2.7.1 The Open Spaces Strategy covers the period to 2036. Whilst this represents a significant period of time it matches that of the emerging Local Plan and provides a reasonable timeframe for investment decisions and programmes to be delivered. It is recognised that a number of influencing factors can change during such a length of time, and so there will be regular formal reviews of the Strategy. In this way, the Strategy can remain a fluid, up-to-date and relevant document that reflects the needs and aspirations of the communities we serve.

## **2.8 The Scope of the Strategy**

- 2.8.1 This Open Spaces Strategy recognises all available open space in Charnwood and categorises each according to land typologies recommended by Government guidance.
- 2.8.2 The Strategy highlights areas within the Borough that are considered lacking in certain types of open space, together with priorities for future development opportunities. These issues are considered in a location specific context (i.e. Parish or Ward basis), as well as in certain circumstances a broader strategic context (e.g. sports pitches on a sub area or borough wide basis).
- 2.8.3 The strategy recognises that the Borough Council owns and manages a limited amount of open space within Charnwood and that a significant land ownership is placed with the County Council, Parish Councils, private land owners and private trustees.
- 2.8.4 To ensure the Open Spaces Strategy takes account of all open space facilities available to the communities within Charnwood, all areas are included within the scope of the Strategy. The full detail of other stakeholders land is included in the Open Spaces Assessment 2017 and Playing Pitch Strategy 2018.

## **2.9 Previous Strategy Recommendations**

- 2.9.1 The Open Spaces Strategy 2013 – 2028 provided the strategic framework for the management and improvement of open space provision in the Borough. It was based on a robust information base (Open Spaces Assessment 2010) and made recommendations for addressing identified shortfalls through the adoption of ‘standards’ for provision, a set of Policy Statements and a 5 year Action Plan (2013-2018).
- 2.9.2 The Open Space Action Plan (2013 – 2018) has successfully delivered many Strategy recommendations, from investment in facilities to ongoing changes to the management of open spaces and service delivery. The 2013 Open Spaces Strategy remains relevant in terms of its core vision, aims and policy framework. However, with population growth, new housing development, provision of new, and the wear and tear on existing facilities, there is a need to review and update information on a regular basis.
- 2.9.3 The Open Spaces Assessment Study (2017) and PPS (2018) build on the knowledge and recommendations of the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study 2010 and provide an up to date information base. As a result ‘standards’ for provision have been updated to reflect current needs and recommendations. Policy Statements have also been reviewed to ensure they continue to meet current local needs and priorities.
- 2.9.4 In updating the 2013 Open Space Strategy we recognise the achievements made to date, take forward ongoing recommendations that remain relevant and make new recommendations where the updated assessment of current supply and demand indicates improvements are required.

## **2.10 Availability of Funding**

- 2.10.1 Green spaces managed by Charnwood Borough Council are funded from a variety of sources, including a revenue budget of approximately £1.7m per annum, significant planning obligations secured by section 106 agreements, and grants from external funding bodies, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- 2.10.2 Since 2010, fiscal measures have been introduced to minimise pressure on the public purse, resulting in the need to seek alternative sources of funding for non-essential services. Whilst not detracting from the importance of green space on issues such as the health and well-being agenda, social cohesion and biodiversity, there is a need to source sustainable long-term funding opportunities.
- 2.10.3 The Council recognises that with a growing population, there is increased pressure to develop land currently designated as open space. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has been introduced by the government as an additional means to secure community benefits from new developments and support the established mechanism of agreements under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act. Charnwood Borough Council is yet to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy but continues to secure provision through new developments through the use of Section 106 Agreements. Facilities or funding secured through Section 106 Agreements must meet three legal tests. The tests are:
- a. necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
  - b. directly related to the development; and
  - c. fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.
- 2.10.4 The Council will continue to seek alternative funding mechanisms to minimise the long-term impact on the Council Tax payer.

## **2.11 Community Engagement in Developing the Strategy**

- 2.11.1 The Open Spaces Strategy has been developed using the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and Playing Pitch Strategy 2018, which were prepared by independent consultants. These documents form the evidence base upon which the development of this Open Spaces Strategy is built. Existing open space within Charnwood has been fully audited and extensive consultation undertaken to determine local standards on the quality, quantity and accessibility of open space.
- 2.11.2 The Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018 assess nine typologies of provision e.g. parks and gardens, allotments etc., to identify deficiencies in open space provision across the Borough. The Open Spaces Assessment 2017 proposes standards for Open Space (excluding outdoor sports provision). The Playing Pitch Strategy 2018 assesses the supply and demand for Playing Pitches and other outdoor sports provision in Charnwood

using Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance – An approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy (2013).

- 2.11.3 Consultation with the local community and key stakeholders e.g. Parish Councils, Sports Clubs and community groups was undertaken to identify local needs, areas falling short of standards and priorities for action. These community priorities have been used to inform the Council's priorities for rectifying shortfalls in open space provision and in the development of Open Spaces policies.
- 2.11.4 The Open Spaces Strategy and on-going Action Plans will therefore represent a robust framework for developing and managing open space in the future.

## **3. CONTEXT**

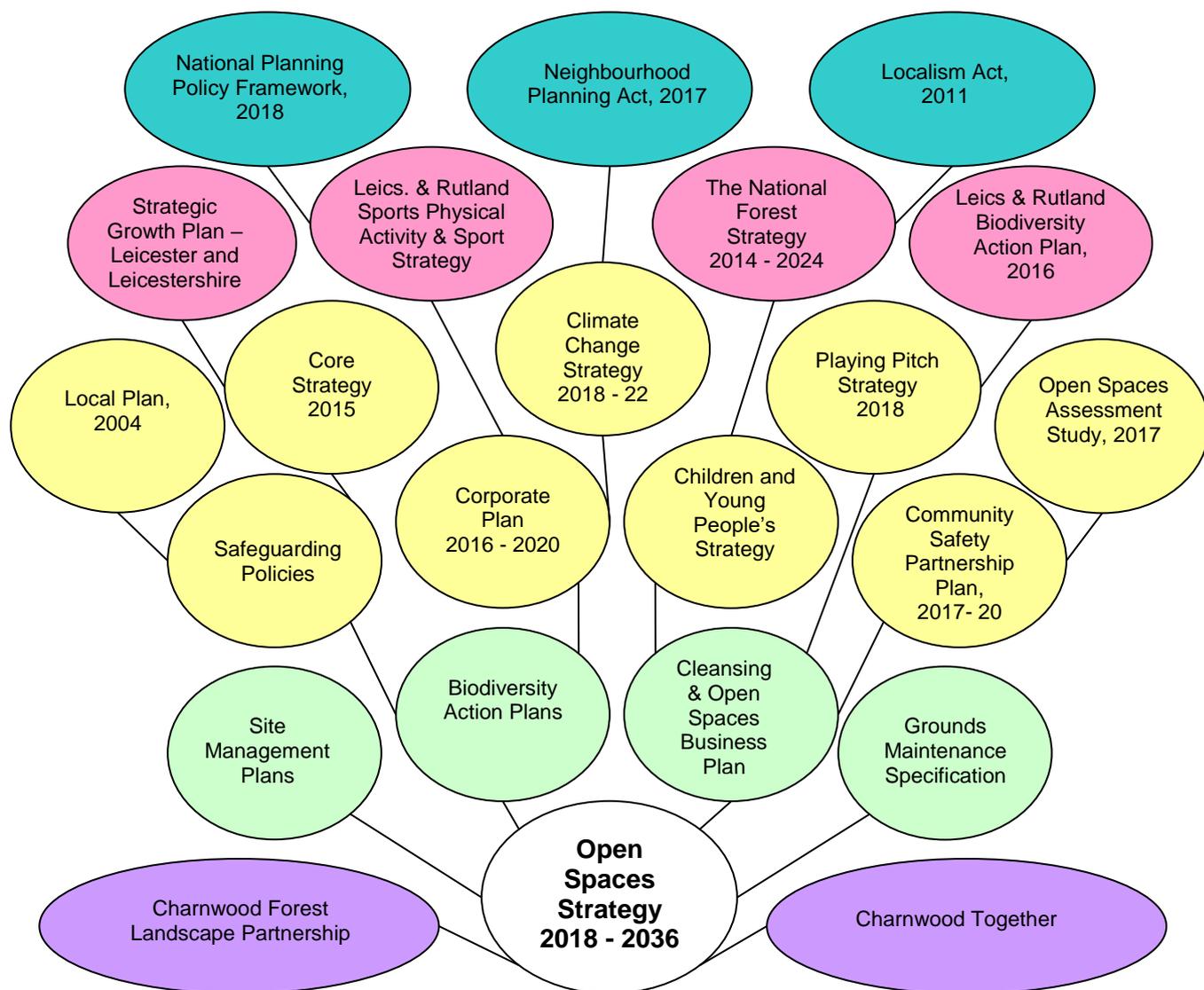
### **3.1. The Borough of Charnwood**

- 3.1.1 The Borough of Charnwood lies at the heart of the East Midlands, with the major cities of Nottingham and Derby to the north, and Leicester to the south. Loughborough is the main town, and has become a major centre for advanced technology, which is underpinned by one of the country's leading universities. One third of the population lives in the thriving university town of Loughborough. The remaining two thirds live in the villages and small towns of the Soar and Wreake valleys and on the edge of Leicester.

### **3.2. Overview**

- 3.2.1 This section reviews the legislative and strategic context and provides the national, regional and local perspectives which are relevant to public open space provision. Whilst this review is not exhaustive it provides outline background information on the context in which the Strategy sits, and which influences current provision of open space, sport and recreation facilities in the Borough.
- 3.2.2 The Open Spaces Strategy is shaped and influenced by a number of inter-related strategies, policy documents and plans from national policy through to regional and local frameworks. Figure 1 below helps to provide an illustrative context on the links with other strategies, whilst the following text provides some further information.
- 3.2.3 Given the timescale of the Strategy the Council recognises the need to regularly review national, regional and local policy and continue to learn from examples of best practice. The Council is committed to providing excellent customer service and will maximise opportunities to improve its services, through knowledge sharing and partnership work.

**Figure 1: The Strategic Context of the Open Spaces Strategy**



### 3.3 National Policy

#### National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), 2018

3.3.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (revised) sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these should be applied. It provides a framework within which locally-prepared plans for housing and other development can be produced. It replaces previous guidance in Planning Policy Statements and Planning Policy Guidance Notes. At its heart is a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which promotes development that improves economic, social and environmental outcomes. Paragraph 96 states that ‘access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity make an important contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities. Planning policies need to be based on robust and up to date assessments of the need for open spaces, sports and recreation facilities (including quantitative or

qualitative deficits or surpluses), and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision are needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate’.

- 3.3.2 The NPPF provides protection of existing open space, sports and recreational buildings including playing fields, with some specific policy exceptions. Provision is also made for the designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans. This allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them.

### **National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG)**

- 3.3.3 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2018 is underpinned by a suite of Planning Practice Guidance which is regularly updated, added to and amended. This information is designed to support the interpretation of NPPF policies.
- 3.3.4 National Planning Practice Guidance includes ***open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and the new Local Green Space designation***. This guidance (2014) contains the requirement for local planning authorities to assess the need for open space and opportunities for new provision in their areas. It recommends that authorities and developers refer to Sport England’s guidance on how to assess the need for sports and recreation facilities and consult Local Sport England in certain cases where development affects the use of land as playing fields.
- 3.3.5 Planning Practice Guidance on ***Health and Wellbeing*** (2017) outlines a range of issues that could be considered through the plan-making and decision-making processes, in respect of health and healthcare infrastructure. It includes the consideration of opportunities for healthy lifestyles e.g. planning for an environment that supports people of all ages in making healthy choices, helps to promote active travel and physical activity, and promotes access to healthier food, high quality open spaces, green infrastructure and opportunities for play, sport and recreation.
- 3.3.6 Planning Practice Guidance ***Natural Environment*** (2016) covers landscape, biodiversity and ecosystems, green infrastructure, brownfield land, soils and agricultural land. In relation to the Open Space Strategy the key sections relate to ecosystem services which form part the Open Space Assessment Study (2017) site assessments and green infrastructure networks.
- 3.3.7 There are many Regulations and Acts that specifically refer to the benefits that can be offered by public open space, such as the Public Health Acts and the Crime & Disorder Act. However, two, the Localism Act 2011 and Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017, have specifically focused on the need for a strategic approach to be taken.

### **Localism Act, 2011**

3.3.8 The Localism Act paved the way for planning powers to be passed down to local communities through the production of Neighbourhood Plans.

3.3.9 In relation to public open space provision, the Localism Act:

- Makes provision for the abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies, and changes to the processes for publishing, examining and adopting development plan documents;
- Provides for neighbourhood plans, which would be adopted by the council as part of the development plan if they receive 50% of the votes cast in a referendum;
- Provides for Neighbourhood Development Orders (NDOs), which allow communities to approve development without requiring normal planning consent;
- Amends the Community Infrastructure Levy, which allows councils to charge developers to pay for infrastructure on a tariff basis. Some of the revenue will be available for the local community;
- Makes pre-application consultation compulsory for developments above certain thresholds.

### **Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017**

3.3.10 The Neighbourhood Planning Act (NPA) 2017 brings into force wide-ranging changes to neighbourhood planning, local development documents, compulsory purchase and planning conditions. It is intended to strengthen neighbourhood planning by ensuring that planning decision makers take account of well-advanced neighbourhood development plans and by giving these plans full legal effect at an earlier stage.

3.3.11 The NPA requires each local planning authority to set out policies to address the strategic land use priorities in their area

3.3.12 In addition to the above, the Council is mindful of other National guidance and good practice and its relevance to Open Space provision in Charnwood, including:

- HM Government Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation, 2015.
- Sport England: Towards an Active Nation, Strategy 2016 – 2021.
- Everybody Active, Every Day, Public Health England, 2014.
- Active Design, Sport England 2015.
- Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces, Play England, 2008.
- Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play - Beyond the Six Acre Standard, Fields in Trust, 2015.
- Biodiversity offsetting: Guidance for developers, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, 2012.

## **3.4 Regional Policy**

3.4.1 Charnwood Borough Council has signed up to a number of regional strategies to enable a coordinated approach to the management of public open space. These include, but are not limited to:

### **Strategic Growth Plan – Leicester and Leicestershire (2018)**

3.4.2 The Strategic Growth Plan has been developed by a partnership made up of Leicester City and Leicestershire County councils, the seven local borough and district authorities and the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP). It puts forward proposals for future development, including housing provision that will be needed to support population change, meet housing needs and support economic growth from now until 2050.

3.4.3 The Strategic Growth Plan will be used to help shape the Local Plans that the city, borough and district councils are preparing or reviewing. It will also be used to support bids for Government funding to deliver the infrastructure needed to support growth.

### **The National Forest Strategy, 2014 – 2024**

3.4.4 The National Forest Strategy sets out the key objectives for the Forest. It prioritises making the most of the asset created and securing the forest's future, through:

- sensitive achievement of the landscape change, with increased targeting to get the greatest benefits;
- making the most of forest sites (woodlands and other habitats, attractions, connections and views);
- increasing engagement, enjoyment and well-being by the widest range of people effective partnerships taking the forest to the next stage;
- bringing in new income and investment the national exemplar role, research and being a centre of excellence;
- securing a sustainable lead body into the future based on a balanced funding model and the reputation of the National Forest Company (NFC).

## **3.5 Local Policy**

3.5.0 The Open Spaces Strategy is integral to the Council's overall policy framework and plays an important role in the policies of other local stakeholders. The following sets out key local policy information for Charnwood.

### **Corporate Plan 2016 - 2020**

3.5.1 The Borough Council's Corporate Plan sets out the Council's priorities and objectives until 2020. It sets out how the Council will make the borough a better place to live, work and visit. It has three key themes – People, Place and Service and contains pledges to make Charnwood:

- a safer, more secure and caring environment;
  - a borough with a strong, diverse economy;
  - and a place served by a Council which puts customers at the heart of everything it does.
- 3.5.2 Through the Corporate Plans aim of creating a strong and lasting economy the Council will ensure that growth in homes and infrastructure benefits residents through improved community facilities. It also supports action to protect the environment for future generations.
- 3.5.3 Through 'every resident matters' the Council will encourage healthy lifestyles through physical activity programmes and the provision of sports facilities and green spaces.
- 3.5.4 The Corporate Plan supports the Council's ambition to deliver excellent Services and listen and communicate with residents and act on concerns.

#### **The Charnwood Local Plan, Core Strategy 2015**

- 3.5.5 The Council's Core Strategy is the primary document of the Charnwood Local Plan providing a strategy for delivering growth for Charnwood up to 2028.
- 3.5.6 The new Local Plan (up to 2036) will replace the Borough of Charnwood Local Plan 2004. The Core Strategy is the first of the new development plan documents that will make up the Charnwood Local Plan. It is supported by other documents as referred to in the Core Strategy and set out in the Local Development Scheme.
- 3.5.7 Until the whole new Local Plan has been prepared, the Core Strategy should be read alongside the saved policies from the Borough of Charnwood Local Plan (2004).
- 3.5.8 The Strategy provides the vision, objectives and strategic policies for delivering growth for Charnwood. It will help shape and consider major developments, deliver infrastructure, and influence economic investment decisions. It will play a significant part in delivering homes and jobs, regenerating the borough's towns and protecting the countryside, environment and heritage.
- 3.5.9 The Core Strategy reflects the Government's requirements as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. The Strategy has been developed within these requirements to support and deliver the Council's Corporate Plan and supporting strategies for Charnwood, particularly the Sustainable Community Strategy and Regeneration Strategy.
- 3.5.10 The Core Strategy provides policies for both the built and natural environment, including green infrastructure, biodiversity, open spaces, sport and recreation.
- 3.5.11 The Strategy notes that 'access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation contributes to the health, well-being and cohesion of our communities as well as civic pride. As our population increases, the pressure on

current provision will mount, and there will be a need to provide significant areas of open space and long term management arrangements.’

3.5.12 The Council’s Open Spaces Strategy forms an evidence base for the Core Strategy which adopts the standards for Open Space, Sport and Recreation.

3.5.13 The Core Strategy will see major areas of new development accompanied by significant areas of open space. This will have a major impact on open space provision in the Borough, and this Open Spaces Strategy will address the management implications of these developments.

### **Charnwood Climate Change Strategy 2018 – 2022**

3.5.14 The Climate Change Strategy 2018-2022 sets out the Council’s aim of influencing and empowering residents, community groups, schools and businesses in the Borough to help them to mitigate climate change by reducing their carbon emissions and also aims to implement carbon reduction projects to reduce the carbon emissions of its own buildings.

3.5.15 The Strategy sets out how the Council will work to increase the resilience and capacity of the Council’s services to a changing climate and will support the residents and businesses of the Borough to adapt to climate change by helping them to prepare and increase their resilience to the possible impacts of climate change.

3.5.16 The Strategy recognises that specific actions are needed to address different climate change issues. The Climate Change Strategy is based around three themes:

- raising awareness
- reducing our impact on climate change
- resilience

3.5.17 The Strategy ensures that Council owned open spaces and habitat are well adapted to the changing climate.

3.5.18 When new development is considered in areas with nature conservation value the Council will ensure that risks can be managed through suitable adaptation measures.

3.5.19 The Strategy supports tree planting across Charnwood to offset CO2 emissions, provide habitat for wildlife, enhance natural landscape and reduce flood risk.

### **Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan, 2016 – 2026**

3.5.20 In 2016 the Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Plan (LLRBAP) was updated. All the 19 Priority Habitat Summaries have been revised to include opportunities / conservation measures, an explanation of the link to Local Wildlife Site criteria, and to update the status of the habitat, where known.

- 3.5.21 The revised LLRBAP provides a summary of the current extent of habitats, including an assessment of the current trend in quality and extent for each, where evidence exists. The list of core LBAP species remains, but the definition of an LBAP species has been widened to include species listed in Local Red Data Books or identified as 'rare' in a County or VC55 checklist.
- 3.5.22 The 2016 LLRBAP includes a new Species Action Plan, for Swifts, Swallows and House Martins. The rest of the document is largely unaltered, apart from minor updates.

### **Links with Sport, Active Recreation and Neighbourhood Services**

#### **Children & Young People's Strategy 2015 – 2018**

- 3.5.23 The Children and young people's Strategy sets out the Councils' aims and objectives in regards to the well-being and safety of children and young people in the borough.
- 3.5.24 The strategy was developed in partnership with children, young people and their families, practitioners and voluntary and statutory partners.
- 3.5.25 The Strategy supports providing opportunities for children and young people to participate in shaping and influencing matters that affect them.
- 3.5.26 The Council is committed to actively involving children and young people in our services design and decision making by supporting groups like Charnwood Youth Council and through integration of the children and young people's participation toolkit in all Service Areas.

#### **Leicestershire and Rutland Physical Activity & Sport Strategy 2017 – 2021**

- 3.5.27 Charnwood Borough Council is committed to the Leicestershire and Rutland Physical Activity & Sport Strategy (LRS) 2017 – 2021. The Strategy provides a common framework across Leicestershire and Rutland to successfully increase participation levels and reduce health inequalities.
- 3.5.28 The LRS Strategy sets a long-term vision for physical activity and sport across LLR that encompasses everything from supporting the least active residents to build activity into their everyday lives, through to the development of future Olympians, Paralympians and World Champions.
- 3.5.29 The strategy provides a framework for action by partners working across LLR. It needs local authorities and Local Sport Alliances working closely with public sector bodies including health, sports clubs (professional and voluntary), National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) and the education, voluntary and private sectors, working alongside communities across the sub region.

## **Charnwood Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017 - 2020**

- 3.5.30 The Charnwood Community Safety Partnership (CSP) brings together a variety of statutory, non-statutory and voluntary organisations with a shared commitment to improving public confidence by reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour for our communities. The Partnership is one of the delivery groups of Charnwood Together.
- 3.5.31 The CSP has three key themes. These key themes are based on the priorities identified within the Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA) and take on board the priorities of all the statutory partners, including The Police and Crime Plan, current trends, volumes of crime and ASB and future projections.
- 3.5.32 The three themes of the CSP for 2017 - 2020 are:
- Theme 1: Making Communities Safer
  - Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People
  - Theme 3: Improving Community, Confidence, Engagement and Cohesion
- 3.5.33 In addition, under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, the Council has a statutory duty to take account of the community safety dimension in all of its work. In recognition of this duty, the design of open spaces and facilities will consider how best this can be taken into account and play an integral part in the community safety agenda.

### **Safeguarding Policies**

- 3.5.34 Statutory agencies, including Charnwood Borough Council, have a corporate responsibility to safeguard children and young people - that is to protect them from harm and to promote their welfare.
- 3.5.35 Excellent design of open spaces and thoughtful selection and placement of equipment for these areas enhances our contribution to children's development and opportunities for them to use their creativity and sense of adventure.
- 3.5.36 Charnwood Borough Council's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, and the Adults in Need of Safeguarding Policy, are important guides for open spaces staff, and for those who deliver activities within them, in order to ensure that concerns and incidents are reported effectively.

## **3.6 Partnership Working**

- 3.6.1 In addition to the Borough Council, there are a variety of other organisations managing and maintaining open spaces in Charnwood. The Borough Council has a key role to play through the adoption of this Open Spaces Strategy to provide leadership and guidance to other partners in how open space provision can meet community expectations and need. The Council will work with others to help guide and advise partners in an attempt to fulfil shortfalls in certain typologies.

3.6.2 The Borough Council will continue to support existing and new strategic partnerships, including:

### **Charnwood Together**

3.6.3 Charnwood Together, the local strategic partnership for Charnwood is a voluntary, non-executive partnership.

3.6.4 Members of the partnership include: local councils, public service providers and statutory agencies, businesses, voluntary organisations and the local community, with the aim of improving public services and promoting the economic, social and environmental well-being of Charnwood.

3.6.5 The partnership is led by a board of representatives from local agencies and organisations with a forum whose role is to hold the board accountable for implementation of the Charnwood Sustainable Community Strategy and its regular review. The forum is open to all groups and organisations in the Borough.

3.6.6 Eight Delivery Groups help the Charnwood Together Board deliver the Sustainable Communities Strategy. The eight delivery groups are listed below, with identified priorities or actions that are relevant to the Open Spaces Strategy, and demonstrate the linkage and the integral part open spaces play in the community:

**i) Stronger Communities Group**

- Secure the provision of accessible facilities and services to meet local needs;
- To protect the historic environment and identity of the Borough;
- To create distinctive and quality places for local people by requiring high design and environmental standards.

**ii) Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

- Secure the provision of accessible facilities and services to meet local needs, having regard to the particular needs of the young, old and “hard to reach”;
- Promote health and wellbeing, for example by ensuring residents have access to local parks, greenspaces and natural environment, the countryside and facilities for sport and recreation.

**iii) Climate Change Group**

- Increase the use of walking, cycling and public transport;
- Reduce the risk to people and properties through flooding;
- Protect the special and distinctive qualities of all landscapes, and to pay special attention to impacts upon Charnwood Forest and its environs;
- To maintain and enhance the range of ecological sites.

**iv) Area Improvement Group**

- To reduce social exclusion and deprivation and increase educational attainment;

- Secure provision of accessible community facilities and services to meet local needs.

**v) Children and Young People Group**

- Reduce social exclusion;
- Secure provision of accessible facilities.

**vi) Partnership Development Group**

- To continue to improve partnership working with a view to achieving better outcomes for the Charnwood Together Vision.

**vii) Economic, Growth and Learning Group**

- Ensuring that the towns and villages offer a vibrant place to live and work, with attractive facilities including parks and leisure;
- Ensure a high quality environment through high standards of design;
- Developing relationships with exemplar agencies, such as the National Forest Company.

**viii) Community Safety Partnership**

- To reduce acquisitive and violent crime;
- To reduce anti-social behaviour;
- To reduce the fear of crime.

**Charnwood Forest Partnership**

3.6.7 The Council is committed to supporting the Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership. After a successful Round 1 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid the Partnership is working on its two-year Development Phase, during which studies to provide key information and to work up the detail of how projects will be delivered will be undertaken.

3.6.8 The Charnwood Forest Landscape Scheme proposes to bring about a major change in how we protect, manage and celebrate the heritage of Charnwood Forest. It will celebrate the area's internationally important volcanic legacy, encouraging people to explore Charnwood Forest's rich landscape and diverse heritage.

3.6.9 The Outwoods, a SSSI ancient woodland managed by the Council lies within the Charnwood Forest area and is a key site within the scheme. Proposals include improved access and better linkages between this site and others within the Forest Area, connecting people to its history and securing its sustainable future.

**3.7 Open Spaces Assessment Study (2017) and Playing Pitch Strategy (2018)**

3.7.1 In 2017 the Borough Council commissioned an update of the 2010 Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study. Two reports have been produced – The Open Spaces Assessment Study (2017) and the Playing Pitch Strategy (2018). These

documents update and build upon the 2010 Study, having regard to changes in national policy guidance and analysis of local needs and priorities.

3.7.2 The Open Spaces Assessment Study (2017) assesses the provision of eight established typologies of Open Space, as follows:

- Parks & Garden;
- Amenity Green Space;
- Natural & Semi-natural Green Space;
- Children & Young People's Facilities;
- Allotments & Community Gardens;
- Green Corridors;
- Civic Spaces;
- Cemeteries, closed churchyards and other burial sites.

3.7.3 Key aims and objectives of the Open Spaces Assessment Study (2017) were to:

- Provide a robust evidence base for Open Spaces Strategy development;
- Provide local standards for open space provision;
- Support the drafting of planning policy for the Charnwood Local Plan;
- Identify surpluses and deficiencies in open space and consider these against current needs and future growth;
- Determine future provision needs e.g. protection, enhancement, surplus to requirements;
- Inform the determination of planning applications;
- Prioritise Charnwood Borough Council's and its partners' capital and revenue investment;
- Help understanding of local priorities for open space needs to better inform the negotiation of Section 106 agreements.

3.7.4 In addition, the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) has been updated. This Strategy evaluates the adequacy of pitches for Football, Rugby, Cricket and Hockey along with the provision for Athletics, Bowls, Cycling, Golf, Outdoor Netball and Tennis in the Borough. The PPS provides an audit and set of recommendations for outdoor sports in line with Sport England (2013) *PPS Guidance – An approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy*.

3.7.5 The Playing Pitch Strategy (2018) uses the Sport England methodology, which is broken down into 10 steps, from tailoring the study approach, through gathering supply and demand data, developing recommendations and delivering the strategy. A Project Steering Group with representation from Charnwood Borough Council, Sport England, County Sports Partnership and National Governing Bodies from each sport guided the Study from its commencement.

3.7.6 This Open Spaces Strategy uses the Open Spaces Assessment Study (2017) and the Playing Pitch Strategy (2018) as the core evidence base for applying standards of provision across a range of typologies in Charnwood, taking account of any changes since the Study was complete, in order to identify shortfalls and surpluses. This also informs Policy formulation through a set of Policy Statements.

## 3.8 Open Spaces Service

3.8.1 The Borough Council's Cleansing and Open Spaces Service, partners and community groups, is responsible for managing and maintaining over 250 hectares of land at over 500 separate sites throughout the Borough, including:

- 190 hectares Grass cutting
- 228 Amenity Green Spaces (Housing Sites)
- 219 Garage Sites
- 356 Amenity Green Spaces (Non-Housing)
- 36 Parks (including pocket parks)
- 130 hectares of land designated for its wildlife value
- 53 ha of Woodland (of which 43ha is in Countryside Stewardship)
- 35.4 ha of wildflower meadow in Higher Level Stewardship
- 37 wildlife sites, including a SSSI, 3 Local Nature Reserves and a Regionally Important Geological Site
- 5 Sports Grounds including:
  - 3 Bowling Greens
  - 5 Cricket Squares
  - 15 Football pitches
  - 16 Tennis Courts (All-Weather)
  - 6 Changing Rooms
  - 1 Par 3 18-hole Pitch and Putt Golf Course
- 10 Allotment Sites (407 plots)
- A cemetery and 21 closed churchyards
- Over 250,000 trees
- 31 Playgrounds
- 14 Facilities for Young People including MUGAs, basketball hoops, youth shelters and skateparks

## 4. THE DEMAND FOR OPEN SPACE IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.0.1 This chapter assesses the current provision of open space against the features which local people demand.

### 4.1 Understanding Community Needs

- 4.1.1 Community consultation is essential to identify local attitudes to existing provision, and understand local expectations for additional or improved provision. The guidance relies less on the implementation of national standards and places increased emphasis on local needs.

- 4.1.2 Two significant recent studies have been used to understand community needs:

#### **Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017**

- 4.1.3 The Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 included extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. An online survey on the Council's website produced 258 responses. The survey asked the public their views on local open space provision and what was of particular importance. All Parish and Town Councils and Borough Council Ward members were also consulted on provision in their area and what is of particular importance to local communities.

- 4.1.4 The consultation identified that people see open space as an important part of their local environment. The findings show strong support for the Borough's Country Parks and natural greenspaces. There is demand for more parks and gardens, natural green space, amenity green space, allotments and children's play. There was also a call for improved maintenance. This consultation provides valuable data for local communities and councils, helping to identify shortfalls and guide future provision and investment priorities.

#### **Playing Pitch Strategy (2018)**

- 4.1.5 The Playing Pitch Methodology includes extensive consultation with a variety of stakeholders. All sports clubs, each sport's National Governing Body and facility owners/ providers, including education providers were consulted as part of the study. A Project Steering Group comprising representation from all of these stakeholders and Sport England ensured that data was verified and demand information assessed alongside the views of clubs and facility users.

- 4.1.6 The PPS 2018 provides a robust information base and detailed examination of current demand. In addition it provides a detailed analysis of future demand up to 2036 based on projected population growth, Team Generation Rates (TGR) and latent demand information.

## 4.2 Open Spaces in Charnwood

### Mapping of Open Spaces

- 4.2.1 The Open Spaces Assessment (2017) and PPS (2018) identify all the publicly accessible open spaces in Charnwood, regardless of ownership, updating the 2010 audit of provision in the borough. This will ensure that the Strategy takes into account all facilities currently available to the communities of Charnwood. The Council is mindful, however, that new open spaces created as part of new housing developments require constant review and the audit updating accordingly.
- 4.2.2 The data gathered is considered robust and comprehensive, however some areas have been excluded. For example, sites below 0.2 hectares which don't have a clear recreational function, new developments since the data was gathered, or where land owners didn't respond to a request for data.
- 4.2.3 This data was subsequently recorded digitally as a GIS mapping exercise. The data analysis and maps have been split into settlements. These settlements are equivalent to parish boundaries, except in Loughborough which has no parish boundary, and has been split into the ten wards. The analysis of Outdoor Sport provision has been provided on a sub-area basis to reflect the wider catchment of facilities.

### Categories of Open Space

- 4.2.4 The categories or 'typologies' used within this Strategy follow established guidance and include:

- **Parks and gardens**

These range from major parks to small memorial gardens – often used for informal recreation and community events. These may include paths, benches, footpaths, tree and shrub planting, formal gardens, close mown grass for ball games / picnics etc, play areas, facilities for young people, and toilets.

- **Natural and semi-natural urban green spaces**

These include publicly accessible woodlands, urban forestry, scrub, grasslands (e.g. commons, meadows), wetlands and wastelands. Uses include wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.

- **Amenity green space**

Most commonly found in housing areas. Includes informal recreational green spaces. Used for informal activities close to home or work, children's casual play, enhancement of the appearance of residential areas.

- **Provision for children and young people**

- Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children below age 12, specifically designed as equipped play facilities
- Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving young people aged 12 and above, specifically designed for use by young people (e.g. youth shelters, skateboard parks etc).

- **Outdoor sports facilities**

Natural or artificial surfaces either publicly or privately owned, used for formal sport and recreation. Includes school playing fields, outdoor sports pitches, tennis courts, bowling greens, golf courses etc.

- **Allotments, community gardens and urban farms**

Sites laid out for people to grow their own vegetables, fruit and flowers as part of the long-term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion.

- **Cemeteries, disused churchyards and other burial grounds**

Including closed churchyards or other burial grounds.

- **Green corridors**

Linear routes with a primary purpose of providing opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel, and include towpaths along canals and riverbanks.

- **Civic spaces**

Including civic and market squares and other hard surfaced community areas designed for pedestrians. The primary purpose of civic spaces is the provision of a setting for civic buildings and together with village greens also offer space for public demonstrations and community events etc and can often define the character of the local environment.

## **Audit of Existing Provision of Open Spaces**

4.2.5 In the audit of provision through the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018, all existing open space and outdoor sport facilities irrespective of ownership were identified, categorised and mapped.

4.2.6 Existing local standards and relevant National Standards were used as a benchmark for the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space across the Borough. The following evaluations were carried out:

- **Quantity:** sites were mapped to determine if there was sufficient open space serving the local community based upon existing and proposed standards;
- **Quality:** primary purpose classifications were allocated to each piece of land, and an assessment was made to determine if it met certain basic standards for its primary classification;
- **Accessibility:** open spaces were evaluated to assess the distance travelled by members of the community against their expectations.

4.2.7 Table 2 and 3 below show current levels of open space provision in the Borough.

**Table 2: Current Levels of Open Space by Typology**

Typology	Area (hectares)	Current level of provision (Ha per 1000 population)
Parks and Gardens	47.5	0.29
Amenity Green Space	167.9	1.01
Natural and Semi Natural Green Space	937.9	5.65
Green Corridors	41.3	0.25
Allotments	36.2	0.22
Cemeteries & Churchyards	42.8	0.26
Civic Spaces	3.5	0.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,277.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>

**Table 3: Current Levels of Children's Play and Youth Provision**

Typology	Number of sites	Area (hectares)	Current level of provision (ha per 1000 population)
Children's Play Sites	99	9.8	0.06
Youth Provision	31	2.8	0.02

4.2.8 Playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities were subject to assessment against the standards set out by the individual sport's National Governing Body.

### 4.3 Defining Community Expectations

4.3.1 As outlined above, consultation was carried out as part of the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018. The consultation was carried out in summer 2017, and involved a wide range of stakeholders, including the general public, children and young people, sports clubs and town and parish councils.

4.3.2 Consultation, together with the audit of existing provision and best practice from the evaluation of standards set elsewhere in the country, was used to review the local standards adopted through the 2013 Open Spaces Strategy. This has led to changes in the quantity and accessibility standards for several typologies of open space. A summary of the key changes is provided below. Full evidence

and justification for these changes is contained within the Open Spaces Assessment 2017 and PPS 2018 (Outdoor Sport).

### **Parks and Amenity Green Space – A Combined Standard**

- 4.3.3 Recognising that Parks also function as Amenity Green Space (but not vice versa), it was recommended that a combined standard for these typologies of Open Space is adopted. When combined the current provision in Charnwood for these typologies is 1.35 hectares per 1000 people. This is close to the Fields in Trust (FiT) standard of 1.4 hectares per 1000 when Parks and Amenity Green Space are combined (0.8 ha per 1000 from Parks and 0.6 ha per 1000 from Amenity Green Space). The Council's 2013 standards for Parks and Amenity Green Space (0.32 ha per 1000 for Parks and 0.46 ha per 1000 for Amenity Green Space) is significantly lower than current provision in the borough and the FiT recommendations. For this reason and the close relationship between the two classifications of open space a combined standard is proposed.
- 4.3.4 From a planning perspective, a combined standard for Parks and Amenity Green Space offers flexibility for development management to provide open spaces that are suited to the specific needs and requirement of the site.
- 4.3.5 A review of accessibility standards retains the 15 minute walk time for Parks. In line with FiT guidance, however, this equates to 1200 metres not 720 metres as per the 2013 Open Space recommendations. The accessibility standard for Amenity Green Space has decreased from 480 metres (2013 adopted standard) to 400 metres or 5 minute walk time, to reflect FiT guidance and local consultation.

### **Natural and Semi-Natural Open Space**

- 4.3.6 The existing quantitative standard of 2 ha of Natural or Semi-Natural Open Space per 1000 people for new development has been retained. However, the accessibility standard has increased from 480 metres to 800 metres. This simply reflects updated guidance on what constitutes a 10 minute walk.

### **Provision for Children and Young People**

- 4.3.7 The standards for the provision of facilities for Children and Young People have been updated to reflect FiT guidance and the findings of local consultation. A quantitative element has been introduced to provide a benchmark for existing provision and guide the provision of new facilities created through housing development. The accessibility of Children and Young People's facilities has been amended to reflect best practice guidance and local consultation findings.

### **Allotments**

- 4.3.8 The existing quantitative standard of 0.33 ha per 1000 people for Allotment provision has been carried forward. However, the accessibility standard for provision has increased from 720 metres to 1000 metres to reflect The National Allotment Society's guidance and local consultation findings.

## **Outdoor Sport**

- 4.3.9 The assessment methodology adopted for the PPS 2018 complies with Sport England guidance. Sport England does not support quantitative 'standards' for Outdoor Sports provision, instead endorsing local assessments of supply and demand on a sport by sport basis.
- 4.3.10 The PPS 2018 recommends use of Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC) to determine the demand for provision within an area. The calculator provides information on pitch area requirements along with the capital and life cycle costs of new provision based on population and local information on demand (match equivalent sessions a week).
- 4.3.11 The PPS 2018 provides a clear decision-making process to determine the most appropriate way to meet estimated demand from new development through developer contribution project prioritisation. This process is illustrated by the flow diagram provided in Appendix 1.

## **Green Corridors, Civic Spaces and Burial Grounds**

- 4.3.12 Quantitative or Accessibility Standards have not been set for Green Corridors, Civic Spaces or Burial Grounds. In addition, within the quality standard, some elements are essential, whilst others are only desirable. Full details of quality assessments can be found in the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017.

## **4.4 Standards for Open Space in Charnwood**

- 4.4.1 Following assessment, consultation and review of the 2013 Standards for Open Space updated local standards for providing open space in the Borough have been set. These standards have been used as the basis for assessing current shortfalls in provision and will be used as the basis for open space provision as part of new developments. Table 4 below summarises these standards for Charnwood. Where no standards have been set, this is in line with guidance.

**Table 4: Open Space Standards for Charnwood**

Open space type	Standards for new developments		
	Quantity per 1,000 population	Accessibility	Quality
Parks and gardens	1.4ha per 1000 people	1200m in the Towns and Service Centres	<p>Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space with tree and shrub planting suitable for a variety of informal outdoor recreation activities. Including features such as public gardens, footpaths, play areas, young people’s facilities, seating and litter bins.</p> <p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, appropriate planting and well kept grass. It is desirable to include toilets, seating, footpaths, nature features, litter bins and safety features.</p> <p>They should have a clear entrance, boundaries and lighting.</p>
Amenity Green Space		400m for either Amenity Green Space or Parks and Gardens in the Towns, Service Centres and Other Settlements	<p>Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space. Including features such as tree and shrub planting and footpaths. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, regularly maintained and with well kept grass and appropriate planting. Where possible, sites should also contain litter bins, dog bins and seating and be safe and secure.</p>

<p>Natural and Semi Natural Green Space</p>	<p>2.0ha per 1000 people <i>(to be applied to new development only)</i></p>	<p>800m</p>	<p>Adoption standard: An accessible space with wildlife habitats to improve biodiversity. These may be predominantly woodland, water, meadow or a combination. Prepared in accordance with an agreed management plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, nature features, safe footpaths and appropriate planting. It is also desirable for sites to include water features, parking, dog walking facilities, seating, information and toilets.</p>
<p>Children's Play and provision for young people</p>	<p>0.25 ha per 1,000 people of Designated Equipped Playing Space including teenage provision <i>(to be applied to new development only)</i></p>	<p>400m for LEAPs 1000m for NEAPs 1000m for teenage facilities</p> <p>Full network of NEAPs, LEAPs and Teenage facilities in the Towns and Service Centres</p> <p>Full network of LEAPs in the Other Settlements and Smaller Villages and Hamlets where the population is greater than 200 people and there is an identified local need.</p>	<p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Facilities should be appropriate and designed through consultation with children and young people.</p> <p>They should be clean and litter free, well maintained and should also contain seats, litter bins and be dog free (where appropriate). The site should be appropriately located and constructed to meet minimum LEAP/NEAP criteria set out in the FiT standards.</p>

Allotments	0.33ha per 1000 people	1000m	<p>Adoption standard: A high quality allotment site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: Loam to a minimum depth of 400mm with few stones; no shading or root invasion by large trees; 2 metre perimeter palisade fencing and gates; water supply with taps or troughs at appropriate intervals; appropriate hard surfaced vehicle access throughout the site, waste container storage and parking; sheds provided adjacent to each plot; onsite toilet; plots laid out with plot markers with 500mm grass strips between plots. Plots ploughed to an agreed depth. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Allotments should be clean, litter free and secure. It is desirable to provide appropriate parking, toilets, water supply and managed appropriate access routes.</p>
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<p>Outdoor Sports Facilities</p>	<p>To be calculated using the Sport England Pitch Calculator</p>	<p>10 minute drive time for formal provision, recognising that for some sports i.e. hockey and athletics the drive time will be greater.</p> <p>20 minute drive time for Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP).</p> <p>10 minute walk (800m) to informal outdoor sports provision i.e. grassed kick about areas.</p>	<p>Adoption standard: A high quality sports facility that is fit for purpose and prepared to the standards required by the National Governing Body (NGB) of sport e.g. Football Association, England Cricket Board (ECB) and/or Sport England. Pavilion/changing and parking facilities to meet Sport England standards. Sports fields to be provided to a specification agreed by the Sports Turf Research Institute or equivalent organisation.</p> <p>Facilities should be clean and litter free with well kept grass and safe playing surfaces with the pitch appropriately maintained. It is desirable to provide parking, seating facilities, changing facilities and toilets and be dog free.</p>
<p>Green Corridors</p>	<p>No standard set</p>	<p>No standard set</p>	<p>Adoption standard: An accessible linear space with wildlife habitats to improve biodiversity. These may be predominantly woodland, water, meadow or a combination. Prepared in accordance with an agreed management plan.</p> <p>Sites should be clean and litter free, with clearly defined footpaths and natural features. It is also desirable for sites to have an effective main entrance, litter and dog bins, appropriate planting, lighting and seating.</p>

Civic Spaces	No standard set	No standard set	<p>Adoption standard: An accessible high quality public space. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Sites should be clean and litter free with well kept grass and seating. It is also desirable to have parking facilities, appropriately maintained footpaths and planting, litter and dog bins, and should be secure and safe.</p>
Cemeteries, closed churchyards and other burial sites	No standard set	No standard set	<p>Adoption standard for Cemeteries: A high quality site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: 2 metre perimeter fencing and gates; water supply with taps at appropriate intervals; litter bins at appropriate intervals; appropriate tarmac vehicle access throughout the site, road markings and parking bays; street lighting; public toilet; cemetery buildings including office, staff quarters and equipment storage; Cemetery plots laid out with concrete beams and plot markers. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Facilities should be clean and litter free, with well kept grass, appropriate planting and infrastructure, including bins. It is also desirable for sites to contain seating, appropriately maintained and safe footpaths, opportunities for biodiversity and wildlife, and toilets (where appropriate).</p>

## 5. PRIORITISING THE SHORTFALLS

5.0.1 Having agreed a set of standards from the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018, shortfalls can be measured with a view that these should form the basis upon which decisions are made on new open space provision and improvements to existing open spaces. Clearly, to meet all standards across the Borough (fulfil every shortfall) would require a significant investment of resources. The availability of these resources is currently uncertain, and therefore this Open Spaces Strategy needs to identify how to prioritise the shortfalls against standards.

### 5.1 Identifying the Shortfalls

5.1.1 By applying the local standards (identified in chapter 4) against the audit of existing provision the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 identifies shortfalls for each settlement across the range of typologies. In terms of Outdoor Sports, Sport England's methodology for developing and delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy has been followed to develop a set of detailed recommendations and Action Plan.

5.1.2 Shortfalls in the quantity, quality and accessibility have been identified. The quality of each individual site has been assessed through site visit and recorded within a detailed database of provision.

5.1.3 Appendix 2 provides full details of current provision by settlement and the current shortfalls when the local standards are applied. Table 5 below provides a summary for larger settlements and is only indicative of the major shortfalls for those settlements. The quality shortfalls listed do not necessarily apply to all sites within the settlement; for instance a quality shortfall in parks and gardens may apply to just one site rather than all within the settlement.

5.1.4 It is also noted that no quantity or accessibility shortfalls were established for three of the typologies (Green Corridors, Civic Spaces and Burial Grounds), as a result of no standards being set in accordance with guidance.

5.1.5 The PPS 2018 follows Sport England's Methodology for assessing shortfalls in provision on a sport by sport basis. Table 6 below provides details of carrying capacity and peak time capacity for pitch sports and identifies existing shortfalls in provision.

5.1.6 The PPS 2018 provides analyses for six additional non-pitch sports – Tennis, Golf, Bowls, Cycling, Athletics and Netball. Quantitative shortfalls in tennis provision have been identified, together with quality shortfalls for Bowls and Netball facilities.

5.1.7 The PPS 2018 provides detailed recommendations and a costed Action Plan to address identified shortfalls and ensure provision meets current and future

needs in the Borough. The Council will use this Action Plan to prioritise investment, work with partners and guide improvements.

**Table 5: Summary of the Shortfalls in the Larger Settlements and Service Centres**

Settlement	Summary of shortfalls		
	Quantity	Accessibility	Quality
Anstey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civic Spaces</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>
Barrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Cemeteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>
Birstall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> </ul>
Hathern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> </ul>
Loughborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Provision for young people</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Cemeteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for Young People</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Amenity Greenspace</li> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Green Corridors</li> </ul>
Mountsorrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Parks &amp; Gardens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civic Spaces</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>
Queniborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> <li>• Facilities for Young People</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	

Settlement	Summary of shortfalls		
	Quantity	Accessibility	Quality
Quorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Cemeteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>
Rearsby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>
Rothley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Cemeteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>
Shepshed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Cemeteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Green Corridors</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>
Sileby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Cemeteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>
Syston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural Open Space</li> </ul>
Thurmaston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Gardens</li> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Facilities for young people</li> <li>• Facilities for children</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Cemeteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Natural and semi-natural open space</li> <li>• Children's Play</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenity Green Space</li> <li>• Green Corridors</li> </ul>

**Table 6: Carrying and Peak-Time Capacity Balances by Sub-Area and Pitch Type**

SPORT	FOOTBALL (GRASS ONLY)									
PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11		YOUTH 11 v 11		YOUTH 9 v 9		MINI 7 v 7		MINI 5 v 5	
CAPACITY BALANCE	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS
CHARNWOOD FOREST	2	4	-1	8	0.5	8.5	6.5	21.5	-0.5	36.5
LOUGHBOROUGH	20	0	-7.5	1.5	-1	0.5	1.5	20.5	-0.5	34.5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	4	0	-1.5	0.5	-1.5	0	3.5	4.5	0	7
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	5.5	0	-2	0	-0.5	0	-0.5	13.5	0	27
SOAR VALLEY	30	0	1.5	16.5	14	13.5	45.5	66.5	-4	110
THE WOLDS	1.5	0.5	-0.5	1.5	0	1.5	0	4	0	6
CHARNWOOD	<b>63</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>221</b>

SPORT	CRICKET (GRASS ONLY)			RUGBY UNION		
PITCH TYPE	OVERALL	SNR	JNR	OVERALL	SNR	JNR/ LADIES
CAPACITY BALANCE	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS
CHARNWOOD FOREST	-10	0	14	0.75	0.5	1
LOUGHBOROUGH	114	8	6	-10	0.5	0
RURAL SOUTH EAST	-165	0	0	-1.5	0	0.5
SHEPSHED – HATHERN	-2	1	2	-4	0.5	1
SOAR VALLEY	124	5	17	0.75	3	1.5
THE WOLDS	34	1	4	0	0	0
CHARNWOOD	<b>95</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4</b>

SPORT	HOCKEY			RUGBY LEAGUE		
PITCH TYPE	MID-WEEK	SAT	SUN	OVERALL	SNR	JNR
CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS
CHARNWOOD FOREST	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOUGHBOROUGH	10.5	-2	5	0	0.5	0.5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOAR VALLEY	18	7	8	0	0	0
THE WOLDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHARNWOOD	<b>28.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>

## 5.2 Identifying the Priorities

5.2.1 The 2013 Open Spaces Strategy provided a detailed framework to prioritise future investment and inform future requirements for developers in addressing shortfalls and raising sites to the local standards. It was based on prioritisation exercises to determine a hierarchy of open space typologies, assessed using the beneficial outcomes outlined in table 1 (chapter 2). These are:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Biodiversity
- Climate Mitigation
- Social Cohesion
- Heritage
- Economy
- Learning.

5.2.2 In order that the prioritisation process was completely without bias, an independent consultant was utilised to develop a robust mechanism which could be used to prioritise the shortfalls identified in the Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Study 2010. This mechanism was influenced by panels to establish a framework in which the shortfalls could be assessed and prioritised.

5.2.3 Three key groups were identified as the participants of the consultation process: elected members, members of the public, and officers of the Council. Participants were required to individually rate each of the typologies by their likely impact on each beneficial outcome.

5.2.4 The process of prioritisation using three groups (Members, Community and Professionals), resulted in each typology being ranked according to its beneficial outcomes. This resulted in a ranking for each typology, as demonstrated in table 7 below.

**Table 7: Weighted Rankings of Typologies**

Typology	Priority	Level
Parks and Gardens	1 <sup>st</sup>	High
Natural and Semi-natural Open Space	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Provision for Children and Young People	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Amenity Green Space	4 <sup>th</sup>	Medium
Outdoor Sports	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Green Corridors	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Allotments	7 <sup>th</sup>	Low
Civic Spaces	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Cemeteries, Churchyards and Burial Grounds	9 <sup>th</sup>	

- 5.2.5 Whilst useful, the ranking of typologies only reflects the views of the stakeholder groups involved. This does not, however, take into account other factors such as the level of deficiency in any given area or funding criteria. Open Spaces offer different things to different people, depending on age, interests and circumstances. To prioritise one type of provision over another, therefore, risks devaluing certain user groups if not balanced with the wider picture of local supply, demand and beneficial outcomes.
- 5.2.6 The Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018 carried out extensive consultation with the public, Parish and Town Councils, Members, open space users and other stakeholders.
- 5.2.7 Consultation for the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 revealed the following ranking of importance:
1. Country Parks/Natural Green Space
  2. Parks & Gardens
  3. Children's Play
  4. Amenity Green Space
  5. Allotments
  6. Outdoor Sport
- 5.2.8 The findings of the 2017 consultation reveals that Natural Open Space, Parks and Gardens and Children's Play remain a high priority for residents.

### **5.3 Prioritising the Shortfalls**

- 5.3.1 The Open Spaces Assessment 2017 and PPS 2018 both provide in depth analysis of existing shortfalls and future shortfalls based on population projections up to 2036.
- 5.3.2 Prioritising shortfalls in provision will take into account a range of factors, including the priority of open space typology, local needs, beneficial outcomes, alternative provision available and the financial context i.e. availability of funding. A detailed five year Action Plan for addressing identified shortfalls is provided in Section 8 of the Strategy.
- 5.3.3 The PPS 2018 provides a detailed Action Plan for Outdoor Sports provision in the Borough with prioritisation depending on overall impact for sports participation (Appendix 3).
- 5.3.4 The Council will continue to work with our partners to prioritise improvements to provision outside the Council's ownership. An annual survey of Parish and Town Councils will continue to be used to identify priority projects in the parishes throughout the borough.

## 6. FRAMEWORK FOR DELIVERY

### 6.1 Identifying Deficiencies

- 6.1.1 The Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018 reviews and updates existing standards for open space across quality, quantity and accessibility. This Open Spaces Strategy adopts these standards across the Borough.
- 6.1.2 A list of shortfalls in the provision of nine different ‘typologies’ of open space in Charnwood (gap analysis) has been identified. These deficiencies have been mapped to illustrate the extent to which provision fails to meet the standards identified and adopted in this Strategy across the Borough.
- 6.1.3 The extensive nature of the list of shortfalls in quantity, quality and accessibility for Charnwood residents across most settlements, suggests that bridging all the gaps in open space provision could not be met without substantial and long term investment. This level of investment exceeds that expected to be successfully delivered through the planning system (Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy, CIL) combined with any available revenue or grants/bids.
- 6.1.4 There a clear need to prioritise the delivery programme for the Open Spaces Strategy and to consider the key themes that can be identified from the recommendations in both the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018.

### 6.2 Key Themes

- 6.2.1 The Open Space Strategy considers nine major typologies of open space. Common themes across these typologies include:
- A need to create clear policies to protect and enhance open space.
  - Improving marketing of open space and exploit educational value of open space across the Borough including accessibility via public transport, cycling or walking.
  - Upgrading existing open space to make better use of or provide alternative uses for the open space e.g. change in typology.
  - Improve management practices to allow for more effective or efficient use of open space e.g. splitting allotments or over marking playing pitches.
  - Identify linking opportunities of open space, particularly throughout the Soar Valley and Charnwood Forest.
  - Act as critical friend to key partners and provide advice and support where possible.
  - Use best practice and make best use of other stakeholders e.g. access to educational establishments playing facilities and utilising children and young people in the design of facilities.
  - Ensuring new developments actively contribute towards the standards of open space, in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility.

- Consider disposal options on facilities that ‘overlap’ provision to ensure reinvestment is secured.
- In recognition of changing circumstances, continue to monitor and assess provision, need and demand to ensure accurate response by the Council.
- Ensure close links with and protection of conservation and biodiversity in all typologies in providing and managing open space.
- Ensure the areas of significant deficiency are addressed, in quality, quantity and accessibility across the six typologies.

### **6.3 Strategic Urban Extensions (SUEs)**

- 6.3.1 As part of the Council’s Development Strategy there are proposals to provide a number of Strategic Urban Extensions, or SUE’s which will address some of the shortfalls identified in the gap analysis referred to above.
- 6.3.2 Over the Strategy period SUEs will provide significant new open space and community facilities, including, large areas of natural and semi-natural open space, new outdoor sports facilities, play provision and allotments.
- 6.3.3 The relationship between SUEs and the remaining settlements in the Borough is clearly interlinked. Not only will SUEs help bridge some of the existing gaps identified in existing settlements, but new more strategic proposals may come forward as part of the detailed design process that will offer significant broader benefits to a wider community outside of SUE areas.
- 6.3.4 Delivery mechanisms for the SUEs will ensure that the quality of provision takes into account adopted Open Space standards, Policy Statements and other key corporate factors.

### **6.4 Open Space within other New Development**

- 6.4.1 The Open Space standards will be applied to new developments to ensure that growth does not adversely impact existing shortfalls. Residents needs will be met through provision on the development site or through improvements to existing provision to meet increased demand.
- 6.4.2 Provision for the long term management and maintenance of provision created as part of new developments will be subject to approval by the Council to ensure sustainable provision in perpetuity.
- 6.4.3 The Council will encourage quality design principles and application of Active Design guidance (Sport England, 2015) within new developments. A network of multifunctional open space should be created across all communities to support a range of activities including sport, recreation and play plus other landscape uses including Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), woodland, wildlife habitat and productive landscapes (allotments, orchards).

## 6.5 Policy Framework

- 6.5.1 The evidence gathered during the development of this Strategy supports the need for a set of Open Spaces Policy Statements that reflect the community expectations for open space. These are summarised in Table 11 and detailed in Section 6.6 below.
- 6.5.2 In adopting these Policy Statements the Council will guide future development and improvements as well as embed these principles in the way the Council manages open space in the future. The Council will use the Policy Statements to help lead and guide stakeholders and delivery partners in the successful delivery of the Open Spaces Strategy during the period up to 2036.
- 6.5.3 Collectively, these policy statements provide a policy framework in which open spaces are protected, enhanced, improved, managed or provided in accordance with the Council's strategic aims and objectives (as laid out in the Open Spaces Strategy).

## 6.6 Detailed Policy Statements

**Table 8: List of Policy Statements**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Policy</b>
1	Open Space General
2	Parks & Gardens
3	Natural & Semi Natural Open Spaces
4	Amenity Green Space
5	Provision for Children & Young People
6	Outdoor Sports Facilities
7	Allotments, Community Gardens & Urban Farms
8	Cemeteries, Churchyards & Burial Grounds
9	Green Corridors
10	Civic Spaces
11	Trees & Hedgerows
12	Woodlands

## **POLICY STATEMENT 1 – OPEN SPACE GENERAL**

Policy Statement 1, Open Space General, covers all typologies and is overarching across all other Policy Statements.

### ***(1a) Protection of Open Spaces***

The Council wishes to protect and preserve public open space by:

- ensuring that assets are not transferred out of the Council's ownership (with the exception of lease arrangements) except in exceptional circumstances and where alternative open space provision shall be made;
- ensuring that where open space is lost through development alternative provision is secured to meet the standards set within the Open Spaces Strategy;
- ensuring that development proposals and local improvement works take all reasonable steps to avoid harm to the amenity, heritage, biodiversity or recreational value of existing open space;
- ensuring the identification and protection of playing fields through the Local Plan and consulting Sport England in certain cases where development affects the use of land as playing fields.

### ***(1b) Standards for Open Space Provision***

The Open Spaces Strategy includes 'standards' for open space in Charnwood, including quality, quantity and accessibility in all settlements across most typologies. The Council will take all reasonable and practicable steps to achieve these standards across all settlements (existing and proposed new developments, including SUE's) and across all relevant typologies.

### ***(1c) Dealing with Surpluses and Deficiencies in Open Space***

- The Council will ensure that where surplus land exists (where typologies exceed the standards for local communities), modification to the land to address other typology shortfalls within the locality will be considered prior to consideration for disposal where practicable.
- The Council will seek to address deficiencies in open space (where typologies do not meet the standards for local communities) by identifying relevant funding sources, seeking funding applications and consideration of gain through the planning system.

### ***(1d) Adoption and Liability of New Open Spaces***

The Council will work with developers and third party organisations i.e. Parish or Town Councils to agree the adoption of open space created as part of new development in the Borough. The Management arrangements for all new public open space will be secured through Planning Agreements and be subject to approval and the appropriate safeguards to ensure long term sustainability and provision in perpetuity. Where the Council does accept the asset transfer appropriate levels of revenue funding (commuted sums) will be agreed in

advance. The quality standards identified in the Open Space Strategy should be met, where possible, prior to transfer.

**(1e) *Open Space Changes***

In recognition of changing circumstances, the Council will continue to monitor and assess provision, need and demand to ensure an effective response by the Council and to upgrade existing open space to make better use of, or provide alternative uses, e.g. change in typology.

**(1f) *Consultation***

We will consult with local residents, users and community groups, where reasonable, on proposals for development of or changes to open space, standards or policies to ensure community expectations are met in delivering and managing open space and in order to set good examples to other providers.

**(1g) *Partnership Working***

We will continue to work in partnership with the public, private and voluntary sectors including providing advice and support and acting as a critical friend in order to more effectively manage and enhance our open spaces across the Borough.

**(1h) *Management and Maintenance***

The Council recognises the importance of high quality management and maintenance of open spaces and will seek to ensure that the quality standards identified in the Open Spaces Strategy are met. The Council will continually review how it manages its open space to ensure it provides a high quality service that is sustainable and accessible. Specifications, procedures and protocols will be developed to supplement these policies in order to effectively manage open space.

**(1i) *Signage and Interpretation***

We will ensure that where there is an identified need appropriate marketing materials, signs and interpretation boards are in place for the Council's open spaces. Signage should be sufficient for purpose and positioned to avoid impairing amenity and creating visual clutter.

**(1j) *Marketing and Promotion.***

We will improve marketing of open space across the Borough including to fully exploit its value for education, health promotion, improved livability of neighbourhoods and accessibility via public transport, cycling or walking.

**(1k) *Investment in Open Spaces***

We will explore and co-ordinate all investment opportunities in our open spaces including Heritage Lottery Funding, Sport England, etc. We will continue, where

appropriate, to seek funding through the planning process e.g. Section 106, for open space provision in relation to new development.

**(1l) *Community Cohesion***

We will work with our partners to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and improve social cohesion on open spaces.

**(1m) *Quality Schemes***

We will encourage and support schemes that promote quality and sustainability, such as Loughborough in Bloom and Green Flag, to enhance the Council's Open Spaces.

**(1n) *Active Places***

We will encourage and support schemes that apply the ten principles of Active Design (Sport England, 2015), helping to create a network of multi-functional open spaces and promoting an environment that offers communities the greatest potential to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

**(1o) *Biodiversity***

The Council has an overarching duty to consider the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and the natural environment in the exercise of all its functions. In the management, maintenance and development of open space biodiversity will be a priority.

**(1p) *Community Engagement and Volunteering***

The Council recognises the many valuable benefits that volunteering can bring to the individual, to society and to Charnwood's open spaces. The Council will continue to encourage and support volunteering in its many forms including Friends of Groups, Green Gym, Volunteer Warden Schemes or affiliation to nature conservation groups. In committing to providing and extending the range of volunteering opportunities within the open spaces work programme, the Council will provide technical support and advice to community and voluntary groups that are working on projects which support the delivery of the open spaces strategy.

**(1q) *Equality and Diversity***

The Council is committed to promoting equality and diversity in the provision and management of open space including improvements to open space facilities. This commitment recognises not only our legal requirements under legislation, but also our drive to ensure we make all reasonable adjustments to ensure that our facilities are accessible to all sectors of the community.

### **(1r) Regeneration**

The Council recognises the value of green space improvement in community and economic regeneration and will encourage and assist in initiatives to facilitate this work.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 2 – PARKS AND GARDENS**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where an ample provision of high quality parks and gardens ranging from pocket parks to town parks meets the needs of local communities and enhances the quality of life for all. These green spaces provide an excellent range of opportunities for spiritual reflection, informal leisure, active recreation and play. Local communities are encouraged to become involved in managing their local parks and the Borough Council recognises the importance and value they hold for residents and visitors alike.

### ***Objectives***

- i) To ensure that where parks and gardens are provided they meet standards set within the Open Spaces Strategy.
- ii) To protect the heritage and environmental context of the Council's parks and gardens.
- iii) To involve local communities and partners to help manage and promote parks and gardens.
- iv) To provide access for all communities to use, appreciate and to enjoy parks and gardens.

### ***Policies***

- (2a) To sustainably maintain and manage our parks and gardens.
- (2b) To promote the use of parks for community events and activities.
- (2c) To encourage a sense of community ownership, engagement and involvement in parks and gardens e.g. Friends of groups.
- (2d) To provide appropriate on-site supervision and monitoring of Parks.
- (2e) To seek to maintain and improve Queen's Park as a destination park and maintain its Green Flag status.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 3 – NATURAL & SEMI-NATURAL GREEN SPACE**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where the natural and semi-natural green spaces enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors and to protect biodiversity. These sites are protected and managed to provide high quality accessible green spaces for people to enjoy for spiritual

reflection, recreation, leisure and play and to experience and learn about nature close to where they live. They are managed as important wildlife habitats, in order to improve the biodiversity of the Borough.

### **Objectives**

- i) To ensure that where Natural & Semi-Natural Green Spaces are provided they meet standards set within the Open Spaces Strategy.
- ii) To recognise the contribution natural and semi-natural green spaces make to nature and wildlife conservation, enhancing and protecting biodiversity, and their heritage value.
- iii) To involve local communities and partners to help manage and promote natural and semi-natural green spaces.
- iv) To provide access for all for communities to use, appreciate and to enjoy these green spaces whilst safeguarding their biodiversity value.

### **Policies**

- (3a) To work with partners and local communities to improve access to, and quality of, natural and semi-natural green spaces and to manage them effectively
- (3b) To seek to protect natural and semi-natural green spaces including the use of statutory and non-statutory designation status (such as Local Nature Reserve and Local Wildlife Site) where appropriate.
- (3c) To actively encourage the involvement of volunteers in the effective management of these sites
- (3d) To raise awareness and increase appropriate recreational use to enable all sections of the community to use and enjoy these areas, commensurate to the retention of their biodiversity interest
- (3e) To adopt and keep up to date Management Plans for key Council sites.
- (3f) To continue to provide the Trumper Scheme at The Outwoods, supporting access for all.
- (3g) Seek to maintain Green Flag Status for The Outwoods
- (3h) Support the Charnwood Forest Partnership in a bid for funding through the HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 4 – AMENITY GREEN SPACE**

### **Vision**

A Borough where well-managed amenity green spaces contributes to the quality of life of local neighbourhoods. These sites are managed and developed to take opportunities to

provide more interesting and stimulating green spaces whilst maintaining amenity open space for its primary purposes of providing recreational space and visual enhancement of neighbourhoods.

### **Objectives**

- i) To ensure that where Amenity Green Spaces are provided they meet standards set within the Open Spaces Strategy.
- ii) To recognise the contribution Amenity green spaces make to nature and wildlife conservation, enhancing and protecting biodiversity.
- iii) To involve local communities and partners to help manage and promote Amenity green spaces

### **Policies**

- (4a) To identify and maximise opportunities to improve the recreational and ecological value of Amenity Open Space within the Borough to meet the needs of residents.
- (4b) To encourage high quality design of Amenity green spaces, recognising the contribution it makes to improving the built environment and providing opportunities for informal recreation close to where people live.
- (4c) To expand the use of alternative management techniques such as wildflower and meadowland marginal planting, community orchards etc on large areas of amenity green space to promote biodiversity and amenity value.
- (4b) To work with volunteer groups and local residents to identify opportunities to improve amenity green space for the local community.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 5 – PROVISION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **Vision**

A Borough where all children and young people have access to a range of high-quality, safe and well-managed play opportunities and where provision is stimulating and challenging to meet their needs in terms of high play value.

### **Objectives**

- i) To ensure that the equipment on play spaces and facilities is inclusive, appropriate and stimulating for a range of age groups and abilities and, wherever reasonable, accessible to all.
- ii) To ensure that children and young people have a continuous involvement in the design of play spaces and teenage facilities.

- iii) To provide, where appropriate, high quality, safe local/neighbourhood play spaces and teenage facilities to encompass all needs within the local community.

### ***Policies***

- (5a) To ensure all proposed new play facilities are effectively appraised for play value and appropriate provision etc. prior to commissioning and installation.
- (5b) To involve children and young people in the design, and positioning of their local play area or teenage facility and take their views into account where possible.
- (5c) To ensure that all play facilities meet high quality standards in their design and construction prior to asset transfer.
- (5d) To consider the inclusion of natural play and opportunities for contact with nature and wildlife in designing new open spaces.
- (5e) To develop and implement a preventative maintenance, renewal and decommissioning procedure of play equipment.
- (5f) To identify suitable locations for play.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 6 – OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where there is an adequate supply of good quality facilities to accommodate a range of sports and physical activities in order to meet current and future levels of demand and to provide enhanced opportunities so as to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activity.

### ***Objectives***

- i) To maintain and grow the regular amount of physical activity undertaken by individuals, and particularly by those who are currently inactive.
- ii) To develop additional provision where need is evidenced e.g. as a result of population growth.
- iii) To design flexibly and be multi-purpose in nature, reflecting changing participation trends and opportunities.
- iv) Encourage new individuals to start taking part in physical activity.
- v) Enable opportunities for participation to be provided in a wider range of places and spaces, and particularly at a very local level.
- vi) Facilitate the continued development of healthier lifestyles across Charnwood's communities.

- vii) Contribute to a reduction in health inequalities, and specifically reduced inactivity, across Charnwood.
- viii) Create active environments where the opportunity to be more physically active is an integral part of everyday life.

### ***Policies***

- (6a) To encourage school recreation facility provision, wherever feasible, to be made available to the community.
- (6b) To support and encourage the voluntary sector to meet the needs of local people and to increase participation across all communities including community management and asset transfer.
- (6c) To review the allocation and provision of sports provision to improve accessibility across the Borough and allow a full range of sports to be available to the communities in Charnwood.
- (6d) To provide quality, fit for purpose outdoor sports facilities which meet the requirements of the relevant sporting bodies. Where sites do not meet quality standards funding opportunities will be explored or decommissioning and/or change of use considered.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 7 – ALLOTMENTS, COMMUNITY GARDENS & URBAN FARMS**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where there is well-managed provision of high quality and fully productive allotment plots, community gardens and community orchards which are promoted to ensure high demand. Where appropriate sites will be secure and with good service provision.

### ***Objectives***

- i) To provide allotment sites that meet the standards set out in the Open Spaces Strategy.
- ii) To promote establishment of allotment associations to run Council owned allotment sites.
- iii) To identify opportunities to develop and establish new allotments, community gardens, community orchards and urban farms.
- iv) To maximise the use of available land to increase plot provision.

### ***Policies***

- (7a) To ensure that where new allotments are proposed the design takes account of the standards set out in the Open Spaces Strategy.

- (7b) To encourage community management of allotments through the establishment of allotment associations.
- (7c) To review the allocation and provision of allotment space and size of allotment plots to improve accessibility across the Borough.
- (7d) To explore potential new allotment sites, including the reclassification of existing open space, in areas identified as deficient in Allotment provision.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 8 – CEMETERIES, CLOSED CHURCHYARDS & BURIAL GROUNDS**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where cemeteries and closed churchyards are managed to ensure they are protected and developed as places for dignified burial services and spiritual reflection and for their importance for heritage, nature conservation and biodiversity.

### ***Objectives***

- i) To ensure that sufficient burial space is available to the community in the future.
- ii) To safeguard the cemeteries with regard to important wildlife habitats, heritage or archaeological features.
- iii) To ensure the Council complies with its duty to maintain closed churchyards in decent order.
- iv) To work with partners and local communities to manage burial grounds and to maintain and enhance their value including biodiversity and heritage.

### ***Policies***

- (8a) To provide a new Cemetery site within Loughborough to ensure a continued burial service to residents.
- (8b) To provide a small extension to Loughborough Cemetery for ashes burials.
- (8c) To work with Parish and Town Councils to assess and plan for future burial needs in the borough and identify suitable locations for additional provision.
- (8d) To review the safety of memorials and undertake remedial action where necessary.
- (8e) To work with partners and local communities to manage cemeteries and closed churchyards to obtain an appropriate balance between maintenance requirements and heritage, biodiversity and archaeology.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 9 – GREEN CORRIDORS**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where an extensive network of green corridors provides active recreational and leisure opportunities, whilst being maintained for their primary purposes as through routes and wildlife corridors which enhance habitat connectivity and visual amenity of neighbourhoods.

### ***Objectives***

- i) To ensure that where green corridors are provided they meet standards set within the Open Spaces Strategy.
- ii) To create green corridors that link existing wildlife habitats within the Borough.

### ***Policies***

- (9a) To work with volunteer groups, partners and local residents to identify opportunities to create and improve green corridors for the local community and to enhance their ecological function.
- (9b) Identify linking opportunities of open space, particularly throughout the Soar Valley and Charnwood Forest.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 10 – CIVIC SPACES**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where well-managed civic spaces contribute to the quality of life of local neighbourhoods and provide more interesting and stimulating public space whilst being maintained for its primary purposes of functional space.

### ***Objectives***

- i) To ensure that where civic spaces are provided they meet standards set within the Open Spaces Strategy.
- ii) To protect the heritage and environmental context of the Council's civic spaces.
- iii) To involve local communities and partners to help manage and promote those areas.
- iv) To provide access for all for communities to use, appreciate and to enjoy.

### ***Policies***

- (10a) To sustainably maintain and manage our civic spaces.
- (10b) To encourage and support Loughborough in Bloom to enhance the Council's civic spaces in Loughborough.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 11 – TREES & HEDGEROWS**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where trees and hedgerows are valued for the significant contribution they make to wellbeing and quality of life within the area. Trees and hedgerows are managed to promote biodiversity, climate mitigation, and visual amenity whilst being safe and healthy.

### ***Objectives***

- i) To ensure that the Council's tree stock is maintained in a safe and healthy condition and minimise associated health and safety risks.
- ii) To provide appropriate levels of information and advice to the public on the Council's tree stock.
- iii) To identify and ensure appropriate management of hedgerows which are important for biodiversity, as wildlife corridors or as landscape features.
- iv) To effectively manage the positive contribution made by trees and hedgerows to open spaces, habitat diversity and the landscape aesthetic.
- v) To identify opportunities to create new hedgerows and appropriate tree planting schemes including community orchards.

### ***Policies***

- (11a) Charnwood Borough Council will continue to carry out its rolling programme of tree inspections by independent experts together with an associated remedial programme of work.
- (11b) The Council will respond positively to tree matters involving safety and will remove dead (except where biodiversity issues prevail) and dangerous and unsafe trees and branches.
- (11c) Where it can be demonstrated that a tree is the primary cause of direct damage to property the Council will act to rectify the problem. In cases of damage to property it must be clearly demonstrated that the tree is the principal cause of the damage. (The effects of tree litter such as leaves, twigs, fruit etc will not be considered as direct damage).
- (11d) The Council will not routinely prune its tree stock to alleviate the obstruction of light or telecommunication signals or where branches overhang neighbouring properties. However, situations will be looked at on a case by case basis and works may be carried out at the council's discretion.
- (11e) The Council may carry out work on trees in response to its development priorities. Development priorities may include site or neighbourhood redesign, the redevelopment of parks, gardens and other green spaces, or woodland management schemes.
- (11f) The Council will consider accepting sponsorship for tree work only where this has been identified as good arboricultural practice.

- (11g) The Council will work with partners and community groups to identify opportunities to increase its tree stock through appropriate tree planting.
- (11h) There will be a presumption against removal of existing hedgerows and appropriate management systems will be put into place in order to protect and enhance the quality and condition of hedgerows.
- (11i) The Council will consider planting new, species rich, native hedgerows in appropriate locations to meet a variety of objectives, including habitat creation, the screening of unsightly development, provision of shelter and to improve the landscape aesthetic.
- (11j) In planting or adopting hedgerows or tree belts, the Council will be sensitive to the potential for damage or inconvenience, or impeding access as they mature caused by planting in close proximity to other structures. In addition, the Council will recognise and take positive action to prevent the potential conflict of interest where developments are proposed in close proximity to existing trees, tree belts and wooded areas.

## **POLICY STATEMENT 12 - WOODLANDS**

### ***Vision***

A Borough where woodlands are valued and sustainably managed in order to provide a multitude of functions including wildlife conservation, spiritual reflection, recreation, carbon sequestration, landscape enhancement and screening. Existing woodlands are protected and new woodlands are created for future generations to enjoy.

### ***Objectives***

- i) To ensure that the Council's woodlands are managed with nature conservation and biodiversity as the central objective with other uses not impacting detrimentally upon this.
- ii) To promote the development of new woodlands in order to meet a multitude of functions and to ensure that existing woodlands are sustainably managed in a way that maximises and reflects their individual character.
- iii) To involve local communities and partners in the management and promotion of woodlands.

### ***Policies***

- (12a) The Council will aim to ensure that each woodland/wooded area has an up-to-date management plan in place which will be reviewed on a regular basis. Management plans will reflect the complexity and sensitivity of the site.
- (12b) Non-native introductions will be gradually removed from ancient, semi-natural woodland sites and replaced with native species appropriate to the area. Where possible this will be achieved by natural regeneration or by planting stock of local provenance.

- (12c) The Council will encourage community involvement with Woodland Management through partnership working with nature conservation organisations, and where appropriate through the establishment of Friends Groups and volunteer schemes.
- (12d) The Council will encourage the creation of new woodlands in appropriate locations ensuring layout and selection of species reflects the local woodland character. New woodlands will be designed to minimise conflict with local residents and at all stages of the woods evolution.
- (12e) The Council will seek to realise any economic potential of woodland through the marketing of timber and other woodland products where this does not conflict with other priorities.

## **6.7 STRATEGIC DELIVERY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.7.1 The delivery of the Open Spaces Strategy is dependent upon a flexible but robust framework. This includes specific issues and methods for dealing with the needs and aspirations of the different communities in the Borough and especially those opportunities provided by the emerging SUE's. These will be managed using a toolbox of options available ranging from policies, management practices, master-planning and working with key stakeholders and engaging the community.
- 6.7.2 Other strategic objectives will also be taken into account as they emerge including key partner objectives such as those of Loughborough University, the Charnwood Forest Partnership or Sports and Recreational Development agencies. This delivery framework will therefore need to be flexible to meet opportunities that might arise but also respond to the demands of the communities they will ultimately serve. Community engagement is therefore key to the success of this delivery framework.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS

7.0.1 The Open Spaces Strategy has been developed using a robust evidence base in the form of the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018. These used extensive consultation with key stakeholders to formulate a set of local standards leading to the identification of shortfalls in provision of several types of open space across the Borough.

### 7.1 Action Plan

7.1.1 Section 8 contains the Open Spaces Strategy Action Plan (2018 – 2023). This Action Plan includes a comprehensive assessment of the resources required to deliver the different elements, recognising that a number of projects have been identified as priorities for the Council. This Action Plan will be regularly reviewed in light of:

- Availability and ownership of land.
- Local knowledge of community needs.
- Appropriate methods of delivery of projects, such as community led.
- Community consultation on the acceptability of projects.
- Statutory obligations.
- Amount of funding required.
- Availability of suitable funding opportunities and any potential funding criteria.
- The development of new facilities near to the Borough boundary.
- Partnership working opportunities and the economic climate.

7.1.2 The Action Plan will be a ‘community owned’ tool, which given sufficient support and funding during the life of the Open Spaces Strategy will effectively deliver community expectations. It will encourage access to, and the use of, existing facilities, enabling seldom heard groups to recognise the benefits provided by open spaces.

7.1.3 The Action Plan and associated Open Spaces Strategy will encourage and maximise community use of open spaces through the development of programmes and events. This will include a full complement of sporting and recreational activities, made available to a broad range of the community.

7.1.4 The Action Plan will be guided by the community expectations and priorities, Open Space Policy Statements and consultation to ensure it remains relevant and up-to-date whilst maintaining the Council’s policy position on Open Spaces.

7.1.5 The use of key stakeholders will help engage key sectors of the community, such as user groups and ‘Friends of’ groups, in the delivery of projects. These groups may have a number of different roles, including:

- Assisting in bidding for funding (e.g. unlocking funding opportunities);

- Assisting in the delivery of projects;
- Acting as a sounding board for the feasibility of projects;
- Management of open spaces (e.g. transfer of responsibility to community groups).

## **7.2 Review Periods**

7.2.1 The Open Spaces Strategy is intended as a framework and guide for the delivery of priorities, and local circumstances will be used to inform its implementation. As these priorities will change over time there is clearly a need for regular reviews of the Action Plan to ensure local needs are being met as well as strategic priorities progressed. This short-term Action Plan will therefore be reviewed in 2022.

## **7.3 Partnership Working**

7.3.1 The consultations and research undertaken as part of the development of the Open Spaces Strategy highlight the following opportunities relating to the provision, management and maintenance of open spaces:

- Loughborough University is seen as a key driver of the character of the town. There are significant opportunities to capitalise further on the resources that the university has, as well as maximising the input that the University and its students can have in day to day community life. For example, students with expertise in sports may wish to provide volunteering at local sports clubs.
- There are many examples of effective partnership working across the Borough, including the Charnwood Forest Partnership and the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Sports Partnership. Such partnerships are key to helping deliver the Open Spaces Strategy.
- There are opportunities to increase the role that schools play in community life and to maximise use of the facilities that these sites have to offer outside of curricular hours.

7.3.2 In order to maximise the benefits that can be derived from the provision of open spaces, key stakeholders should be identified with a common aim of helping to realise the benefits of the partnership working opportunities e.g. sharing of knowledge and experience, joint funding applications, and proactively investigate the opportunities raised.

## **7.4 Measuring the success of the strategy**

7.4.1 The success of the strategy will be measured through a follow-up study to look at progress in addressing the deficiencies identified in the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 and PPS 2018. The Action Plan will also be used as a barometer of success in respect of key deliverables during the short-term. It is also proposed to review the delivery of the key objectives at least every five years.

## **7.5 Public Engagement and Communication**

- 7.5.1 Public engagement in open spaces is essential to reap the greatest benefits available to the wider community. The clear benefits have been identified in the development of this Open Spaces Strategy, ranging from health through social cohesion to biodiversity. Few other activities the Council is proactively involved in offer such a range of significant benefits to a wide cross section of the community.
- 7.5.2 The Council conducts regular consultation of the level of satisfaction with the services it provides as part the Corporate Plan. This survey shows that clean, tidy and safe open spaces are a key feature for residents and visitors alike in considering where to live and work. As a result the Council recognises the clear benefits that such open space can provide. Positive customer feedback is therefore significant in measuring how well the service is received. To date the Open Spaces service has seen continued improvements in satisfaction in recent years, reflecting the investment and support the Council has provided in quality open spaces provision across the Borough.
- 7.5.3 This Strategy will form the cornerstone for measuring this key corporate indicator and as such a comprehensive and robust public engagement process will be maintained throughout the Strategy period.
- 7.5.4 It is recognised that new developments are key to the delivery of additional public open space. Clearly the planning system will have an important role to play in managing community engagement either through the preparation of the Local Plan, community led neighbourhood plans or through the determination of planning applications.
- 7.5.5 Community engagement will range from specific sectors of the community being directly engaged in the design of open space e.g. children's and young people's play, through to engagement of sports or special interest groups in the identification and support for appropriate funding of open space, and direct consultation with whole communities on specific projects in settlements e.g. Parish or Town Councils.

## 8. ACTION PLAN

- 8.0.1 The Action Plan proposes a series of tasks and actions to maintain and improve open space management across Charnwood.
- 8.0.2 The Action Plan consists of 2 sections:
- 8.0.3 Section A, Delivery plan: The Open Spaces Action plan has been developed using the evidence base in the form of the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017. This has developed a series of themes which the Open Spaces Strategy develops into policy statements. **Actions within Section A of the Action Plan are directly based upon the themes and policy statements.**
- 8.0.4 Section B, Site Specific Improvement Plan: The second outcome of the Open Spaces Assessment Study 2017 was to review the quality, quantity and accessibility shortfalls of open space provision in Charnwood Borough, and to perform a process of prioritisation of the typologies and sites that did not meet the required standards. The action plan reviews the outcomes, updates the information and matches the priorities with available resources and current demand and opportunities.
- 8.0.5 This action plan turns the priorities identified within the Open Spaces Strategy into a set of projects for land which Charnwood Borough Council manages. The information for Charnwood Parish Councils has also been compiled, and will be available for review with our partners in the parishes.
- 8.0.6 The action plan identifies known existing funds through Council Capital and Section 106 agreements, and identifies other funding sources e.g. Lottery funding where possible. It must be recognised that where no funding is yet confirmed, and there is pressures on all money to be spent wisely and efficiently, this may affect the exact projects and improvements that are delivered and timings.
- 8.0.7 There are, however, a number of outstanding S106 contribution agreements for Charnwood relating to open space improvements. The Action Plan specifically enables mapping of priority opportunities to determine the best spend of these contributions.
- 8.0.8 There are a number of unconfirmed developments that may also provide further Section 106 contributions in the near future that will need considering within the lifetime of this action plan.

- 8.0.12 The progress of the actions within this plan will be monitored and reviewed by the Green Spaces Development Team and the development of an open spaces stakeholder group. The document will also be monitored within Charnwood Borough Council's monitoring framework.
- 8.0.13 The Action Plan should be considered a live document that will evolve as funding opportunities arise and community interests develop.

## Section A – Delivery Plan

The deliver plan is presented within the following themes for ease of use:

- 8.1 Planning and Development
- 8.2 Community and locality
- 8.3 Media and Promotions
- 8.4 Sports and Active recreation
- 8.5 Allotment Provision
- 8.6 Partnership Working
- 8.7 Site management and facilities
- 8.8 Environmental sustainability and protecting biodiversity

**Resources:** Resources have been identified where known. Much green space development work is opportunistic and reactive, as well as dependant on funding opportunities arising. This section will therefore continuously evolve as resources become available.

### **Delivery Teams:**

**COS:** Cleansing and Open Spaces Service, encompassing the following teams:

**P&D:** Policy and Development team (COS)

**CT:** Contracts Team (COS)

**BS:** Business Support (COS)

**Idverde:** The Council's green spaces contractor.

**Rangers:** The Ranger Service is a key part of the delivery mechanism on open spaces. The team forms part of Idverde, the Council's green spaces contractor.

**Links to OSS Policies:** Each action is linked to the relevant Open Space Strategy policy statements.

## 8.1 Planning and Development

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.1.1	Work with colleagues in Planning and Regeneration to develop detailed guidance on the implementation of open space standards for new and proposed developments which are set out in the Council's Core Strategy and Open Spaces Strategy.	Improved provision of green spaces in new developments.	Officer time	P&D	Ongoing	1a
8.1.2	Ensure all sites are visited prior to the adoption to review and ensure adequate and agreed standards are reached prior to provision.	Adoption of high quality, appropriately designed, open space only	Officer time	P&D, GS	Ongoing	1a, 5c
8.1.3	Planning Liaison Officer to act as a main of contact to all COS team to ensure all future management is considered within the design.	Improved maintenance after adoption due to consideration of maintenance issues within design.	Officer time	P&D GS,	Ongoing	1d, 1e
8.1.4	Consult with Parish Councils to review shortfalls in each area and identify future projects	Reviewed information for each parish in Charnwood	Officer time	P&D	Ongoing	1b, 1c, 1e, 1f
8.1.5	Liaise with planning team regarding suitable green spaces for each planning	All planning applications and amendments to receive comments from	Officer time	P&D	Ongoing	1b

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
	application, at all stages of development.	GS. Consistent approach and open space to address shortfalls in current provision across the Borough.				
8.1.6	Liaise with Parish Councils to commit and spend current S106 contributions for Open Space developments	Open Space developments across all of Charnwood that address shortfalls and meets community needs.	Officer time	P&D	Ongoing	1b,1e, 1f

## 8.2 Community

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Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.2.1	Continue community engagement work through MOS contract commitments, In Bloom, Ranger Service and Green Gym.		Officer time	P&D, Idverde	Ongoing	1o, 1p
8.2.2	Improve engagement and communications with stakeholders: Write 'Customer Charters' with, and for, key stakeholders (eg. Sports groups, allotments etc)	2 charters per year	Officer time	P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	1f

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.2.3	Continue user satisfaction surveys as part of MOS contract commitments.	2 user group surveys per year following charter	Officer time	P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	1f
8.2.4	Carry out visitor satisfaction surveys on key sites in order to identify user profile and management/development priorities.	Two visitor surveys per year	Officer time	P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	1f, 1h
8.2.5	Support green space user groups in becoming self-leading and representative.		Officer time	P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	1f
8.2.6	Create stakeholder group, representing site users and key partners to overview open space management and delivery of the Open Spaces strategy. This group should include partners within CBC and external site user representatives. The role of this group will be to oversee the implementation of the OSS and Action Plan against resources.	Increased use and ownership of open spaces Group to be formed with Terms of Reference in Yr 1.	Officer time Expenses	P&D	2019	1f, 1g, 9a.

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.2.7	Deliver regular volunteer conservation tasks	Minimum of Bi-weekly tasks with regular volunteers and 5 corporate task days per year.		P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	1o, 3c
8.2.8	Expand volunteer opportunities alongside ranger service with a focus on health, skills development and social wellbeing			CT, Idverde	Ongoing	1o, 3c
8.2.9	Support Loughborough in Bloom Community Participation Group	Continuation of successful self-led Community Participation group.	Officer time	P&D	Ongoing	1o
8.2.10	Continue to organise on site cultural, recreation and education events that engage new and existing audiences	10 events per year, at a variety of open spaces	Events and communications budget	P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	1o
8.2.10	Provide advisory service for Friends of Groups and user groups to self-promote events and open spaces.	Increase events by 100% at a broader range of parks.	Support sourcing of sponsorship/grants. Communications budget.	P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	2b

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.2.11	Provide an advisory service for horticultural improvements, habitat management and group development		Officer time	P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	1o
8.2.12	Coordinate community tool lending scheme & tool bank	Increase in self-led volunteer activities	Maintenance and repair budget	P&D, Idverde	Ongoing	1o
8.2.13	Consult the Youth Forum on area-wide developments. Consult schools and local groups in site-specific developments.	Increase in number and variety of equipment in open spaces for older children and teenagers	Officer time	P&D	Ongoing	5b

### 8.3 Media and Promotions

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.3.1	Create a suite of template signs/interpretation boards reflecting key typology type.	All key open spaces to have appropriate level of signage and interpretation	Officer time. Funding/sponsorship for any installation/printing costs.  Communications budget	P&D	Ongoing	1i, 1j

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.3.2	Write open spaces branding and communication plan	Consistent, clear and accessible approach.	Communications budget	P&D, Comms, GS.	2019	1i, 1j
8.3.3	Review and update green spaces presence on CBC's website to actively promote all key open spaces and sports/recreational opportunities.	Increase in webpage users	Officer time	P&D, Comms.	2019	1j, (3d)
8.3.4	Continue active use of social media to promote activities in Charnwood's open spaces as per CBC's procedure	Increase in visitors to open space activities	Officer time	P&D, Comms.	Ongoing	2b
8.3.5	Increase localised sponsorship opportunities: Create scheme to encourage and facilitate new and existing, innovative sponsorship of green space features by local business and organisations.	Marketable scheme and 5 new sponsorships in Yrs. 1 and 2.	Extra officer/volunteer time.	P&D BS	Ongoing	1g, 1c, 1i, 1k
8.3.6	Maintain Green Flag representation in Charnwood: Continue to annually enter Queen's Park, The Outwoods & Forest Road Green Belt into the Green Flag scheme.	3 successful Green Flags each year	Application fee.	P&D, Idverde, CT	Annually	1m, 2e, 3e

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.3.7	Continue to designate Local Nature Reserves where appropriate throughout the Borough	Stonebow Washlands designated as an LNR. Continue work on designating Gorse Covert, Booth Wood, Pignut Spinney	Officer time	P&D, Idverde, CT	One LNR to be designated annually	1m, 2e, 3e
8.3.8	Promote the Boroughs unique wildlife and biodiversity.	Increase in knowledge for Charnwood's nature in residents and visitors.	Communications budget	P&D, Comms	Ongoing	1j
8.3.9	Promote open spaces alongside national/regional campaigns eg. Loughborough in Bloom, Love Parks Week	Increase in site users at key events	Communications budget	P&D	Ongoing	1j, 2b

#### 8.4 Sports Development

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.4.1	Network with schools and encourage scheme to enable use of school facilities to local community		Officer Time	P&D	Ongoing	6a
8.4.2	Develop projects with Sports and Active Recreation team to boost the use of parks for health and fitness, in traditional and non-traditional ways.		S106/seek specific grant funding	P&D, Neighbourhoods	2018	6b

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.4.3	Write management plans for all key sports facilities, identifying funding need, and implementing guidance from relevant sporting bodies.		Advice and surveys from relevant sporting bodies – may incur costs	P&D	2019	6c, 6d
8.4.4	Audit the use and demand of all outdoor sports provision	Overview of demand for sports in Loughborough/Charnwood	Officer time, expenses	P&D, Idverde, COS	Ongoing	6c, 6d
8.4.5	Review the layout of CBC managed sports pitches. Also review the current use and need for sports in the locality, and maximise variety and match design to demand.	More, appropriate and well used pitches		P&D, GS.	2019	6c, 6d
8.4.6	Undertake annual STRI/agronomist report into sports playing pitches to ensure high quality maintenance and provision.		Officer time	COS, Idverde	Ongoing	6c, 6d

## 8.5 Allotment Development

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.5.1	Manage expectations of Allotment holders – create Allotment Charter that identifies the roles and commitments from tenants, CBC & its Green spaces contractor Idverde	Allotment charter – clarity	National Allotment Society membership and advice	P&D, CT, Idverde	2019	7b
8.5.2	Review allotment tenancy agreement	New, current tenancy reflective of plot holders and service provision	Officer time, legal advice, consultation expenses	P&D	2019	7b
8.5.3	Promote variations of allotments associations and support tenants in setting up a formal group	Formal/formal allotment associations or groups at 3 allotment sites			2019	7b
8.5.4	Provide noticeboards for each allotment plot	Improved communication with and between tenants	Communications budget	P&D	2018	7b
8.5.5	Allow and encourage allotment tenants to hold a half plot per site for community use where the tenants are able to demonstrate a use for the good of the site, and will maintain it for this use themselves.	Increased ownership of site		Tenant-led, P&D support	Ongoing	7a, 7b

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.5.6	Let half plots as standard to provide an increased amount of lettings. No individual tenant to receive more than half a plot, though existing tenants can keep their existing tenancy.	Waiting list halved in 3 years (in conjunction with action 8.5.9)	Officer time	P&D	Ongoing	7c
8.5.7	Review waiting list – contact list to check and confirm remaining interest	Waiting list halved in 3 years (in conjunction with action 8.5.8)	Officer time, overheads	BS, P&D	Ongoing	7c
8.5.8	Seek opportunities to create allotment plots accessible for people with disabilities	2 plots on different sites	Suitable plots and funding – potential future S106 or corporate sponsorship	P&D, CT	Ongoing	7a
8.5.9	Programme of allotment improvements to ensure sites meet required standards e.g. surfaced access paths and appropriate security measures.		S106 or capital plan	P&D, CT	2020	7a

## 8.6 Partnership Working

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.6.1	Compile evidence and information for each parish re: open space shortfalls and opportunities. Compile existing information and aspirations of Charnwood's Open Spaces Strategy and share with all parish councils. Support Parish Councils in developing a project plan for their area.	Information for each parish area	Officer time	P&D, Parish councils	Live' document to be created and amended ongoing.	1b, 1c, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h
8.6.2	Work with Neighbourhoods service to identify opportunities for health benefits, skills development and education.		Officer time	P&D CT Neighbourhoods service	Ongoing	1j
8.6.3	Work with Neighbourhoods service, identifying opportunities to develop open spaces to deter antisocial use and encourage positive use:	Reduction in anti-social behaviour on open spaces	Officer time. Funding for individual projects.	P&D Neighbourhoods	Ongoing	1l
8.6.4	Consult with Neighbourhoods team on all open space developments in Loughborough	Periodic meetings with Neighbourhoods team/officers to identify opportunities to work together on open spaces Increase community	Officer time.	P&D Neighbourhoods	Ongoing	1g, 1l, 1o

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
		ownership – increase in use of open spaces				
8.6.5	Support Neighbourhoods team to use open spaces for events and activities	Community activities across more sites	Officer time	CT, P&D, Idverde	Ongoing	1g, 1l
8.6.6	Continue to support Loughborough in Bloom as a key partner.	Success within awards and increased community involvement.	Application fee.	P&D	Ongoing	1m

### 8.7 Site management and facilities

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.7.1	<p>Improve facilities for young people – create more diverse activities.</p> <p>Create portfolio of themed approach to new open spaces play equipment – especially in creating more varied youth and adult options.</p> <p>Seek feedback from young people via the youth forum.</p>	<p>Flagship youth equipment.</p> <p>Increased use of open spaces by young people.</p> <p>Reduced antisocial behaviour</p>	<p>Officer time</p> <p>Youth offers/prizes expenses</p>	<p>P&amp;D</p> <p>Youth forum and other groups across the borough (uni and college)</p>	Ongoing	5a, 5b
8.7.2	<p>Develop natural play facilities</p> <p>Create portfolio of themed</p>	3 natural play installations	Funding for equipment	P&D, Eng,	Ongoing	5d

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
	<p>approach to new open spaces play equipment – especially in creating natural play equipment.</p> <p>Seek creative opportunities to create natural play facilities where the option of traditional play equipment may be inappropriate:</p>		(potential S106 projects)	GS.		
8.7.3	<p>Develop systematic writing and review of management plan writing. This is to include the development of a template for park management briefs (a current gap), and identifying the level of detail needed for each park and open space.</p>	<p>All key sites to have management specification as minimum.</p> <p>Create templates based on scale and typology</p> <p>Complete list and rota for ongoing reviews.</p>	Officer time	P&D/GS	2019	4a
8.7.4	<p>When developing any aspect of open spaces (as funding arises), develop sites as a site-wide project – improving small features alongside main feature, in conjunction with community. Focus on taking the opportunity to improve the overall look and feel of the site</p>	<p>All projects that arise to be delivered in this cohesive way.</p>	S106 funding or similar.	GS, Rangers, P&D	Ongoing	2c

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
	such as new signs, paint fences etc).					
8.7.5	Each open space to be monitored for antisocial behaviour, maintenance, safety issues, (including life belts where appropriate), and infrastructure. All instances to be reported and compiled into future management plans.			CT, Idverde	Ongoing	2d
8.7.6	Continue robust monitoring procedure of play equipment. Feed findings into management plans as appropriate		Officer time	CT, Idverde	Ongoing	5a, 1h
8.7.7	Create comprehensive overview and long-term plan for rolling replacement of playground equipment to maintain standards	Consistent and robust replacement schedule	Funding for new equipment and maintenance budget.	P&D, CT, Idverde	Ongoing	5e, 1h
8.7.8	Write a management plan each year for key open space sites e.g. Loughborough Cemetery, Charnwood Water	Complete and comprehensive management plan	Officer time	P&D, GS	From 2019	4a, 8c

## 8.8 Environmental Sustainability

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
8.8.1	Compost all green waste – on site where possible, and where not, via green waste composting waste disposal	95% green waste composted		CT	Ongoing	2a
8.8.2	Use peat free compost and plant suppliers	100% peat free		CT	Ongoing	2a
8.8.3	Trial alternative watering techniques	10% lower water use by 2018.		CT	Ongoing	2a
8.8.4	Continue survey of Council tree stock according to industry best practice and record recommendations on specialist data base Update records in response to land adoption, tree planting and tree works.	Comprehensive record of tree stock	Officer time, contractor fees	CT, Idverde	Ongoing	11a
8.8.5	Maintain and monitor schemes in Higher Level Stewardship Scheme	All 5 sites to retain and succeed at designation.		P&D, Idverde	Ongoing	3b
8.8.6	Maximise knowledge of wildlife and heritage value of CBC land by carrying out biodiversity and heritage audits. Instigate project to identify biodiversity value of CBC land	Full list of CBC owned land wildlife features.	Funding for consultants, volunteer expenses/rewards and overheads	P&D	Commence 2019	1n

Ref.	Action	Targets	Resources	Teams	Timescale	Links to OSS policies
	holding in order to inform management. Following the biodiversity audit develop a wildlife action plan for CBC sites					3c
8.8.7	Participate in Charnwood/Leicestershire biodiversity and wildlife partners meetings		Officer time	BD, P&D	Ongoing	1n, 9b

## **Section B – Site Specific Improvement Plan**

Section B identifies ways to improve open space in Charnwood. A significant part of this is to address the shortfalls in Access, Quantity and Quality prioritised within the Open Spaces Strategy.

This section is considered an active document, for input from the appropriate management organisation and the local communities, as opportunities and needs develop.

The information from the Open Spaces Assessment Study has been compiled for each Parish alongside current developments planned and proposed for each area. Where CBC manages land (Loughborough), this has been developed into a project plan which is displayed as a table below.

For other areas, the information will be presented to Parish Councils to develop, with CBC support, a similar project plan as requested.

Where a new development is proposed and discussions arise regarding the type of open space to be provided, the projects presented here will be consulted.

## SECTION B: Addressing shortfalls in access, quantity & quality in Loughborough

### PRIORITY PROJECTS

Ref.	Ward	Project	Proposed Resources/ potential funding	Timescale	Links to OSS policies / Reason why this is a priority
8.9.1	All Wards	<p><b>Loughborough Playground Improvement Plan : Phase 1</b> For the refurbishment and enhancement of existing play facilities throughout Loughborough. This is the first phase as part of a rolling programme of works to address creeping obsolescence of playgrounds</p>	£50,000 (potential funding from capital plan, developer contributions or external grants. e.g. Landfill Tax.)	2020-2023	<p>Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents.</p> <p>Links to OSS objective 5a,5b,5e</p>
8.9.2	All Wards	<p><b>Loughborough Outdoor Gym project : Phase 1</b> Work to development of a suite of outdoor gym zones within key parks/open spaces within Loughborough. Phase 1 is to develop 2 gym zones at an approximate cost of £20,000 per zone. To compliment Southfields Park gym and the forthcoming Jubilee Park gym and to be followed by another phase subject to the availability of funds.</p>	£40,000 (potential funding from capital plan, developer contributions or external grants. e.g. Landfill Tax.)	2020-2023	<p>Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents. Will help to address shortfalls in youth and adult provision in either priority or growing neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Links to OSS objective 6d</p>
8.9.3	All Wards	<p><b>Allotment Improvement Plan : Phase 1</b> Identify and secure new allotment site to Serve the Ashby, Dishley, Garendon and Nanpantan Wards.</p> <p>Undertake further improvement to key</p>	£25,000 (potential funding from capital plan and developer contributions)	2020-2023	<p>Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents. To address identified shortfalls in quality.</p>

		allotment sites to provide safe and secure access and boundary infrastructure. This is the first phase of a rolling programme of works to address the shortfall in availability and the creeping			Links to OSS objective 7d
8.9.4	Hathern & Dishley, Outwoods, Shelthorpe	<p><b>Loughborough PPS/emerging FA Actions</b> To implement the combined PPS action plan and emerging recommendations from FA.</p> <p><b>Derby Road:</b> New FF compliant changing facilities. Improved cricket pavilion/changing facilities and upgraded football pitches/cricket outfield. Develop cricket practice facilities</p> <p><b>Lodge Farm Sports Ground:</b> Refurbish and secure changing facilities.</p> <p><b>Nanpantan Sports Ground:</b> Refurbishment of internal elements of ancillary facilities serving football, cricket &amp; tennis to bring up to recognised Standards.</p> <p><b>Park Road Sports Ground:</b> Installation of new floodlighting to two community courts. Possible additional work to support court booking may be considered along with security measures to combat anti-social behaviour and improvements to car parking</p>	Total project cost £1m. (£500k secured from Capital Plan. £500k match funding required from Football Foundation/Sport England)	2019-2024	<p>Identified shortfall in PPS</p> <p>Links to OSS objective 1l, 1n &amp; 6d</p>
8.9.5	Hastings	<p><b>Allsops Lane Country Park</b> Restoration of former landfill site and grazing land. Creation of major recreational area/country park on the eastern edge of Loughborough. Delivery of Phase 1 &amp; 2 estimated at £300k,</p>	Total project cost £ 300k. £180,000 (secured developer contributions); £120k required (potential Capital Plan & external funding)	2019-2024	<p>Required to serve the needs of residents and visitors to the Borough.</p> <p>Links to OSS objective 3a &amp; 1r</p>

8.9.6	Hastings	<b>Bell Foundry Pocket Park : Phase 2</b> Additional works to expand the play offer in a priority area where there is an indemnifiable need and an overwhelming level of local support.	£22,000 (secured developer contributions)	2019-2020	Required to serve the needs of residents and visitors to the Borough.  Links to OSS objective 3a & 1r
8.9.7	Lemyngton	<b>Loughborough Parish Green Project</b> Co-ordinated approach to refurbishment and restoration of heritage assets and open space to enhance the historic heart of the town centre. Brings together a cohesive strategy for the Rectory Museum and grounds, The Rectory Wildlife Garden, All Saints Church & churchyard and Fearon Hall.	Total project cost £250k. £8,000 (secured developer contribution towards Rectory Wildlife Garden); c£250,000 required from other sources including Capital Plan & external funding e.g. National Lottery.	2019-2024	Required to serve the needs of residents and visitors to the Town Centre and to provide a quality setting to the heritage quarter of the Town.  Links to OSS objective 1r, 10a & b
8.9.8	Outwoods	<b>Loughborough Burial Provision</b> Creation of new cemetery on land at Nanpantan. Overall masterplan to be produced to guide phased development of the site as appropriate.	£650,000 (secured Capital Plan)	2018-2022	The provision of a burial service is a priority service to Loughborough residents.  Links to OSS objective 8a
8.9.9	Outwoods	<b>The Outwoods Visitor Infrastructure Project</b> Installation of new natural play features, re-development of the former Ranger cottage as a key destination site for visitor centre/café facility, redesign of ranger base.	Total project cost £223k. £140,000 (secured European Structural Investment Fund; £183,000 secured Capital Plan)	2018-2020	Required to serve the needs of residents and visitors to the Borough. Links to the Charnwood Forest Regional Park  Links to OSS objective 1g, 1r & 8a

8.9.10	Southfields	<p><b>Queens Park Play improvement project : Phase 1</b></p> <p>As the main destination park for Loughborough, the current play facilities are becoming fatigued and in need of refreshment. This key project is required to refurbish and upgrade park facilities for children &amp; young people to ensure the park continues to provide recreation and play facilities at a high standard. Future phases will address the wider fabric and facilities of the park.</p>	£250,000 (potential Capital Plan Project)	2020-2021	<p>Required to ensure existing "destination park" for Loughborough continues to serve the needs and expectations of residents and visitors.</p> <p>Links to OSS objective 1r, 5a,b &amp; c)</p>
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#### MEDIUM PRIORITY PROJECTS

Ref.	Ward	Project	Proposed Resources/ potential funding	Timescale	Links to OSS policies / Reason why this is a priority
8.9.11	All Wards	<p><b>Loughborough Playground Improvement Plan : Phase 2</b></p> <p>Develop new implementation plan for the refurbishment and enhancement of existing play facilities throughout Loughborough. This is the proposed second phase of a rolling programme of works to address creeping obsolescence of playgrounds.</p>	£50,000 this phase (potential capital plan funding & external grant scheme e.g. Landfill Tax. Potential developer contribution).	At the earliest opportunity	<p>Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents.</p> <p>Links to OSS objective 5a,5b,5e</p>
8.9.12	All Wards	<p><b>Loughborough Outdoor Gym project : Phase 2</b></p> <p>Ongoing development of a suite of outdoor gym zones within key parks/open spaces</p>	£40,000 (Potential Capital plan project/developer contribution)	At the earliest opportunity	Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents. Will

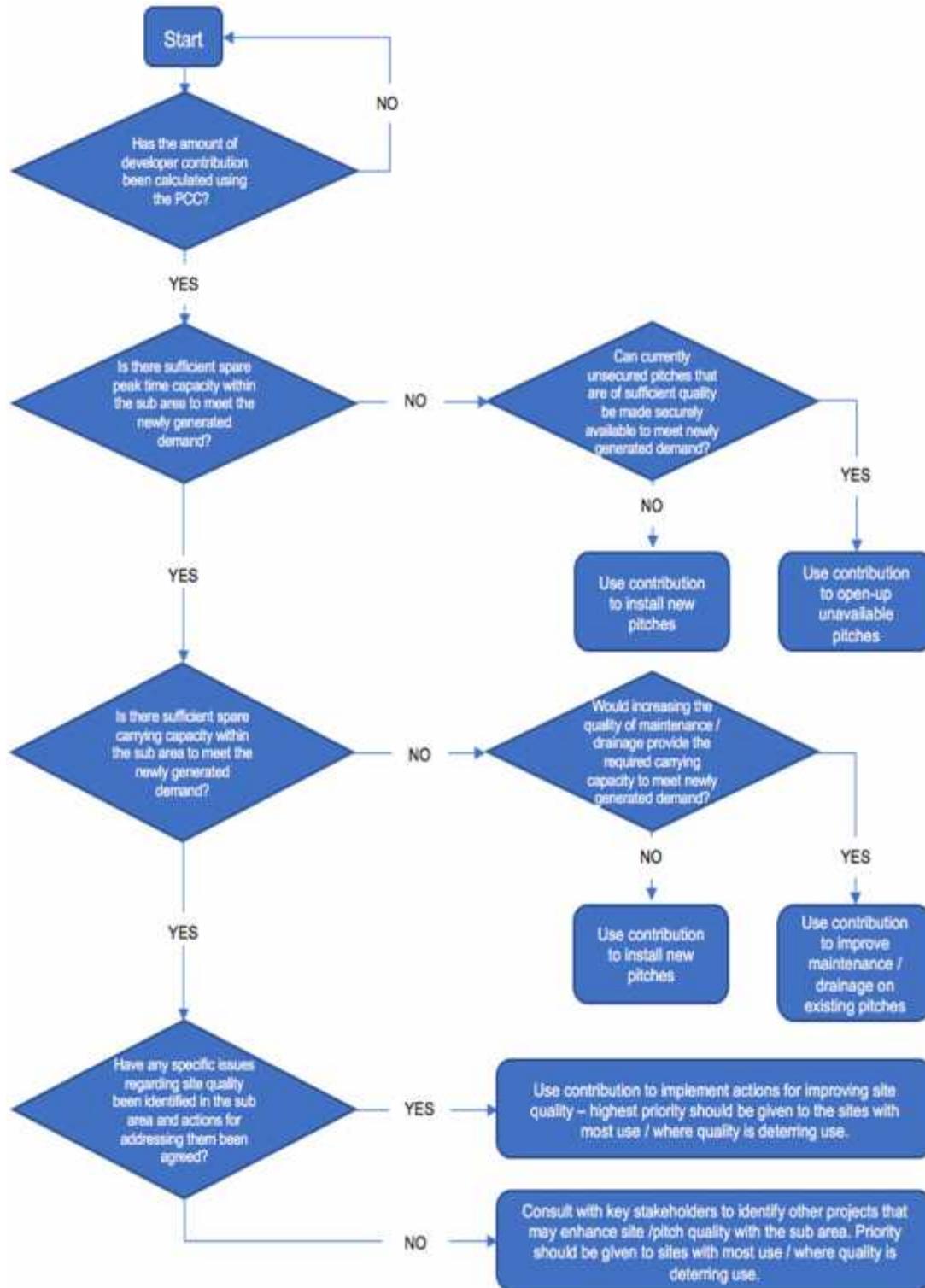
		within Loughborough. Phase 2 is to develop 2 additional gym zones at an approximate cost of £20,000 per zone. To compliment Southfields Park gym and the forthcoming Jubilee Park gym and the proposed facilities in Phase 1.			help to address shortfalls in youth and adult provision in either priority or growing neighbourhoods  Links to OSS objective 1n
8.9.13	All Wards	<b>Allotment Improvement Plan : Phase 2</b> Identify and secure new allotment site to Serve the Ashby, Dishley, Garendon and Nanpantan Wards. Undertake further improvement to key allotment sites to provide safe and secure access and boundary infrastructure. This is the second phase of a rolling programme of works to address the shortfall in availability and the creeping obsolescence of existing allotment facilities.	£25,000 (potential Capital Plan & developer contributions Project)	At the earliest opportunity	Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents. To address identified shortfalls in quality.  Links to OSS objective 7d
8.9.14	All Wards	<b>Natural &amp; Semi Natural Open Space improvement</b> Improvements to the access and recreational value of key wildlife sites throughout Loughborough, including provision of new seating, footpath improvements and appropriate access furniture.	£60,000 (potential Capital Plan project)	At the earliest opportunity	Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents. To address identified shortfalls in quality.  Links to OSS objective 3a
8.9.15	All Wards	<b>Open Spaces welcoming signage</b> Provision of suitable welcoming signage to key open spaces.	£90,000 (potential Capital Plan project)	At the earliest opportunity	Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents. To address identified

					shortfalls in quality.  Links to OSS objective 1i,j
8.9.16	All Wards	<b>Environmental Enhancement Works:</b> <b>Including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truelovers walk</li> <li>• Westfield Road</li> <li>• Wheel tappers way</li> <li>• Nottingham Road</li> </ul>	100k (potential Capital Plan & developer contributions Project)	At the earliest opportunity	Addressing ongoing or deteriorating environmental issues and to improve gateways or high profile locations within the town  Links to OSS objective 1g, 1l, 4a, 4b & 1n.
8.9.17	Ashby	<b>Garendon Green</b> Growing local momentum behind improving facilities in a local open space area with an identified shortfall.	£50,000 (potential Capital Plan project/developer contribution).	At the earliest opportunity	Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents  Links to OSS objective 4a
8.9.18	Outwoods	<b>Outwoods &amp; Nanpantan play projects</b> A project to address play shortfall in Forest Road area of both Nanpantan or Outwoods wards:  Improvements to address shortfalls in these wards at site to include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bramcote road</li> <li>• Moat Road;</li> <li>• Mardale;</li> <li>• Nanpantan playing fields;</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	£100k (Capital Programme, developer contributions and external funding.)	At the earliest opportunity	A project to address play shortfall in the Outwoods ward.  Links to OSS objective 1k

8.8.19	Shelthorpe	<b>Shelthorpe Golf Course</b> Improve the accessibility and use of the golf facility with refreshed facilities, infrastructure and additional recreational measures such as “foot-golf”.	£50,000 (potential developer contribution).	At the earliest opportunity	Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents. Identified Shortfalls in PPS  Links to OSS objective 6d
8.8.20	Shelthorpe	<b>Laurel Road play area</b> Potential new play area on Laurel Road open space to address shortfalls in LEAP/NEAP accessibility	£120,000 (Capital Programme, developer contributions and external funding.)	At the earliest opportunity	Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents.  Links to OSS objective 5a & 5f.
8.8.21	Shelthorpe	<b>Allendale Road Recreation Ground</b> Provision of new play features and general improvements to open space function.	£82,800 (secured developer contributions). £50,000 (potential capital plan funding).	At the earliest opportunity	Required to serve the needs of new and existing residents. Developer contribution Secured through Grange Park development  Links to OSS objective 4a, 4b & 1e
8.8.22	Southfields	<b>Southfields ball court</b> Works to broaden appeal of a park, and deter anti-social behaviour.	£50 (Capital Programme and external funding.)	At the earliest opportunity	Links to OSS objective 11

**APPENDIX 1:**

***Decision-making process on developer contribution project prioritisation***



**APPENDIX 2:  
Proposed standards testing**

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	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
<b>Towns</b>				
<b>Loughborough Ashby Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	1.32	0.51	-5.80	Houses on Rupert Brooke Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Amenity Green Space	1.97			✓
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	6.32	0.97		✓
Children's Play	2	0.31		Houses to the south of Gracedieu Road are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the east Hermitage Road and west of Gracedieu Road are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	1	0.15		A small number of houses on Blackbrook Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-2.14	Houses to the west of Schofield Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility
<b>Loughborough Dishley</b>				
Parks and Gardens	4.28	2.01	2.57	✓
Amenity Green Space	4.16			✓
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	20.90	4.98		✓
Children's Play	2	0.48		✓
Teenage Provision	0	0.00		Houses on Leslie Close and Deighton Way are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility.
				✓

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-1.38	A number of houses on Maxwell Drive and Maclean Avenue are not covered by proposed accessibility.
<b>Loughborough Garendon Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.00	1.31	-0.54	✓
Amenity Green Space	7.62			✓
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	19.00	3.26		✓
Children's Play	1	0.17		Houses to the north of Windleden Road and west of Kinross Crescent are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the south of Ravensthorpe Drive are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	1	0.17		✓
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-1.92	Houses to the west of Althorpe Drive and North of Old Ashby Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
<b>Loughborough Hastings Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.46	-5.65	✓
Amenity Green Space	2.76			Houses on King George Road, Tuckers Road, Cooper Crescent and Hayward Avenue are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	20.98	3.49		✓
Children's Play	4	0.67		Houses to the north of Empress Road and south of Tuckers Road are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the south of Beeches Road are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	1	0.17		✓
Allotments	1.05	0.17	-0.93	✓

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
<b>Loughborough Lemyngton Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.75	0.46	-6.10	✓
Amenity Green Space	2.25			Houses on Kings Avenue, Middle Avenue, Holmfield Avenue and Brisco Avenue are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	86.67	13.33		✓
Children's Play	4	0.62		Houses between Kings Avenue and Brisco Avenue are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	2	0.31		✓
Allotments	2.18	0.34	0.04	✓
<b>Loughborough Garendon Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.00	1.31	-0.54	✓
Amenity Green Space	7.62			✓
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	19.00	3.26		✓
Children's Play	1	0.17		Houses to the north of Windleden Road and west of Kinross Crescent are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the south of Ravensthorpe Drive are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	1	0.17		✓
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-1.92	Houses to the west of Althorpe Drive and North of Old Ashby Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
<b>Loughborough Nanpantan Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.45	-5.17	Houses on Martindale Close and Shepherds Close are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Amenity Green Space	2.45			Some houses on Spinney Hill Drive are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	8.46	1.55		✓
Children's Play	1	0.18		Houses to the east of Spinney Hill Drive and south of Nicolson Road are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. No houses are covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	0	0.00		Houses to the south of Coniston Crescent are not covered by the proposed accessibility
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-1.80	Houses to west of Ludlow Close are not covered by proposed accessibility.
<b>Loughborough Outwoods Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.00	1.12	-1.60	Houses to the South of Outwoods Drive are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Amenity Green Space	6.38			Houses on Farndale Close, Beaufort Avenue, Parklands Drive and parts of Pytchley Drive are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	78.42	13.77		✓
Children's Play	3	0.53		Houses between the south of Sunnyhill Road and north of Springfield Close are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the south of Holt Drive are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	0	0.00		Houses to the South of Pytchley Drive and west of Beacon Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
Allotments	1.57	0.28	-0.31	✓
<b>Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.00	1.15	-1.85	Houses to the South of Parklands Drive and Willow Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Amenity Green Space	8.53			Houses on Broadway, Walnut Road and Hazel Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	9.49	1.28		✓
Children's Play	2	0.27		Houses to the south of Broadway are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the south of Knox Road are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	1	0.13		X
Allotments	0.74	0.10	-1.71	✓
<b>Loughborough Southfields Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	7.23	1.27	-0.89	✓
Amenity Green Space	1.29			Houses to the North of the sub area are covered by Park and Gardens accessibility)
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.43	0.06		Houses on Edelin Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Children's Play	3	0.45		✓
Teenage Provision	3	0.45		✓
Allotments	3.38	0.50	1.16	✓
<b>Loughborough Storer Ward</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.48	-5.58	Houses on Durham Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
Amenity Green Space	2.92			Houses to the North of Knightthorpe Road and East of Tyler Avenue are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00		✓
Children's Play	4	0.66		✓
Teenage Provision	1	0.16		✓
Allotments	1.75	0.29		-0.25
<b>Shepshed CP</b>				
Parks and Gardens	2.80	0.97	-5.87	Houses to the south of Ashby Road central are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Amenity Green Space	10.24			Houses to the east of Leicester Road and south of Ashby Road central are not covered by the proposed accessibility. Park and Gardens accessibility for houses on Kirkhill, Field Street and parts of Belton Street.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	8.93	0.66		Houses on McCarthy Road, Neville Close and Stableford Close are not covered by the existing accessibility.
Children's Play	10	0.74		Houses to the South of Springfield Drive/Fairway Road and east of Windsor Drive are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the South of Kings Road are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	2	0.15		X
Allotments	3.92	0.29	-0.53	Houses to west of Thorpe Road are not covered by proposed accessibility.

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
<b>Service Centres</b>				
<b>Anstey CP</b>				
Parks and Gardens	3.00	1.85	2.94	✓
Amenity Green Space	9.08			Houses to the north of Link Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	16.46	2.52		Houses in proximity to Graves Way are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Children's Play	4	0.61		Houses on Fairhaven Road are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility. Houses to the north of Bradgate Road and adjacent to Graves Way are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	1	0.15		Houses on Fairhaven Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Allotments	1.55	0.24	-0.60	Houses to the south of South of Dalby Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility
<b>Barrow upon Soar CP</b>				
Parks and Gardens	2.38	2.48	6.43	Houses to the north of Brooker Close are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Amenity Green Space	12.39			✓
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00		X
Children's Play	4	0.67		✓
Teenage Provision	2	0.34		✓
Allotments	1.92	0.32	-0.05	Houses to the south of the train line and east of Melton Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
<b>Mountsorrel CP</b>				
Parks and Gardens	0.00	2.77	11.24	<b>X</b>
Amenity Green Space	22.75			Houses to the west of Walton Way are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	11.11	1.35		Houses to the north west of Peppers Close are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Children's Play	3	0.36		Houses to the South of Boundary Road and Speedwell Road are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the North of Walton Way are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	3	0.36		✓
Allotments	0.39	0.05	-2.33	Houses to the east of Rothley Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
<b>Quorndon CP</b>				
Parks and Gardens	2.30	1.50	0.52	✓
Amenity Green Space	5.47			Houses to the south of Chaveney Road and east of Paddock Close are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	6.36	1.23		Houses on Northage Close and Unitt Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Children's Play	4	0.77		Houses to the south of Freeman Way are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the east of Craddock Drive are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	2	0.39		Houses to the east of Craddock Drive are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Allotments	2.24	0.43	0.53	Houses to the south of Loughborough Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility	
<b>Rothley CP</b>					
Parks and Gardens	0.00	3.50	8.17	X	
Amenity Green Space	13.63			✓	
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	14.30	3.67		Houses to the south of Woodfield Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.	
Children's Play	7	1.80		Houses on Grangefield Drive and the north west corner of Woodfield Road are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the North of Manor Holt Drive are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.	
Teenage Provision	0	0.00		Houses to the south of bier Way are not covered by the proposed accessibility.	
Allotments	1.34	0.34	0.05	Houses to the north of Woodfield Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility	
<b>Sileby CP</b>					
Parks and Gardens	5.78	1.35	-0.37	✓	
Amenity Green Space	4.82			Houses to north of Herrick Close and south of Flaxland Crescent are not covered by the proposed accessibility.	
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00		Houses to the east of Cossington Road are not covered by the proposed accessibility.	
Children's Play	6	0.77		✓	Houses between Heathcote Drive and Swan Street are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	1	0.13		Houses to the North of Southfield Avenue are not covered by the proposed accessibility.	
Allotments	1.07	0.14	-1.52	Houses parallel to Wheat Hill End are not covered by the proposed accessibility.	

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard	Accessibility
<b>Syston CP</b>				
Parks and Gardens	9.33	0.99	-5.28	✓
Amenity Green Space	3.31			Houses to the north of central Drive, east of Wilkes Way and St Pauls Drive are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	30.30	2.37		Houses between the north east of the train line, and west of Victoria Street are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Children's Play	7	0.55		Houses between Goodes Lane and Church Crescent are not covered by the proposed LEAP accessibility. Houses to the North of High Street are not covered by the proposed NEAP accessibility.
Teenage Provision	2	0.16		Houses to the South of Meadway are not covered by the proposed accessibility.
Allotments	2.04	0.16	-2.18	Houses to the South of Syston station and west of Fosse Way are not covered by the proposed accessibility

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
<b>Other Settlements</b>			
<b>Barkby CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	-0.44
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.54	1.72	
Children's Play	0	0.00	

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.10
<b>Burton on the Wolds CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	2.44	1.27
Amenity Green Space	2.98		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.36	0.30	
Children's Play	2	1.64	
Teenage Provision	1	1	
Allotments	0.43	0.36	0.03
<b>Cossington CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	-0.84
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.20
<b>East Goscote CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	3.24	5.27
Amenity Green Space	9.28		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	4	1.40	
Teenage Provision	1	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.95

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
<b>Hathern CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	3.42	2.41	1.88
Amenity Green Space	1.08		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	2	1.07	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	3.53	1.89	2.92
<b>Newtown Linford CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	1.44	0.05
Amenity Green Space	1.59		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	416.89	377.96	
Children's Play	1	0.91	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.36
<b>Queniborough CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	1.74	0.80
Amenity Green Space	4.06		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	1	0.43	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.77

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
<b>Rearsby CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	2.04	0.71
Amenity Green Space	2.24		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	2	1.82	
Teenage Provision	1	1	
Allotments	1.66	1.52	1.30
<b>Thrussington CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.15	-0.73
Amenity Green Space	0.09		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.09	0.15	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.19
<b>Thurcaston and Cropston CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	1.33	-0.14
Amenity Green Space	2.77		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	1	0.48	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.68

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
<b>Wymeswold CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	2.86	1.89
Amenity Green Space	3.71		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	2	1.54	
Teenage Provision	1	1	
Allotments	0.55	0.42	0.12
<b>Small Villages and Hamlets</b>			
<b>Barkby Thorpe CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Beeby CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	-0.16
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.04

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
<b>Cotes CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Hoton CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	-0.49
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	1	2.83	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.12
<b>Prestwold CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
<b>Ratcliffe on the Wreake CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	-0.25
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.06
<b>Seagrave CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	4.31	1.59
Amenity Green Space	2.35		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	1	1.83	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.72	1.31	0.54
<b>South Croxton CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	-0.37
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	1	3.83	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.09

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
<b>Swithland CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	-0.30
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	10.96	50.51	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-0.07
<b>Thurmaston CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	1.75	0.70	-6.78
Amenity Green Space	5.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	64.49	6.67	
Children's Play	3	0.31	
Teenage Provision	2	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	-3.19
<b>Ulverscroft CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Current provision	Current provision per 1000	Application to proposed standard
<b>Walton on the Wolds CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	1.09	-0.09
Amenity Green Space	0.31		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	
<b>Wanlip CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	0.00	-0.43
Amenity Green Space	0.00		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	0.00	0.00	
Children's Play	0	0.00	
Teenage Provision	0	0	
Allotments	0.00	0.00	
<b>Woodhouse CP</b>			
Parks and Gardens	0.00	2.69	2.99
Amenity Green Space	6.24		
Natural and Semi Natural and Green Corridors	95.25	41.07	
Children's Play	1	0.43	
Teenage Provision	1	0	
Allotments	0.83	0.36	

### APPENDIX 3: Playing Pitch Strategy 2018 – Action Plan

SUB-AREA	SITE	ACTION TYPE	ISSUE / OPPORTUNITY	KEY ACTION(S)	PARTNERS	ESTIMATED COST	TIMESCALE	PRIORITY	STRATEGIC LINK(S) FROM SPORT BY SPORT ACTION PLAN TABLE 15.1
CHARNWOOD FOREST	ANSTEY RECREATION GROUND	Enhance	Quality of AGP surface is poor	Resurface AGP	FF, LRFA, LTA, Anstey Parish Council	£70,000	Med	Med	T5
CHARNWOOD FOREST	ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	Provide	Lack of toilets	Provide DDA-compliant WC facilities on site	RFU, Anstey RFC, Anstey Parish Council,	£10,000	Med	Med	RU4
CHARNWOOD FOREST	CROPSTON CRICKET CLUB	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary	Refurbish ancillary	ECB, LCCC and Cropston CC	£20,000	Short	Med	C7
		Enhance	Poor-quality build net facility	Refurbish built net facility	ECB, LCCC and Cropston CC	£10,000	Short	Med	C4
		Provide	Growing junior section	Provide a NTP wicket for junior practice and match play	ECB, LCCC and Cropston CC	£20,000	Med	Med	C3
CHARNWOOD FOREST	KING GEORGE'S FIELD	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Full refurbishment of ancillary facilities	FF, LRFA, ECB, Woodhouse PC, Woodhouse Imperial FC	£12,000	Med	Med	F6
CHARNWOOD FOREST		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA, Woodhouse PC and Woodhouse Imperial FC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
CHARNWOOD FOREST	NEWTOWN LINFORD CRICKET CLUB	Provide	Pitches are near capacity	Install an NTP on the site to be used for junior matches and training sessions.	ECB, LCCC and Newtown Linford CC	£20,000	Short	High	C3

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CHARNWOOD FOREST	THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	Enhance	Poor-quality pitches due to poor maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve pitch quality	FF, LRFA, Anstey FC, The Martin High School	£6,000	Med	High	F5
LOUGHBOROUGH	CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 11 v 11 football	FF, LRFA and Charnwood College	£1,500	Short	Med	F3
LOUGHBOROUGH	DE LISLE COLLEGE	Enhance	Poor-quality NTP	Refurbish NTP	ECB, LCCC and De Lisle College	£5,000	Short	Low	C3
LOUGHBOROUGH	DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Provide	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Replace ancillary facilities with FF specification compliant changing facilities	FF, LRFA, Charnwood Borough Council	£630,000	Med	High	F6
		Provide	Inadequate practice facilities	Build a 2-lane net facility	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£30,000	Med	Med	C4
		Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary	Refurbish ancillary	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£20,000	Med	Med	C7
		Enhance	Undulating outfield	Additional maintenance to address undulation	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£10,000	Med	Med	C5
LOUGHBOROUGH	LODGE FARM SPORTS GROUND	Enhance	Damage to ancillary facilities from antisocial behaviour	Improve ancillary security and refurbish damaged elements of the facility	Charnwood Borough Council, FF and LRFA	£15,000	Short	Med	F6

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LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON CRICKET CLUB	Enhance	Poor quality NTP and practice nets	Refurbish NTP and practice nets	ECB, LCCC and Loughborough Carillion Cricket Club	£15,000	Short	High	C3
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH CHARNWOOD OLD BOYS CC	Enhance	Poor drainage on outfield	Increase maintenance on outfield to improve drainage	ECB, LCCC, and Loughborough Charnwood Old Boys CC	£5,000	Short	Med	C5
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO FC	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish internal elements of ancillary facility	FF, LRFA, Loughborough Dynamo FC and Charnwood Borough Council	£10,000	Med	Med	F6
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Provide	Pitches over capacity	Install an NTP on the site to be used for junior matches and training sessions.	ECB, LCCC, Loughborough Greenfields Sports and Social Club	£20,000	Short	High	C3
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH QUEENS PARK BOWLS CLUB	Enhance	Poor quality of green due to current water management system	Amend existing water management system	Charnwood Borough Council, Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club, Bowls England, Leicestershire Bowls	£10,000	Short	High	B2, B5
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Enhance	Lack of carrying capacity on site	Improve the maintenance level of the pitches across 3 pitches and install artificial drainage (pipe drainage) on one of the pitches	RFU, Loughborough RFC, Charnwood Borough Council	£130,000	Short	High	RU2
		Enhance	Inadequate clubhouse for the club's needs	Support the club in upgrading their clubhouse facility	Loughborough RFC, RFU, Charnwood Borough Council	£200,000	Med	Med	RU4
		Enhance	Inadequate floodlighting	Support the club in upgrading their floodlit capacity by installing standard recognised floodlighting on two pitches	Loughborough RFC, RFU, Charnwood Borough Council	£100,000	Short	High	RU5

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LOUGHBOROUGH	NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	Enhance	Significant additional demand is about to be placed on site	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	Charnwood Borough Council, IDverde, associated Clubs, FF and LFC	£6,000	Short	High	F5
		Provide	1 lane of practice nets servicing 2 cricket pitches	Build a 2-lane net facility	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£30,000	Med	High	C4
		Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish interior and exterior of main facility used for football	Charnwood Borough Council, FF, LRFA and associated Clubs	£10,000	Med	High	F6
		Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish ancillary facilities	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£50,000	Med	Med	C7
LOUGHBOROUGH	PARK ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Provide	Lack of community tennis facilities	Install 6 floodlit all-weather tennis courts	LTA and Charnwood Borough Council	£455,000	Short	High	T3
		Enhance	Antisocial behaviour on site	Increase security of the site	Charnwood Borough Council, Loughborough Town CC, ECB and LCCC	£10,000	Short	Med	C6
LOUGHBOROUGH	SHELTHORPE GOLF COURSE	Enhance	Facility is financially unsustainable in its current form	Undertake an options appraisal on the facility	Charnwood Borough Council, England Golf	£20,000	Short	Med	G5, G6
LOUGHBOROUGH	WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Enhance	Poor-quality goal posts	Replace Goal Posts	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and Woodbrook Vale High School	£1,000	Short	Med	F3

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		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and Woodbrook Vale High School	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	Provide	Lack of capacity on site	Add 1 x senior pitch to the site (through conversion of existing 11 v 11 football pitch) and invest in improved floodlighting.	RFU, Sileby Vikings, Platts Charity and Cossington PC	£115,000	Short	High	RU2
		Enhance	Poor ancillary	Refurbish ancillary	ECB, LCCC and Queniborough CC	£35,000	Short	Med	C7
		Enhance	Poor-quality pitch	Increase maintenance on site to meet requirements of the club	ECB, LCCC and Queniborough CC	£10,000	Short	Med	C5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	REARSBY ROAD	Enhance	Unevenness of pitches	Agronomist inspection of pitches to determine cause of undulation and appropriate action	FF, LRFA, Queniborough PC and associated football Clubs	£750	Med	Med	F5

RURAL SOUTH EAST	SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Enhance	Lack of female changing in clubhouse	Extend clubhouse to add ensuite female changing provision	Syston RFC, RFU	£200,000	Med	High	RU4
		Enhance	Lack of capacity on site	Install artificial drainage (pipe drainage) onto a minimum of 1 of the senior pitches on site	Syston RFC, RFU	£115,000	Short	Med	RU2

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		Enhance	Poor-quality NTP	Refurbish NTP	ECB, LCCC, Queniborough CC,	£5,000	Short	Med	C3
		Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary	Refurbish the internal and external of the ancillary facility	ECB, LCCC, Queniborough CC,	£20,000	Med	Med	C7
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Enhance	Poor drainage caused by lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance to improve drainage	RFU, Iveshead School, Shepshed RFC	£7,500	Short	Med	RU2
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA and Iveshead School	£6,000	Short	Med	F5
		Enhance	Quality of AGP surface is poor	Resurface AGP	FF, LRFA and Iveshead School	£80,000	Short	Low	F9
		Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 9 v 9 football	FF, LRFA, AFC Sporting Charnwood, Iveshead School	£2,800	Short	Med	F3
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	LITTLE HAW LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Enhance	Unevenness of pitches	Agronomist inspection of pitches to determine cause of undulation and appropriate action	FF, LRFA, Shepshed TC and associated football Clubs	£750	Short	Med	F5
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	MORLEY LANE CRICKET GROUND	Provide	Rotting wooden Club house	Replace clubhouse	ECB, LCCC and Shepshed CC	£240,000	Med	High	C7

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		Enhance	Poor quality of maintenance equipment	Support club in acquiring new maintenance equipment	ECB, LCCC, Shepshed CC	£5,000	Short	Med	C5
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Enhance	Poor quality of maintenance equipment	Support club in acquiring new maintenance equipment	ECB, LCCC, Hathern Old CC and Hathern PC	£5,000	Short	Med	C5
SHEPSHED-HATHERN		Provide	Dog-fouling on pitch	Provide additional signage and bins to discourage dog fouling on site	Hathern PC	£2,000	Short	Med	C5, C6
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS (SITE 2)	Provide	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Provide a 2-team changing room plus officials' ancillary facility on site	FF, LRFA, Hathern PC, and Hathern FC	£240,000	Short	Med	F6
		Provide	Rotting wooden club house	Replace clubhouse	ECB, LCCC and Shepshed CC	£240,000	Med	High	C7
		Enhance	Poor quality of maintenance equipment	Support club in acquiring new maintenance equipment	ECB, LCCC, Shepshed CC	£5,000	Short	Med	C5
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA, Hathern FC Hathern PC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
		Enhance	Poor-quality equipment storage and scoreboard	Extend the pavilion and replace maintenance sheds and scoreboard	ECB, LCCC, Shepshed CC	£100,000	Long	Low	C7
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	PUDDING BAG LANE	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities and equipment	Develop a pavilion; replace nets and practice nets; install NTW	ECB, LCCC, Shepshed CC	£250,000	Med	Med	C7

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SHEPshed-HATHERN	THE DOVECOTE STADIUM	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish exterior ancillary facility	FF, LRFA, Shepshed FC	£100,000	Med	High	F6
SOAR VALLEY	CAVES FIELD	Enhance	Poor quality ancillary	Refurbish ancillary	ECB, LCCC and Quorn CC	£20,000	Short	Med	C7
		Provide	Growing junior section	Provide a NTP wicket for junior practice and match play	ECB, LCCC and Quorn CC	£20,000	Med	Med	C3
SOAR VALLEY	ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	Enhance	Floodlights are not compliant with league specifications	Upgrade/replace floodlights to FA Entry Level Match Competition Specifications	FF, LRFA, Thurmaston FC and Thurmaston PC	£50,000	Med	Med	F2
SOAR VALLEY	FOWKES ST PARK	Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 9 v 9 football	FF, LRFA, Rothley FC and Thurmaston PC	£1,300	Short	Med	F3
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA, Rothley Imps Juniors and Rothley PC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
SOAR VALLEY	JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS	Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 football	FF, LRFA, East Goscote Juniors, FC, East Goscote United FC, East Goscote PC	£2,800	Short	Med	F3

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		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage and increase capacity	FF, LRFA, East Goscote Juniors, FC, East Goscote United FC, East Goscote PC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
SOAR VALLEY	MEADOW LANE (SITE 1)	Provide	Additional Youth 11 v 11 pitch required	Install new Youth 11 v 11 Pitch	FF, LRFA, Birstall United Juniors	£70,000	Short	High	F2
SOAR VALLEY	MEADOW LANE (SITE 2)	Provide	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Replace ancillary facilities with FF specification-compliant changing facilities	FF, LRFA and Birstall Juniors FC	£240,000	Short	High	F6
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA and Birstall Juniors FC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
SOAR VALLEY	MEADOW LANE (SITE 3)	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish external of the ancillary facility	FF, LRFA and Birstall Juniors FC	£10,000	Med	Med	F6
SOAR VALLEY	MEMORIAL PARK	Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA, Sileby PC and associated Clubs	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
		Provide	Dog-fouling	Provide additional signage and bins	Sileby PC	£2,000	Short	High	F5, F6
		Enhance	Inadequate changing facilities	Refurbish and extend ancillary facilities to make them FF specification compliant	FF, LRFA, Sileby PC and Sileby Juniors and Sileby Victoria Football Clubs	£200,000	Med	High	F6

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SOAR VALLEY	MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND	Provide	Site is over capacity	Install new Youth 11 v 11 Pitch	FF, LRFA, The War Memorial Trust	£70,000	Short	Med	F2
		Provide	Dog-fouling on pitch	Provide additional signage and bins to discourage dog fouling on side	Charnwood Borough Council and Mountsorrel PC	£2,000	Short	Med	F5, F6
		Enhance	Site is over capacity	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	FF, LRFA, The War Memorial Trust	£6,000	Short	Low	F2
SOAR VALLEY	RAWLINS ACADEMY	Enhance	Lack of capacity on 11 v 11 pitches	Increase maintenance on 11 v 11 pitches to help increase capacity	Rawlins Academy and associated Clubs, FF and LRFA	£6,000	Short	Med	F2
		Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 11 v 11 football	FF, LRFA and Rawlins Academy	£1,300	Short	Med	F3
SOAR VALLEY	ROTHLEY PARK CRICKET CLUB	Enhance	Poor-quality NTP	Refurbish NTP	ECB, LCCC and Rothley Park CC	£5,000	Short	Med	C3
SOAR VALLEY	ROTHLEY SPORT AND SOCIAL CLUB	Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 11 v 11 football	FF, LRFA, Rothley Sports and Social Club, Rothley Imps FC, Rothley PC a	£1,300	Short	Med	F3
		Enhance	Inadequate ancillary facilities	Refurbish and extend ancillary facilities to make them FF specification compliant	FF, LRFA, Rothley Sports and Social Club, Rothley Imps FC, Rothley PC	£200,000	Med	Med	F6
SOAR VALLEY	SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Provide	Lack of DDA-compliant facilities on-site	Add DDA-compliant facilities to the site	Birstall Men's Bowls Club, Birstall Ladies Club, Birstall PC, Bowls England	£10,000	Short	High	B6

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		Provide	Lack of fixed practice nets	Install a two-lane NTP facility	ECB, LCCC, Birstall Village CC, Birstall PC	£30,000	Med	High	C4
		Enhance	Pavilion is too small for the club's needs	Extend the pavilion to the east of the site (as per the club's plans)	ECB, LCCC, Birstall Village CC, Birstall PC	£20,000	Med	Med	C7
SOAR VALLEY	SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB	Provide	Only the site's second pitch does not meet LCCP regulations	Add a new ECB and LCCP compliant ancillary facility to the second pitch	ECB, LCCC and Sileby Town CC	£240,000	Med	Med	C7
SOAR VALLEY	SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Enhance	Poor-quality playing surface	Resurface AGP as a sand dressed surface	England Hockey, Charnwood Borough Council, Charnwood Sileby HC and Charnwood Mountsorrel HC	£500,000	Short	High	H2, H3
SOAR VALLEY	THURMASTON BOWLS CLUB	Enhance	Poor-quality playing surface	Enhance maintenance on green	Thurmaston Bowls Club, Bowls England, Thurmaston PC	£6,000	Short	High	B3
SOAR VALLEY	WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and Wreake Valley Academy	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
THE WOLDS	TOWLES FIELD	Enhance	Poor-quality goal posts	Replace goal posts	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and The Towles Field Playing Field Association	£1,000	Short	Med	F3
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and The Towles Field Playing Field Association	£6,000	Med	Med	F5

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THE WOLDS	WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS CRICKET CLUB	Enhance	Poor quality of maintenance equipment	Support club in acquiring new maintenance equipment	ECB, LCCC, Walton on the Wolds Cricket Club	£5,000	Short	Med	C5

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## INTRODUCTION

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## SECTION 1: SUMMARY OF THE METHODOLOGY

1.1 The starting point for the sites list for the study was the evidence informing the Open Space Strategy 2013-2028 which was produced in 2010 and has been updated to 2017. The following criteria were agreed as the typologies to be included.

Open Space Typology	Criteria
Parks and Gardens	All sites
Natural and semi-natural green space	Only include where these have a clear recreational function, are part of public open space and are at least 0.2ha in size.
Amenity green space	Minimum size 0.2ha unless there is a clear recreational function e.g. children's play. Includes informal unequipped play and kickabout areas.
Green corridors	All sites
Children's Recreational Spaces	All sites excluding Local Areas for Play (LAPs).
Young Person's Recreational Spaces	Open access Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs), teenage shelters, skate parks, outdoor basketball etc.
Allotments	All sites
Churchyards and cemeteries	Assessment in relation to open space criteria.  Consultation questions for parishes on the stakeholder survey about the capacity of the existing churchyards and cemeteries to meet future needs.

Civic spaces	Agreed list of civic spaces including registered village greens
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### Confirming the sites pre-audit

- 1.3 The following steps were followed to update the previous sites list for auditing to bring it up to date:
- Desk based assessment of the GIS layer of all sites and typologies provided by CBC, to amend/reclassify to new typologies and amended scope.
  - Consultation with the Parish and Town Councils and Ward Councillors in Loughborough to identify any changes in their areas.
  - Updating of the sites database in response from the consultation feedback.

### Auditing

- 1.4 Each site was assessed during late July/early August 2017 against agreed templates and the majority were photographed to confirm site quality and any issues identified in the assessment.

### Assessment

- 1.4 Each open space typology has been assessed against the currently adopted standards, developed from the 2010 Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study. The assessment includes tests for quantity, quality and accessibility against the existing standards.
- 1.5 Comparisons to 'similar' authority's standards and to best practice and national guidance have been made. Further testing has then been undertaken where it appears that the existing standards require updating. The recommended standards then emerge from the testing for each of the typologies.

## SECTION 2: OPEN SPACES ACROSS CHARNWOOD

2.1 The total area of open space identified in the 2017 audit is shown below along with the current level of provision per 1000 population.

*Figure 1: Current levels of open space by typology*

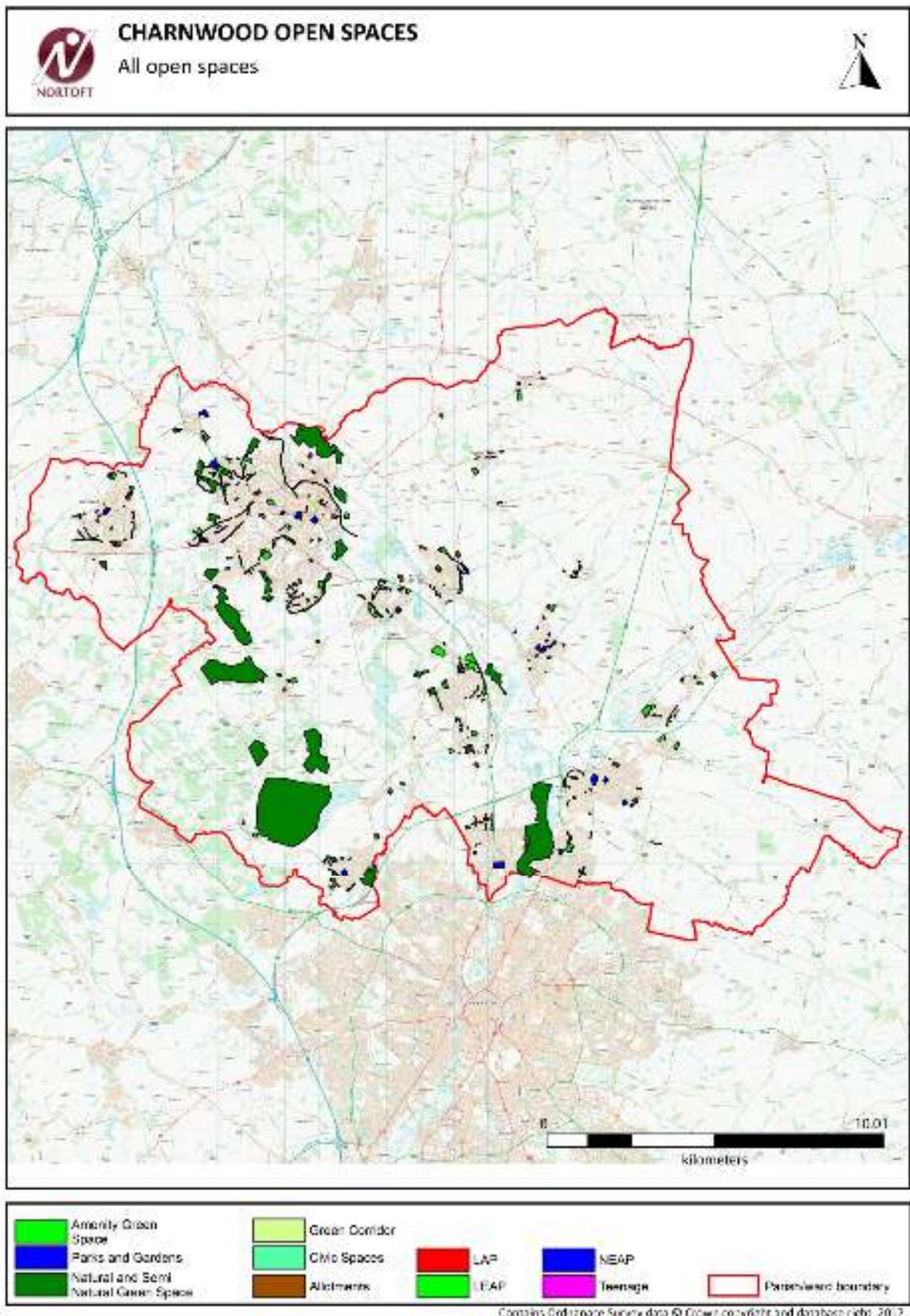
Typology	Area (hectares)	Current level of provision (Ha per 1000 population)
Parks and Gardens	47.5	0.29
Amenity Green Space	167.9	1.01
Natural and Semi Natural Green Space	937.9	5.65
Green Corridors	41.3	0.25
Allotments	36.2	0.22
Cemeteries & Churchyards	42.8	0.26
Civic Spaces	3.5	0.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,277.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>

2.2 The current number and area of play areas and youth provision are shown below along with the provision per 1000 by both the number of sites and hectares.

*Figure 2: Current levels of children's play and youth provision*

Typology	Number of sites	Area (hectares)	Current level of provision (ha per 1000 population)
Children's Play Sites	99	9.8	0.06
Youth Provision	31	2.8	0.02

Figure 3: Open spaces in Charnwood borough – all typologies



## SECTION 3: PARKS AND GARDENS AND AMENITY GREEN SPACE

### *Parks and Gardens*

3.1 There are 20 sites across Charnwood which meet the criteria to be included in the Parks and Gardens typology. The existing standards for Parks and Gardens do not accurately reflect the current provision for this typology. Furthermore, comparison between the existing standards and Charnwood's comparator authorities highlights a considerable variety of both the quantity and accessibility of Parks and Gardens. It is therefore appropriate to review the standards.

### *Amenity Green Space*

3.2 There are a large number of sites across Charnwood which meet the criteria to be included in the Amenity Green Space typology.

3.3 The proposed quantity standards are based on the Fields in Trust recommended standards of provision for Amenity Green Space. At 0.6 ha per 1000, this represents an increase of 0.12 ha per 1000 above the existing standard. However, as the current average provision across Charnwood is already higher at 1.05 ha per 1000, this increase is justified.

### *Combining the two typologies*

3.4 As Parks and Gardens are also Amenity Green Spaces (but not vice versa), the two have been considered together. This approach allows flexibility in how the open spaces can be planned for new developments and will help to provide better quality spaces that are appropriate to their location.

3.5 Neither the current adopted standard for Parks and Gardens or Amenity Green Space reflect the actual provision of these typologies.

3.6 The close relationship between Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space means that these sites are not often provided in close proximity. However, often people are likely to visit a site due to its closeness, instead of its classification.

3.7 The average district wide provision for the combined Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space of 1.35ha displays a close relationship with the 1.4 ha Fields in Trust combined standard. In addition, this quantity standard is also a better fit when compared to Charnwood's comparator authorities.

3.8 From a planning perspective, a combined standard offers flexibility for development management to provide open spaces that are suited to the specific needs and requirements of the site. However, it should be noted that the capital and maintenance costs of Parks and Gardens will usually be higher than Amenity Green Space provision therefore negotiation will need to be undertaken on a case by case basis for major developments.

## Proposed Standards for Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space

In new developments, planning policy should identify the expected proportion of the site to be developed as Parks and Gardens and as Amenity Green Space.

### Quantity

- 1.4ha per 1000

### Quality standard for Parks and Gardens

- Green Flag standard
- Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space with tree and shrub planting suitable for a variety of informal outdoor recreation activities. Including features such as public gardens, footpaths, play areas, young people's facilities, seating and litter bins. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan. Clean and litter free, appropriate planting and well kept grass. It is desirable to include toilets, seating, footpaths, nature features, litter bins and safety features. They should have a clear entrance, boundaries and lighting.

### Quality standard for Amenity Green Space

- Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space. Including features such as tree and shrub planting and footpaths. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan. Clean and litter free, regularly maintained and with well kept grass and appropriate planting. Where possible, sites should also contain litter bins, dog bins and seating and be safe and secure.

### Accessibility

- 1200m for Parks and Gardens in the Towns and Service Centres
- and
- 400m to an Amenity Green Space or a Park and Garden in the Towns, Service Centres and Other Settlements

## SECTION 4: NATURAL AND SEMI NATURAL GREEN SPACE

- 4.1 There are a large number of sites across Charnwood which meet the criteria to be included in the Natural and Semi-Natural Green Space typology. The total area of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space is 937.92 ha across 37 sites.

### Proposed Standards for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space

#### Quantity

- 2ha per 1000 to be applied to new developments only

#### Quality

- Adoption standard: An accessible space with wildlife habitats to improve biodiversity. These may be predominantly woodland, water, meadow or a combination. Prepared in accordance with an agreed management plan. Clean and litter free, nature features, safe footpaths and appropriate planting. It is also desirable for sites to include water features, parking, dog walking facilities, seating, information and toilets.

#### Accessibility

- 800m

## SECTION 5: CHILDREN'S PLAY AND YOUTH PROVISION

5.1 There is already a good network of children's play and youth provision in Charnwood and this should be protected and maintained. The standards of provision have been reviewed and the following standards are proposed.

### Proposed standards for Children's Play and Youth Provision

5.2 The existing network of the equipped play areas and teenage provision should be regularly reviewed, including their quality. However, in principle, the existing network of equipped LEAPs, NEAPs and teenage facilities should be retained and enhanced. The existing network of LAPs should be maintained if appropriate, despite the council no longer promoting the provision of this type of play facility.

5.3 As new developments are considered then new children's play and teenage provision should be required, unless there is sufficient capacity within an accessible site. In which case, the equivalent value of new play provision should be used to improve the existing site(s) in order to enhance their capacity to cater for the additional demand.

5.4 New sites should meet the revised standards below (once adopted), including minimum size, accessibility and design. Where provision is not appropriate on site, then the equivalent value of contributions should be made off site.

#### Quantity

- 0.25ha per 1000 for new provision
  - Of which 400 sqm active zone should be for a LEAP
  - 1000 sqm active zone should be for a NEAP

#### Accessibility

- 400m (LEAP)
- 1000m (NEAP)
- 1000m (Teenage Facility)

#### Quality

- Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.
- Facilities should be appropriate and designed through consultation with children and young people.
- They should be clean and litter free, well maintained and should also contain seats, litter bins and be dog free (where appropriate). The site should be appropriately located and constructed to meet minimum LEAP/NEAP criteria set out in the FIT standards.

- 5.5 A full network of provision should be achieved in each of the Towns and Service Centres.
- 5.6 Each of the Other Settlements and Smaller Villages and Hamlets should have a LEAP where the population is greater than 200 people and where there is an identified local need.
- 5.7 The approach towards the delivery of children’s play and youth facilities in association with new housing should be:
- Where any housing development is fully within the catchment of an existing LEAP, NEAP or teenage facility, then developers’ contributions should be sought towards improvements and or extensions of the site(s). Where it is not possible or appropriate to enhance or increase the capacity at the existing facility, new provision may be required on site.
  - For development sites with any housing located more than 400m from a LEAP, or 1000 m from a NEAP or youth facility then the approach should be, *in priority order*:
    - Develop on site new LEAP or NEAP, and teenage facilities as required to meet the standard
    - If not possible on site, then to a new site(s) immediately adjacent to the housing development and with safe, lit access on foot.

## SECTION 6: ALLOTMENTS

- 6.1 There are 32 allotment sites in Charnwood and the current level of provision across the district is 0.22 ha per 1000. This is significantly lower than the existing standard of 0.33 ha per 1000. There is a high level of take up of allotment space as most allotments have very little spare capacity despite some quality issues flagged in the audit.

### Proposed standards for Allotments

- 6.2 The existing allotment sites should be retained and improved so that they are all high quality. New allotment sites should be developed in the towns and Service Centres to meet the proposed standards. Elsewhere new allotment sites should be encouraged and supported where there is sufficient justified need.

#### Quantity

- 0.33ha per 1000

### Quality

- Adoption standard: A high quality allotment site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: Loam to a minimum depth of 400mm with few stones; no shading or root invasion by large trees; 2 metre perimeter palisade fencing and gates; water supply with taps or troughs at appropriate intervals; appropriate hard surfaced vehicle access throughout the site, waste container storage and parking; sheds provided adjacent to each plot; onsite toilet; plots laid out with plot markers with 500mm grass strips between plots. Plots ploughed to an agreed depth. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.
- Allotments should be clean, litter free and secure. It is desirable to provide appropriate parking, toilets, water supply and managed appropriate access routes.

### Accessibility

- 1000m

For new developments it is proposed that:

- For all new housing developments the approach should be, *in priority order*:
  - Develop on site new allotment space of a minimum size according to the authority's allotment standards
  - If not possible on site, then:
    - site adjacent to the housing development or within 1000m of the centre of the site
    - contributions towards improvements (including extension) at the closest allotment site

## SECTION 7: CIVIC SPACES

**7.1** Civic spaces include civic and market squares, other hard surfaced community areas designed for pedestrians and a number of village greens. The primary purpose of civic spaces is the provision of a setting for civic buildings, public demonstrations and community events.

**7.2** There are 10 sites within Charnwood which meet the criteria to be included in this typology. Some of these spaces are village greens however other village greens are included either in the Parks and Gardens section or the Amenity Green Space section, as appropriate.

## Proposed standards for Civic Spaces

- 7.2 The nature of this typology means that these sites are very specific to their locality. It is important for the quality of the current sites to be maintained and enhanced. However, it is not considered appropriate to set a quantity or accessibility for Civic Spaces.

## SECTION 8: CEMETERIES AND CHURCHYARDS

- 8.1 In Charnwood there are 53 cemeteries and churchyards. There are three sites within Loughborough town, 2 within Shepshed and at least one in all of the Service Centres. The majority of sites are used solely for their main purpose as burial grounds.
- 8.2 Additional to their use as open spaces, cemeteries and churchyards primary purpose are of course as burial grounds. It has been identified that there are potentially shortfalls of burial space in Barrow, Quorn, Rothley, Shepshed, Sileby and Thurmaston.

## Proposed standards for Cemeteries and Churchyards

- 8.3 The nature of this typology means that these sites are very specific to their locality. It is important for the quality of the current site to be maintained and enhanced. However, it is not considered appropriate to set a quantity or accessibility standard for Cemeteries and Churchyards for recreational use in Charnwood.

## SECTION 9: IMPLEMENTATION

- 9.1 The implementation of the strategy will be achieved through a combination of approaches by Charnwood Borough Council and its partners. There are a number of recommendations emerging from the study which require specific actions and investment, and others which are more a matter of ensuring the protection of the existing network of open space sites. The formal planning standards and policies can be used as guidance for the negotiations of developers contributions linked to new housing.
- 9.2 Where there are no specific site proposals the overriding policy objective will be to protect and enhance the existing network of green spaces and associated facilities.

## Planning standards

- 9.3 A key output from the strategy is the development of proposed standards, particularly for new developments. The justification and details behind each of these planning standards are contained within the relevant assessment sections of the report.

9.4 These standards will be used to both justify the new provision and developers' contributions under the existing s106 planning arrangements as individual planning applications come forward.

9.5 For new housing developments, sites accommodating 10 dwellings or more will be required to contribute to open spaces provision as per the proposed standards in Figure 4. However, sites under this size would still be expected to have due regard to good design principles and appropriate garden and amenity space as required.

*Figure 4: Proposed planning standards for open space*

Open space type	Proposed planning standards for new developments		
	Quantity per 1,000 population	Accessibility	Quality
Parks and gardens	1.4ha per 1000	1200m in the Towns and Service Centres	<p>Green Flag Award</p> <p>Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space with tree and shrub planting suitable for a variety of informal outdoor recreation activities. Including features such as public gardens, footpaths, play areas, young people's facilities, seating and litter bins.</p> <p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, appropriate planting and well kept grass. It is desirable to include toilets, seating, footpaths, nature features, litter bins and safety features.</p> <p>They should have a clear entrance, boundaries and lighting.</p>
Amenity Green Space		400m for either Amenity Green Space or Parks and Gardens in the Towns, Service Centres and Other Settlements	<p>Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space. Including features such as tree and shrub planting and footpaths.</p> <p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, regularly maintained and with well kept grass and appropriate planting. Where possible, sites should also contain litter bins, dog bins and seating and be safe and secure.</p>

<p>Natural and Semi Natural Green Space</p>	<p>2.0ha per 1000 <i>(to be applied to new development only)</i></p>	<p>800m</p>	<p>Adoption standard: An accessible space with wildlife habitats to improve biodiversity. These may be predominantly woodland, water, meadow or a combination. Prepared in accordance with an agreed management plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, nature features, safe footpaths and appropriate planting. It is also desirable for sites to include water features, parking, dog walking facilities, seating, information and toilets.</p>
<p>Children's Play and provision for young people</p>	<p>0.25 ha per 1,000 of Designated Equipped Playing Space including teenage provision <i>(to be applied to new development only)</i></p>	<p>400m for LEAPs</p> <p>1000m for NEAPs</p> <p>1000m for teenage facilities</p> <p>Full network of NEAPs, LEAPs and Teenage facilities in the Towns and Service Centres</p> <p>Full network of LEAPs in the Other Settlements and Smaller Villages and Hamlets where the population is greater than 200 people and there is an identified local need.</p>	<p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Facilities should be appropriate and designed through consultation with children and young people.</p> <p>They should be clean and litter free, well maintained and should also contain seats, litter bins and be dog free (where appropriate). The site should be appropriately located and constructed to meet minimum LEAP/NEAP criteria set out in the FiT standards.</p>

Allotments	0.33ha per 1000	1000m	<p>Adoption standard: A high quality allotment site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: Loam to a minimum depth of 400mm with few stones; no shading or root invasion by large trees; 2 metre perimeter palisade fencing and gates; water supply with taps or troughs at appropriate intervals; appropriate hard surfaced vehicle access throughout the site, waste container storage and parking; sheds provided adjacent to each plot; onsite toilet; plots laid out with plot markers with 500mm grass strips between plots. Plots ploughed to an agreed depth. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Allotments should be clean, litter free and secure. It is desirable to provide appropriate parking, toilets, water supply and managed appropriate access routes.</p>
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- 9.6 When considering the needs of an application which may be eligible to provide open space it will be important to assess the needs at the parish level for quantity, quality and accessibility. If the parish has a shortfall in quantity terms, then the development should provide for the typology based on the adopted standard. The quantity of provision will need to be at a level proportionate to the new development to make it CIL compliant. If when assessing the amount from a development this results in a surplus in the ward/parish, the Council should choose on a case by case basis whether all of the requirement is needed or just the amount to bring it in balance. The Council may choose to negotiate for an alternative open space, equivalent to the excess, where there is a known local need.
- 9.7 If a ward/parish has an oversupply of a particular typology and the existing supply is of a suitable quality and accessibility, then it will not normally be appropriate to seek additional provision. However, provision may still be required if the quality and/or accessibility of the existing supply is deemed deficient. This will need to be assessed on a case by case basis.
- 9.8 In the case where a typology is in surplus but another typology is in deficit, it will generally not be appropriate to seek larger provision of the typology in deficit if this is not CIL compliant. However, the Council, in negotiation with the developer, may agree to such a provision if there is an identified local need.



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The Charnwood Open Spaces Strategy 2013-2028 uses the Government definition of open space, and this has been carried forwards in this study:

Government guidance defines open space as: *“all open space of public value, including not just land, but also areas of water such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs which offer important opportunities for sport and recreation and can also act as a visual amenity”*.

The 2013 strategy notes that:

*“Parks, natural spaces and other types of open space do not exist in isolation but make up the green infrastructure of the Borough. Green infrastructure is the physical environment within and between urban areas. It is a network of multi-functional open spaces, including formal parks, gardens, woodlands, green corridors, waterways, street trees and open countryside.”*

The study uses well established categories of open space which originated in earlier national planning guidance (PPG17). These are:

*Figure 1: Open space typologies*

Parks and Gardens	These range from major parks to small memorial gardens – often used for informal recreation and community events. These may include paths, benches, footpaths, tree and shrub planting, formal gardens, close mown grass for ball games / picnics etc, play areas, facilities for young people, and toilets.
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	Examples of these sites include: Queens Park, Loughborough and Deville Park, Syston.
Amenity green space	Most commonly found in housing areas. Includes informal recreation green spaces. Used for informal activities close to home or work, children's casual play, enhancement of the appearance of residential areas. Examples include: Cumberland Road, Loughborough and Long Furrow, East Goscote.
Natural and semi natural green space	These include publicly accessible woodlands, as well as urban forestry, scrub, grasslands (e.g. commons, meadows), wetlands and wastelands. Uses include wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness. A high proportion of these will be in the countryside rather than the urban areas. These sites include the country parks such as Bradgate Park, and smaller sites such as Morley Quarry in Shepshed.
Children and young people's facilities	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children below age 12, specifically designed as equipped play facilities.  And  Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving young people aged 12 and above, specifically designed for use by young people (e.g. youth shelters, skateboard parks etc).
Allotments, community gardens and urban farms	Sites laid out for people to grow their own vegetables, fruit and flowers as part of the long-term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion.
Cemeteries & churchyards	Including closed churchyards or other burial grounds.
Green corridors	Linear routes with a primary purpose of providing opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel, and include towpaths along canals and riverbanks. Examples include: Soar Valley Canal Corridor and Ashby Road, Loughborough.
Civic spaces	Including civic and market squares and other hard surfaced community areas designed for pedestrians. The primary purpose of civic spaces is the provision of a setting for civic buildings and together with village greens also offer space for public demonstrations and community events etc and can often define the character of the local environment. Examples include: Market Place, Loughborough and High Street, Quorndon.

## SECTION 1: SUMMARY OF THE METHODOLOGY

1.1 The starting point for the sites list for the study was the evidence informing the Open Space Strategy 2013-2028 which was produced in 2010. The following criteria were agreed as the typologies to be included.

Open Space Typology	Criteria
Parks and Gardens	All sites
Natural and semi-natural green space	Only include where these have a clear recreational function, are part of public open space and are at least 0.2ha in size.
Amenity green space	Minimum size 0.2ha unless there is a clear recreational function e.g. children's play. Includes informal unequipped play and kickabout areas.
Green corridors	All sites
Children's Recreational Spaces	All sites excluding Local Areas for Play (LAPs).
Young Person's Recreational Spaces	Open access Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs), teenage shelters, skate parks, outdoor basketball etc.
Allotments	All sites
Churchyards and cemeteries	Assessment in relation to open space criteria.  Consultation questions for parishes on the stakeholder survey about the capacity of the existing churchyards and cemeteries to meet future needs.
Civic spaces	Agreed list of civic spaces including registered village greens

### Assessment templates and sampling

1.2 The detailed assessment criteria for each typology was agreed with Charnwood Borough Council (CBC), and site sampling was undertaken involving CBC, the site auditor and support team from Nortoft. This was to ensure that the site audits would be consistent with CBC expectations. All of the site auditing was undertaken by a single highly experienced consultant in order to ensure consistency of approach.

### Confirming the sites pre-audit

1.3 The following steps were followed to update the previous sites list for auditing:

- Desk based assessment of the GIS layer of all sites and typologies provided by CBC, to amend/reclassify to new typologies and amended scope.
- Consultation with the Parish and Town Councils and Ward Councillors in Loughborough to identify any changes in their areas.
- Updating of the sites database in response from the consultation feedback.

## Auditing

1.4 Each site was assessed during late July/early August 2017 against the agreed templates (details provided in Appendix 1) and the majority were photographed to confirm site quality and any issues identified in the assessment. Due to child protection issues and actual presence on some sites of children during the time of the audit, there are a small number sites, which were not possible to photograph.

## Consultation

1.5 Consultation about open spaces included:

- An individual online survey, running from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to 31 August 2017.
- The parish/town council, and Loughborough ward councillors survey.
- Key stakeholder responses.

1.6 The generic findings from these consultations are provided in Section 4 of this report. The individual survey resulted in 258 responses and the findings can be used as a valuable resource to confirm the key issues, and criteria for standards.

1.7 Of the parishes and town councils, there was some response from 22 out of the 34 councils. There was a lower response rate for Loughborough wards. The key issues emerging from this consultation are a noted lack of allotment space and those that are available are sometimes poor quality. A desire for more natural greenspace and some requirement for more children's play. There are a small number of potential projects linked with open spaces.

1.8 The parishes and town councils were also asked about the capacity of their burial space. The results of the survey are provided in Appendix 2 of this report.

1.9 A wide range of key stakeholders were contacted about the study. Organisations were asked to respond on policy and site specific issues, and also to promote the individual survey to their membership. The only responses received were from Natural England who recommended testing and use of their Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards (ANGSt), and the Canal and River Trust who requested that any local actions / projects which impact on the canals or the towpaths to be discussed with them at an early stage.

## Site lists

1.10 The final sites list (post audit) was agreed with CBC officers in September 2017 and this is the basis for the assessment.

## Assessment

1.11 Each open space typology has been assessed against the currently adopted standards, developed from the 2010 Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study. The

assessment includes tests for quantity, quality and accessibility against the existing standards. Further testing has then been undertaken where it appears that the existing standards require to be updated. The recommended standards then emerge from the testing for each of the typologies.

1.12 There is great variation in the application of walking times and distances between local authorities nationally as different distances have often been used for the same travel times. Existing standards for both Charnwood and other comparator authorities used within this study also show alternative distances for the same travel times. To avoid confusion, this study uses the Fields in Trust recommended walking time catchments (Fields in Trust, 2015) as follows:

400m = 5 minutes' walk  
800m = 10 minutes' walk  
1,200m = 15 minutes' walk  
1,600m = 20 minutes' walk

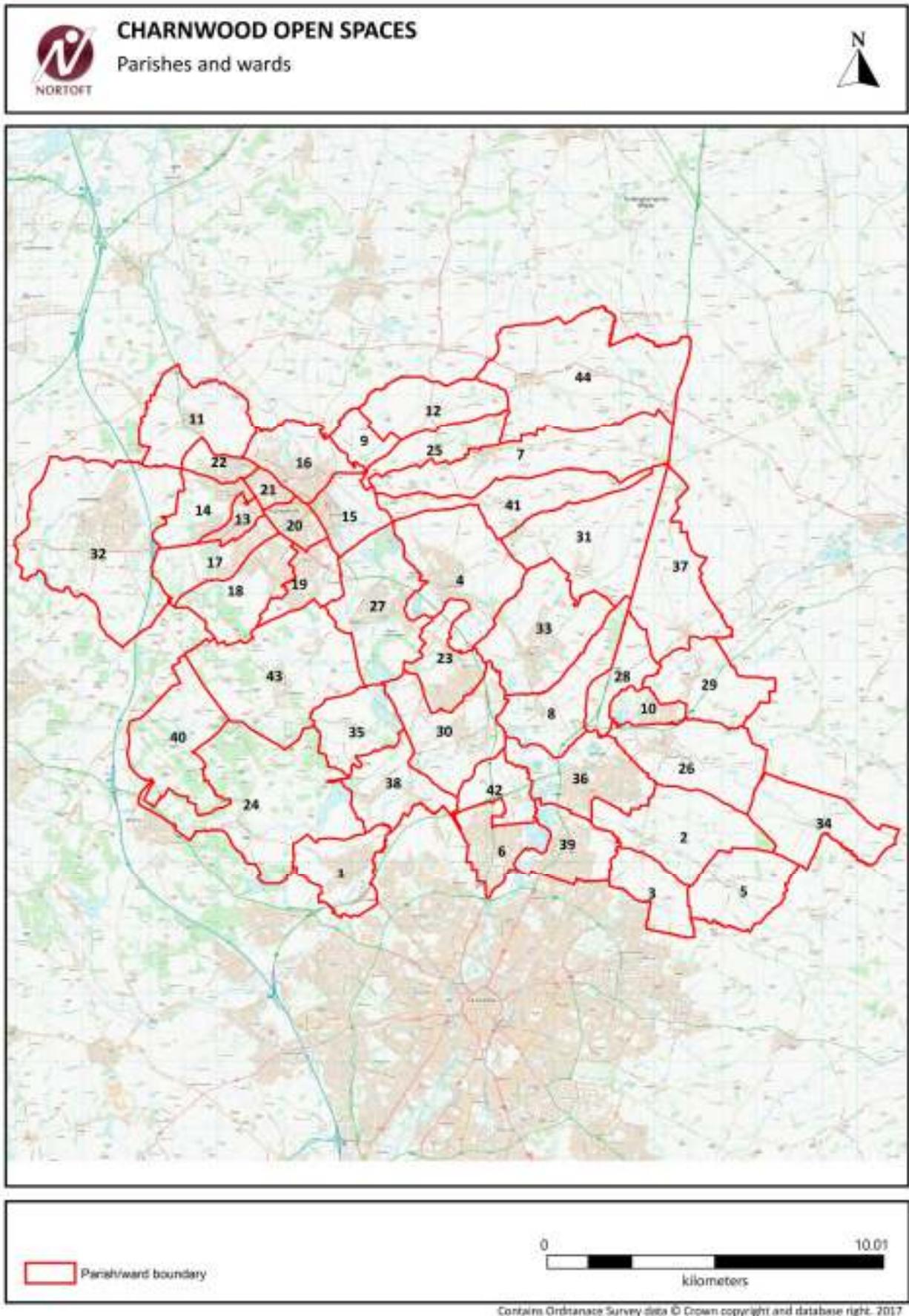
1.13 Both the existing and proposed standards for open space have been tested for all parishes as well as wards in Loughborough.

1.14 Standards are based on a provision per 1000 people therefore the population of each parish/ward is needed to enable the testing to be completed. The most recent population data for parishes is from the 2011 census and this has also been used for the Loughborough wards.

1.15 There is an overlap in area between Hathern Parish and Loughborough Dishley and Hathern Ward. However, as the data for both parishes and wards is from the 2011 census, the ward boundary has been amended to only include the Dishley area (Figure 1). The population has also been adjusted to match this.

1.16 In addition, the 2011 census data does not have any population figures for 4 parishes in Charnwood: Cotes, Barkby Thorpe, Prestwold and Ulverscroft. As these parishes do not contain any open space typologies which have either existing or proposed standards, this has not impacted the open space testing.

Figure 2: Parishes and wards in Charnwood



Key to sub areas map:

Parish/Ward name	Map ref	Parish/Ward name	Map ref
Anstey CP	1	Mountsorrel CP	23
Barkby CP	2	Newtown Linford CP	24
Barkby Thorpe CP	3	Prestwold CP	25
Barrow upon Soar CP	4	Queniborough CP	26
Beeby CP	5	Quorndon CP	27
Birstall CP	6	Ratcliffe on the Wreake CP	28
Burton on the Wolds CP	7	Rearsby CP	29
Cossington CP	8	Rothley CP	30
Cotes CP	9	Seagrave CP	31
East Goscote CP	10	Shepshed CP	32
Hathern CP	11	Sileby CP	33
Hoton CP	12	South Croxton CP	34
Loughborough Ashby Ward	13	Swithland CP	35
Loughborough Garendon Ward	14	Syston CP	36
Loughborough Hastings Ward	15	Thrussington CP	37
Loughborough Lemington Ward	16	Thurcaston and Cropston CP	38
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	17	Thurmaston CP	39
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	18	Ulverscroft CP	40
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	19	Walton on the Wolds CP	41
Loughborough Southfields Ward	20	Wanlip CP	42
Loughborough Storer Ward	21	Woodhouse CP	43
Loughborough Dishley	22	Wymeswold CP	44

## Comparator authorities

1.17 In relation to comparator authorities, it is appropriate to use the CIPFA ‘Nearest Neighbour’ model. This was developed by CIPFA (the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) to aid local authorities in comparative and benchmarking exercises. It is widely used across both central and local government. The model uses a number of variables to calculate similarity between local authorities. Examples of these variables include population, unemployment rates, tax base per head of population, council tax bands and mortality ratios.

1.18 The local authorities that are ‘similar’ to Charnwood are: Broxtowe, Colchester, Huntingdonshire and Stafford.

## SECTION 2: OPEN SPACES ACROSS CHARNWOOD

- 2.1** There are a large number of open spaces across Charnwood with different primary purposes, including country parks, amenity green spaces, children’s play, allotments and green corridors. All of the open space typologies assessed in this study are mapped district-wide in Figure 5, which provides a valuable overview of the extent and purpose of the existing open space network.
- 2.2** Appendix 3 provides a series of maps which provide a more detailed overview of the open spaces provision across the borough by settlement. Appendix 4 shows the proposed accessibility standards for the Towns, Leicester Principal Urban Area and the Service Centres.
- 2.3** The total area of open space identified in the audit is shown below along with the current level of provision per 1000 population.

*Figure 3: Current levels of open space by typology*

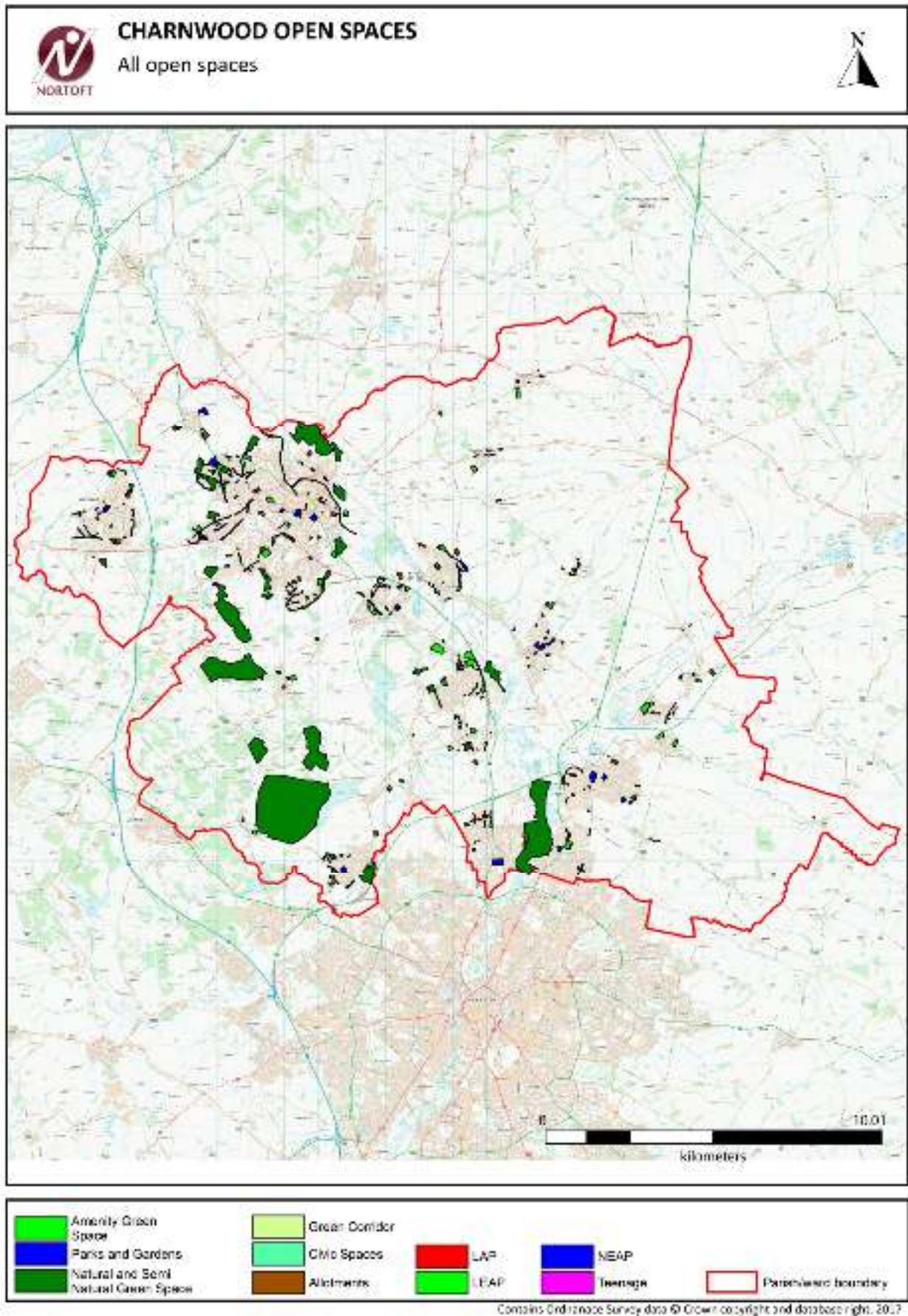
Typology	Area (hectares)	Current level of provision (Ha per 1000 population)
Parks and Gardens	47.5	0.29
Amenity Green Space	167.9	1.01
Natural and Semi Natural Green Space	937.9	5.65
Green Corridors	41.3	0.25
Allotments	36.2	0.22
Cemeteries & Churchyards	42.8	0.26
Civic Spaces	3.5	0.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,277.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>

- 2.4** In the case of children’s play and youth facilities, these are often found within a larger site such as a park or recreation ground. Where this is the case, the physical area of the play/youth facility is incorporated into the overall total area of the park or recreation ground as it makes up part of the entirety of the site.
- 2.5** However, the total number and the area of the Children’s Play Areas and Youth Sites identified in the audit are shown in Figure 4 for completeness. This table also shows the current level of provision per 1000 population by the number of sites and by area.
- 2.6** For the purposes of the testing, the area of the play areas has been added to the parish and ward totals where a facility is clearly part of a larger open space site.

*Figure 4: Current levels of children's play and youth provision*

<b>Typology</b>	<b>Number of sites</b>	<b>Area (hectares)</b>	<b>Current level of provision (Sites per 1000 population)</b>	<b>Current level of provision (ha per 1000 population)</b>
Children's Play Sites	99	9.8	0.6	0.06
Youth Provision	31	2.8	0.2	0.02

Figure 5: Open spaces in Charnwood borough – all typologies



## SECTION 3: POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 3.1 The policies and priorities of Charnwood Borough Council are set out in a number of key policy documents and these provide the justification for the authority's and its partners' investment in open spaces. Relevant policy documents include national and local planning documents, the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Corporate Strategic Plan. Key documents relevant to this study are summarised below.
- 3.2 All of these documents are relevant but the main current adopted policy base is the Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) Local Plan Core Strategy (CS 2011-2028) (Charnwood Borough Council, 2016) adopted in 2015 and the Open Spaces Strategy 2013-2028 (Charnwood Borough Council, 2013).

### National Policies

- 3.3 These national policies provide the overall structure for planning and wider community policies, which is then developed further within the local context.

### National Planning Policy Framework (2012)

- 3.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (Communities and Local Government, 2012) sets out the Government's national planning policies for new development. They aim to create the homes and jobs that the country needs while protecting and enhancing the natural and historic environment. The NPPF requires local assessments to be made of sport, recreation and open space, and key policies for both the provision and protection of facilities and spaces. The following paragraphs are all relevant but the key paragraphs are highlighted in bold:
- Para 17: Local Plans should take account of and support local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all, and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs.
  - Paragraph 70: positive planning for the provision and use of shared space including community facilities and sports venues to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments.
  - **Paragraph 73: justification of provision needs to be set out within up to date assessments.**
  - **Paragraph 74: the protection of existing open space, sports and recreational buildings including playing fields, with specific policy exceptions.**
  - Paragraph 156: setting the strategic priorities for *"the provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities"*.
  - Paragraph 178: the duty for authorities to co-operate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries, including sport and recreation.
  - Paras 203 to 206: On the use of planning conditions, and that they need to meet the relevant tests.

## National Planning Practice Guidance

3.5 National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) is a suite of guidance information which is regularly updated, added to and amended. This information is designed to support the interpretation of the NPPF policies. The most important guidance documents for the open space, sport and recreation strategies are summarised below.

### *Open space, sports and recreation facilities*

3.6 This guidance (Dept for Communities and Local Government, 2014) reconfirms the need for up to date assessments of sport, recreation and open space as a requirement to justify developers' obligations. It specifically refers to the duty of local authorities to cooperate where open spaces serve a wider area. The open space, sport and recreation strategies meet the requirement for up to date assessments and cooperation across the boundaries of the authorities.

3.7 The note provides guidance for the designation of Local Green Space both in Local Plans and in Neighbourhood Plans. Such green spaces need to be in public ownership but may or may not have public access, and are not therefore specifically addressed as a category in this open spaces report.

### *Health and wellbeing*

3.8 The Health and Wellbeing guidance (Dept for Communities and Local Government, 2014) recognises the importance of planning to the quality of the built and natural environments, which are a major determinant of health and wellbeing. This link is fundamental to the NPPF and is the main driver for the open space, sport and recreation strategy work. The guidance draws this out in relation to the issues that could be considered through the plan-making processes, and which are a key consideration for the strategy recommendations:

- development proposals can support strong, vibrant and healthy communities and help create healthy living environments which should, where possible, include making physical activity easy to do and create places and spaces to meet to support community engagement and social capital;
- the local plan promotes health, social and cultural wellbeing and supports the reduction of health inequalities;
- the local plan considers the local health and wellbeing strategy and other relevant health improvement strategies in the area;
- opportunities for healthy lifestyles have been considered (e.g. planning for an environment that supports people of all ages in making healthy choices, helps to promote active travel and physical activity, and promotes access to healthier food, high quality open spaces, green infrastructure and opportunities for play, sport and recreation);
- access to the whole community by all sections of the community, whether able-bodied or disabled, has been promoted.

## Natural Environment

3.10 The Natural Environment guidance (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2016) covers landscape, biodiversity and ecosystems, green infrastructure, brownfield land, soils and agricultural land. In relation to the open space, sport and recreation strategies, the key sections relate to ecosystem services which form part of the open spaces site assessment, and green infrastructure networks.

## National Framework for Sport and Physical Activity

3.10 The national sports strategy from the Government and the responding Sport England national strategy provides high level justification for the emerging recommendations and the identification of priorities within each of the strategies. A major theme across all of the national guidance is the objective of getting more people more active, and encouraging an active lifestyle from the earliest ages, in a large part to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities. Although these strategies do not immediately appear to relate to open space provision, they provide some of the justification for open space provision; health and wellbeing.

### H M Government Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation

3.11 This wide-ranging detailed strategy (Dept for Culture, Media & Sport, 2015) was launched in December 2015 with the aim to change the way in which sport is considered, from simply how many people take part, to what people get out of participating and what more can be done to encourage everyone to have a physically active lifestyle. Open spaces are often used for a range outdoor sports, with pitch sports such as football and cricket using parks and recreation grounds which are multi-functional.

3.12 The funding decisions of Government will now be made on the basis of the social good that sport and physical activity can deliver, not simply the number of participants. The five key outcomes which will define success in sport are:

- physical wellbeing
- mental wellbeing
- individual development
- social and community development
- economic development.

3.15 The primary funding focuses on those people who tend not to take part in sport including women and girls, disabled people, those in lower socio-economic groups and older people. The Government strategy also broadened Sport England's remit so that it became responsible for sport outside of school from the age of 5 rather than 14. With this focus on extending sporting opportunities, the importance of open spaces as a venue for activities and fitness facilities such as ParkRun, green gyms, and "street games", have become increasingly important.

**3.14** The Government’s strategy recognises that local government are the biggest public sector investor in sport and physical activity, with councils having a crucial role in delivering sport and physical activity opportunities. As such many councils have integrated physical activity into public health policy.

**3.15** In relation to open spaces, the strategy states:

*“Being close to where people live, high quality multi-use local green spaces can play a key role as sporting venues and as alternative settings for sport and healthy activity for communities including new audiences that are less likely to use traditional sports centres. The opportunities to realise the multiple benefits that can be achieved for communities by investing in green spaces and routes as venues for sport and healthy activity should be considered whenever they arise.”*

**3.16** The strategy specifically states that support for sport and physical activity infrastructure is not restricted to pitches, sports halls and buildings. In future it should include all types of places where people take part in activity in both rural and urban environments. Providing people with the freedom to use existing facilities and spaces and keeping them in good repair, is seen as important as building new infrastructure.

### Sport England: Towards an Active Nation, Strategy 2016-2021

**3.17** Sport England launched its new five year national strategy in 2016 (Sport England, 2016). It responded to the Government’s Sporting Future strategy, and as such has a stronger focus on reaching those who are least active, and helping to deliver the wider Government’s strategy’s outcomes.

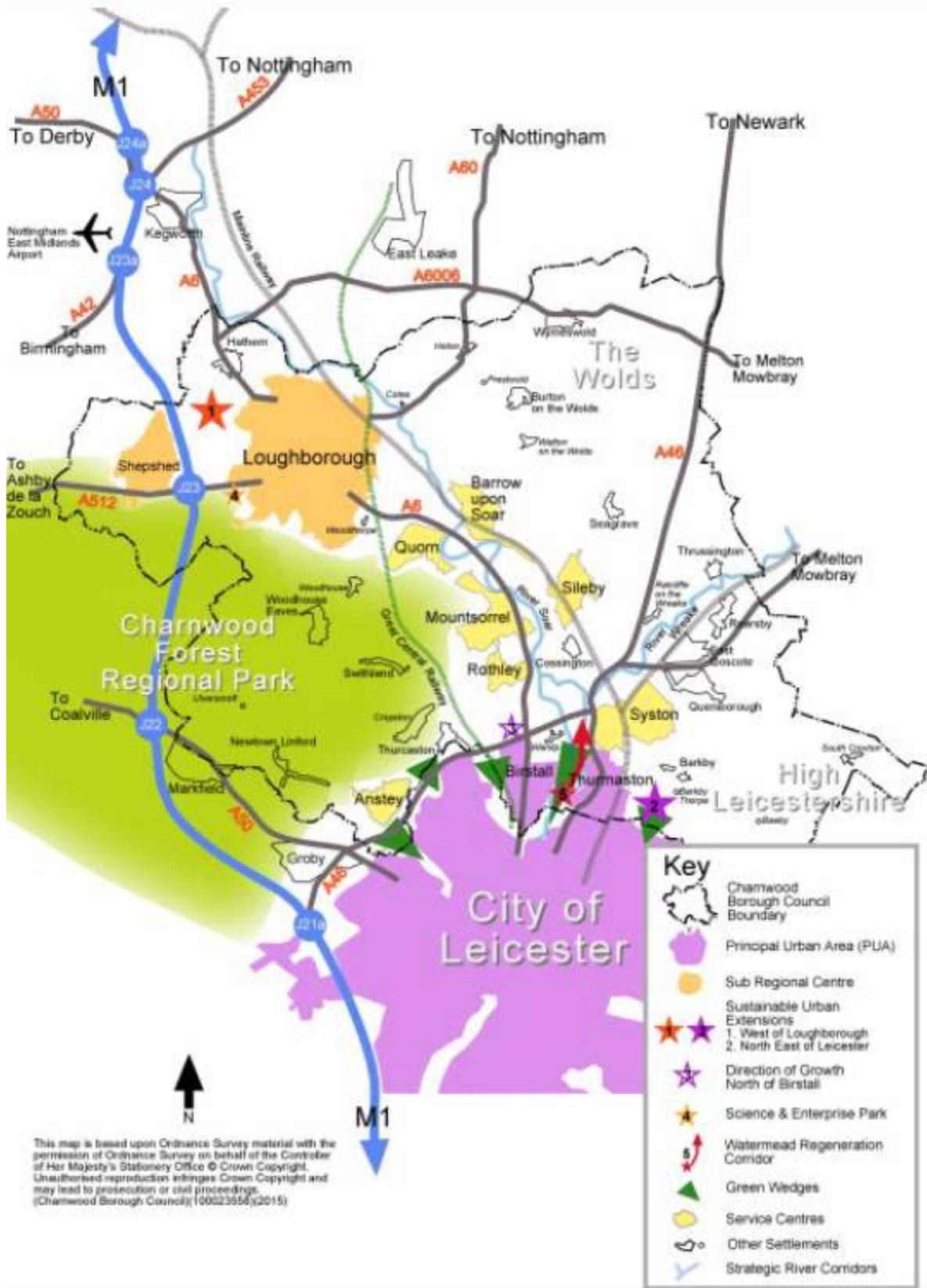
## Local Policies

### Charnwood Borough Council Core Strategy (November 2015)

#### Development Strategy for Charnwood

**3.18** The Core Strategy key diagram provides a valuable overview of the district, the main growth points, and major green infrastructure, including the green wedges and strategic river corridors. A copy of the Key Diagram is provided as Figure 6.

Figure 6: Core Strategy key diagram



3.15 The Core Strategy (Charnwood Borough Council , 2016) considers (para 4.12) how well the community is provided for in terms of open spaces and sport and recreation facilities. The evidence showed that the Borough is well provided for in terms of indoor and outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches but that there are gaps in the provision for children and young people and insufficient provision of allotments. It showed that there is a good distribution of parks, natural and semi natural green spaces, and amenity green space generally. However, there are localised gaps and deficiencies in the provision and/or quality of provision in all parts of the Borough. It notes the need to plan facilities for the new housing developments.

3.20 Delivery of housing growth in the period 2011 to 2028 is identified as at least 13,940 new homes. The majority will be adjacent to the main urban areas as sustainable urban extensions (SUEs). The housing trajectory identifies delivery of new homes at a rate of about 820 dwellings per year over the plan period.

*Figure 7: Summary of housing provision and strategy  
(source: Core Strategy)*

	Planned Housing Provision 2011-2028	Completions 2011 - 2014	Commitments* as of November 2014	Residual Provision Required up to 2028	Estimated Supply from Strategic Sites up to 2028	Estimated Total Supply from Completions, Commitments and Strategic Sites 2011 - 2028***
Principal Urban Area	5,500	401	730	4,369	4,595	5,726
Loughborough and Shepshed	5,000	412	2,511	2,077	2,440	5,363
Service Centres	3,000	778	2,682	0	0	3,460
Rest of Borough	500	211	676	0	0	887
<b>Charnwood Total</b>	<b>14,000**</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>6,446</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>15,436</b>

\*Commitments include sites with planning permission or with a resolution to grant permission subject to S.106, sites under construction and sites saved under policy H/1 of the Borough of Charnwood Local Plan (2004)

\*\* Figure rounded up from 13,940 (820 x 17yrs)

\*\*\* Additional windfall sites may also come forward within the settlement boundaries between 2014 and 2028.

Service Centres are: Anstey, Barrow upon Soar, Mountsorrel, Quorn, Rothley, Sileby and Syston.

3.21 The Leicester & Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (GL Hearn, 2017) sets out an objectively assessed need in Charnwood of 994 homes per year between 2011 and 2036. The new Charnwood Local Plan will need to have regard to this figure in assessing how much, and where, land can be allocated for new development.

3.20 The Core Strategy policies that relate to open space and the major developments are set out below.

3.23 The settlement hierarchy in the Core Strategy is given in Policy CS1. The main elements of this are:

- Leicester Principal Urban Area, including Birstall and Thurmaston parishes and the North East Leicester SUE
- Loughborough and Shepshed
- Service Centres:
  - Anstey
  - Barrow Upon Soar
  - Mountsorrel
  - Quorn
  - Rothley
  - Sileby
  - Syston
- Other Settlements:
  - Barkby
  - Burton on the Wolds
  - Cossington
  - East Goscote
  - Hathern
  - Newtown Linford
  - Queniborough
  - Rearsby
  - Thrussington
  - Thurcaston
  - Woodhouse Eaves
  - Wymeswold
- Small Villages and Hamlets

3.24 This settlement hierarchy is used to structure the open spaces assessment and recommendations, with the primary focus being on the Leicester Principal Urban Area (which includes the parishes of Birstall and Thurmaston and the North East Leicester SUE), Loughborough, Shepshed and the listed Service Centres. In these locations there is expected to be sufficient good quality open space provision to meet all of the recommended open space standards; quantity, accessibility and quality.

3.25 The open space provision in the “Other Settlements” and in the “Small Villages and Hamlets” is, and will remain, more limited. The size of the main settlements in each parish will determine the amount of and type of open space provided. In most cases, there is unlikely to be a formal park or garden within walking distance, though there may be some amenity green space. The size and nature of children’s and teenage play provision will also reflect the size of the settlement, with most being expected to provide a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) for younger children, but the very smallest settlements may not be large enough for even this type of provision.

## Our Environment

3.26 Chapter 7 of the Core Strategy provides the general policies for Our Environment, including Strategic Green Infrastructure with reference to the Charnwood Forest/National Forest, River Soar Corridor, the edge of Leicester Urban Fringe and the Loughborough Shepshed Urban Fringe. The chapter also addresses: biodiversity and geodiversity; heritage; open spaces sport and recreation; and, sustainable construction and energy.

3.27 For this Open Spaces Assessment Study the key Core Strategy Policy is CS15.

### *Policy CS 15 Open Spaces, Sports and Recreation*

We will work with our partners to meet the strategic open space needs of our community by 2028. We will do this by:

- requiring new developments to meet the standards set out in our Open Spaces Strategy, having regard to local provision and viability;
- requiring masterplans for our sustainable urban extensions that deliver quality open spaces;
- retaining open space, sport and recreation facilities unless they are clearly surplus to requirements or replacement provision of at least equal quantity and quality will be made in a suitable location;
- responding positively to development which contributes to open space, sport and recreation provision, including Local Green Space, identified through a Neighbourhood Plan or similar robust, community led strategy;
- and securing long-term management and investment plans for existing, and new facilities.

3.28 The Core Strategy notes (from para 7.44 and 7.99) that:

“Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation contributes to the health, well-being and cohesion of our communities as well as civic pride. As our population increases, the pressure on current provision will mount, and there will be a need to provide significant areas of open space and long-term management arrangements.”

“Our Open Spaces Strategy 2013-2028 includes standards for the quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces in new developments, based upon our evidence. We will apply these to new development proposals having regard to viability. We will expect proposals to consider the relationship between different types of open space required to satisfy the standards and to deliver high quality spaces. Our approach to indoor sport is informed by our Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study.”

3.29 The Core Strategy confirms that the adopted standards are those as set out in the Open Spaces Strategy 2013-2028. These are given in Figure 8. This table includes the standard for Outdoor Sports Facilities, though these fall outside of the remit of this study. The quality standards contained in the 2013 Open Spaces Strategy go beyond

those contained in the 2010 assessment report as this earlier document did not include a quality standard for green corridors, civic spaces and cemeteries and churchyards. The Adoption standard was also added by the 2013 report.

*Figure 8: Adopted open space standards*

Typology	Quantity Standard (hectares per 1000 population)	Accessibility Standard	Quality Standard – Key features of a Site
Parks	0.32 (Current provision equates to 0.32ha per 1000)	15 min walk time (720m). 10 minute drivetime in rural settlements where the population falls below the minimum required to need a park.	Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space with tree and shrub planting suitable for a variety of informal outdoor recreation activities. Including features such as gardens, footpaths, play areas, young people’s facilities, seating and litter bins. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.  Clean and litter free, appropriate planting and well kept grass. It is desirable to include toilets, seating, footpaths, nature features, litter bins and safety features. They should have a clear entrance, boundaries and lighting.
Natural and Semi Natural Open Space	2.0 (to be applied to new provision only). Current provision equates to 5.7ha	10 min walk time (480m)	Adoption standard: An accessible space with wildlife habitats to improve biodiversity. These may be predominantly woodland, water, meadow or a combination. Prepared in accordance with an agreed management plan.  Clean and litter free, nature features, safe footpaths and appropriate planting. It is also desirable for sites to include water features, parking, dog walking facilities, seating, information and toilets.
Amenity Green Space	0.46 (Current provision equates to 0.45ha per 1000)	10 min walk time (480m)	Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space. Including features such as tree and shrub planting and footpaths. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.  Clean and litter free, regularly maintained and with well kept grass and appropriate planting. Where possible, sites should also contain litter bins, dog bins and seating and be safe and secure.
Provision for Children & Young People	1 facility within 480m of every home	10 min walk time (480m)	Adoption standard: A LAP, LEAP or NEAP constructed to EN 1176 and EN 1177 standards or a Facility for Young People. The facility to have a compliant RoSPA installation report. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.

			Facilities should be appropriate and designed through consultation with children and young people. They should be clean and litter free, well maintained and should also contain seats, litter bins and be dog free (where appropriate). The site should be appropriately located and meet minimum LAP/LEAP/NEAP criteria with a defined main entrance with clear boundaries.
Outdoor Sports Facilities	2.60 (of which a minimum of 1.09 should be community use pitches) Current provision equates to 2.58 ha per 1000 of which 0.90 are community use pitches.	10 min walk time (grass pitches) 10 min drive time – tennis courts, bowling greens, athletics tracks, golf courses and synthetic turf pitches.	Adoption standard: A high quality sports facility that is fit for purpose and prepared to the standards required by the governing body of sport e.g. Football Association, Lawn Tennis Association. Pavilion/changing and parking facilities to meet Sport England standards. Sports fields to be provided to a specification agreed by the Sports Turf Research Institute or equivalent organisation.  Facilities should be clean and litter free with well kept grass and safe playing surfaces with the pitch appropriately maintained. It is desirable to provide parking, seating facilities, changing facilities and toilets and be dog free.
Allotments	0.33 (Current provision equates to 0.26 ha per 1000)	15 min walk time (long term – 720m)	Adoption standard: A high quality allotment site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: Loam to a minimum depth of 400mm with few stones; no shading or root invasion by large trees; 2 metre perimeter palisade fencing and gates; water supply with taps or troughs at appropriate intervals; appropriate concrete vehicle access throughout the site, waste container storage and parking; sheds provided adjacent to each plot; onsite toilet; plots laid out with plot markers with 500mm grass strips between plots. Plots ploughed to an agreed depth. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.  Allotments should be clean, litter free and secure. It is desirable to provide appropriate parking, toilets, water supply and managed appropriate access routes.
Green Corridors	No Standard Set	No Standard Set	Adoption standard: An accessible linear space with wildlife habitats to improve biodiversity. These may be predominantly woodland, water, meadow or a combination. Prepared in accordance with an agreed management

			<p>plan.</p> <p>Sites should be clean and litter free, with clearly defined footpaths and natural features. It is also desirable for sites to have an effective main entrance, litter and dog bins, appropriate planting, lighting and</p>
Civic Spaces	No Standard Set	No Standard Set	<p>Adoption standard: An accessible high quality public space. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Sites should be clean and litter free with well kept grass and seating. It is also desirable to have parking facilities, appropriately maintained footpaths and planting, litter and dog bins, and should be secure and safe.</p>
Cemeteries, disused churchyards and other burial sites	No Standard Set	No Standard Set	<p>Adoption standard for Cemeteries: A high quality site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: 2 metre perimeter fencing and gates; water supply with taps at appropriate intervals; litter bins at appropriate intervals; appropriate tarmac vehicle access throughout the site road markings and parking bays; street lighting; public toilet; cemetery buildings including office, staff quarters and equipment storage; Cemetery plots laid out with concrete beams and plot markers.</p> <p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan. Facilities should be clean and litter free, with well kept grass, appropriate planting and infrastructure, including bins. It is also desirable for sites to contain seating, appropriately maintained and safe footpaths, opportunities for biodiversity and wildlife, and toilets (where appropriate).</p>

3.3.1 Policy CS12 considers Green Infrastructure, where the Council will protect and enhance the green infrastructure assets for their community, economic and environmental values.

- “The Council will work with our partners to define, protect and enhance the Charnwood Forest Regional Park and support the aims of the National Forest Strategy by: supporting the woodland economy, rural diversification, including sustainable and green tourism which protects and enhances the distinctive Charnwood Forest landscape; seeking planting from developments that are within the Charnwood Forest Regional Park that meet National Forest Planting Guidelines; and securing green links between developments and the Charnwood Forest.

- The Council will also support proposals that relate to the River Soar and Grand Union Canal Corridor which: provide high quality walking and cycling links between the corridor and our towns and villages; deliver hubs and other high-quality tourism opportunities linked to the River Soar at Loughborough, Barrow upon Soar and Thurmaston; and protect and enhance water bodies and resources.
- The Council will protect and enhance the Urban Fringe Green Infrastructure Enhancement Areas by: enhancing the network of green infrastructure assets through strategic developments in accordance with Policies CS19, CS20, CS21, CS22 and CS23; addressing the identified needs in open space provision; and supporting development in Green Wedges that: - retains the open and undeveloped character of the Green Wedge; - retains and creates green networks between the countryside and open spaces within the urban areas; and - retains and enhances public access to the Green Wedge, especially for recreation)”.

### Access and Travel

3.31 Chapter 8 of the Core Strategy opens with consideration of sustainable travel, and provides policy direction to improve cycling and walking routes.

### South Charnwood: Edge of Leicester

3.37 This chapter of the Core Strategy specifically includes the North East of Leicester SUE.

#### North East of Leicester SUE (CS19)

3.39 The 5,500 new homes in the Leicester Principal Urban Area includes the North East of Leicester SUE (east of Thurmaston and north of Hamilton) with approximately 4,500 homes, of which 3,250 are planned to be delivered by 2028.

3.41 The S106 agreement for the NE Leicester SUE is in now place and this has the following elements.

Parks & Gardens	48 ha of parkland
Natural & Semi Natural	61 ha
Amenity	6 ha
Outdoor Sport	29 ha of formal and informal sport/recreation
Children & Young People	7 sites for children and 7 sites for young people
Allotments	4.0 ha
Burial Space	0.6 ha

3.45 The masterplan for North East Leicestershire can be viewed at the following link: [https://pap.charnwood.gov.uk/aniteim.websearch/\(S\(gis2xt55issav255g0k4zc45\)\)/Download.aspx?ID=42865](https://pap.charnwood.gov.uk/aniteim.websearch/(S(gis2xt55issav255g0k4zc45))/Download.aspx?ID=42865)

3.36 The open spaces provided in the SUE will primarily serve the population of this new housing area, however there may be some wider potential benefits to the existing adjacent communities in terms of improving the accessibility to some open space types, particularly those which have a wider catchment area such as parks, allotments and play provision for older children and teenagers.

### *North of Birstall SUE (CS20)*

3.37 Housing sites include a direction of growth for a second sustainable urban extension of at least 1,500 homes in the North of Birstall SUE (north of the A46) of which 1,345 are planned to be delivered by 2028. Policy CS20 identifies that the SUE should:

- provide an accessible, comprehensive and high-quality network of multi-functional green spaces in accordance with our open space standards in accordance with Policies CS15 and CS12 and garden suburb principles.

3.38 There are no specific items in the Infrastructure Schedule for this development but the planning application has been submitted for up to 1,650 homes. The following open space requirements have been recommended as a minimum, but the design details have yet to be finalised.

Parks & Gardens	1.27 ha
Natural & Semi Natural	7.92 ha
Amenity	1.82 ha
Outdoor Sport	10.30 ha of which 4.32 ha should be community use pitches
Children & Young People	Within 480m of each home
Allotments	1.31 ha

### *Watermead Regeneration Corridor (CS21)*

3.39 The sustainable urban extensions will be complemented by the Watermead Regeneration Corridor (employment land and part of the River Soar Corridor) which will also have a focus for leisure and recreation.

“Watermead Country Park is an important asset within the Corridor which itself extends to the waterfront at Thurmaston. Watermead Country Park is a network of old mineral workings and artificial lakes that run north to south along the path of the river. The Grand Union Canal also runs through the valley providing a direct access to the waterfront at Thurmaston. The Country Park is used for watersports and informal recreation and is a Local Wildlife Site. Within the Corridor there are areas at high risk of flooding. It has 250,000 visitors”

“Its future role is seen as supporting the regeneration of Thurmaston. Thurmaston is home to some of the most deprived households in the Borough. Part of Thurmaston borders the Country Park and is within the South Charnwood Priority Neighbourhood. Our evidence shows pockets of deprivation where there are low

levels of income among older people, low levels of education, skills and training and a poor-quality living environment. Community cohesion is also restricted by the physical barriers of the A607 and Midland Mainline railway”

“The opportunity to benefit the community by linking Thurmaston to the Watermead Corridor has not been taken in the past. We want to use the Corridor as a focus for defining a direction for growth to support the regeneration of Thurmaston, to restore the remaining mineral workings and to maximise the potential of the Country Park. Any development within the Corridor must be balanced carefully with our desire to protect and enhance the area’s valuable landscape, tranquillity and ecology”.

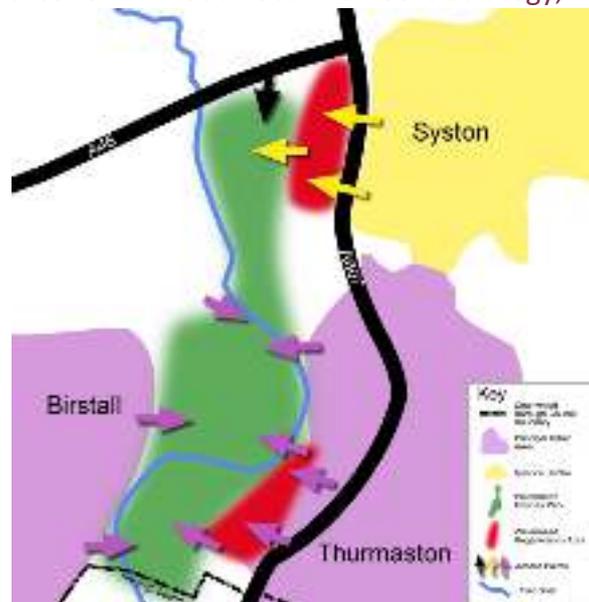
“We have worked with our partners to prepare a River Soar and Grand Union Canal Strategy. It recognises the need for new facilities to serve the 250,000 annual visitors to Watermead Country Park. The Strategy proposes a new marina with hotel and conference facilities associated with a mixed use development”.

“We have worked with our partners, including Sustrans, to improved walking and cycling links between the Country Park and Thurmaston”.

3.40 The Infrastructure Schedule for the River Soar Corridor identifies that at Watermead it is planned to include a new visitor centre and improved signage. The illustrative map for the Watermead Regeneration Corridor from the Core Strategy is given as Figure 9.

3.41 The proposals for Watermead are primarily the improvement of quality of the area, but the restoration of the mineral workings may lead to a larger area of accessible public open space, bringing more natural and semi-natural green space within easy reach of the adjacent communities.

Figure 9: Watermead Regeneration Corridor  
(source: Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy, 2015)



## North Charnwood: Loughborough and Shepshed

3.43 Chapter 10 of the Core Strategy considers the north Charnwood and the planned growth in this area.

### *West Loughborough Growth Area (CS22)*

3.43 A sustainable urban extension is planned as the West Loughborough Growth Area of approximately 3,000<sup>1</sup> homes (2,440 by 2028). There are also planned approximately 1,200 homes within and adjoining Shepshed. Garendon Registered Park will also be restored; this site was previously private access only, but will now be opened up for public access. The Park has been registered by Historic England because it includes a number of listed buildings e.g. the remains of a Cistercian Abbey.

3.44 The SUE has a Resolution to grant Planning Permission, and the S106 is due to be signed soon. The development is for up to 3,200 homes and it will provide the following green infrastructure. The illustrative masterplan can be viewed at the following link and the table below shows the elements of open space.

[https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/psd32\\_d\\_concept\\_masterplan\\_n\\_fpcr/PSD32%20d%20Concept%20Masterplan%20FPCR.pdf](https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/psd32_d_concept_masterplan_n_fpcr/PSD32%20d%20Concept%20Masterplan%20FPCR.pdf)

Parks & Gardens	Est. 1.5 ha of parks within residential area, and 188 ha Garendon Historic Park (although much of this land will be kept under agricultural management).
Natural & Semi Natural	136 ha
Amenity	35 ha
Outdoor Sport	9 ha formal pitch provision and 13.8ha informal sport/recreation
Children & Young People	6 sites for Children and 6 sites for Young People within SUE. Off-site contribution towards improved play and young people's provision at Pear Tree Lane Open Space adjacent to the development.
Allotments	2.5 ha

3.45 The impact of the new public open space, particularly the new Garendon Park, will have potentially major benefits for the wider communities in Loughborough, where the provision of the park becomes accessible within a 15 minute walk time. New allotment space and play provision for older children and teenagers may also benefit the existing adjacent communities, depending upon their location within the SUE.

<sup>1</sup> NB An application for 3,200 homes was agreed at Committee in September 2015

## Shepshed

**3.46** The Core Strategy states that there are commitments for around 1,200 homes at Shepshed and that is sufficient to meet the strategic need.

## Charnwood Borough Council Open Spaces Strategy (2013-2028)

**3.47** The Open Spaces Strategy (Charnwood Borough Council , 2013) addressed the findings of the open spaces, sport and recreation study produced in 2010. It set out, amongst other things, how any shortages in open spaces would be addressed.

**3.48** The Open Spaces Strategy is designed to bring together a strategic framework for the management and development of better quality open spaces that are at a level which meets local needs and accessibility criteria. It will help to ensure that the Council acts in a co-ordinated way with all the stakeholders to make best use of open spaces by as much of the community as possible, across the whole Borough. It will support the Core Strategy to deliver the increased demand for the various types of open spaces through the anticipated sustained growth over the next fifteen years.

**3.49** The Open Spaces Strategy provides:

- A framework for the management, development and maintenance of open space owned by Charnwood Borough Council
- An action plan for the future delivery of open space to meet identified deficiencies
- Guidance and support for the delivery of open space through the Local Development Framework
- Leadership advice and support for alternative open space delivery partners
- Information to the communities of Charnwood on the provision of open space.

**3.50** The strategy provides a wider review of the policy framework, including such things as the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2011-2013, and the Climate Local initiative.

**3.51** The criteria for prioritising future investment was based on a hierarchy of typologies and the beneficial outcomes linked to:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Biodiversity
- Climate Mitigation
- Social Cohesion
- Heritage
- Economy
- Learning

3.50 This Open Space Assessment Study refreshes the open space standards used as a key baseline in the Open Spaces Strategy which were derived from the 2010 Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Study, so allowing it in turn to be updated in the future.

## Neighbourhood Plans

3.51 Only Thurcaston/Cropston Neighbourhood Plan is adopted. The Barrow upon Soar Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted for formal consultation. Several other Neighbourhood Plans have commenced but they are at an early stage and do not yet have a relevant input for this open spaces study.

### *Thurcaston Cropston Neighbourhood Plan (2015 – 2028)*

3.52 The plan (Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council, 2016) has the following elements that relate to open spaces.

- The need to maintain and improve the open spaces was heavily supported through the consultation, including with young people, which took place as part of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Its objectives include to ensure that the community continues to have good access to the surrounding countryside and green spaces; and to protect open spaces that are important to the community and/or wildlife.

### *Barrow upon Soar Neighbourhood Plan (2016-2028) Submission Draft October 2016*

3.53 The Barrow upon Soar Neighbourhood Plan (Barrow upon Soar Parish Council, 2017) was considered by an independent examiner who concluded that the plan should now move to the formal referendum stage in June 2017.

3.54 Glebe Allotments, Nottingham Road are the only allotments in the village and are owned by the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance. Part of this large allotment area had been put forward as a potential housing site and that has raised fears for their future. However, the Glebe Allotments have been nominated by the Parish Council as an Asset of Community Value and they lie outside the Limits to Development defined by this Neighbourhood Plan. The independent inspector's report of June 2017 supported the Nottingham Road allotment site becoming a Local Green Space, protecting the site from development.

3.55 A community orchard is to be provided in the main area of open space in the south and west of the proposed Melton Road housing site.

## Long distance routes

3.56 There are a number of long distance walking and cycling routes in Charnwood, and details about the most important ones are provided in Appendix 5. These are:

- The Charnwood Round – walk round the ancient Charnwood Forest
- The Leicestershire Round – a 100 mile walking route around the county of Leicestershire, passing through key locations such as Bradgate Park
- River Soar and the Grand Union Canal – cycle and walking route following the River Soar and the Grand Union Canal from Cossington, with links to Syston, Birstall and Thurmaston, through Watermead Country Park and into Leicester. The River Soar and Grand Union Partnership will be producing a cycling strategy and will identify opportunities for the improvement of both the cycling and walking routes.
- Sustrans cycle network – several routes run through Charnwood (see Appendix 5 for map).

## Protected sites

4.58 Open spaces can be formally protected, either because they are village greens or because they are protected by the Fields in Trust. These sites are usually well used by their communities and are not therefore usually under threat from development. The protected sites in Charnwood are listed Figure 10.

*Figure 10: Protected open space sites*

Location	Protected site	Designation
Barrow on Soar	Mill Lane Recreation Ground	Fields in Trust
Barrow on Soar	Salters Close	Fields in Trust
Burton on the Wolds	Towles Field	Fields in Trust
South Croxton	South Croxton Playing Field	Fields in Trust
Syston	Archdale Street Park	Fields in Trust
Woodhouse Eves	Woodhouse Eves	Fields in Trust
Thurmaston	Thurmaston Village Green	Doorstep Green
Anstey	The Green	Town/Village Green
Anstey	The Leys or Green Sward	Town/Village Green
Cossington	War Memorial	Town/Village Green
Mountsorrel	The Green	Town/Village Green
Quorndon	The Village Green	Town/Village Green
Quorndon	The War Memorial	Town/Village Green
Rearsby	The Green	Town/Village Green
Rothley	Cross Green	Town/Village Green
Rothley	Town Green	Town/Village Green
Seagrave	The Banks	Town/Village Green
Syston	Central Park	Town/Village Green
Walton-on-the-Wolds	The Village Green	Town/Village Green
Wymeswold	The Pound	Town/Village Green

## SECTION 4: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 The study has included extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, relevant organisations, and individuals. This section of the report summarises the generic findings from the consultation, while specific points have been incorporated into the review of each open space typology.

### Individual survey findings

- 4.2 An online survey for individuals was promoted by Charnwood Borough Council between 4<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and there were 258 responses.

#### Who responded to the survey?

- 4.3 Of those responding, 83% live in the borough, whilst 41% work there, 10% visit, and 1% study. 56% of respondents were female and 44% male, and there was an approximately even one third split across the age brackets of 25-45 years, 46-60 years, and over 60 years. Only 2% of the respondents were aged 16-24 years, and there were no responses from under 16s.
- 4.4 The question asking about the work that the respondent does resulted in a total of 180 responses being received. Figure 11 illustrates this. There is a clear bias towards those who consider themselves to be professional or who are a manager/director/company owner, and also those who are retired. The survey clearly did not attract/reach those who are less skilled, unemployed or who are students.



- Those people who are less skilled or unemployed or students are less likely to have access to a car, and most often rely on walking to reach an open space. The survey findings in relation to car travel should therefore be treated with some caution.

4.7 The following is a summary of the key findings from the survey.

## Headline findings

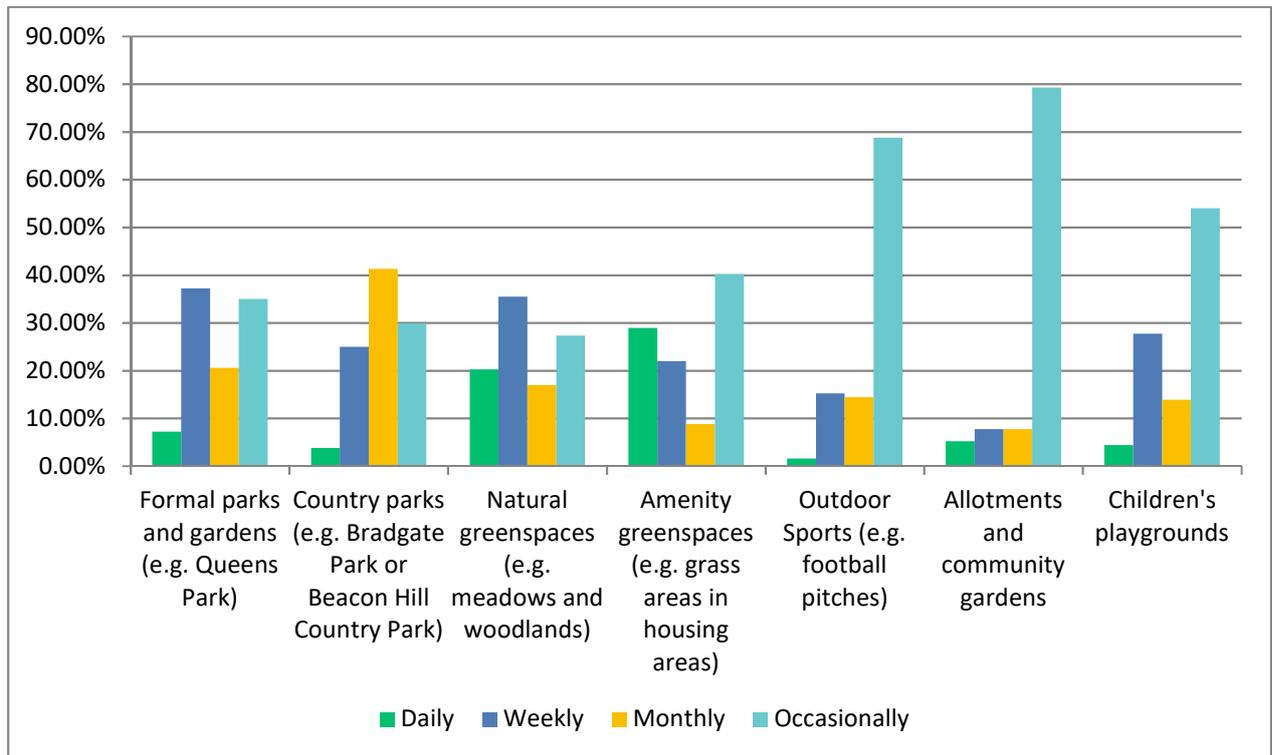
4.8 The facilities and spaces most used by the respondents, in descending order, are given in Figure 12. This demonstrates the importance of open spaces.

*Figure 12: Do you use these facilities and spaces?*

Facility type	% of respondents
Country Parks (e.g. Bradgate Park, Beacon Hill Country Park)	86%
Natural greenspaces (e.g. meadows and woodland)	73%
Formal parks and gardens e.g. Queens Park	73%
Walking / running routes (traffic free)	55%
Amenity greenspaces (e.g. grass areas in housing areas)	41%
Children's playgrounds	31%
Cycle routes	26%
Outdoor sports e.g. football pitches	13%
Allotments	9%
Skate parks	6%

4.9 One of the survey questions asked how often the respondents used each of the types of open space. The only type of greenspace that was used on a daily basis is the amenity greenspace. Formal parks, natural greenspaces and children's playgrounds are mostly used on a weekly basis. Country parks tend to be most used on a monthly basis, and most people responding to the survey only occasionally use allotments and community gardens, and outdoor sports facilities. The findings from the question are summarised in the graph in Figure 13.

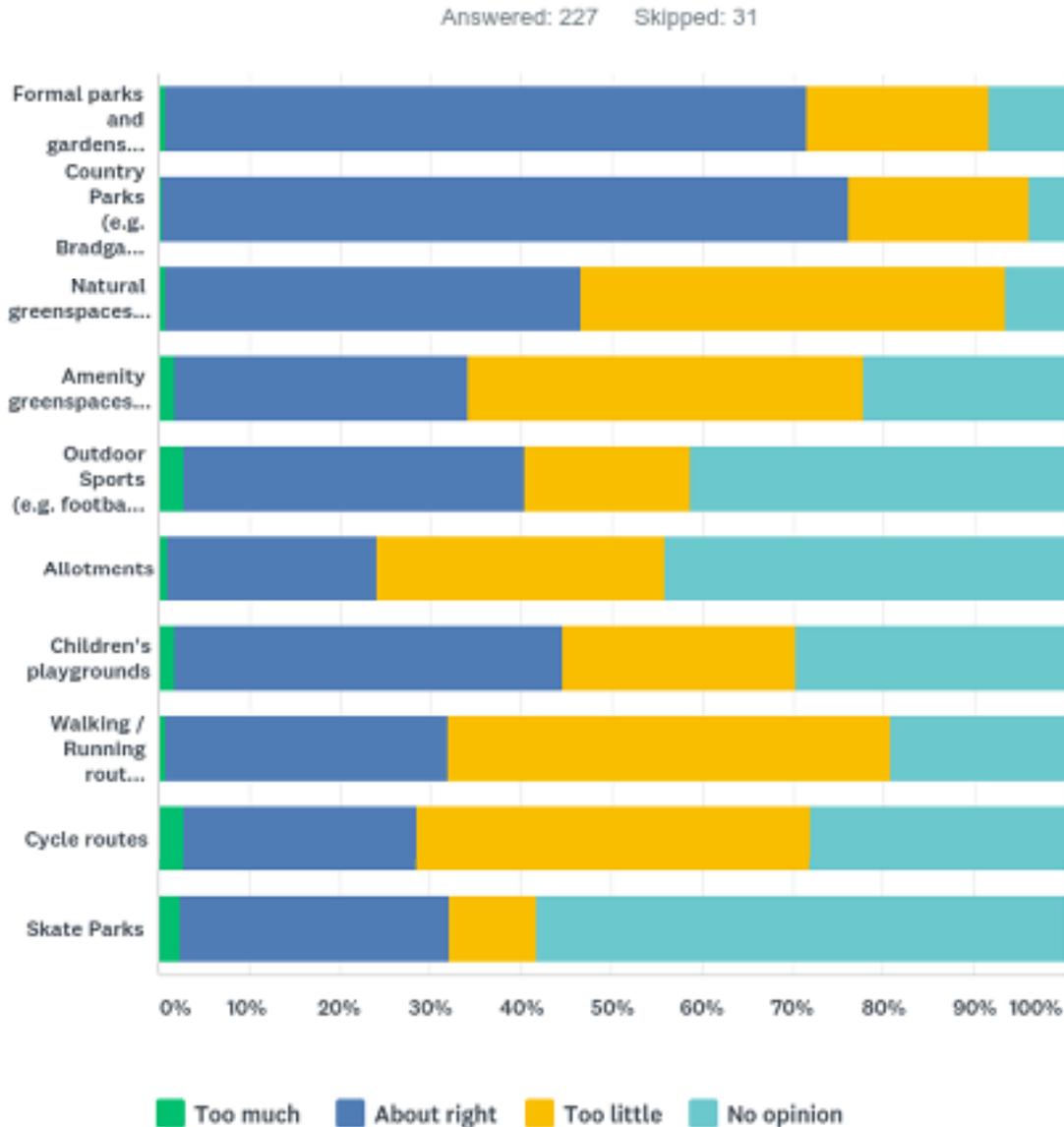
Figure 13: How often have you used each type of open space in the last 12 months?



A question asking whether the individual felt that there was too much, too little or about the right level of provision was asked, with the following results (Figure 14). This suggests that there is a general view that there are no open space types which are over-provided. The types of provision which people mostly consider that there should be more of, in descending order are:

- Natural greenspaces
- Walking/running routes (traffic free)
- Amenity greenspaces
- Cycle routes

Figure 14: Is there too much or too little provision of facilities and spaces?



4.11 Another question asked how important particular facilities and spaces were to the individual responding, asking the respondents to rank each from 1 (Very Important), to 6 (Not Important), see Figure 15.

4.12 The findings show strong support for the country parks and natural greenspaces, but generally less support for outdoor sports and allotments. The limited support to outdoor sports may in part reflect the skew in the age groups responding to the survey, as the pitch sports participation falls significantly from about the ages 16-19 years, with only relatively low levels of participation in football and rugby by the age of 45 years. The relative number of allotment holders compared to the overall population of the district is low, and this type of open space will usually only be important for these people.

- 4.13 The support for children's play will often depend on whether the individual responding to the survey has regular use of children's play facilities, usually accompanying their children (aged under about 8 years) or grandchildren.
- 4.14 Question 5 of the survey asked how open spaces could be better matched to the respondent's needs. The overriding response for the country parks, outdoor sports and allotments is that the spaces are fine as they are. However, for amenity greenspaces, formal parks and children's play, there is a clear demand for improved maintenance. There is demand for more: formal parks and gardens, natural greenspace, amenity green space, allotments and children's play.
- 4.15 Improvements to the safety of the open spaces is a relatively low priority except in relation to children's playgrounds, formal parks and amenity greenspace.
- 4.16 Increasing the number of activities available is only a desire in relation to the formal parks, outdoor sports, children's playgrounds and amenity greenspace.
- 4.17 The issue of accessibility only emerges in relation to the natural greenspace.

Figure 15: Relative importance of facilities and spaces to the respondent  
Rank 1 = most important

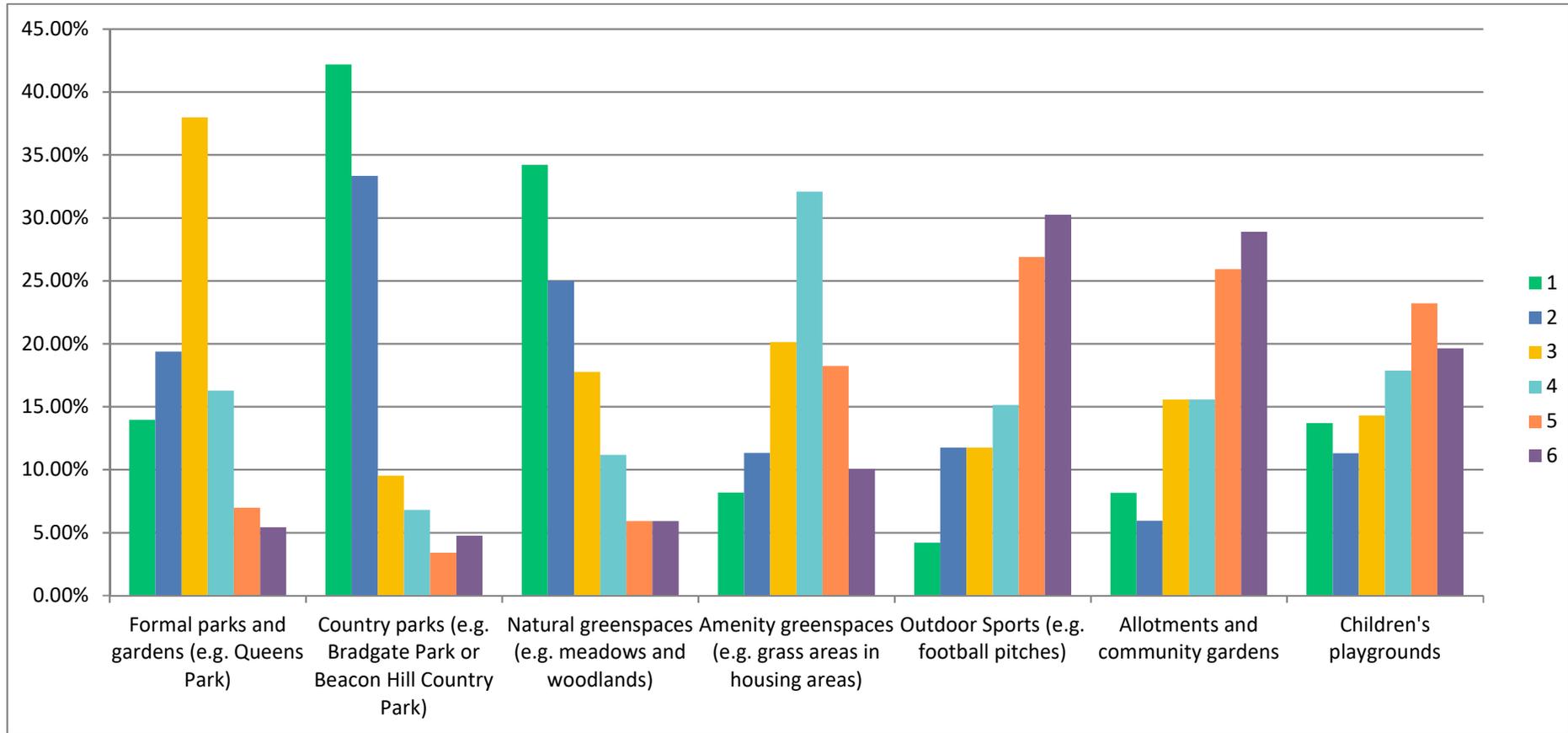
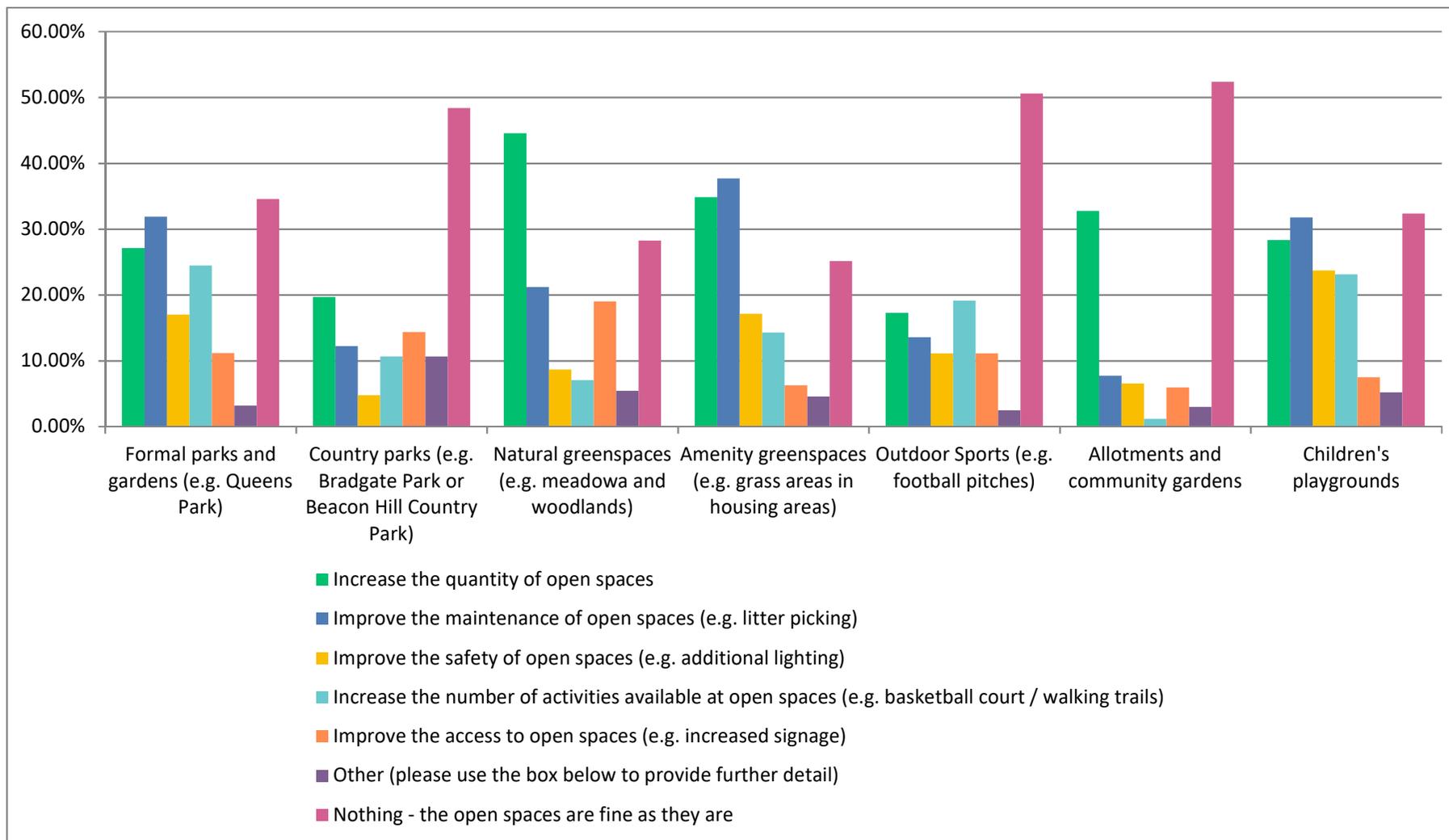


Figure 16: How could the provision of open space be better matched to your needs?



4.19 The travel time and “ideal” modes of transport have clear patterns, which can be used to inform the accessibility policy for different types of open space. The responses from Question 6: How long do you think you should be expected to travel to each type of open space, and the ideal mode of transport, gives the following results, see Figure 17.

*Figure 17: Travel mode and time to open spaces*

Type of open space	Maximum travel time in minutes	Mode of transport
Formal parks and gardens	15 minutes	Walk (58%) Car (28%)
Country parks	20 minutes	Car
Natural greenspaces	10 minutes	Walk
Amenity greenspaces	5 minutes	Walk
Outdoor sports	15 minutes	Walk (45%) Car (35%)
Allotments and community gardens	10 minutes	Walk (63%) Car (33%)
Children’s playgrounds	5-10 minutes	Walk

4.19 For the formal parks, outdoor sports and allotments accessibility, there seems to be a clear split between walking and use of a car to reach the open space. It may be appropriate to consider, for these typologies, separate accessibility standards for the urban and rural areas of the authority.

4.20 There ideal forms of other transport are relatively low, with the highest rate for cycling being in relation to outdoor sports (13% of trips) and to country parks (10%). Taking a bus is not seen as an ideal transport mode, with the highest support being in the relation to country parks (10%) followed by formal parks and gardens (8%).

4.21 Survey respondents were asked if they experienced problems at their most visited open space site. Mostly minor problems were identified, but the significant problems, in decreasing order are (with percentage of respondents) see Figure 18.

*Figure 18: Problems in open spaces*

Significant problem	Percentage of respondents reporting that there is a significant problem
Dog fouling	33%
Litter/tipping	28%
Maintenance	28%
Anti-social behaviour	19%
Vandalism and graffiti	17%
Smells	7%
Noise	5%

4.22 From these returns, it is clear that the most significant problems are associated with the management of the open spaces, although anti-social behaviour and vandalism and graffiti can also be important.

## Parish, town and ward consultation findings

### Overall returns

4.23 Of the 34 parishes and town councils, 22 responses were received. There were also 4 returns from the Loughborough town wards, of which only 2 were in any detail, Garendon and Hastings.

4.24 Overall there does not seem to be a particular pattern in the responses, but some parishes appear better provided with open space than others.

### How would you rate the overall quality of the open spaces i.e. how good are they?

4.25 Most of the Parish Councils considered the quality of their open spaces to be at least “average”, and several are good.

4.26 The parishes and wards where the quality was considered poor for particular typologies were:

*Figure 19: Parishes where typologies considered poor quality*

Parish/Loughborough Ward	Open space types considered to be poor quality in that parish/ward
Barrow upon Soar	Allotments
East Goscote	Allotments, Churchyards and cemeteries
Hoton	Churchyards and cemeteries
Mountsorrel	Allotments
Thurmaston	Allotments
Hastings Ward	Parks and Gardens, Children’s Play

## How would you rate the overall quantity of the open spaces i.e. are there enough?

4.27 None of the parishes or wards considered that there was too much open space provision of any typology.

4.28 The parishes and wards where there was considered to be too little open space for particular typologies are given in the table below. It is clear that Barrow Upon Soar seems least well provided in terms of any types of green space.

4.29 The highest requirements for additional provision are for allotments, children's and teenage play provision, and natural greenspace and green corridors. There is less, but still some demand for parks and gardens and churchyards/cemeteries, see Figure 20.

Figure 20: Locations with too little open space provision

Parish Council/ Loughborough Ward	Open space types considered to have too little provision in that parish/ward				
	Parks & Gardens	Children's play incl. teenage	Natural Greenspace and Green Corridors	Allotments and Community Gardens	Churchyards and Cemeteries
Anstey Parish Council			X	X	
Barrow Upon Soar Parish Council	X	X	X	X	X
East Goscote Parish Council			X	X	X
Mountsorrel Parish Council		X		X	
Queniborough Parish Office			X	X	
Quorn Parish Council	X	X			X
Rothley Parish Council	X				X
Shepshed Town Council		X	X		
Sileby Parish Council					
Swithland Parish Council					
Syston Town Council					
Thurmaston Parish Council		X		X	X
Walton on the Wolds Parish Council				X	
Woodhouse Parish Council	X	X			
Garanden Ward	X		X	X	
Hastings Ward		X	X	X	

How would you rate the overall accessibility of the open spaces i.e. how easy to get to or use?

- 4.30 When the parishes and wards were asked about the accessibility of different types of open space, the typology which is identified as being least accessible is allotments and community gardens.
- 4.31 In terms of parishes and wards where accessibility for more than one type of green space has been identified an issue, it appears that Sileby, East Goscote and the two wards of Garendon and Hastings in Loughborough have the least good provision.
- 4.32 These findings are summarised in the table in Figure 21.

*Figure 21: Locations with poor accessibility to open space*

Parish Council/ Loughborough Ward	Open space types considered to have too little accessibility in that parish/ward				
	Parks & Gardens	Children's play incl teenage	Natural Greenspace and Green Corridors	Allotments and Community Gardens	Churchyards and Cemeteries
Anstey Parish Council				x	
Barrow Upon Soar Parish Council				x	
East Goscote Parish Council			x	x	x
Mountsorrel Parish Council				x	
Queniborough Parish Office				x	
Rothley Parish Council				x	x
Sileby Parish Council		x	x	x	x
Syston Town Council		x	x		
Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council	x			x	
Thurmaston Parish Council				x	
Walton on the Wolds Parish Council				x	
Garanden Ward	x		x	x	
Hastings Ward		x	x	x	

## The matrix of provision

- 4.33 On some occasions, a return may have identified that there is too little provision although the accessibility is acceptable, for example Mountsorrel suggest that there is too little play provision, though what it has is accessible. Similarly, with regards to natural greenspace in Queniborough, and with parks and gardens, children’s play and churchyards and cemeteries in Quorn.
- 4.34 The open spaces testing will therefore consider both the amount of provision and its accessibility as well as quality issues. The emerging standards will reflect the outcomes of the testing and take into account feedback from the parishes consultation.

## Specific projects

- 4.35 A small number of specific projects have been flagged by the parishes and wards. These are given in the table below, Figure 22.

*Figure 22: Specific open space projects (Parish Councils)*

Parish Council/ Loughborough Ward	Project
Barrow Upon Soar	King George V Restoration Project  Improvements to the park including children’s play. Work is currently in hand (2017).
Mountsorrel	Provision of additional allotment site with approximately 60 plots. Site included in the Halstead Road development
Quorn	Maintenance and development of the Stafford Orchard Park. £20,000 funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund  A potential site has been identified for allotments but the evidence of need is awaited prior to the development.
Rearsby	The possible transfer of open space from new development to the Parish Council is currently (2017) being negotiated.
Rothley	Development of new skate park Timescales are to be confirmed and will depend on when S106 monies are released.  Linking of green corridors and accesses opened up by removing sections of fences and installing gates to make routes. By 2022  Enhance / improve the community orchard. In 2019

Shepshed	Install new skate park Timescales are to be confirmed and will depend on when S106 monies are released.
Syston	New children's playground at Winfield Park in 2018 £40,000 - Applying for S106 monies  Need for youth shelter identified, but no project yet in hand.
Thurmaston	Children's play enhancement at Elizabeth Park  There is an identified need for allotments (there are none in the parish currently) but no site has been identified that might be deliverable.
Woodhouse	Enhance children's play provision – no specific project has been identified to date.
Garendon Ward	Development of orchard in Stapleford Park on the site of the previous children's playground.
Hastings Ward	Pocket park on Peel Drive

4.3.6 Charnwood Borough Council also have a number of open space projects in their capital programme and these are identified below in Figure 23.

*Figure 23: Specific Open Space Projects (Charnwood Borough Council)*

Location	Project
Cambridge Street, Loughborough	Facility for pre-school children (£12,000 to be completed by March 2018)
Bell Foundry Pocket Park, Loughborough	Landscaping and footpaths (£60,000)
Churchyard Walls	Repair and maintain churchyard walls across the borough (£156,000 to be completed March 2018)
Kirkstone Drive Play Area, Loughborough	Upgrade play area (£52,000 to be completed March 2018)
Park Road, Loughborough	Refurbish courts and enhanced site utilisation (£108,000 to be completed March 2018)
Sidings Park, Loughborough	New paths (£75,000 to be completed by March 2019)
Southfields Park, Loughborough	Paths, signage, seating (£150,000 to be completed by March 2019)
Jubilee Park, Loughborough	Phase 1 complete (£50,000 to be completed March 2019)
Great Central Community Park, Loughborough	Access and park facilities, mainly fencing and landscaping (£20,000 to be completed March 2019)
Allsopps Lane Open Space, Loughborough	Phase 1, access improvements, signage and landscape works (to be completed March 2019)

## Consultation with key stakeholders

4.17 A wide range of organisations were contacted about the study. Those with individual memberships were asked to circulate the link to the online individual survey, and all of the organisations were asked to provide general comments about open spaces in Charnwood. Only three organisations responded and their comments are collated in this section of the report.

### Natural England

“Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England’s concerns relate primarily to safeguarding protected sites, species and landscapes. It follows that our advice focuses on preventing any adverse impacts on nationally and internationally designated nature conservation sites and green infrastructure provision.

A coherent green infrastructure network is integral to the creation of sustainable communities, providing many social, economic and environmental benefits around recreation, health and wellbeing, biodiversity enhancement, habitat creation, flood alleviation and climate change adaptation.

The National Planning Policy Framework states that local planning authorities should plan *‘positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure’*. The Planning Practice Guidance on Green Infrastructure provides more detail on this.

Urban green space provides multi-functional benefits. It contributes to coherent and resilient ecological networks, allowing species to move around within, and between, towns and the countryside with even small patches of habitat benefitting movement. Urban GI is also recognised as one of the most effective tools available to us in managing environmental risks such as flooding and heat waves. Greener neighbourhoods and improved access to nature can also improve public health and quality of life and reduce environmental inequalities.

In addition to their potential ecological value, greenspaces also help us adapt to changes in climate through their role in reducing the risk of flooding and by cooling the local environment. Where trees are present they also act as filters for air pollution.

Natural greenspaces are important to our quality of life, providing a wide range of benefits for people and the environment. Evidence shows that access to natural greenspaces for fresh air, exercise and quiet contemplation, has benefits for both physical and mental health. Research provides good evidence of reductions in levels of heart disease, obesity and depression where people live close to greenspaces.

Natural England has published information on access to good quality natural greenspace "Nature Nearby: Accessible Natural Greenspace Guidance" to help make this a reality. It describes the amount, quality and level of visitor services that may be required. ANGSt standards indicate that everyone, wherever they live, should have accessible natural greenspace:

- *of at least 2 hectares in size, no more than 300 metres (5 minutes' walk) from home;*
- *at least one accessible 20 hectare site within two kilometres of home;*
- *one accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home; and*
- *one accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home; plus*
- *a minimum of one hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population.*

There may be significant opportunities to retrofit green infrastructure in urban environments. These can be realised through:

- green roof systems and roof gardens;
- green walls to provide insulation or shading and cooling;
- new tree planting or altering the management of land (e.g. management of verges to enhance biodiversity).

You could also consider issues relating to the protection of natural resources, including air quality, ground and surface water and soils within urban design plans.

Further information on GI is include within *The Town and Country Planning Association's "Design Guide for Sustainable Communities"* and their more recent "Good Practice Guidance for Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity".

### *Study response*

- 4.19 The ANGSt standards have been tested for relevance and deliverability in Charnwood. The findings demonstrate that they are not relevant for Charnwood as they are unlikely to be deliverable in most parts of the borough. They are therefore not carried forward in the formal open space standards. The testing can be found in Section 8 of this report.

## Canal and River Trust

### *Response from Development & Engagement Manager*

"Thank you for consulting the Canal & River Trust on the Open Space Review for Charnwood. The East Midlands waterway is responsible for the navigable River Soar through the borough of Charnwood, from just north of bridge 14A near Birstall to a point 500m north of bridge 44A at Zouch.

We have an ongoing programme of planned maintenance to keep the waterway, its towpath and facilities open for all to use. Works within this programme include repairs to navigation structures (e.g. lock, bridges etc) as well as regular towpath maintenance including mowing and cutting back vegetation. In addition, we plan to install life rings at Loughborough Basin, re-plant a hedge at Barrow Deep Lock and install a new noticeboard at Birstall Lock. Works are always planned to minimise disruption to visitors and we provide notices to inform visitors of forthcoming works. Occasionally it is necessary to close a section of waterway or towpath for public safety while the works are being completed.

Our inspections programme has identified several areas throughout the borough where the towpath could be improved. These works will be undertaken when resources are available and we would be interested in partnership working to secure funding as and when opportunities arise. I am not aware of any funding sources that we are considering for improvement works at this time but have copied in our Enterprise Manager, Simon Papprell, who may be able to advise further.

We work closely with local community groups and currently support three adoption groups within the borough at Mountsorrel, Cossington and Loughborough. These groups carry out a range of agreed works to maintain and improve the waterway for all visitors. We are actively seeking more groups to adopt additional stretches of waterway across our region and would be interested to hear from any groups with an interest in working with us.

We do not currently have any plans for larger scale works within the borough. If you would like to discuss any of the points raised in this email, please contact either myself or Sean McGinley, waterway manager.”

### *Response from Area Planner (East and West Midlands)*

“Within Charnwood we own and operate over 25km of the River Soar/Grand Union Canal Navigation, and both the waterway and the towpath are valuable leisure and recreational resources for both local communities and visitors. The Open Space Review should consider the role that canal towpaths can play in providing a traffic-free environment for walkers and cyclists both for commuting and for leisure and recreation. The waterway itself is also a leisure resource, used for sporting activities such as rowing and canoeing. Ease of access to the waterway is important in encouraging local communities to utilise this valuable resource, which can contribute positively towards improving health and wellbeing in the wider population of the Borough.

Any open space strategy should include consideration of the role that the River Soar/Grand Union Canal can play, and in particular, we consider that new development proposals adjacent or near to canal towpaths should consider whether the provision of new or improved access to the towpath could make a positive contribution towards supporting greater use of it as a sustainable walking and cycling route, as well as encouraging healthier lifestyles.

Whilst the Trust is keen to identify opportunities to improve access to and use of our waterways, we also consider that new development proposals should also identify the extent of any improvements as may be needed to the towpath surface to enable it to fulfil such a role without significantly increasing the Trust's maintenance liabilities. We maintain towpaths according to their current levels of usage, and where new development is likely to result in increased use of the towpath, the Trust expects Developers to contribute towards any improvements required. It would be helpful if this were reflected in any open space strategy, to help ensure that future development proposals are required to have proper regard to these matters.

We would be happy to discuss any matters in more detail- including the Council's own views and aspirations for improving the quality of open space within the Borough and access to it and where there may be areas of common interest for us to potentially pursue in order to help ensure that our waterway can fulfil its potential as a valuable multi-functional open space resource benefitting the community."

#### *Study response*

- 4.33 The comments of the Canal and River Trust are noted. Where proposals emerge to improve / link to the waterways, then the actions include detailed specific consultation with the Canals & Waterways Trust.

#### **Garendon Park & Countryside Protection Group (GPCPG)**

"The Group has fought to save this site for over 30 yrs. Alas we failed to do so. To have input as a GPCPG member would be pointless as Charnwood BC recently gave outline planning permission for 3,200 dwellings, plus associated shops, schools etc."

#### *Study response*

- 4.41 The Borough Council has granted outline planning permission subject to a Section 106 Agreement. The Agreement will include a scheme to allow for public access to Garendon Registered Park which up to now has had no public access.

## SECTION 5: PARKS AND GARDENS

5.1 The Parks and Gardens typology includes town parks, formal gardens and pocket parks. The larger parks provide accessible, high quality open space to be enjoyed by the general public, for a range of formal and informal activities. Pocket Parks are generally maintained by community groups to promote the wildlife value of the site, often providing recreation opportunities such as pond dipping, bird watching and picnics.

5.2 The definition of this typology in the Open Spaces Strategy 2013 was:

*These range from major parks to small memorial gardens – often used for informal recreation and community events. These may include paths, benches, footpaths, tree and shrub planting, formal gardens, close mown grass for ball games / picnics etc, play areas, facilities for young people, and toilets.*

5.3 As Parks and Gardens are multi-functional green spaces they are more likely to be a specific destination, compared to smaller open spaces closer to home. They are often high value spaces which can act as an important focal point in a community, contributing towards the identity of an area and a sense of place. Larger parks can have an important focus at the neighbourhood scale, while small parks can have a more local focus. Parks and Gardens offer a number of activities within a designed space and function as important social venues for individuals and groups.

5.4 As these sites are multifunctional the total area of each Park or Garden is taken as including the separate areas of any facilities within them, such as children's play areas, tennis courts, or football pitches. Some of these facilities are also addressed separately within this report, for example: children's play and teenage facilities.

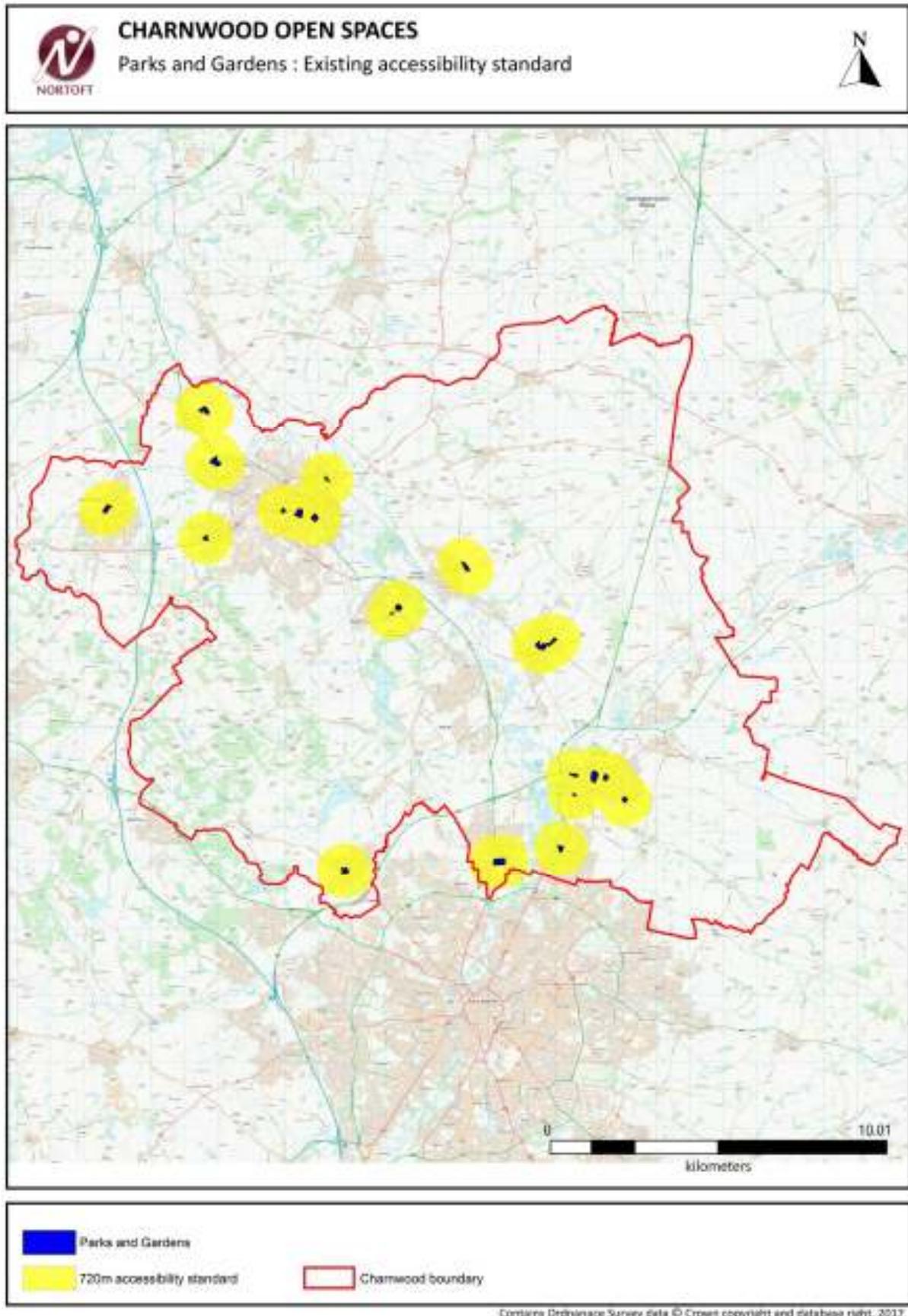
### Current provision and assessment

5.5 There are 20 sites across Charnwood which meet the criteria to be included in the Parks and Gardens typology. Figure 8 provides an overview of these sites across the district.

5.6 A walking catchment of 720m (the current adopted standard, based on a 15 minute walk) has been applied to each of the parishes and wards in order to show the accessibility at a local level (Figure 24).

5.7 Parks and gardens which are outside of the district boundary within other authorities are too far away to provide any significant extra coverage of this typology for the residents of the authority.

Figure 24: Parks and Gardens across Charnwood with existing accessibility



## Stakeholder survey

- 5.9 The Individuals survey asked a number of questions related to Parks and Gardens within the district.
- 5.10 Parks and gardens are the second most used facility type in Charnwood, but only about 38% of people use this space on a weekly basis. About half of the survey respondents use these spaces on a monthly basis or less frequently.
- 5.11 Most people feel that there are enough formal parks and gardens and they are of some importance to most people. About 33% of respondents felt that the spaces were fine as they are, but 31% want improved maintenance, and 28% more of these spaces. More activities in these spaces would also be welcomed. There is some need for improved safety, but this was only flagged by about 18% of the respondents.
- 5.12 A 15 minute travel time is expected to formal parks and gardens, with around 60% walking and 30% travelling by car. Use of bikes and buses to reach the parks were not really seen as ideal (less than 10%) but this could in part be due to the ages of the respondents.

## Testing the existing standards

- 5.12 The existing adopted standards for Parks and Gardens are:

*Figure 25: Existing adopted standards for Parks and Gardens*

	Quantity per 1000 people	Accessibility
Parks and Gardens	0.32ha	720m

- 5.13 The testing of the existing standards in relation to quantity and accessibility is summarised in Figure 26 for the Loughborough wards, the Leicester Principal Urban Area, towns and service centres within Charnwood. Testing of existing standards for all other parishes and wards is provided in Appendix 6.

## Quantity

- 5.14 The existing quantity standard for Parks and Gardens of 0.32 ha per 1000 is only achieved in 2 of the 10 Loughborough wards; Dishley and Southfields. Of the 8 remaining wards, 6 do not have a Park and Garden within their boundary. The 2 wards which have a Park and Garden, but do not meet the existing quantity standard are Ashby and Lemington.

- 5.15 Birstall and Thurmaston both have a park and garden within their boundary. However, only Birstall has a surplus in provision, with Thurmaston requiring an additional 1.34 ha if it were to meet the existing standard.
- 5.16 The service centres display a better provision of Parks and Gardens, with 5 of the 7 settlements having a theoretical surplus in provision compared to the standard. For Syston and Sileby, this 'surplus' in provision is relatively significant; at 3.14 ha and 4.87 ha respectively. The final two service centres; Rothley and Mountsorrel, do not have a Park and Garden within their boundary.
- 5.17 With the exception of Hathern, all of the remaining settlements do not have a park and garden within their boundary. Hathern has a surplus in provision equivalent to 2.82 ha.
- 5.18 The existing standard was based on the average district wide quantity provision of Parks and Gardens at the time. The current average district wide quantity provision is 0.29 ha.
- 5.19 The fall in average provision is a result of the increased population within the borough, as well as the reclassification of a few sites to other typologies such as Amenity Green Space.

Figure 26: Existing standards testing for Parks and Gardens

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (15 min walk/720m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	1.32	0.32	0.20	-0.12	-0.76	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	4195	4.28	0.32	1.02	0.70	2.93	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	0.00	0.32	0.00	-0.32	-1.87	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	0.00	0.32	0.00	-0.32	-1.92	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	6504	0.75	0.32	0.12	-0.20	-1.33	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	0.00	0.32	0.00	-0.32	-1.74	No accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	0.00	0.32	0.00	-0.32	-1.82	No accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	0.00	0.32	0.00	-0.32	-2.37	No accessibility coverage
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	7.23	0.32	1.08	0.76	5.08	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	0.00	0.32	0.00	-0.32	-1.94	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (15 min walk/720m)
Shepshed CP	13505	2.80	0.32	0.21	-0.11	-1.53	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	12216	5.59	0.32	0.46	0.14	1.68	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	9668	1.75	0.32	0.18	-0.14	-1.34	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	3.00	0.32	0.46	0.14	0.91	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	2.38	0.32	0.40	0.08	0.48	Partial accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	0.00	0.32	0.00	-0.32	-2.63	No accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	2.30	0.32	0.44	0.12	0.65	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	3897	0.00	0.32	0.00	-0.32	-1.25	No accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	7835	5.78	0.32	0.74	0.42	3.28	Partial accessibility coverage
Syston CP	12804	9.33	0.32	0.73	0.41	5.24	Partial accessibility coverage

## Accessibility

- 5.70 The existing accessibility standard for Parks and Gardens of 720m does not provide a complete coverage for all residents in any of the towns, Leicester Principal Urban Area or service centres.
- 5.71 3 of the Loughborough wards (Nanpantan, Outwoods and Shelthorpe) have no coverage when tested against the existing accessibility standard. A further 2 service centres (Mountsorrel and Rothley) also do not have any coverage from the existing accessibility.
- 5.72 All other wards and service centres have at least a partial coverage from the existing accessibility standard, however many have substantial gaps.
- 5.73 Dishley, Hastings and Southfields wards as well as Birstall, Thurmaston, Syston and Quorndon all have an accessibility that covers the vast majority of their residents.

## Quality

- 5.74 Green Flag is the current formal quality standard for Parks and Gardens, and has proved a useful assessment tool. For Parks and Gardens, the criteria used for quality relates to six areas:
- A Welcoming Place
  - Healthy, Safe and Secure
  - Well Maintained and Clean
  - Conservation and Heritage
  - Community Involvement
  - Marketing
- 5.75 The average quality scores for the Parks and Gardens sites are provided in Figure 27.

*Figure 27: Parks and Gardens quality scores*

Category	Average quality score
<i>A welcoming place</i>	46%
<i>Health, safety and security</i>	53%
<i>Well maintained and clean</i>	93%
<i>Conservation and heritage</i>	78%
<i>Community involvement</i>	52%
<i>Marketing</i>	33%
<i>Ecosystem Services</i>	48%

- 5.76 The quality criteria for the Parks and Gardens is based on the Green Flag principles, and the scores varied widely between sites. However, with the exception of

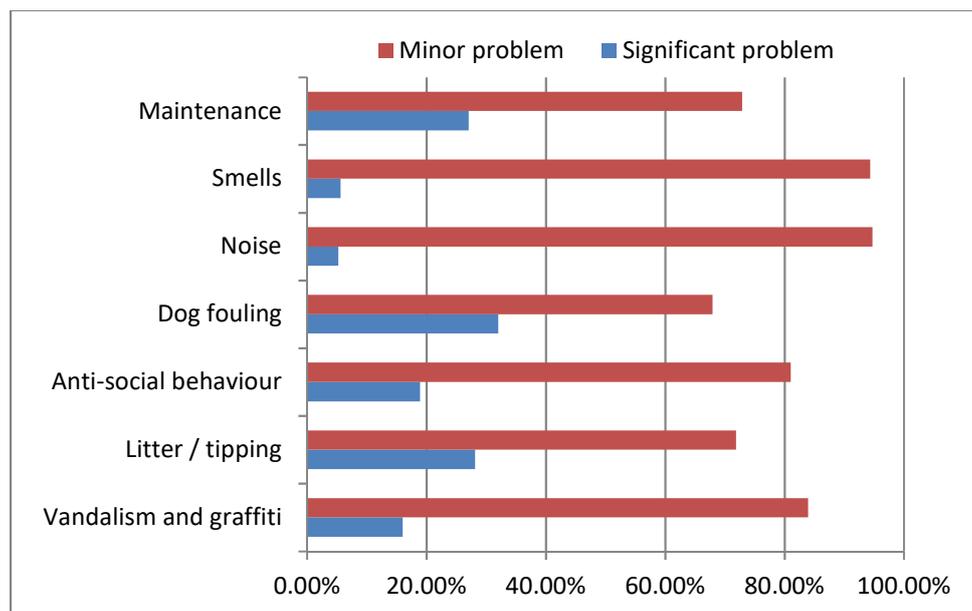
marketing, the average scores indicate an acceptable quality score across all categories.

5.27 7 sites did not receive a score for marketing as each site did not have any information for users, notice boards or any programme of events occurring at the Park and Garden. This would therefore reduce the overall average quality score within the marketing section.

5.28 All sites scored very highly for being well maintained and clean as well as for conservation and heritage.

5.29 The Individuals survey asked respondents whether they experienced any quality issues at the open space they visited most frequently. Overall 61% of respondents had experienced issues with the quality of the spaces. As Parks and Gardens are one of the most important open space types, the results are particularly relevant. The responses are shown in Figure 28. Smells, noise anti-social behaviour and vandalism and graffiti were most commonly experienced.

*Figure 28: Quality issues highlighted by Individual survey*



5.30 Sites which were flagged for having quality issues for at least one of the Green Flag categories relevant to Parks and Gardens are listed in Figure 29. The Green Flag criteria for marketing has consistently flagged sites as poor.

Figure 29: Parks and Gardens with quality issues

Site ID	Site Name	A welcoming place	Health, safety and security	Community involvement	Marketing
204	Radmoor Road, Loughborough	X			X
209	Shortcliffe Park, Loughborough	X		X	X
212	Southfields Park, Loughborough				X
214	Pear Tree Lane, Loughborough	X			X
317	High Street, Quorndon		X		
386	Sedgefield Drive, Syston				X
387	Archdale Street, Syston				X
550	Memorial Park, Sileby				X

## Testing alternative standards

### Assessment criteria

- 5.31 The assessment considers alternatives based on current practice nationally, and on the adopted standards across Charnwood benchmark comparator authorities.

### Fields in Trust

- 5.32 Fields in Trust (FiT) has recently begun reviewing its own standards, and the findings of a national survey of local authorities in England and Wales was provided in their report *Review of the Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play, Phase 2 Survey Findings for England and Wales* (January 2015). The report states that the median level of provision for *local* parks and gardens was 0.8 ha per 1000. The accessibility element of the standards was a median of 710m, but varied from as little as 300m for local/pocket parks to 4,300m for major urban and country parks. If measured by walking time, the median was 15 minutes walk from home.

- 5.33 The Fields in Trust has now recommended within their report *Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play: Beyond the Six Acre Standard, England* (October 2015) a minimum quantity guideline of 0.8 Ha per 1000, with an accessibility standard of 710m walking catchment (approximately 9 minutes walk).

- 5.34 The quality recommendation in the FiT October 2015 report for Parks and Gardens is:

- Parks to be of Green Flag status

- Appropriately landscaped
- Positive management
- Provision of footpaths
- Designed so as to be free of the fear of harm or crime

### Comparators

5.35 The CIPFA benchmark authorities show that Charnwood’s standards are much lower than the comparators authorities, see Figure 30.

Figure 30: Comparators for Parks and Gardens

	Parks and Gardens	
	Quantity (Ha per 1000)	Access (m) [adopted in Open Space Strategy 2009]
Charnwood	0.32	720m or 15 minute walk. 10 minute drive time in rural settlements.
<b>CIPFA comparators</b>		
Broxtowe	Minimum size of 1ha	500m
Colchester	1.76	720m (15 min walk)
Huntingdonshire	0.48	720m (15 min walk)
Stafford	1.5 Urban. 1.1 Rural (General open space)	600m (10 minute walk)

### Quantity

5.36 Given that:

- The existing quantity standard for Parks and Gardens is based on the district wide provision;
- The CIPFA comparators have very different standards;
- Parks and Gardens also function as Amenity Green Spaces, as residents are likely to access their nearest sites regardless of its typology;
- open space on new developments (excluding large scale SUEs etc.) are unlikely to require the inclusion of a formal Park and Garden due to size and cost;

It is therefore appropriate to consider a combined quantity standard for Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space. This is explored in Section 7.

## Quality

**5.37** The Green Flag criteria are the most appropriate quality standards for Parks and Gardens and achieving or maintaining a Green Flag status should be the goal for all Parks and Gardens. The relevant criteria for parks and gardens are:

- A Welcoming Place
- Healthy, Safe and Secure
- Well Maintained and Clean
- Conservation and Heritage
- Community Involvement
- Marketing

**5.38** The 2013 Open Spaces Strategy also contains quality standards for adoption of Parks and Gardens and these have been taken forward.

## Accessibility

**5.39** The existing accessibility standard of 720m (based on a 15min walk) does not provide a complete coverage for all residents in any of the Loughborough wards, towns or service centres.

**5.40** There is still a need to retain a separate standard for Parks and Gardens to recognise their importance as a destination venue. Analysing feedback from the various consultations specifically undertaken for this project, considering emerging best practice and Charnwood's comparator authorities, a 1200m walking accessibility is proposed. This is still equivalent to a 15 minute walk but using the FiT guidelines for distance/travel time.

## Proposed standards for Parks and Gardens

**5.41** As has been outlined above, the existing standards for Parks and Gardens do not accurately reflect the current provision for this typology. Furthermore, comparison between the existing standards and Charnwood's comparator authorities highlights a considerable variety of both the quantity and accessibility of Parks and Gardens. It is therefore appropriate to review the standards.

**5.42** Figure 31 provides a summary of the testing of the proposed quantity and accessibility standards for Parks and Gardens.

**5.43** The proposed quantity standard of 0.8ha per 1000 is based on the Fields in Trust recommended quantity standard. The outcome of the increased quantity standard can be seen in Figure 31.

- 5.44** Only 2 of the Loughborough wards, towns and service centres have a sufficient provision to meet the proposed standard; Loughborough Dishley and Loughborough Southfields.
- 5.45** The 5 service centres that had sufficient quantity for the existing standard now show a theoretical deficit when applying the proposed 0.8ha per 1000 standard.
- 5.46** Both Birstall and Thurmaston now show a deficit in the provision of Park and Gardens.
- 5.47** The increase in accessibility from 720m to 1200m has significantly improved resident's accessibility to Parks and Gardens. With the exception of Mountsorrel, all Loughborough wards, towns and service centres now have at least a partial accessibility coverage.
- 5.48** 5 of the Loughborough wards, Thurmaston and 4 service centres all now have a complete coverage from the proposed 1200m accessibility.
- 5.49** The proposed accessibility standard for Parks and Gardens is illustrated in Figure 32.
- 5.50** The new proposed standards are provided in Section 7.

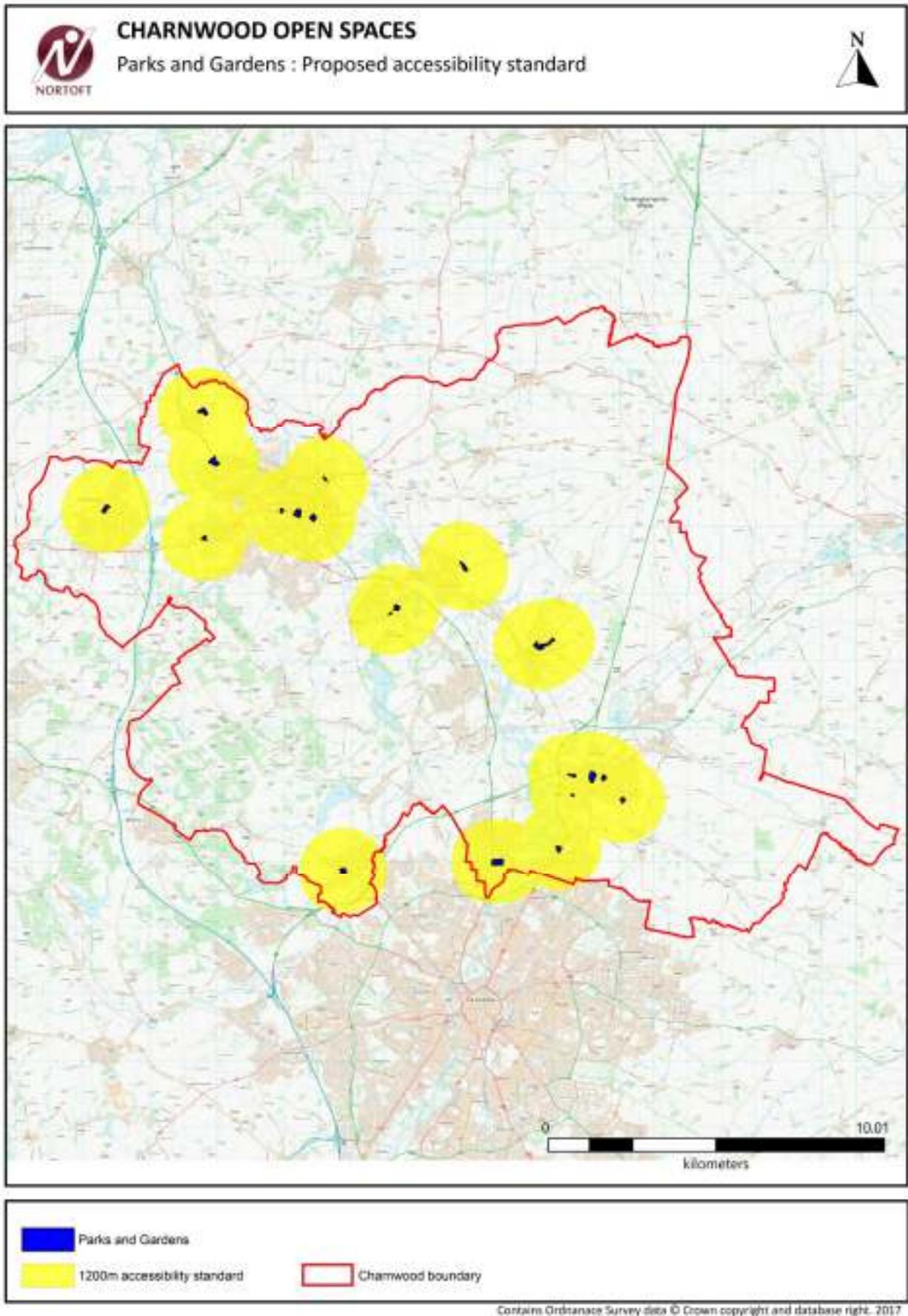
Figure 31: Proposed standard testing for Parks and Gardens

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Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	1.32	0.8	0.20	-0.60	-3.87	Partial accessibility coverage
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Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	0	0.8	0	-0.8	-4.80	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	6504	0.75	0.8	0.12	-0.68	-4.45	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	0	0.8	0	-0.8	-4.35	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	0	0.8	0	-0.8	-4.56	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	0	0.8	0	-0.8	-5.93	Partial accessibility coverage
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Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	0	0.8	0	-0.8	-4.86	Partial accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	13505	2.80	0.8	0.21	-0.59	-8.00	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	12216	5.59	0.8	0.46	-0.34	-4.19	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	9668	1.75	0.8	0.18	-0.62	-5.98	Full accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	3.00	0.8	0.46	-0.34	-2.22	Full accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	2.38	0.8	0.40	-0.39	-2.38	Partial accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	0	0.8	0	-0.8	-6.58	No accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	2.30	0.8	0.44	-0.36	-1.84	Full accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	3897	0	0.8	0	-0.8	-3.12	No accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	7835	5.78	0.8	0.74	-0.06	-0.48	Full accessibility coverage

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Syston CP	12804	9.33	0.8	0.73	-0.07	-0.91	Full accessibility coverage

Figure 32: Parks and Gardens proposed accessibility standards



## SECTION 6: AMENITY GREEN SPACE

### Typology and best practice

- 6.1 Amenity green spaces are public open spaces whose primary purpose is to improve and enhance the appearance of the local environment and improve the well-being of local residents. Often children's equipped playgrounds whether or not they are fenced, are part of amenity green spaces, and the "informal" unequipped play space which links to children's play provision is integral to the amenity green space.
- 6.2 The definition of this typology in the Open Spaces Strategy 2013 was:  
  
*Most commonly found in housing areas. Includes informal recreation green spaces. Used for informal activities close to home or work, children's casual play, enhancement of the appearance of residential areas.*
- 6.3 The size of a green space is an important factor in the role it plays in the community, as larger spaces tend to support a wider array of activities and are more likely to be a focal point for communities. Smaller green spaces are however still important features to enhance a townscape or village, and to support informal activities. These spaces often have fewer ancillary facilities than large open spaces, and provide less value for local residents.
- 6.4 Very small green spaces, of less than 0.2 ha in size tend not to be practical or usable spaces for recreation. They are often incidental open space within housing developments, and may be roadside verges. These very small areas usually have no ancillary facilities such as seating or any defining landscape features which are designed for play or leisure. Although these spaces are important in terms of design and a sense of place for both existing settlements and new developments, their limitations for amenity use means that emerging best practice now differentiates between amenity green spaces larger than 0.2 ha which have a recreational function, and those below this size which are treated as design features.
- 6.5 Green spaces which are less than 0.2 ha in size and without obvious recreational use, (i.e. not containing a play area for example) have therefore been excluded from this assessment.
- 6.6 The quality of an amenity green space is reflective of the provision and condition of its features and characteristics. The quality reflects what is provided on a site, the condition of facilities, and the immediate surroundings. The higher the quality of amenity green spaces, the more likely people are to use them. Lower quality spaces often have limited facilities and also lack landscaping and planting, they have little positive use, and may be of low or negative value to the community.
- 6.7 The need for new amenity green space often relates to the type of development. A residential development with large gardens will often have a lower need for smaller amenity green spaces compared to high density housing developments or sheltered

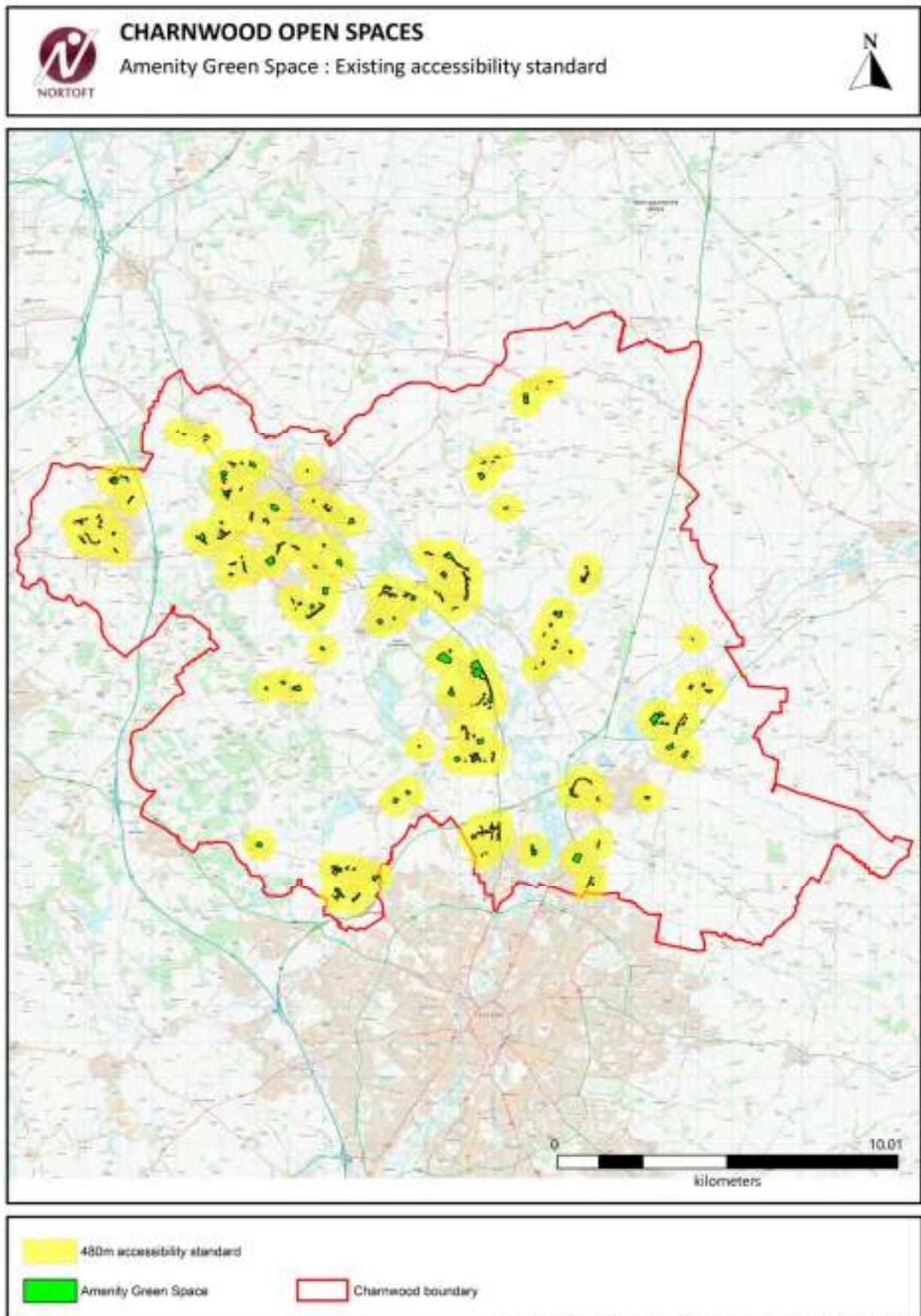
housing, where gardens are sometimes not provided. Both of the latter will however require larger areas of amenity green space.

- 6.9 The need for amenity green space is not limited to housing areas. The landscaping associated with many non-residential developments, such as business parks, should be included in the consideration of need. In these areas, quality is as important as quantity.

## Current provision and assessment

- 6.9 There are a large number of sites across Charnwood which meet the criteria to be included in the Amenity Green Space typology. Figure 33 provides an overview of these sites across the district, showing the existing accessibility standard of 480m.
- 6.10 As with the Parks and Gardens typology, where these sites are multifunctional they also include the physical area of the facilities within them such as children's play areas. These facilities are also considered separately within this report, but as they are integral parts of what makes up the green space, they need to be included in the overall area.
- 6.11 The map in Figure 33 also demonstrates that the distribution of the Amenity Green Spaces across the district is relatively even.

Figure 33: Amenity Green Space across Charnwood with current accessibility



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## Stakeholder consultation

- 6.13** The Individual's survey asked a number of questions relating to accessibility and provision of Amenity Green Space within the district, as follows.
- 6.13** Amenity green spaces are used by over 40% of the survey respondents, with most daily open space visits being to this type of provision. Almost 30% of respondents used these sites on a daily basis, with a further 21% accessing them on a weekly basis.
- 6.14** Over 40% of respondents consider that there is too little amenity green space although access to them is acceptable and they are not seen as very important compared to the other open spaces such as natural greenspace, country parks or formal parks and gardens. There is a clear message about the need for better maintenance and some concerns about safety.
- 6.15** A strong majority of respondents considered that these areas should be accessible within a 5 minute walk.

## Testing the existing standards

- 6.16** The existing standards in Charnwood for Amenity Green Space are:

*Figure 34: Existing adopted standards for Amenity Green Space*

	Quantity per 1000 people	Accessibility
	Urban and Rural	Walking threshold
Amenity Green Space	0.46ha	480m

- 6.17** The testing of the standards in relation to quantity and accessibility are summarised in Figure 35 for the Loughborough wards, towns and service centres. Testing of existing standards for all other parishes are provided in Appendix 6.

## Quantity

- 6.18** Overall the current provision across the district is 1.05 ha per 1000, showing substantial variation from the existing standard of 0.46ha, despite this standard being based on the district wide provision for Amenity Green Space at the time.
- 6.19** The significant variation in district wide provision is not surprising as the previous strategy was based on the now outdated PPG17 guidance. The scope of this report has also changed with the removal of the outdoor sports typology; this has meant many sites that were previously classified as outdoor sports have become amenity green spaces.

- 6.20 Figure 35 provides a summary for the testing of existing standards in the towns and service centres.
- 6.21 5 of the 10 Loughborough wards do not meet the existing quantity standard. However, Hastings, Lemyngton and Nanpantan wards each require less than 1ha of additional Amenity Green Space to satisfy the existing standard. The total additional Amenity Green Space required for the 5 wards with a deficit in provision is 3.63ha.
- 6.22 Shepshed, Birstall, Thurmaston and 7 of the 8 service centres have a surplus of Amenity Green Space, when compared to the existing standard. The only service centre with a deficit in provision is Syston.
- 6.23 A number of the service centres have an existing provision that significantly exceeds the existing standard. For example, Mountsorrel has over 22 ha of Amenity Green Space.
- 6.24 Of the 24 smaller settlements, 12 do not have any Amenity Green Space within the parish boundary. With the exception of Thrussington, the 12 settlements with an Amenity Green Space all have a surplus in provision.

## Accessibility

- 6.25 All of the towns, the Leicester Principal Urban Area, and service centres have at least partial coverage when testing the existing accessibility standard for Amenity Green Space.
- 6.26 The quantity of Amenity Green Space sites means that the 480m existing accessibility catchment covers all residents in two Loughborough wards; Ashby and Dishley.
- 6.27 In addition to this, two service centres, Barrow Upon Soar and Rothley, also have a full coverage from the existing accessibility.
- 6.28 The current accessibility for the remaining Loughborough wards, Shepshed, Birstall, Thurmaston and the service centres is relatively good. A number have a near complete coverage, with only small gaps (e.g. Anstey and Mountsorrel).
- 6.29 6 of the smaller settlements have a full coverage from the existing accessibility standard. A further 6 settlements have a partial coverage, of which most show that the majority of the settlement is covered by the existing accessibility. The 12 settlements without any Amenity Green Spaces do not have any access to sites within the existing standard of 480m.

Figure 35: Existing standards testing for Amenity Green Space

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (10 min walk/480m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	1.97	0.46	0.30	-0.16	-1.02	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	4195	4.16	0.46	0.99	0.53	2.23	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	7.62	0.46	1.31	0.85	4.94	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	2.76	0.46	0.46	0.00	-0.01	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	6504	2.25	0.46	0.35	-0.11	-0.74	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	2.45	0.46	0.45	-0.01	-0.05	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	6.38	0.46	1.12	0.66	3.76	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	8.53	0.46	1.15	0.69	5.12	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	1.29	0.46	0.19	-0.27	-1.81	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	2.92	0.46	0.48	0.02	0.13	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (10 min walk/480m)
Shepshed CP	13505	10.24	0.46	0.76	0.30	4.03	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	12216	9.91	0.46	0.81	0.35	4.29	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	9668	5.00	0.46	0.52	0.06	0.55	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	9.08	0.46	1.39	0.93	6.07	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	12.39	0.46	2.08	1.62	9.65	Full accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	22.75	0.46	2.77	2.31	18.97	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	5.47	0.46	1.06	0.60	3.09	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	3897	13.63	0.46	3.50	3.04	11.83	Full accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	7835	4.82	0.46	0.62	0.16	1.22	Partial accessibility coverage
Syston CP	12804	3.31	0.46	0.26	-0.20	-2.58	Partial accessibility coverage

## Quality

6.30 As with Parks and Gardens, Amenity Green Spaces have been assessed against the Green Flag criteria. The criteria used in the site assessments were:

- A welcoming place
- Health, safety and security
- Well maintained and clean
- Conservation and Heritage
- Community Involvement
- Ecosystem services

6.31 The average quality scores for Amenity Green Spaces are provided in Figure 36. The significant variety in the type of sites classified as Amenity Green Space will typically produce a range of quality scores. It is not appropriate for Amenity Green Spaces to be tested against all of the Green Flag criteria in the same way in which Parks and Gardens are so the relevant criteria have been included in the table below.

*Figure 36: Average quality scores for Amenity Green Space*

Category	Average quality score
<i>A welcoming place</i>	61%
<i>Health, safety and security</i>	64%
<i>Well maintained and clean</i>	58%
<i>Ecosystem services</i>	50%

6.32 All the Amenity Green Space sites where quality issues were flagged as 'poor' in at least two categories are provided in Figure 37. It is clear that where a site has been flagged for being poor, 'Well maintained and clean' is consistently an issue for overall site quality.

Figure 37: Amenity Green Space with quality issues

Site ID	Site Name	A welcoming place	Health, safety and security	Well maintained and clean
107	Epinal Way/Beacon Road (Loughborough Southfields Ward)		X	X
197	Castledine Street Extension (Loughborough Southfields Ward)	X	X	X
236	Leicester Road (Thurcaston and Cropston CP)	X	X	X
243	Land east of Brackenfield Way (Thurmaston CP)	X		X
273	Garland (Rothley CP)	X		X
277	Off Hallfields Lane (Rothley CP)		X	X
290	A6 Mountsorrel Bypass (Mountsorrel/Rothley CP)	X	X	X
293	Kingfisher Road (Mountsorrel CP)	X	X	X
302	Hawcliffe Road (Mountsorrel CP)	X	X	X
374	Land east of Wolsey Way (Syston CP)	X	X	X
407	Hubbard Road (Burton on the Wolds CP)	X	X	X
432	Derby Road (Hathern CP)	X	X	X
557	Edward Phillips Road AGS (Hathern CP)		X	X
568	Lammas Drive Open Space (Hathern CP)		X	X
571	Manor Holt Close AGS (Rothley CP)	X	X	X
582	Warren Way AGS (Rothley CP)		X	X

## Testing alternative standards

### Assessment criteria

6.34 The assessment considers current practice nationally, and the adopted standards across Charnwood's benchmark comparator authorities.

### Fields in Trust

6.34 The Fields in Trust's review of its own standards, the Review of the Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play, Phase 2 Survey Findings for England and Wales (January 2015), identified 0.55 ha per 1000 as the median level of provision for amenity green space. The accessibility standard varied widely, from 120m through to 800m, but the median accessibility standard was 480m.

6.35 The Fields in Trust has now recommended within the report *Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play: Beyond the Six Acre Standard, England* (October 2015) a minimum quantity guideline for Amenity Green Space of 0.6 Ha per 1000, with an accessibility standard of 480m walking catchment (approximately a 6 minute walk). There is no differentiation between urban and rural areas.

6.36 The adopted standard for Amenity Green Space in Charnwood is lower than the FiT recommended rate of provision.

6.37 The quality recommendation in the FiT October 2015 report for Amenity Green Space is the same as for the Parks and Gardens typology, but without the recommendation that the sites should achieve Green Flag status. The quality guidelines are therefore that sites are/have:

- Appropriately landscaped
- Positive management
- Provision of footpaths
- Designed so as to be free of the fear of harm or crime

### Comparators

6.38 The range of quantity standards adopted by the CIPFA benchmark authorities are considerably higher than Charnwood's adopted standard. Colchester and Huntingdonshire have standards of 1.1ha and 1.09ha respectively, with Stafford using a combined standard for informal open space of 1.5ha urban areas and 1.1ha for rural areas. Broxtowe provide a minimum size standard for each parcel of open space and are therefore not comparable.

6.39 The accessibility standards in terms of metres, between the CIPFA benchmark authorities displays a consistency, with all comparators using either a 300m or 480m accessibility. This is given as either a 5 minute or 10 minute walk.

Figure 38: Comparators for Amenity Green Space

	Parks and Gardens	
	Quantity (Ha per 1000)	Access (m) [adopted in Open Space Strategy 2009]
Charnwood	0.46	480m walk
<b>CIPFA comparators</b>		
Broxtowe	0.25	300m
Colchester	1.1	480m
Huntingdonshire	1.09	480m
Stafford	1.5 Urban. 1.1 Rural (General open space)	300m

6.40 These comparisons suggest that the current Amenity Green Space accessibility standard for Charnwood is within the “normal” range. However, the quantity standard is in need of review.

#### Emerging best practice

6.41 A key consideration in assessing the availability of amenity green space within an authority is the practical usefulness of each of the spaces for informal recreation. To date there is no formal guidance about this, but there is emerging good practice which suggests that to be useful space, the amenity green space should be:

- 0.2 ha or greater in size, or have a clear amenity use, for example children’s play
- Have natural grass on a high proportion of the site
- Permanently available for informal public recreation use
- Reasonably flat and accessible to the local community
- Safe for use by a wide range of ages
- Clearly designed, with definition between the public space and adjoining private spaces e.g. fenced
- Provided with facilities, including as appropriate, children’s equipped play, seating, and kick about area.
- Not be primarily a playing field, sustainable urban drainage site, roadside verge, or landscaping as part of a development.

6.42 Where a children’s play facility is clearly part of the amenity green space area and meets these criteria, its area has been included within the overall total for amenity green space.

## Quantity

**6.45** Given that:

- the existing quantity standards do not reflect the current provision of Amenity Green Space;
- The CIPFA comparators have very different standards;
- Parks and Gardens also function as Amenity Green Spaces, as residents are likely to access their nearest site regardless of its typology.

It is therefore appropriate to consider a combined quantity standard for Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space. This is explored in Section 7.

## Quality

**6.44** Green Flag is the current formal quality standard for Amenity Green Space, and has proved a useful assessment tool. For Amenity Green Space, the relevant Green Flag criteria is used as a basis for the proposed as the quality standard.

**6.45** These are reflected in the quality standards set down in the 2013 Open Spaces Strategy, and these have been taken forward.

## Accessibility

**6.46** Amenity Green Space accessibility is relatively good across both the towns and service centres. The existing accessibility standard of 480m states it is based on a 10 minute walk, however the FiT guidelines for walking distances indicate that a 10 minute walk is actually equivalent to 800m.

**6.47** However, after considering the responses from the various consultations specifically undertaken for this project, emerging best practice, Charnwood's comparator authorities and the localised importance of Amenity Green Space, a 400m accessibility is proposed. This is equivalent to a 5 minute walk using the FiT guidelines of 400m per 5 minutes.

**6.48** The proposed accessibility standard can also be applied to all Parks and Gardens. By their very nature Parks and Gardens can also be classed as Amenity Green Spaces as they share many of the same site attributes, and are often located in areas where there are fewer Amenity Green Space sites.

## Proposed standards for Amenity Green Space

**6.49** As has been outlined in the previous section, the existing standards for Amenity Green Space do not accurately reflect the current situation for this typology.

**6.50** Figure 39 provides a summary of the testing for both the proposed quantity and accessibility standards.

- 8.51 The proposed quantity standards are based on the Fields in Trust recommended standards of provision for Amenity Green Space. At 0.6 ha per 1000, this represents an increase of 0.12 ha per 1000 above the existing standard. However, as the current average provision across Charnwood is already higher at 1.05 ha per 1000, this increase is justified. This will mean that more open space would potentially be provided and people won't have to walk so long to get to their nearest space.
- 8.52 See Section 7 for further details.

Figure 39: Proposed standards testing for Amenity Green Space

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Proposed quantity standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (5 min walk/400m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	1.97	0.6	0.30	-0.30	-1.92	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	4195	4.16	0.6	0.99	0.39	1.65	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	7.62	0.6	1.31	0.71	4.13	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	2.76	0.6	0.46	-0.14	-0.85	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	6504	2.25	0.6	0.35	-0.25	-1.65	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	2.45	0.6	0.45	-0.15	-0.82	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	6.38	0.6	1.12	0.52	2.96	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	8.53	0.6	1.15	0.55	4.08	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Proposed quantity standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (5 min walk/400m)
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	1.29	0.6	0.19	-0.41	-2.75	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	2.92	0.6	0.48	-0.12	-0.72	Partial accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	13505	10.24	0.6	0.76	0.16	2.13	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	12216	9.91	0.6	0.81	0.21	2.58	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	9668	5.00	0.6	0.52	-0.08	-0.80	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	9.08	0.6	1.39	0.79	5.16	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	12.39	0.6	2.08	1.48	8.82	Full accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	22.75	0.6	2.77	2.17	17.82	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	5.47	0.6	1.06	0.46	2.36	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Proposed quantity standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (5 min walk/400m)
Rothley CP	3897	13.63	0.6	3.50	2.90	11.29	Full accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	7835	4.82	0.6	0.62	0.02	0.12	Partial accessibility coverage
System CP	12804	3.31	0.6	0.26	-0.34	-4.37	Partial accessibility coverage

## **SECTION 7: COMBINED PARKS AND GARDENS AND AMENITY GREEN SPACE**

- 7.1** This section looks at the options for combining the quantity standards of the Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space typologies.
- 7.2** As Parks and Gardens are also Amenity Green Spaces (but not vice versa), the accessibility for Parks and Gardens using the Amenity Green Space proposed standard has also been tested.
- 7.3** This approach allows flexibility in how the open spaces can be planned for new developments and will help to provide better quality spaces that are appropriate to their location.
- 7.4** The existing standards for both typologies have already been considered in the previous sections. This section therefore only considers the proposed quantity standards, initially as separate standards, followed by a combined approach.

## Proposed standards for combining Amenity Green Space and Parks and Gardens

### Quantity

- 7.5 Combining the Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space typologies gives a current provision of 1.35ha per 1000. If the FiT standards for Amenity Green Space and Parks and Gardens are combined, the recommended rate of provision is 1.4 ha per 1000 (0.6 ha per 1000 from Amenity Green Space and 0.8 ha per 1000 from Parks and Gardens), close to the current average provision.
- 7.6 Testing based on the combined FiT standard is shown below in Figure 40 for the Towns and Service Centres. The testing of the proposed standards for the other parishes is provided in Appendix 7. The proposed standards are only met in 1 Loughborough ward and 5 of the service centres. Both Birstall and Thurmaston do not meet the proposed quantity standard, with Thurmaston requiring an additional 6.8 ha of space. However, a number of the wards currently with a deficit will only need a small increase in the provision of either Parks and Gardens or Amenity Green Space to meet the proposed standard, making it a much better fit.
- 7.7 For example, Garendon ward only requires an additional 0.54 ha of Parks and Gardens or Amenity Green Space. The West Loughborough Growth Area located in Garendon ward plans to provide a package of green spaces of approximately 5ha which would bring this ward up to the recommended standard. The same is true for the North East Leicester SUE which would have an impact on the provision in Thurmaston.
- 7.8 The urban nature of a number of Loughborough wards means that demand for space is significantly higher than elsewhere in the district due to the population, therefore it can be extremely difficult to provide the necessary quantity of open space where there are competing land priorities such as for housing. Where this is the case, the focus should be on maximising the quality of existing sites and improving their accessibility.
- 7.9 12 of the 24 smaller settlements have either a Park and Garden or Amenity Green Space within the parish boundary. 9 of these also have a surplus in provision, with the remaining 3 settlements requiring a combined total of 0.9ha. 12 of the smaller settlements do not have either a Park and Garden or Amenity Green Space within the parish boundary.

Figure 40: Proposed quantity testing for combined Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	3.28	1.4	0.51	-0.89	-5.80
Loughborough Dishley	4195	8.44	1.4	2.01	0.61	2.57
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	7.62	1.4	1.31	-0.09	-0.54
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	2.76	1.4	0.46	-0.94	-5.65
Loughborough Lemington Ward	6504	3.00	1.4	0.46	-0.94	-6.10
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	2.45	1.4	0.45	-0.95	-5.17
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	6.38	1.4	1.12	-0.28	-1.60
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	8.53	1.4	1.15	-0.25	-1.85
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	8.52	1.4	1.27	-0.13	-0.89
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	2.92	1.4	0.48	-0.92	-5.58
Shepshed CP	13505	13.03	1.4	0.97	-0.43	-5.87
Birstall CP	12216	15.49	1.4	1.27	-0.13	-1.61
Thurmaston CP	9668	6.75	1.4	0.70	-0.70	-6.78
Anstey CP	6528	12.08	1.4	1.85	0.45	2.94
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	14.77	1.4	2.48	1.08	6.43
Mountsorrel CP	8223	22.75	1.4	2.77	1.37	11.24
Quorndon CP	5177	7.77	1.4	1.50	0.10	0.52
Rothley CP	3897	13.63	1.4	3.50	2.10	8.17
Sileby CP	7835	10.60	1.4	1.35	-0.05	-0.37
Syston CP	12804	12.65	1.4	0.99	-0.41	-5.28

## Accessibility

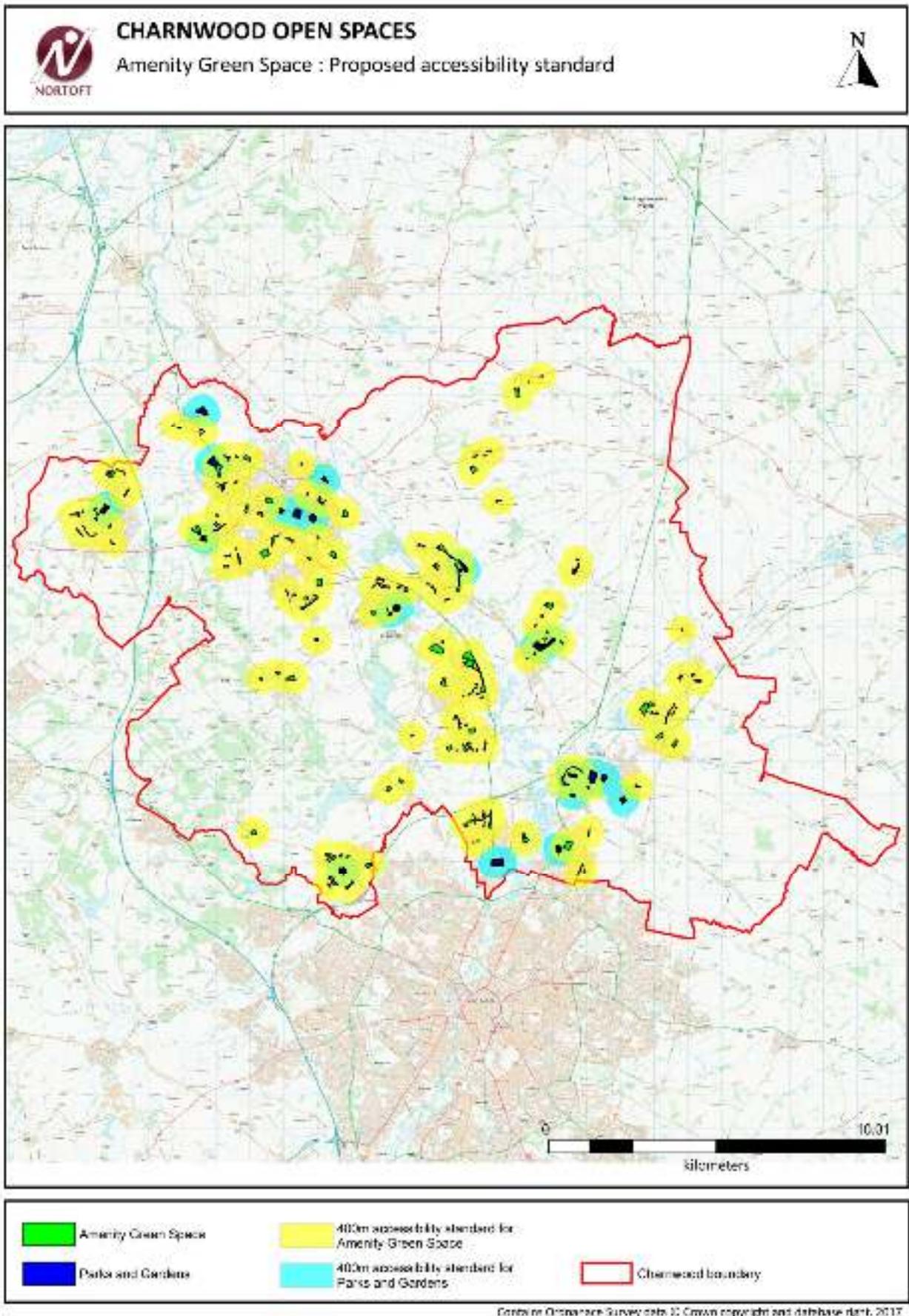
- 7.10** Recognising that Parks and Gardens also act as Amenity Green Space it is appropriate to test a combined accessibility standard. This is suggested as 400m to bring it in line with the FiT recommendations of a 5 minute walk and the findings from the Individuals survey. The result of this testing is give in Figure 41 and Figure 42.
- 7.11** The result of the proposed accessibility shows a general improvement in accessibility for Garendon and Southfields wards, where all residents now have access to either an Amenity Green Space or Park and Garden. In addition, a number of wards, the Leicester Principal Urban Area and service centres show an improved accessibility catchment due to the addition of the Parks and Gardens sites.

*Figure 41: Proposed accessibility Amenity Green Space and Parks and Gardens combined (400m)*

Parish/Ward	Accessibility of main settlement to either Amenity Green Space or Park and Garden (5 min walk/400m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemington Ward	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Southfields Ward	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	Partial accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	Full accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	Full accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Accessibility of main settlement to either Amenity Green Space or Park and Garden (5 min walk/400m)
Sileby CP	Partial accessibility coverage
Syston CP	Partial accessibility coverage

Figure 42: Amenity Green Space proposed accessibility standard



## Summary

- 7.1.2** Neither the current adopted standard for Parks and Gardens or Amenity Green Space reflect the actual provision of these typologies.
- 7.1.3** The close relationship between Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space means that these sites are not often provided in close proximity. However, often people are likely to visit a site due to its closeness, instead of its classification.
- 7.1.4** The average district wide provision for the combined Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space of 1.35ha displays a close relationship with the 1.4 ha Fields in Trust combined standard. In addition, this quantity standard is also a better fit when compared to Charnwood's comparator authorities.
- 7.1.5** The combined accessibility mapping shows that more people have access to either a Park and Garden or an Amenity Green Space than one of these typologies alone.
- 7.1.6** From a planning perspective, a combined standard offers flexibility for development management to provide open spaces that are suited to the specific needs and requirements of the site. However, it should be noted that the capital and maintenance costs of Parks and Gardens will usually be higher than Amenity Green Space provision therefore negotiation will need to be undertaken on a case by case basis for major developments.

## Proposed Standards

- 7.17** The following standards are proposed for Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space.

In new developments, planning policy should identify the expected proportion of the site to be developed as Parks and Gardens and as Amenity Green Space.

### Quantity

- 1.4ha per 1000

### Quality standard for Parks and Gardens

- Green Flag standard
- Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space with tree and shrub planting suitable for a variety of informal outdoor recreation activities. Including features such as public gardens, footpaths, play areas, young people's facilities, seating and litter bins. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan. Clean and litter free, appropriate planting and well kept grass. It is desirable to include

toilets, seating, footpaths, nature features, litter bins and safety features. They should have a clear entrance, boundaries and lighting.

#### Quality standard for Amenity Green Space

- Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space. Including features such as tree and shrub planting and footpaths. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan. Clean and litter free, regularly maintained and with well kept grass and appropriate planting. Where possible, sites should also contain litter bins, dog bins and seating and be safe and secure.

#### Accessibility

- 1200m for Parks and Gardens in the Towns and Service Centres
- and
- 400m to an Amenity Green Space or a Park and Garden in the Towns, Service Centres and Other Settlements

## SECTION 8: NATURAL AND SEMI NATURAL GREEN SPACE

8.1 The definition of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space in the Open Spaces Strategy 2013 was:

*These include publicly accessible woodlands, as well as urban forestry, scrub, grasslands (e.g. commons, meadows), wetlands and wastelands. Uses include wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.*

8.2 Natural England believes everyone should have access to good quality natural green space near to where they live and have developed policy guidance for local authorities in their 2010 report *Nature Nearby: Accessible Natural Greenspace*.

### Current provision and assessment

8.3 There are a large number of sites across Charnwood which meet the criteria to be included in the Natural and Semi-Natural Green Space typology. The total area of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space is 937.92 ha across 37 sites.

8.4 Figure 46 provides an overview of these sites across the district with a catchment of 480m (the existing accessibility standard). The map shows how most of the urban centres lack the provision of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space, with the majority of sites located in the rural areas of the borough, or on the urban fringe.

8.5 The previous study also included Country Parks within the Natural and Semi Natural Green Space typology and this approach has been carried forward.

8.6 There are 11 large (>10ha) sites within the district which make up 89% of the total amount of Natural and Semi Natural provision.

*Figure 43: Large Natural and Semi Natural Green Space sites*

Site ID	Site name	Parish/Ward	Size (ha)
29	Loughborough Meadows	Lemyngton Ward	66.18
195	Mount Grace Road NSN	Garendon Ward	12.23
198	Outwoods	Outwoods Ward	63.80
222	Beacon Hill	Hastings Ward	10.80
224	Rough Hill	Woodhouse CP	95.25
229	Swithland Wood	Newton Linford CP/ Swithland CP	69.6
230	Bradgate Park	Swithland CP	334.16
241	Watermead Country Park	Birstall CP/ Thurmaston CP/ Syston CP	144.4
525	Country Park off Gorse Hill	Anstey CP	15.49

588	Mountsorrel Meadows Nature Reserve	Rothley CP	14.3
638	Little Moor Lane NSN	Hastings Ward	10.18

## Stakeholder consultation

- 8.7 The Individuals survey asked a number of questions on accessibility and provision of Natural and Semi Natural green space within the district.

### Natural and Semi Natural Green Space

- 8.8 This is the second most used of all greenspaces in the borough, with about 20% of people using them on a daily basis, and about 35% on a weekly basis. Almost 50% of survey respondents considered that there was too little natural greenspace.
- 8.9 This typology has strong support, with about 60% of respondents ranking it of highest or second highest importance. A further 18% ranked this type of open space third important. Issues associated with these spaces include a need for improved maintenance (21%), and improved access (19%).
- 8.10 The expected travel mode is by walking, and the preferred distance to natural greenspaces should be 10 minutes.

### Country parks

- 8.11 Country parks are used by more residents than any other type of space, but most people only visit on a monthly basis or less frequently. Only about 3% of respondents used these sites on a daily basis, with about 22% visiting on a weekly basis.
- 8.12 Country parks have very strong support, being ranked as 1st or 2nd most important of all open spaces by almost 80% of the respondents. A large majority of respondents also considered that there was sufficient provision of this type in the borough. Almost 50% of respondents also felt that the country parks were “fine as they are”.
- 8.13 Most people felt that a 20 minute drive time by car was appropriate for this facility type, although ideally the sites would also be accessible by bus and by cycling.

## Testing the existing standards

8.14 The standards tested for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space are:

*Figure 44: Existing adopted standards for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space*

	Quantity per 1000 people	Accessibility
Natural and Semi Natural Green Space	5.7 ha (2ha for new development)	480m

8.15 The testing of the existing standards in relation to quality and accessibility are summarised in Figure 45, Figure 46 and Figure 47 for the Loughborough wards, Towns and Service Centres. Testing of existing standards for all other parishes within Charnwood is provided in Appendix 6.

### Quantity

8.15 The previous strategy highlighted the quantity standard for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space as 5.7ha per 1000. This was based only on the current provision at the time. However, in recommending future provision, it stated a quantity standard of 2.0ha per 1000 was to be applied for new developments.

8.17 In light of this, the previous borough wide average provision of 5.7 ha has been used as the basis for the quantity testing to enable a comparison between the two.

8.18 Overall the provision across the district is now 5.65 ha per 1000 population which is just short of the previous average provision. A number of sites have been removed from this study as they are not publicly accessible, and this is likely to have caused this change.

8.19 Figure 47 provides a summary of the testing of existing standards. Despite a high district wide average provision, only two of the Loughborough wards have a sufficient supply of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space.

8.20 3 of the Loughborough wards do not have any Natural and Semi Natural Green Space within their boundaries. The significant quantity requirement, combined with relatively concentrated urban populations, would create a considerable need for additional Natural and Semi Natural Green Space; a total of 210 ha against the existing quantity standard. This is not realistic to provide within an urban setting.

8.21 Shepshed, Birstall and all of the service centres have a deficit in the provision of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space. However, Barrow upon Soar and Sileby have no provision.

8.22 Thurmaston has a surplus in provision of 7.9 ha.

**8.73** 6 of the 24 smaller settlements have a Natural and Semi Natural Green Space within their parish. Both Newton Linford (where Bradgate Park is located) and Woodhouse have a substantial provision of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space; a combined area of 512 ha. All other settlements with the exception of Swithland, do not meet the existing quantity standard.

**8.74** Bradgate Park is the single largest open space site in Charnwood, with a total area of 334.16 ha, roughly one third of all Natural and Semi Natural Green Space within the borough. As the existing standards are based on the average district wide provision, the inclusion of Bradgate Park (as well as a number of other large sites) has skewed the figure used for existing provision.

**8.75** It is therefore clear that the average borough wide provision of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space is not a suitable quantity standard.

## Accessibility

**8.25** The existing accessibility standard of 480m is only achieved in 1 Loughborough ward; Dishley. A significant proportion of the remaining wards, towns, the Leicester Principal Urban Area and service centres have at least a partial coverage of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space.

**8.27** The Loughborough wards; Southfields and Storer, as well as Barrow Upon Soar, Rothley and Sileby parishes do not have any coverage from the existing accessibility.

**8.28** Only 1 of the smaller settlements is afforded a complete coverage from the existing accessibility, however a further 4 settlements show a partial coverage. The 19 remaining smaller settlements do not have any coverage from the existing accessibility standard.

## Quality

**8.29** Green Flag is the current formal quality standard for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space, and has proved a useful assessment tool. For Natural and Semi Natural Green Space, the Green Flag criteria assessed are:

- A welcoming place
- Health, safety and security
- Well maintained and clean
- Conservation and heritage
- Community involvement
- Marketing
- Ecosystem Services

**8.30** The average quality scores are provided in Figure 45 and show a considerable variation between the Green Flag criteria.

8.31 Most notably, community involvement only scores an average of 5%. However, when the nature of a Natural and Semi Natural Green Space is considered, the criteria for community involvement (Active friends group) will not be relevant for the majority of sites, but is relevant for the larger sites and country parks.

8.32 As Natural and Semi Natural Green Spaces are occasionally subject to reduced maintenance (to ensure the site is 'natural') and may not be actively marketed or easily accessed. The variety of sites included within this typology means that a category relevant to one site may not be important at another.

*Figure 45: Natural and Semi Natural Green Space average quality*

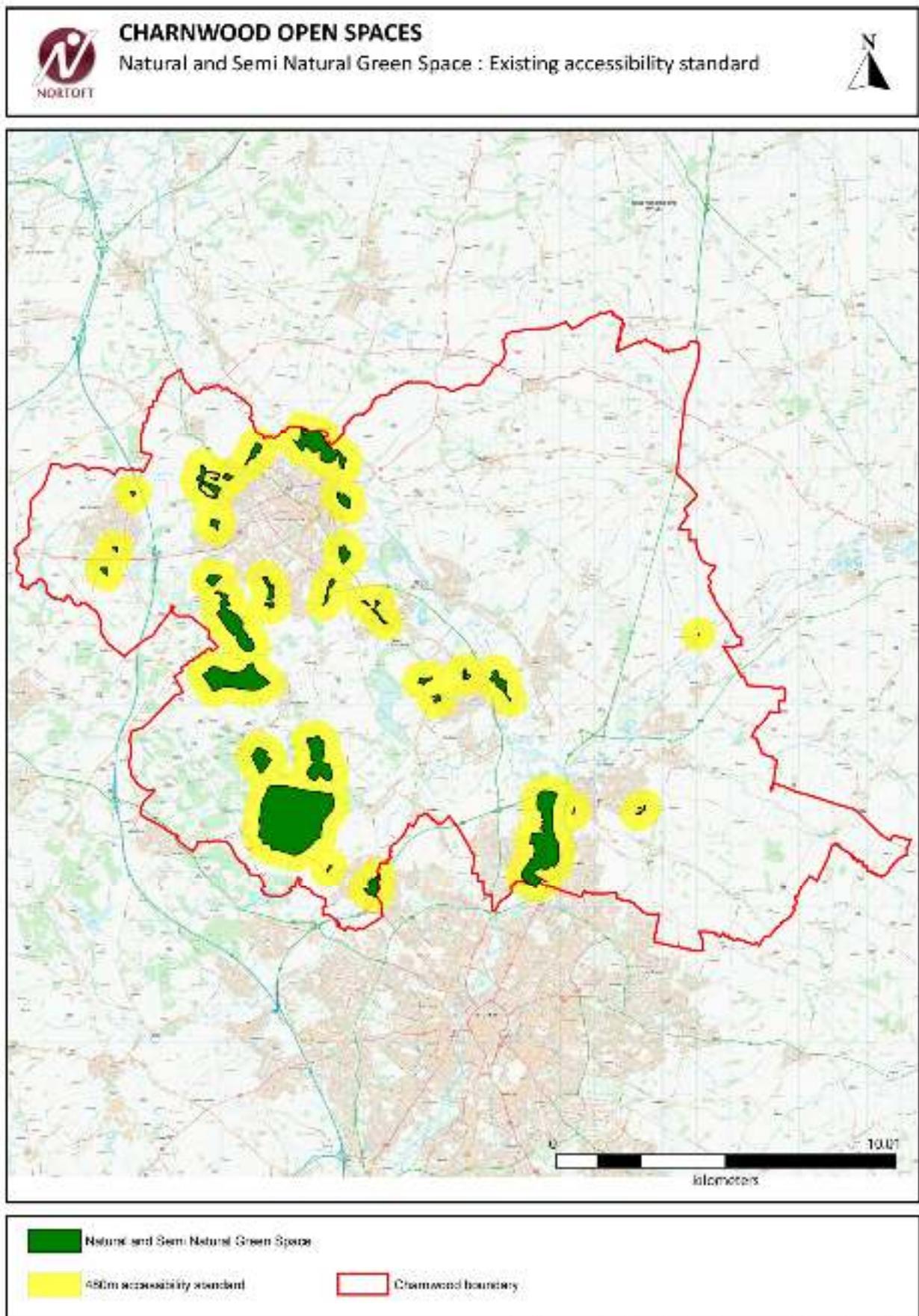
Category	Average quality score
<i>A welcoming place</i>	38%
<i>Health, safety and security</i>	38%
<i>Well maintained and clean</i>	54%
<i>Conservation and heritage</i>	77%
<i>Community involvement</i>	5%
<i>Marketing</i>	28%
<i>Ecosystem Services</i>	68%

8.33 The Green Flag criteria used to assess Natural and Semi Natural Green Space are also used for the assessment of all multi-functional green spaces and are therefore broad in their application, but narrow in their focus.

8.34 Natural and Semi Natural Green Spaces display a considerable variety, from the managed country parks and reservoirs to the 'natural' grasslands and meadows. Therefore, it is inherently difficult to produce a site assessment that suitably meets the site specific details of each site whilst allowing for a comparison between the different typologies and specific sites.

8.35 The quality scores awarded to Natural and Semi Natural Green Spaces, especially the scores flagged as being of poor quality, should therefore be used on a site by site basis, dependent on each site's specific needs and requirements.

Figure 46: Natural and Semi Natural Green Space existing accessibility



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Figure 47: Natural and Semi Natural Green Space existing accessibility standards

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (10 min walk/480m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	0.00	5.70	0.00	-5.70	-36.98	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	4195	12.33	5.70	2.94	-2.76	-11.58	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	17.01	5.70	2.92	-2.78	-16.21	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	20.98	5.70	3.49	-2.21	-13.24	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	6504	75.49	5.70	11.61	5.91	38.42	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	8.46	5.70	1.55	-4.15	-22.55	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	76.39	5.70	13.41	7.71	43.91	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	5.64	5.70	0.76	-4.94	-36.63	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	0.00	5.70	0.00	-5.70	-38.33	No accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	0.00	5.70	0.00	-5.70	-34.60	No accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	13505	5.52	5.70	0.41	-5.29	-71.46	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (10 min walk/480m)
Birstall CP	12216	52.91	5.7	4.33	-1.37	-16.72	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	9668	62.97	5.7	6.51	0.81	7.86	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	16.46	5.70	2.52	-3.18	-20.75	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	0.00	5.70	0.00	-5.70	-33.95	No accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	10.32	5.70	1.25	-4.45	-36.55	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	5.66	5.70	1.09	-4.61	-23.85	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	3897	14.30	5.70	3.67	-2.03	-7.91	No accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	7835	0.00	5.70	0.00	-5.70	-44.66	No accessibility coverage
Syston CP	12804	30.30	5.70	2.37	-3.33	-42.68	Partial accessibility coverage

## Testing alternative standards

### Assessment criteria

**8.36** As agreed by Charnwood Borough Council, the criteria used to assess the quality of Natural and Semi Natural Green Space is based on the Green Flag approach. All sites have been assessed against the following Green Flag categories:

- A Welcoming Place
- Healthy, Safe and Secure
- Well Maintained and Clean
- Conservation and Heritage
- Community Involvement
- Marketing
- Ecosystem Services

**8.37** The assessment considers current practice nationally, and the adopted standards across Charnwood's benchmark comparator authorities.

### Inclusion of Green Corridors

**8.38** The previous strategy did not provide any quantitative standards for Green Corridors. Green Corridors are linear routes with the primary purpose of providing opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding. Due to their linear form, there is often no sensible way to provide a quantity standard.

**8.39** However, all of these sites within Charnwood are in a natural or semi-natural state, and can be considered as Natural and Semi Natural Green Space. The area of Green Corridors has therefore been added to the parish totals and they have been included in the accessibility maps for the testing of the proposed standards.

### Fields in Trust

**8.40** The Fields in Trust survey of local authorities report of 2015 identified that only a relatively small number of authorities had separate standards for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space (including green corridors). Where they did, the median level of the standard of provision was 1.78 ha per 1000. The FiT has now recommended within their October 2015 report a minimum quantity guideline for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space of 1.8 ha per 1000, with an accessibility standard of 720m (approximately a 9 minute walk).

### Comparators

**8.41** A comparison of the standards of provision in Charnwood with the CIPFA benchmark authorities is provided in Figure 48. There is a clear range in both the quantity and accessibility standards used by Charnwood's comparator authorities; from 0.23ha to 5ha per 1000 and 300m to 720m for accessibility.

Figure 48: Comparators for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space

	Natural and Semi Natural Green space	
	Quantity (Ha per 1000)	Accessibility (m)
Charnwood	5.7ha (2ha for all new development)	480m
<b>CIPFA comparators</b>		
Broxtowe	2ha	300m
Colchester	5ha (excluding rural analysis)	720m
Huntingdonshire	0.23 ha	720m
Stafford	1.5 Urban 1.1 Rural (combined standard)	600m

### Natural England

8.42 Natural England is the relevant statutory body in relation to natural green space, and in the report *Nature Nearby: Accessible Natural Greenspace* (2010) it recommends the following standards:

- at least one accessible 2 hectare site within 300 m of home; and
- at least one accessible 20 hectare site within two kilometres of home; and
- one accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home; and
- one accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home.
- minimum of one hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserve per 1000 population.

8.43 It has been agreed to test only the first three standards above as there are no sites within Charnwood that are over 500 hectares in size and having a standard for local nature reserves is not considered appropriate for this study.

### Testing ANGSt standards

8.44 The Accessible Natural Green Space standards (ANGSt) promoted by Natural England only have accessibility criteria. They are therefore tested through mapping, and the results are provided in Figure 49, Figure 50 and Figure 51.

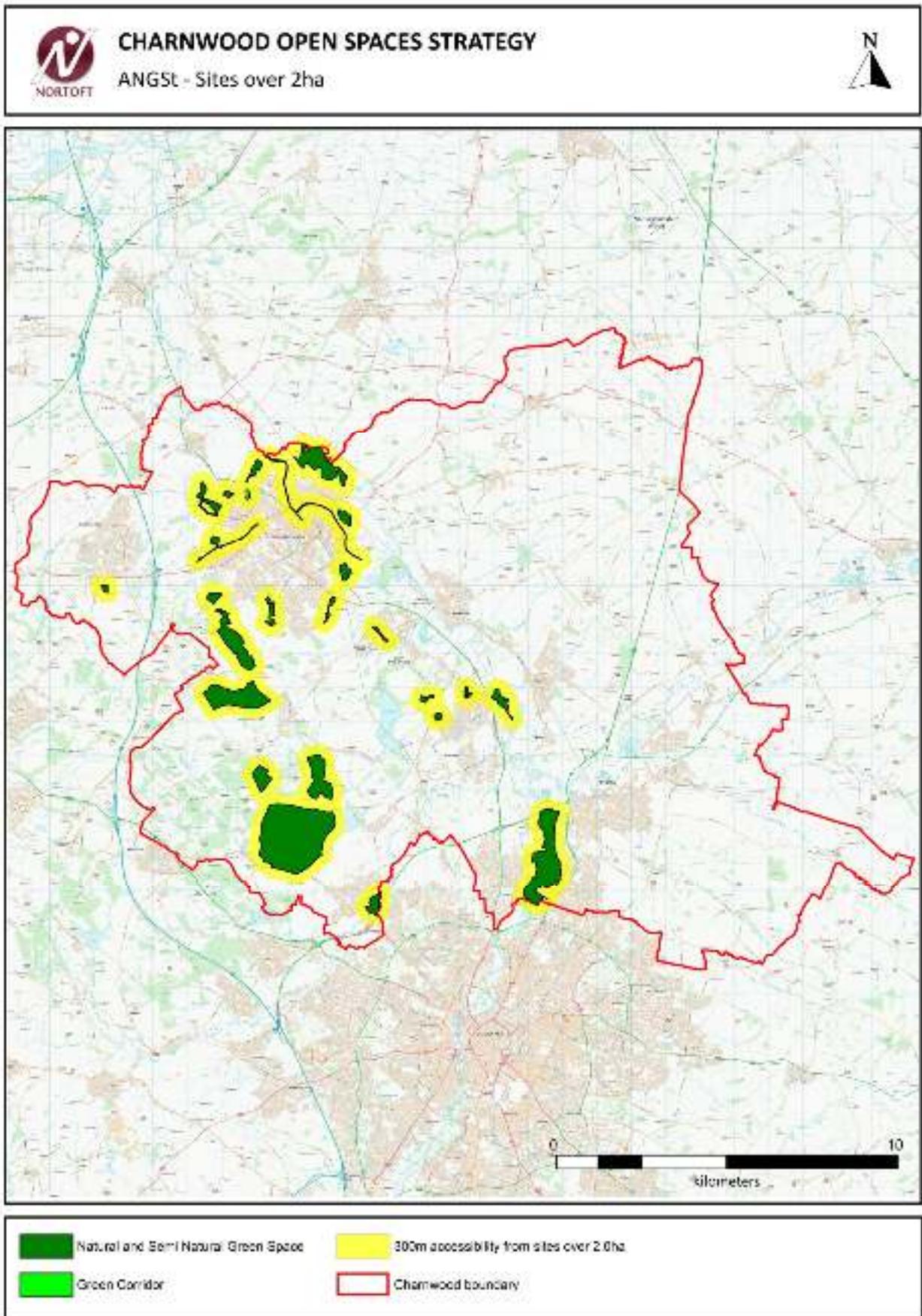
8.45 There are no sites either within or close to the boundaries of the authority which meet the 500 ha site size, so there is no map for this ANGSt level.

8.46 The key findings are:

- There are two sites which meet the 100+ ha size; Bradgate Park and Watermead Country Park.
- There are a number of sites which are 20+ ha in size, and the 2km catchment covers a large area of Loughborough as well as Birstall, Thurmaston and much of Syston. However there are significant gaps across the rural areas, especially in the east of the borough.
- The 300m catchment to sites of 2 ha and above gives some coverage to the north of Loughborough, but there is only limited coverage elsewhere.

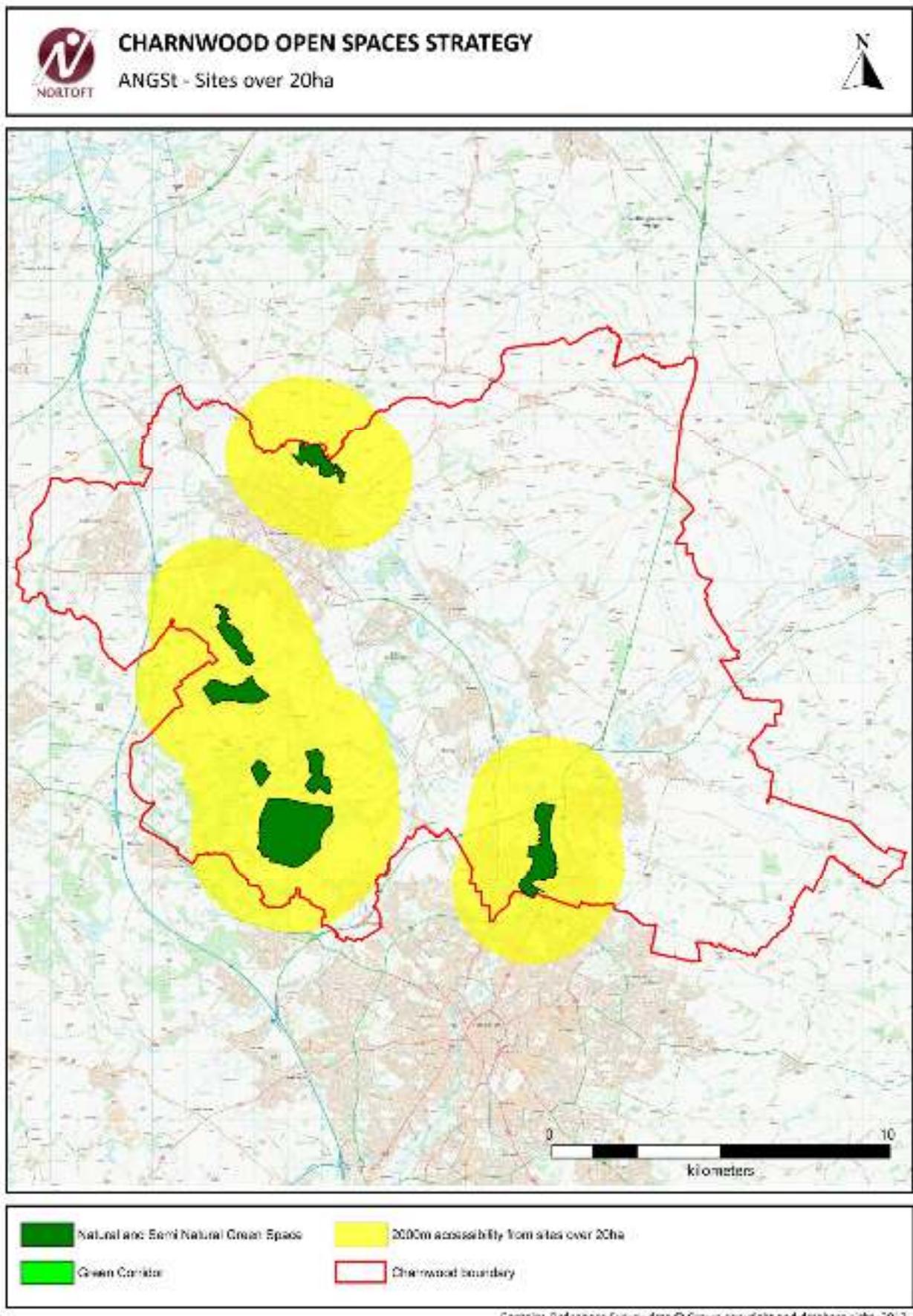
**3.47** Whilst the ANGSt standards are a useful tool in gauging the spread of Natural and Semi Natural spaces available to the public in Charnwood, the larger levels of provision are unrealistic.

Figure 49: ANGSt standard – 2 ha within 300m



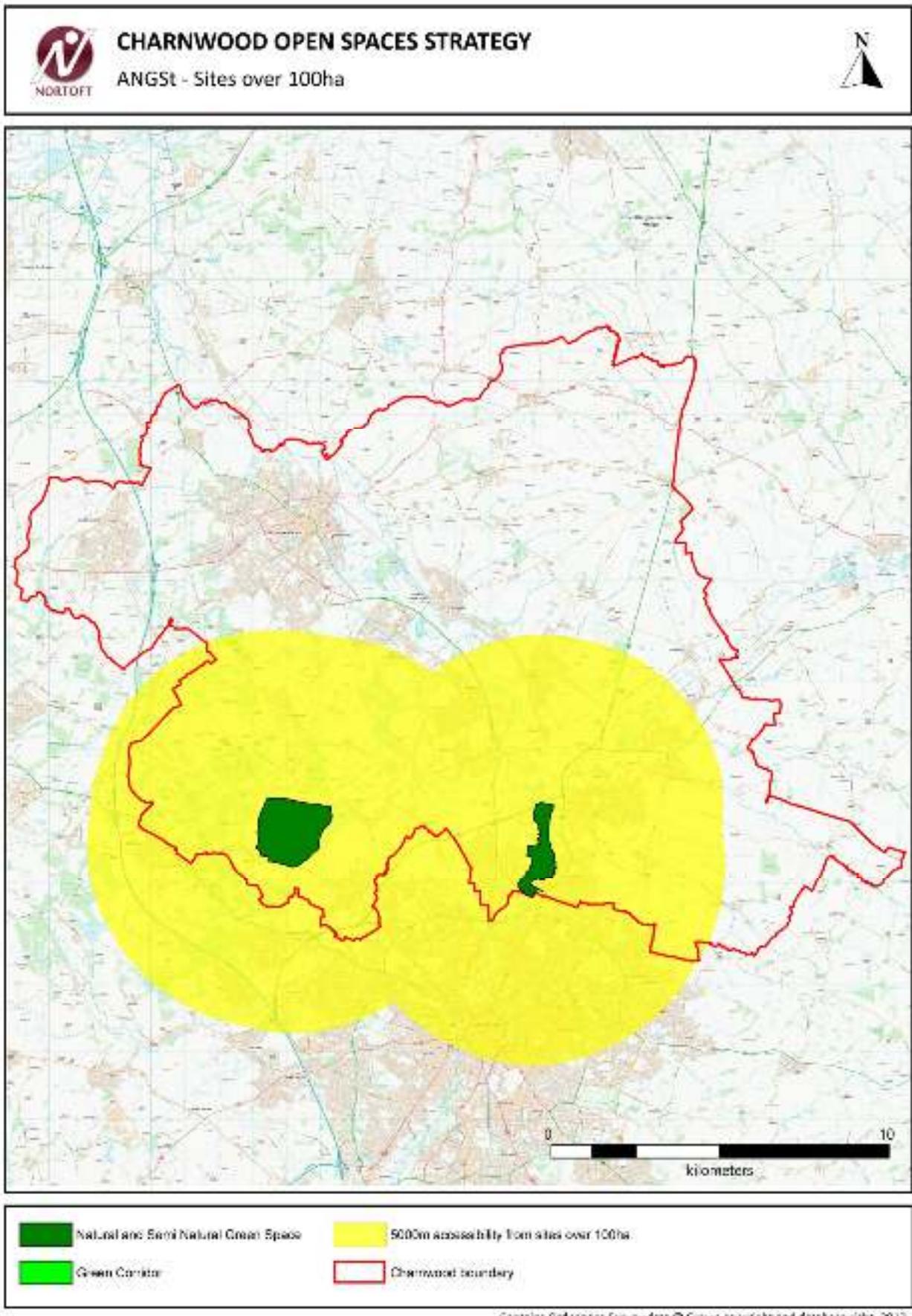
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Figure 50: ANGSt standard – 20 ha within 2km



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Figure 51: ANGSt standard – 100 ha within 5km



## Quantity

- 3.48** The current adopted standard for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space is only applied to new developments. Therefore, the average provision in Charnwood defined in the previous study (5.7 ha per 1000) has been tested but only a small number of the Loughborough wards, Towns and Service Centres meet the current standard.
- 3.49** The quantity of large Natural and Semi Natural Green Spaces within Charnwood has skewed the average provision, on which the existing standard is based. If sites >10ha are removed from the assessment, the average provision is 0.6ha per 1000.
- 3.50** For new developments, a quantity standard of 2ha per 1000 is applied by Charnwood Borough Council. Natural England recommends at least 2ha of accessible natural greenspace per 1000 people is provided. The Woodland Trust recommends that everyone should live within 500m of an accessible woodland of at least 2ha in size.
- 3.51** Given the outcome of the testing, it is proposed that the existing quantity standard of 2.0 ha per 1000 is retained.

## Quality

- 3.52** Selected criteria from the Green Flag approach is the most appropriate way of assessing the quality of natural and semi natural green spaces. These are:
- A Welcoming Place
  - Healthy, Safe and Secure
  - Well Maintained and Clean
- 3.53** The 2013 Open Spaces Strategy also contains quality standards for adoption of Natural and Semi Natural Green Spaces and these have been taken forward.

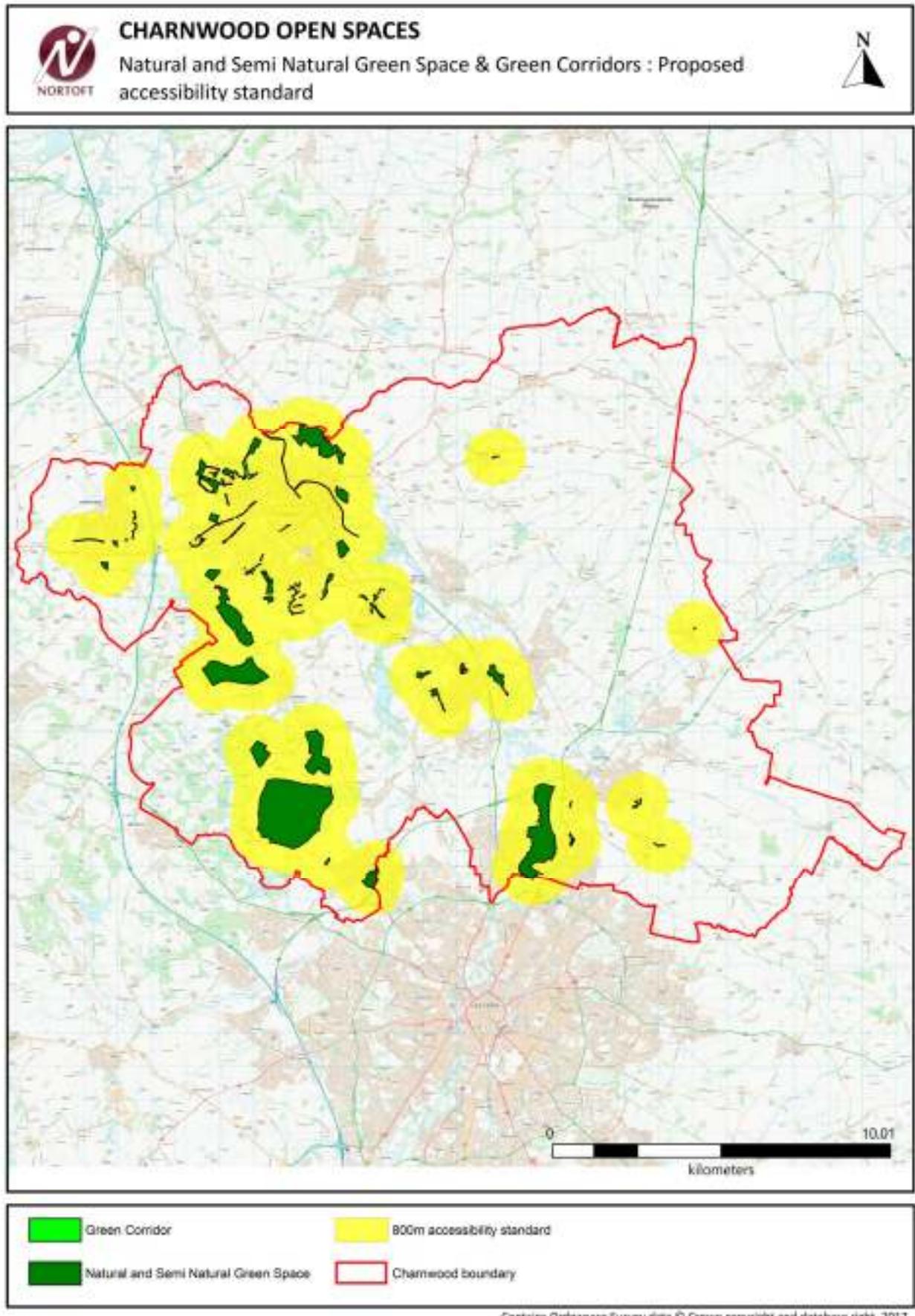
## Accessibility

- 3.54** The public survey found a majority of respondents would expect to be able to walk up to 10 minutes to access their nearest Natural and Semi Natural Green Space and Fields in Trust also identify an 800m catchment as suitable for a 10 minute walk, so this has been taken forward.
- 3.55** The location of Natural and Semi Natural Green Spaces means that all wards, Towns and Service Centres have at least a partial coverage of the proposed accessibility standards, with the exception of Barrow upon Soar.
- 3.56** The proposed accessibility standard testing outcomes for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space are shown in Figure 52 and Figure 53.

Figure 52: Proposed accessibility standard for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (10 min walk/800m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	6.32	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	4195	20.90	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	19.00	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	20.98	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemington Ward	6504	86.67	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	8.46	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	78.42	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	9.49	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	0.43	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	0.00	Full accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	13505	8.93	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	12216	52.91	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	9668	64.49	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	16.46	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	0.00	No accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	11.11	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	6.36	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	3897	14.30	Partial accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	7835	0.00	Partial accessibility coverage
System CP	12804	30.30	Partial accessibility coverage

Figure 53: Natural and Semi Natural Green Space proposed accessibility standards



## Proposed Standards

2.57 The following standards are proposed for Natural and Semi Natural Green Space:

### Quantity

- 2ha per 1000 to be applied to new developments only

### Quality

- Adoption standard: An accessible space with wildlife habitats to improve biodiversity. These may be predominantly woodland, water, meadow or a combination. Prepared in accordance with an agreed management plan. Clean and litter free, nature features, safe footpaths and appropriate planting. It is also desirable for sites to include water features, parking, dog walking facilities, seating, information and toilets.

### Accessibility

- 800m

## SECTION 9: CHILDREN'S PLAY AND YOUTH PROVISION

9.1 The typologies of different open spaces were set out in the, now withdrawn, PPG17 and its Annex. The Provision for Children and Young People related to open space areas with play equipment found in housing areas providing a focus for children and young people to engage in physical and social activities.

9.2 The definition for this typology in the Open Spaces Strategy 2013 is:

*Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children below age 12, specifically designed as equipped play facilities.*

*and*

*Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving young people aged 12 and above, specifically designed for use by young people (e.g. youth shelters, skateboard parks etc).*

9.3 The definition of play sites is as defined by Fields In Trust (FIT) (previously the National Playing Fields Association). Further details about these Play Provision definitions are provided in Appendix 8.

9.4 Fields In Trust has identified three categories of play area. These are set out in Appendix 8 along with their defining characteristics, but very simplistically:

- Local Area for Play (LAPs): a minimum area of around 100 sq m designed for children up to 6 years, and located within 1 minute walking time from home.
- Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP): must be a minimum of 400 sq m in size, to cater for younger children beginning to play independently, and to have a catchment of around 400 m.
- Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP): is much larger and caters predominantly for more independent older children with a minimum area of around 1,000 sq m in size and to have a catchment of around 1,000m. NEAPs may also have equipment suitable for younger ages, and therefore act as a LEAP as well as a NEAP. NEAPs should have a hard surface area such as a multi-use games area or a skate park, or other youth facility catering for older children.

9.5 This assessment has considered the provision of equipped play space. Complementary to equipped play provision is unequipped play space that is landscaped or provides an environment that can facilitate and support play activities. Unequipped play space is considered as part of Amenity Green Space, addressed earlier in this report. This is consistent with the provision of open space set out in guidance provided by the Fields In Trust and Planning Practice Guidance published by the Government, which does not distinguish between different types of open space and the functions they play in the community.

- 9.6 Only those sites which have unrestricted community access are included in this assessment and where a play facility lies within or immediately adjacent to another typology, the area (ha) of play space has been incorporated into the overall total of that site.
- 9.7 The characteristics of the play areas themselves and those of their surroundings provide the context of how these spaces are generally used and the role they play in the community. This often determines the quality and value they have to the local area.
- 9.8 Playgrounds located in the right locations will be well used. A good location is where children at play can 'see and be seen' by a trusted adult (usually a parent or a friend's parent) and 'where it is at', where there is a high probability that other people will pass through. A playground in a poor location, even with good equipment, is likely to have low usage and be vulnerable to antisocial behaviour.
- 9.9 Children are more likely to use playgrounds further from their homes when they are with adults, but tend to use play areas nearer when they are out on their own or with friends. Well used playgrounds are an important meeting place for parents as well as children. Although a small number of playgrounds will be used as specific destinations, which usually relies on users driving to reach the facility, a drive time catchment for most Local Equipped Areas for Play and Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play is not appropriate. The focus on the testing of the standards for play is therefore on walking accessibility.
- 9.10 The previous study classified all children's play sites in terms of them being designated play areas. This study has used the definitions of play sites and sites for young people defined by Fields In Trust in their October 2015 report, *Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play: Beyond the Six Acre Standard* (see Appendix 8).
- 9.11 Emerging best practice is leading to slightly different approaches towards the provision of children's play, which is not entirely in line with the earlier Fields In Trust criteria for LEAPs and NEAPs. In particular, there is a growing trend towards not fencing off children's playgrounds for a number of reasons, including ease of maintenance and to help reduce bullying. Some areas have also seen the growth of natural play facilities, but this is most usually as part of a LEAP or NEAP as these areas still need designing and maintaining. The cost of a natural play area can at least equal that of a more traditional LEAP or NEAP with its standardised equipment.
- 9.12 There are a number of organisations and agencies which provide good practice advice, and these include Play England, the Play Safety Forum, County Playing Fields Associations, RPII, RoSPA and API.

## Current provision and assessment

- 9.13** The map of the existing Children’s Play sites across Charnwood is given in Figure 54 and provision for Teenagers is mapped in Figure 55 with the current accessibility standard of 480m.
- 9.14** The headline finding is that there is reasonable coverage of Children’s Play facilities in the Loughborough wards, Towns and Service Centres, as all have at least a partial coverage.
- 9.15** In relation to teenage provision, again the town has a reasonable coverage, though there are some significant gaps. Nanpantan and Outwoods wards as well as Rothley are not covered by the existing accessibility.

## Stakeholder consultation

- 9.16** The Individuals survey asked a number of questions on accessibility and provision of Children’s Play Areas within the borough.
- 9.17** About 30% of respondents use children’s playgrounds, with most use being on an occasional basis, though over 30% of regular users do so on at least a weekly basis.
- 9.18** Most respondents felt that there was about the right amount of provision, although about 28% consider that more provision is required. The views of the respondents on the relative importance of these sites are more evenly spread than for the other typologies, from very important to through to not important.
- 9.19** The respondents considered that children’s play provision can be improved by better maintenance, improved safety, increasing the number of activities. However about 30% of respondents are happy with the provision (though they may not use it).
- 9.20** There is a clear expectation that these sites should be accessible on foot, with some respondents suggesting this should be within 5 minutes, and other within 10 minutes.
- 9.21** About 6% of respondents use skate parks and about 30% of respondents considered that there is about the right amount of provision. Given the low number of respondents within the usual age groups using skate parks, these findings should be considered with some caution.

Figure 54: Children's Play sites in Charnwood

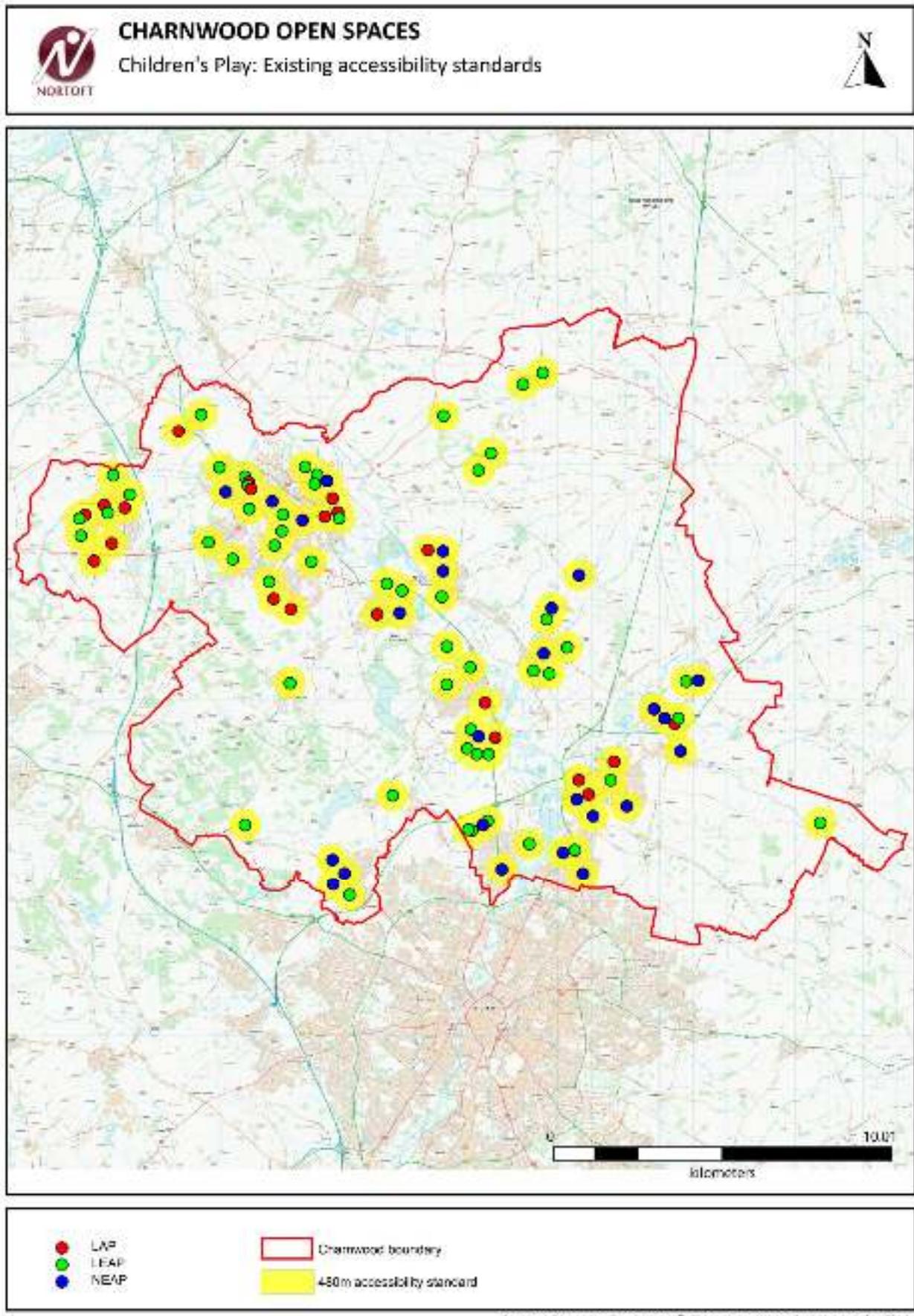
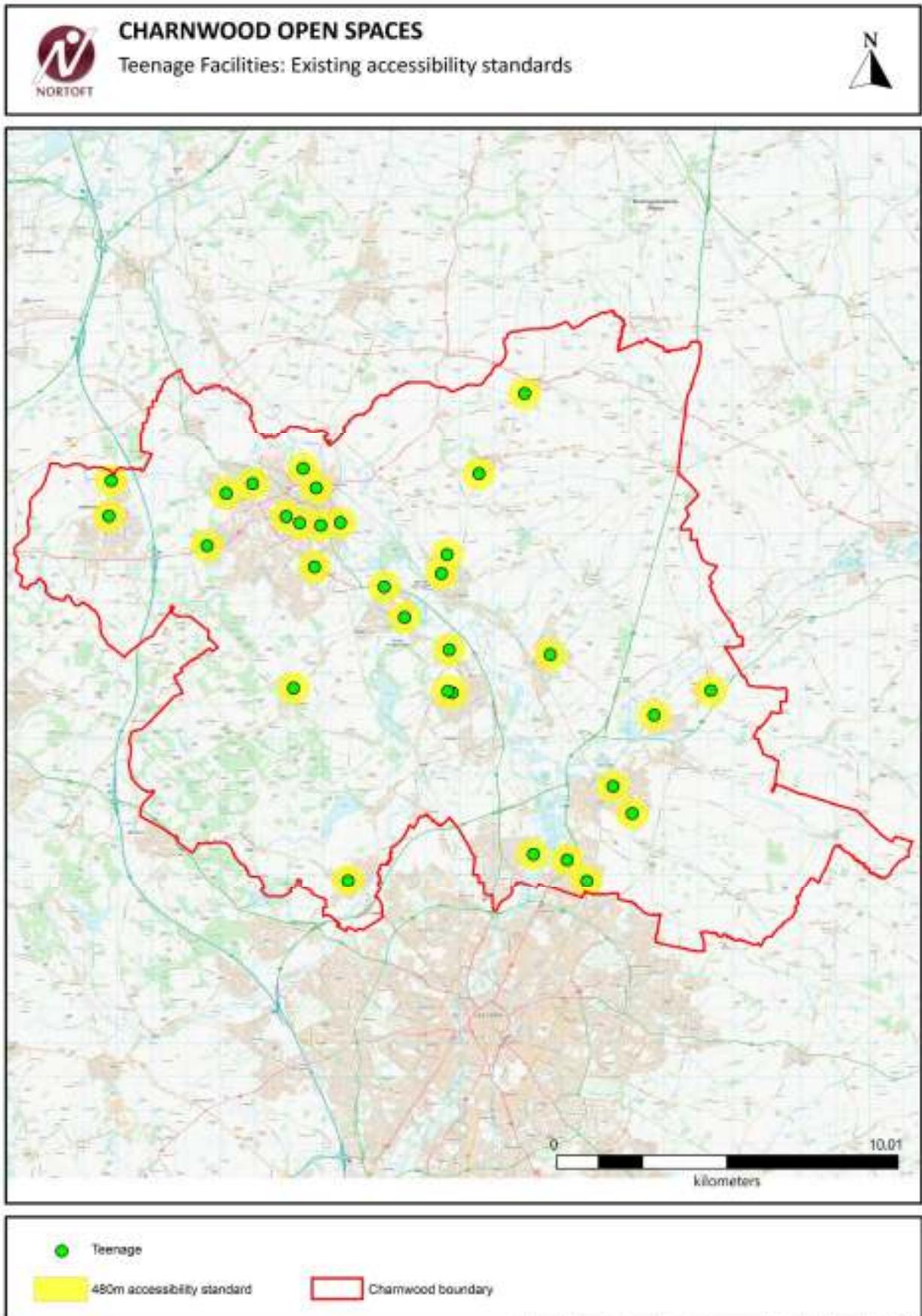


Figure 55: Provision for teenagers in Charnwood



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## Testing the existing standards

9.72 The existing adopted standards for Children and Young people’s facilities:

Figure 56: Existing adopted standards for Children and Young People

	<b>Accessibility</b>
	<b>Walking threshold</b>
Provision for Children & Young People	480m

9.73 All of the children’s play and teenage sites were audited against agreed templates. These identified which sites were appropriate for which age groups and whether the sites broadly met the LAP, LEAP or NEAP definitions of Fields In Trust.

9.74 The detailed results of the testing of the existing standards for Children’s Play and Teenage Facilities are provided in

9.75 Figure 57 and Figure 58 for the Loughborough wards, Towns and Service Centres within Charnwood. Testing of the existing standards for all parishes and wards is provided in Appendix 6.

### Accessibility

9.76

9.77 Figure 57 and Figure 58 provide a detailed overview of the quantity and accessibility of Children’s Play and Teenage Facilities in Charnwood.

9.78 Loughborough Dishley and Rothley are the only areas that have a complete coverage of Children’s Play facilities at the existing standard (480m).

9.79 The accessibility for teenage facilities is not fully achieved in any of the Towns, the Leicester Principal Urban Area or Service Centres in Charnwood. 2 Loughborough wards; Nanpantan and Outwoods do not have any coverage from the existing 480m accessibility. Rothley is the only Service Centre not to have any of the main settlement covered by the existing accessibility.

9.80 7 of the 24 smaller settlements have a full accessibility coverage when testing the existing standards. A further 6 settlements are partially covered, with the remaining 11 settlements without any coverage from the existing accessibility standard.

9.81 The current accessibility standards do reflect the nature of the different types of provision within the standard, by categorising them between provision for children and provision for young people, but not between LAPs, LEAPS, NEAPs and teenage facilities. The Fields in Trust median accessibility standard was 400m for LEAPs and 1000m for NEAPs. For equipped teenage facilities the median accessibility standard

was 660m. The Charnwood accessibility standards are the same for both children’s and young people’s provision (480m).

9.37 The CIPFA comparators accessibility standards ranged from 300m to 900m. Stafford is the only authority that differentiates the accessibility standards for different types of play site. However, the accessibility standards for Charnwood are within the normal range when compared to the CIPFA comparators.

*Figure 57: Testing the existing standards for Children’s Play*

Parish/Ward	Existing Provision (Number of sites)	Accessibility of main settlement (10 min walk/480m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	2	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	2	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	4	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	4	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	3	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	2	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Southfields Ward	3	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	4	Partial accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	10	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	6	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	3	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	4	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	4	Partial accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	3	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	4	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	7	Full accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	6	Partial accessibility coverage
Syston CP	7	Partial accessibility coverage

Figure 58: Testing the existing standards for Teenage Facilities

Parish/Ward	Existing Provision (Number of sites)	Accessibility of main settlement (10 min walk/480m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	0	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	2	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	0	No accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	0	No accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Southfields Ward	3	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	2	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	2	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	2	Partial accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	3	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	2	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	0	No accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	1	Partial accessibility coverage
Syston CP	2	Partial accessibility coverage

## Quality

9.33 The sites were assessed for quality against the following headings. No formal safety assessment was conducted as this was outside the scope of the brief.

- General characteristics
- Pedestrian Accessibility
- Safety and Security
- Condition of Play Equipment
- Other Facilities
- Management and Maintenance

9.34 The children’s play and teenage sites were generally considered good quality. However, Figure 59 details the sites that had quality issues (at least one category scoring as ‘poor’):

*Figure 59: Children’s play and teenage provision with quality issues*

Site ID	Site	Quality criteria where issue flagged as poor quality
<b>Children’s Play</b>		
255	Village Hall Field, South Croxton	Accessibility [Poor] Safety and Security [Poor]
287	Library Play Area, Rothley	Safety and Security [Poor]
366	London Road, Wymeswold	Condition of Other Facilities [Poor]
620	Winfield Park Play Area, Syston	Condition of Other Facilities [Poor]
709	Seagrave Play Area, Seagrave	Safety and Security [Poor] Condition of Play Facilities [Poor]
730	Highreeds End Play Area, Sileby	Condition of Other Facilities [Poor]
<b>Teenage Facilities</b>		
8	Long Furrow Teenage, East Goscote	Condition of Other Facilities [Poor]
715	Farnham Road Ball Wall, Loughborough	Condition of Other Facilities [Poor] Management and Maintenance [Poor]
727	Stadon Road Teenage, Anstey	General Characteristics [Poor]

9.35 The annual inspection reports should be used to guide the prioritisation of investment at existing facilities in the short term as the situation in relation to improvements and maintenance changes quickly. However, Figure 59 should be used to identify a number of investment priorities that are currently required as well as the projects identified by the parish councils in Figure 22 and Charnwood Borough Council in Figure 23.

## Testing of alternative standards

### Assessment Criteria

9.25 The assessment criteria are developed from current practice nationally, and on the adopted standards across Charnwood’s benchmark comparator authorities.

### Fields in Trust

9.27 The Fields In Trust report of January 2015 (*Review of the Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play, Phase 2 Survey Findings for England and Wales*) found that the median level of provision for Designated Play Space was 0.25 ha per 1000, and the median accessibility standards for LEAPs was 400m and for NEAPs was 1000m. Where standards had been provided for other facilities, such as skate parks and Multi-Use Games areas, these had a median of 660m or alternatively 15 minutes walk. These were very largely in line with the Fields In Trust recommendations, but no detail has been provided as to the design or quality of sites.

9.28 The current standard Provision for Children and Young People in Charnwood is for a facility within a 10 minute walk (480m) of the population. This level of provision appears to be lower than the national average reported by FiT.

### Comparators

9.29 Comparisons with the CIPFA benchmark authorities show some degree of variation in the adopted standards and the approach towards them, see Figure 60.

Figure 60: Comparators for Children’s Play and Youth provision

	Children’s Play and Teenage facilities	
	Quantity (Sites per 1000)	Accessibility (m)
Charnwood	No standard	480m walk
<b>CIPFA comparators</b>		
Broxtowe	No standards	
Colchester	0.05 – Children’s Play 0.05 - Teenagers	10 minute walk 15 minute walk
Huntingdonshire	0.8 – combined	10 minute walk (480m) 15 minute walk (720m)
Stafford	0.045 – Children’s Play 0.03 (Urban) 0.02 (Rural) – Teenagers	LAPs – 300m LEAPs – 450m 15 mins (900m)

### *Emerging best practice*

**9.41** The standardised approach towards the provision of LEAPs and NEAPs is well adopted nationally, although the application on the ground seems to be more flexible. Natural play is sometimes seen as an easy “get out” by developers, but the quality of the facilities and the need for on-going maintenance means that this not a cheap option. Since expectations vary greatly and there are no set design standards, the assessment and future standards for Charnwood should be based on the FIT acknowledged criteria for LEAP and NEAP provision.

### Quantity

**9.41** The standard recommended by the Fields in Trust in October 2015 suggests that the median provision per 1000 of Designated Equipped Playing Space should be 0.25 ha per 1000 for new provision.

**9.42** It is proposed that the standard for new developments in Charnwood should be 0.25 ha per 1000 but that this should be for Designated Equipped Playing Space, including teenage provision and for new provision only.

**9.43** The size of new LEAPs and NEAPs should be as set out in line with the current FIT recommendations, which are as a minimum: 400 sqm active zone for a LEAP and 1000 sqm active zone for a NEAP. Full details of the requirements are set out in Appendix 8 and also reference buffer zones to adjacent housing.

**9.44** Each of the Towns and Service Centres should have a full network of LEAPs, NEAPs and teenage facilities.

**9.45** Each of the Other Settlements and Smaller Villages and Hamlets should have an equipped play area where the population is greater than 200 people and where there is a local case for need.

### Accessibility

**9.46** The accessibility of LEAPs and NEAPs should be in line with the FIT recommendations. These are:

- 400 m for a LEAP
- 1000 m for a NEAP
- 1000 m for teenage facilities

**9.47** The proposed accessibility standards are mapped in Figure 61.

### Quality

**9.48** New LEAPs or NEAPs should meet the FIT standards.

**9.43** New youth provision should reflect current best practice, and also take into account the needs expressed by local young people.

Figure 61: Proposed accessibility standards for Children's Play and Teenage Facilities

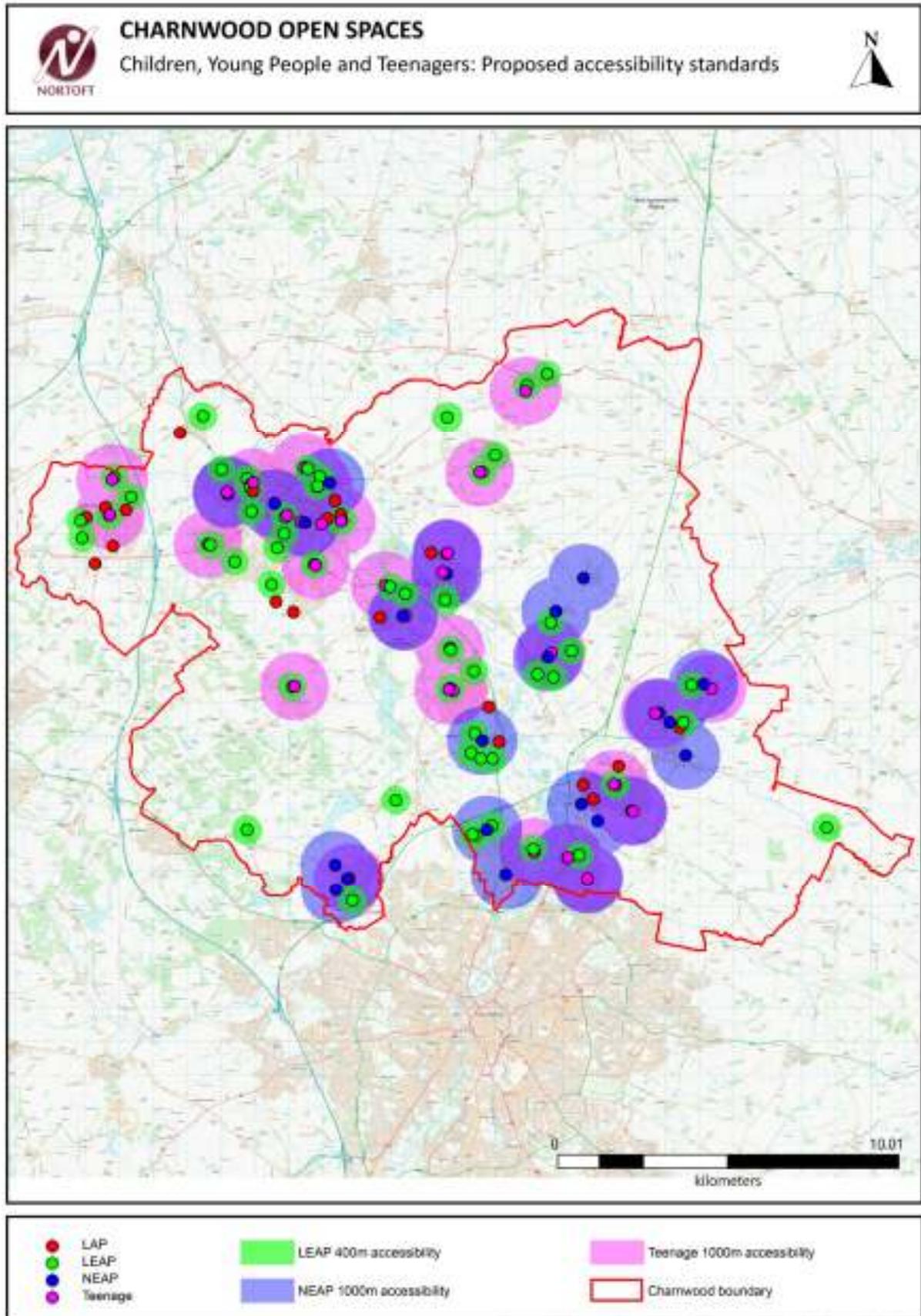


Figure 62: Proposed accessibility testing for Children's Play and Teenage Facilities

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Children's Play Provision (Number of sites)	Existing Teenage Provision (Number of sites)	Proposed accessibility standard - 400m for LEAPs	Proposed accessibility standard – 1000m for NEAPs	Proposed accessibility standard - 1000m for teenage facilities
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	2	1	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	4195	2	0	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	1	1	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	4	1	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemington Ward	6504	4	2	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	1	0	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	3	0	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	2	1	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	No accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Children's Play Provision (Number of sites)	Existing Teenage Provision (Number of sites)	Proposed accessibility standard - 400m for LEAPs	Proposed accessibility standard – 1000m for NEAPs	Proposed accessibility standard - 1000m for teenage facilities
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	3	3	Full accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	4	1	Full accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	13505	10	2	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	No accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	12216	6	1	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	9668	3	2	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	4	1	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	4	2	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	3	3	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	4	2	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Children's Play Provision (Number of sites)	Existing Teenage Provision (Number of sites)	Proposed accessibility standard - 400m for LEAPs	Proposed accessibility standard – 1000m for NEAPs	Proposed accessibility standard - 1000m for teenage facilities
Rothley CP	3897	7	0	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	7835	6	1	Partial accessibility coverage	Full accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage
System CP	12804	7	2	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage	Partial accessibility coverage

## Proposed Standards

**9.50** The following recommendations are therefore made for Children's Play and Teenage Facilities:

**9.51** The existing network of the equipped play areas and teenage provision should be regularly reviewed, including their quality. However, in principle, the existing network of equipped LEAPs, NEAPs and teenage facilities should be retained and enhanced. The existing network of LAPs should be maintained if appropriate, despite the council no longer promoting the provision of this type of play facility.

**9.52** As new developments are considered then new children's play and teenage provision should be required, unless there is sufficient capacity within an accessible site. In which case, the equivalent value of new play provision should be used to improve the existing site(s) in order to enhance their capacity to cater for the additional demand.

**9.53** New sites should meet the revised standards below (once adopted), including minimum size, accessibility and design. Where provision is not appropriate on site, then the equivalent value of contributions should be made off site.

### Quantity

- 0.25ha per 1000 for new provision
  - Of which 400 sqm active zone should be for a LEAP
  - 1000 sqm active zone should be for a NEAP

### Accessibility

- 400m (LEAP)
- 1000m (NEAP)
- 1000m (Teenage Facility)

### Quality

- Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.
- Facilities should be appropriate and designed through consultation with children and young people.
- They should be clean and litter free, well maintained and should also contain seats, litter bins and be dog free (where appropriate). The site should be appropriately located and constructed to meet minimum LEAP/NEAP criteria set out in the FiT standards.

**9.54** A full network of provision should be achieved in each of the Towns and Service Centres.

9.55 Each of the Other Settlements and Smaller Villages and Hamlets should have a LEAP where the population is greater than 200 people and where there is an identified local need.

9.56 The approach towards the delivery of children's play and youth facilities in association with new housing should be:

- Where any housing development is fully within the catchment of an existing LEAP, NEAP or teenage facility, then developers' contributions should be sought towards improvements and or extensions of the site(s). Where it is not possible or appropriate to enhance or increase the capacity at the existing facility, new provision may be required on site.
- For development sites with any housing located more than 400m from a LEAP, or 1000 m from a NEAP or youth facility then the approach should be, *in priority order*:
  - Develop on site new LEAP or NEAP, and teenage facilities as required to meet the standard
  - If not possible on site, then to a new site(s) immediately adjacent to the housing development and with safe, lit access on foot.

## SECTION 10: ALLOTMENTS

- 10.1** Allotments provide opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce providing landscaped open space for the local area that can promote improved physical and mental health. Allotments can therefore improve well being and the quality of life of communities by providing; a cheap source of good food; healthy outdoor exercise and social interaction; and, enhancement of the biodiversity and green infrastructure in an area.
- 10.2** They can benefit all groups, from those on limited income, to those who are financially secure but take pleasure in growing their own food. By providing economic, social and environmental benefits, allotments contribute towards the three core principles of sustainable development. Allotments play an important role in providing areas of green space within urban environments.
- 10.3** The Open Spaces Strategy 2013 uses the following definition:
- Sites laid out for people to grow their own vegetables, fruit and flowers as part of the long-term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion.*
- 10.4** There are a total of 32 allotment sites in Charnwood with a combined area of 36.2 ha.
- 10.5** Nationally there are no formal benchmark standards of provision for allotments but the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) recommends a quantitative standard of 20 plots per 1000 households (approximately 20 plots per 2200 people). The size of an allotment plot is 250 square metres (0.025ha). This standard is equivalent to 0.23ha of allotments per 1000 people.

### Legislation

- 10.6** Statutory allotment sites are those that a local authority has acquired for the purpose of allotment gardening, while temporary sites have been acquired for other purposes and are being used as allotments in the interim. Statutory sites have legal protection while temporary ones do not. Some allotments may have been in use for years and the reason for acquisition in the first place may be unclear. Their legal status and level of protection may be uncertain. However, if a site has been in continued use for a number of years as an allotment site, it may be treated as a statutory site.
- 10.7** If an allotment is on land owned by the local authority then it will either be classed as a statutory or temporary site. Statutory sites are protected by the Allotments Acts, in particular the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908. Most of the allotment sites are the responsibility of parish councils, Charnwood Borough Council, or charitable bodies.
- 10.8** There are essentially four key requirements on a local authority in relation to allotments. It needs to ensure that it is:

- Advertising allotment provision;
- Supplying enough plots to satisfy demand;
- Providing a tenancy agreement with a compensation clause;
- Keeping allotment sites in a “fit for use” condition.

**10.9** There is no generally accepted procedure for assessing the gap between current use levels and the potential need for allotments that would be realised if the allotments were actively promoted.

**10.10** The Local Government Association’s report of 2010, A Place to Grow: A supplementary document to growing in the community, summarises the duty on local authorities (outside of Inner London) to provide allotment gardens where they consider there is a demand for them is contained in the 1908 Small Holdings and Allotments Act s23, with subsequent amendments and case law. Requests for allotments submitted by at least six local taxpayers or electors must be taken into account in considering whether a demand exists. Having determined that there is a demand, the local authority must be able to demonstrate that it has a strategy in place to meet that demand. Although the law imposes no deadline for eventual provision, an interested party may be able to make a claim for judicial review in the High Court against an authority that does not fulfil its duty in a fair and reasonable way.

**10.11** A local authority can put land it already owns into use as allotments. It also has powers to acquire land for allotments by lease, by compulsory hiring or (failing that) by compulsory purchase under the 1908 Small Holdings and Allotments Act s25 and subsequent legislation not specific to allotments. The exercise of these powers, however, depends on resource allocations to meet acquisition costs, and thus on the strength of the case made for prioritising allotments against other claims on capital budgets.

**10.12** The planning requirements for new allotment sites are more difficult to specify in categorical terms. In the very simplest case, the act of converting land previously used for agriculture into allotment gardens does not constitute development requiring planning permission (following *Crowborough Parish Council v Secretary of State for the Environment* [1981]). Planning permission may be required, however, for allotment gardens established on land not previously under agricultural use.

**10.13** Furthermore, it follows from the need to make a broader case for allotments in order to help secure the capital resources required, and to satisfy the demands of new plot holders for good facilities, that ancillary investments (such as vehicle access and fencing) are likely to be made that do constitute development. Planning permission may also be required for sheds and greenhouses, particularly if they are large or on a permanent base. However, the erection of sheds or other buildings by a local authority may be ‘permitted development’ that does not require a planning application to be made. Where substantial buildings are to be included in a new site

they will be subject to the Building Regulations, but some buildings may also be partially exempt as agricultural buildings used exclusively for storage.

## Current provision and assessment

- 10.14 The 32 allotment sites in Charnwood are mapped in Figure 64 together with the existing accessibility catchment standard of 720m.
- 10.15 Overall, the current level of provision of allotments across the district is 0.22 ha per 1000.

### Stakeholder consultation

- 10.16 The Individuals survey identified that allotments are used by only a small proportion of the survey respondents, about 9%. Of these users most visit an occasional basis, with only about 2% of the survey respondents using them on a monthly basis or more frequently.
- 10.17 Of those expressing an opinion about allotment provision, about 30% feel that there is too little, whilst just over 20% consider that there is about the right amount of provision. Allotments are only really important for about 13% of respondents, with most people having little interest.
- 10.18 Other than for additional provision, the existing sites are generally seen as being “fine as they are”.
- 10.19 The expected travel time to allotments is 10 minutes.

## Testing the existing standards

- 10.20 The existing adopted standards for allotments are:

*Figure 63: Existing adopted standards for Allotments*

	Quantity per 1000 people	Accessibility
Allotments	0.33ha	720m

- 10.21 The testing of the existing standards in relation to quantity and accessibility are summarised in Figure 65 for the Loughborough wards, Towns and Service Centres within Charnwood. Testing of existing standards for all parishes and wards within Charnwood is provided in Appendix 6.

## Quantity

- 10.27** The average provision across Charnwood is 0.22 ha per 1000. Loughborough Southfields and Lemyngton are the only two wards to have a surplus in provision compared to the standard.
- 10.28** 4 of the Loughborough wards; Ashby, Dishley, Garendon and Nanpantan do not have any provision within the ward boundary. As a result, there is a need for additional allotment space within Loughborough (equating to over 9ha in total). For example, Ashby would require 2.14 ha of allotments to meet the existing standard. Provision of allotment space in Birstall does not meet the existing quantity standard. Thurmaston does not have an allotment within the parish boundary.
- 10.24** Outside of Loughborough, only two Service Centres; Rothley and Sileby have a theoretical surplus of allotment space. For Rothley this equates to only 0.05 ha. All other towns and Service Centres have at least one site within their boundary.
- 10.25** Only 6 of the 24 smaller settlements have an allotment, however all have a surplus in the quantity provided when compared to the existing standard.
- 10.26** The existing allotments in Charnwood are all very well used, with only one site (Barrow Road Allotments in Sileby) showing a considerable number of vacant plots (Figure 66).

## Accessibility

- 10.27** The existing accessibility standard is only achieved in 2 of the Loughborough wards; Hastings and Southfields.
- 10.28** The remaining wards, towns, the Leicester Principal Urban Area and Service Centres all have at least a partial coverage from the existing accessibility standard. Two of the Loughborough wards; Storer and Outwoods display a near complete coverage from the existing accessibility standard.
- 10.29** The 4 urban wards without any allotment provision are partially covered from provision outside of the ward.
- 10.30** All Service Centres have at least a partial coverage using the existing accessibility standard.
- 10.31** 4 of the smaller settlements have a complete coverage from the existing accessibility standard, with a further two showing a coverage for the majority of the settlement. The remaining 18 settlements do not have access to an allotment within the existing 720m standard.

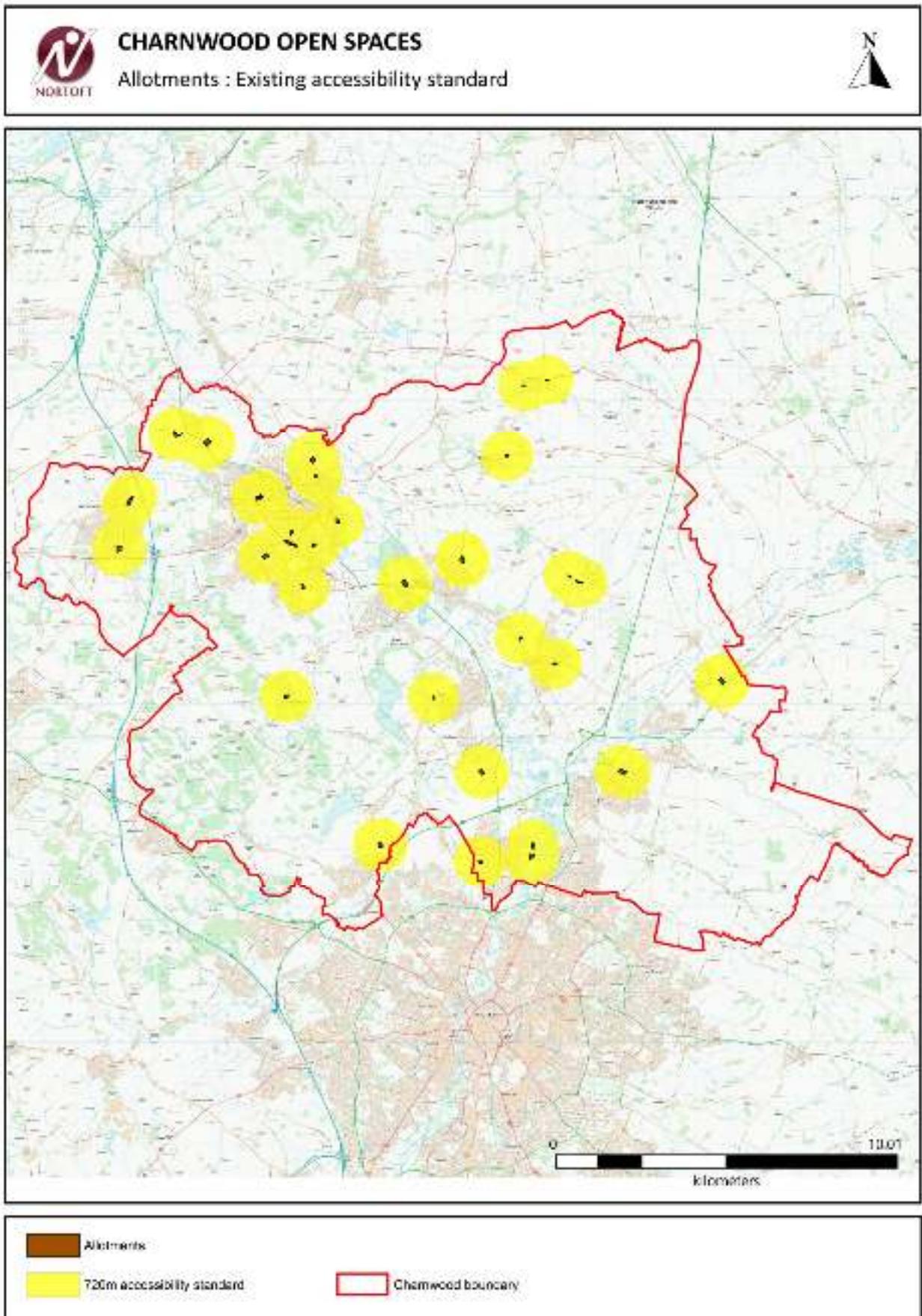
## Quality

~~10.27~~ The quality of the allotment sites was assessed against criteria which links to the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG). These included:

- General characteristics
- Accessibility
- Facilities
- Amenity value
- Recreational value

~~10.33~~ The quality of the allotment sites across much of the borough were good, however a number of sites were flagged for quality issues. A summary of sites with quality issues is provided in Figure 66.

Figure 64: Existing accessibility standards for allotments



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Figure 65: Testing the existing standards for allotments

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (15 min walk/720m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-2.14	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	4195	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-1.38	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-1.92	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	1.05	0.33	0.17	-0.16	-0.93	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	6504	2.18	0.33	0.34	0.01	0.04	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-1.80	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	1.57	0.33	0.28	-0.05	-0.31	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	0.74	0.33	0.10	-0.23	-1.71	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (15 min walk/720m)
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	3.38	0.33	0.50	0.17	1.16	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	1.75	0.33	0.29	-0.04	-0.25	Partial accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	13505	3.92	0.33	0.29	-0.04	-0.53	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	12216	3.37	0.33	0.28	-0.05	-0.66	Partial accessibility coverage
Thurmaston CP	9668	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-3.19	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	1.55	0.33	0.24	-0.09	-0.60	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	1.92	0.33	0.32	-0.01	-0.05	Partial accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	0.39	0.33	0.05	-0.28	-2.33	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	2.24	0.33	0.43	0.10	0.53	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	3897	1.34	0.33	0.34	0.01	0.05	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (15 min walk/720m)
Sileby CP	7835	1.07	0.33	0.14	-0.19	-1.52	Partial accessibility coverage
Syston CP	12804	2.04	0.33	0.16	-0.17	-2.18	Partial accessibility coverage

Figure 66: Allotments – vacancy and flagged quality summary

Site ID	Site Name	Percentage of vacant plots	Quality criteria where issue flagged for being poor quality
44	Swan Street Allotments, Seagrave CP	13%	General Characteristics Accessibility Amenity
144	Mountfields Allotments, Loughborough Southfields Ward	3%	
146	Forest Road, Loughborough Southfields Ward	10%	
148	Forest Road, Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5%	Accessibility
149	Hazel Road, Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	0%	
150	Great Central Road, Loughborough Hastings Ward	8%	
151	Meadow Lane, Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	22%	
152	Alan Moss Road - Phase 1, Loughborough Storer Ward	16%	
153	Alan Moss Road - Phase 2, Loughborough Storer Ward	17%	
154	North Road, Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	0%	
155	Park Road, Loughborough Southfields Ward	12%	
156	Beacon Road, Loughborough Southfields Ward	11%	
219	Main Street, Woodhouse CP	14%	
267	off Melton Road Allotments, Rearsby CP	1%	
301	Halstead Road Allotments, Mountsorrel CP	0%	
309	Barrow Road, Quorndon CP	0%	
364	London Lane Allotments, Wymeswold CP	5%	
365	East Road Allotments, Wymeswold CP	0%	Accessibility
382	Upper Church Street, Syston CP	5%	
416	Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds CP	14%	
425	Greengate Lane Allotments, Birstall CP	0%	
426	Meadow Lane Allotments (North), Birstall CP	17%	
427	Meadow Lane Allotments (South), Birstall CP	8%	Amenity Value

431	Shepshed Road, Hathern CP	4%	
439	Derby Road, Hathern CP	10%	
468	Butthole Lane, Shepshed CP	11%	Accessibility
469	Cambridge Street, Shepshed CP	0%	
500	Nottingham Road, Barrow upon Soar CP	15%	Accessibility Amenity Value
522	Anstey Lane Allotments, Anstey CP	0%	
543	Cemetary Road, Sileby CP	11%	
544	Barrow Road Allotments, Sileby CP	42%	General Characteristics Accessibility Facilities Amenity Recreational Value
603	Farmers Way Allotments, Rothley CP	9%	Amenity Value

## Updating the existing standard

### Assessment Criteria

~~10.34~~ The assessment criteria are developed from current best practice nationally, and on the adopted standards across Charnwood's benchmark comparator authorities.

### *Fields in Trust*

~~10.35~~ The Fields In Trust report of January 2015 (Review of the Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play, Phase 2 Survey Findings for England and Wales) found that the median level of allotment provision was 0.3 ha per 1000 with a median accessibility catchment of 1000m or a 15 minute walk.

### *NSALG*

~~10.36~~ The NSALG's leaflet, *Creating a new allotment site* provides some, limited design guidance, including:

- That an acre of land can house 12-15 standard size plots (approx 250 sq m each);
- All paths should be no less than 1.5 m wide, but ideally 1.7 m wide;
- The main gates should be wide enough to allow large delivery vehicles.

~~10.37~~ NSALG recommends that allotment catchments should be 1000m.

### *Comparators*

~~10.38~~ Comparisons with the CIPFA benchmark authorities show that Charnwood's rate of provision is very similar to Huntingdonshire and close to the urban standard in Stafford. Colchester has a lower standard closer to Charnwood's actual current provision.

Figure 67: Comparators for Allotments

	Allotments	
	Quantity (Ha per 1000)	Accessibility (m)
Charnwood	0.33	720m
<b>Comparator authorities</b>		
Broxtowe	No standard	
Colchester	0.2	720m 15 min drive
Huntingdonshire	0.32	720m
Stafford	0.35 Urban 0.16 Rural	600m 10 min drive

### Standard for quantity

10.39 It is proposed that the existing standard be carried forward:

- 0.33 ha per 1000

10.40 New allotment sites can be provided directly by the local authority or parish council where appropriate sites are available and there is an identified local need. Contributions from developers can also be sought towards the costs of developing new sites.

10.41 If allotment land is made redundant, alternative uses of the site should be considered. If allotment land is genuinely surplus due to falling demand, and the council is unable to promote sufficient level of allotment use to secure proper management of a particular site, then consideration should be given to alternative uses. These could be, for example, community gardens or nature reserves. However each site would need to be considered on its own merits to see if this would be appropriate.

### Standard for accessibility

10.42 A 1000m catchment is recommended which is the NSALG recommended catchment. This is illustrated in the map in Figure 68 and discussed in Figure 69.

### *Standard for design and quality*

10.43 Charnwood has an existing quality standard from its 2013 Open Spaces Strategy and this is proposed to be taken forward:

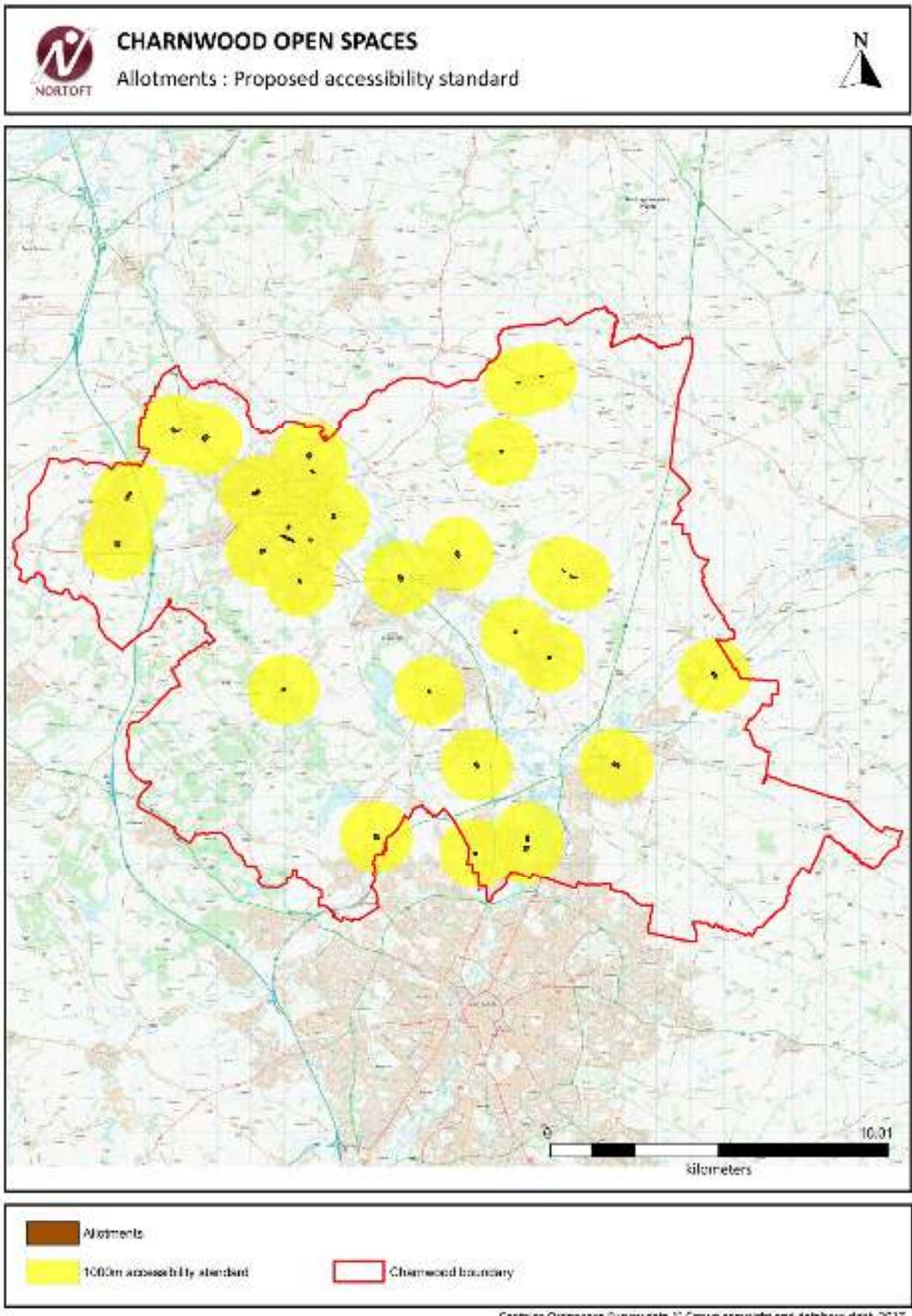
- Adoption standard: A high quality allotment site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: Loam to a minimum depth of 400mm with few stones; no shading or root invasion by large trees; 2 metre perimeter palisade fencing and gates; water supply with taps or troughs at appropriate intervals; appropriate hard surfaced vehicle access throughout the site, waste container storage and parking; sheds provided adjacent to each plot; onsite toilet; plots laid out with plot markers with 500mm grass strips between plots. Plots ploughed to an agreed depth. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.
- Allotments should be clean, litter free and secure. It is desirable to provide appropriate parking, toilets, water supply and managed appropriate access routes.

### *Investment priority*

10.44 It is also recommended that allotments become an investment priority for Charnwood. Feedback from the stakeholder consultations, the high levels of use in existing sites and the borough wide shortage of allotment space indicate that additional allotment space is required.

10.45 Where possible, additional allotment space should be provided in the towns and Service Centres, as typically the supply of land suitable for allotments is lower, but the demand for allotments are higher than in rural areas.

Figure 68: Allotments across Charnwood – proposed accessibility



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Figure 69: Testing of proposed allotment standards

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (15 min walk/1000m)
Loughborough Ashby Ward	6487	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-2.14	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Dishley	4195	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-1.38	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Garendon Ward	5829	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-1.92	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Hastings Ward	6004	1.05	0.33	0.17	-0.16	-0.93	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Lemyngton Ward	6504	2.18	0.33	0.34	0.01	0.04	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Nanpantan Ward	5440	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-1.80	Partial accessibility coverage
Loughborough Outwoods Ward	5697	1.57	0.33	0.28	-0.05	-0.31	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Shelthorpe Ward	7416	0.74	0.33	0.10	-0.23	-1.71	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Southfields Ward	6725	3.38	0.33	0.50	0.17	1.16	Full accessibility coverage
Loughborough Storer Ward	6070	1.75	0.33	0.29	-0.04	-0.25	Full accessibility coverage
Shepshed CP	13505	3.92	0.33	0.29	-0.04	-0.53	Partial accessibility coverage
Birstall CP	12216	3.37	0.33	0.28	-0.05	-0.66	Partial accessibility coverage

Parish/Ward	Population	Existing Provision (total ha)	Existing Provision standard (ha / 1000 popn)	Existing provision per 1000 popn	Applying provision standard (surplus or deficit / 1000 popn)	Impact of applied provision standard (surplus or deficit by total ha)	Accessibility of main settlement (15 min walk/1000m)
Thurmaston CP	9668	0.00	0.33	0.00	-0.33	-3.19	Partial accessibility coverage
Anstey CP	6528	1.55	0.33	0.24	-0.09	-0.60	Partial accessibility coverage
Barrow upon Soar CP	5956	1.92	0.33	0.32	-0.01	-0.05	Partial accessibility coverage
Mountsorrel CP	8223	0.39	0.33	0.05	-0.28	-2.33	Partial accessibility coverage
Quorndon CP	5177	2.24	0.33	0.43	0.10	0.53	Partial accessibility coverage
Rothley CP	3897	1.34	0.33	0.34	0.01	0.05	Partial accessibility coverage
Sileby CP	7835	1.07	0.33	0.14	-0.19	-1.52	Partial accessibility coverage
Syston CP	12804	2.04	0.33	0.16	-0.17	-2.18	Partial accessibility coverage

## Proposed Standards

~~10.46~~ The current average provision of allotment space in Charnwood is significantly lower (0.22 ha per 1000) than the existing standard of 0.33.

~~10.47~~ There is a high level of take up of allotment space as most allotments have very little spare capacity despite some quality issues flagged in the audit.

~~10.48~~ The following standards are proposed for allotments:

~~10.49~~ The existing allotment sites should be retained and improved so that they are all high quality. New allotment sites should be developed in the towns and Service Centres to meet the proposed standards. Elsewhere new allotment sites should be encouraged and supported where there is sufficient justified need.

### Quantity

- 0.33ha per 1000

### Quality

- Adoption standard: A high quality allotment site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: Loam to a minimum depth of 400mm with few stones; no shading or root invasion by large trees; 2 metre perimeter palisade fencing and gates; water supply with taps or troughs at appropriate intervals; appropriate hard surfaced vehicle access throughout the site, waste container storage and parking; sheds provided adjacent to each plot; onsite toilet; plots laid out with plot markers with 500mm grass strips between plots. Plots ploughed to an agreed depth. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.
- Allotments should be clean, litter free and secure. It is desirable to provide appropriate parking, toilets, water supply and managed appropriate access routes.

### Accessibility

- 1000m

~~10.50~~ For new developments it is proposed that:

- For all new housing developments the approach should be, *in priority order*:
  - Develop on site new allotment space of a minimum size according to the authority's allotment standards
  - If not possible on site, then:
    - site adjacent to the housing development or within 1000m of the centre of the site

- contributions towards improvements (including extension) at the closest allotment site

## SECTION 11: CIVIC SPACES

11.1 Civic spaces include civic and market squares, other hard surfaced community areas designed for pedestrians and a number of village greens. The primary purpose of civic spaces is the provision of a setting for civic buildings, public demonstrations and community events.

11.2 Civic spaces can be important areas of open space in town centres. They can also provide a focal point for community interaction in villages. The definition in the Open Spaces Strategy 2013 was:

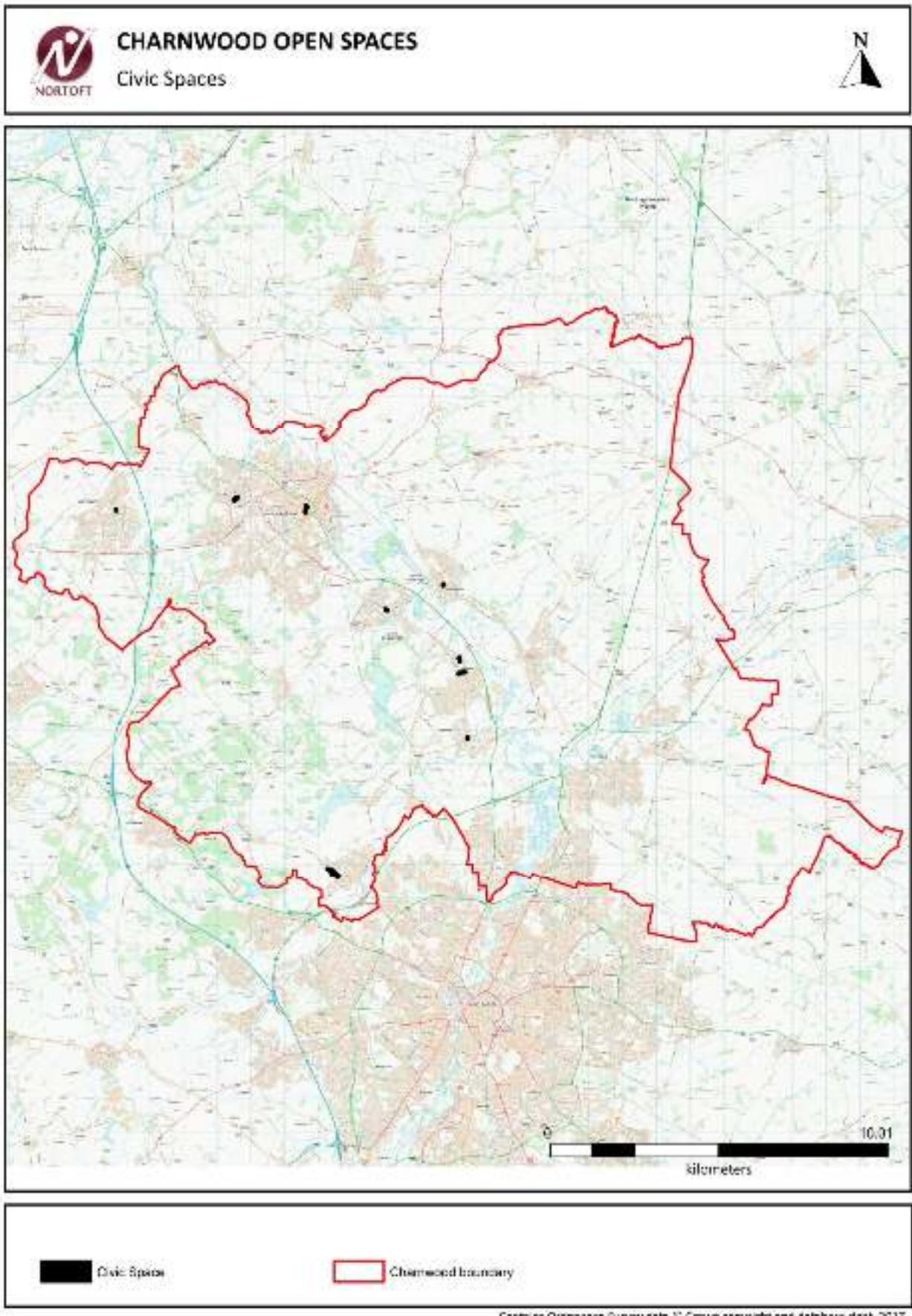
*Including civic and market squares and other hard surfaced community areas designed for pedestrians. The primary purpose of civic spaces is the provision of a setting for civic buildings and together with village greens also offer space for public demonstrations and community events etc and can often define the character of the local environment.*

11.3 The sites included in this assessment are those that were included in the 2010 audit, these are listed below. There are 10 sites within Charnwood which meet the criteria to be included in this typology. Some of these spaces are village greens however other village greens are included either in the Parks and Gardens section or the Amenity Green Space section, as appropriate. All of the registered village greens are listed in Figure 10. The civic spaces are listed in Figure 70 and mapped in Figure 71.

*Figure 70: Civic Spaces*

SITE ID	SITE NAME	Parish/Ward
36	The Green	Mountsorrel CP
49	The Green	Anstey CP
51	Knightthorpe Road	Loughborough Garendon Ward
140	Market Place	Loughborough Southfields Ward
281	Cross Green	Rothley CP
295	Peace Garden, Sileby Road	Mountsorrel CP
298	Buttermarket	Mountsorrel CP
326	High Street	Quorndon CP
465	Market Place	Shepshed CP
498	Industry Square	Barrow upon Soar CP

Figure 71: Civic spaces in Charnwood



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## Assessment criteria

- 11.4** There are currently no standards set within Charnwood for the quantity, quality or accessibility of Civic Spaces. PPG17 recognised that it was not realistic to set quantity or accessibility standards for Civic Spaces.
- 11.5** The accepted quality standard for open spaces generally is the Green Flag Award criteria. For Civic Spaces the following quality criteria are relevant:
- A welcoming Place
  - Healthy, Safe and Secure
  - Well Maintained and Clean
  - Conservation and Heritage
  - Community Involvement
  - Marketing

## Quality

- 11.6** The site was assessed against the Green Flag Criteria mentioned above. The scores varied considerably between the Green Flag criteria, with most sites scoring well on 'Well Maintained and Clean' and 'Conservation and Heritage' but poorly on 'A Welcoming Place' and 'Marketing'. The average site quality scores are provided in Figure 72.

*Figure 72: Average quality scores for Civic Spaces*

Category	Average quality score
<i>A welcoming place</i>	38%
<i>Health, safety and security</i>	42%
<i>Well maintained and clean</i>	71%
<i>Conservation and heritage</i>	93%
<i>Community involvement</i>	35%
<i>Marketing</i>	20%
<i>Ecosystem Services</i>	48%

- 11.7** With the exception of Market Place in Loughborough, all sites scored poorly on at least one of the Green Flag criteria. However, this is likely influenced by the specific features of a civic space not being well matched to the more generalised criteria of the Green Flag assessment.

## Proposed standards

- 11.8** The nature of this typology means that these sites are very specific to their locality. It is important for the quality of the current sites to be maintained and enhanced. However, it is not considered appropriate to set a quantity or accessibility for Civic Spaces.

## SECTION 12: CEMETERIES AND CHURCHYARDS

**12.1** Cemeteries and churchyards within urban areas can act as important public open spaces, especially when they are located in the centre of the town. Whilst their primary purpose is for quiet contemplation, these sites can provide an important site for local people or workers who use the sites for lunch time breaks or dog walking, if the site permits. They can also provide space for wildlife conservation within the urban areas.

**12.2** Additional to their use as open spaces, cemeteries and churchyards primary purpose are of course as burial grounds. Whilst burial space is out of the scope of this study, the previous Open Space Study 2010 made reference to the borough wide Burial Space Audit 2007. In 2015, an update for Loughborough Cemetery only was produced by Peter Mitchell Associates. As part of the consultation for this study each of the parish councils were asked about their burial space availability the detail of which can be found in Appendix 2. It has been identified that there are potentially shortfalls of burial space in Barrow, Quorn, Rothley, Shepshed, Sileby and Thurmaston.

### Current provision

**12.3** In Charnwood there are 53 cemeteries and churchyards. There are three sites within Loughborough town, 2 within Shepshed and at least one in all of the Service Centres. The majority of sites are used solely for their main purpose as burial grounds. The cemeteries and churchyards within the district are shown on Figure 73.

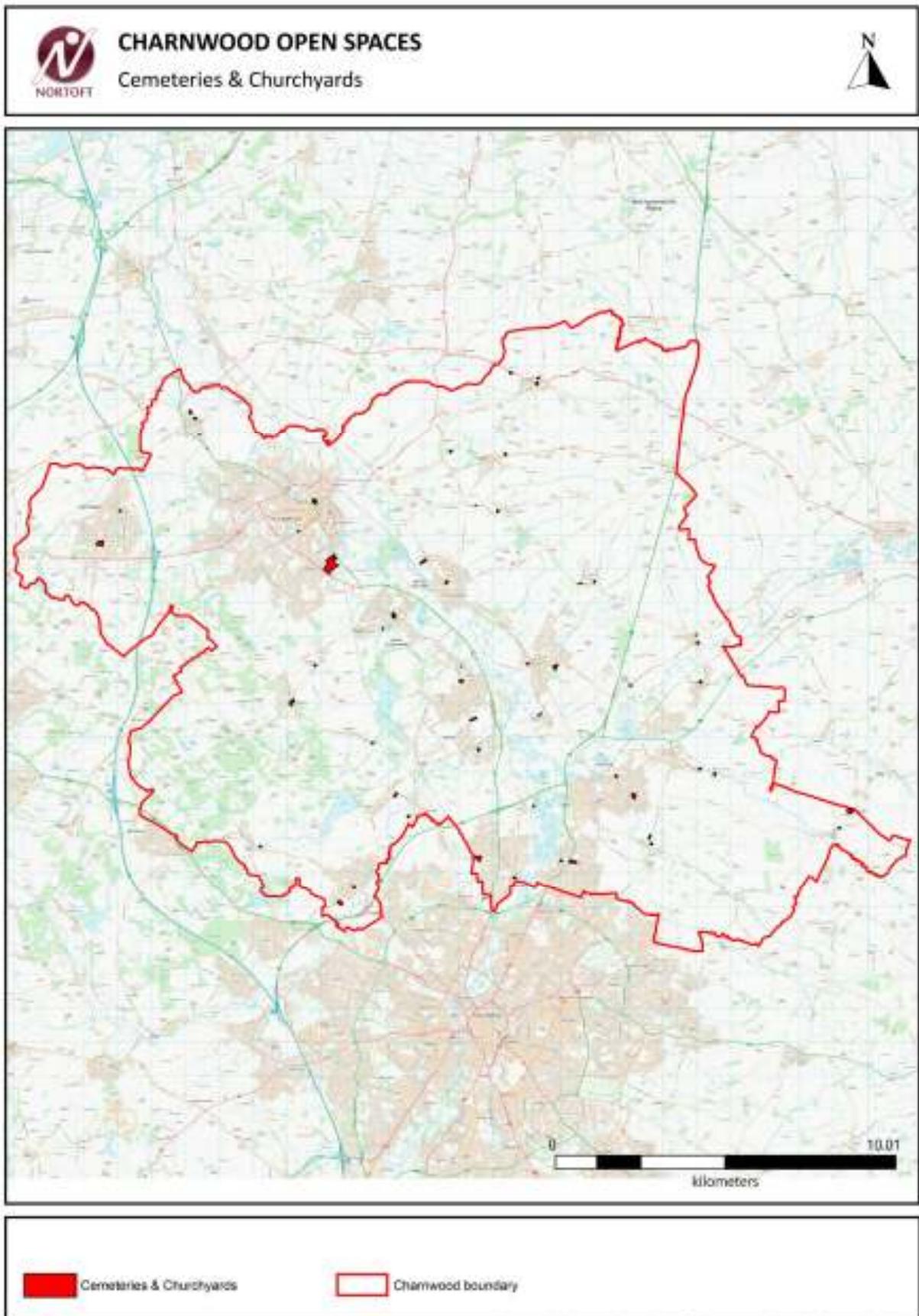
### Assessment criteria

**12.4** There are currently no standards set within Charnwood for the quantity, quality or accessibility of Cemeteries and Churchyards for recreational use and PPG17 recognised that it was not realistic to set quantity or accessibility standards for this typology.

**12.5** The accepted quality standard for open spaces generally is the Green Flag Award criteria. For spaces such as Cemeteries and Churchyards the following quality criteria are relevant:

- A Welcoming Place
- Healthy, Safe and Secure
- Well Maintained and Clean

Figure 73: Churchyards and cemeteries within Charnwood



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## Quantity

- 12.6** The existing provision of Cemeteries and Churchyards equates to 42.84 ha. Sites are relatively evenly distributed throughout the borough.
- 12.7** The previous study identified 46 sites within Charnwood, compared with 53 sites identified during the summer 2017 site assessments.

## Quality

- 12.8** The sites were assessed against the Green Flag Criteria mentioned above. The average quality scores are provided below in Figure 74. All of the Green Flag categories scored reasonably well.
- 12.9** As with Civic Spaces, the specific components of a Cemetery and Churchyard are not easily assessed by the generalised Green Flag assessment. However, the only Green Flag category to have any flagged quality issues is 'Health, Safety and Security'.

*Figure 74: Quality scores for Cemeteries and Churchyards*

Category	Average quality score
<i>A welcoming place</i>	44%
<i>Health, safety and security</i>	51%
<i>Well maintained and clean</i>	46%
<i>Conservation and heritage</i>	46%
<i>Ecosystem Services</i>	51%

- 12.10** The sites which were flagged for poor quality are listed in Figure 75.

*Figure 75: Cemeteries and Churchyards flagged for quality issues*

Site ID	Site Name	Health, Safety and Security quality score
299	Christ Church, Mountsorrel	25%
300	St. Peters Church, Mountsorrel	25%
369	Barkby Road, Syston	29%
540	Cemetery Road, Sileby	25%
541	St. Marys Church, Sileby	29%

## Proposed standards

- 12.11** The nature of this typology means that these sites are very specific to their locality. It is important for the quality of the current site to be maintained and enhanced. However, it is not considered appropriate to set a quantity or accessibility standard for Cemeteries and Churchyards for recreational use in Charnwood.

## SECTION 13: IMPLEMENTATION

- 13.1** The implementation of the strategy will be achieved through a combination of approaches by Charnwood Borough Council and its partners. There are a number of recommendations emerging from the study which require specific actions and investment, and others which are more a matter of ensuring the protection of the existing network of open space sites. The formal planning standards and policies can be used as guidance for the negotiations of developers contributions linked to new housing.
- 13.2** Where there are no specific site proposals the overriding policy objective will be to protect and enhance the existing network of green spaces and associated facilities.

### Planning standards

- 13.3** A key output from the strategy is the development of proposed standards, particularly for new developments. The justification and details behind each of these planning standards are contained within the relevant assessment sections of the report.
- 13.4** These standards will be used to both justify the new provision and developers' contributions under the existing s106 planning arrangements as individual planning applications come forward.
- 13.5** For new housing developments, sites accommodating 10 dwellings or more will be required to contribute to open spaces provision as per the proposed standards in Figure 76. However, sites under this size would still be expected to have due regard to good design principles and appropriate garden and amenity space as required.

Figure 76: Proposed planning standards for open space

Open space type	Proposed planning standards for new developments		
	Quantity per 1,000 population	Accessibility	Quality
Parks and gardens	1.4ha per 1000	1200m in the Towns and Service Centres	<p>Green Flag Award</p> <p>Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space with tree and shrub planting suitable for a variety of informal outdoor recreation activities. Including features such as public gardens, footpaths, play areas, young people’s facilities, seating and litter bins.</p> <p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, appropriate planting and well kept grass. It is desirable to include toilets, seating, footpaths, nature features, litter bins and safety features.</p> <p>They should have a clear entrance, boundaries and lighting.</p>
Amenity Green Space		400m for either Amenity Green Space or Parks and Gardens in the Towns, Service Centres and Other Settlements	<p>Adoption standard: A regularly mowed smooth surfaced grassland space. Including features such as tree and shrub planting and footpaths.</p> <p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, regularly maintained and with well kept grass and appropriate planting. Where possible, sites should also contain litter bins, dog bins and seating and be safe and secure.</p>
Natural and Semi Natural Green Space	2.0ha per 1000 <i>(to be applied to new development only)</i>	800m	<p>Adoption standard: An accessible space with wildlife habitats to improve biodiversity. These may be predominantly woodland, water, meadow or a combination. Prepared in accordance with an agreed management plan.</p> <p>Clean and litter free, nature features, safe footpaths and appropriate planting. It is also desirable for sites to include water features, parking, dog walking facilities, seating, information and toilets.</p>

<p>Children's Play and provision for young people</p>	<p>0.25 ha per 1,000 of Designated Equipped Playing Space including teenage provision <i>(to be applied to new development only)</i></p>	<p>400m for LEAPs</p> <p>1000m for NEAPs</p> <p>1000m for teenage facilities</p> <p>Full network of NEAPs, LEAPs and Teenage facilities in the Towns and Service Centres</p> <p>Full network of LEAPs in the Other Settlements and Smaller Villages and Hamlets where the population is greater than 200 people and there is an identified local need.</p>	<p>Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Facilities should be appropriate and designed through consultation with children and young people.</p> <p>They should be clean and litter free, well maintained and should also contain seats, litter bins and be dog free (where appropriate). The site should be appropriately located and constructed to meet minimum LEAP/NEAP criteria set out in the FiT standards.</p>
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Allotments	0.33ha per 1000	1000m	<p>Adoption standard: A high quality allotment site that is fit for purpose. Including the following features: Loam to a minimum depth of 400mm with few stones; no shading or root invasion by large trees; 2 metre perimeter palisade fencing and gates; water supply with taps or troughs at appropriate intervals; appropriate hard surfaced vehicle access throughout the site, waste container storage and parking; sheds provided adjacent to each plot; onsite toilet; plots laid out with plot markers with 500mm grass strips between plots. Plots ploughed to an agreed depth. Prepared in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>Allotments should be clean, litter free and secure. It is desirable to provide appropriate parking, toilets, water supply and managed appropriate access routes.</p>
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**1.3.6** When considering the needs of an application which may be eligible to provide open space it will be important to assess the needs at the parish level for quantity, quality and accessibility. If the parish has a shortfall in quantity terms, then the development should provide for the typology based on the adopted standard. The quantity of provision will need to be at a level proportionate to the new development to make it CIL compliant. If when assessing the amount from a development this results in a surplus in the ward/parish, the Council should choose on a case by case basis whether all of the requirement is needed or just the amount to bring it in balance. The Council may choose to negotiate for an alternative open space, equivalent to the excess, where there is a known local need.

**1.3.7** If a ward/parish has an oversupply of a particular typology and the existing supply is of a suitable quality and accessibility, then it will not normally be appropriate to seek additional provision. However, provision may still be required if the quality and/or accessibility of the existing supply is deemed deficient. This will need to be assessed on a case by case basis.

**1.3.8** In the case where a typology is in surplus but another typology is in deficit, it will generally not be appropriate to seek larger provision of the typology in deficit if this is not CIL compliant. However, the Council, in negotiation with the developer, may agree to such a provision if there is an identified local need.



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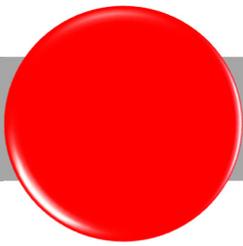
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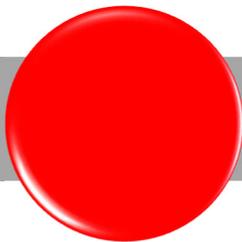
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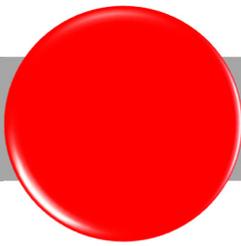


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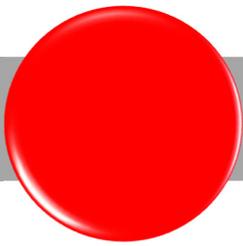
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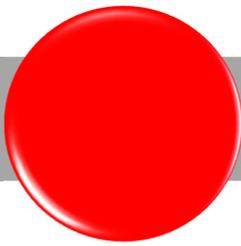
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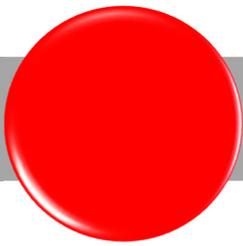
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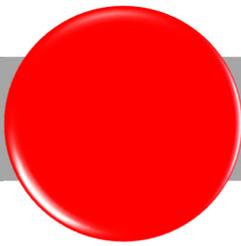
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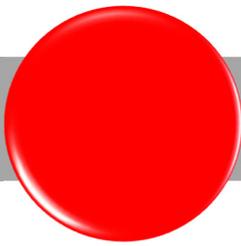


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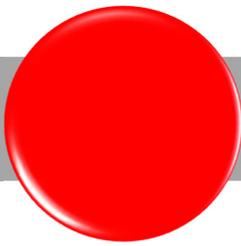


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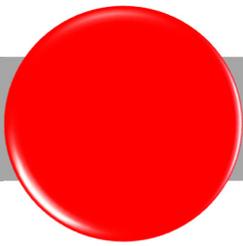
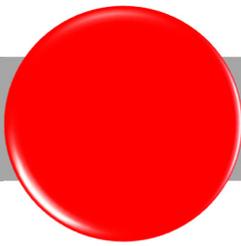


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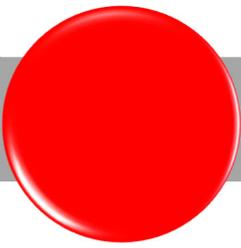


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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### INTRODUCTION

#### VISION

The Vision for future provision of sport and leisure in Charnwood is:

**'To ensure that there is an adequate supply of good quality facilities to accommodate a range of sports and physical activities in order to meet current and future levels of demand and to provide enhanced opportunities so as to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activity.'**

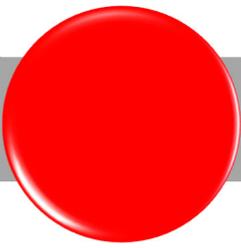
Charnwood Borough Council wishes to see accessible community sport and leisure facilities, providing outdoor sports/activities available to all residents. This includes formal playing pitches, outdoor sports facilities, and informal spaces.

Sustainable, high-quality and, critically, accessible facility provision is key to maintaining these opportunities; Charnwood Borough Council needs to plan for the investment requirements of its existing facilities, and work in partnership with other providers and stakeholders to address the other priorities identified through this Strategy.

#### AIMS

The aim of providing sufficient high-quality, fit-for-purpose and accessible provision, places and spaces comprises the following points:

- **Maintain and grow the regular amount of physical activity undertaken by individuals, and particularly by those who are currently inactive**
- **Develop additional provision where need is evidenced e.g. as a result of population growth**
- **Design flexibly and be multi-purpose in nature, reflecting changing participation trends and opportunities**
- **Encourage new individuals to start taking part in physical activity**
- **Enable opportunities for participation to be provided in a wider range of places and spaces, and particularly at a very local level**
- **Facilitate the continued development of healthier lifestyles across Charnwood's communities**
- **Contribute to a reduction in health inequalities, and specifically reduced inactivity, across Charnwood**
- **Create active environments where the opportunity to be more physically active is an integral part of everyday life**



## **OUR STRATEGY FOR PLAYING PITCHES AND OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES**

Charnwood's population will grow significantly by 2036, so there is a particular need to ensure sufficient provision of accessible, quality and affordable outdoor sports facilities – both formal and informal – and multi-purpose spaces to meet local need, identified through Team Generation Rates (TGRs), latent demand and club needs.

61.1% of the Borough's population achieves the Chief Medical Officer's target of 150 minutes of physical activity per week (source: Charnwood Public Health Report – 2015); it is therefore clear that there is some work to do to increase levels of regular participation amongst the remaining 38.9%, many of whom will be living in the more deprived and rural areas of the Borough.

In Charnwood, this means ensuring the geographical distribution of outdoor sports facilities – pitches, courts, greens, courses and physical activity opportunities across the Borough – to enable more people to access facilities in the urban area by walking and/or cycling. In the rural areas, where there are fewer people, and less formal provision, it means optimising opportunities for multi-site, multi-use pitches (possibly sports hubs), catering for a range of sports and activities, to improve accessibility, reduce travel and try wherever possible to provide playing pitches in particular close to where people live. This is informed by the assessment of the identified sub-areas in the Borough, which clearly identifies opportunities for community sport hub sites.

The development of multi-sports hubs will require partnership across a number of organisations and agencies given current ownership of pitches and other outdoor facilities, i.e. Charnwood Borough Council, relevant parish/town councils, clubs, governing bodies etc.

The Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2016–2020 identifies three priority themes that will make the borough a better place to live, work and visit.

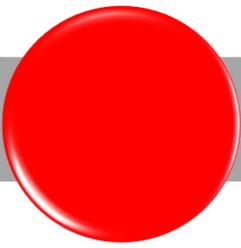
The three themes under the People, Place and Service headings are:

- **A safer, more secure and caring environment**
- **A borough with a strong, diverse economy; and**
- **A place served by a council which puts customers at the heart of everything it does.**

One of the Council's key corporate priorities is:

***'Encouraging healthy lifestyles for all our residents through physical activity programmes and the provision of sports facilities and green spaces.'***

In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance 2013, and local policy, the Strategy assesses existing Outdoor Sports Facilities and Playing Pitches, the future need for sport and active recreation, opportunities for new provision, and expansion of existing facilities, to inform the Council's Open Space Strategy, the evidence base of the new Local Plan to 2036 and the spending priorities of the Council.



## **SPORTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE**

The scope of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) covers analysis of provision for the following facility types across the Borough of Charnwood:

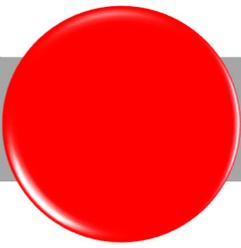
- **Football Pitches**
- **Rugby Union Pitches**
- **Cricket Pitches**
- **Hockey Pitches**
- **Rugby League Pitches**
- **All-Weather Grass Pitches (hockey and football)**
- **Bowls Greens**
- **Outdoor Tennis Courts**
- **Outdoor Netball Courts**
- **Athletics (tracks and informal participation)**
- **Cycling (recreational, off-road and BMX)**
- **Golf Courses and Driving Ranges**

The key objectives addressed through the PPS are to:

- **Engage with Sport England and the relevant National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to use the national PPS methodology to provide a PPS consistent with the structure and process used across England.**
- **Provide a robust evidence base that can be used by the Council and other stakeholders for a wide range of future projects.**
- **Gather a representative evidence base by achieving a high response rate from the surveys sent to clubs, schools and parish councils/community organisations.**
- **Identify cross-boundary NGB issues, the nature and location of any overuse, unmet demand and spare capacity for play across all pitch types and sports, including all elements of current and future demand.**
- **Establish clear, prioritised, specific and achievable recommendations and actions to address the key issues around pitch provision and participation.**
- **Provide evidence that will inform the preparation of the new Charnwood Local Plan.**

Key factors impacting on the future demand for sports facilities include:

- **Population Growth** – Clearly, increased population will result in increased demand for outdoor sports facilities; this is illustrated through the Team Generation Rate calculations in the main report.
- **Housing Development** – One of the principal justifications for addressing the need for playing pitches and outdoor sports provision is because additional residents will increase demand. The population of Charnwood is set to grow significantly and there is a need to ensure good quality community sport and leisure facilities are available to meet existing and future demand.

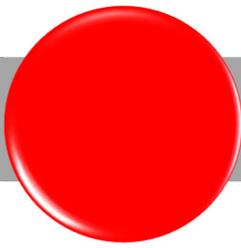


The potential for investment in additional provision of formal outdoor sports facilities secured through S106 contributions should be explored, given the housing growth planned to 2036. However, it must also be noted that some of this has already been, or is in the process of being, delivered. Linked to housing development is the potential for other infrastructure development, e.g. schools and health facilities, which could also link into future provision of sports facilities. The Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) are a critical opportunity to provide the additional outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches which will be required by these developments.

- **Reduction in Health Inequalities** – More active lifestyles will continue to benefit both individual and community health; although the health of Charnwood’s communities is generally better than that of the region and England as a whole, there are some very specific factors to which the provision of quality, affordable and accessible sports facilities can contribute, such as the maintenance of active lifestyles and improved mental health.
- **Maintaining and growing participation levels** in sport and physical activity in order to facilitate more active lifestyles; facilitating more regular activity for the most inactive 17.5% of the Charnwood community (Active Lives March 2017) is a priority.
- **The need to retain and grow participation in physical activity for community health benefits** – Increased physical activity will improve individual and community health.
- **The need to invest in active environments where physical activity is the norm** – Active environments are ones in which walking, cycling etc. are facilitated as part of an everyday lifestyle. In areas of new housing, planning walking / cycling routes which link to existing settlements / schools / town / village centres will contribute to making communities healthier, as residents will not be so reliant on cars.
- **The need to improve accessibility to provision at local level, particularly for 20% of the population without access to private transport** – ensuring facilities are accessible by walking, or by public transport.

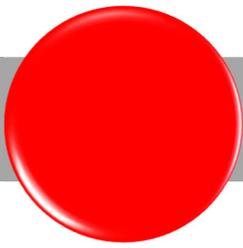
Sufficient, sustainable, high-quality and, critically, accessible playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities are key to maintaining these opportunities; Charnwood Borough Council needs to plan for the investment requirements of its existing facilities and work in partnership with other providers and stakeholders to address the other priorities identified through this Strategy.

The generic recommendations underpinning the PPS sports and non-PPS sports analysis are indicated in Table A.



**Table A: Generic recommendations**

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
GENERIC	
GR1	<p>Charnwood Borough Council works with all relevant governing bodies (national and regional) to ensure that all playing pitch and outdoor sports facilities in Charnwood are of adequate quality to meet the needs of their users, with special attention paid to ensuring all facilities provide a safe venue to be enjoyed by their participants.</p>
GR2	<p>As identified in the 2018 Charnwood Indoor Built Sports Facility Strategy, all opportunities to open up existing and new education sites for community use of sports facilities should be explored.</p>
GR3	<p>Charnwood Borough Council seeks to ensure that any new educational sites involving new or enhanced sports facility has a Community Use Agreement (CUA) as part of the planning consent so as to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.</p>
GR4	<p>The opportunity to further develop multi-sport hub sites across the Borough is explored; this should focus on the enhancement of sites where there is currently provision for a minimum of two pitches/outdoor sports to optimise the capacity of existing facilities, allow for sharing of e.g. changing, parking etc.</p> <p>Multi-sport hubs provide the opportunity for co-location of a number of different but complementary sports, and can offer increased participation opportunities, particularly for young people who are able to 'try out' a number of sports on one site.</p> <p>The recreation sites proposed for the SUEs (all three) have significant potential for development as multi-sport hubs comprising a range of pitch sports, tennis (West of Loughborough and North East of Leicester SUEs), indoor facilities and BMX (West of Loughborough SUE).</p> <p>The principle should, however, be one of partnership (with education, parish councils, NGBs, local clubs) to promote existing sites where multiple sports are played and invest as identified in the sport-by-sport priorities. Ancillary provision should also be provided to a good standard at each multi-sport hub, and should, wherever possible, be shared. Management of multi-sport hubs needs to consider how best to address issues of overlapping seasons e.g. cricket and football, competitive fixtures, and demand for training.</p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council should focus on the development of the sites that they own and those owned by parish councils as priorities for the designation and/or development of multi-sport hubs.</p> <p>Development of multi-sport hub sites, including the three SUEs, will also help to address the identified future need for playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities in the Borough, and specifically respond to the increased demand generated as a result of new housing development in the Borough.</p>
GR5	<p>Investment in specific ancillary facilities identified on a sport-by-sport or site-by-site basis (see sport-specific recommendations and sport-by-sport summaries) should be reviewed on proposed multi-sport hub sites, and adjusted where it is possible to make economies of scale over shared provision, e.g. changing accommodation, parking provision etc. This will make the most effective use of available resources and facilitate increased use of sites across a range of sports.</p>

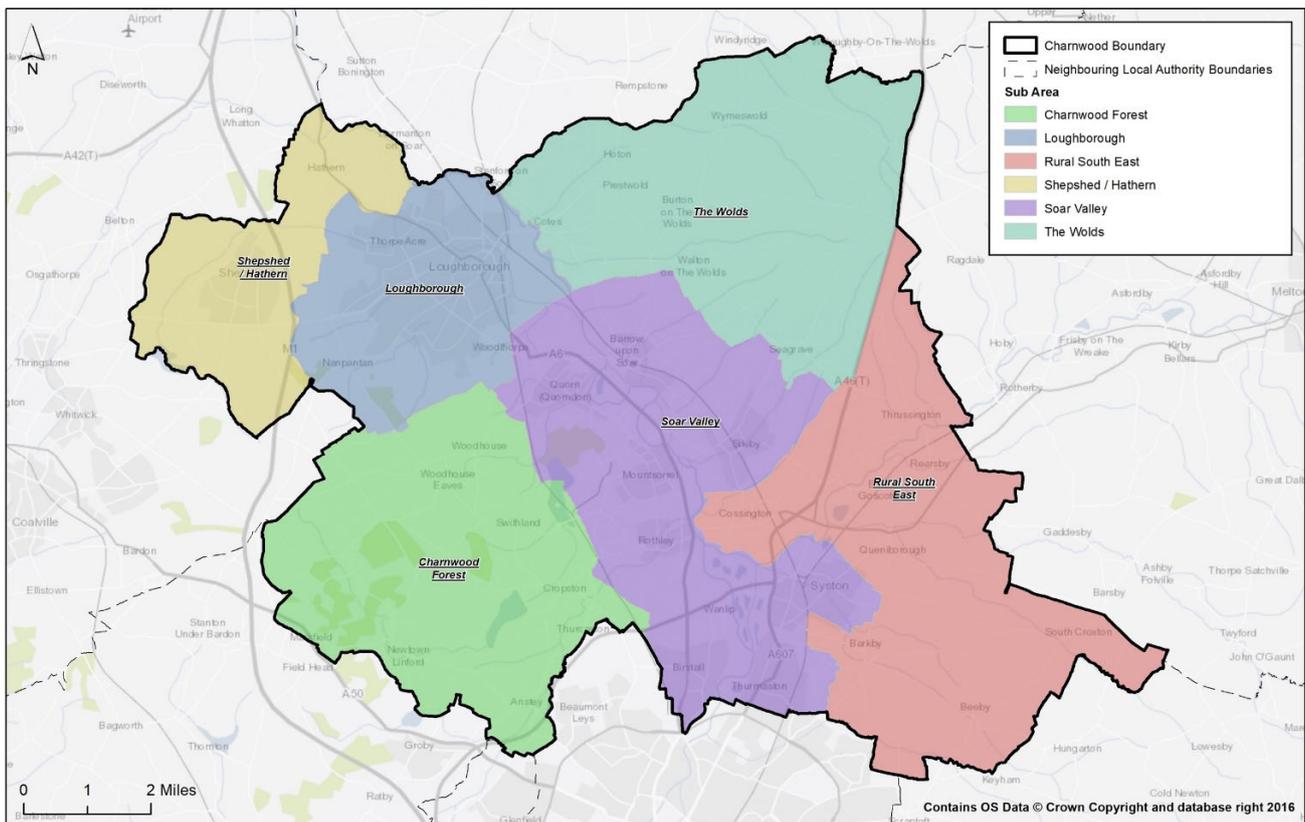


RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
GR6	<p>The allocated areas for sport in the three SUEs (NE Leicester, West of Loughborough and Broadnook) should be developed to provide additional sports facilities to meet identified future need in the Borough. The priority sport needs to be met are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grass pitches – football, rugby union,</b></li> <li>• <b>Non-turf cricket wickets</b></li> <li>• <b>Artificial grass pitches (AGPs)</b></li> <li>• <b>Outdoor floodlit tennis and netball courts</b></li> </ul>
GR7	<p>Soar Valley Leisure Centre should be developed as a multi-sport hub providing indoor (as at present) and outdoor facilities, i.e. a new pitch surface to specifically provide for hockey, tennis and netball.</p>

### STRATEGY ANALYSIS - PLAYING PITCHES

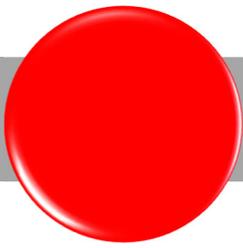
Overall, there is an extensive level of playing pitch provision in Charnwood. The main challenge is that not all of the existing pitches have secure community access, so cannot necessarily be relied upon to offer long-term use.

The study assesses the Borough of Charnwood based on six sub-areas identified by Charnwood Borough Council. These sub-areas are referred to when a more localised analysis is required.



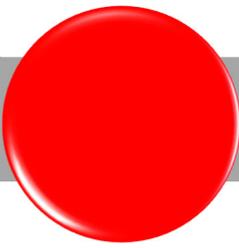
Sub Areas in Charnwood





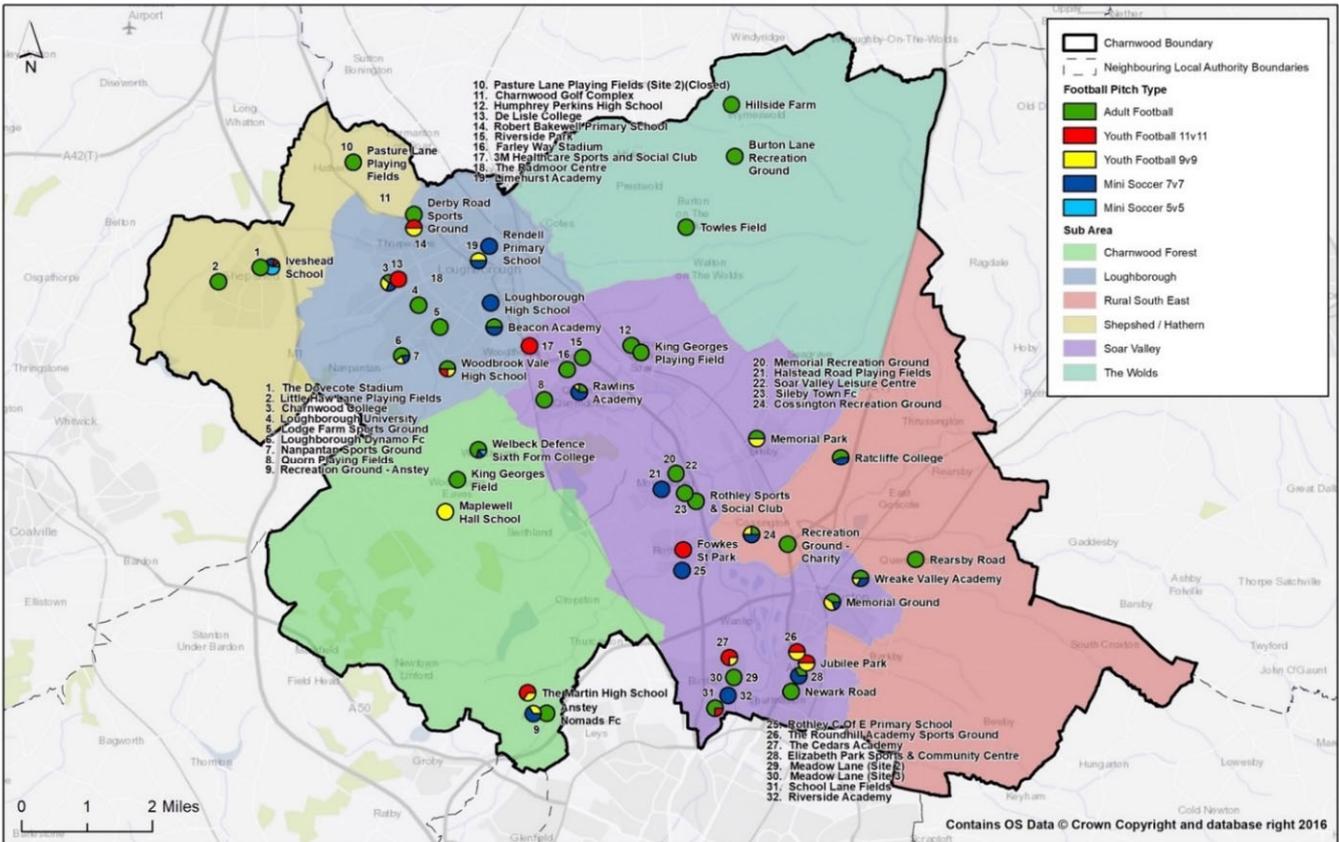
**Table B: Charnwood Sub-Areas**

CHARNWOOD FOREST	LOUGHBOROUGH	SHEPshed-HATHERN	SOAR VALLEY	RURAL SOUTH EAST	THE WOLDS
Anstey	Loughborough Town	Hathern	Barrow-upon-Soar	Barkby and Barkby Thorpe	Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold
Newtown Linford		Shepshed	Birstall	Beeby	Hoton
Swithland			Mountsorrel	Cossington	Seagrave
Thurcaston and Cropston			Quorn	East Goscote	Walton-on-the-Wolds
Ulverscroft			Rothley	Queniborough	Wymeswold
Woodhouse			Sileby	Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	
			Syston	Rearsby	
			Thurmaston	South Croxton	
			Wanlip	Thrussington	



**SUMMARY OF PLAYING PITCH PROVISION BY SPORT**

**FOOTBALL**



Football sites by pitch type in Charnwood



Table C: Key context for football

**1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?**

**Supply**

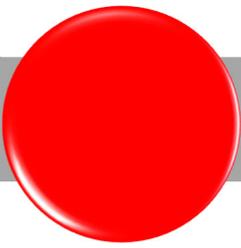
The study captured 163 grass pitches across 59 sites within the Borough. These include 78 Adult 11 v 11 pitches, 17 Youth 11 v 11 pitches, 23 Youth 9 v 9 pitches, 38 Mini 7 v 7 pitches and 7 Mini 5 v 5 pitches.

These pitches provide the Borough with a total capacity of 477 matches per week, including 194 Adult 11 v 11 matches, 28 Youth 11 v 11 matches, 61 Youth 9 v 9 matches, 176 Mini 7 v 7 matches and 18 Mini 5 v 5 matches.

Most pitches (supply) are provided in 2 sub-areas: Loughborough and Soar Valley. Loughborough accounts for 150 match equivalents of capacity, equating to 31% of all pitch supply. Soar Valley provides 208 match equivalents, equating to 44% of all pitch supply.

**Demand**

The study identifies 214 teams playing in Charnwood, including 17 women's and girls' teams. Of the 214 teams, 81 are Adult 11 v 11 teams (including 5 women's teams), 50 are Youth 11 v 11 teams (including 7 girls' teams), 38 are Youth 9 v 9 teams (including 5 girls' teams), 35 are Mini 7 v 7 teams and 10 are Mini 5 v 5 teams.



## 1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

Demand for football in Charnwood is concentrated in two sub-areas: Soar Valley and Loughborough. Soar Valley has 125 teams playing within the sub-area (58% of total demand). Loughborough has 45 teams playing within the sub-area (21%). Charnwood Forest, Rural South East and Shepshed–Hathern have a relatively even distribution of the rest of demand with 15, 12 and 15 teams respectively. The Wolds sub-area has the lowest amount of demand, with just 2 teams recorded as playing there.

The ratio of clubs to teams is 1:3.2, almost identical to the national average of 1:3.3.

## 2. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

There is a varied picture in terms of the suitability of Charnwood's pitch supply to meet current demand.

### Carrying Capacity

Across the whole Borough, there is a deficit of capacity for Youth 11 v 11 (-11 match equivalents per week) and Mini 5 v 5 demand (-5 match equivalents per week).

The FA considers the dimensions of Adult 11 v 11 pitches to be acceptable for use by Youth 11 v 11 teams, although this is not the ideal situation. Mini 5 v 5 pitches are easily marked out on other pitch types (although typically on Mini 7 v 7 pitches for convenience) and goals provided using temporary posts that can be assembled on site. If all Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 demand is modelled to be met by all 11 v 11 pitches, then there is sufficient capacity to meet all demand, with 52 match equivalents spare capacity per week. Similarly, if Mini 7 v 7 provision is modelled to meet the deficit of supply of Mini 5 v 5 pitches, then there can be said to be enough capacity to meet demand across all mini soccer pitches, with 51.5 match equivalents of spare capacity per week.

Each sub-area also has its own supply and demand context.

### Charnwood Forest:

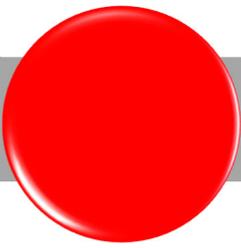
Charnwood Forest sub-area is currently operating with just 1 spare match equivalent of secured capacity based on the combined supply and demand of Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 teams. Similarly, the sub-area has just 0.5 match equivalents of spare capacity for Youth 9 v 9 pitches, meaning it can accommodate just 1 additional team on this pitch type. There is enough Mini Soccer secured capacity to sufficiently meet all demand, with 6 match equivalents of spare capacity per week.

### Loughborough:

The Loughborough sub-area has a significant deficit of Youth 11 v 11 pitches (-7.5 match equivalents per week). However, when Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 supply and demand is combined, the sub-area has sufficient capacity to meet demand with 12.5 match equivalents of spare, secured community capacity every week. Youth 9 v 9 demand is also operating with a capacity deficit (-1 match capacity per week). The sub-area does not have any Mini 5 v 5 pitches. The sub-area is operating with just 1 spare match equivalent of secured Mini Soccer supply every week.

### The Rural South East:

The Rural South East sub-area has no Youth 11 v 11 or Youth 9 v 9 pitches, meaning all youth demand must be met by adult provision. The combined supply and demand from Youth 11 v 11, Youth 9 v 9 and Adult 11 v 11 teams means the sub-area operates with 1 match equivalent of spare capacity secured for community use. There are no Mini 5 v 5 pitches or demand in the sub-area. Mini 7 v 7 is operating with 3.5 match equivalents of spare, secured capacity per week.



## 2. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

### **Shepshed–Hathern:**

The Shepshed-Hathern sub-area has only 1 Youth 11 v 11 pitch and no Youth 9 v 9 pitches. Furthermore, none of the 16 mini soccer match equivalents are securely available for community use. This means all demand for youth and mini football is modelled against secured Adult 11 v 11 pitch supply. Under this scenario, the Adult 11 v 11 pitches are operating with 2.5 match equivalents of spare, secured capacity.

### **Soar Valley:**

The Soar Valley sub-area has the most pitches and team demand of all 6 sub-areas. The sub-area has an adequate secured supply to meet demand across all pitch types except for Mini 5 v 5 pitches (of which there are none). However, this demand (4 match equivalents per week) is adequately met by spare capacity in the Mini Soccer 7 v 7 pitch supply, leaving an operational spare capacity of 41.5 match equivalents per week.

Youth 11 v 11 demand is also operating close to the capacity limit, with just 1.5 securely available spare match equivalents per week.

### **The Wolds:**

The only pitches in the Wolds sub-area are Adult 11 v 11 pitches, which accommodate all 2 match equivalents of demand in the sub-area. This leaves the sub-area with a spare capacity of 1 securely available match equivalent per week.

### **Peak-Time Capacity**

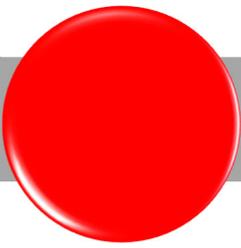
Using the Sport England Guidance to calculate carrying capacity has, in simple terms, identified an over supply of football pitches across the study area. While this is valuable, it is even more important to understand the capacity of existing pitch provision at the periods of highest (peak) demand.

Taking the carrying capacity and peak-time capacity analysis together, there is a mixed picture regarding the overall adequacy of supply to meet demand. Essentially, there is sufficient carrying capacity to meet demand for most pitch types in most sub-areas (even with some Youth 11 v 11 demand being played on Adult 11 v 11 pitches). However, where demand is concentrated, in Loughborough and Soar Valley, there is no spare capacity to meet peak-time demand (on Saturday afternoons) and in Loughborough, there is also limited availability for Youth 11 v 11 or 9 v 9 pitches.

Therefore, the priorities for the future are addressing peak-time capacity for Adult 11 v 11 pitches, and ensuring that where there is sufficient securely available carrying capacity, Adult 11 v 11 pitches can be used flexibly to adequately meet Youth 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 demand.

### **Full-sized, floodlit 3G AGP Availability**

There are 14 full-sized floodlit AGPs in the Borough, 9 of which are available to the community and 5 of which are available to the community on a secured basis. This level of provision means that Charnwood meets the required supply ratio of 1 pitch to every 42 teams when rounded to the nearest pitch (Charnwood has a requirement for 5.1 pitches on this basis). However, Farley Way Stadium is managed by Quorn FC, and so there is limited access to this pitch. As a result of this limited availability, Charnwood could currently be considered to be 1 pitch under capacity. It should be noted however, that whilst there is no security of tenure on the site, Loughborough University does offer slots to be booked by clubs on one of its 3G pitches. The University stated that whilst it has no intention of offering long-term security for community use of its facilities, there are no plans to make this facility unavailable to the community at present. There is a need for 1 AGP to meet future demand.



### 3. IS THE PROVISION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?

The overall quality of the pitches can be described as fair, with only 24 (15%) pitches rated as poor as part of the site assessment and 68 (42%) rated as good.

Whilst overall the quality of pitches is relatively sound, ensuring that site specific issues are addressed as part of the PPS is a key consideration in the future. This includes ancillary provision and access to appropriately sized, portable goals.

### 4. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

Future demand for pitches is determined from two sources; the TGR analysis and reported latent demand by clubs.

#### **Team Generation Rates**

The TGR analysis projects that 33 teams will be generated by the increase in population between 2017 and 2036. Ten of these teams will be Adult 11 v 11 teams, 11 will be Youth 11 v 11 teams, 8 will be Youth 9 v 9 teams and 4 will be mini soccer teams. Around 80% of this future demand will occur in clubs playing in either the Soar Valley or Loughborough sub-areas.

#### **Latent Demand**

As part of the research underpinning the PPS strategy, clubs are asked how many additional teams they believe they will have in the next 3 years (or would be able to have if barriers to realising additional teams were removed).

The survey responses show that there is significant latent demand for more teams in Charnwood. The responses indicated a total of 49 new teams could be fielded in the Borough within the next 3 years if all barriers to achieving this were removed. Latent demand is broken down by team as follows: 5 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 10 Youth 11 v 11 teams, 11 Youth 9 v 9 teams, 19 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 4 Mini 5 v 5 teams.

Clubs from Soar Valley reported having the highest level of latent demand, with 33 potential teams not formed, including 4 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 8 Youth 11 v 11, 8 Youth 9 v 9, 11 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 2 Mini 5 v 5 teams. This represents 67% of all reported latent demand. Loughborough is the sub-area with the next highest latent demand figure. There is latent demand for 9 teams including 1 Youth 11 v 11 team, 1 Youth 9 v 9 team, 5 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 2 Mini 5 v 5 teams. Together Loughborough and Soar Valley represent 86% of all latent demand reported in the Borough.

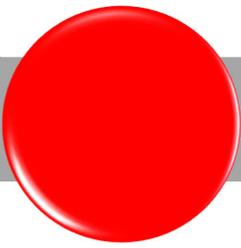
The principle reasons given for the level of latent demand is a lack of coaches and volunteers coupled with a lack of pitch capacity (or awareness of available pitch capacity).

#### **TGR and Latent Demand Combined Projections**

When considered together, the future modelling analysis identifies a potential growth of 82 teams in the Borough by 2036. This includes 15 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 23 Youth 11 v 11 teams, 17 Youth 9 v 9 teams, 21 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 4 Mini 5 v 5 teams.

The most significant growth in team demand is projected to take place in the Soar Valley and Loughborough sub-areas. This is due to the current distribution of teams playing in those sub-areas, and also to the high level of latent demand reported by clubs playing there.

Combined, the future demand analysis projects 53 new teams in the Soar Valley sub-area. This includes 33 teams identified as latent demand. In total, the sub-area is projected to increase by 9 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 14 Youth 11 v 11 teams, 13 Youth 9 v 9 teams, 13 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 4 Min 5 v 5 teams.



#### 4. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

Loughborough is projected to have 18 new teams by 2036, including 9 through fulfilment of latent demand. The detail of these teams is as follows: 2 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 5 Youth 11 v 11 teams, 2 Youth 9 v 9 teams, 7 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 2 Mini 5 v 5 teams.

#### 5. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?

There is a variable picture across the borough in relation to both the current level of securely accessible capacity in the borough, and the ability of the borough to meet future demand.

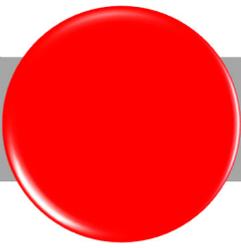
There is enough securely available carrying capacity within the borough's current pitch stock to meet new demand whilst retaining spare capacity. At a sub-area level, all sub-areas have sufficient secured spare carrying capacity within the current pitch stock to meet future demand, provided larger pitches are used to meet demand for smaller pitch types via over-marking.

**However, it is the ability to meet future demand at peak time based on the currently utilised pitch stock that is the key issue, and in which instance existing pitch supply is unable to meet all future demand for some types of play.** Across the borough, there is a projected future demand from 15 additional Adult 11 v 11 teams. The currently utilised pitch stock has a spare peak time capacity of 4.5, meaning it can only accommodate a maximum of 9 additional teams at peak time. If there is no change in the level of pitch provision, 6 of the teams projected to be generated by 2036 will have to play outside of the borough, should they wish to play at peak time.

However, if new pitches are provided, e.g. in the SUEs, teams may be able to play at peak time in the Borough. Together, the Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas are projected to generate 11 of the 15 additional 11 v 11 teams. There is no spare peak-time capacity in either sub-area to meet future demand based on the currently utilised pitch stock. This means teams will have to go to new venues (many of which are likely to be securely available, but unlikely to be desirable to use – otherwise they would be in use).

When the borough is taken as a whole, there is sufficient spare peak time capacity to meet future demand for both Youth 11 v 11 and Youth 9 v 9 pitches.

However, 5 Youth 11 v 11 teams and 2 Youth 9 v 9 teams are projected to form in Loughborough during this period. Given the peak-time capacity of the currently utilised pitch stock in Loughborough, the sub-area could only meet demand for 3 of the new 5 Youth 11 v 11 teams, meaning the remaining 2 teams would have to be displaced to another sub-area. As there are only 0.5 match slots available for Youth 9 v 9 teams at peak time in Loughborough, there is insufficient spare peak-time capacity in the currently utilised pitch stock to meet the demands of the projected additional 2 teams by 2036, unless a further 0.5 Youth 9 v 9 match slot could be made available within the sub-area.

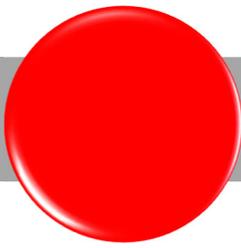


## FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATIONS

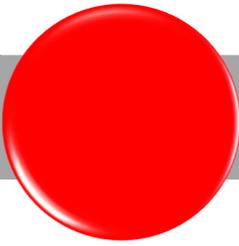
The following response highlights identified key themes and provides overarching recommendations that should be addressed by the specific recommendations for each site which are set out in Appendix C: Site-by-Site Analysis Football and in the action plan at the end of the PPS report.

**Table D: Football Recommendations**

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
<b>TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND:</b>	
F1	<p>All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix C: Site-by-Site Analysis Football) should be protected as 'Playing Fields' in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The site-by-site analysis in Appendix C sets out the reasons for the protection of each site. More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular football use through development.</p>
F2	<p>Sites which currently have facilities rated as being 'Poor' quality should be upgraded (the specific recommendations for each site are included in Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football as well as Table 15.2 of the main report).</p> <p><b>Justification</b> - existing poor-quality facilities affect available capacity; existing pitches which are being overplayed and require specialist maintenance to ensure their capacity is retained.</p>
F3	<p>It is recommended that the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) and the Football Foundation (FF) support clubs in having access to appropriately sized, portable goals on their home grounds, and that these can be securely stored to prevent damage from anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Upgrading sites to better tackle antisocial behaviour may require additional planning permission in order to provide adequate secure storage. This measure will also increase flexibility within the pitch stock and allow adjustment to fluctuating demand across pitch types.</p> <p>Recommendations for sites requiring investment in mobile goal posts are set out in the specific recommendations for each site (Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football as well as Table 15.2 of the main report).</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Many teams are using larger pitch types to meet their demand. This is either through over-marking (in the case of Mini 7 v 7 pitches being used for Mini 5 v 5 matches) or use of pitches that are not ideally suited for the demand (as in the case of Youth 11 v 11 matches being played on Adult 11 v 11 pitches).</p> <p>There is considered to be enough carrying capacity in the current pitch stock to meet demand on secured sites so there is only limited need for youth or mini teams to be located away from their preferred site.</p>

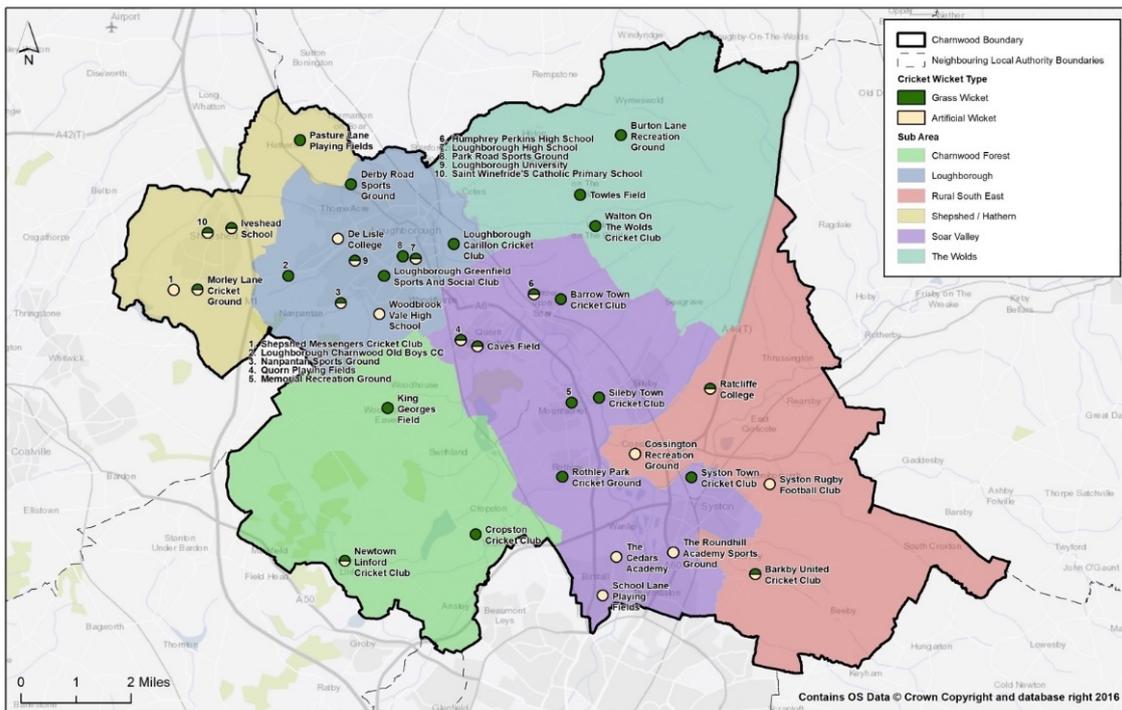


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F4	<p>It is recommended that the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) engages with clubs identified as playing on home grounds where there is no further capacity at peak time, to make them aware of alternative sites that are available for use in their neighbourhood and increase access to available pitches at peak time. This is especially pertinent to demand for Adult 11 v 11 pitches; clubs need to be better informed of alternative pitch availability and capacity so that they can remain in the Borough to play peak-time matches.</p> <p>Sites with spare peak time capacity can be found in the site-by-site table in Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football of this report.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The analysis shows that there is enough capacity within the current pitch stock to meet demand, but that much of this supply is not available, or not being used due to unsuitability or a lack of awareness of the site’s availability for use.</p>
F5	<p>Where sites have been identified as suffering from a lack of pitch capacity and/or poor quality, drainage or a lack of maintenance, the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) should work with site managers to ensure sufficient maintenance procedures are being undertaken.</p> <p>The LRFA should also work to ensure these procedures are being delivered by people with sufficient knowledge to produce an adequate playing surface. It is further recommended the LRFA works with site managers to identify potential ways of financing enhanced pitch maintenance procedures where appropriate. This activity should be focused on sites that attract the most demand for football.</p> <p>Unless otherwise stated, the primary intervention is recommended to be an improvement to the pitches’ maintenance regime.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Many sites are reported as having poor drainage. This results in numerous match cancellations and damage to the pitches during the winter. This in turn decreases the quality of the pitches for later in the season. These two factors – poor quality facilities and match cancellations – are identified as two of the most significant frustrations amongst football participants and parents. It is therefore vital to address this issue.</p>
F6	<p>It is recommended that the LRFA works with clubs and site managers to improve the quality of ancillary provision in the Borough.</p> <p>This is especially pertinent to working with Charnwood Borough Council and the town/parish councils, depending on the ownership of a specific pitch, where the quality of the ancillary facilities is consistently regarded as being in a poor condition, often due to antisocial behaviour on site.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Throughout the Borough, many sites are considered to have ancillary facilities that are in an inadequate condition. This is reported by both the club consultations and site visits.</p>
<b>TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND:</b>	
F7	<p>Increasing peak-time capacity for Adult 11 v 11 pitches in the Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas is crucial to ensure projected new teams have the option of playing at peak times at a venue close to their desired home ground (should this not be available).</p>



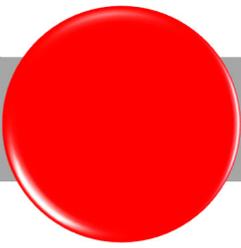
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	<p>It is therefore recommended that the LRFA works with clubs and available, but under-used, sites to ensure clubs are aware of the alternative venues available within their sub-area (see also Recommendation F4).</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Several sub-areas are projected to be at capacity during peak times by 2036. The above action should ensure that clubs are aware of pitches with spare capacity if/when they develop new teams.</p>
F8	<p>It is recommended that the LRFA and Football Foundation (FF) work to identify a site for a minimum of two additional full-sized floodlit 3G AGPs in the area and ensure the existing 3G AGPs are of appropriate quality.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The concentration of existing 3G AGP facilities in the north (in or around Loughborough) suggests that a site in the south of the Borough may be the most favourable option to balance the accessibility of this provision. This may be on an existing site or as part of the North East of Leicester SUE development. A further feasibility study would be required to determine the optimal location of any new 3G AGP facility. There is a precedent at Wreake Academy of there being unsecured access to grass pitches, but secured access to an on-site AGP.</p>

## CRICKET



Cricket sites by wicket type in Charnwood





**Table E: Key context for cricket**

## 1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

### Supply

The study has identified 46 cricket squares across 35 sites within the study area. These squares contain 409 grass wickets and 32 NTPs (Non-Turf Pitches).

The majority of supply is concentrated in the Soar Valley and Loughborough sub-areas. Soar Valley accounts for 38% of cricket squares in Charnwood (with 15 squares and 121 grass wickets). Together, Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas account for 65% of all squares in the borough. The Loughborough sub-area also has 18 of the 32 NTPs in the borough, representing 56% of all NTPs in the area.

### Demand

The study has captured demand from 151 teams, including 86 senior men's teams, 2 senior women's teams and 63 junior teams. At present there are no dedicated girls' junior teams; however, with the advent of All Stars cricket, the ECB is hopeful that one will be formed in the Borough in the near future.

Together these teams produce enough demand for 1,760 matches per season.

Demand is concentrated in the sub-areas of Loughborough and Soar Valley. Loughborough produces demand for 496 matches and Soar Valley for 561 matches per season. This represents 1,057 matches per season within these sub-areas. This equates to 60% of all demand for cricket in Charnwood.

Although the split between senior and junior teams is relatively even (58%:42% in favour of senior teams), senior demand is significantly greater than junior demand. Senior demand for cricket produces 1,332 matches per season, compared to 428 matches of junior demand.

It is also important to note that there is significant imported demand from the City of Leicester. Ninety matches per season are being played in Charnwood, but the teams and players tend to come from and would prefer to play in the City of Leicester (based on consultation feedback).

## 2. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

Whilst there is generally enough spare capacity to meet current demand, there are parts of the borough that are limited in their growth potential for cricket participation, due to a lack of spare capacity.

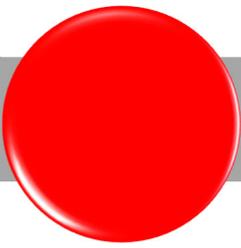
### Carrying capacity

In the pitch supply, there is secured community access capable of meeting 1,855 matches per week. This represents 81% of all grass capacity in the borough.

There is demand for 1,760 matches per year, leaving a spare capacity of 95 matches per year. This is the equivalent of 19 grass wickets of spare capacity per year.

Of the NTPs, 23 of the 32 pitches within the borough are securely available for community use. Together, these 23 pitches carry a capacity of 1,380 matches per week.

Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) has requested a scenario to be modelled in which NTPs can only meet junior demand for U13 teams and younger. These teams currently produce two thirds of all junior demand in the Borough, which equates to 285 matches per season.



## 2. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

Under this scenario, this demand can be offset from the demand on grass wickets and allocated to the NTP carrying capacity. Under this scenario, the supply and demand balance figure for securely available NTPs equals 1,095 matches of spare capacity per season.

With demand from U13 teams redistributed to NTPs, the revised balance figure for spare capacity on grass wickets is 370 matches per season. Therefore, displacing U13 demand onto NTPs increases spare capacity for grass wickets from the equivalent of 19 wickets per season to 74 wickets per season.

It should be noted that there are also some sub-areas currently operating at or close to an under-supply of capacity.

Rural South East, for instance, is currently operating with a deficit of 165 match equivalents of capacity across the entire sub-area. Furthermore, Charnwood Forest has insufficient capacity to meet all demand for grass wickets, with a capacity balance of -10 under this scenario. The sub-area is dependent on juniors playing on NTPs to offset demand for these pitches. The Shepshed–Hathern sub-area is similarly reliant on NTPs to offset demand, as its grass wickets would also be operating over-capacity if they had to meet all senior and junior demand in the sub-area.

### Peak-time capacity

Whilst there is sufficient carrying capacity amongst the existing pitch stock to meet current demand, it should be noted that there are limitations due to a lack of peak-time capacity in some of the sub-areas in the Borough.

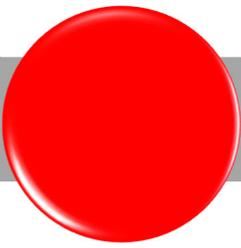
Charnwood Forest and Rural South East sub-areas are at capacity during peak times.

Furthermore, Shepshed–Hathern sub-area has just 1 peak-time match slot available on Saturday afternoons, as does The Wolds sub-area. This means that each sub-area can only cater for a maximum expansion of two teams before capacity is reached; any further growth in teams would mean teams have to use pitches outside of the sub-area.

### Carrying and peak-time capacity combined

Combining the two sets of capacity analysis shows the status of each sub-area is as follows:

- **Charnwood Forest: At capacity on Saturday afternoon's peak time but has sufficient carrying capacity to meet demand at other times.**
- **Loughborough: Has 8 spare match slots at peak time and has sufficient carrying capacity to meet current demand.**
- **Rural South East: The sub-area is at capacity during peak times for its pitches. The sub-area is also operating significantly over capacity in terms of carrying capacity.**
- **Shepshed–Hathern: The sub-area has just 1 spare match slot on Saturday afternoons and is operating over capacity when all demand is placed on grass wickets.**
- **Soar Valley: The sub-area has sufficient spare capacity at peak time to accommodate additional demand and has ample spare carrying capacity.**
- **The Wolds: The sub-area has just 1 spare match slot on Saturday afternoons. This means the sub-area can only accommodate a maximum of two more teams; any further additional demand will be forced to use pitches in other sub-areas.**



## 2. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

In summary, where there is most demand, in Soar Valley and in Loughborough sub-areas, there is sufficient capacity within the pitch stock to accommodate further demand. However, in the sub-areas where there is less activity, pitches are scarcer and although there is likely to be less growth, these areas are less able to cope with any increase to demand.

## 3. IS THE PROVISION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?

The quality of pitches in the Borough should be considered as fair. Of the 45 squares quality assessed (one square was not assessed), 41 are considered either standard or good. 51% of pitches in the borough are considered good and just 4 pitches (11%) are considered poor.

Of the 35 sites, 17 are managed by clubs. This tends to have a positive effect on the quality of pitches, as club volunteers or associates take great pride in the quality of the wickets they produce.

In the site-by-site commentary, more issues have been raised regarding the condition of pavilions and ancillary facilities in general. This follows a similar trend as the football analysis, which identifies a similar response from site users.

Dog-fouling and antisocial behaviour on-site were raised as an issue for teams.

Six sites in Charnwood host Leicestershire Premier League matches. Of these, four grounds do not meet the requisite requirements for the league; they risk relegation should the league committee decide to exclude clubs using sites that cannot meet the league criteria.

## 4. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

33 teams have been identified as part of the projected growth analysis. Only 1 of these teams is identified from the latent demand analysis – a junior team – whilst the others are all projected to be produced by the growth in population.

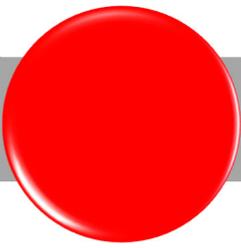
Of the 32 teams projected by the TGR, 21 are adult teams and 11 are junior teams.

The adult teams are projected to require demand for 210 matches per year, whilst the 12 junior teams (TGR and latent demand analysis combined) are projected to produce demand for 96 matches per week. In total future teams are projected to produce an additional 308 matches per season by 2036.

The ECB is also keen to point out that this figure is based on current conversion of population into players. However, through the national success of All Stars cricket and the significant uptake of the programme amongst Charnwood clubs, the ECB is confident that this success will be translated into additional demand for junior boys' and girls' cricket in the short term, and for senior men's and women's cricket in the medium term.

It should also be noted that the ECB is working with the City of Leicester Council to identify potential new sites for cricket within the City itself. Should this be realised, there is the possibility of there being 90 fewer matches played in the borough in the short term.

This would help to provide the borough with additional peak-time capacity on a Saturday should adult demand increase in the short term, as well as the medium- to long-term growth projected by the TGR analysis.



## 5. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?

In terms of carrying capacity, if all demand is reliant on grass wickets, then the Borough will be operating over capacity by 203 matches per season by 2036.

Under this scenario, Charnwood Forest sub-area will be over capacity by 56 matches per season, Loughborough sub-area will have just 36 matches of spare carrying capacity per season, the Rural South East sub-area will be over capacity by 201 matches per season, Shepshed–Hathern sub-area will be over capacity by 30 matches per season, Soar Valley sub-area will operate with just 24 matches of spare capacity per season, and The Wolds sub-area will operate with 24 spare matches of carrying capacity per season.

In total, Charnwood is projected to have an additional 21 senior teams by 2036 but has just 15 spare peak-time match slots. The borough has 9 teams of imported demand all playing at peak time, which, if they were to return to Leicester, would provide the spare capacity needed to meet projected demand at peak times.

This situation is described further in the following sub-area analysis:

### **Charnwood Forest:**

Charnwood Forest is projected to have an additional 3 teams by 2036. The sub- area does not have any additional capacity on Saturdays (peak time for senior men's teams) and would therefore either need new pitches to be brought into the active pitch stock, to develop new pitches in the sub-area, or to ask teams formed in this sub-area to play in Loughborough or Soar Valley.

### **Loughborough Sub-area:**

In the Loughborough sub-area there is spare capacity for an additional 8 teams. Loughborough is projected to have an additional 7 adult teams by 2036; under this scenario, the sub-area would have the equivalent of just one team spare capacity. It should be noted that should the imported demand from Leicester be found home grounds outside of the Borough, Loughborough will gain an additional 5 match equivalents per week. Therefore, if all of the imported demand can be removed in the short- to medium-term future, Loughborough will have sufficient spare capacity to accommodate 6 additional teams on Saturday afternoons (with the potential to meet projected future demand from Charnwood Forest sub-area).

### **Shepshed – Hathern:**

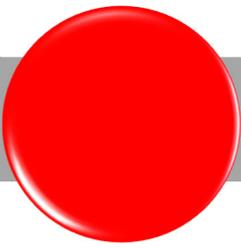
Shepshed–Hathern is projected to have an additional two teams based on the TGR analysis. However, due to the development of a major SUE in close proximity to the sub-area, this figure may rise further. This sub-area has no spare capacity on Saturday afternoons and one pitch is being used by a Leicester-based team. Therefore, if this imported demand can be relocated in the short- to medium-term, Shepshed–Hathern will have spare capacity to accommodate one team on Saturday afternoons.

### **Soar Valley Sub-Area:**

In Soar Valley, there are 6 free match slots on Saturday afternoons; projected demand equates to a further 5 teams by 2036. Therefore, the sub-area has enough capacity to meet projected demand. The sub-area has one Leicester team playing in it on Saturday afternoons, which could be relocated from the area if an alternative home ground could be found in the City. However, it is worth noting that this sub-area could also see demand increase disproportionately due to the development of a SUE in the South of the borough.

### **The Wolds Sub-Area:**

To meet demand, there will be one additional men's team in The Wolds by 2036; there is one match slot in which to accommodate this. The sub-area should therefore have adequate provision to meet demand for one additional team to play on Saturdays.



5. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?

**Rural South East Sub-Area:**

The Rural South East Sub-Area has a deficit in capacity of 165 match equivalents per season. At peak time there are no available cricket pitches. There is projected demand for an additional 4 teams (2 adult and 2 junior) by 2036. Therefore, the sub-area does not have the capacity to meet future demand and teams would have to play out of the sub-area. It is worth noting that this sub-area could also see demand increase disproportionately due to the development of a SUE in the South of the borough.

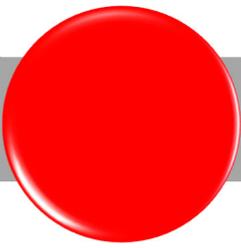
The development of pitches in the SUEs could help to address the existing under-supply of pitches in the Borough, and specifically for the sub-areas Shepshed–Hathern and Charnwood Forest.

**CRICKET RECOMMENDATIONS**

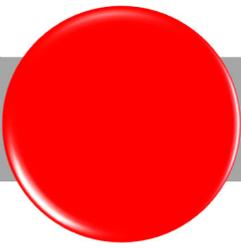
The following response highlights identified key themes and provides overarching recommendations that should be addressed by the specific recommendations for each site, which are set out in Appendix E: Site-by-Site Analysis Cricket and in the action plan at the end of the PPS document.

**Table F: Recommendations for Cricket in Charnwood**

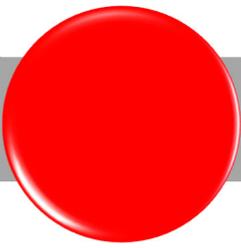
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C1	<p>All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix E: Site-by-Site Analysis, Cricket) should be protected as ‘Playing Fields’ in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should the need arise for them to be lost to regular cricket use through development.</p>
C2	<p>Sites identified as being of poor quality should be prioritised for investment to improve playing pitch provision (the specific recommendations for each site are included in Appendix E: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Cricket as well as Table 15.2 of the main report.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> It is important that any pitches where quality is highlighted as needing improvement are prioritised for investment to maintain playing capacity. The health and safety of participants needs to be assured in relation to both the playing pitch and ancillary facilities.</p>
C3	<p>The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should work with the clubs to install non-turf pitches (NTPs) when junior demand becomes too great to be met by grass wickets alone.</p>



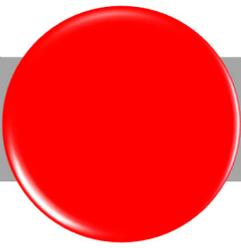
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	<p>Examples of sites that should be considered for a new or replacement NTP for this strategic purpose:</p> <p><b>SOAR VALLEY SUB-AREA:</b></p> <p><b>Caves Field, Quorn, LE12 8EP</b></p> <p><b>LOUGHBOROUGH SUB-AREA:</b></p> <p><b>De Lisle College, Loughborough</b> <b>Loughborough Greenfields Sports And Social Club, Loughborough, LE11 3HZ</b></p> <p><b>CHARNWOOD FOREST SUB-AREA:</b></p> <p><b>Cropston Cricket Club, Anstey, LE7 7BP</b> <b>Newtown Linford Cricket Club, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AD</b></p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The analysis shows that whilst there is sufficient supply to meet demand, the area is dependent on grass wicket capacity being ‘topped up’ by NTP capacity to meet junior demand. Also, due to the increase in bounce provided by the surface, NTPs are considered to provide a preferred facility for U13 junior cricket.</p> <p>This is because the extra bounce aids better technical development for young players and requires less maintenance and preparation than grass wickets.</p>
C4	<p>The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should work with the clubs to help finance the installation of fixed practice nets where clubs require them. Sites with developed or developing junior sections should be considered the priority for this provision.</p> <p>Examples of sites that should be considered for new or replacement practice nets for this strategic purpose include:</p> <p><b>Nanpantan Sports Ground, Loughborough, LE11 3TN</b></p> <p><b>School Lane Playing Fields, Birstall, LE4 4EA</b></p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Fixed practice nets are considered to aid technical development of both junior and senior players. They also enhance the quality and appeal of a cricket facility from a users’ perspective. Several key sites in the area do not currently have fixed practice nets and clubs have expressed a desire to provide them on-site.</p>
C5	<p>Where appropriate, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should also work with clubs to encourage establishment of a group of qualified volunteers for each ground to undertake pitch preparation and maintenance.</p> <p>They should also help to ensure that these volunteers have access to the latest knowledge and best practice regarding pitch maintenance and preparation techniques. Furthermore, the ECB the LCCC should ensure that each club is adequately equipped with appropriate maintenance equipment to produce a good-quality surface.</p>



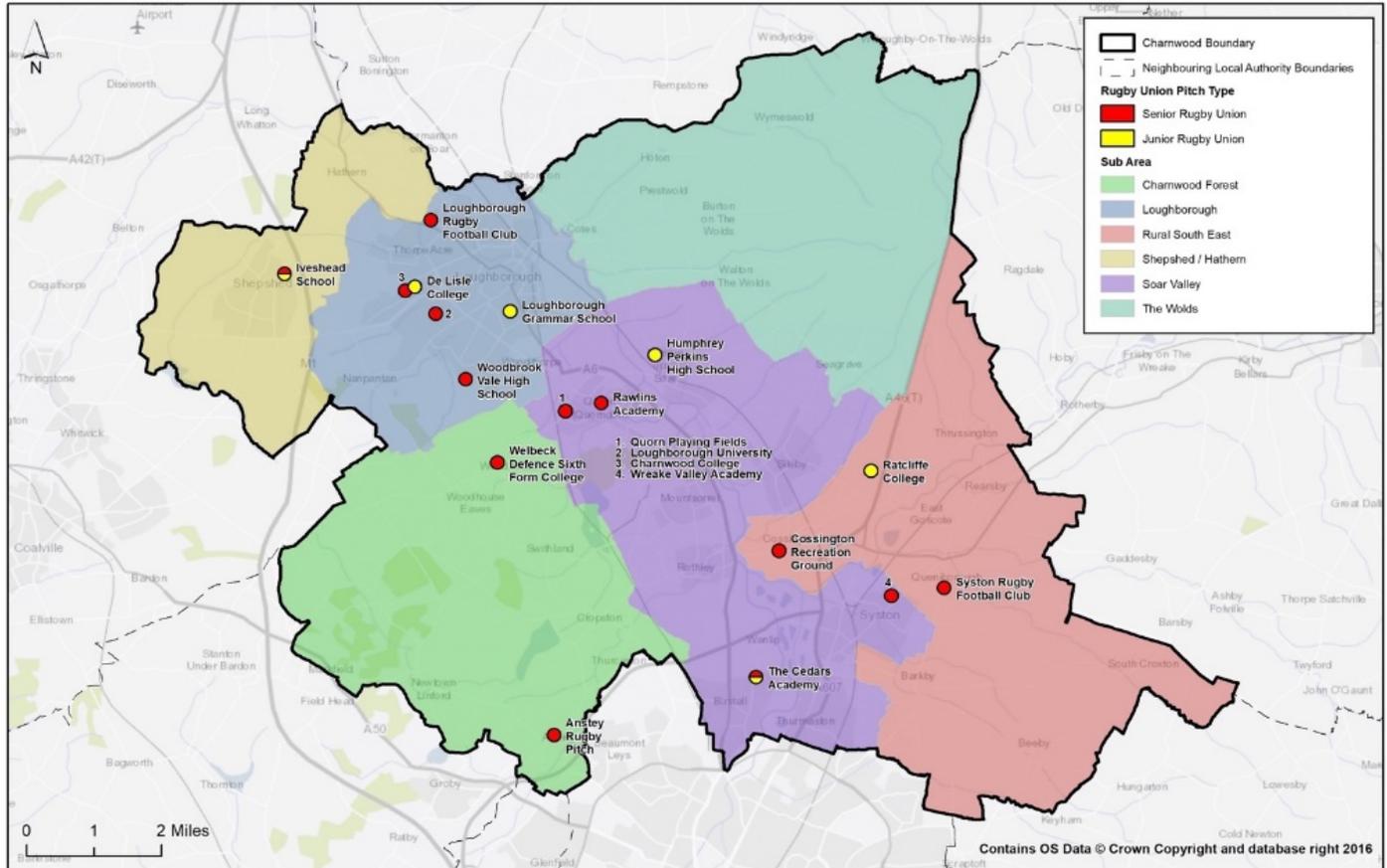
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C6	<p>Charnwood Borough Council, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should work with clubs to discourage antisocial behaviour on sites. Required measures are likely to be specific to each site but this may include better fencing and barriers as well as CCTV, where appropriate.</p> <p>Park Road Sports Ground has been identified as requiring measures to reduce antisocial behaviour. However, all partners should seek to work with clubs if and when such issues develop.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Multiple sites across several sports have reported issues around antisocial behaviour. This can have a significant impact on clubs, not just in terms of refurbishing or replacing the facilities or equipment that is lost or damaged, but also in terms of increasing insurance premiums which can be detrimental to a club's financial security.</p>																																																										
C7	<p>The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should continue to work with clubs/sites to improve ancillary facilities including pavilions, fencing, car parking or other non-playing facility elements. This may include support and involvement from Charnwood Borough Council where planning permission to extend or rebuild pavilions is required.</p> <p>Clubs that have been identified as requiring improved ancillary facilities include:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">SITE</th> <th rowspan="2">SECURED COMMUNITY USE?</th> <th colspan="3">FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT</th> </tr> <tr> <th>FENCING</th> <th>STORAGE</th> <th>PAVILION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="5"><b>SOAR VALLEY SUB-AREA:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Barrow Town Cc</b>, Barrow-Upon-Soar, Le12 8pd</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Caves Field</b>, Quorn, LE12 8EP</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sileby Town Cricket Club</b>, Sileby, LE12 7UX</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Syston Rugby Football Club</b>, Syston, LE7 3FE</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"><b>LOUGHBOROUGH SUB-AREA:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Derby Road Sports Ground</b>, Loughborough</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Nanpantan Sports Ground</b>, Loughborough</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"><b>CHARNWOOD FOREST SUB-AREA:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Cropston CC</b>, Cropston, LE7 7BP</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Y</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	SITE	SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT			FENCING	STORAGE	PAVILION	<b>SOAR VALLEY SUB-AREA:</b>					<b>Barrow Town Cc</b> , Barrow-Upon-Soar, Le12 8pd	Y	Y	Y		<b>Caves Field</b> , Quorn, LE12 8EP	Y			Y	<b>Sileby Town Cricket Club</b> , Sileby, LE12 7UX	Y			Y	<b>Syston Rugby Football Club</b> , Syston, LE7 3FE	Y			Y	<b>LOUGHBOROUGH SUB-AREA:</b>					<b>Derby Road Sports Ground</b> , Loughborough	Y			Y	<b>Nanpantan Sports Ground</b> , Loughborough	Y			Y	<b>CHARNWOOD FOREST SUB-AREA:</b>					<b>Cropston CC</b> , Cropston, LE7 7BP	Y			Y
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**RUGBY UNION**



Rugby Union sites by pitch type in Charnwood



**Table G: Key context for rugby union in the borough**

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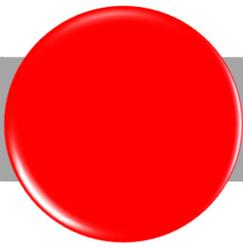
The study has identified 84.25 match equivalents of supply in Charnwood. Of this capacity, 44.5 match equivalents (53%) are considered to be available to the community. The majority of supply that is not available to the community has been identified as being located on private education sites or at Loughborough University.

Community rugby clubs have a combined pitch capacity of 22 match equivalents per week. This represents 26% of the total supply and 49% of available supply.

As with most rugby clubs, there is a strong preference for all the pitches they use to be located on their home ground site.

The study has identified demand for 36 match equivalents in the area. This demand is split evenly between senior and junior demand.

Community demand comes from 6 clubs distributed across the borough but is concentrated around two sites: Loughborough RFC and Syston RFC.



### 1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

**Loughborough RFC:** Has 19 teams and is identified as operating 1.5 match equivalents per week over capacity. The club also has limited room to grow, as it has no spare capacity during Sunday mornings (peak time for junior and women's rugby) and has only one 1 pitch available every fortnight during the Saturday PM slot. This means the club can only grow by one team whilst accommodating play at peak times.

**Syston RFC:** The club has 14 teams and is identified as having just 0.25 match equivalents spare capacity. This essentially means that club is operating at capacity, as any additional use would put the club over its identified pitch carrying capacity.

There are 4 smaller clubs currently using multi-sport sites such as academies and recreation grounds of limited quality.

### 2. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

The supply and demand balance for rugby across all clubs highlights that there is a supply deficit of 14 match equivalents per week. This means that there is demand for 14 more teams than the current level of community accessible rugby sites can adequately accommodate.

Anstey RFC, Loughborough RFC, Quorn RFC and Shepshed RFC are all able to accommodate 1 additional team during the peak time Saturday PM match slot (traditionally used for men's and colts' rugby).

Sileby Vikings RFC has no spare capacity to accommodate new teams during Saturday afternoons.

The only club with significant spare capacity during Saturdays is Syston RFC, but this site would require significant improvement to the pitches' carrying capacity before it could be considered as having adequate capacity to host another team.

The study has also identified a lack of floodlit pitches to meet mid-week training demand. It is recommended that floodlights are installed at key club sites to increase pitch capacity.

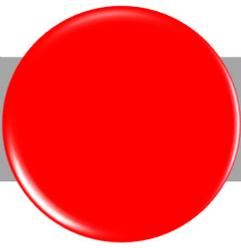
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All but 3 of the pitches used for by the community for rugby are considered to be poorly maintained.

Of the two major club sites, both are considered to have standard quality of maintenance of their "main" pitches but not of their other pitches or their training pitches.

The site-by-site action plan recommends enhancements to maintenance and the addition of pipe drainage systems to increase carrying capacity at priority sites in order to address the lack of capacity and pitch quality identified in the area.

In addition, it should be noted that many clubs identify weaknesses or inadequacies in their ancillary facilities. At Syston and Loughborough RFC, this is especially pertinent to the lack of changing facilities suitable for hosting simultaneous men's and women's matches.



#### 4. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

The projected future demand is concentrated around two key clubs: Loughborough RFC and Syston RFC. A third club, Birstall RFC, sits on the boundary just outside of the borough in the City of Leicester. This site is referred to in the City of Leicester PPS.

The TGR analysis has identified there will be an increase of 6 teams in the borough by 2036, 1 senior and 5 junior. As the only two clubs with established junior sections, this future demand is projected to be added to Loughborough and Syston RFC, with 3 junior teams added to Loughborough RFC and 2 to Syston.

Clubs report that there is latent demand for 4 additional teams in the borough, 2 senior and 2 junior. This demand is spread evenly across the borough with several smaller clubs expressing a desire to develop additional teams.

#### 5. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?

The analysis shows that there is insufficient capacity within the existing sites used by clubs to meet future demand without operating significantly over the pitches' current capacity. If all future demand is realised, then secured club sites are forecasted to be operating at 24 match equivalents over capacity by 2036.

Similarly, if current levels of supply are maintained, it is likely that clubs will have no, or limited, peak-time availability for junior and senior rugby across both genders.

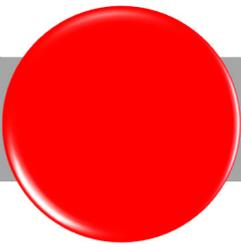
Finally, the level of mid-week training provision is not thought to be adequate to meet expected future demand. Although additional teams may be able to share training slots with existing teams, it should be recognised that this will have increased impact on the deterioration of the training pitches.

## RUGBY UNION RECOMMENDATIONS

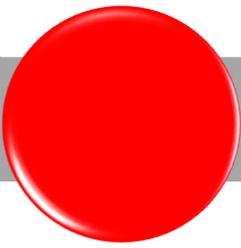
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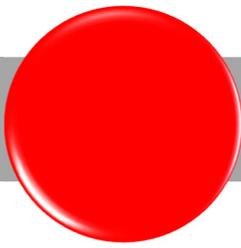
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RU1	<p>All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix F: Rugby Site-by-Site Analysis) should be protected as 'Playing Fields' in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The above site-by-site analysis sets out the reasons for each site's protection (if stated). More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should the need arise to for them to be lost to regular rugby use through development.</p>



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RU2	<p>The maintenance regime across all club rugby pitches should be increased to standard (M1) levels of maintenance as a minimum, and where this is inadequate, artificial drainage should be installed to maximise the capacity of the pitch.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Under this scenario, all sites (with the exception of Cossington Recreation Ground) will be operating with some spare capacity in their pitches. It is recommended that the RFU continues to monitor the impact of demand on pitch quality. If pitches should begin to be used beyond their capacity again, the RFU should support the clubs in raising the level of maintenance up from standard (M1) to good (M2).</p> <p>Club sites with pitch maintenance scores of M0 and M1 have been identified below as requiring enhanced maintenance.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLUB</th> <th>SUB-AREA AND LOCATION</th> <th>AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?</th> <th>REQUIRING ENHANCED MAINTENANCE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH</td> <td>CHARNWOOD FOREST, Anstey</td> <td>Y</td> <td>1 pitch is currently rated as M0 for maintenance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND</td> <td>LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough</td> <td>Y</td> <td>1 pitch is currently rated as M0 for maintenance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IVESHEAD SCHOOL</td> <td>SOAR VALLEY, Quorn</td> <td>N</td> <td>2 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB</td> <td>LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough</td> <td>Y</td> <td>2 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance; the other is rated M1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SYSTEM RFC</td> <td>RURAL SOUTH EAST, Cossington</td> <td>Y</td> <td>4 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance and 1 is rated as M1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Actions to enhance maintenance to satisfy M2 specifications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aeration (x2 per year per pitch)</b></li> <li>• <b>Sand dressing (x2 per year per pitch)</b></li> <li>• <b>Fertiliser (x2 per year per pitch)</b></li> <li>• <b>Weed kill (x2 per year per pitch)</b></li> <li>• <b>Chain harrowing (1x per week per pitch)</b></li> </ul>	CLUB	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	REQUIRING ENHANCED MAINTENANCE	ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	CHARNWOOD FOREST, Anstey	Y	1 pitch is currently rated as M0 for maintenance	COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough	Y	1 pitch is currently rated as M0 for maintenance	IVESHEAD SCHOOL	SOAR VALLEY, Quorn	N	2 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance	LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough	Y	2 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance; the other is rated M1	SYSTEM RFC	RURAL SOUTH EAST, Cossington	Y	4 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance and 1 is rated as M1
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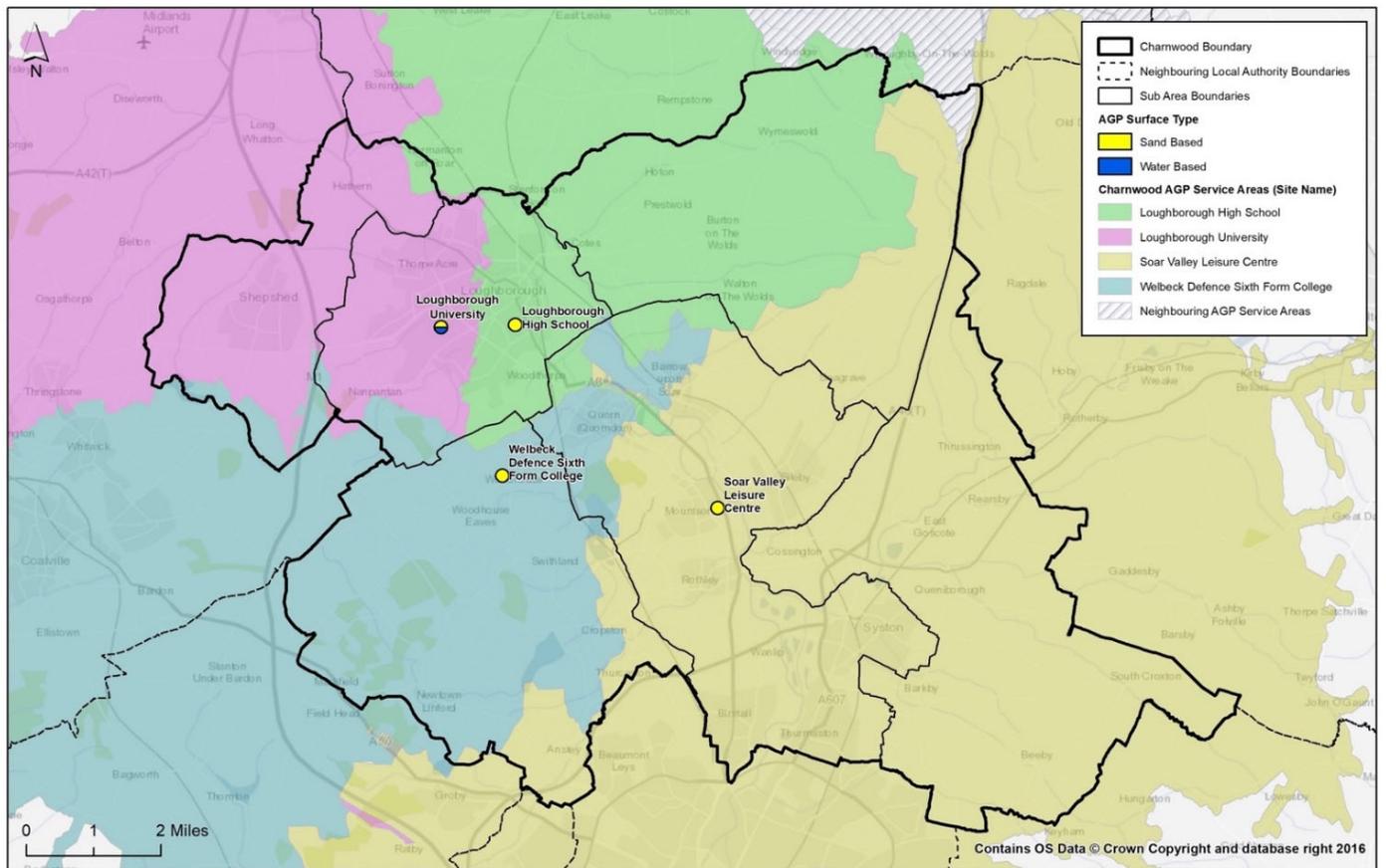


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RU4	<p>The condition of clubhouses and ancillary facilities should be improved to enable all clubs to adequately provide facilities for participants and spectators.</p> <p>It is also important to note that clubhouses are central to many rugby clubs ability to generate revenue, whether through the bar or venue hire. Improving these facility elements is therefore likely to have a direct and positive impact on the club's ability to invest in coaching, facilities, equipment and maintenance.</p> <p>Specific sites that have been identified as requiring improved clubhouses are as follows.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLUB</th> <th>SUB-AREA AND LOCATION</th> <th>SECURED COMMUNITY USE?</th> <th>REQUIRING IMPROVED CLUBHOUSES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH</td> <td>CHARNWOOD FOREST, Anstey</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB</td> <td>LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SYSTON RFC</td> <td>RURAL SOUTH EAST, Cossington</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Justification:</b> Improvements to clubhouses have been identified in the site visits and the club consultations. These improvements should focus on ensuring clubs can adequately accommodate female, junior and male rugby teams simultaneously, which they currently do not. They should also be able to accommodate players and/or spectators with additional needs.</p>	CLUB	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	REQUIRING IMPROVED CLUBHOUSES	ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	CHARNWOOD FOREST, Anstey	Y	Y	LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough	Y	Y	SYSTON RFC	RURAL SOUTH EAST, Cossington	Y	Y
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## HOCKEY



Sand and water based AGP sites with community use service areas in Charnwood (up to 20-minute drive time)

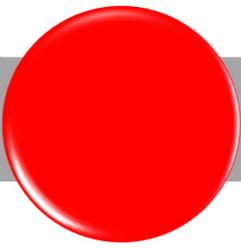


Table I: Key context for Hockey

### 1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

There are 7 hockey-appropriate AGPs in Charnwood based across 5 sites. Of these 7 pitches, 5 are available to the community for use, but only one is available on a secured basis: Soar Valley Leisure Centre.

There is one water-based pitch in the area at Loughborough University, which is considered to be in good condition.



## 1. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

All other pitches are sand-based or -dressed pitches. Loughborough Endowed School is the only other good pitch available to the community for use. All other pitches available to the community are considered to be in standard condition.

All pitches, with the exception of Soar Valley Leisure Centre, are based on private educational sites.

The 5 available pitches are concentrated in Loughborough sub-area. Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College is also based close to Loughborough but is located in the Charnwood Forest sub-area. Soar Valley Leisure Centre is located further away from Loughborough in Mountsorrel, in the Soar Valley sub-area. The 5 available pitches produce a total supply of 100 hours of training time, 40 Saturday match slots and 40 Sunday match slots, and all are floodlit.

There are 4 community clubs based in the borough, plus Loughborough Men's and Ladies' Student clubs. These clubs generate 28 teams (18 teams with the student teams discounted). Of these 18 community teams, 15 are senior teams – including 6 men's teams (all produced by Loughborough Town HC) – 3 are women's teams (1 produced by Charnwood Sileby HC and the other by Loughborough Town HC), and 6 are mixed teams (5 produced by Loughborough Carillons HC and the other produced by Charnwood Mountsorrel HC). Together, these teams demand 51.5 hours of hockey per week, comprising 29.5 training hours and 21 hours of match play.

Most clubs are based on pitches in Loughborough. Charnwood Sileby HC and Charnwood Mountsorrel HC are the only two clubs to play at Soar Valley Leisure Centre. Charnwood Mountsorrel HC is a mixed over 50s men's side that come together to play in the England Hockey Cup. The squad plays fixtures for other teams such as Barbarians, Syston Town and Nomads, and then comes together for this competition. They use Soar Valley Leisure Centre for only 3 to 4 games a season and do not train on the site.

## 2. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

The only site considered to have reached its capacity for use is the hockey pitch made available by Loughborough University. This is due to Loughborough Town HC having reached the maximum number of hours the university is prepared to allocate to them. As a result, the club uses other facilities such as Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College and Loughborough Endowed School to meet this demand shortfall.

All other venues have sufficient spare capacity to allow for additional use if required.

The demand for hockey generated in the area is mostly met by unsecured pitches at Loughborough University and Loughborough Endowed School. Only 3.5 hours of training and 4 matches per week take place on securely available facilities.

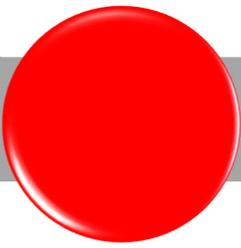
If all demand were to be addressed through the only secured site in the Borough, then 6 teams per week would have to find alternative facilities to play at Saturdays.

This would also mean that Loughborough Town would no longer be able to access a water-based pitch (which may cause them to lose members, as this is attractive for players to use and relatively unique at the standard at which the club plays).

Moving all demand onto just one pitch would also be likely to cause friction between clubs, as they would need to share, alternate or compete for preferred training and match slots.

It should be noted that during consultation with Loughborough Town HC and the university, both reported having a positive relationship, with good, open lines of communication.

Neither the club nor the university feels there is any imminent threat to Loughborough Town HC's use of the facility



## 2. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

in the short- or medium-term future; however, the university is resolved not to offer any long-term security of tenure for the club, as the pitch is a university asset and there is no perceived need for the university to do so. Whilst the club, along with England Hockey, would prefer some security of tenure agreement, this situation is unlikely to change in the future.

Loughborough Endowed School similarly reported that having community use of its hockey pitch is a key part of its strategy, meaning there is little chance of community hockey being prevented from playing on the pitch in the future.

## 3. IS THE PROVISION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?

All the AGPs are considered to be of sufficient quality. However, should Loughborough Town lose access to the water-based AGP at Loughborough University, then there is no equivalent-quality facility in the borough for the club to use, which would be likely to have an impact on their membership. Loughborough Endowed School and Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College are both considered to be of adequate quality for Loughborough Town's lower ranked teams.

The only provision in need of improvement is the Soar Valley Leisure Centre pitch, which remains in a fair condition for a pitch of 14 years old, but is of insufficient quality to meet the expectations of Loughborough Town Hockey Club.

## 4. WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?

All future demand is projected to be produced through Loughborough Town HC. This includes two adult teams (1 men's and 1 ladies') and 1 additional junior team by 2036. This is due to the fact that there is limited projected growth for hockey in the area and this club is the dominant one in terms of size and demand.

This is reinforced by the presence of a major SUE being developed to the West of Loughborough, which will increase the club's catchment area.

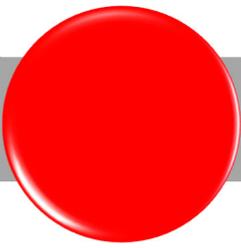
## 5. IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?

There is enough spare capacity at either of the pitches used by Loughborough Town HC for extra capacity, i.e. Loughborough Endowed School or Welbeck Defence College, to accommodate the additional teams likely to be developed in the future.

There is sufficient capacity within the secured pitch supply to meet all projected future demand. However, if Loughborough Town HC were to lose access to the water-based pitch at Loughborough University, this would be problematic as there is no other pitch in the borough of a comparable quality.

Soar Valley Leisure Centre pitch is currently not of a suitable quality for high-level hockey.

The addition of a good-quality hockey pitch at Loughborough Endowed School that is securely available for community use and provides England Hockey affiliated community clubs with first priority on bookings and an agreed pitch hire rate that is legally tied to the rate of inflation.

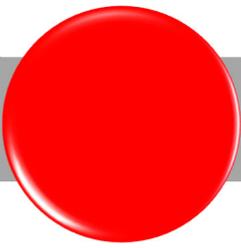


## HOCKEY RECOMMENDATIONS

The following response highlights identified key themes and provides overarching recommendations that should be addressed using the specific recommendations for each site, which are set out in Appendix D: Hockey Site-by-Site Analysis and in the action plan at the end of the PPS document.

**Table J: Recommendations for hockey in Charnwood**

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
H1	<p>All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis should be protected as ‘Playing Fields’ in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The site-by-site analysis lays out the reasons for each site’s protection. More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity.</p> <p>This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular hockey use through development</p>
H2	<p>The pitch surface at Soar Valley Leisure Centre is rated as standard quality but is 14 years old. Most hockey pitches normally have a life-span of 10–12 years, depending on their level of use and maintenance. The age and condition of the facility indicates that refurbishing the pitch surface in the near future is both necessary and timely. Furthermore, an improvement to this facility should encourage further use of the facility, and therefore lower dependency on unsecured sites to provide facilities of adequate quality for community hockey.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that this pitch is resurfaced in the near future. Consideration should be given to the new carpet type facilitating use by hockey, netball and tennis, to provide a multi-sport hub. Providing a multi-sport surface at this venue could also help to address training and playing needs for other sports, such as netball and tennis, and could create a multi-sport hub used by a number of clubs and teams.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The existing hockey pitch surface is unsuitable for high-performance hockey club use.</p> <p>There is also an identified need for additional outdoor tennis courts, over and above the provision planned in the SUEs, which will not be developed until late 2028. There is a need for outdoor netball courts for summer use and competitions. The need for additional outdoor tennis courts and netball courts could be addressed, at least in part, if a replacement multi-sport surface was provided at Soar Valley Leisure Centre.</p>
H3	<p>It is recommended that secured community use of Soar Valley Leisure Centre be retained as a priority and that a future pitch at Loughborough Endowed School should provide secured community access for England Hockey-affiliated clubs (with controlled booking fees).</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Most hockey pitches in the area are not securely available for community use. This is unlikely to change in the future. Should any of the currently used unsecured pitches become unavailable to community clubs, there is likely to be a significant reduction in the level of hockey activity in Charnwood.</p>



RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
	Soar Valley Leisure Centre is the best site to prioritise for retention as a hockey facility. This is because Charnwood Borough Council, Sport England and/or England Hockey have the opportunity to influence the booking and management policy of these facilities. Loughborough Endowed School provides another priority site, but given this is a school site, it is harder for external agencies to influence how it operates. Ensuring these facilities are legally secured for community hockey use will guarantee the continuation of the maximum level of hockey activity in Charnwood, even if all unsecured sites become unavailable for community use. Development of additional sand-based pitches in the SUEs could also help to address this situation.
H4	<p>It is recommended that England Hockey and Loughborough Town Hockey Club liaise with Loughborough University to secure access to available pitches.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> This is not only to benefit Loughborough Town HC in terms of pitch use, but also to ensure that, should the situation change, Loughborough Town HC has maximum notice and can plan accordingly.</p>

## RUGBY LEAGUE

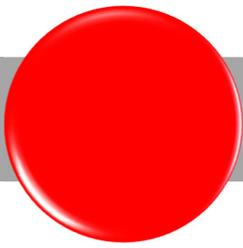
The demand for rugby league in the study area is satisfied by two teams: one senior men’s team at Loughborough RFC and an U18s team from Loughborough College also playing at Loughborough Rugby Club.

Table K: Context for Rugby League in the Borough

SPORT	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – CURRENT DEMAND	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – FUTURE DEMAND
RUGBY LEAGUE	There are 2 rugby league clubs in the Borough; both teams play out of Loughborough Rugby Football Club, where there is 1 rugby league pitch.	<p>Demand is not anticipated to increase in the future. There may be a need to develop a dedicated pitch if the existing pitches at Loughborough Rugby Football Club are all required for rugby union.</p> <p>Rugby league players feel there is a need to develop their own pitch to facilitate both training and competitive play.</p>

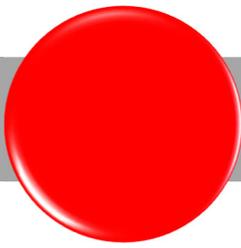
## RUGBY LEAGUE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following response highlights identified key themes and provides overarching recommendations that should be addressed using the specific recommendations for each site.



**Table L: Recommendations for Rugby League in Charnwood**

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
RL1	<p>Loughborough RFC should be protected as ‘Playing Fields’ in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The site provides the only rugby league pitch in Charnwood available to the community for use. It is therefore imperative that this site be protected for long-term sporting use. More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should the need arise to for them to be lost to regular use through development.</p>
RL2	<p>It is recommended that should the demand for rugby league increase at Loughborough RFC, another of the existing two rugby union pitches should be periodically utilised as rugby league pitches (by altering the line markings), thereby keeping all demand centralised at a single hub site.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Club consultation reveals that much of the demand for rugby league in Charnwood is generated by members of the Loughborough Rugby Football Club, which is a rugby union club. Ensuring that supply of pitches remains centralised around the Loughborough RFC site provides the greatest opportunity for the rugby league section to recruit players from the rugby union section of the club. This will in turn provide the rugby league section with the ability to grow and recruit members from outside of the rugby club.</p>
RL3	<p>It is recommended that the RFL and Charnwood Borough Council work with the club to identify a suitable site for a dedicated pitch if/when the rugby league part of Loughborough Rugby Club feels they need to move to a dedicated facility. A possible site is the Derby Road Sports Ground, where there is significant spare capacity for football at off-peak times, and which could therefore be used for rugby league. The site neighbours Loughborough RFC and therefore would cause the club minimal disruption if this option were pursued. Such a scenario would require careful examination of the supply and demand balances of other sports at the time.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> There is some but relatively little crossover between the playing seasons of the two rugby codes, however the size of the rugby league section (and consequently the amount of wear on the pitches) does not currently warrant a dedicated rugby league facility. Should the rugby league section grow and develop significantly, it is likely that the two codes will become incompatible. This would be due to more fixtures increasing the crossover of the two seasons and more intensive use of the pitches preventing adequate recovery from the winter (rugby union) season.</p>



## NON-PPS SPORTS

### ATHLETICS

**Table M: Context for Athletics in the Borough**

SPORT	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – CURRENT DEMAND	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – FUTURE DEMAND
ATHLETICS	<p>Informal running/jogging continues to grow in popularity in Charnwood as across England.</p> <p>There is one track and field affiliated club in the Borough: Charnwood Athletics Club. Charnwood Athletics club is growing and needs additional track time for training. It has limited access to the Paula Radcliffe Stadium Track at Loughborough University.</p> <p>There are field facilities (long jump, high jump, javelin, discus and shot-putting areas) available at the Paula Radcliffe Stadium Track (Loughborough University), on a limited-access basis. Schools use these facilities during the summer for school-based athletics and competitions.</p>	<p>It is important that safe routes are made available for informal running/jogging; new housing development provides an important opportunity to develop such routes linking new and existing communities, contributing to active travel and a more active lifestyle.</p> <p>There is opportunity to explore potential use of the track at Radcliffe College for training; this would give Charnwood Athletics Club access to more track training time.</p>

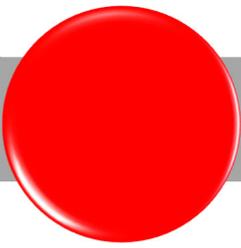
Consultation undertaken in the summer of 2017 to inform the Charnwood Borough Council Open Space Strategy identified that 49% of survey respondents thought there was too little provision of running/walking routes in the Borough. This suggests that interest and participation in running/jogging/walking continues to grow and there is a need to ensure provision of both formal running facilities, and informal running/jogging/walking routes.

### ATHLETICS RECOMMENDATIONS

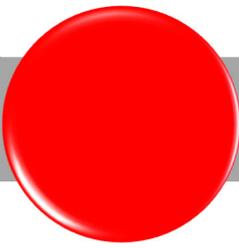
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**Table N: Recommendations for Athletics in Charnwood**

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
A1	<p>All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as 'Sports Facilities' in the Local Plan.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should the need arise to for them to be lost to regular use through development.</p>

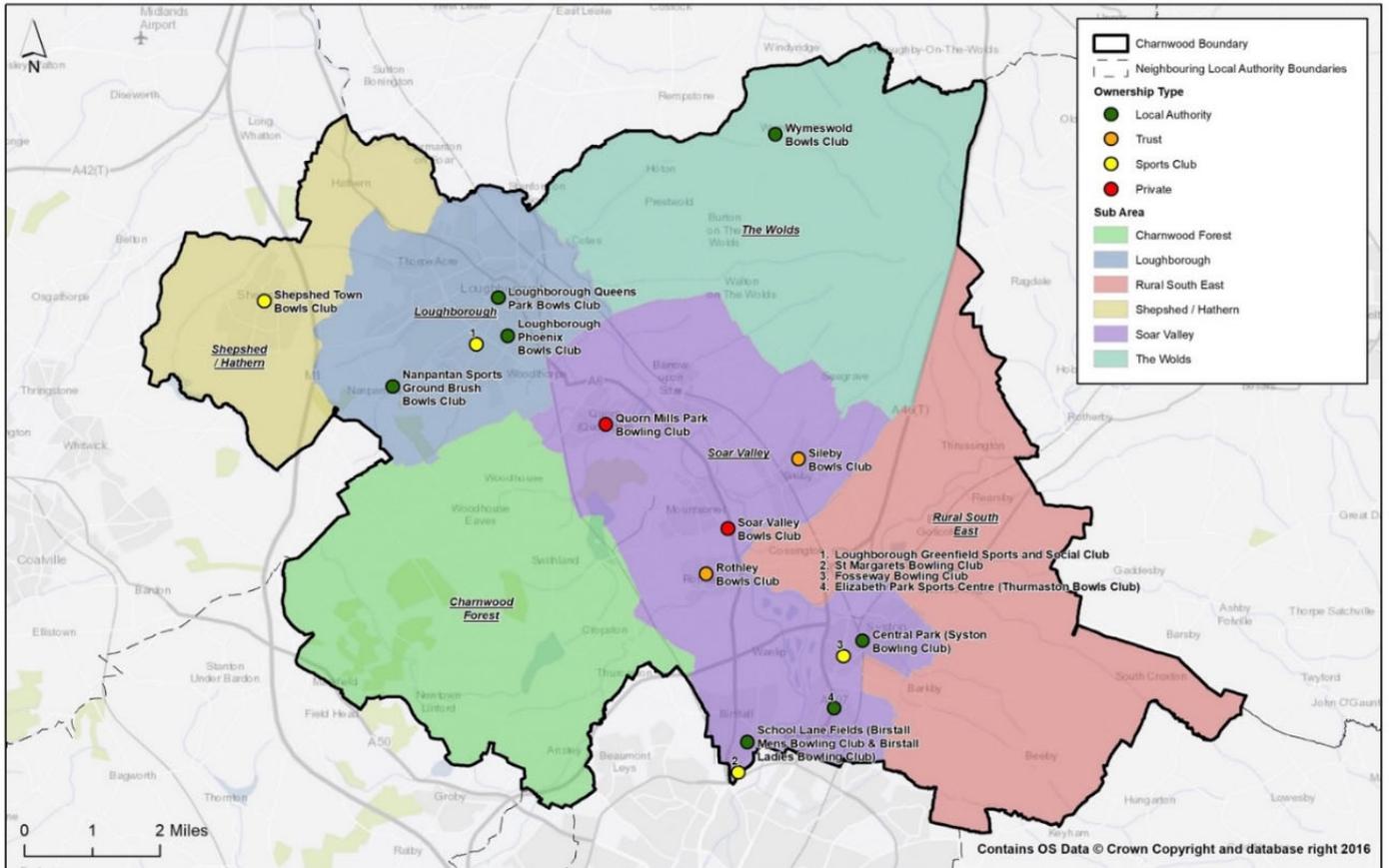


RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
A2	<p>The provision of safe routes for running/jogging meeting Sport England Active by Design guidelines are incorporated within new housing developments to facilitate increased opportunity for informal physical activity.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Increasing informal participation in running/jogging/walking; support for existing road running clubs.</p>
A3	<p>In the short term, it is recommended that Charnwood Athletics Club, Loughborough University, British Athletics and any other key stakeholders establish a Paula Radcliffe Stadium Users' Group to be chaired by the University.</p>
A3a	<p>Once established, it is recommended that this group should help to formulate an agreed timetable of use for the facility to ensure all voices are heard and pressures on track time are better understood by all parties.</p>
A3b	<p>It is recommended that membership of the users' group should also guarantee a minimum of 3 years' secure use of the facility. This term should be written into the constitution of the group and agreed by all members. This security of tenure will allow users to commit to improved future planning and to seek alternative facilities to use should their demand outweigh their allotted track time.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The issue of Charnwood Athletics Club having less or limited track time appears to have increased over the last 3–5 years. Establishing a user group will allow key stakeholders to air and discuss concerns and pressures over the use of the facility, as well as allowing users to be made aware of any increased use by the university and expected future demand.</p>
A4	<p>It is recommended that Charnwood Athletics Club explores the possibility of accessing Ratcliffe College's track for some sessions.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The Paula Radcliffe Stadium track is a highly sought-after facility with many parties competing for time on it. This pressure shows little to no sign of abating in the near future. Ultimately, permission to use the track is provided by the University and it is important that all hirers work constructively towards finding solutions addressing track pressure. As part of this effort, the user's group should investigate if and how it is possible to utilise alternative facilities in the area in order to release some pressure on the Paula Radcliffe track.</p>



## BOWLS

There are a number of bowls clubs across Charnwood, with clubs principally located in the major population hubs or along the commuter corridor between Leicester and Loughborough.

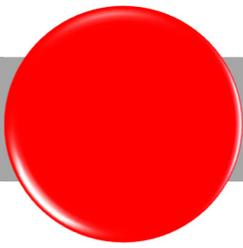


Outdoor Bowls sites by ownership type in Charnwood



The quality of facilities across the Borough can be said to be quite high, with a number of greens scoring well on the assessment. Ancillary facilities also scored well, despite being an ageing stock. The condition of these facilities can be attributed to a strong and dedicated volunteer base around many of the clubs. This volunteer base contributes heavily to the good upkeep of facilities and helps to oversee – and in many cases, provides – adequate quality maintenance of their respective club’s green.

Although Bowls England has noted a decline in membership rates since its inception in 2008, clubs in Charnwood are generally strong, with memberships reported to be steady but ageing in many cases. The exceptions to this are Loughborough Queens Park and Thurmaston Bowls Clubs. Both clubs are considered to be at risk due to declining membership. Both of these sites have been identified as having a poor-quality green. Most of the sites in Charnwood are operating under capacity, most with good reserves of capacity to accommodate new members



**Table O: Context for Outdoor Bowls in the Borough**

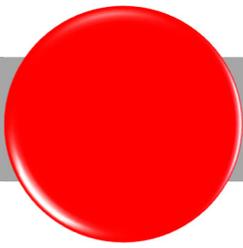
SPORT	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – CURRENT DEMAND	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – FUTURE DEMAND
BOWLS (OUTDOOR)	<p>There are currently 16 Bowls Clubs in Charnwood with a total membership of 829. Of these members 63% are men and 37% are women.</p> <p>Most of the outdoor bowls greens in Charnwood are operating under capacity, and most with good reserves of capacity to accommodate new members.</p> <p>The quality of facilities across the Borough is quite high, with a number of greens scoring well on the assessment. Ancillary facilities also scored well, despite being an ageing stock. The condition of these facilities can be attributed to a strong and dedicated volunteer base around many of the clubs.</p>	<p>There is a specific need for DDA-accessible toilet facilities at School Lane Playing Fields; similar needs may be relevant at other sites in the future.</p>

## BOWLS RECOMMENDATIONS

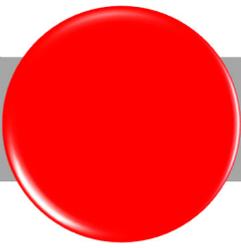
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**Table P: Recommendations for Bowls in Charnwood**

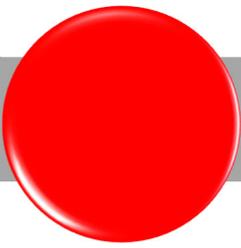
RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
B1	<p>All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as ‘Sports Facilities’ in the Local Plan.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.</p>
B2	<p>Bowls facilities that are rated as ‘poor’ and therefore should be prioritised for improvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club</b></li> <li>• <b>Quorn Mills Park Bowling Club</b></li> <li>• <b>Sileby Bowls Club</b></li> <li>• <b>Elizabeth Park Sports Centre (Thurmaston Bowls Club)</b></li> </ul>



RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
	<p><b>Justification:</b> The typical age profile of bowlers means that participants can be more vulnerable to injury if a facility is poorly maintained. Therefore, Bowls England, bowling clubs and site owners/managers must ensure that bowls facilities, including club houses, greens and other ancillary facilities, are kept in good condition, as this is vital to ensuring the safety of those using the facilities.</p>
B3	<p>It is recommended that Bowls England and Charnwood Borough Council continue to support the work of volunteers and, where appropriate, continue to empower members to have control over the management of their own facility. Charnwood Borough Council, Bowls England and Sport England should continue to support projects which will help the clubs attract more players and grow the game further in the Borough.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Bowls in Charnwood is supported by a very strong base of volunteers. Due in part to the demographic of the sport, a significant number of participants and volunteers are retired and therefore potentially have the free time to help maintain and manage the facilities they use. By empowering this volunteer base, Charnwood Borough Council can help to keep a typically inactive demographic more active and help to facilitate better quality bowling greens.</p> <p>Sites that may be considered to benefit from greater control over their facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Central Park (Syston Bowls Club)</b></li><li>• <b>Rothley Bowls Club</b></li><li>• <b>Elizabeth Park Sports Centre (Thurmaston Bowls Club)</b></li></ul> <p>It should be noted that each club should be assessed regarding its volunteer skills and capacity in order to determine whether the clubs would benefit from having greater control over the management of their facility.</p>
B4	<p>Bowls England should continue to work with the Thurmaston Bowls Club and Thurmaston Parish Council to support the Club to improve its green and grow membership.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> It is understood that Thurmaston Bowls Club has taken on a new maintenance contract in attempt to improve the green to a quality similar to the rest of the area. It is hoped that by improving the quality of the green, the club can begin to attract new members and rebuild its membership base.</p>
B5	<p>Bowls England should work with Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club and Charnwood Borough Council to identify if the current maintenance work at Queens Park is adequate for producing a green of the appropriate quality and if not, what other maintenance procedures they should be following. It is further recommended that the issue of the water timing system raised by Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club be addressed to support an improved maintenance schedule.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club has a green that is regarded as poor. The decline in the club's membership is seen as being linked to the poor-quality green. Improving the quality of the green is therefore seen as the first step in helping the club grow and develop.</p>



RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
B6	<p>Bowls England and site owners/clubs should look to prioritise investment in the provision of good quality, accessible DDA facilities (including the proposed addition at School Lane Fields).</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> This recommendation is also linked to the typical age profile of the participants in this sport. The provision of DDA-compliant facilities is vital in ensuring the continued participation of this demographic.</p> <p>School Lane Fields (Birstall Men’s and Birstall Ladies’ Bowls Clubs) is currently the only site specifically recommended for the adding of a DDA WC facility, but it is important to note that this may be a requirement of other clubs to ensure members can continue to play.</p>
B7	<p>Bowls England should work with local clubs to ensure that adequate parking is available as close as possible to the greens and clubhouse to minimise walking distances for older people who may also be carrying relatively heavy bowling balls and equipment. In considering this, the Central Park facility should be a priority.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> This recommendation is also linked to the typical age profile of the participants in this sport. The provision of car parking located close by facilities is key to limiting the distance participants must walk to facilities. Not only does this have the benefit of reducing accidents, it also improves participants’ perception of the facility. This in turn, helps to remove a significant barrier to many bowlers’ continued participation in the sport. Clearly bowlers need to be able to walk from one end of the green to the other to play, but for some elderly people this in itself is tiring, so providing parking close by wherever possible is a benefit.</p>



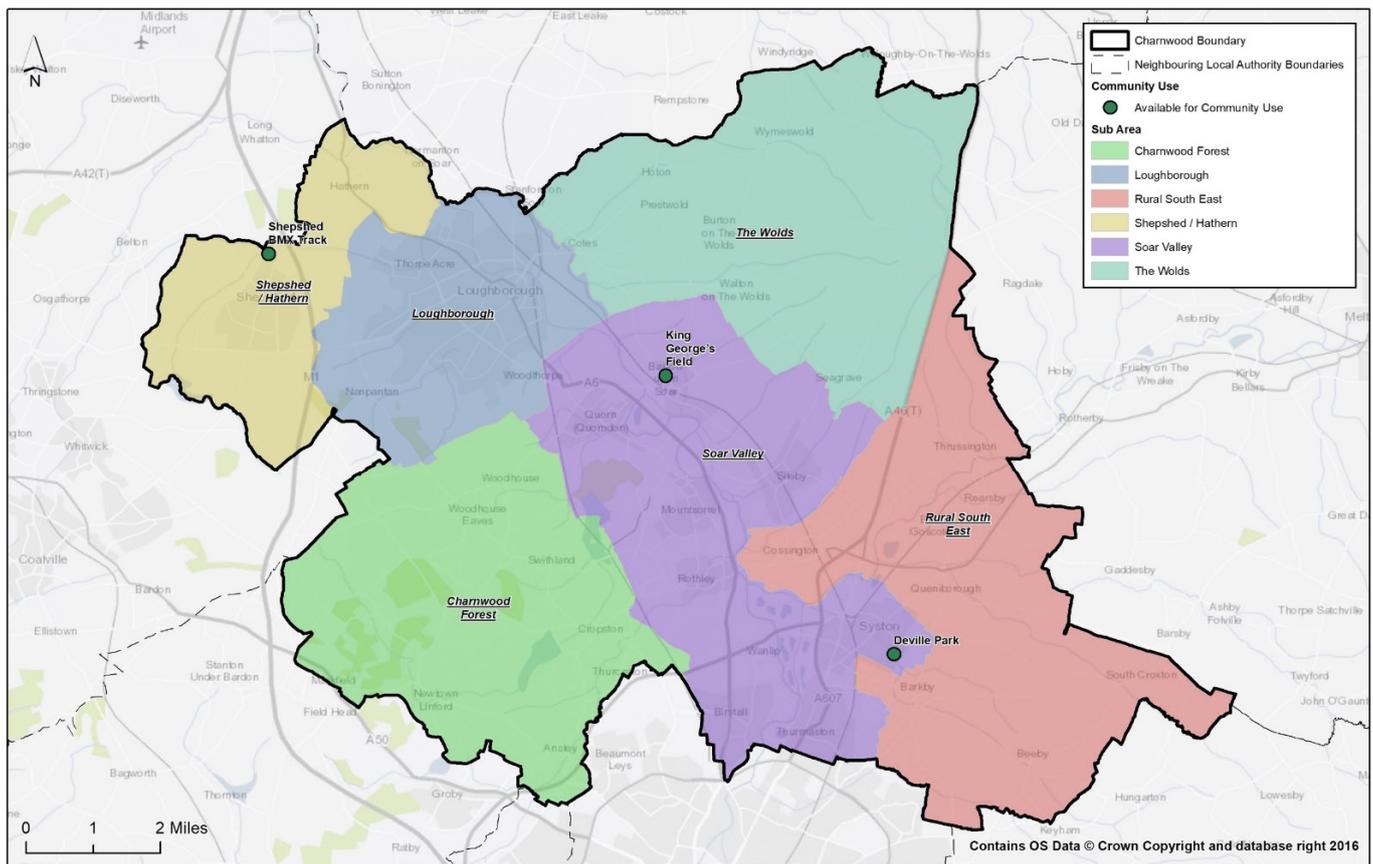
## CYCLING

Consultation undertaken in the summer of 2017 to inform the Charnwood Borough Council Open Space Strategy identified that 43% of survey respondents thought there was too little provision of cycling routes in the Borough.

This suggests that interest and participation in cycling continues to grow and there is a need to ensure provision of both formal cycling facilities and informal cycling routes.

### SUPPLY OF BMX FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

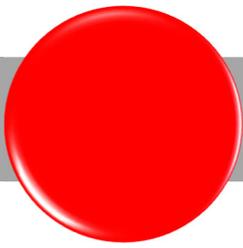
The only formal cycling facilities in the Borough currently are BMX tracks.



BMX Tracks by community use in Charnwood



The quality and condition of the Shepshed track means that Charnwood has the potential to form a BMX Club. The location of the site means that this club would be easily commutable from Loughborough.



**Table Q: Context for Cycling in the Borough**

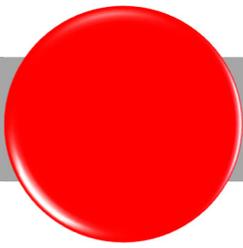
SPORT	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – CURRENT DEMAND	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – FUTURE DEMAND
CYCLING	<p>Participation in recreational cycling continues to grow in the Borough.</p> <p>There are existing BMX tracks in the Borough.</p> <p>No additional demand for off-road cycling tracks was identified.</p>	<p>There is a need to ensure provision of safe recreational cycling routes, and an opportunity to design these into new housing developments, to provide opportunities for everyday physical activity.</p> <p>The quality and condition of the Shepshed track means that Charnwood has the potential to form a BMX Club.</p> <p>An outdoor velodrome venue in Charnwood, similar to that developed at the University of York, would be of interest to British Cycling</p>

## CYCLING RECOMMENDATIONS

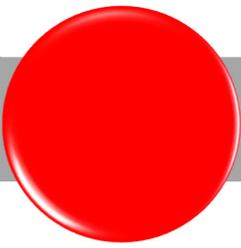
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**Table R: Recommendations for Cycling in Charnwood**

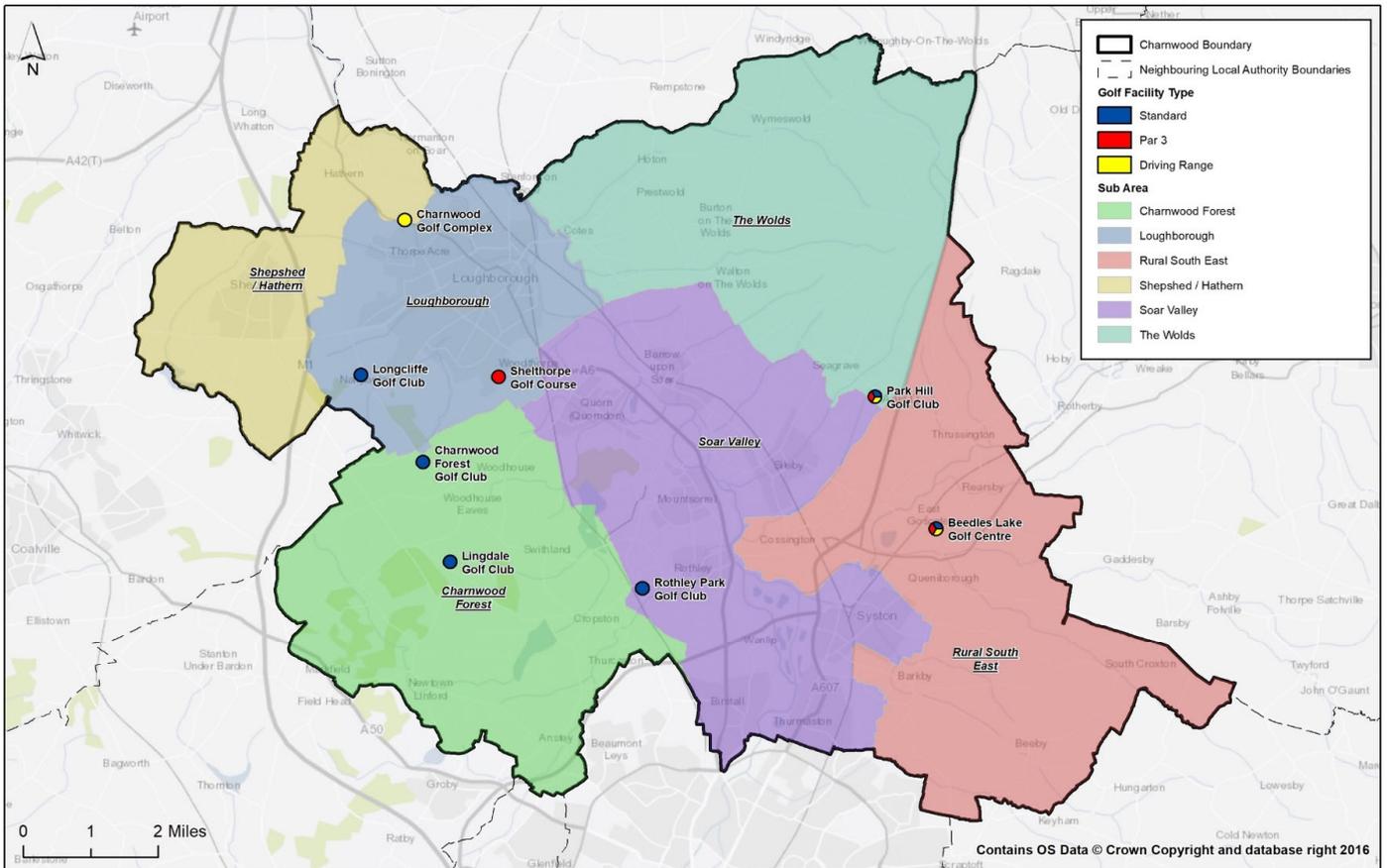
RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
CY1	<p>All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as ‘Sports Facilities’ in the Local Plan.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible.</p> <p>It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.</p>
CY2	<p>The provision of safe routes for off-road cycling meeting Sport England Active by Design guidelines should be incorporated within new housing developments to facilitate increased opportunity for informal physical activity.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Increasing informal participation in recreational cycling and cycle to work.</p>
CY3	<p>It is recommended that the Shepshed BMX track be maintained to a level that it is suitable for hosting a meeting of the upcoming cycle track league.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The track represents a good-quality facility for the Borough. Hosting an event will help to raise awareness of the facility and encourage greater use of it.</p>



RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
CY4	<p>It is recommended that DDA-compliant WC facilities are added to the Shepshed site to help attract events and encourage greater use of the track.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The presence of accessible WC facilities (where there are currently no WC facilities at all) will encourage greater use of the track, better enable it to host events and make the track more accessible to residents of the area.</p>
CY5	<p>It is recommended that British Cycling works with Barrow-upon-Soar Parish Council and Syston Town Council to improve the condition of their tracks and make them fit for use as beginner/learner tracks.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The Shepshed facility is a large track which may be intimidating to cyclists new to BMX. Adding tracks that are more accessible to lower skill levels will enable the main track to be more accessible (as users graduate on to it once they are proficient). This pathway is also likely to reduce injuries or accidents on the Shepshed tracks as riders will be more proficient before attempting to use it.</p>
CY6	<p>It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council open a dialogue with British Cycling with regards to a potential Outdoor Velodrome (as raised during consultation for this study).</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The potential for an Outdoor Velodrome development was raised during NGB consultation for this study and should be further explored.</p>
CY7	<p>The development of a new BMX facility in the Borough as part of the West of Loughborough SUE should be progressed.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The level of projected additional demand for BMX facilities by 2036.</p>



**GOLF**

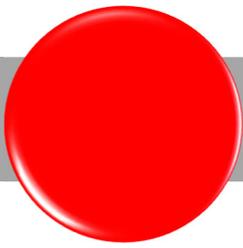


Golf facilities by type in Charnwood



The supply and demand analysis demonstrates that there is a varied and good quality of provision for golf in the Borough with a good variety on offer to each of the market segments.

There is a considerable cross-section of demand across the Borough. This includes golf demand that is not met by standard 18-hole courses. Shelthorpe Golf Course is considered to be an important offer to non-traditional golfing segments of Charnwood’s demand. This is especially important due to its proximity to the town of Loughborough. However, the potential of this facility to capitalise on this market and to activate latent and lapsed demand is not being fulfilled, due to its poor quality.



**Table S: Context for Golf in the Borough**

SPORT	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – CURRENT DEMAND	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – FUTURE DEMAND
GOLF	<p>There are currently 7 golf facilities (excluding Park Hill) of varying types in Charnwood. Five of these facilities are accessible on a pay-and-play-basis.</p> <p>There are 4 Standard Length Courses, 2 Par 3 Courses and 2 Driving Ranges in the Borough.</p> <p>Golf Club Membership is currently 2979 members, split between 5 clubs.</p> <p>None of the facility operators consulted as part of this study noted a particular lack of capacity (several of the large clubs noted a lack of capacity at peak tee-off times but this is not unusual for large or popular golf courses).</p>	<p>Consultation identifies that facilities must continue to appeal to the different areas of golf's core market in the Borough.</p> <p>There is no discernible demand for any new 'standard' 18-hole courses but support in the enhancement of existing facilities is recommended.</p> <p>There could be opportunity to consider the future provision and extent of Shelthorpe Golf Course, given the identified deficiency of open space in the area.<sup>1</sup> There is opportunity to reduce the existing level of formal golf provision at Shelthorpe to provide community accessible open space.</p>

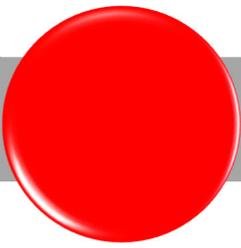
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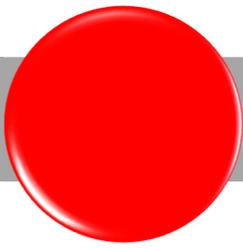
**Table T: Recommendations for Golf in Charnwood**

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
G1	<p>All existing facilities identified in the analysis should wherever possible be protected as 'Sports Facilities' in the Local Plan, except Shelthorpe Golf Course (see Recommendation G6), for the reasons outlined in Recommendation G6.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.</p>
G2	<p>England Golf and Charnwood Borough Council should work towards increasing access to pay-and-play golf facilities and ensuring that there is equitable access for all.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> In order to grow participation in the game of golf and ensure there is equitable access for all, there is a need to ensure there are affordable opportunities to play which do not depend on having membership.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Source: Charnwood Borough Council Open Spaces Assessment Study, 2017



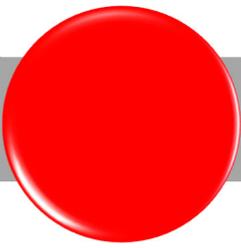
RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
G3	<p>It is recommended that there should be a presumption in favour of retaining all standard golf courses*. Any planning application should include a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the proposals on the provision and use of golf facilities in the Borough, and how the proposals would align with the findings of this Strategy, as well as national and local policy and guidance.</p> <p>* As the closure of Park Hill Golf Club came forward while this Strategy was being prepared, and redevelopment proposals have since come forward for consideration by Charnwood Borough Council it would not be appropriate to set out recommendations for this particular course which will be considered on its own planning merits. However, the recommendation should apply to all future proposals.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> A key outcome from the consultations with the Clubs and England Golf is that facilities must continue to appeal to different areas of golf's core market in the Borough. There is no discernible demand for any new standard 18-hole course, but all existing facilities should be supported in their efforts to enhance their facilities. The closure of any facility should be subject to an options appraisal study (as per recommendation G5).</p>
G4	<p>It is recommended that England Golf should support Rothley Park Golf Course should they express a desire to add a driving range to the site.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> At present Beedles Lake is the closest driving range to Leicester. Rothley Park is the best located course for commuters heading North of Leicester and would significantly increase commuters' accessibility to a driving range.</p>
G5	<p>It is recommended that a full feasibility study and options appraisal be undertaken into any Golf facility which may be facing closure to ascertain whether it is necessary to retain or replace this facility.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> There is a considerable cross-section of demand in the Borough. This includes golf demand that is not met by standard 18-hole courses (such as Shelthorpe Golf Course). Shelthorpe is considered to be an important offer to non-traditional golfing segments of Charnwood's golfing demand. This is especially important due to its proximity to the town of Loughborough. However, the potential of this facility to capitalise on this market and to activate latent and lapsed demand may not be being fulfilled. Therefore, prior to making any decision regarding reallocating the use of Shelthorpe or any other golf facility in Charnwood, an independent feasibility study should be undertaken to determine whether the site should be retained for golf or not.</p>
G6	<p>Charnwood Borough Council reviews the findings of the 2018 PPS in the context of the 2017 Open Space Assessment and considers the options for the future of the Shelthorpe Golf Course Site.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Shelthorpe Golf Course is of poor quality, and there is a deficiency of open space in that ward. There is potential to retain golf provision, but reduce its scale, and develop informal open space to facilitate additional opportunity for physical activity.</p>



## NETBALL

Table U: Context for Outdoor Netball in the Borough

SPORT	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – CURRENT DEMAND	SUMMARY OVERVIEW –FUTURE DEMAND
NETBALL (OUTDOOR)	<p>There are 43 outdoor Netball courts across 14 sites in the Borough. Seven of these courts are floodlit, across 3 sites. All of these facilities are on educational sites, either at academies or private school sites. Seventeen of these courts are available to the community for use.</p> <p>Of the 47 outdoor courts, 44% are in poor condition. A further 18% are in standard condition.</p> <p>There is no recorded community demand for outdoor provision in the Borough with all current demand met by indoor facilities. N.B Analysis of indoor netball is in the 2018 Indoor Built Facility Strategy Report, see Recommendation R4. No club has expressed demand for use of outdoor facilities to supplement training or match demand.</p> <p>All outdoor courts are located on sites related to education and the only recorded use of these facilities for netball is for PE and inter-school matches.</p> <p>The only other outdoor demand identified for the study is from England Netball, reflecting the need for host venues for outdoor summer tournaments (a minimum of 6 courts, preferably of good quality). Loughborough Endowed School is the only site in the Borough that can meet these requirements. This site is considered to be in good condition and therefore not in requirement of further enhancement.</p> <p>Many of the existing outdoor courts in the Borough are of poor quality (44%).</p>	<p>Improve overall condition of existing outdoor courts.</p> <p>Potential to develop Soar Valley Leisure Centre site as a hub for netball.</p>

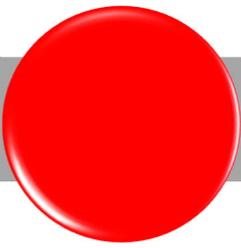


## NETBALL RECOMMENDATIONS

The following response highlights identified key themes and provides overarching recommendations that should be addressed using the specific recommendations for each site.

**Table V: Recommendations for Netball in Charnwood**

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
N1	<p>All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as ‘Sports Facilities’ in the Local Plan.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to ensuring that residents are provided with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.</p>
N2	<p>It is recommended that all courts at the following schools be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality: De Lisle College, Rawlins Academy, Roundhill Academy, The Cedars Academy, Woodbrook Vale High School, and Wreake Valley Academy. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The surfaces at these venues are not of an appropriate quality to facilitate safe use for netball; in order to continue to grow participation and optimise use of existing facilities, the quality of the playing surfaces and equipment needs to reflect the guidelines set out by England Netball.</p>
N3	<p>It is also recommended that England Netball ensure that the facilities at the following sites are maintained to ensure the facilities remain at standard quality: Humphrey Perkins High School, Iveshead High School, Limehurst Academy, and The Martin School. Again, this pertains to ensuring the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces are of an appropriate level.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The audit has highlighted the poor quality of outdoor facilities in the Borough, with 44% of courts considered to be in poor condition across six sites. All outdoor netball facilities are located on education sites. The continued prevalence of netball in schools in England is considered vital to the continued success of English netball and its growth in participation over the last five years.</p> <p>Netball in PE is considered vital for two reasons. Firstly, it gives girls who enjoy the sport an introduction to the game and the starting point to join a local community team with the potential to progress along traditional netball participation pathways. Secondly, the success of England Netball’s “Back to Netball” programme is based on the fact that netball is a sport many women played at school and therefore this represents a familiar sport to pick up later in life should they not pursue the traditional participation pathway of club or university netball. The failure to ensure schools have adequate, safe provision means that schools are either unlikely to continue playing the sport or girls will no longer enjoy playing due to the poor facilities. As a result, poor facilities threaten the two key participation pathways for netball in Charnwood.</p>



RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
N4	<p>It is recommended the England Netball continues to communicate with Charnwood Borough Council around the possibility of developing a multi-use hub site, for use alongside all other sports.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> This surface would enable grass roots and recreational netball to be played outdoors at leisure centres and other community facilities. If such a facility were to be developed then Soar Valley Leisure Centre could be a good candidate for trialling this solution, given its limited current use for hockey and the shortage of casual use tennis courts in the area. This would be dependent on greater security for hockey being realised in the area.</p>

## TENNIS

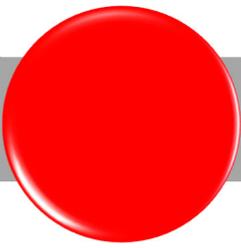
Table W: The Context for Tennis in the Borough

SPORT	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – CURRENT DEMAND	SUMMARY OVERVIEW – FUTURE DEMAND
TENNIS (OUTDOOR)	<p>There is in theory sufficient supply of outdoor courts to meet the current demand for tennis generated within the Borough. However, at present only 52% of the total capacity is available for community use, whether through membership of a community club or through free-to-use or pay-and-play courts. The rest of the courts are only accessible to tennis club members. Whilst there is sufficient supply of courts at clubs to meet member demand (although some sites are operating at or over capacity), there is a significant under-supply of courts to meet non-member demand, i.e. that are community accessible.</p>	<p>Demand for tennis (club membership and non-member use) will increase as population grows. There are currently insufficient outdoor floodlit tennis courts to meet future demand. Additional courts are needed; it would be beneficial if the planned outdoor tennis courts in the SUEs were floodlit.</p>
TENNIS (INDOOR)	<p>Loughborough is well-provided for through 10 indoor tennis courts at two sites</p>	<p>No need has been identified for additional indoor courts in the area.</p>

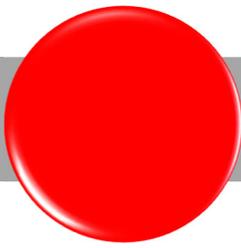
The supply and demand analysis for tennis court provision in the Borough is summarised in Table X.

Table X: Tennis Summary of Findings

	KEY FINDINGS
SUPPLY	<p>There are 106 outdoor tennis courts in Charnwood across 25 sites.</p> <p>55 courts are located on community accessible sites with 95% of these located on members' club sites.</p> <p>There are only 3 fully community accessible courts in Charnwood, none of which are in Loughborough.</p>



	KEY FINDINGS
	<p>93% of the community accessible courts are considered to be either of good or standard quality.</p> <p>51 outdoor courts in Charnwood are not accessible to the community for tennis; most of these are based on education sites which may be open to having some community access agreed which would increase capacity in the Borough. However, there may be significant barriers to bringing these facilities into the secured and available tennis supply.</p> <p>There are 10 indoor tennis courts in the Borough; two are available for members' use at Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club, and 8 are available for student, staff and some local club use at the Loughborough University of Loughborough Indoor Tennis Centre.</p>
DEMAND	<p>Sport England's Market Segmentation Tool indicates that 2,866 people currently play tennis in Charnwood.</p> <p>Membership figures provided by the LTA indicate that 60% of this demand is taken up by clubs (1,767 people).</p> <p>It is thought that much of the demand generated by tennis players without membership (1,099) is catered for by members' club sites (e.g. sites owned by Parish Councils).</p> <p>It is estimated that should the LTA be successful in converting 10% of its latent demand in Charnwood, it would produce a further 317 regularly active tennis players.</p> <p>No additional demand has been identified for indoor courts in the Borough.</p>
SUPPLY VS DEMAND	<p>The current level of demand for tennis facilities in Charnwood means that across the Borough, the current stock of accessible courts (either club courts or community courts) is operating at 109% of their capacity (equating to a deficit equivalent to 226 tennis players, or 3.7 floodlit courts).</p> <p>If non-member demand were to play exclusively on the 3 community courts where membership is not required, then there would be an estimated shortfall in supply equivalent to 16.3 floodlit courts.</p> <p>70% of the capacity of members' clubs in Charnwood is utilised.</p> <p>Three clubs are currently operating above capacity: Beacon Tennis Club (138%), Burton-on-the-Wolds (118%), and Newtown Linford (111%), with Rothley also operating close to capacity at 94%.</p>
THE SITUATION BY 2036 (IF NO NEW COURTS ARE DEVELOPED)	<p>The demand for tennis in Charnwood in 2036 is projected to be between 3,375 and 3,748 people, subject to the LTA's success at converting up to 10% of latent demand into active tennis demand.</p> <p>Depending on the success of the LTA's programme, courts in Charnwood are projected to be operating at between 121% and 142% of capacity if there is no change to supply.</p> <p>This undersupply is equivalent to between 12.3 and 18.5 floodlit tennis courts' worth of capacity.</p> <p>Assuming the number of tennis club members increases in line with the growth of population, members' clubs are projected to be operating at an average of 83% of capacity.</p>



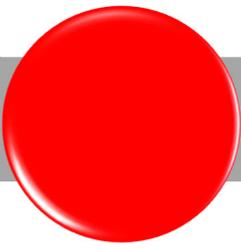
	KEY FINDINGS
	At least 4 clubs will be operating beyond capacity: Beacon Tennis Club (162%), Burton on the Wolds (138%), Newtown Linford (131%) and Rothley (111%).
POTENTIAL NEW COURTS (AND THE IMPACT ON FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND)	<p>8 new courts are proposed as part two SUE developments and are projected to be completed in the late 2020s. The specification of these courts is unknown; they will be accessible for community use.</p> <p>There is also the possibility of reinstating 6 courts at Park Road in Loughborough.</p> <p>Should these 14 courts be realised, they will provide an additional capacity to meet the demand from 840 active tennis players (assuming these courts are all floodlit).</p> <p>Under current participation rates, this would provide a surplus capable of meeting demand from 105 active tennis players, or the equivalent of 1.75 courts when measured against 2036 demand.</p> <p>Should the LTA succeed in converting 10% of latent demand into active tennis demand, then these 14 floodlit courts would reduce the deficit of supply to 268 players, or 4.7 floodlit courts.</p>

## TENNIS RECOMMENDATIONS

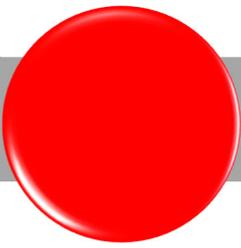
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**Table Y: Recommendations for Tennis in Charnwood**

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
T1	<p>All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as 'Sports Facilities' in the Local Plan.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.</p>
T2	<p>As part of the SUE developments it is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council requires the developer to install all 8 courts as community-accessible floodlit courts.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Floodlit courts are considered to be more accessible and provide more capacity than non-floodlit courts. Given the shortfall in community, non-membership courts it is recommended that at least some of this provision is allocated for non-membership holding tennis players at peak times. This can be through free-to-play, pay-and-play or any other access scheme designed to be accessible for those that either do not want or cannot have a membership to a club.</p>
T3	It is recommended that the LTA and Charnwood Borough Council work together to provide six floodlit courts at Park Road.



RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
	<p><b>Justification:</b> There is a clear undersupply of courts which are accessible for community use, i.e. do not require membership for access, in the Borough. Loughborough is the largest settlement in the Borough and currently has no courts accessible to the community without a membership.</p> <p>Park Road represents a central location and already has a history of tennis on the site. The eight additional courts proposed as part of the two SUEs may not be available for a number of years (until late 2020 at the earliest), which is too long to wait for courts that are clearly required now to meet the shortfall in community supply. These courts should be bookable and accessed via a keypad entry to help manage their use and protect them from antisocial behaviour.</p>
T4	<p>It is recommended that the LTA continues to work with clubs to increase capacity. In particular they should look to find ways of increasing capacity at clubs thought to be operating close to, at or over capacity, such as Beacon Tennis Club, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Newtown Linford, and Rothley Tennis Club, to enable these clubs to continue to grow and develop.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> This recommendation is targeted at Beacon Tennis Club, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Newtown Linford, and Rothley Tennis Club, but could apply to any club that comes close to operating at capacity. The LTA should work with clubs to increase capacity. This could extend to installing floodlights on non-floodlit courts, installing seasonal or permanent domes where appropriate or even increasing the number of tennis courts where possible. Charnwood Borough Council should support these actions by offering advice on planning constraints if/when required.</p>
T5	<p>Consideration should be given to the LTA working with Anstey PC to improve the quality of the courts at Anstey Recreation Ground.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> As one of very few facilities accessible without a membership, this facility should be improved to encourage continued tennis activity on the site. Specifically, the surface of the court should be improved to be more suitable for tennis.</p>
T6	<p>A tennis-usable surface should be installed at Soar Valley Leisure Centre to provide additional access to outdoor tennis courts to meet future demand. Given that there is now a pitch surface available suitable for hockey, tennis and netball, developed and supported by the three relevant NGBs, it is possible for this site to be prioritised for hockey use whilst also providing capacity for tennis and netball.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Additional outdoor tennis courts are needed to meet future demand.</p>
T7	<p>No additional indoor tennis courts are needed, but community access, via clubs, should be protected at the existing indoor facilities.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> There are existing indoor tennis courts in the Borough providing for club access; no additional demand has been identified.</p>



## SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION ANALYSIS

During the scope of this study (2018–2036) the majority of Charnwood’s population growth will occur as part of three “sustainable urban extensions” (SUEs). The three SUEs are expected to have a significant impact on both the supply and demand for sports facility provision in the area.

The PPS SUE scenario testing analysis provides a comprehensive supply and demand analysis for the three new areas of development. Using existing levels of demand, as well as an analysis of where new population growth is likely to be allocated, a recommended allocation of pitch typology has been provided for each SUE.

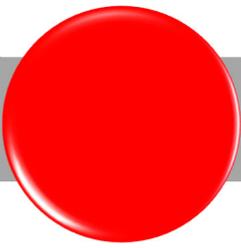
Furthermore, the recommended pitch allocation has then been factored into the future supply and demand analysis, to understand the potential impact on the overall future balance for each sub-area and the local authority as a whole.

In addition to this analysis, a number of clear recommendations have been developed, through an assessment of the future need and consultation with Charnwood Borough Council and relevant external stakeholders.

## SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Table Z: Recommendations for SUEs

RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
SUE1	<p>For any site that will have grass football pitch provision, a full range of mobile goals should be provided by the contractor (if specified) or the operator at the time of delivery.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> This will further enhance the ability of playing pitch sites to be flexible in their configuration.</p>
SUE2	<p>Engage with existing and well-established or new community clubs using the SUE pitches to enhance management arrangements for new site and pitch development.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> Empowering community clubs to take on greater ownership of sites will help to foster a sense of community ownership of facilities, as well as encouraging volunteer engagement with the site. Where possible, clubs should be able to secure facilities (under certain terms and conditions) on a long-term basis (25 years minimum) for community use, and appropriate management and maintenance systems should be implemented to support the community’s enjoyment of these facilities.</p>
SUE3	<p>The playing pitch development for each of the SUEs should be subject to further feasibility work for each of the SUEs, using recommended pitch allocations to carry out a detailed options appraisal. This options appraisal should refine the facility mix and allocation of pitch types on-site; operational management will be determined by the private landowners, as long as they comply with planning conditions and the Section 106 Agreement.</p>

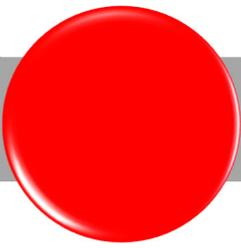


RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
	<p><b>Justification:</b> The PPS has utilised existing supply and demand data to calculate the projected level of demand for each SUE, as well as the recommended pitch provision for each area. Further analysis is required in order to refine this approach and ensure that residents are provided with high quality, sustainable sports and physical facilities.</p>
SUE4	<p>Utilise the opportunity of the SUE development to invest in sites through a multi-sport hub delivery model, utilising a single high-quality ancillary facility and a variety of high-quality pitches/outdoor sport facilities that can be utilised by multiple sports and residents, enhancing the sustainability and throughput at the site (for each development). Given the scale of the NE Leicester and West of Loughborough developments, these SUEs should be seen as a key opportunity for the delivery of multi-sport hubs, and the addressing of identified future playing pitch and outdoor sport needs, including AGPs.</p> <p>It is recommended that further feasibility and options appraisal work should be undertaken to identify the optimal facility mix to meet the needs of the local community (this should be undertaken alongside the work recommended in SUE3).</p> <p><b>Justification:</b> The multi-sport hub model is a proven delivery model for creating high-quality and sustainable sports and physical activity facilities. By co-locating facilities for different sports, this brings participants together and increases footfall through ancillary facilities such as bars or cafes, which can then be re-invested into grassroots sport. Furthermore, a multi-sport hub model is typically based on the provision of 3G AGP facilities, which can be used for a number of different sports, such as football, rugby union, rugby league, American football and many others. By reducing the reliability on grass-pitch maintenance, this reduces maintenance expenditure and improves the sustainability and quality of pitch provision.</p>

## SUMMARY CONCLUSION

This PPS provides robust evidence and strategic direction for the future provision of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities to serve existing and new communities in the Borough of Charnwood.

The provision of good-quality, local community facilities, accessible and affordable to meet identified need, is key to facilitating participation growth, and contributing to a reduction in the health inequalities in the Borough. This reflects Public Health and Charnwood Borough Council’s health and well-being priorities, to facilitate sustained behaviour change to reduce obesity, improve health, contribute to addressing mental health issues and increase participation.



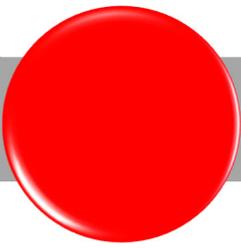
## 1 INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

### INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Charnwood Borough Council commissioned Strategic Leisure Limited (SLL), in partnership with 4global Consulting, to produce a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for Charnwood Borough Council. The PPS provides an audit and set of strategic recommendations for outdoor pitch sports played in the Borough. Charnwood Borough Council is hereafter referred to as 'Charnwood Borough Council' and the overall geographical area is referred to as the 'study area.'
- 1.2. A PPS is a strategic assessment that provides an up-to-date analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) in a local authority area. In line with the relevant Sport England guidance, as described in the methodology section, this study focuses on five pitch sports: football, cricket, rugby union, hockey and rugby league. The National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of these sports have issued a detailed framework for assessment and analysis of their facilities, and these therefore form the basis of the study. At the request of Charnwood Borough Council, 4global has undertaken analysis on six "additional" sports: tennis, golf, bowls, cycling, athletics and netball. These sports are not subject to a Sport England guidance document, but analysis remains focused on assessing the suitability of facilities to meet current and future demand in the Borough.
- 1.3. Charnwood Borough Council is committed to providing sports provision that meets the needs of its residents and local clubs.
- 1.4. The overarching vision for the strategy is:

**"To ensure that there is an adequate supply of good-quality facilities to accommodate a range of sports and physical activities in order to meet current and future levels of demand, and to provide enhanced opportunities so as to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activity."**

- 1.5. The objectives of the Charnwood PPS are to:
  - Engage with Sport England and the relevant National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to use the national PPS methodology to provide a PPS consistent with the structure and process used across England;
  - Provide a robust evidence base that can be used by Charnwood Borough Council and other stakeholders for a wide range of future projects;
  - Gather a representative evidence base, by achieving a high response rate from the surveys sent to clubs, schools and Parish Councils/community organisations;
  - Identify cross-boundary NGB issues, the nature and location of any overuse, unmet demand and spare capacity for play across all pitch types and sports including all elements of current and future demand;
  - Establish clear, prioritised, specific and achievable recommendations and actions to address the key issues around pitch provision and participation;
  - Provide evidence which will inform the preparation of the new Charnwood Local Plan.

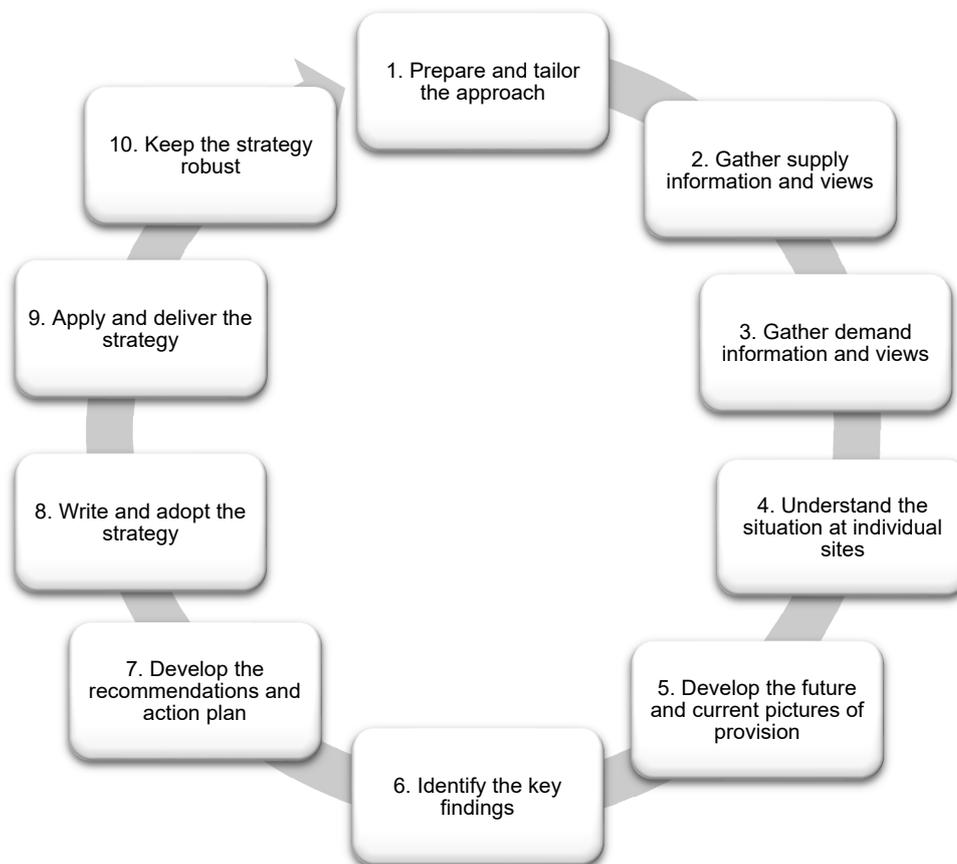


1.6. In addition to the Playing Pitch Strategy, Charnwood Borough Council also commissioned an Indoor Built Facilities Strategy (IFS). When both documents are considered as one, the overarching strategy represents a comprehensive view of sports facility provision across the study area.

### METHODOLOGY

1.7. The assessment methodology adopted for the PPS follows the published guidance from Sport England. The guidance used is the 2013 version: Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance – An Approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy.<sup>2</sup> Figure 1.1 summarises the approach proposed in this guidance, which is broken down into 10 steps.

**Figure 1.1: Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy – The 10-Step Approach**

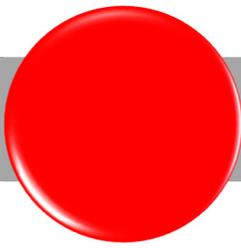


(Sport England, 2013)

1.8. In order to facilitate information gathering and help ensure PPS reports are based on a robust evidence base, 4global has developed an online data entry and assessment platform that contains all pitch provider and club information. This will enable Charnwood Borough Council to keep supply and demand information and the strategy up-to-date through to the end of the strategy and beyond.

1.9. A Project Steering Group comprising representation from Charnwood Borough Council, Sport England, County Sports Partnership and NGBs from each sport has guided the study from its commencement. At critical milestones, the Steering Group members have reviewed and verified the data and information collected to allow the work to proceed efficiently through each stage, reducing the margin of error.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.sportengland.org/media/3522/pps-guidance-october-2013-updated.pdf>



## REPORT STRUCTURE

1.10. The structure of the PPS report is as follows:

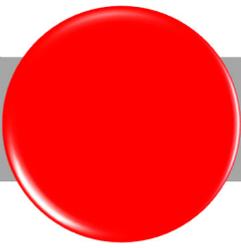
- **Section 1 – Introduction**
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- **Section 15 – Recommendations and Action Plan**
- **Section 16 – Delivering the PPS and meeting future demand**

1.11. Supporting information is included in the appendices and referenced throughout.

## CHAPTER STRUCTURE

1.12. Each sport-specific chapter of the report follows a similar structure:

- **Strategic Context:** A summary of the NGB's participation and facility strategies for the sport.
- **Consultation Summary:** A summary of consultations that have been undertaken with key clubs or stakeholders.
- **Supply:** Information on the nature, distribution, accessibility and quality of each of the sites captured by the study.
- **Demand:** Information on the level and nature of current and future demand for the sport in the Borough.
- **Capacity Analysis:** Combining supply and demand, this section analyses where there is sufficient pitch capacity to meet current and future demand and whether there is enough capacity during peak times.
- **Site-by-Site Summary and Recommendations:** This sub-section combines all the information gathered above into one reference table. The information is displayed on a site-by-site basis with specific recommendations regarding:
  - **Protection:** that the site should be retained;
  - **Enhancement:** of any site elements that are currently provided on the site; and
  - **Provide:** any new facility elements that the site requires to better meet current or future demand.

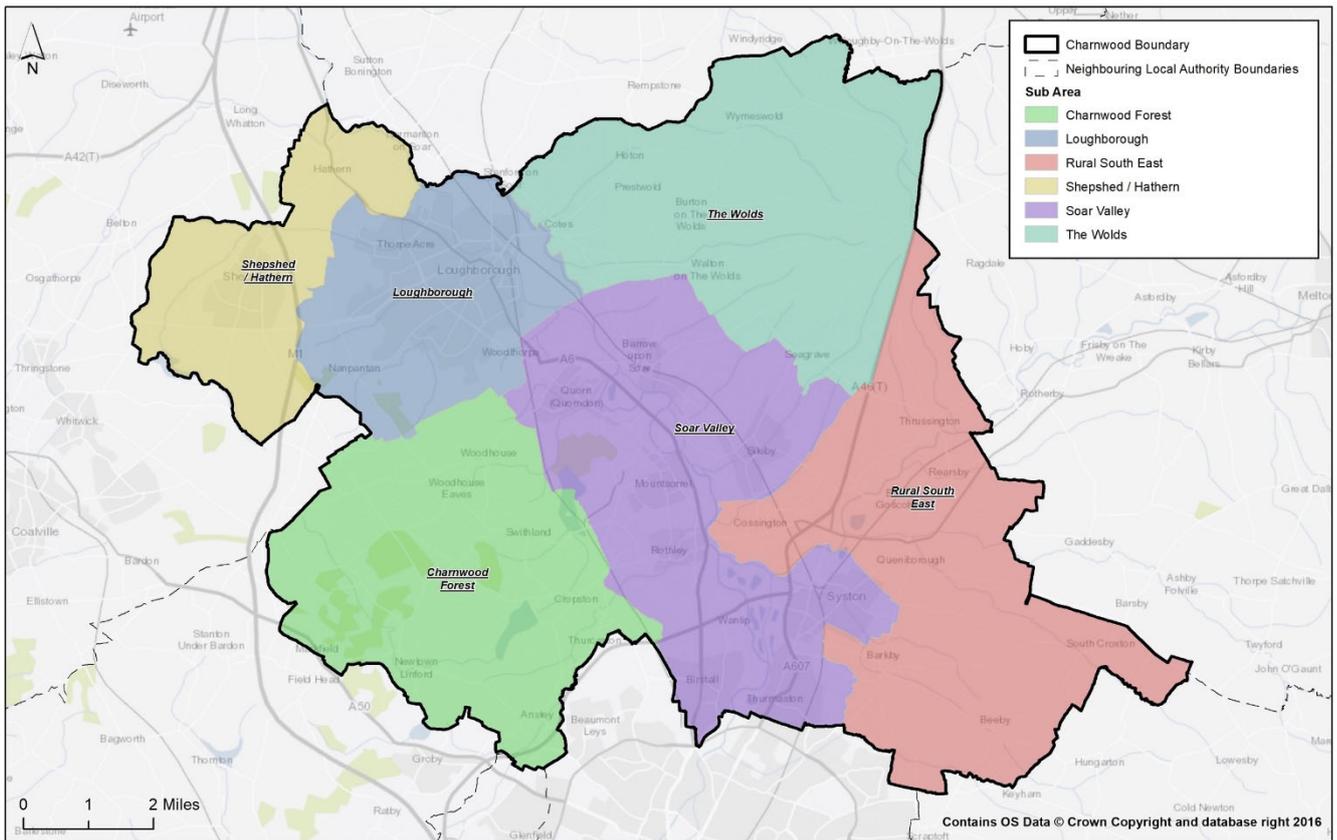


- **Summary:** The chapter closes by summarising the findings from the analysis above, answering the following questions:
  - What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand analysis?
  - Is there enough accessible and secured community use capacity to meet current demand?
  - Is the community accessible provision of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?
  - What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand?
  - Is there enough accessible and secured community use capacity to meet future demand?
  - What are the general recommendations based on the study findings and analysis?

## SUB-AREAS

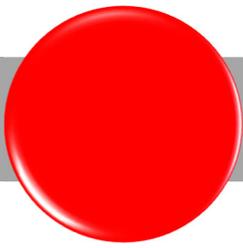
1.13. The study assesses the Borough of Charnwood based on six sub-areas identified by Charnwood Borough Council. These sub-areas are referred to when a more localised analysis is required. The sub-areas are shown in Map 1.2.

**Map 1.2: Charnwood Sub-areas**



**Sub Areas in Charnwood**

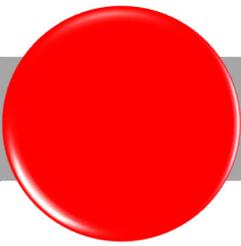




1.14. Table 1.1 below shows the composition of the sub-areas:

**Table 1.1: Charnwood Sub-Areas**

CHARNWOOD FOREST	LOUGHBOROUGH	SHEPSHED-HATHERN	SOAR VALLEY	RURAL SOUTH EAST	THE WOLDS
Anstey	Loughborough Town	Hathern	Barrow-upon-Soar	Barkby and Barkby Thorpe	Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold
Newtown Linford		Shepshead	Birstall	Beeby	Hoton
Swithland			Mountsorrel	Cossington	Seagrave
Thurcaston and Cropston			Quorn	East Goscote	Walton-on-the-Wolds
Ulverscroft			Rothley	Queniborough	Wymeswold
Woodhouse			Sileby	Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	
			System	Rearsby	
			Thurmaston	South Croxton	
			Wanlip	Thrussington	



## 2 STRATEGIC CONTEXT

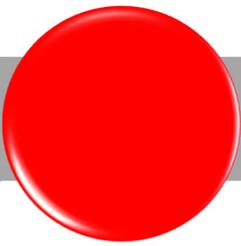
- 2.1. This section summarises the most important policies that impact upon the strategy and its interpretation. It also gives an overview of the demographics of the study area, which provides the background to participation in the sports covered by the PPS, and the need for provision now and in the future.
- 2.2. Sport-specific strategies and policy documents published by NGBs are included within each sport's section to provide more relevant context for each sport.

### NATIONAL CONTEXT

- 2.3. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England. A revised version was published in July 2018. The NPPF provides the framework that must be considered in the preparation of local plans and is a material consideration in determining planning decisions. The NPPF highlights the purpose of the planning system in terms of contributing to the achievement of "sustainable development", and defines the three dimensions of this – economic, social and environmental – which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways.
- 2.4. The Revised NPPF retains the broad policy approach of the previous version, albeit with a stronger emphasis upon housing delivery. The policy wording for sport and recreation is largely unchanged.
- 2.5. Paragraph 96 of the NPPF states that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision.
- 2.6. Paragraph 97 of the NPPF specifies that:

**Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:**

- a) **An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or**
  - b) **The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or**
  - c) **The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.**
- 2.7. Sport England is a statutory consultee on all planning applications that affect sports pitches; it has a long-established policy of playing pitch retention, developed prior to the NPPF guidance. It looks to improve the quality, access and management of sports facilities as well as investing in new facilities to meet unsatisfied demand. Sport England provides guidance for local authorities to have an up-to-date assessment of playing pitch needs and an associated strategy, including a recommendation that the evidence base is reviewed every three years.



2.8. The key drivers for the strategy as advocated by Sport England are to protect, enhance and provide playing pitches, detailed as follows.

- **Protect:** To provide evidence to inform policy and specifically to support Site Allocations and Development Management Policies which will protect playing fields and their use by the community, irrespective of ownership;
- **Enhance:** To ensure that sports facilities are effectively managed and maintained and that best uses are made of existing resources – including facilities, expertise and/or personnel to improve and enhance existing provision – particularly in the light of pressure on council budgets; and
- **Provide:** To provide evidence to help secure external funding for new facilities and enhancements through grant aid and through Section 106 agreements or the Community Infrastructure Levy<sup>3</sup> (CIL). It is noted that Charnwood Borough Council does not have a CIL.

2.9. Charnwood Borough Council, Sport England and NGBs can then use the strategies developed and the guidance provided in making key planning decisions regarding sports pitches and facility developments in the area and to support or protect against planning applications brought forward by developers.

### **A NEW STRATEGY FOR AN ACTIVE NATION: SPORTING FUTURE (2015)**

2.10. Since the previous strategy for sport (Game Plan, 2002) was written and published by the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS), the sporting world and the way the public engages with sport has fundamentally transformed and changed. In turn, this means that the government has identified a need to update the way it delivers sport.

2.11. The Government released an updated sports strategy in late 2015, to address the changing landscape for sports and physical activity in the UK. As a result of this strategy the methods used to measure the impact of physical activity have changed significantly, through the introduction of the Active Lives Survey (the current method of measuring sport and activity across England).

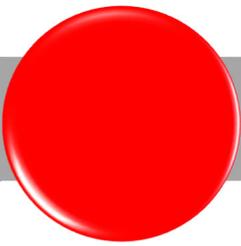
2.12. The strategy is based on five simple but fundamental outcomes which all organisations that deliver sport and physical activity should look to address:

- **Physical health;**
- **Mental health;**
- **Individual development;**
- **Social and community development; and**
- **Economic development.**

2.13. The success of an organisation in demonstrating the above outputs will influence future funding decisions; the overall objective is to base these decisions on the social good that sport and physical activity can deliver, not simply on the number of participants engaged.

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<sup>3</sup> Planning Portal <https://www.planningportal.co.uk> (Department for Communities and Local Government: 2016)



- 2.14. The strategy also looks to focus on increasing participation among hard-to-reach demographic groups whose engagement in sports and physical activity is well below the national average. Thus, funding will be distributed to focus on those who tend not to participate regularly in sport, including women and girls, disabled people, those in lower socio-economic groups and older people.
- 2.15. When considering Charnwood Borough Council's responsibilities for delivering sport and physical activity, the new strategy emphasises the importance of local authorities, stating that they will continue to have a crucial role in delivering sport and physical activity opportunities.

### **A NEW STRATEGY FOR SPORT - DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT**

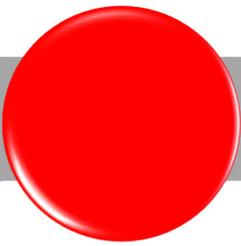
- 2.16. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, following a consultation paper in 2015, launched the new strategy "Sporting Future: A new Strategy for an Active Nation" in 2016. The development of the new strategy reflects a need to re-invigorate the nation's appetite for participation in sport, following what appears to be a significant reduction in participation (the highest-profile being swimming), following the upsurge after the 2012 London Olympics.
- 2.17. Government funding will go toward those organisations which can best demonstrate that they will deliver some or all of the five outcomes above (referenced in paragraph 2.12).
- 2.18. The delivery of these outcomes (referenced in paragraph 2.12) will be through ensuring the following:
- **More people from very deprived backgrounds regularly and meaningfully taking part in sport and physical activity, volunteering and experiencing live sport;**
  - **A more productive, sustainable and responsible sports sector; and**
  - **Maximising international and domestic sporting success and the impact of major sporting events.**

### **EVERYBODY ACTIVE, EVERY DAY PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND (PHE) OCTOBER 2014**

- 2.19. Adult physical inactivity is now recognised as a distinct public health concern, responsible for more worldwide deaths every year than obesity.
- 2.20. Public Health England published "Everybody Active, Every Day," a national implementation framework for physical activity.
- 2.21. This framework outlines the importance of creating environments and cultures that support physical activity, including the provision of leisure and sport facilities, outdoor gyms, active travel and walking and cycling opportunities, business workforce engagement and the role of the health sector in promoting physical activity.

### **LOCAL LEVEL**

- 2.22. Several current strategic policies, strategies and factors influence the current and future supply and demand for sport and recreation facilities in Charnwood Borough. As well as providing the context for future facility provision, e.g. health improvement, improving accessibility and increasing participation, these strategies provide opportunities to link priority areas and needs and ensure that outcomes are aligned with identified local objectives.



2.23. The relevant strategies and policies include:

- **Charnwood Borough Council Corporate Plan 2016-2020;**
- **The Charnwood Local Plan 2011-2028, Core Strategy;**
- **Charnwood Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2014;**
- **Leicester & Leicestershire Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) 2017;**
- **Leicestershire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2022;**
- **Leicestershire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2015;**
- **Leicester, Leicestershire And Rutland Sustainability and Transformation Plan (Draft);**
- **Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment Executive Summary, January 2017;**
- **West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group Operational Plan 2014/15 and 2015/16;**
- **Charnwood Children and Young Peoples Strategy 2015-2018;**
- **Leicestershire Local Transport Plan (LTP3) 2011–2026; and**
- **Leicestershire and Rutland Sport Strategy for Sport and Physical Activity 2017–2021.**

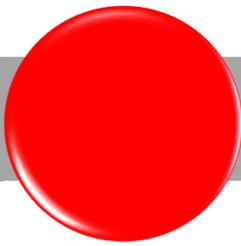
2.24. Key reference points for this PPS include:

**THE CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN 2011-2028 CORE STRATEGY**

**POLICY CS 15 OPEN SPACES, SPORTS AND RECREATION**

2.25. We will work with our partners to meet the strategic open space needs of our community by 2028. We will do this by:

- **Requiring new developments to meet the standards set out in our Open Spaces Strategy, having regard to local provision and viability;**
- **Requiring master plans for our sustainable urban extensions that deliver quality open spaces;**
- **Retaining open space, sport and recreation facilities unless they are clearly surplus to requirements or replacement provision of at least equal quantity and quality will be made in a suitable location; and**
- **Responding positively to development which contributes to open space, sport and recreation provision, including Local Green Space, identified through a Neighbourhood Plan or a similar robust, community-led strategy, and securing long-term management and investment plans for existing, and new facilities.**



**Table 2.1: Standards for Open Space, Sport and Recreation**

TYPE	QUANTITY STANDARD HECTARES PER 1,000 POPULATION	MINIMUM SITE SIZE (HECTARES)
PARKS	0.32	0.4
NATURAL OPEN SPACE	2.00	0.05
AMENITY GREEN SPACE	0.46	0.1
FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN	Within per 480m of each home	0.04
FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE	Within per 480m of each home	0.04
OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	2.60	0.28
ALLOTMENTS	0.33	0.05
INDOOR SPORT	To be calculated using the Sport England Facility Calculator	

2.26. The Indoor Built Sports Facility Strategy for Charnwood (2018) complements the 2018 PPS for the Borough; the former identifies future need for indoor facilities in response to population growth e.g. additional swimming pool provision and evidences the need for the planned sports halls in the SUEs.

### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE BOROUGH**

2.27. The Core Strategy makes provision for housing in the Leicester Principal Urban Area (5,500 new homes), Loughborough and Shepshed (5,000 new homes), Service Centres (3,000 new homes) and Other Settlements (500 new homes). A significant proportion of new growth will be focused at Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) in North East Leicester, West Loughborough and Broadnook (North of Birstall). Development of new homes has already started at Mountsorrel and Birstall. The impact of population growth as a result of new housing will be felt across the Borough.

2.28. Population growth of 28% is forecast in the Borough between 2011 and 2036.<sup>4</sup> Understanding the level of housing and population growth is crucial in enabling the PPS to model the future demand for sporting provision in the Borough.

### **POPULATION PROFILES AND PROJECTIONS**

2.29. According to the Office of National Statistics (ONS), Charnwood has a population of 180,100 people (2017). This population is forecasted to grow to 212,100, a growth of 17.7%, by 2036.<sup>5</sup> 2014 SNPP figures are used for modelling all future demand for this PPS study.

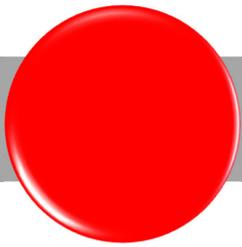
2.30. The age profile of the Borough's population is slightly younger than the East Midlands average. However, by 2036, there will be a 42% increase in the number of those aged over 60, and an 80% increase in those aged over 75. Equally, there will be a 15.7% increase in those under 15, and a 9% increase in those aged 30–44 living in the Borough.<sup>6</sup>

2.31. Younger people are most likely to participate in a wide range of sport and physical activities. Facilitating available opportunities for such participation is crucial to ensure an active lifestyle becomes part of daily routine and continues into later life. It is, however, also important to ensure there are opportunities for older people to stay active as long as possible, as this will enable them to age well.

<sup>4</sup> Source: Office of National Statistics (ONS) 2014 Sub national Population Projections (SNPP)

<sup>5</sup> Source: ONS 2014 Sub National Population Projections (SNPP)

<sup>6</sup> Source: Strategic Housing Market Assessment September 2015 v 3

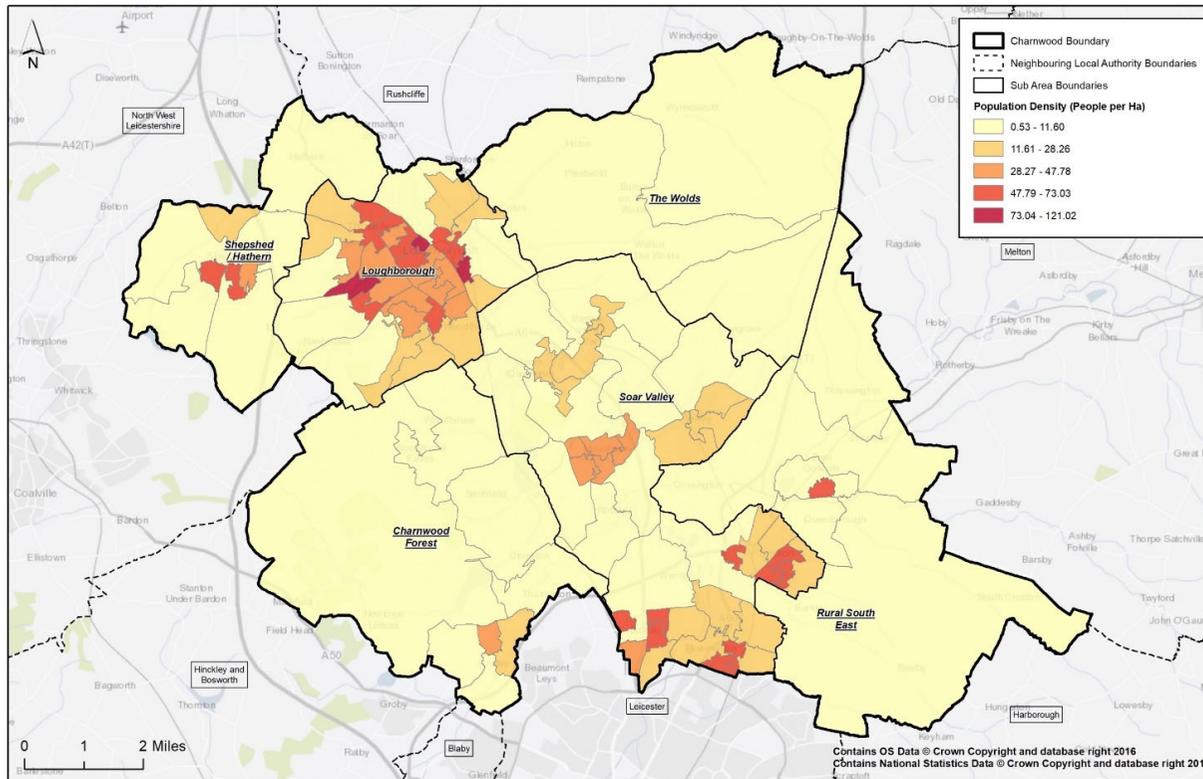


2.32. According to the 2011 census, 87.4% of residents are identified as White (84.7% described themselves as White British). 9.7% of the Borough's population is Asian/Asian British with 6.2% identified as Indian. People identified as Mixed/Multiple Ethnicity are the third largest ethnic group in Charnwood, representing 1.6% of the population.

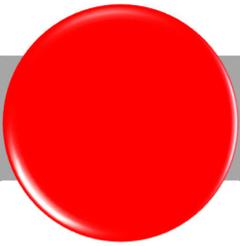
**POPULATION DISTRIBUTION**

2.33. Map 2.1 shows the distribution of the population of Charnwood in 2017, by density.

**Map 2.1: Population Density of Charnwood 2017**

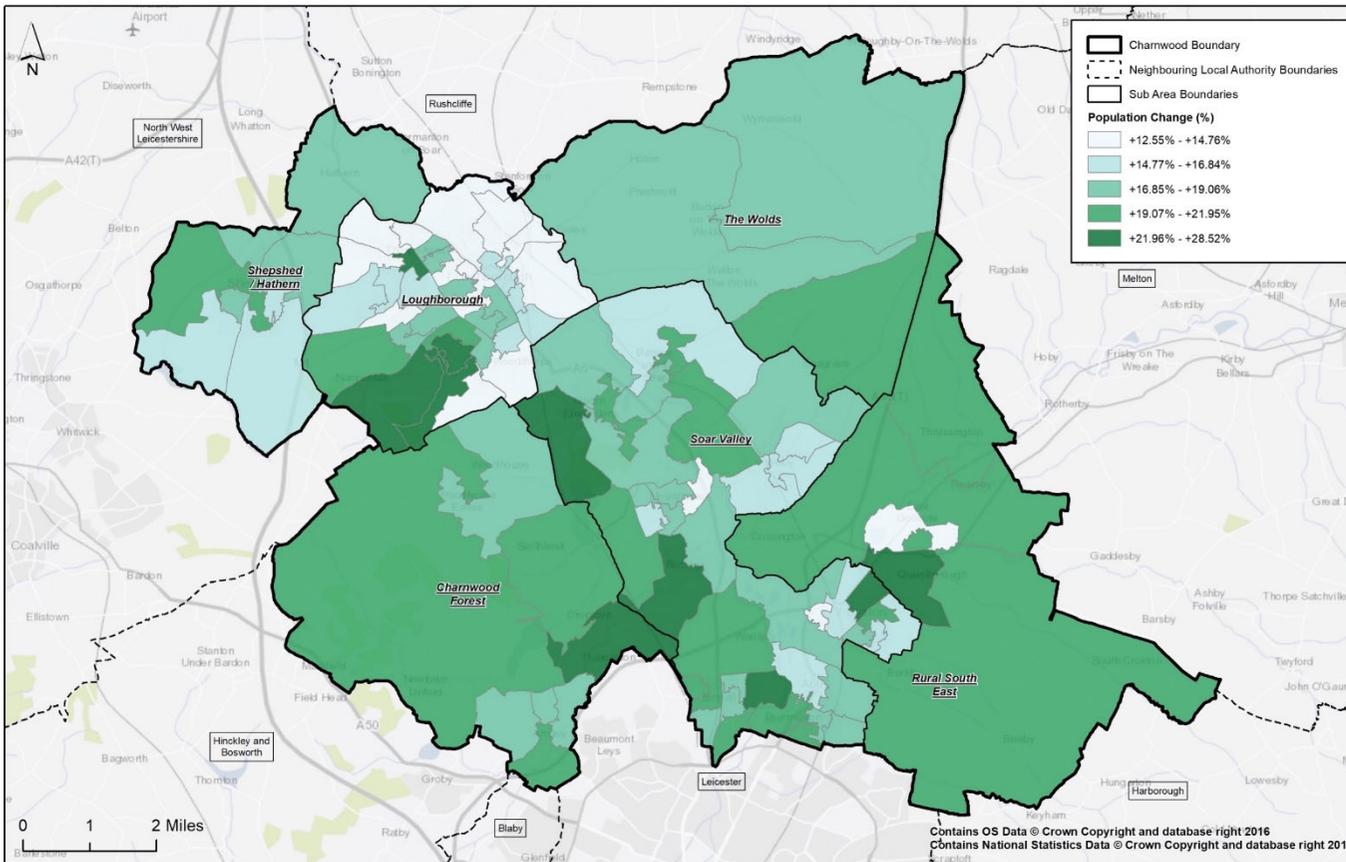


Usual resident population density by lower super output area in Charnwood (2017)

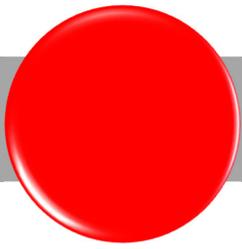


2.34. Map 2.2 shows the areas of greatest growth in Charnwood and the impact of this growth on the distribution of future population by 2036. This map is based on ONS SNPP figures, whereby the aggregate change in population is modelled using the age and gender demographics captured during the 2011 Census.

**Map 2.2: Change in Population in Charnwood 2017–2036**



Percentage change in population by lower super output area in Charnwood (2017 - 2036)



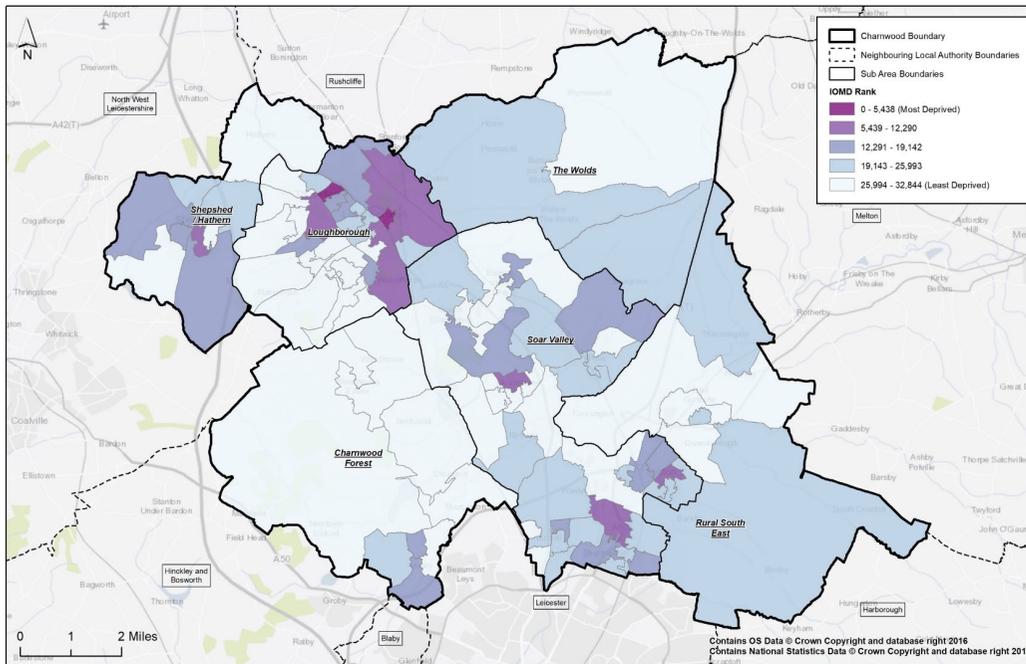
2.35. It must be noted that this map does not consider the specific housing development projects being undertaken in the Borough as well as future allocations in the new Local Plan, which will have a significant bearing on the location of the future population (such as the SUE developments in the West of Loughborough and the North East of Leicester).

**DEPRIVATION**

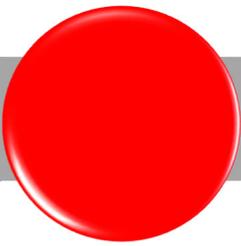
2.36. Charnwood Borough is within the top 30% least deprived local authorities in the country and ranks 248 out of 354 local authorities, (1<sup>st</sup> being most deprived and 354<sup>th</sup> being least deprived), although there are specific wards within the Borough where deprivation is much higher.

2.37. Map 2.3 below shows where deprivation exists across the Borough.

**Map 2.3: Deprivation in Charnwood, 2015**



Index of multiple deprivation by lower super output area in Charnwood (2015)



2.38. The most deprived wards in the Borough are located to the east of Loughborough and to the south of the Borough (to the north of Leicester). Charnwood Forest is the least deprived sub-area in the Borough. Deprivation is important to consider; it has significant connotations around health inequalities and the importance of affordable facilities for residents to access.

### **THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF SPORT**

2.39. Sport has a valuable role to play in benefitting the health and social economy of the nation and at local level. It is estimated that sport makes an £11.3 billion contribution to the health economy of England<sup>7</sup> and a gross value-add (GVA) of approximately £20.3 billion to the economy in England overall.<sup>8</sup> In Charnwood, participation in sport alone is estimated to have a GVA of £43.1 million, with an overall estimated total generation of £56.3 million per year within the Borough of Charnwood (sports participation plus all other sport-related activity, e.g. purchase of equipment).<sup>9</sup>

### **THE VALUE OF PARTICIPATION**

2.40. The value of participation in sport and physical activity is significant, and its contribution to individual and community quality of life should not be underestimated. This is true for both younger and older people. Participation in sport and physical activity delivers:

- **Opportunities for physical activity, and therefore more “active living”;**
- **Health benefits – cardiovascular, stronger bones, mobility;**
- **Health improvement;**
- **Mental health benefits; and**
- **Social benefits – socialisation, communication, interaction, regular contact, stimulation.**

2.41. In addition, participation in sport and physical activity can facilitate the learning of new skills, development of individual and team ability/performance, and provide a “disciplined” environment in which participants can grow and develop.

2.42. The benefits of regular and active participation in sport and physical activity will be important to promote in relation to future sport, leisure and physical activity in Charnwood. There is an existing audience in the Borough which already recognises the advantages of participation, and a latent community who are ready to take part.

2.43. The sport, physical activity and leisure offer in the Borough can support the delivery of the desired outcomes across a number of Borough strategic priorities and objectives.

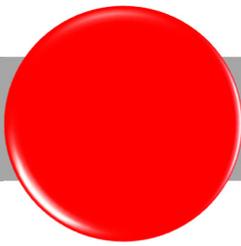
2.44. In Charnwood, the costs associated with physical inactivity are estimated to be £2.6 million per year. This is considerably less than the average cost of inactivity in the East Midlands and the rest of England when considered on the basis of a cost per 100,000 people.

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<sup>7</sup> Sport England Local Profile 2015

<sup>8</sup> Economic Value of Sport, 2013

<sup>9</sup> Ibid



## CURRENT PARTICIPATION RATES

2.45. Sport England’s definition of physical activity is at least 1 x 30 minutes or equivalent of activity per week. The Sport England Active Lives survey is Sport England’s latest tool for measuring the level of physical activity across the county. Undertaken between May 2016 and May 2017, the results from the Active Lives Survey were reported in October 2017 and include responses from a sample of 214,284 people aged 16 years and older.

**Table 2.2: Physically active and inactive adults 2017<sup>10</sup>**

RATE	CHARNWOD	EAST MIDLANDS	ENGLAND
% ACTIVE	76.1%	77.8%	74.4%
% INACTIVE	23.9%	22.2%	25.6%

2.46. The results of the Active Lives Survey displayed in Table 2.2 show that levels of physical activity in Charnwood are similar to the rest of the region and higher than the average across England.

2.47. The Sport England Active People Survey tracks people that participate in sport at national, regional, (County Sports Partnership (CSP)) and local authority level. The first survey, APS1, was conducted between October 2005 and October 2006. It has become a continuous process, with APS9 completed in March 2015 and APS10 completed in March 2016. The Active People Survey has now been replaced by the Active Lives Survey; however, it is still a relevant tool to identify historic trends.

2.48. Each survey gathers data on the type, duration and intensity of people's participation in different types of sport and active recreation, as well as information about volunteering, club membership, tuition as an instructor or coach, participation in competitive sport and overall satisfaction with local sports provision.

2.49. Table 2.3 shows the results from the three most recent APS surveys (2013/14–2015/16):

**Table 2.3: Adult (16+) Participation in organised sport by year <sup>11</sup>**

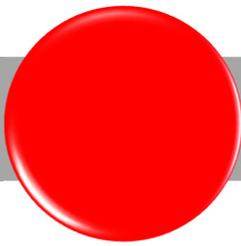
YEAR	CHARNWOD	EAST MIDLANDS	ENGLAND
2013/2014	40.7%	34.8%	36.1%
2014/2015	40%	34.5%	35.8%
2015/2016	43.9%	37.1%	36.1%

2.50. Table 2.3 shows that 43.9% of the population over the age of 16 in Charnwood participate in sport at least once a week. This rate of regular participation in sport is higher than the average across both the East Midlands (37.1%) and England (36.1%).

2.51. Table 2.3 also shows that the level of regular participation in sport in Charnwood has increased by 3.2% points since 2013/14. This rate of growth is higher than the East Midlands where the level of regular participation in sport has increased by 2.3% points.

<sup>10</sup> Source: Active Lives Survey (those achieving at least 1 x 30 minutes activity once per week), October 2017

<sup>11</sup> Source: Participation in at least one session per week, Active People Survey 2016 (latest figures available as Active Lives has now replaced Active People)



2.52. Table 2.4 below shows the former National Indicator 8 (N18), of participation per week.

**Table 2.4: Sport England Former N18 Participation by year <sup>12</sup>**

YEAR	CHARNWOOD			EAST MIDLANDS			ENGLAND		
	ALL	MALE	FEMALE	ALL	MALE	FEMALE	ALL	MALE	FEMALE
2005/06	<b>22.9%</b>	28.1%	17.8%	<b>21.1%</b>	23.5%	18.8%	<b>21.3%</b>	24%	18.7%
2015/16	<b>30.9%</b>	32.7%	29%	<b>24.1%</b>	27%	21.3%	<b>23.8%</b>	27.1%	20.7%
+ / -	<b>8%</b>	4.6%	11.2%	<b>3%</b>	3.5%	2.5%	<b>2.5%</b>	3.1%	2%

2.53. Table 2.4 shows that the percentage of people participating in a minimum of 3 sessions of sport per week in Charnwood increased by 8% points in the period between 2005/2006 and 2015/2016. Again, participation in Charnwood is greater than the regional or national levels and is also growing at a faster rate.

2.54. Participation in 3 x sports sessions per week is higher in males than females across Charnwood, the East Midlands and nationally. However, Charnwood is the only geographical area where females are catching up in this regard, with an increase in the number of females participating in 3 x sport sessions per week of 11.2% between 2005/6 and 2014/16 compared to 4.6% in males.

2.55. The Sport England Active People Survey (APS) shows that, since the survey began in 2005/06, participation at local authority, regional and national levels has grown and declined at different rates. Table 2.5 illustrates the trends in participation in Charnwood Borough. The current trend is growth, significantly above the base 2005/2006 levels, at local authority, regional and national levels.

**Table 2.5: Adult (16+) Participation in Sport by year <sup>13</sup>**

YEAR	05/06	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
CHARNWOOD	38.9%	43.1%	40.4%	39.1%	34%	44.4%	40.4%	40.7%	40%	43.9%
EAST MIDLANDS	34%	36%	36.4%	35.1%	34.2%	35.9%	34.8%	34.8%	34.5%	34.7%
ENGLAND	34.6%	36.6%	36.5%	36.2%	35.6%	36.9%	36.6%	36.1%	35.8%	36.1%

<sup>12</sup> Source: Participation at least 3 x per week, Active People Survey 2016

<sup>13</sup> Source: Participation at least 1 x 30 minutes once per week), Active People Survey 2016

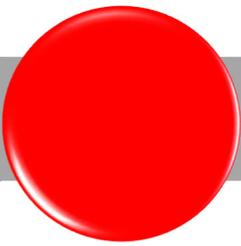
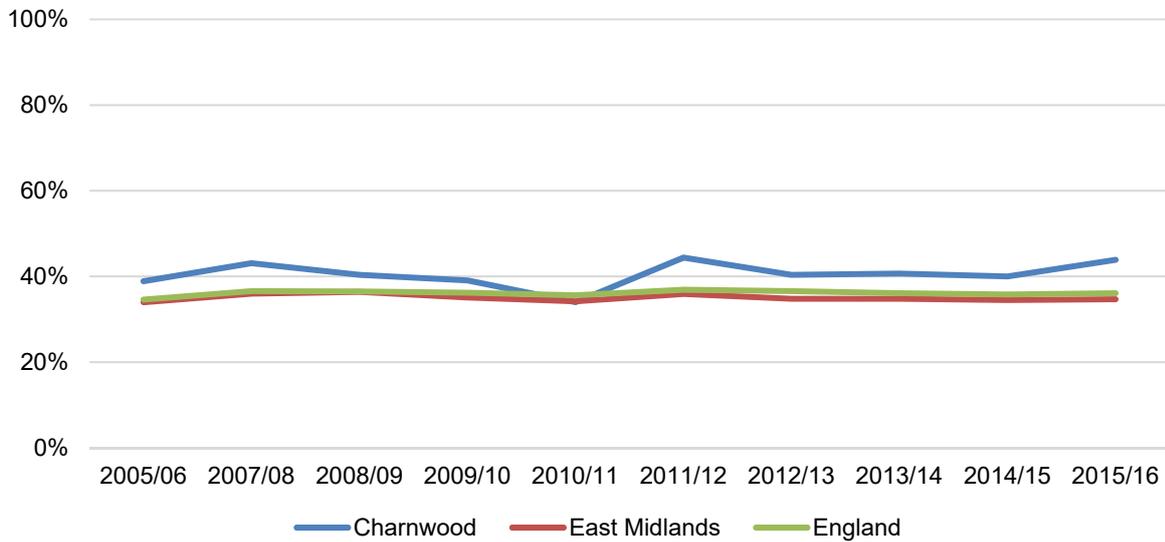
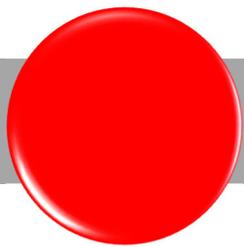


Figure 2.1: Adult (16+) Participation in Sport by year <sup>14</sup>



2.56. Comparing the 2005/06 figures to the current 2015/16 APS figures, participation (at least once a week) in Charnwood Borough has increased from 38.9% to 43.9%. Current participation levels in the Borough are higher than both regional and national averages.

<sup>14</sup> Source: Participation at least 1 x 30 minutes once per week, Active People Survey 2016



## SPORT ENGLAND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

2.57. Sport England, the Government’s agency for sport, measures four key areas in relation to sport activity. Table 2.6 sets out the performance of Charnwood Borough compared with the East Midlands and England.

**Table 2.6: Comparison with Sport England KPIs – Charnwood Borough** <sup>15</sup>

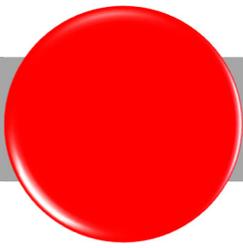
INDICATOR	CHARNWOOD				EAST MIDLANDS				ENGLAND			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
KPI3 – CLUB MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS	21.3%	21.1%	22.4%	28.8%	20.3%	20.1%	20.4%	20.5%	21.0%	21.6%	21.8%	22.2%
KPI4 – RECEIVED TUITION/COACHING IN LAST 12 MONTHS	18.5%	17.9%	18.5%	24.0%	14.8%	14.7%	13.9%	15.2%	15.8%	16.4%	15.6%	15.6%
KPI5 – TOOK PART IN ORGANISED COMPETITION IN LAST 12 MONTHS	14.3%	15.2%	16.5%	23.3%	12.4%	13.1%	12.7%	12.9%	11.2%	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%
KPI6 – SATISFACTION WITH LOCAL PROVISION	61.7%	69.6%	69.3%	67.8%	61.5%	63.0%	60.9%	60.0%	60.3%	61.6%	61.8%	62.1%

2.58. In Charnwood Borough, club membership (KPI3) is above the regional and national averages. Tuition/coaching rates (KPI4) have grown and are significantly higher than regional and national averages. This suggests that activity in the Borough is at a healthy level.

2.59. Charnwood Borough is performing above the national (KPI5) averages for organised competition. Satisfaction with local provision (KPI6) has declined slightly from its highest level in 2013/14 but remains higher than regional and national averages.

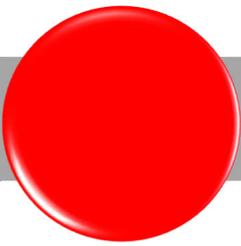
2.60. In summary, levels of demand in Charnwood are higher than both the regional and national averages. It should be ensured that local provision reflects this additional demand from both a quality and quantity perspective.

<sup>15</sup> Source: Local Sports Profile Active People Survey, Year: 2012/13 2015/16, Measure: Key Performance Indicators 13,14,15,1



## **THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT – CORE PPS SPORTS**

**This section details the full supply and demand analysis for core PPS sports included in the brief. Further supporting evidence and data is provided as supporting appendices**



## 3 FOOTBALL

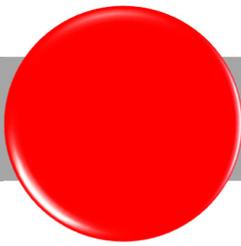
### INTRODUCTION

- 3.1. This section of the report focuses on the supply and demand for grass football pitches. At the end of this section, there is also a summary of the supply and demand findings for third-generation (3G) Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs), which are becoming increasingly important to service the needs of football for both competitive play and training.
- 3.2. This section includes the headline findings from the PPS, as well as a site-by-site analysis of football sites across Charnwood. Technical Appendix C: Site-by-Site Football Analysis provides a detailed analysis of supply and demand of football in Charnwood, including all the required analysis as defined in the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance document.<sup>16</sup>

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

- 3.3. In August 2015, the Football Association (FA) released their National Game Strategy for Participation and Development (2015–2019), which committed the organisation to invest £260 million into grassroots football over the next four years. The strategy has four key priorities:
- **Participation** – “More players playing football more often.” The FA is aiming to increase female youth participation by 11% and retain the current level of male team affiliation;
  - **Player Development** – “Better quality players being developed and entering the talent pathways.” The FA will invest £16 million into coach education and development programmes. There will also be 1,000 more top-level grassroots coaches developed and ongoing investment into the skills coaching programme for 5–11-year-olds;
  - **Better Training and Playing Facilities** – The FA has committed £48 million to new and improved facilities through the Football Foundation. This includes the roll-out of a new sustainable model for grassroots facilities in 30 cities through football hubs owned and operated by local communities. A further stated ambition is to ensure that half of mini soccer and youth matches are played on high-quality artificial grass pitches; and
  - **Football Workforce** – “Recruiting and developing volunteers and paid staff who service the game.” This will grow the workforce, increase the number of qualified referees and ensure there is an advisory board for every County FA.
- 3.4. The national strategy follows the FA's October 2014 announcements, stating its intentions to deliver 30 football hubs in cities across the country. The FA intends to increase the number of full-size, publicly accessible 3G AGPs to over 1,000 across England. It also intends to facilitate the delivery of more than 150 new club-owned and -managed football hubs to support the delivery of FA, County FA and professional club youth development and coach education programmes. It also aims to ensure that at least 50% of all mini soccer and 9 v 9 matches are played on good quality 3G AGPs.

<sup>16</sup> Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance Home Page



- 3.5. A key trend for football across the country is the reduction of adult affiliated clubs and the growth in more casual and informal forms of football, such as 5- and 7-a-side and organised evening 11-a-side, typically played on floodlit 3G pitches. This trend reflects the perceived reduction in free time across the UK, the introduction of seven-day working (particularly in the retail industry), and therefore the reticence/inability to commit to weekly football on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and mid-week training/practice, as well as regular televised football matches every night of the week as opposed to predominantly the weekend.
- 3.6. The growth in demand and supply of 3G provision and the changing patterns of demand among grass roots footballers is key and is addressed as an output of this study.
- 3.7. In addition to the focus on 3G facilities, the FA has emphasised, throughout consultations, the commitment of the organisation to improving grass pitches, with the overall target being to improve 2,000 grass pitches across the UK and reduce the amount of fixture cancellations, especially due to waterlogging.
- 3.8. The body that governs football in the study area is the County FA, the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA). All FA development objectives are implemented through this local body.

### SUPPLY - QUALITY OVERVIEW

- 3.9. To gather a full understanding of the supply of football pitches in Charnwood, the 4global research team visited all football sites in the area and assessed the facilities using the FA’s guidelines, as shown in Playing Pitch Strategy – Football Association.<sup>17</sup>
- 3.10. A detailed record of all the supply data can be found in Technical Appendix C: Site-by-Site Football Analysis; this section summarises the key findings.
- 3.11. Table 3.1 summarises the quality of the grass football pitches in the study area in line with the Sport England PPS methodology (non-technical assessments). “Good” pitches are those that score 80–100% on the non-technical assessment, “Standard” pitches score 50–79.9%, and “Poor” pitches score less than 50%.

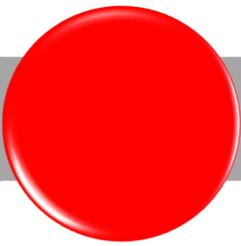
**Table 3.1: Supply of grass pitches in the study area<sup>18</sup>**

QUALITY SCORE	ADULT	YOUTH (U13 - U18)		MINI (U7 - U10)		TOTAL
	11 v 11	11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5	
GOOD (80-100%)	41	1	9	16	1	68
STANDARD (50-79.9%)	34	8	11	18	0	71
POOR (0-49.9%)	3	8	3	4	6	24
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PITCHES</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>163</b>

- 3.12. Table 3.1 shows that of the 163 pitches in the borough, 71 are rated as Standard (44%), with 68 (42%) rated as Good and the remaining 24 (15%) of sites being rated as Poor.
- 3.13. Of the 78 Adult 11 v 11 pitches covered by the study, 41 (53%) pitches are rated as Good and three pitches (4%) are rated as Poor. With 96% of all pitches rated as either Good or Standard quality, Adult 11 v 11 pitches are the highest-rated of all pitch types across Charnwood.

<sup>17</sup> Sport England PPS Guidance – Football Appendix (<http://goo.gl/em3wyj>: 2015)

<sup>18</sup> Source: 4global site assessments 2017

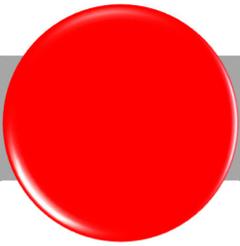


- 3.14. Leicester City Football Club is in the process of applying for Planning Permission to develop a new training facility at Park Hill Golf Course. Although, if completed, this will add to the number of pitches within the Borough, the development is not thought to have any access to the wider community and is therefore unlikely to change the true level of community supply in the area.
- 3.15. Table 3.2 shows how the pitch quality rating affects the calculated carrying capacity of each pitch type.

**Table 3.2: Carrying capacity in match equivalents by quality rating and pitch type**

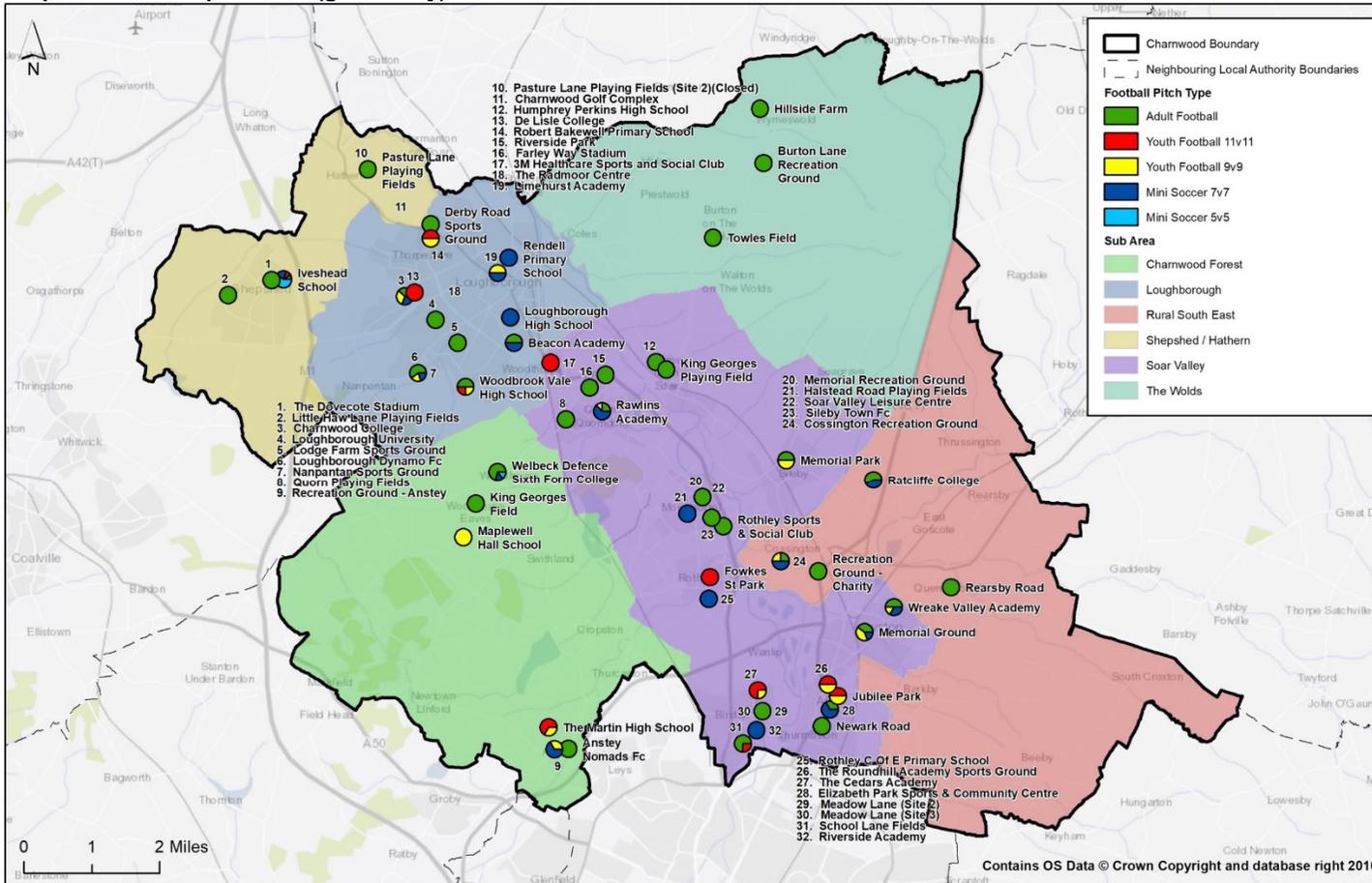
QUALITY SCORE	ADULT	YOUTH		MINI	
	11 v 11	11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
PITCH CAPACITY FOR GOOD (80-100%) PITCHES	3	4	4	6	6
PITCH CAPACITY FOR STANDARD (50-79.9%) PITCHES	2	2	2	4	4
PITCH CAPACITY FOR POOR (0-49.9%) PITCHES	1	1	1	2	2
TOTAL CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK IN CHARNWOOD	194	28	61	176	18

- 3.16. Table 3.2 shows that across all 163 pitches in Charnwood, there is a total carrying capacity of 477 match equivalents per week. 194 (41%) match equivalents of this capacity are provided on Adult 11 v 11 pitches.



3.17. Map 3.1 shows the distribution of all grass football pitches throughout the Borough. Map 3.1 shows that the majority of football sites are located in the Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas.

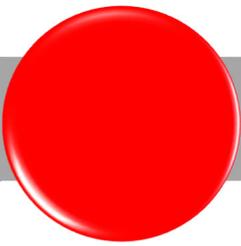
**Map 3.1: Football provision (grass only) in Charnwood**



Football sites by pitch type in Charnwood

(Source: 4 global site assessments 2017).





### **PITCH OWNERSHIP**

- 3.18. The ownership and management profile of football pitches can have a significant impact on the quality and security of community access to football facilities within an area.
- 3.19. Table 3.3 shows the number of sites owned and managed by different organisational types across Charnwood. Definitions of several of the ownership types are described in the following points.

### **PARISH COUNCILS**

- 3.20. For the purposes of the table below, all parish council-owned football sites are categorised under one single 'type' of ownership.

### **CHARNWOD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

- 3.21. Local authorities own, manage and maintain the greatest stock of football pitches in the country. This ownership type usually ensures that facilities are available to the community for use, typically either on mid- to long-term leases or rolling rental or season booking agreements.

### **ACADEMIES**

- 3.22. The land upon which academies are built is typically owned by the county council, in this case Leicestershire County Council (LCC). However, due to the length of the leases granted to the academies (typically 99 years) and the sensitivities around how academies typically view and manage their football pitches with regard to community use on a national level (typically with no security of use, minimal maintenance and removal of availability at short notice), these sites have been categorised separately to the rest of the sites owned by LCC.

### **LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

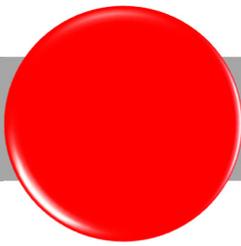
- 3.23. The four sites owned by LCC could all be classed as education sites, but as LCC is the primary landholder and retains some control over these sites, they have been grouped under the Leicestershire County Council ownership typology. Three of these sites are managed by the community schools, which are based on and use the land and buildings owned by the LCC.

### **PRIVATE / COMMERCIAL**

- 3.24. Private ownership indicates land that is owned by a private landholder (usually a person or family). This is opposed to a commercial organisation or company, which is typically profit-driven.

### **LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY / OTHER INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

- 3.25. Although Loughborough University and independent schools operate as businesses in many regards, these sites are not classified as such for the purposes of this study. Although these are sometimes technically owned by charities or trusts, and whilst some of the facilities based on these sites may be available to the community, there is rarely any long-term security of tenure for the community clubs using them or obligation for the sites to so provide.



### CHARITY / TRUST

3.26. This classification refers to sites owned by playing field associations or entities like Fields in Trust. This type of designation is usually to ensure the facilities are available for community use in the long term.

### LEISURE TRUST

3.27. This refers to leisure operators that typically manage leisure centres and other facilities available to the community. Leisure Trusts are non-profit-making organisations, with a Board of Directors. They should however, be considered as commercial entities whilst having an obligation to the local authority and its residents based on a long-term partnership arrangement.

**Table 3.3: Playing Pitch Site (football) ownership in Charnwood <sup>19</sup> - grass and synthetic pitches**

ORGANISATION TYPE	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT
PARISH COUNCILS	17	16
ACADEMIES	14	14
PRIVATE	5	1
COMMERCIAL	1	5
SPORTS CLUB	6	12
CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL	3	5*
LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	4	0
CHARITY / TRUST	3	3
LEISURE TRUST	0	1
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS	2	3
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (FURTHER EDUCATION)	1	1
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE	1	0
COMMUNITY SCHOOL (IN HOUSE)	0	3

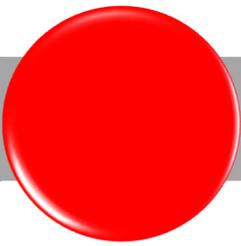
\*Nanpantan Sports Ground is listed as two sites because some of the football pitches on this site are leased to Loughborough Dynamo. Nanpantan Sports Ground is owned by CBC, with some football pitches managed by ideverde as the grounds maintenance contractor.

3.28. As is common across the UK, a large proportion of sports provision in the study area is owned and operated by education and local government entities (including Parish Councils). In addition to this, the Charnwood assessment results illustrate that there are a significant number of sites owned and/or managed by entities with little-to-no obligation, formal or informal, to the community football teams that may wish to access them. This includes entities classified as commercial, private, further education sites, independent schools, academies or Ministry of Defence-owned sites.

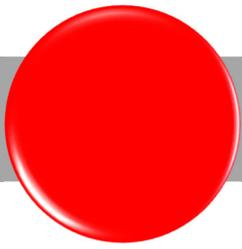
3.29. Table 3.3 shows that parish councils own the greatest proportion of sites across the Borough (29%), and also manage the highest percentage of sites (27%). Typically, parish council ownership of sites is associated with favourable levels of security of community use. However, parish council-owned sites can have mixed levels of quality and maintenance. Comments on the community use, quality and maintenance of pitches follow analysis of this assessment.

3.30. The table shows that academies own and manage the second highest proportion of sites (24%). Sites owned and managed by academies tend to have poor security of access for community use.

<sup>19</sup> Source: 4 global site assessments 2017



3.31. Sports clubs are the third most common ownership (10%) and management type (23%). Having a significant number of sites managed by clubs is associated with benefits such as good security of tenure and improved levels of quality. However, clubs are typically reliant on a small group of volunteers to carry out much of the day-to-day maintenance and administration work. Under this model, if a key volunteer is no longer able to support their club, then key tasks can go uncompleted and the quality of the facilities or user experience can decline.



**DEMAND**

3.32. Football is the most popular team participation sport across the study area, with a total of 214 teams recorded through the study, as shown in Table 3.4.

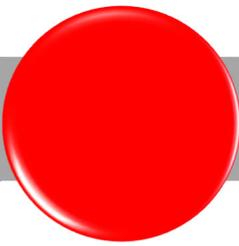
**Table 3.4: Demand for football (by team) in Charnwood and sub-areas <sup>20</sup>**

AREA	FOOTBALL ADULT MEN 11 v 11	FOOTBALL ADULT WOMEN 11 v 11	FOOTBALL YOUTH BOYS 11 v 11 (12–15YRS)	FOOTBALL YOUTH GIRLS 11 v 11 (12–15YRS)	FOOTBALL YOUTH BOYS 9 v 9 (10–11YRS)	FOOTBALL YOUTH GIRLS 9 v 9 (10–11YRS)	FOOTBALL MINI SOCCER MIXED 7 v 7 (8–9YRS)	FOOTBALL MINI SOCCER MIXED 5 v 5 (6–7YRS)	TOTAL
CHARNWOD FOREST	4	2	2	0	1	2	3	1	15
LOUGHBOROUGH	16	1	12	3	6	1	5	1	45
RURAL SOUTH EAST	5	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	12
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	9	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	15
SOAR VALLEY	41	2	23	2	23	1	25	8	125
THE WOLDS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
CHARNWOD	76	5	43	7	33	5	35	10	214

3.33. Table 3.4 illustrates the significant amount of demand in the Soar Valley sub-area and in Loughborough. Together, these two sub-areas represent 79% of all football demand in Charnwood. As expected, there is significantly less demand in the rural sub-areas of the Borough.

3.34. Using the above team data from the 67 clubs responding the survey, the club-to-team ratio in Charnwood is 1:3.2, i.e. each club runs on average 3.2 teams. This is almost identical to the national ratio of 1:3.3.

<sup>20</sup> Source: 4 global site research

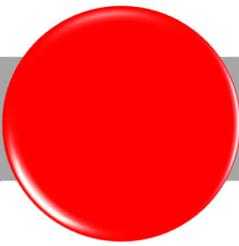


## MAJOR CLUB DEMAND SUMMARY

3.35. The study area has a small number of large clubs, with high membership numbers and significant demand for facilities. A summary of the consultations with a sample of the largest clubs (as these are responsible for the most pitch demand in the Borough) is included below, with further detail included within Technical Appendix C: Site-by-Site Football Analysis. It is important to emphasise that these are the clubs' views, as opposed to strategic recommendations.

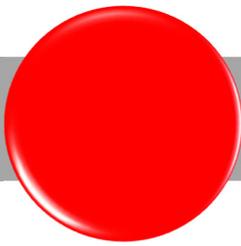
**Table 3.5: Football Club Consultation Summary**

MOUNTSORREL JUNIORS	<p>A large club with 22 teams operating from Halstead Road Playing Field and Memorial Recreation Ground. The club has grown significantly in recent years adding 17 teams over a 5-year period. The club is expected to have a minimum of 35 teams for the start of the 2018/19 season.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main issue for the club is that they are currently forced to travel to Brooksby Melton College in Melton Mowbray for 3 nights per week and a further 3 hours of training on Sunday mornings. This is due to the limit the parish council places on the amount football that can be played on the site in a given week.</li> </ul>
BIRSTALL UNITED JUNIORS	<p>Another major club, with 9 teams at the time of consultation. However, this figure is expected to increase significantly over the next few seasons, with 17 teams expected for the start of the 2018/19 season. This increase has been due to new volunteers in the club.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club has reported a desire to refurbish and improve the clubhouse. It is believed that this plan is still at an early stage.</li> </ul>
BARROW TOWN AND BARROW TOWN YOUTH	<p>Barrow Town and Barrow Town Youth are technically separate clubs, but share Riverside Park as a home ground. Combined, the clubs field 8 teams on this site. This number is set to rise significantly over the next few years, with 22 teams expected by the beginning of the 2018/19 season (Source: LFA 2018).</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The facilities at Riverside are considered to be of good quality. However, there is a lack of capacity at the site to accommodate the rapidly expanding number of teams.</li> </ul>
LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO JUNIORS	<p>A large junior club consisting of 21 teams ranging from U7 to U18. All of the teams play their home fixtures at Charnwood College, with the exception of an U13 team, which plays at Little Haw Lane Playing Fields, and an U18 team which plays at Nanpantan Sports Ground. The club has plans to expand and introduce 4 additional mini soccer teams to the club in the coming years.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently struggling with the condition of their changing facilities at Charnwood College and believe that if they were to be renovated then the club would attract more members.</li> </ul>



<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">QUORN JUNIORS</p>	<p>A large junior club consisting of 21 teams ranging from U7 to U18. Rawlins Academy is the training ground for all teams, and also the home ground for the vast majority of teams, with the exception of one U15 side which plays at 3M Healthcare Sports and Social club and another U15 team which plays and trains at Beacon Academy. The club has seen an increase in the number of teams in the past three years, notably 3 in the mini soccer section and 2 in the junior boys' section. If there was better pitch provision/accessibility in the area, the club believes it would expand further. Its aspiration is to develop a clubhouse (priority is changing rooms), including clubroom on land next to Rawlins Academy.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of pitches with the necessary ancillary facilities in the area; and</li> <li>• Current unmet demand due to a lack of sufficient available hours on 3G pitches in the area at peak times. Currently the club utilises Wreake Valley Academy to make up for this shortfall so that teams can train at their preferred times.</li> </ul>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">SYSTON TOWN JUNIORS</p>	<p>Large junior club consisting of 19 teams, ranging from U7 to U18. All teams train at Wreake Valley Academy, with mini soccer teams also playing their home games here, whereas the junior setup (U10 and above) has their home ground at Necton Street.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club would like to relocate from Necton Street as there was recently an incident of crime in the area and so the club now deems it as unsafe;</li> <li>• There are insufficient shower facilities in the clubhouse at Necton Street, meaning that currently men and women cannot play at the same time; and</li> <li>• The changing facilities at Necton Street have become old and run down.</li> </ul> <p><b>Developments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club would like to renovate the changing facilities at Necton Street to bring them up to a standard suitable for use; and</li> <li>• At Wreake Valley, the club would like to put full fencing around the site's playing fields to protect it from being damaged by trespassers.</li> </ul>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">ANSTEY SWIFTS</p>	<p>Junior club consisting of 13 teams ranging from U7 to U18, training at a combination of Anstey Recreation Ground and Mears Meadows (predominantly the older junior teams). The teams play their home games at Anstey Recreation Ground, Mears Meadows or The Martin High School. Increased recruitment, particularly in the mini soccer and girls' football section, has resulted in an increase in the number of teams. The club has further plans to expand utilising the newly completed Mitchell Field Complex.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is unmet demand within the club, access to a 3G facility is needed to overcome this; and</li> <li>• The club would like to train within their catchment area, but the pitches are around 50 metres outside of Charnwood.</li> </ul>

3.36. An issue mentioned by clubs and identified through the site visits is that there is a dog-fouling problem on many sites in the Borough. Not only is clearing this prior to a game unappealing and an unnecessary use of time, there is also a health risk to children (either players or spectators). Practical support through provision of dedicated waste bins, and improved signage, plus encouraging the implementation of severe fines for anyone identified as failing to pick up after their dog on playing pitch sites are options to consider in addressing this situation.



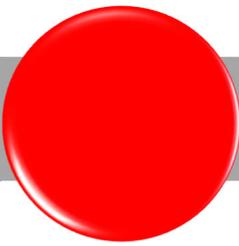
### DEMAND DRIVEN BY POPULATION GROWTH

- 3.37. To calculate the future demand for football in the study area, a Team Generation Rate (TGR) has been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows calculation of the population size (for various age groups) which will typically generate enough demand for a football team.
- 3.38. This TGR is then applied to the population projections for the local authority area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups.
- 3.39. The future population used in Table 3.6 is determined using ONS SNPP figures. This is due to the need for population figures to be defined by age and gender so that the future demand for each pitch type is clear.

**Table 3.6: Team Generation Rates for Football in Charnwood**

SPORT AND AGE GROUPS	TEAMS	CURRENT POPN (2017)	FUTURE POPN (2036)	CURRENT TGR	POPN CHANGE	POTENTIAL CHANGE
FOOTBALL ADULT MEN 11 v 11 (16–45YRS)	76	38520	43260	506.8	4740	9
FOOTBALL ADULT WOMEN 11 v 11 (16–45YRS)	5	35560	39240	7112.0	3680	1
FOOTBALL YOUTH BOYS 11 v 11 (12–15YRS)	43	4260	5120	99.1	860	9
FOOTBALL YOUTH GIRLS 11 v 11 (12–15YRS)	7	3780	4680	540.0	900	2
FOOTBALL YOUTH BOYS 9 v 9 (10–11YRS)	33	1920	2320	58.2	400	7
FOOTBALL YOUTH GIRLS 9 v 9 (10–11YRS)	5	1760	2200	352.0	440	1
FOOTBALL MINI SOCCER MIXED 7 v 7 (8–9YRS)	35	4000	4360	114.3	360	3
FOOTBALL MINI SOCCER MIXED 5 v 5 (6–7YRS)	10	2000	2180	200.0	180	1

- 3.40. Table 3.6 illustrates that the significant population growth in Charnwood is projected to lead to an increase in demand for football, with an additional 33 teams expected to be generated across the Borough. The most significant increase will come in the Youth 11 v 11 boys age groups and will result in an additional 9 teams; based on the fact there are already 43 teams, this equates to an increase of 21%.
- 3.41. To look at this projected increase in demand in more detail, TGR calculations have also been undertaken for each of the six sub-areas.
- **Charnwood Forest: 2 additional teams, including 1 adult women’s 11 v 11 team and 1 youth girls’ 9 v 9 team;**
  - **Loughborough: 8 additional teams, including 2 adult men’s 11 v 11 teams, 3 youth boys’ 11 v 11 teams, 1 youth girls’ 11 v 11 team, 1 youth boys’ 9 v 9 team and 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 team;**
  - **Rural South East: 2 additional teams, including 1 adult men’s 11 v 11 team and 1 youth girls’ 11 v 11 team’**
  - **Shepshed - Hathern: 2 additional teams, including 1 adult men’s 11 v 11 team and 1 youth boys’ 11 v 11 team;**



- **Soar Valley: 19 additional teams, including 5 adult men’s 11 v 11 teams, 5 youth boys’ 11 v 11 teams, 1 youth girl’s 11 v 11 team, 5 youth boys’ 9 v 9 teams, 2 mini soccer 7 v 7 teams and 1 mini 5 v 5 team; and**
- **The Wolds: no additional teams.**

3.42. When comparing the findings for the whole study area to national trends, the projected increase in adult teams is higher than estimated demand across the UK, which is projected to decrease. The upward trend for mini soccer and the significant increase in youth football is consistent with the rest of the UK and is likely to place some strain on mini and youth pitches, especially Youth 9 v 9 pitches, which require specialist goals.

3.43. It is important to note that the TGR calculation assumes that clubs, Charnwood Borough Council and the local FA development officers do not improve their marketing or participation schemes over the period and are therefore no more successful than they are now in attracting new players to participate in football in the study area. In reality, it is expected that there will be improved channels of digital communication and improved maintenance technology, as well as higher quality ancillary provision. The outcomes of this will be a higher quality product and an improved ability to generate additional demand and convert it into participation.

### **FUTURE DEMAND DRIVEN BY LATENT DEMAND**

3.44. Alongside the future demand generated by population growth at local level, it is also important to understand the level of latent demand for football in an area. Latent demand refers to the situation when clubs or teams believe there is demand within the area for them to grow but they have not been able to realise this growth.

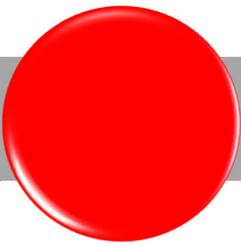
3.45. The amount of latent demand for teams in the borough is determined by combining the responses from clubs regarding their potential future growth over the next three years. The three-year timescale to which the survey requests clubs to respond limits the level of guess work on the club’s part and provides more certainty regarding the number of new teams they may be able to field in the future. This methodology is in line with Sport England’s PPS guidance document.

3.46. The causes, or reasons for latent demand can be complex and multi-faceted, but commonly include a lack of qualified coaches to manage teams, a lack of facilities to play matches at peak times or even a lack of parking capacity on site. Table 3.7 outlines the level of latent demand in Charnwood by age group as reported by clubs responding to the football clubs’ survey.

**Table 3.7: Latent Demand for Football in Charnwood <sup>21</sup>**

AREA	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5	TOTAL
CHARNWOOD FOREST	0	1	1	2	0	4
LOUGHBOROUGH	0	1	1	5	2	9
RURAL SOUTH EAST	0	0	1	1	0	2
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOAR VALLEY	4	8	8	11	2	33
THE WOLDS	1	0	0	0	0	1
CHARNWOOD	5	10	11	19	4	49

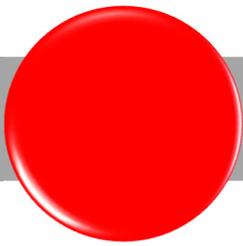
<sup>21</sup> Source 4 global research 2017



- 3.47. Table 3.7 shows that the majority of latent demand, 67%, is located in Soar Valley with Mountsorrel Juniors (12), Birstall United Juniors (6) and Quorn (5) making up a significant proportion of this latent demand. 47% of latent demand is for teams with players aged between 6 and 9 years old. A further 43% is from youth teams. If all latent demand was translated into participation across Charnwood, there would be an additional 49 teams with demand of 24.5 match equivalents per week.
- 3.48. The key barrier for latent demand identified during the consultation is the ability to access appropriately-sized pitches at peak times.

### **SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE**

- 3.49. This section details the supply and demand balance findings for grass football pitches (both for current and future scenarios) for the study, split by sub-area.
- 3.50. The pitch balance figures, i.e. the relationship between supply and demand, are calculated using the capacity and pitch quality ratings, with further detail provided in Technical Appendix C: Site-by-Site Football Analysis.
- 3.51. Tables 3.8 to 3.14 show the total capacity analysis for football in each of the six sub-areas. For each table, scenarios have been tested, to show the impact of security of pitch availability across the sub-area.
- 3.52. Pitches are considered “secured” for community use where there is a formal agreement (a lease or licence for example) or an obligation for the owners or managing organisation to make the pitches available to community football clubs for use. This means that many grass pitches at academies (and some other education sites) are often considered “unsecure” as their availability is almost entirely at the discretion of the site owner.
- 3.53. TGRs are used to calculate projected future demand for each pitch type in each sub-area. As discussed above in sub-section 2.5 (Population Profiles and Projections), the TGRs require population to be split by age and gender. As no other available housing data provides this detail, the study uses the ONS SNPP figures to project future population and consequent football demand by pitch type.
- 3.54. Alongside TGRs, latent demand is also used to estimate the level of under- or over-supply of pitches. Latent demand represents the number of teams that could be produced if accommodation was made for all those that want to play football in the area but currently do not. The figure is drawn from the club demand survey, which asks how many additional teams each club is likely to have over the next three years.
- 3.55. All demand in the tables is represented in match equivalents, based on a team playing at home once every fortnight (to account for home and away fixtures). Therefore, each team has a demand of 0.5 match equivalents per week.



### SUB-AREA SUPPLY AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT

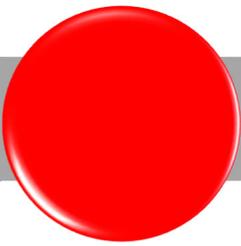
3.56. The following section summarises the above supply and analysis findings in a single table for each sub-area. The sub-area tables show the entire capacity of the area under analysis and how adequate this level of supply is to meet the demand for specific pitch types. The tables then look at the balance of supply v demand when only securely available pitches are included in the supply. Finally, the tables show how demand is projected to increase between 2017 and 2036. This includes looking at current latent demand and the teams projected to be produced through population increases (team generation rates). These future demand projections are added to the existing demand to show a total projected demand by pitch type for 2036. Finally, this demand is balanced against the securely available pitch supply to show the projected balance figures for each pitch type in the study area.

### CHARNWOOD SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 3.8: Football Supply and Demand Balance for Charnwood**

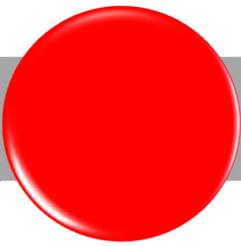
BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 V 11	YOUTH 11 V 11	YOUTH 9 V 9	MINI 7 V 7	MINI 5 V 5	TOTAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK FOR ALL PITCHES	194	28	61	176	18	<b>477</b>
DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (FROM COMMUNITY TEAMS ONLY)	40	25	18.5	17.5	5	<b>106</b>
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL PITCHES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	154	3	42.5	158.5	13	<b>371</b>
CURRENT BALANCE FOR PITCHES SECURED FOR COMMUNITY USE ONLY – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	63	-11	11.5	56.5	-5	<b>115</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	2.5	6	4.5	9	2.5	<b>24.5</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR) – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	5	5.5	4	1.5	0.5	<b>16.5</b>
FUTURE BALANCE FOR ALL SECURED SITES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (2036)	<b>55.5</b>	<b>-22.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>74</b>

(Match Demand from new teams is included in Table 3.8, but not training demand, as most of the clubs in the area do not train on grass pitches)



3.57. Table 3.8 identifies the following key findings:

- **When demand across all pitch types is compared against all pitch supply in Charnwood, there is a balance of 371 match equivalents of spare capacity per week. However, when only securely available sites are considered as part of the supply, the balance falls from 371 to 115 match equivalents of spare capacity per week. This indicates that 256 supply match equivalents are not securely available for community use. This equates to 54% of all football pitch supply in Charnwood not being securely available for community use. Over half of all pitches in the Borough cannot be relied upon to meet current or future community demand because they are not securely available; this is a significant level of provision which could potentially be brought into the secured pitch supply in the future.**
- **When only securely available sites are considered, there is a deficit of dedicated Youth 11 v 11 pitches equivalent to 11 matches per week. However, Youth 11 v 11 demand can also be met by Adult 11 v 11 pitches. Whilst this is not ideal due to adult pitches typically being too large for Youth 11 v 11 players, the discrepancies in pitch dimensions are not considered to be a significant barrier to player enjoyment nor to technical development and is therefore deemed acceptable. Adult 11 v 11 pitches are currently operating with the equivalent of 63 matches spare capacity per week. When the supply and demand for Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 pitches are combined, there is spare capacity of 29 match equivalents per week.**
- **Table 3.8 also shows an under-supply of Mini 5 v 5 pitches across the Borough of 5 match equivalents per week. However, Mini 5 v 5 pitches can be easily overmarked onto larger pitch types and, due to the small size of the goals required to play Mini 5 v 5 football, temporary goals are easily set up to create an adequate pitch. Due to the requirement that sites are appropriate for both types of mini soccer (adequate parking, access to toilets and availability on Sunday mornings) and the fact that families may typically prefer to take multiple children playing at different age groups down to a single mini soccer site, Mini 5 v 5 and Mini 7 v 7 supply and demand are considered together. Due to the significant spare capacity of securely available Mini 7 v 7 pitches in the area (56.5 match equivalents per week) there is sufficient spare capacity to meet the deficit in Mini 5 v 5 supply. When the pitch demand for all mini soccer is considered against the secured supply for both pitch types, there is spare capacity for the equivalent of 51.5 matches per week.**
- **Youth 9 v 9 pitches are only used for U11 and U12 age groups. These pitches represent a transition between mini soccer and 11 v 11 football. Although the 80-yard x 50-yard pitch required for Youth 9 v 9 football can be overmarked on 11 v 11 pitches, this pitch type requires a dedicated goal size which, unlike the Mini 5 v 5 goal, is too large to be easily assembled before matches. Where Youth 9 v 9 pitches are being overmarked on 11 v 11 pitches, sites will typically have mobile 9 v 9 goal posts which can be rolled into position. However, these mobile goals are expensive (at around £3,000 per pair). Therefore, ensuring there is sufficient capacity within dedicated Youth 9 v 9 pitches to meet demand is considered important. Table 3.8 shows that Youth 9 v 9 pitches are currently operating with enough spare capacity to meet the equivalent of 11.5 additional matches per week. However, Table 3.8 also shows that should all projected future Youth 9 v 9 demand be realised, the spare capacity in the existing secured pitch supply will reduce to just 3 match equivalents per week. This is equivalent to enough spare capacity to meet demand for 6 more Youth 9 v 9 teams.**
- **The future demand projections show that there will be an increase in demand of 41 match equivalents per week. Most growth in demand will be for Youth 11 v 11 and Mini 7 v 7 pitches, with an additional 12 and 11 match equivalents respectively for the two pitch types by 2036.**



- **Should all projected demand be realised with no change in the pitch supply, then there would be a total spare capacity equivalent to 74 matches per week, cumulative across all pitch types by 2036. 22 hectares of pitch provision have been quantified and agreed as part of the section 106 process for both North East Leicester and West of Loughborough SUEs. In addition, further playing pitch space is expected to be added as part of the Broadnook SUE development, but the scale of this has yet to be agreed. This additional pitch provision has been taken into consideration as part of the specific SUE scenario testing section later within this report.**
- **If all Youth 11 v 11 demand were to be placed on Youth 11 v 11 pitches, Table 3.8 shows that there would be a deficit in supply of 22.5 match equivalents per week. However, as described above, if Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 supply is combined to meet the projected demand for both pitch types, there will be sufficient supply to meet demand with the equivalent of 33 matches in spare capacity per week. This equates to enough spare capacity to meet the demand for 66 11 v 11 teams.**
- **Similarly, for mini soccer, whilst there is a deficit in supply to meet current and future Mini 5 v 5 demand on securely available Mini 5 v 5 pitches, this demand can be met through the spare capacity of securely available Mini 7 v 7 pitches, using overmarking and temporary goals. Comparing the securely available supply of all mini soccer pitches to the projected demand for mini soccer in 2036, Table 3.8 shows that there will be sufficient capacity to meet this demand, with an expected spare capacity equivalent to 38 matches per week. This is enough capacity to meet demand from an additional 76 mini soccer teams.**

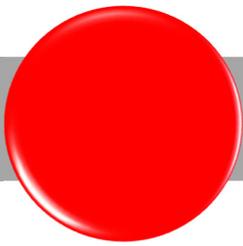
3.58. The above represents a Borough-wide analysis of supply and demand, however, this does not adequately reflect the location and accessibility of provision in Charnwood. In order to better reflect the more local pressures, the study will look at the same analysis but for each of the six sub-areas in this study.

3.59. The tables below present the above analysis by sub-area.

3.60. Population projection by age and gender groups is required as part of the PPS to model future demand by pitch type. In the absence of appropriate population projection figures by sub-areas, the tables below apply the existing distribution of teams in each sub-area to the population projections for the Borough by age and gender (e.g. If the Borough is projected to have an additional four boys' teams at a given age group over the study period, and sub-area A contains 50% of the current demand, with sub-areas B and C each having 25% of demand at that age group, then two of the projected teams are added to sub-area A and the other two teams are allocated on the basis of one team to each of the other sub-areas).

3.61. This approach does not account for significant shifts in the distribution of population in Charnwood (such as the addition of the SUEs in the Borough). However, in the absence of reliable data to show the total additional population by sub-area in 2036, or how this population will be defined by age and gender, modelling future demand on future population distribution is not possible. Therefore, the following analysis utilises the approach described above to model how additional demand could be distributed amongst the existing clubs in the borough.

3.62. Proximity to increased population is not the only determining factor for generating new demand for pitches; the perceived quality and capacity of established clubs (from a coaching, volunteer and administrative perspective) also play a significant role in attracting players to clubs based on pitches that are not necessarily the closest to their homes. The current size and number of teams each club can field is therefore considered to be a fair indication of their ability to attract players.



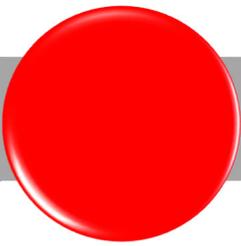
## CHARNWOOD FOREST SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 3.9: Football Supply and Demand Balance for Charnwood Forest**

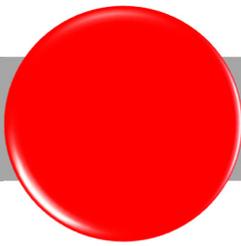
BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5	TOTAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK FOR ALL PITCHES	20	2	5	14	6	<b>47</b>
DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (FROM COMMUNITY TEAMS ONLY)	3	1	1.5	1.5	0.5	<b>7.5</b>
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL PITCHES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	17	1	3.5	12.5	5.5	<b>39.5</b>
CURRENT BALANCE FOR PITCHES SECURED FOR COMMUNITY USE ONLY – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	2	-1	0.5	6.5	-0.5	<b>7.5</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0	0.5	0.5	1	0	<b>2</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR) – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	<b>1</b>
FUTURE BALANCE FOR ALL SECURED SITES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (2036)	1.5	-1.5	-0.5	5.5	-0.5	<b>4.5</b>

3.63. Table 3.9 shows the key findings for Charnwood Forest:

- There is a total supply capacity meeting 47 match equivalents of demand per week across all pitch types.
- There is demand for 7.5 match equivalents per week across all pitch types. The greatest demand is produced by Adult 11 v 11 teams, of which there are 6 in the sub-area, creating a demand of 3 match equivalents per week.
- The difference between the total supply and demand balance (39.5) and the securely available pitch supply (7.5) indicates that just 32% of total pitch supply is securely available for community football use in the sub-area. This represents a total of 32 match equivalents being unsecured for community use. The pitch type with the most amount of unsecured capacity is Adult 11 v 11 pitches, of which 15 match equivalents of supply are unsecured for community use (75% of all Adult 11 v 11 supply).
- There is spare capacity for just 2 additional Adult 11 v 11 matches per week in the sub-area.
- There is a deficit in pitch capacity when Youth 11 v 11 demand is assessed as being reliant on only securely available Youth 11 v 11 pitches.



- When all the supply for securely available 11 v 11 pitches is allocated to meet all 11 v 11 demand, there is spare capacity for just 1 additional match per week in the sub-area.
- When Mini 5 v 5 demand is met only through use of dedicated Mini 5 v 5 pitches, there is a deficit equivalent to 0.5 matches per week in the sub-area.
- Mini 5 v 5 demand can be met by overmarked pitches on Mini 7 v 7 pitches. When all mini soccer demand is supplied by both securely available Mini 7 v 7 and Mini 5 v 5 pitches, there is sufficient pitch capacity to adequately meet demand, with enough spare capacity to meet the equivalent of a further 6 matches per week.
- Demand in the sub-area is projected to increase across all pitches by 3 match equivalents per week. Increased demand is expected to be spread across the pitch types relatively evenly, with Youth 9 v 9 and Mini 7 v 7 each seeing an increase of 1 match per week, and Adult and Youth 11 v 11 each seeing an increase of 0.5 match equivalents per week.
- As in the analysis above, if the capacity of Youth 11 v 11 pitches and Adult 11 v 11 pitches is combined to meet the demand for both pitch types, there will be no spare capacity on the 11 v 11 pitches to meet the demand from any other new teams, given the projected levels of future demand.
- By 2036, Youth 9 v 9 pitches are expected to be operating at the equivalent of 0.5 matches over capacity per week. This is equivalent to one more Youth 9 v 9 team than the sub-area is capable of sustaining.
- Demand for Mini 5 v 5 pitches can be met by overmarking on existing Mini 7 v 7 pitches and using temporary goal posts. If this solution were to be adopted in order to satisfy demand for Mini 5 v 5 pitches, then the sub-area would have sufficient supply to meet all mini soccer demand, with spare capacity for a further 5 matches per week. Pitch under supply is expected to be met by over-marking on larger pitch types.



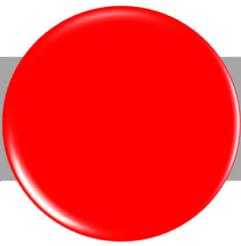
## LOUGHBOROUGH SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Table 3.10: Football Supply and Demand Balance for Loughborough

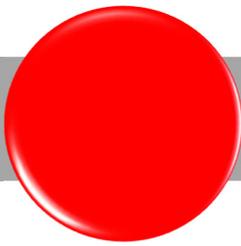
BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5	TOTAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK FOR ALL PITCHES	67	4	23	56	0	150
DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (FROM COMMUNITY TEAMS ONLY)	8	7.5	3	2.5	0.5	21.5
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL PITCHES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	59	-3.5	20	53.5	-0.5	128.5
CURRENT BALANCE FOR PITCHES SECURED FOR COMMUNITY USE ONLY – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	20	-7.5	-1	1.5	-0.5	12.5
FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0	0.5	0.5	2.5	1	4.5
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR) – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	1	2	0.5	1	0	4.5
FUTURE BALANCE FOR ALL SECURED SITES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (2036)	19	-10	-2	-2	-1.5	3.5

3.64. The findings from the analysis of the supply and demand balance for Loughborough area:

- The sub-area has an overall capacity of 150 match equivalents across all pitch types. Adult 11 v 11 pitches comprise 67 of the 150 match equivalents of capacity, equating to 45% of all supply. 56 of the 150 match equivalents is supplied by Mini 7 v 7 pitches (37%). 82% of all pitch supply in the sub-area is provided by Adult 11 v 11 and Mini 7 v 7 pitches.
- There is demand for 21.5 matches per week from community teams across all pitch types every week in the sub-area. This is equivalent to 43 community teams playing in the sub-area. This level of demand means that Loughborough has the second-greatest level of overall demand for football provision in the Borough, after the Soar Valley sub-area.
- Table 3.10 shows that a significant amount of provision is unavailable for community use. Accounting for all pitch types, the sub-area has spare capacity equivalent to 128.5 matches per week across all pitch types. However, when only securely available provision is included, this decreases to just 12.5 match equivalents per week. Given the 21.5 match equivalents of demand within the sub-area, this means there is a total secured supply capacity of 34 match equivalents across the sub-area. This means that only 22% of capacity across all pitch types in Loughborough is securely available for community use.



- Within the sub-area, the pitch type with the most unsecured pitches is Mini 7 v 7. This pitch type has just 4 match equivalents of capacity securely available to the community, out of a total supply of 56. This equates to just 7% of pitch capacity being securely available for this pitch type. The spare capacity of Youth 9 v 9 pitches reduces from the equivalent of 20 matches per week when all supply is included, to a deficit of 1 match when only securely available pitches are included. This indicates that only 2 match equivalents of capacity out of the 23 match equivalents of supply are securely available, just 9% of the total capacity of Youth 9 v 9 pitch supply. Table 3.10 shows that no Youth 11 v 11 pitches are securely available from the 4 match equivalents identified. 28 match equivalents of Adult 11 v 11 pitch capacity are secured out of a total supply capacity of 67 match equivalents. This equates to 42% of Adult 11 v 11 pitch capacity being securely available to the community for use; this is the highest figure of all the pitch types in Loughborough.
- When demand from Youth 11 v 11, Youth 9 v 9 and Mini 5 v 5 teams is met by each securely available, dedicated pitch type, then each of these is considered to be operating with a capacity deficit. However, as has been discussed in the analysis above, Youth 11 v 11 and Mini 5 v 5 demand can be readily met by overmarking on larger pitch types. If all securely available Adult 11 v 11 pitches were modelled to meet demand for both Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 teams, then the sub-area is operating with the equivalent of 12.5 matches in spare capacity per week. Similarly, if all Mini 5 v 5 demand were to be met by securely available Mini 7 v 7 pitches then the sub-area would operate with the equivalent of 1 match spare capacity per week.
- The sub-area is projected to have an additional 9 match equivalents of demand per week by 2036. This is the second highest level of projected demand in the Borough after the Soar Valley sub-area.
- Securely available Adult 11 v 11 pitches are projected to continue operating with spare capacity. If all Youth 11 v 11 demand is played on Adult 11 v 11 pitches, then these pitches will be operating with the equivalent of 9 matches of spare capacity per week. All other pitch types are projected to be operating with a capacity deficit. As discussed above, Youth 9 v 9 pitches are less easily replaced using alternative pitch types. By 2036, Youth 9 v 9 pitches are projected to be operating at a deficit equivalent to 2 matches per week. This is the equivalent of being over capacity by 4 teams.
- Mini 7 v 7 and Mini 5 v 5 are also projected to be operating over capacity by 2 and 1.5 match equivalents per week respectively. If all demand for Mini 5 v 5 pitches were to be played on Mini 7 v 7 pitches, then Loughborough would be operating at a deficit of 3.5 match equivalents per week.



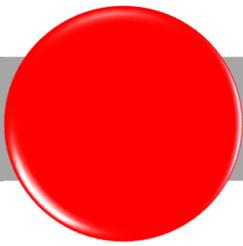
## RURAL SOUTH EAST SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Table 3.11: Football Supply and Demand Balance for Rural South East

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5	TOTAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK FOR ALL PITCHES	18	0	0	22	0	40
DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (FROM COMMUNITY TEAMS ONLY)	2	1.5	1.5	0.5	0	5.5
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL PITCHES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	16	-1.5	-1.5	21.5	0	34.5
CURRENT BALANCE FOR PITCHES SECURED FOR COMMUNITY USE ONLY – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	4	-1.5	-1.5	3.5	0	4.5
FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR) – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	1
FUTURE BALANCE FOR ALL SECURED SITES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (2036)	3.5	-1.5	-2.5	3.0	0.0	2.5

3.65. Table 3.11 highlights the following information about the provision of football in the Rural South East sub-area:

- The sub-area has a total supply equivalent to 40 matches across all pitch types. These are provided exclusively by Adult 11 v 11 pitches and Mini 7 v 7 pitches.
- There is demand for 5.5 match equivalents across the entire sub-area. This equates to 11 teams playing in the sub-area. There is demand for the equivalent of 2 matches per week on Adult 11 v 11 pitches, the greatest amount of any pitch type in the sub-area. This is equivalent to 4 adult teams playing in the sub-area.
- The spare capacity within the supply of pitches reduces from 34.5 match equivalents when all supply is included, to just 4.5 when only secured sites are considered; this means that there is a securely available pitch capacity of 10 match equivalents per week in the Rural South East sub-area. Within the sub-area, 25% of all pitch capacity is secured.
- Only Adult 11 v 11 and Mini 7 v 7 pitches are located in the sub-area. Therefore, all Youth 9 v 9 and Youth 11 v 11 teams have to utilise Adult 11 v 11 pitches, as there is no other pitch type large enough to accommodate them via overmarking. All mini soccer demand has to utilise the Mini 7 v 7 supply for the same reason. On this basis secured Adult 11 v 11 pitches are operating with 1 match equivalent of spare capacity per week. Mini 7 v 7 pitches are operating with 3.5 spare match equivalents per week.

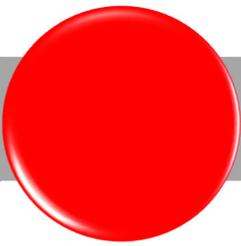


- Table 3.11 projects an increase in demand of 2 match equivalents per week across all pitch types. This is equivalent to 4 additional teams in the sub-area. The greatest level of growth in demand in the sub-area is projected to be in Youth 9 v 9 teams, which will see an increase of 2 teams by 2036, equating to 1 match equivalent per week.
- Assuming that there will be no increase to the pitch capacity in the area, the new demand will impact on the amount of spare capacity in the area. Given the need for Adult 11 v 11 pitches to meet demand for both Youth 11 v 11 and Youth 9 v 9 demand (in addition to Adult 11 v 11 demand), the future demand forecasted in Table 3.11 means that Adult 11 v 11 pitches will be operating over capacity by 0.5 match equivalents per week.
- As there is no projected change to Mini 5 v 5 teams and just 0.5 additional projected demand for Mini 7 v 7 teams, the sub-area is projected to have sufficient securely available mini soccer provision with spare capacity for an additional 2.5 match equivalents per week.

### SHEPshed - HATHERN SUPPLY AND DEMAND

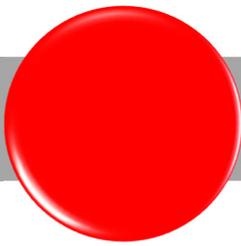
Table 3.12: Football Supply and Demand Balance for Shepshed – Hathern

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5	TOTAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK FOR ALL PITCHES	12	1	0	4	12	<b>29</b>
DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (FROM COMMUNITY TEAMS ONLY)	5.5	2	0.5	0.5	0	<b>8.5</b>
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL PITCHES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	6.5	-1	-0.5	3.5	12	<b>20.5</b>
CURRENT BALANCE FOR PITCHES SECURED FOR COMMUNITY USE ONLY – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	5.5	-2	-0.5	-0.5	0	<b>2.5</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR) – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
FUTURE BALANCE FOR ALL SECURED SITES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (2036)	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>



3.66. Table 3.12 provides the following insight into the football provision in the Shepshed–Hathern sub-area:

- There is a total supply of 29 match equivalents per week in the sub-area. The highest level of individual pitch type supply derives from Adult 11 v 11 pitches and Mini 5 v 5 pitches, with 12 each. Together, Adult 11 v 11 pitches provide 83% of all capacity in the sub-area. There are no Youth 9 v 9 pitches in the sub-area meaning all Youth 9 v 9 demand is met via overmarking of Youth 11 v 11 or Adult 11 v 11 pitches. This is because these are the only pitch types large enough to accommodate an over-marked Youth 9 v 9 pitch.
- The sub-area produces 8.5 match equivalents of demand per week. Adult 11 v 11 pitches meet the highest level of demand with 5.5 match equivalents per week. This represents 65% of all demand in the sub-area.
- The spare capacity balance reduces from 20.5 when all pitches are considered in the supply capacity to 2.5 when only securely available pitches are considered. The demand for pitches is equivalent to 8.5 matches per week. This means there are just 11 match equivalents of capacity secured for community football use in the sub-area, across all pitch types. This means just 38% of all pitch supply is available to the community in the sub-area.
- Table 3.12 shows that none of the Mini 7 v 7 or Mini 5 v 5 pitches in the sub-area are securely available to the community (as the balance reduces from 3.5 to -0.5 from a total capacity of 4.0 for Mini 7 v 7, and reduces from 12 to 0 with no demand recorded for Mini 5 v 5 pitches). There are also no Youth 11 v 11 pitches securely available to the community. This means all demand is reliant on securely available Adult 11 v 11 pitches, as this is the only pitch type with any securely available capacity within the sub-area. Table 3.12 shows that Adult 11 v 11 pitches are currently operating with sufficient capacity to meet existing demand, with spare capacity for the equivalent of 5.5 match equivalents per week. The demand for these pitches is also 5.5 match equivalents per week. This means that 11 of the 12 (92%) match equivalents of Adult 11 v 11 pitch supply are securely available to the community.
- The 11 Adult 11 v 11 match equivalents represent the only securely available supply in the sub-area. When all demand is allocated against these pitches, Table 3.12 illustrates that there is sufficient carrying capacity within the pitch supply to meet all current demand, with spare capacity for a further 2.5 match equivalents per week.
- Demand in the sub-area is projected to grow by just 1 match equivalent per week.
- By 2036, this small growth will reduce the level of spare capacity on securely available pitches from 2.5 to 1.5.
- It should be noted that this sub-area is located close to Loughborough, where there is a higher level of spare capacity; there is therefore potential to accommodate further demand in the Loughborough sub-area and as a result of the development of playing pitches in the West of Loughborough SUE.



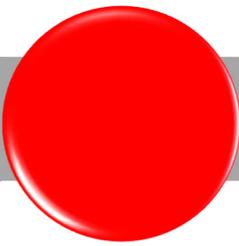
## SOAR VALLEY SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Table 3.13: Football Supply and Demand Balance for Soar Valley

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5	TOTAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK FOR ALL PITCHES	74	21	33	80	0	<b>208</b>
DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (FROM COMMUNITY TEAMS ONLY)	20	12.5	12	12.5	4	<b>61</b>
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL PITCHES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	54	8.5	21	67.5	-4	<b>147</b>
CURRENT BALANCE FOR PITCHES SECURED FOR COMMUNITY USE ONLY – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	30	1.5	14	45.5	-4	<b>87</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	2	4	4	5.5	1	<b>16.5</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR) – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	2.5	3	2.5	1	1	<b>10</b>
FUTURE BALANCE FOR ALL SECURED SITES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (2036)	<b>25.5</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>60.5</b>

3.67. Table 3.13 shows the balance of supply and demand for football across the Soar Valley sub-area:

- The sub-area has 208 match equivalents of supply, the highest of all the sub-areas in Charnwood. Mini 7 v 7 is the pitch type with the greatest level of capacity, at 80 (38% of all supply). Adult 11 v 11 pitches provide the second highest level of supply, with 74 match equivalents, representing 36% of all supply in Soar Valley. Together, Adult 11 v 11 and Mini 7 v 7 pitches provide 74% of all pitch capacity in the sub-area.
- There is demand for a total of 61 match equivalents per week in Soar Valley, equivalent to 122 teams playing in the sub-area. The greatest demand is produced by Adult 11 v 11 teams, with 20 match equivalents of demand per week. This represents 33% of all demand in Soar Valley.
- When only securely available pitch provision is considered, the capacity balance across all pitch types reduces from 147 to 87. Given the demand of 61 match equivalents per week, this means that 148 match equivalents are securely available to the community in Soar Valley. This represents 72% of pitch capacity being securely available for community use. This is the highest level of securely available pitches across all 6 of the sub-areas. Of the 74 match equivalents of supply for Adult 11 v 11 pitches, 24 are not securely available for community use. This equates to 33% of Adult 11 v 11 pitch capacity being unsecured for community football, the largest proportion of any pitch type in the sub-area. Of the 80 match equivalents of supply for Mini 7 v 7 pitches, 22 are not securely available for community football, equating to 28% of all Mini 7 v 7 pitch capacity.

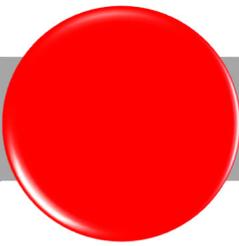


- There are no Mini 5 v 5 pitches recorded in the sub-area, meaning all Mini 5 v 5 demand is met by Mini 7 v 7 pitch capacity (for the reasons explained in the analysis above).
- Table 3.13 shows that the sub-area is currently operating with sufficient secured capacity to meet existing demand with a further 87 match equivalents per week in secured spare capacity. The only pitch type not currently operating with secured spare capacity is Mini 5 v 5. There are no Mini 5 v 5 pitches in the sub-area. If all mini soccer demand is met by Mini 7 v 7 pitches, the sub-area operates with sufficient secured capacity to meet existing demand with secured spare capacity for a further 41.5 matches per week (calculated by subtracting the secured Mini 5 v 5 balance from the secured Mini 7 v 7 balance).
- Demand in the sub-area is expected to grow by 26.5 match equivalents per week, by far the largest level of growth in the Borough. 16.5 match equivalents of this future demand (62%) derive from latent demand for teams from the large number of clubs in the area. This latent demand is greatest for Mini 7 v 7 teams (at 5.5 match equivalents of unfulfilled demand) per week. This is followed by high latent demand for Youth 11 v 11 and Youth 9 v 9 teams, both at 4 each. Together this equates to 27 teams in the sub-area for people aged between 8 and 18. Including the TGR analysis of growth, the greatest level of potential future demand within the sub-area, with 7 match equivalents per week by 2036, is Youth 11 v 11. There is anticipated to be a total increase in demand of 6.5 match equivalents per week by 2036 for Youth 9 v 9 pitches and Mini 7 v 7 pitches.
- Assuming there is no change in pitch provision by 2036, the projected future balance of pitches demonstrates sufficient secured capacity to meet all pitch demand, with a reduced secured spare capacity of 60.5 match equivalents per week. Youth 11 v 11 supply is projected to be inadequate to meet Youth 11 v 11 demand; however, there is sufficient spare capacity in Adult 11 v 11 pitches to address the lack of capacity of Youth 11 v 11 pitches. Together, the supply and demand balance for 11 v 11 pitches is projected to be 20 match equivalents of secured spare capacity per week. Similarly, if all demand for mini soccer is modelled against the capacity of Mini 7 v 7 pitches, there is projected to be sufficient secured capacity, with 33.5 match equivalents of spare capacity per week.

### THE WOLDS SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Table 3.14: Football Supply and Demand Balance for The Wolds

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5	TOTAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK FOR ALL PITCHES	3	0	0	0	0	3
DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (FROM COMMUNITY TEAMS ONLY)	1.5	0.5	0	0	0	2
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL PITCHES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	1.5	-0.5	0	0	0	1
CURRENT BALANCE FOR PITCHES SECURED FOR COMMUNITY USE ONLY – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	1.5	-0.5	0	0	0	1



BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5	TOTAL
FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0.5	0	0	0	0	<b>0.5</b>
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR) – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
FUTURE BALANCE FOR ALL SECURED SITES – IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER WEEK (2036)	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>

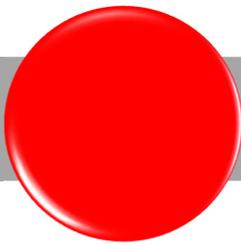
3.68. Table 3.14 shows the balance of supply and demand for football across The Wolds sub-area:

- **The sub-area has the lowest level of supply in the Borough, with just 3 match equivalents of total capacity per week. All of this capacity is provided by Adult 11 v 11 pitches. As there is no change in the capacity balance between the overall supply and the secured supply, all pitches in the area can be considered securely available to the community.**
- **The sub-area also has the lowest level of demand of any of the sub-areas in the Borough, with just 2 match equivalents per week. The table shows that 1.5 of the 2 match equivalents of demand are for Adult 11 v 11 pitches, with a further 0.5 being for Youth 11 v 11 pitches. Due to the lack of Youth 11 v 11 capacity in the sub-area, all demand needs to be met by Adult 11 v 11 pitches. This leaves the current sub-area with 1 match equivalent of spare capacity to accommodate new demand.**
- **No additional teams are expected as a result of population growth in this area, but 1 Adult 11 v 11 team could be developed if latent demand in the sub-area were to be satisfied. This would increase demand by 0.5 (in match equivalents) in the sub-area.**
- **This additional demand would equate to the sub-area having a projected spare capacity of 0.5 match equivalents per week by 2036.**

### **PEAK DEMAND CAPACITY ANALYSIS**

3.69. Using the Sport England 2013 guidance, in simple terms the PPS has identified an over-supply of football pitches across the study area. While this is valuable, it is even more important to understand the capacity of existing pitch provision at the periods of highest (peak) demand, what this looks like across the Borough, and specifically how capacity varies across the sub-areas.

3.70. Peak-time analysis is calculated differently from carrying capacity. Pitches of all quality ratings are considered to have just 0.5 match slots available at peak time per week. For example, if a site has 1 Adult 11 v 11 pitch and two adult teams using this site during the peak time slot (Saturday PM), then this site has no spare peak-time capacity (accounting for each team using the site once per fortnight to account for home and away fixtures). In a further example, if a site has 2 adult pitches and 3 adult teams using it at peak period, then this site would have 0.5 spare peak-time capacity. i.e. this site could accommodate 1 further team at peak time.

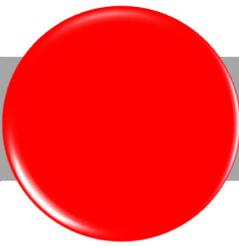


- 3.71. It should also be noted that rather than considering the total available secured capacity, as was the basis for the carrying capacity analysis, only sites that are currently being utilised by the community are considered as part of the supply. This is because clubs may be unaware of some sites' availability, may not be able to afford the rates being charged or simply do not want to use the provision (possibly due to its location or quality). Therefore, the peak-time demand analysis below only includes the sites that clubs have shown they are prepared to use, rather than including all sites that are theoretically securely available for community use but remain unused for whatever reason.
- 3.72. The analysis reflects the over-marking of pitches and the potential for further over-marking to increase peak time capacity. This produces significant spare peak time capacity on Mini pitches especially as it is possible to over-mark several of these onto a youth or adult sized pitch.
- 3.73. The following assumptions on peak times have been developed using data collected during the demand consultations with clubs and the Whole Game System FA report:
- **Adult peak demand is assumed to be Saturday PM;**
  - **All youth demand is assumed to be Sunday PM; and**
  - **All mini demand is assumed to be Sunday AM.**
- 3.74. A full methodology for calculating peak-time capacity is set out in Technical Appendix C: Site-by-Site Football Analysis.
- 3.75. Table 3.15 shows the total spare peak-time capacity of currently available and used pitch types by sub-area.

**Table 3.15: Spare peak time capacity for football**

AREA	ADULT 11 v 11	YOUTH 11 v 11	YOUTH 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
CHARNWOOD FOREST	4	8	8.5	21.5	36.5
LOUGHBOROUGH	No Capacity	1.5	0.5	20.5	34.5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	No Capacity	0.5	No Capacity	4.5	7
SHEPshed–HATHERN	No Capacity	No Capacity	No Capacity	13.5	27
SOAR VALLEY	No Capacity	16.5	13.5	66.5	110
THE WOLDS	0.5	1.5	1.5	4	6
CHARNWOOD	4.5	28	24	130.5	221

- 3.76. Table 3.15 shows that in total there is some spare peak-time capacity for all typologies across the Borough as a whole and in most sub-areas. However, there are significant exceptions:
- **Only 2 out of the 6 sub-areas have spare peak-time capacity for Adult 11 v 11 pitches;**
  - **There is no spare peak-time capacity for Youth 9 v 9 pitches in the Rural South East or Shepshed–Hathern sub-areas; and**
  - **Shepshed–Hathern has no spare capacity at peak time for any football for any age group above U10s.**
- 3.77. It is likely that a new team wishing to play only on a site that is currently being used for football in the area at peak times may have to travel further afield, either to another sub-area or even out of the Borough, to find a free pitch.



### MEETING FUTURE DEMAND

- 3.78. Table 3.15 highlights that the sites currently being used by community teams in some of the sub-areas are close to, or at capacity at peak times. Given the projected demand evidenced in Tables 3.8–3.14, certain sub-areas may be required to find new sites (the proposed pitches in the SUEs have potential to meet at least some of this demand) or increase the availability and security of existing sites to meet any additional demand.
- 3.79. Table 3.16 shows the result of a scenario whereby all newly generated demand would take place exclusively on new pitch provision. The table shows the number of new pitches that would be needed to meet the demand from all new teams generated after 2017. Table 3.16 also shows the initial capital cost of these pitches and their upkeep year-on-year. This table has been compiled using Sport England’s Playing Pitch New Development Calculator. For more information on the New Playing Pitch Development Calculator, see Appendix B.

**Table 3.16: Cost of Meeting New Demand**

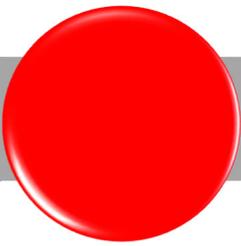
PITCH TYPE	ADULT FOOTBALL	YOUTH FOOTBALL	MINI SOCCER	TOTAL PITCHES
NUMBER OF PITCHES	7*	8*	4	19
CAPITAL COST	£556,611	£497,999	£72,760	£1,127,369
UPKEEP PER ANNUM	£129,060	£114,923	£16,791	£260,774

\*subject to rounding

- 3.80. Table 3.16 shows that if all newly generated demand were to be met exclusively by new facilities, Charnwood would require an investment of over £1.1 million in grass football pitches, with an estimated yearly maintenance cost of over £260,774. Given this level of need and consequent investment, the development of a new artificial grass pitch (AGP) could be one way of better addressing newly generated need.

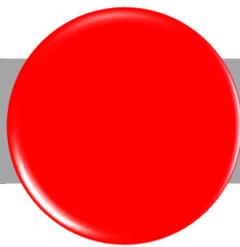
### ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES (AGPs) FOR FOOTBALL

- 3.81. There are three surface types that fall into the category of Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs); rubber crumb (3G), sand-based (filled or dressed) and water-based.
- 3.82. The FA considers high quality 3G pitches essential in promoting coach and player development across all age groups. These pitches can support intensive use and as such are valuable assets for both playing and training. Originally, these facilities were installed for community use and training; however, they are increasingly used for competition, which the FA wholly supports, providing the pitch has been appropriately tested and is on the FA 3G pitch register.
- 3.83. The FA’s long-term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England with the opportunity to train once a week on a floodlit 3G surface together with priority access for Charter Standard Community clubs through a partnership agreement.
- 3.84. The FA has adopted the use of 3G pitches across all its competitions and incorporated this into the standard code of rules. This decision was taken due to the significant advances that have been made in the development of 3G Football Turf (FT) and the adoption of these surfaces by professional leagues throughout Europe and by both UEFA and FIFA for major competitions.
- 3.85. Competitive affiliated football can take place on 3G surfaces that have been tested to FA standards and are on the FA 3G Football Turf Pitch Register. All football training can take place on sand- and water-based surfaces but a 3G surface is preferred.



### **QUANTITY AND QUALITY OVERVIEW**

- 3.86. Table 3.17 provides a list of all full-size (approx. 100m x 60m or bigger) AGPs in Charnwood, available for either training or competitive play. Small-sided AGPs are excluded from the study, because although important at local level as informal kick-about areas facilitating opportunities for physical activity, they are not of strategic importance for Sport England or the FA.
- 3.87. 14 full sized AGPs, 9 of which are available for community use and have 3G, sand-dressed, or sand-based surfaces have been identified in the study area. All of the facilities are floodlit and therefore can be used by the community at peak times throughout the winter. However, only 4 of the full-sized 3G pitches are FIFA- or FA-approved and therefore cleared for competitive use.
- 3.88. Table 3.17 (below) shows there are 6 full-sized, floodlit 3G AGPs in Charnwood. Five of these are securely available for community use (accessible either on a pay-and-play basis or through a community club).



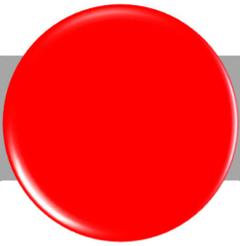
**Table 3.17: Strategic sized AGP facilities in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	PITCH TYPE	SIZE (M)	AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE	SECURITY OF USE	FLOODLIT	AGE OF SURFACE	PITCH SCORE
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	3G (FA-Approved)	106 x 70	Available	Secured	Yes	2–5 years	Good
FARLEY WAY STADIUM*	3G (FA-Approved)	110 x 70	Available	Secured	Yes	<2 years	Good
LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE (THE RADMOOR CENTRE)	3G	100 x 60	Available	Secured	Yes	<2 years	Standard
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	Sand-Dressed	97 x 59	Available	Unsecured	Yes	2–5 years	Good
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	3G	100 x 60	Available	Unsecured	Yes	2–5 years	Standard
	3G (WR22-compliant)	120 x 70	Not available	Unsecured	Yes	2–5 years	Good
	Sand-Based	110 x 70	Not Available	Unsecured	Yes	>10 years	Standard
	3G (FIFA-Approved)	100 x 60	Not Available	Unsecured	Yes	2–5 years	Standard
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Sand-Dressed	100 x 62	Not Available	Unsecured	Yes	<2 years	Good
	Sand-Dressed	100 x 62	Not Available	Unsecured	Yes	>10 years	Standard
RAWLINS ACADEMY	3G	97 x 60	Available	Secured	Yes	5–10 years	Standard
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Sand-Dressed	100 x 60	Available	Secured	Yes	>10 years	Standard
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Sand-Filled	97 x 60	Available	Unsecured	Yes	>10 years	Standard
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	3G (FIFA-Approved)	106 x 70	Available	Secured	Yes	<2 years	Good

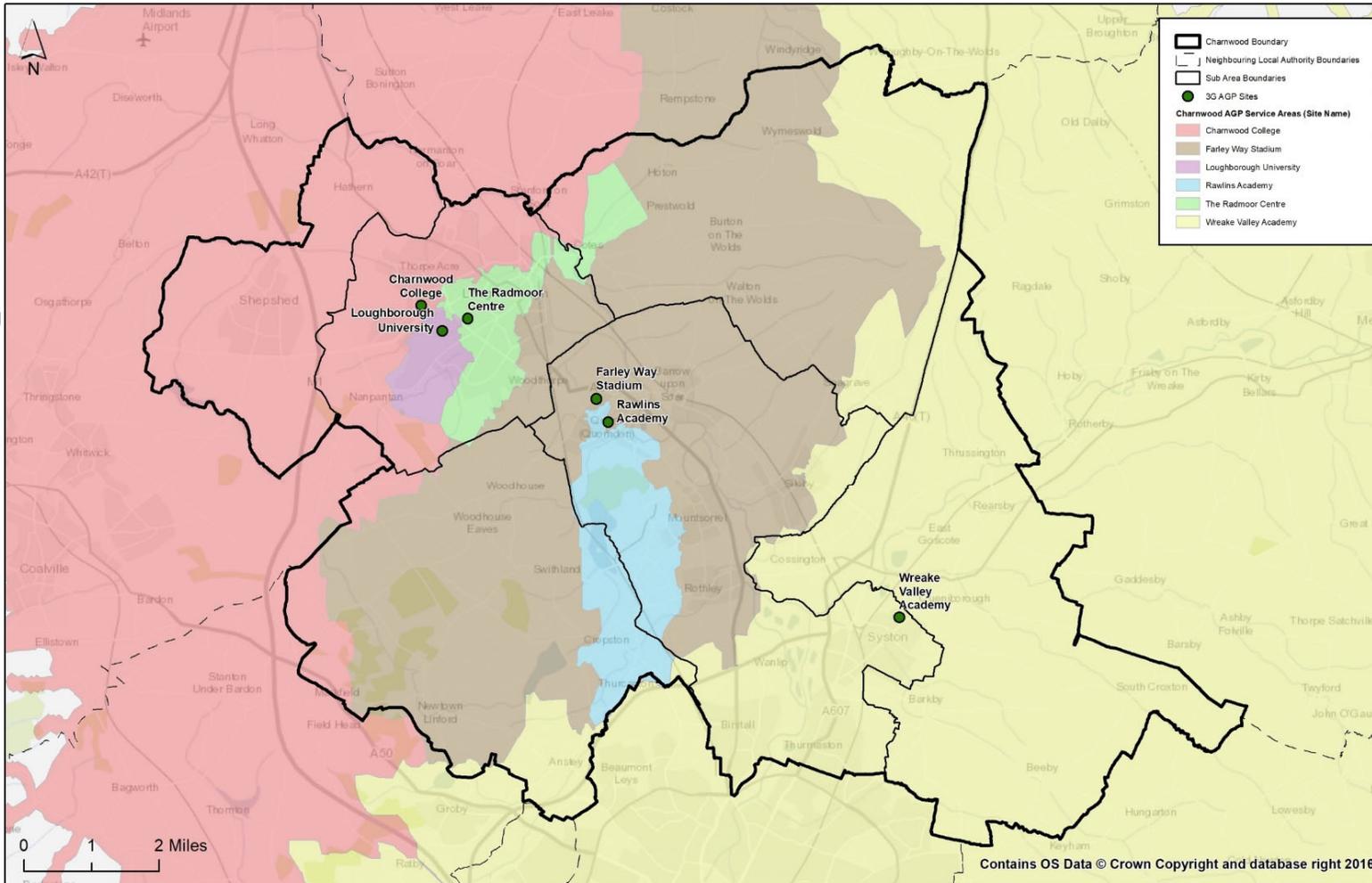
\* There was discussion at Stage B of the PPS process as to whether this site should be classified as available for community use or not, and it was agreed that although the club principally have exclusive use of the pitch, community members can still join that club and therefore it should still be classed as available for community use – because it is used to meet demand from a community club.

3.89. Table 3.17 shows that 5 facilities have surfaces aged 10 years or more; these should be considered for refurbishment or replacement within the next 2–5 years.

3.90. Maps 3.2 and 3.3 show the location of the existing 3G AGP provision in Charnwood.

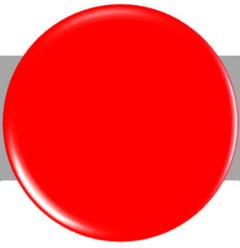


Map 3.2: Catchment areas of full-size 3G AGP provision in Charnwood (20-minute drive time)

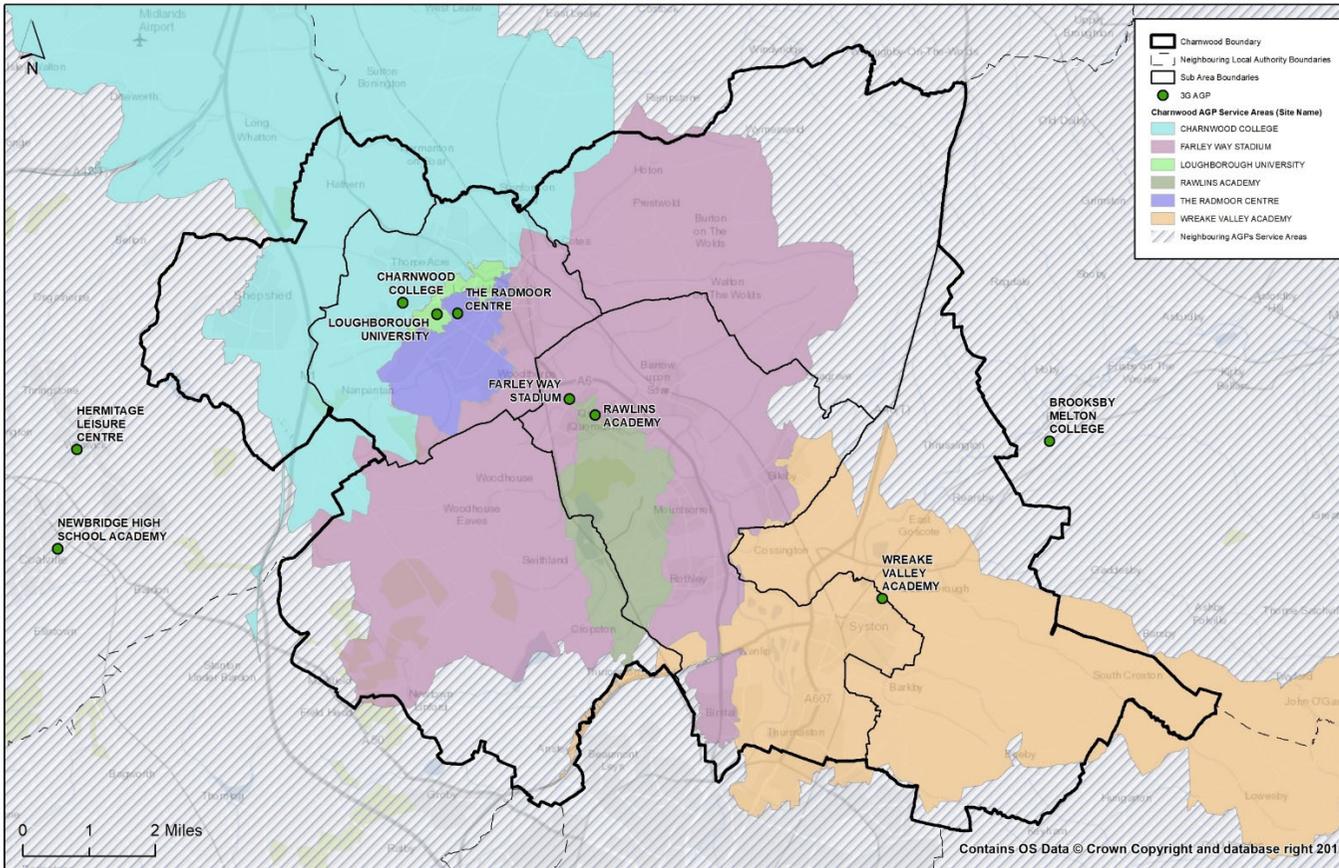


Full Size 3G AGP sites with community use service areas in Charnwood (up to 20-minute drive time)





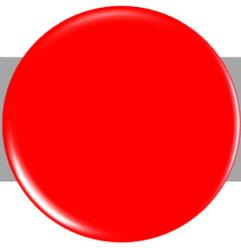
Map 3.3: Catchment areas of full-size 3G AGPs in Charnwood and the surrounding areas (20-minute drive time)



Full Size 3G AGP sites with community use service areas in Charnwood and surrounding area (up to 20-minute drive time)



3.91. Maps 3.2 and 3.3 show all residents of Charnwood are within 20 minutes' drive of a full-sized, floodlit 3G AGP. For most residents, the closest AGP is within the Borough (indicated by a coloured catchment area). The only major area where residents find their closest facility is outside of the Borough (indicated by a grey crosshatch shaded area) is in the rural North East, where low levels of demand for football have been recorded.



### **CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE - ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES**

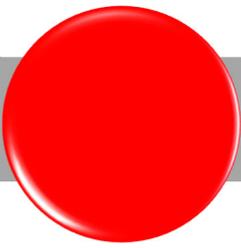
- 3.92. As part of the FA National Game Strategy, the Football Association has identified a strategic objective to ensure that all teams playing competitive football have access to a floodlit 3G AGP to train on at least once a week. To do this, FA calculations show that a full size 3G AGP (available for community use at peak times) is required for every 42 teams, which will accommodate the required training and match play slots, as well as providing suitable supply at peak times (weekday evenings and weekends).
- 3.93. Using the demand data for the Borough, 214 teams have been identified as playing within Charnwood. Using the FA's suggested ratio of 1:42, this demonstrates the need for 5.1 full sized 3G AGPs. There are currently 5 securely available 3Gs within the Borough, with a further facility based at the university. It is important to note, however, that of these securely available 3G pitches, only 3 are suitable to be used for competitive match play. Farley Way Stadium is managed by Quorn FC and therefore this facility only provides limited community use for training or match play.
- 3.94. Given the above, Charnwood has 5 3G AGPs securely available for community use, which is adequate to meet current demand. However, if Farley Way Stadium is discounted due to limited opportunities for other community clubs to utilise the pitch, then Charnwood could be considered to need one additional 3G AGP.

### **FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE – ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES**

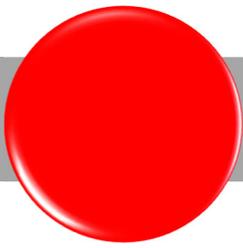
- 3.95. To understand the projected level of demand for 3G AGPs in Charnwood up to 2036, the same ratio of provision (1:42) has been used, as well as factoring in the additional 33 teams identified in the TGR calculations.
- 3.96. Using these updated parameters, it is projected that there is a sufficient number of teams to equate to demand for 5.9 full-sized 3G AGPs. This figure should be rounded to 6.
- 3.97. This means that if the 3G facility at Loughborough University and the Farley Stadium pitch are discounted from the supply due to lack of community access, there will be an under-supply of 2 AGPs across the entire Borough by 2036.
- 3.98. It should be noted that through the development of SUEs in the Borough, there is likely to be the opportunity to negotiate developer contribution towards the installation of an AGP. The West of Loughborough SUE has an AGP proposed (106m x 70m, including 4 tennis courts).

### **MEETING CURRENT AND FUTURE DEMAND FOR 3G FACILITIES ACROSS CHARNWOOD**

- 3.99. To meet the future demand for 3G pitches, there is a need to address the current shortfall. The solution is likely to be either a new facility or the resurfacing of existing sand-based pitches.
- 3.100. A key consideration when identifying potential sand-based pitches that could be resurfaced as a 3G pitches is to identify the current and future demands for hockey. Specifically, sand-based pitches should only be identified if they can be shown to be additional to the requirements of hockey. This is particularly important as all existing and securely available hockey pitches in the Borough are needed to meet both current and future demand. Soar Valley is a strategic site in terms of both Borough teams and those in neighbouring local authorities. It is also one of only two hockey sites in the Borough with secured community access for hockey. Given that the vast majority of community hockey in Charnwood is played on unsecured pitches with no legal security of use, it is recommended that Soar Valley be retained as a hockey pitch until formal security of access to Loughborough University and other hockey facilities can be agreed.



- 3.101. A key objective for the FA is to maximise the use of 3G pitches for competitive football match play. This will increase the quality of provision, reduce the number of cancellations and help to address future demand. Affordable pricing policy that includes match-based charges in line with grass pitches should be a consideration.
- 3.102. When selecting the sites that are appropriate for 3G AGP development, sites should have the following characteristics:
- **Be available for significant use by local community clubs;**
  - **Have good access and ancillary facilities to service the pitch(es);**
  - **Be financially sustainable;**
  - **Be able to be maximised for training and match play provision during peak time; and**
  - **Be well-positioned to deliver wider football development programmes, including coach education and a recreational football offer, using spare off-peak capacity for delivery.**
- 3.103. As the sub-area with the greatest level of demand and future demand (see Table 3.13), it is recommended that sites in Soar Valley be prioritised for a new 3G AGP.
- 3.104. A potential site for an additional 3G AGP is Cedars Academy. The Academy is located in Soar Valley and has long-standing approval for a full-size 3G AGP on the site. The most recent application from the Academy, however, is for a reduced-sized version. It is recommended that the Academy should be encouraged to consider a full-sized 3G AGP as this is understood to better meet the strategic needs of the Borough. This is for the following reasons:
- **The Borough is understood to have a shortfall of two full-sized 3G AGPs;**
  - **Full-sized 3G AGPs are key to enabling clubs and teams to train regularly at peak times during mid-week; and**
  - **3G AGPs are a key part of the FA's strategy for youth and mini football. Full-sized 3G AGPs enable for more matches to take place at peak-times at the facility.**
- 3.105. Other sites understood to have expressed interest in adding a full-sized 3G AGP include Humphrey Perkins High School (Soar Valley) and Loughborough Dynamo FC (Loughborough). All candidate sites should be assessed carefully with a full feasibility study.

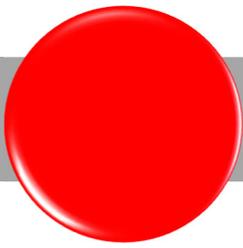


## FOOTBALL SUMMARY

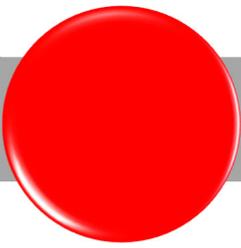
- 3.106. This section summarises the findings from the football analysis, which forms the basis of the recommendations and action plan for Charnwood.
- 3.107. Table 3.18 includes the response to five key questions; these are asked for all PPS studies across the UK in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

**Table 3.18: Key PPS findings for Football in Charnwood**

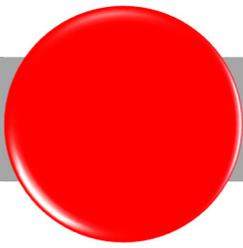
KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?	<p><b>Supply</b></p> <p>The study captured 163 grass pitches across 59 sites within the Borough. These include 78 Adult 11 v 11 pitches, 17 Youth 11 v 11 pitches, 23 Youth 9 v 9 pitches, 38 Mini 7 v 7 pitches and 7 Mini 5 v 5 pitches.</p> <p>These pitches provide the Borough with a total capacity of 477 matches per week, including 194 Adult 11 v 11 matches, 28 Youth 11 v 11 matches, 61 Youth 9 v 9 matches, 176 Mini 7 v 7 matches and 18 Mini 5 v 5 matches.</p> <p>Most pitches (supply) are provided in 2 sub-areas: Loughborough and Soar Valley. Loughborough accounts for 150 match equivalents of capacity, equating to 31% of all pitch supply. Soar Valley provides 208 match equivalents, equating to 44% of all pitch supply.</p> <p><b>Demand</b></p> <p>The study identifies 214 teams playing in Charnwood, including 17 women's and girls' teams. Of the 214 teams, 81 are Adult 11 v 11 teams (including 5 women's teams), 50 are Youth 11 v 11 teams (including 7 girls' teams), 38 are Youth 9 v 9 teams (including 5 girls' teams), 35 are Mini 5 v 5 teams and 10 are Mini 5 v 5 teams.</p> <p>Demand for football in Charnwood is concentrated in two sub-areas: Soar Valley and Loughborough. Soar Valley has 125 teams playing within the sub-area (58% of total demand). Loughborough has 45 teams playing within the sub-area (21%). Charnwood Forest, Rural South East and Shepshed-Hathern have a relatively even distribution of the rest of demand with 15, 12 and 15 teams respectively. The Wolds sub-area has the lowest amount of demand, with just 2 teams recorded as playing there.</p> <p>The ratio of clubs to teams is 1:3.2, almost identical to the national average of 1:3.3.</p>
IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?	<p>There is a varied picture in terms of the suitability of Charnwood's pitch supply to meet current demand.</p> <p><b>Carrying Capacity</b></p> <p>46% of all Charnwood's 477 match equivalents of pitch supply are considered to be securely available to the community. Securely available pitch capacity sufficiently meets current demand, with 115 match equivalents of securely available spare capacity per week.</p>



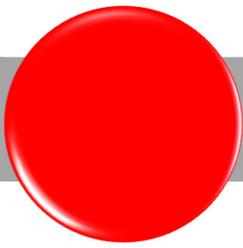
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<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?</p>	<p>Across the whole Borough, there is a deficit of capacity for Youth 11 v 11 (-11 match equivalents per week) and Mini 5 v 5 demand (-5 match equivalents per week).</p> <p>The FA considers the dimensions of Adult 11 v 11 pitches to be acceptable for use by Youth 11 v 11 teams, although this is not the ideal situation. Mini 5 v 5 pitches are easily marked out on other pitch types (although typically on Mini 7 v 7 pitches for convenience) and goals provided using temporary posts that can be assembled on site. If all Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 demand is modelled to be met by all 11 v 11 pitches, then there is sufficient capacity to meet all demand, with 52 match equivalents spare capacity per week. Similarly, if Mini 7 v 7 provision is modelled to meet the deficit of supply of Mini 5 v 5 pitches, then there can be said to be enough capacity to meet demand across all mini soccer pitches, with 51.5 match equivalents of spare capacity per week.</p> <p>Each sub-area also has its own supply and demand context.</p> <p><b>Charnwood Forest</b> has a total supply of 47 match equivalents per week, of which, 15 are considered to be securely available for community use (32%). This sub-area is operating with just 1 spare match equivalent of secured capacity based on the combined supply and demand of Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 teams. Similarly, the sub-area has just 0.5 match equivalents of spare capacity for Youth 9 v 9 pitches, meaning it can accommodate just 1 additional team on this pitch type. There is enough Mini Soccer secured capacity to sufficiently meet all demand, with 6 match equivalents of spare capacity per week.</p> <p><b>Loughborough</b> has a total supply of 150 match equivalents per week, of which 33 are securely available for community use (32%). The sub-area has a significant deficit of Youth 11 v 11 pitches (-7.5 match equivalents per week). However, when Adult 11 v 11 and Youth 11 v 11 supply and demand is combined, the sub-area has sufficient capacity to meet demand with 12.5 match equivalents of spare, secured community capacity every week. Youth 9 v 9 demand is also operating with a capacity deficit (-1 match capacity per week). The sub-area does not have any Mini 5 v 5 pitches. The sub-area is operating with just 1 spare match equivalent of secured Mini Soccer supply every week.</p> <p><b>The Rural South East</b> sub-area has a total supply of 40 match equivalents per week, of which 10 are secured for community use (25%). There are no Youth 11 v 11 or Youth 9 v 9 pitches, meaning all youth demand must be met by adult provision. The combined supply and demand from Youth 11 v 11, Youth 9 v 9 and Adult 11 v 11 teams means the sub-area operates with 1 match equivalent of spare capacity secured for community use. There are no Mini 5 v 5 pitches or demand in the sub-area. Mini 7 v 7 is operating with 3.5 match equivalents of spare, secured capacity per week.</p> <p><b>Shepshed–Hathern</b> has a total supply of 29 match equivalents per week, of which 11 are securely available for community use (38%). There is only 1 Youth 11 v 11 pitch in the sub-area and no Youth 9 v 9 pitches. Furthermore, none of the 16 mini soccer match equivalents are securely available for community use. This means all demand for youth and mini football is modelled against secured Adult 11 v 11 pitch supply. Under this scenario, the Adult 11 v 11 pitches are operating with 2.5 match equivalents of spare, secured capacity.</p>



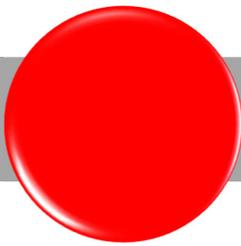
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<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?</p>	<p><b>Soar Valley</b> has the most pitches and team demand of all 6 sub-areas.</p> <p>Of the 208 match equivalents of total supply in the sub-area, 148 (62%) are securely available to the community for football use. The sub-area has an adequate secured supply to meet demand across all pitch types except for Mini 5 v 5 pitches (of which there are none). However, this demand (4 match equivalents per week) is adequately met by spare capacity in the Mini Soccer 7 v 7 pitch supply, leaving an operational spare capacity of 41.5 match equivalents per week.</p> <p>Youth 11 v 11 demand is also operating close to the capacity limit, with just 1.5 securely available spare match equivalents per week.</p> <p><b>The Wolds</b> has a total supply of 3 match equivalents per week, all of which is securely available. The only pitches in the sub-area are Adult 11 v 11 pitches, which accommodate all 2 match equivalents of demand in the sub-area. This leaves the sub-area with a spare capacity of 1 securely available match equivalent per week.</p> <p><b>Peak-Time Capacity</b></p> <p>Across the entire Borough there is spare capacity at peak time for all pitch types, especially on sites being used for mini soccer demand via over-marked pitches. The use of over-marked pitches helps to increase peak-time carrying capacity considerably and ensure there is sufficient spare peak-time capacity for mini soccer across each of the 6 sub-areas.</p> <p>The Adult 11 v 11 football peak-time capacity analysis highlights a very different picture to that of the 63 securely available match equivalents of spare carrying capacity. Adult 11 v 11 peak time is considered to be Saturday afternoons. Four of the 6 sub-areas are at capacity at peak time for Adult 11 v 11 demand in Charnwood. Only Charnwood Forest (with 4 peak time slots available) and The Wolds (with 0.5 peak time slots available) have any recorded spare peak-time capacity.</p> <p>The situation is better for spare peak-time capacity for Youth pitches. Across the borough there are 28 match slots available for Youth 11 v 11 teams, and 24 available for Youth 9 v 9 teams. Spare peak-time demand varies significantly across each sub-area. Shephed–Hathern, for example, has no spare peak-time capacity for any adult or youth demand. This means any new teams forming within this sub-area will have to play outside of the sub-area should they wish to play at peak time. Similarly, Rural South East has no spare peak-time capacity for new Adult 11 v 11 or Youth 9 v 9 teams and has just 1 match slot for Youth 11 v 11 teams. Loughborough is in a similar situation as the sub-area is at capacity for Adult 11 v 11 pitches and has just 1.5 match slots available for Youth 11 v 11 demand and 0.5 match slot available for Youth 9 v 9 teams.</p> <p>Soar Valley, the area with the most supply and demand for pitches, has no spare match slots for Adult 11 v 11 pitches but has 16.5 match slots for Youth 11 v 11 and 13.5 match slots for Youth 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>Taking the carrying capacity and peak-time capacity analysis together, there is a mixed picture regarding the overall adequacy of supply to meet demand. Essentially, there is sufficient carrying capacity to meet demand for most pitch types in most sub-areas (even with some Youth 11 v 11 demand being played on Adult 11 v 11 pitches).</p>



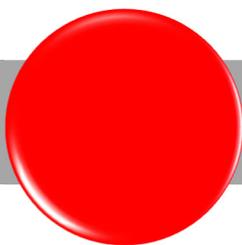
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<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?</p>	<p>However, where demand is concentrated, in Loughborough and Soar Valley, there is no spare capacity to meet peak-time demand (on Saturday afternoons) and in Loughborough, there is also limited availability for Youth 11 v 11 or 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>Therefore, the priorities for the future are addressing peak-time capacity for Adult 11 v 11 pitches and ensuring that where there is sufficient securely available carrying capacity, Adult 11 v 11 pitches can be used flexibly to adequately meet Youth 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 demand.</p> <p><b>Full-sized, floodlit 3G AGP Availability</b></p> <p>There are 14 full-sized floodlit AGPs in the Borough, 9 of which are available to the community and 5 of which are available to the community on a secured basis. This level of provision means that Charnwood meets the required supply ratio of 1 pitch to every 42 teams when rounded to the nearest pitch (Charnwood has a requirement for 5.1 pitches on this basis). However, Farley Way Stadium is managed by Quorn FC, and so there is limited access to this pitch. As a result of this limited availability, Charnwood could currently be considered to be 1 pitch under capacity. It should be noted however, that whilst there is no security of tenure on the site, Loughborough University does offer slots to be booked by clubs on one of its 3G pitches. The University stated that whilst it has no intention of offering long-term security for community use of its facilities, there are no plans to make this facility unavailable to the community at present. There is a need for 1 AGP to meet future demand</p>
<p>IS THE PROVISION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?</p>	<p>The overall quality of the pitches can be described as fair, with only 24 (15%) pitches rated as poor as part of the site assessment and 68 (42%) rated as good.</p> <p>Parish councils own and manage the greatest proportion of pitches in the borough, owning 17 of the 59 sites and managing 16 of them. Parish council pitches typically have high levels of secured community use for football, however, these organisations generally deliver a lower level of pitch maintenance than is advised.</p> <p>Academies 'own' and operate 14 sites. Academies are typically associated with poor levels of security of tenure for community football due to their preference to retain control of their facilities, even in the short term.</p> <p>Sports clubs own 6 sites but undertake the management of 11 sites. Sports clubs are associated with good levels of security of tenure. It is typically beneficial to have sports clubs undertaking the management and maintenance of their pitches/sites. This is because there is usually a high level of pride in the facility and a strong volunteer workforce to deliver regular maintenance.</p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council owns five sites but manages one. All of Charnwood Borough Council-owned pitches are rated as standard, with a comprehensive maintenance package that is being regularly delivered. Whilst the quality of the pitches is relatively sound, users of the sites have reported the condition of ancillary facilities as relatively poor.</p> <p>Ensuring these issues are addressed as part of the PPS is a key consideration in the future.</p>



KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
<p>WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?</p>	<p>Future demand for the sub-area pitches is determined from two sources; the TGR analysis and reported latent demand by clubs.</p> <p><b>Team Generation Rates</b></p> <p>The TGR analysis uses the current population and the number of teams generated by each gender and age group to produce a Team Generation Rate (TGR) for each team classification.</p> <p>The TGR is applied to the future population, for which this study utilises ONS SNPP figures. The number of teams produced by the TGR is allocated based on the current distribution of teams in a sub-area (e.g. if a sub-area has 50% of the current demand for an age-gender group, then 50% of the demand identified by the TGR will also be applied to this sub-area for that age-gender group).</p> <p>Although this analysis does not account for significant changes in the population distribution of the borough from major housing developments, it does facilitate modelling to identify how well currently successful clubs (clubs that are proven to be attractive to join due to high numbers of teams) may cope with a further influx of players based on the current distribution of demand. It is also considered to be a robust model in the absence of adequate future population data from housing developments.</p> <p>The TGR analysis projects that 33 teams will be generated by the increase in population between 2017 and 2036. Ten of these teams will be Adult 11 v 11 teams, 11 will be Youth 11 v 11 teams, 8 will be Youth 9 v 9 teams and 4 will be mini soccer teams.</p> <p>As discussed above, around 80% of this future demand will occur in clubs playing in either the Soar Valley or Loughborough sub-areas.</p> <p><b>Latent Demand</b></p> <p>As part of the research underpinning the PPS strategy, clubs are asked how many additional teams they believe they will have in the next 3 years (or would be able to have if barriers to realising additional teams were removed).</p> <p>The survey responses show that there is significant latent demand for more teams in Charnwood. The responses indicated a total of 49 new teams could be fielded in the Borough within the next 3 years if all barriers to achieving this were removed. Latent demand is broken down by team as follows: 5 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 10 Youth 11 v 11 teams, 11 Youth 9 v 9 teams, 19 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 4 Mini 5 v 5 teams.</p> <p>Unlike the TGR analysis, latent demand is attributed directly to the sub-area in which the responding club is based.</p>



KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
<p>WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?</p>	<p>Clubs from Soar Valley reported having the highest level of latent demand, with 33 potential teams not formed, including 4 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 8 Youth 11 v 11, 8 Youth 9 v 9, 11 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 2 Mini 5 v 5 teams. This represents 67% of all reported latent demand. Loughborough is the sub-area with the next highest latent demand figure. There is latent demand for 9 teams including 1 Youth 11 v 11 team, 1 Youth 9 v 9 team, 5 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 2 Mini 5 v 5 teams. Together Loughborough and Soar Valley represent 86% of all latent demand reported in the Borough.</p> <p>The principle reasons given for the level of latent demand is a lack of coaches and volunteers coupled with a lack of pitch capacity (or awareness of available pitch capacity).</p> <p><b>TGR and Latent Demand Combined Projections</b></p> <p>When considered together, the future modelling analysis identifies a potential growth of 82 teams in the Borough by 2036. This includes 15 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 23 Youth 11 v 11 teams, 17 Youth 9 v 9 teams, 21 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 4 Mini 5 v 5 teams.</p> <p>The most significant growth in team demand is projected to take place in the Soar Valley and Loughborough sub-areas. This is due to the current distribution of teams playing in those sub-areas, and also to the high level of latent demand reported by clubs playing there.</p> <p>Combined, the future demand analysis projects 53 new teams in the Soar Valley sub-area. This includes 33 teams identified as latent demand. In total, the sub-area is projected to increase by 9 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 14 Youth 11 v 11 teams, 13 Youth 9 v 9 teams, 13 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 4 Min 5 v 5 teams.</p> <p>Loughborough is projected to have 18 new teams by 2036, including 9 through fulfilment of latent demand. The detail of these teams is as follows: 2 Adult 11 v 11 teams, 5 Youth 11 v 11 teams, 2 Youth 9 v 9 teams, 7 Mini 7 v 7 teams and 2 Mini 5 v 5 teams.</p>
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?</p>	<p>There is a variable picture across the borough in relation to both the current level of securely accessible capacity in the borough, and the ability of the borough to meet future demand.</p> <p>There is enough securely available carrying capacity within the borough's current pitch stock to meet new demand whilst retaining spare capacity. At a sub-area level, all sub-areas have sufficient secured spare carrying capacity within the current pitch stock to meet future demand, provided larger pitches are used to meet demand for smaller pitch types via over-marking.</p> <p><b>However, it is the ability to meet future demand at peak time based on the currently utilised pitch stock that is the key issue, and in which instance existing pitch supply is unable to meet all future demand for some types of play.</b> Across the borough, there is a projected future demand from 15 additional Adult 11 v 11 teams. The currently utilised pitch stock has a spare peak time capacity of 4.5, meaning it can only accommodate a maximum of 9 additional teams at peak time. If there is no change in the level of pitch provision, 6 of the teams projected to be generated by 2036 will have to play outside of the borough, should they wish to play at peak time.</p>

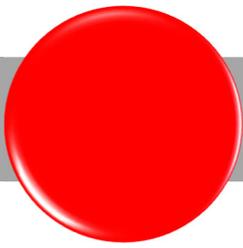


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<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?</p>	<p>However, if new pitches are provided, e.g. in the SUEs, teams may be able to play at peak time in the Borough. Together, the Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas are projected to generate 11 of the 15 additional 11 v 11 teams. There is no spare peak-time capacity in either sub-area to meet future demand based on the currently utilised pitch stock. This means teams will have to go to new venues (many of which are likely to be securely available, but unlikely to be desirable to use – otherwise they would be in use).</p> <p>When the borough is taken as a whole, there is sufficient spare peak time capacity to meet future demand for both Youth 11 v 11 and Youth 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>However, 5 Youth 11 v 11 teams and 2 Youth 9 v 9 teams are projected to form in Loughborough during this period. Given the peak-time capacity of the currently utilised pitch stock in Loughborough, the sub-area could only meet demand for 3 of the new 5 Youth 11 v 11 teams, meaning the remaining 2 teams would have to be displaced to another sub-area. As there are only 0.5 match slots available for Youth 9 v 9 teams at peak time in Loughborough, there is insufficient spare peak-time capacity in the currently utilised pitch stock to meet the demands of the projected additional 2 teams by 2036, unless a further 0.5 Youth 9 v 9 match slot could be made available within the sub-area.</p>

- 3.108. Table 3.19 summarises the key findings for football and identifies the parts of the analysis that should be considered by the PPS steering group moving forward.
- 3.109. To develop this further, Table 3.19 below provides overarching recommendations for football in Charnwood. These are cross-referenced to the strategy and action plan section of the PPS.

**Table 3.19: Recommendations for Football in Charnwood**

FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>This response highlights identified key themes and provides overarching recommendations that should be addressed by the specific recommendations for each site which are set out in Appendix C: Site-by-Site Analysis Football and in the action plan at the end of this PPS report.</p> <p><b>To meet current demand:</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation F1:</b> All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix C: Site-by-Site Analysis Football) should be protected as ‘Playing Fields’ in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> The site-by-site analysis in Appendix C sets out the reasons for the protection of each site. More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular football use through development.</p> <p><b>Recommendation F2:</b> Sites that currently have facilities rated as being ‘Poor’-quality should be upgraded (the specific recommendations for each site are included in Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football, as well as Table 15.2 of the main report).</p>

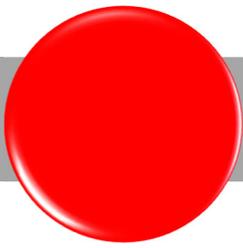


FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation F2- Sites needing Improvement as facilities are poor-quality**

SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT		
			PITCH(ES)	CHANGING FACILITIES	OTHER
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	THE WOLDS – Burton Lane, Wymeswold, Loughborough, LE12 6UN	Y	Y		
DE LISLE COLLEGE	LOUGHBOROUGH – Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ	N	Y		
DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Cotton Way, Loughborough, LE11 5FJ	Y		Y	
THE CEDARS ACADEMY (PITCHES)	SOAR VALLEY – Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester LE4 4GH	N	Y		
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL (PITCHES)	CHARNWOOD – Link Road, Anstey, Leicester, LE7 7EB	N	Y		
TOWLES FIELDS	THE WOLDS – Burton-on-the-Wolds LE12 5TD	Y			Goal - posts
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LOUGHBOROUGH – Grasmere Road, Loughborough, LE11 2ST	N			Goal - posts

The following sites are recommended for improvement because they are currently being overplayed and require additional maintenance to ensure they remain in an adequate condition for use throughout the season (the specific recommendations for each site are included in Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football, as well as Table 15.2).



FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation F2: Sites needing improvement due to being overplayed**

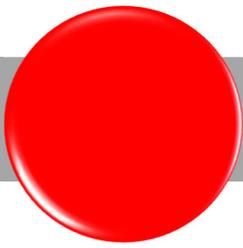
SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	PITCH IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	SHEPSHED-HATHERN – Forest Street, LOUGHBOROUGH – Shepshead, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	N	Improved maintenance on adult and youth 11 v 11 pitches)
JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS	RURAL SOUTH EAST – 56 Long Furrow, East Goscote, Leicester, LE7 3ZL	Y	Improved maintenance on adult pitches
MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND	SOAR VALLEY – Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7DB	Y	Increase the number of pitches on site
RAWLINS ACADEMY	SOAR VALLEY – Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DY	Y	Re-configuration of pitches

Justification: Existing poor-quality pitches which affect available capacity; existing pitches that are being overplayed and require specialist maintenance to ensure their capacity is retained.

**Recommendation F3:** It is recommended that the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) and the Football Foundation (FF) support clubs in having access to appropriately sized, portable goals on their home grounds, and that these can be securely stored to prevent damage from anti-social behaviour. Upgrading sites to better tackle antisocial behaviour may require additional planning permission in order to provide adequate secure storage. This measure will also increase flexibility within the pitch stock and allowing adjustment to fluctuating demand across pitch types.

Justification: Many teams are using larger pitch types to meet their demand. This is either through over-marking (in the case of Mini 7 v 7 pitches being used for Mini 5 v 5 matches) or use of pitches that are not ideally suited for the demand (as in the case of Youth 11 v 11 matches being played on Adult 11 v 11 pitches). There is considered to be enough carrying capacity in the current pitch stock to meet demand on secured sites so there is only limited need for youth or mini teams to be located away from their preferred site.

Specific recommendations for sites requiring investment in mobile goal posts are set out in Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football, as well as Table 15.2 of the main report.

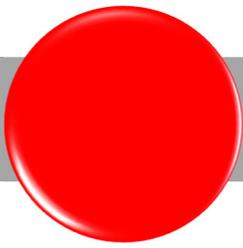


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**Recommendation F3: Sites needing portable goals**

SITE	SUB-AREA	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	MOBILE GOALS REQUIRED
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	LOUGHBOROUGH – Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ	N	Portable Youth 11 v 11 goals are required – the number of goals required should be determined by the College and resident clubs
FOWKES STREET PARK	SOAR VALLEY – Fowke Street, Rothley, Leicester, LE7 7PJ	Y	A minimum of 1 set of portable Youth 9 v 9 goals should be added to the site
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Forest Street, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	N	A minimum of 1 set of portable Youth 9 v 9 goals should be added to the site
JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS	RURAL SOUTH EAST – 56 Long Furrow, East Goscote, Leicester, LE7 3ZL	Y	A minimum of 1 set of portable Adult, Youth 11 v 11 and Youth 9 v 9 goals should be added to the site
RAWLINS ACADEMY	SOAR VALLEY – Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DY	Y	A minimum of 1 set of portable Youth 11 v 11 goals should be added to the site
ROTHLEY SPORT AND SOCIAL CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Loughborough Road, Rothley, Loughborough, LE7 7NL	Y	A minimum of 1 set of portable Youth 11 v 11 goals should be added to the site

**Recommendation F4:** It is recommended that the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) engages with clubs identified as playing on home grounds where there is no further capacity at peak time, to make them aware of alternative sites that are available for use in their neighbourhood and increase access to available pitches at peak time. This is especially pertinent to demand for Adult 11 v 11 pitches; clubs need to be better informed of alternative pitch availability and capacity so that they can remain in the borough to play peak-time matches. The table below shows the teams playing at sites where there is no space capacity is specific pitch types; these are the clubs that need to be made aware of sites where there is spare capacity.



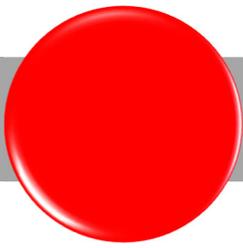
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Sites with spare peak-time capacity can be found in the site-by-site table in Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football of this report.

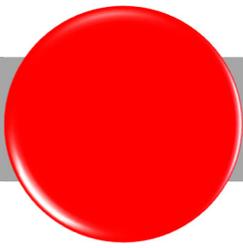
**Justification:** The analysis shows that there is enough capacity within the current pitch stock to meet demand, but that much of this supply is not available, or not being used due to unsuitability or a lack of awareness of the site being available for use. Below is a list of each of the clubs, arranged by 'home' sub-area, currently occupying sites with no spare capacity for adult, youth and or mini football.

**Recommendation 4: Sites with no spare capacity (football)**

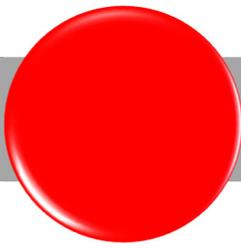
SUB-AREA	CLUB	HOME GROUND (WITH NO SPARE CAPACITY)	OWNERSHIP OF HOME GROUND AND AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY USE	SPARE CAPACITY		
				ADULT	YOUTH	MINI
CHARNWOD FOREST	Anstey Nomad FC	Anstey Nomad FC – Cropston Road, Anstey, LE7 7BP	CLUB; Secured	X		
CHARNWOD FOREST	Anstey Swifts FC	The Martin High School, Link Road, Anstey, Leicester, LE7 7EB	EDUCATION; Unsecured		X	
CHARNWOD FOREST	The Sports Bar Anstey Swifts	Anstey Nomad FC – Cropston Road, Anstey, LE7 7BP	CLUB; Secured	X		
CHARNWOD FOREST	Woodhouse Imperial	King George's Field – Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RZ	PARISH; Secured	X		
LOUGHBOROUGH	Loughborough Dynamo FC	Loughborough Dynamo FC – Watermead Lane, LE11 3TN	CLUB; Secured	X		



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SUB-AREA	CLUB	HOME GROUND (WITH NO SPARE CAPACITY)	OWNERSHIP OF HOME GROUND AND AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY USE	SPARE CAPACITY		
				ADULT	YOUTH	MINI
LOUGHBOROUGH	Falcons FC Loughborough Emmanuel Youth FC for ages U8, U11, U13, U14 and U18.	Loughborough – Watermead Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3TN	TOWN; Secured			X
LOUGHBOROUGH	Loughborough Foxes	Grasmere Road, Loughborough, LE11 2ST	EDUCATION; Unsecured		X	
RURAL SOUTH EAST	East Goscote Juniors FC	Jubilee Playing Fields – 56 Long Furrow, East Goscote, Leicester, LE7 3ZL	PARISH; Secured		X	
RURAL SOUTH EAST	East Goscote United	Jubilee Playing Fields – 56 Long Furrow, East Goscote, Leicester, LE7 3ZL	PARISH; Secured		X	
SHEPshed-HATHERN	AFC Sporting Charnwood	Iveshead School – Forest Street, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	EDUCATION; Unsecured	X	X	
SHEPshed-HATHERN	Shepshed Dynamo FC	The Dovecote Stadium – Butt Hole Lane, Shepshed, Loughborough, LE12 9BN	CLUB; Secured	X		
SHEPshed-HATHERN	Shepshed Dynamo Youth FC	Iveshead School – Forest Street, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	EDUCATION; Unsecured	X	X	



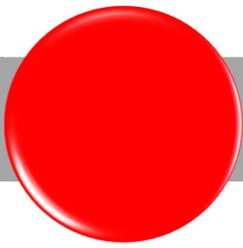
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SUB-AREA	CLUB	HOME GROUND (WITH NO SPARE CAPACITY)	OWNERSHIP OF HOME GROUND AND AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY USE	SPARE CAPACITY		
				ADULT	YOUTH	MINI
SOAR VALLEY	Birstall Juniors FC	Meadow Lane Site 2 – Meadow Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4FN	PARISH; Secured		X	
SOAR VALLEY	Birstall United FC	Meadow Lane Site 3 (Birstall United FC Stadium) – Meadow Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4FN	CLUB; Secured	X		
SOAR VALLEY	CSKA Carnabys	Rawlins Academy – Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DY	EDUCATION; Secured	X		
SOAR VALLEY	Hathern FC	Pasture Lane, Hathern, Loughborough, LE12 5LJ	PARISH; Secured	X		
SOAR VALLEY	Mountsorrel Amateurs	Memorial Recreation Ground – Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7DB	PARISH; Secured	X	X	
SOAR VALLEY	Mountsorrel FC	Rawlins Academy – Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DY	EDUCATION; Secured	X		
SOAR VALLEY	Quorn FC	Farley Way, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8PE	CLUB; Secured use of AGP	X		



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SUB-AREA	CLUB	HOME GROUND (WITH NO SPARE CAPACITY)	OWNERSHIP OF HOME GROUND AND AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY USE	SPARE CAPACITY		
				ADULT	YOUTH	MINI
SOAR VALLEY	Syston Brookside FC and Kirkland for Adult 11 v 11 football. Syston Town Juniors for ages U9–U18	Necton Street, Syston, Leicester, LE7 1HF	PARISH; Secured		X	
SOAR VALLEY	Quorn Juniors FC	Rawlins Academy- Loughborough Rd, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DY	EDUCATION; Secured	X		
SOAR VALLEY	Quorn Royals 2008	Rawlins Academy – Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DY	EDUCATION; Secured	X		
SOAR VALLEY	Rothley Imps Junior U13s and U15s	Loughborough Road, Rothley, Loughborough, LE7 7NL	CLUB; Secured		X	
SOAR VALLEY	Sileby Juniors FC	Memorial Park - Seagrave Road, Sileby, Loughborough, LE12 7TP	PARISH; Secured		X	
SOAR VALLEY	Sileby Town FC	Sileby Town FC – 25 Southfield Avenue, Loughborough, LE12 7WN	CLUB; Secured	X		
THE WOLDS	Burton FC	Towles Field – Burton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 5TD	PARISH; Secured	X		
THE WOLDS	Loughborough Emmanuel FC	Towles Field – Burton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 5TD	PARISH; Secured	X		

**N.B. It is the sites in the above table that have no spare capacity, so the clubs playing on them need to be aware of other pitches that they may be able to use.**



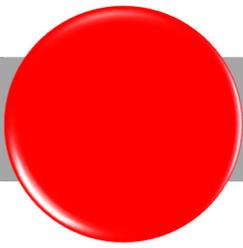
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**Recommendation F5:** Where sites have been identified as suffering from a lack of pitch capacity and/or poor quality, drainage or a lack of maintenance, the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) should work with site managers to ensure sufficient maintenance procedures are being undertaken.

The LRFA should also work to ensure these procedures are being delivered by people with sufficient knowledge to produce an adequate playing surface. It is further recommended the LRFA works with site managers to identify potential ways of financing enhanced pitch maintenance procedures, where appropriate. This activity should be focused on sites that attract the most demand for football.

Unless otherwise stated, the primary intervention is recommended to be an improvement to the pitches' maintenance regime.

SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE	INTERVENTIONS NEEDED TO ADDRESS POOR DRAINAGE
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	THE WOLDS – Burton Lane, Wymeswold, Loughborough, LE12 6UN	Y	Y
FOWKES STREET PARK	SOAR VALLEY – Fowke Street, Rothley, Leicester, LE7 7PJ	Y	Y
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Forest Street, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	N	Y
JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS	RURAL SOUTH EAST – 56, Long Furrow, East Goscote, Leicester, LE7 3ZL	Y	Y
KING GEORGE'S FIELD	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough, LE12 8RZ	Y	Y
LITTLE HAW LANE PLAYING FIELDS	SHEPSHED– HATHERN – Little Haw Lane, Shepshed, Loughborough, LE12 9LN	Y	Y
MEADOW LANE (SITE 2)	SOAR VALLEY – Meadow Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4FN	Y	Y



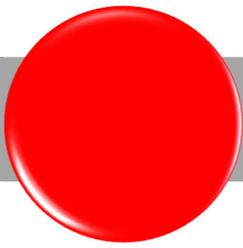
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SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE	INTERVENTIONS NEEDED TO ADDRESS POOR DRAINAGE
MEMORIAL PARK	SOAR VALLEY – Seagrave Road, Sileby, Loughborough, LE12 7TP	Y	Y
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Watermead Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3TN	Y	Y
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	CHARNWOOD FOREST– Link Road, Anstey, Leicester, LE7 7EB	N	Y
TOWLES FIELD	THE WOLDS – Burton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 5TD	Y	Y
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LOUGHBOROUGH – Grasmere Road, Loughborough, LE11 2ST	N	Y
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	SOAR VALLEY – Syston, Soar Valley, LE7 1LY	N	Y

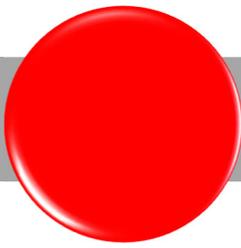
**Justification:** Many sites are reported as having poor drainage. This results in numerous match cancellations and damage to the pitches during the winter. This in turn decreases the quality of the pitches for later in the season. These two factors – poor-quality facilities and match cancellations – are identified as two of the most significant frustrations amongst football participants and parents. It is therefore vital to address this issue.

**Recommendation F6:** It is recommended that Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) works with clubs and site managers to improve the quality of ancillary provision in the borough. This is especially pertinent to working with Charnwood Borough Council and the town/parish councils, depending on the ownership of a specific pitch, where the quality of the ancillary facilities is consistently regarded as being in a poor condition, often due to antisocial behaviour on site.

**Justification:** Throughout the borough, many sites are considered to have ancillary facilities that are in an inadequate condition. This is reported by both the club consultations and site visits.



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Summary of sites requiring improvements to changing rooms			
SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE	CHANGING ROOM IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED
DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough Cotton Way, Loughborough, LE11 5FJ	Y	Y
KING GEORGE'S FIELD	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough, LE12 8RZ	Y	Y
LODGE FARM SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Oakley Drive, Loughborough, LE11 3LF	Y	Y
LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO FC	LOUGHBOROUGH – Watermead Lane, LE11 3TN	Y	Y
MEADOW LANE (SITE 2)	SOAR VALLEY – Meadow Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4FN	Y	Y
MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND	SOAR VALLEY – Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7DB	Y	Y
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Watermead Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3TN	Y	Y
PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS (SITE 2)	SHEPSHED– HATHERN – Pasture Lane, Hathern, Loughborough, LE12 5LJ	Y	Y
ROTHLEY PARK SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Loughborough Road, Rothley, Loughborough, LE7 7NL	Y	Y
THE DOVECOTE STADIUM	SHEPSHED– HATHERN – Butt Hole Lane, Shepshed, Loughborough, LE12 9BN	Y	Y



**FOOTBALL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**To meet future demand:**

**Recommendation F7:** Increasing peak-time capacity for Adult 11 v 11 pitches in the Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas is crucial to ensure projected new teams have the option of playing at peak times at a venue close to their desired home ground (should this not be available). It is therefore recommended that the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) works with clubs and available, but under-used, sites to ensure clubs are aware of the alternative venues available within their sub-area (See also Recommendation F4).

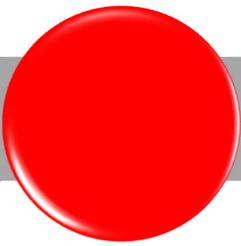
Justification: Several sub-areas are projected to be at capacity during peak times by 2036. The above action should ensure that clubs are aware of pitches with spare capacity if/when they develop new teams.

**Recommendation F8:** It is recommended that the LRFA and Football Foundation (FF) work to identify a site for a minimum of 2 additional full-sized floodlit 3G AGP in the area and ensure existing 3G AGPs are of appropriate quality.

The potential existing sites identified include:

SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	SOAR VALLEY – Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4GH	N
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	SOAR VALLEY – Cotes Road, Barrow-upon-Soar, Loughborough, LE12 8JU	N
LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO FC (NANPANTON SPORTS GROUND)	LOUGHBOROUGH – Watermead Lane, LE11 3TN	Y

Justification: The concentration of existing 3G AGP facilities in the north (in or around Loughborough) suggests that a site in the south of the borough may be the most favourable option to balance the accessibility of this provision. This may be on an existing site or as part of the North East of Leicester SUE development. A further feasibility study would be required to determine the optimal location of any new 3G AGP facility. There is a precedent at Wreake Academy of there being unsecured access to grass pitches, but secured access to an on-site AGP.



## **4 CRICKET**

### **INTRODUCTION AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

- 4.1. In order to understand the overall objectives and priorities of the ECB, an analysis of key recent strategies and documentation has been undertaken and is summarised below.

### **CRICKET UNLEASHED (2016)**

- 4.2. The ECB published its new strategic plan in 2015. One of the core aims of the strategy is to create more players, more teams and inspired fans guided by good governance and strong financial operations. The goal of Cricket Unleashed is to make the game more accessible and inspire the next generation of players, coaches, officials and volunteers.
- 4.3. A key element of Cricket Unleashed is All Stars Cricket. All Stars Cricket is a national scheme generally delivered by clubs and aimed at children 5 - 8 years old. The scheme was first rolled out during the 2017 season and exceeded ECB expectations. The strategy also focuses on parental involvement with coaching and delivering sessions.
- 4.4. The ECB is looking to work with local authorities to develop fit-for-purpose facility and participation plans that will engage with local residents and ensure residents are provided with the right facilities to help them play the game.
- 4.5. It is key that this Playing Pitch Strategy recognises the opportunity made available by Cricket Unleashed and provides a framework that allows stakeholders to work together and deliver against the key objectives of “more play,” “great teams” and “inspired fans.” It is also vital that any facility development for cricket takes the objectives of the strategy into consideration, namely the growth of entry-level cricket, women and girls’ cricket, T20 and engagement of previously hard-to-reach demographic groups.

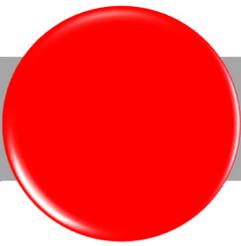
### **CRICKET CONSULTATION OVERVIEW**

#### **ECB**

- 4.6. Charnwood and Leicestershire represent key areas for the ECB due to high levels of identified demand and latent demand in the City of Leicester. Charnwood’s role in this relationship is key, as demand is known to be exported from the City of Leicester into the borough. Ensuring this demand is met is important for the continued development of cricket in and around the City of Leicester. Balancing the level of export from the City of Leicester is also important to enable cricket participation to grow in Charnwood Borough.

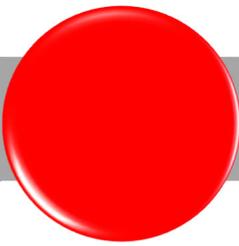
#### **KEY CLUBS**

- 4.7. Consultations were held with key clubs within the borough for cricket. A summary of these consultations is outlined below in Table 4.1.



**Table 4.1: Key PPS findings for cricket in Charnwood**

CLUB	CONSULTATION SUMMARY
<p><b>BARKBY UNITED CRICKET CLUB</b></p>	<p>The club has 11 teams, all based at the Barkby United Cricket Club ground. The club has an ever-expanding youth set-up. It also plans to establish disability teams and a women's set-up to fully expand the club.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club struggles with funding in terms of end of season, particularly with work needed to maintain the wicket over the off-season; and</li> <li>• There are big issues with the road that runs alongside the ground. It is a 60mph road and the club reports cars having crashed through the fence and onto the pitch on more than one occasion. The club and players feel this represents a safety threat to the players and therefore see the location of the ground and its proximity to the road as a potential danger to them.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN CRICKET CLUB</b></p>	<p>There are 4 senior teams and 14 junior teams at Loughborough Cricket Club, split over 2 sites: 1 at Loughborough Town CC and 1 at Leicester Road. The club maintains and shares resources equally across these two sites. The club has a wide-reaching community remit through the establishment of schemes such as All Stars Cricket, and also promotes themselves heavily in schools and amongst the asylum seeker groups. There are no development plans within the club; it is also content with the quality of the ancillary facilities.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vandalism is an issue at both sites. Recently there have been incidents of jumping on covers and there have been arson attacks to the pavilion in the past; and</li> <li>• The club would like help in terms of guidance around how to apply for grant funding and how to increase the number of participants in their club.</li> </ul>
<p><b>QUENIBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB</b></p>	<p>The club has expanded significantly in the last 10 years and introduced a junior set-up. It would like to introduce a new team for next season; however, they would have to find a third site to use as there is currently insufficient space at their home ground. The club currently needs to hire Cossington Recreation Ground for the third and fourth team games at the weekend. The club has no development plans.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to be able to fit all teams on one site at weekends; to achieve this the club would need another pitch at Syston RFC;</li> <li>• The outfield at Cossington is covered in weeds, which have now spread to the wicket. The club must now completely re-seed and re-sow the square; and</li> <li>• At Syston RFC the club also has to use the rugby club's showers and toilets as the cricket pavilion does not have these facilities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB</b></p>	<p>6 adult teams (including women's) and 8 junior teams play at Sileby Town CC. All are accommodated at the Sileby Town CC ground. The club plays in a range of leagues: Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League, Leicestershire and Rutland Youth League, Women's Midlands League and Lightning League, with the majority of players living a short distance from the ground. The ground is owned and maintained by the cricket club. The club has recently seen a slight improvement in the quality of their pitches, also due to improved equipment, increased groundsman's knowledge and time allocation. The club is progressing with plans to build a new pavilion on their second pitch.</p>



CLUB	CONSULTATION SUMMARY
ROTHLEY PARK CRICKET CLUB	Rothley Park CC has 3 adult teams and 9 junior teams. All teams play at Rothley Park Cricket Ground. The ground is leased from a local partner on a 30-year lease. As a result of the club's Kwik Cricket set-up there have been big membership increases – there are now 175 junior members in the club. There are no plans to expand now, but if the club were to expand further, they would need to find another site on which to play.
LEICESTER COMMUNITY SPORTS ACADEMY	<p>The Academy is nomadic, it often uses Iveshead School, Western Park (in the City of Leicester) and other facilities where they become available. The U10s also have to play every game away from home; this is an agreement set up with the league.</p> <p>The club primarily serves residents in Leicester and would ideally be based in the City or as close to it as possible.</p> <p>The club has insufficient facilities to meet demand. If the club had a central venue, then it could see a big increase in the number of teams they could field. In 3 to 4 months, the club hopes to source a home venue. The club has reportedly invested in squares at two schools, Cedars Academy and Iveshead Academy, but as of the conclusion of the 2017 season no longer has use of either venue.</p>

### PROGRAMMES, INITIATIVES AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- 4.8. The ECB is looking to provide appropriate provision and club support to clubs that attract a wide demographic of participants. This includes teams that consist of BME players, who tend to play informally on public parks. The ECBs approach is in line with cross-sport trends that suggest players are looking for informal, flexible participation opportunities in addition to more traditional formats of the game.

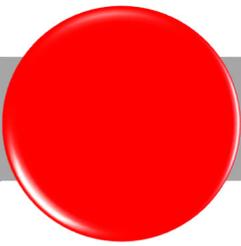
### SUPPLY

#### QUANTITY OVERVIEW

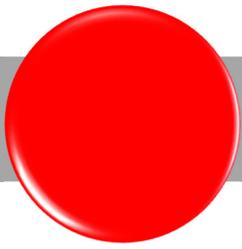
- 4.9. Table 4.2 presents the data collected on cricket pitch supply in Charnwood. Technical Appendix E: Site-by-Site Cricket Analysis presents a detailed audit of all pitches across the study area including carrying capacity and supply and demand balance. Table 4.3 shows the supply of cricket pitches across the study area.

**Table 4.2: Supply of cricket pitches in Charnwood**

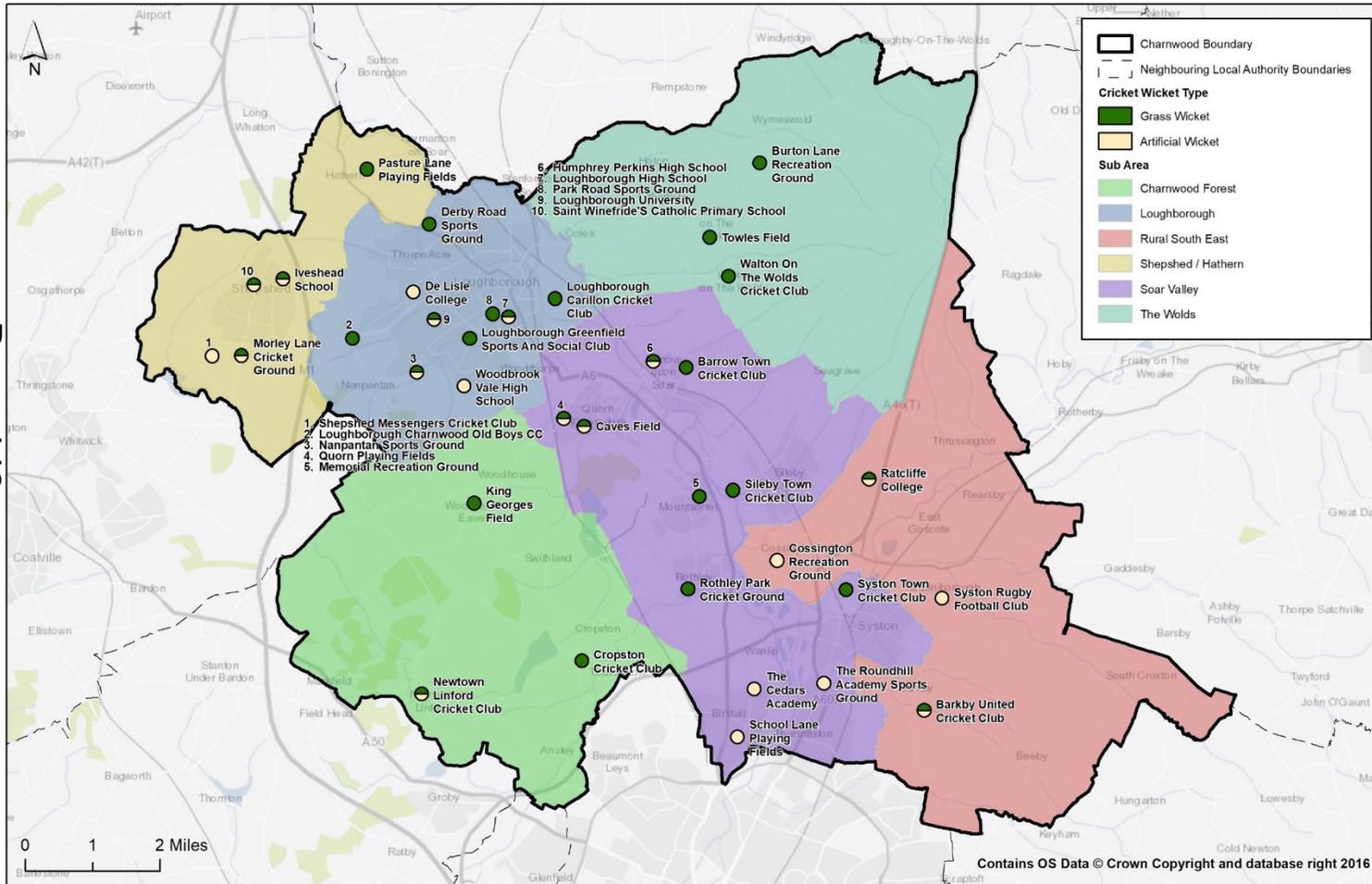
AREA	SQUARES	GRASS WICKETS	NON-TURF PITCHES
CHARNWOOD FOREST	4	41	3
LOUGHBOROUGH	14	134	18
RURAL SOUTH EAST	5	38	1
SHEPSHED HATHERN	5	49	2
SOAR VALLEY	15	121	8
THE WOLDS	3	26	0
CHARNWOOD	46	409	32



- 4.10. Table 4.2 illustrates that the majority of supply is concentrated in Soar Valley and Loughborough sub-areas. Soar Valley accounts for 38% of cricket squares in Charnwood (with 15 squares and 121 grass wickets). Together, Loughborough and Soar Valley account for 65% of all cricket squares in the Borough.
- 4.11. There are 32 non-turf wickets in the borough, again with a large proportion of this supply being located in Loughborough or Soar Valley sub-areas.
- 4.12. The distribution of cricket sites in Charnwood is illustrated in Map 4.1 (below).

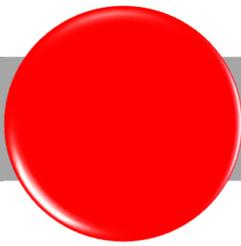


Map 4.1: Cricket sites in Charnwood



Cricket sites by wicket type in Charnwood





## TENURE AND MANAGEMENT

4.13. Table 4.3 shows the ownership and management of cricket sites in Charnwood.

**Table 4.3: Cricket pitch ownership in Charnwood**

TYPE	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT
ACADEMIES	6	5
CHARITY / TRUST	4	2
COMMERCIAL	0	2
CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL	3	0
LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	1	0
OTHER INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS	2	3
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	1	1
PARISH COUNCIL	4	0
PRIVATE	8	0
SCHOOL (IN-HOUSE)	0	1
SPORTS CLUB	6	18
SPORTS CLUB AND PARISH COUNCIL (MIXED)	0	3

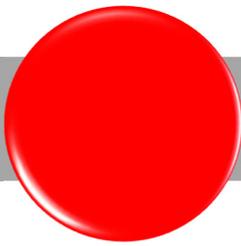
4.14. Table 4.3 illustrates that cricket site ownership reflects a range of ownership types. Academies, Parish Councils and sports clubs are the most significant ownership types for cricket sites in the Borough. Security of tenure is a key consideration where clubs use Academy or privately-owned sites.

4.15. Conversely, a large proportion (49%) of sites are managed by sports clubs. This indicates that individual clubs have high levels of responsibility for the maintenance of facilities.

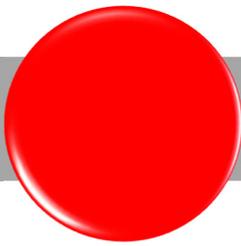
4.16. Table 4.4 summarises the cricket sites in Charnwood, the majority of which have secured community use.

**Table 4.4: Cricket sites in Charnwood, showing security of community use**

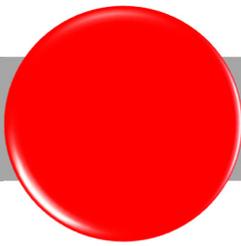
SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	COMMUNITY USE ON-SITE	SECURED COMMUNITY USE
BARKBY UNITED CRICKET CLUB	RURAL SOUTH EAST– Barkby, LE7 3QB	Available	Secured
BARROW TOWN CRICKET CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Barrow-upon-Soar, LE12 8PD	Available	Secured
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	THE WOLDS – Burton Lane, Wymeswold, Loughborough, LE12 6UN	Available	Secured
CAVES FIELD	SOAR VALLEY – Quorn, LE12 8EP	Available	Secured
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Platts Lane, Cossington, LE7 4UZ	Available	Secured



SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	COMMUNITY USE ON-SITE	SECURED COMMUNITY USE
CROPSTON CRICKET CLUB	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Cropston Road, Anstey, LE7 7BP	Available	Secured
DE LISLE COLLEGE	LOUGHBOROUGH – Thorpe Hill, Loughborough	Not available	Secured
DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough Cotton Way, Loughborough, LE11 5FJ	Available	Secured
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	SOAR VALLEY – Cotes Road, Barrow-upon-Soar, Loughborough, LE12 8JU	Not available	Unsecured
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Forest Street, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	Available	Unsecured
KING GEORGE’S FIELD	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough, LE12 8RZ	Available	Unsecured
LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON CRICKET CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough, LE11 1ST	Available	Secured
LOUGHBOROUGH CHARNWOOD OLD BOYS CC	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough, LE11 3QU	Available	Unsecured
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough, LE11 3HZ	Available	Secured
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	LOUGHBOROUGH – Burton Walks, Loughborough, LE11 2DU	Not available	Unsecured
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LOUGHBOROUGH – Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU	Not Available	Unsecured
MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND	SOAR VALLEY – Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7DB	Available	Secured
MORLEY LANE CRICKET GROUND	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9EU	Available	Secured
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Watermead Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3TN	Available	Secured



SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	COMMUNITY USE ON-SITE	SECURED COMMUNITY USE
NEWTOWN LINFORD CRICKET CLUB	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Newtown Linford, LE6 0AD	Available	Secured
PARK ROAD SPORTS GROUND (LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN CC)	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough LE11 2ED	Available	Secured
PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Pasture Lane, Hathern, Loughborough, LE12 5LJ	Available	Secured
PUDDING BAG LANE	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9GD	Available	Secured
QUORN PLAYING FIELDS – LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOLS	SOAR VALLEY - Loughborough Endowed School, Soar Valley, LE12 8AJ	Available	Unsecured
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, LE7 4SG	Not available	Unsecured
ROTHLEY PARK CRICKET GROUND	SOAR VALLEY – Rothley, LE7 7QB	Available	Secured
SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELDS	SOAR VALLEY – Birstall, LE4 4EA	Available	Secured
SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Sileby, LE12 7UX	Available	Secured
ST WINEFRIDE’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed–Hathern, LE12 9AE	Available	Unsecured
SYSTON TOWN CRICKET CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Syston, LE7 1NH	Available	Secured
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Syston, LE7 3FE	Available	Secured
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	SOAR VALLEY – Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4GH	Not available	Unsecured
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY SPORTS GROUND	SOAR VALLEY – Thurmaston, LE4 8GQ	Available	Unsecured



SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	COMMUNITY USE ON-SITE	SECURED COMMUNITY USE
TOWLES FIELD	THE WOLDS – Burton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 5TD	Available	Secured
WALTON ON THE WOLDS CRICKET CLUB	THE WOLDS – Walton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 8HT	Available	Secured
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LOUGHBOROUGH – Grasmere Road, Loughborough, LE11 2ST	Available	Unsecured

4.17. It should be noted that the cricket pitch at Loughborough Endowed School is the subject of a planning application for a new full-sized hockey-appropriate AGP. As the cricket pitch is currently unavailable for community use and the school has other pitches that it can use for playing and teaching cricket, there is no strategic argument against the new AGP being built on the site of the cricket pitch.

### **QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

4.18. Each site was visited and assessed by the 4global research team (in July 2017) using a non-technical assessment framework provided by the ECB. The assessment considers the quality of playing surface and the quality of changing rooms, and scores the maintenance regime compared to ECB recommendations. In addition to the site visits, club consultation was used to validate the quality ratings. Each site is rated as Good, Standard or Poor.

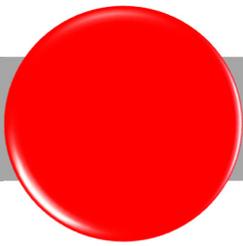
4.19. Table 4.5 summarises the quality assessment results. Full details of the consequent carrying capacity allocations of each site by pitch type can be found in Technical Appendix E: Site-by-Site Cricket Analysis. Given the ratings, the overall standard of pitches across Charnwood is adequate, with 97.5% of available pitches scoring Standard or Good.

**Table 4.5: Summary of cricket pitch quality scores in Charnwood**

AREA	GOOD	STANDARD	POOR	TOTAL
CHARNWOOD FOREST	1	2	1	4
LOUGHBOROUGH	6	8	2	16
RURAL SOUTH EAST	3	1	1	5
SHEPshed HATHERN	0	4	0	4
SOAR VALLEY	7	6	0	13
THE WOLDS	1	2	0	3
CHARNWOOD	18	23	4	45

4.20. Table 4.5 shows that there are 45 cricket pitches in Charnwood. 18 of these (51%) are recorded as good, with just 4 sites (11%) recorded as poor.

4.21. Between them, Soar Valley and Loughborough sub-areas provide 29 of the 45 pitches (64%). This represents a significant concentration of pitches within these two sub-areas. The quality of the pitches in these two sub-areas is also very good, with Soar Valley recorded as having no poor sites and Loughborough just 2.



## DEMAND

### CLUB AND TEAM PROFILE

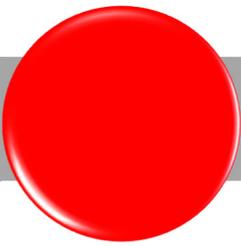
4.22. Twenty-four clubs have been identified as playing in Charnwood. Survey responses were received by 19 clubs and are shown in Table 4.6, with details on the team profiles where they were possible to ascertain. Information from the remaining additional 5 clubs was taken from online resources where available and is included in Technical Appendix E: Site-by-Site Cricket Analysis.

**Table 4.6: Cricket club profiles for responding clubs<sup>22</sup>**

CLUB	SENIOR MEN	SENIOR WOMEN	JUNIORS	TOTAL
ARYANS CC*	1	0	0	1
ASIAN SPORTS CC*	3	0	0	3
BARKBY UNITED	5	0	6	11
BARROW TOWN CC*	3	0	0	3
BIRSTALL VILLAGE CC*	2	0	0	2
CHARNWOOD OLD BOYS CC	2	0	0	2
CITY CRICKETERS CC	1	0	0	1
CROPSTON CC	3	0	5	8
FATANA CC	2	0	0	2
HATHERN OLD CC	3	0	0	3
LEICESTER COMMUNITY SPORTS CRICKET ACADEMY	1	0	0	1
LEICESTER LIONS*	1	0	0	1
LEUVA PATIDAR CC	1	0	0	1
LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON*	3	1	2	6
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS	3	0	3	6
LOUGHBOROUGH OUTWOODS	4	0	0	4
LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN CC	4	0	8	12
MAHERS CC	2	0	0	2
MOUNTSORREL CASTLE	2	0	0	2
NEWTOWN LINFORD	5	0	5	10
QUENIBOROUGH CC	11	0	4	15
QUORN CC	2	0	3	5
ROTHLEY PARK CC	3	0	8	11
SHEPSHED CC	4	0	5	9
SILEBY TOWN CC-	5	1	8	14
SYSTON TOWN CC	3	0	5	8
WALTON LE WOLDS CC	4	0	0	4
WYMESWOLD CC	3	0	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>151</b>

<sup>22</sup> Source: PPS club consultations

\* 4global did not receive a survey. Team information obtained from [playcricket.com](http://playcricket.com)



4.23. Table 4.6 shows there are 88 adult teams and 63 junior teams in the Borough. The demand created by these teams is in line with ECB guidance, i.e. 10 matches per adult team and 8 per junior team unless reported otherwise. This represents 1,332 adult matches and 428 junior matches per season across the borough.

### **CURRENT AND FUTURE DEMAND**

4.24. In order to calculate the future demand for cricket in the study area, a Team Generation Rate<sup>23</sup> (TGR) has been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate the number of people (for various age groups) typically required to produce a cricket team.

4.25. This TGR is applied to the population projections for the study area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups.

**Table 4.7: Impact of population projections on the need for cricket provision**

AGE GROUP	CURRENT POPN. WITHIN AGE GROUP	CURRENT NO. OF TEAMS	TGR	FUTURE (2036) POPULATION WITHIN AGE GROUP	PREDICTED FUTURE NUMBER OF TEAMS	ADDITIONAL TEAMS REQUIRED FOR INCREASED POPN.
CRICKET OPEN AGE MEN'S (18-55YRS)	47,640	86	554	59,540	107	21
CRICKET OPEN AGE WOMEN'S (18-55YRS)	45,300	2	22,650	55,520	2	0
CRICKET JUNIOR BOYS (7-18YRS)	12,000	63	190	14,080	74	11

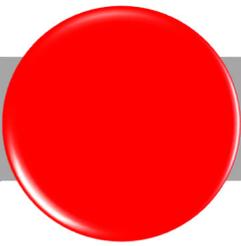
4.26. Table 4.7 shows that there is projected to be a significant increase in the number of cricket teams in Charnwood. This means there will be an estimated 32 additional teams in the Borough in 2036.

4.27. It should be noted that the ECB has recently undertaken a significant participation drive targeted at children of both genders aged between 5 and 8 years old, through a nationwide scheme called All Stars Cricket. This scheme is expected to increase junior demand for cricket in the short term and adult demand in the long term.

4.28. Nationally, 25% of signups to this initiative were girls, meaning there could potentially be an increase in demand for girls' cricket teams in the near future. As this additional demand sits outside of Sport England's methodology for modelling future demand, this potential need does not alter the team projections produced by the TGR and latent demand analysis; however, it is highlighted as a potential increase in demand beyond that which is modelled.

<sup>23</sup> Source: PPS club consultations

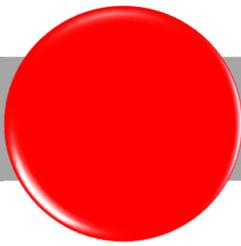
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4.29. The following section will address the level of capacity in Charnwood's cricket pitch stock to determine whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate current and future demand for cricket in the area.

### **CAPACITY ANALYSIS FOR CRICKET IN CHARNWOOD**

- 4.30. Using the supply of the cricket sites and the current level of demand, the overall capacity of each of the sites has been calculated.
- 4.31. Table 4.8 shows the total supply and demand balance for cricket pitches in Charnwood, taking into consideration the use of artificial pitches for junior matches in Charnwood. Table 4.8 also shows the supply and demand balance when it is assumed that non-turf pitches (NTPs) are not used for matches at any age groups. It is likely a small number of clubs, such as those with larger junior sections, will use the non-turf pitches for a small proportion of their matches.
- 4.32. Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) has requested that, counter to the ECB's guidance on the use of NTPs by clubs, these pitches are only used for competitive matches by U13 teams and younger in Charnwood. U13 teams and younger represent 42 of the 63 junior teams in the Borough: precisely two thirds. Whilst this is not to be included in the analysis, as it does not comply with Sport England or ECB guidance for modelling cricket demand, it is referred to in the commentary and the analysis of the supply and demand where appropriate.
- 4.33. Unlike other sports in this report, cricket capacity is calculated on a seasonal basis, rather than a weekly capacity analysis. To calculate capacity, each grass wicket is given an estimated carrying capacity of 5 matches per season. Similarly, each NTP is assigned a carrying capacity of 60 games per season. In the absence of any data determining demand for pitches, the ECB's guidance (provided as part of the Sport England PPS guidance document 2013) stipulates that adult teams are estimated to have an average demand for 10 home matches per season, and all junior teams should have a demand for 8 matches per season.
- 4.34. Table 4.8 includes the level of latent demand for cricket for both adults and juniors. Latent demand refers to the potential number of teams that could be developed if all those who want to play cricket but do not at present (for any reason), did play. This data is gathered during the club consultations and is based on the number of teams by which clubs believe they will increase over the next 3 years.



## CHARNWOOD SUPPLY AND DEMAND

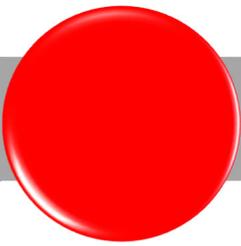
Table 4.8: Overall cricket supply and demand analysis for Charnwood

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPs)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	2,290	1,920	2,290	4,210
DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	1332	428	1760	
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	958	1,492	530	2,450
CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	523	952	95	1,475
LATENT DEMAND IN TEAMS*	0	1		1
LATENT DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS*	0	8		8
PROJECTED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TEAMS*	21	11		32
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)*	210	88		298
FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	313	856	-203	1,177

\*N.B. Figures corresponding to these descriptions are combined in the last column to reflect all matches, irrespective of surface used

4.35. Table 4.8 identifies the following key findings:

- Charnwood has a total cricket supply of 4,210 matches per season when all the wickets (grass and non-turf) are included. If only grass wickets are considered, this reduces to 2,290. Given that the capacity of each wicket is thought to be 5 matches per season, this supply capacity represents 458 grass wickets. There is an NTP capacity of 1,920 matches per season: the equivalent of 32 NTP strips across the Borough.
- There is a total demand for 1,760 matches per season, of which 1,332 (76%) are adult matches.
- When all demand is applied only to securely available grass wickets, Charnwood has an over-supply of grass wickets of 95 matches per season, equivalent to 19 grass strips.
- When only securely available NTP wickets are considered as part of the supply, the capacity of NTPs per season falls from 1,920 to 1,380 (calculated by adding demand to the current balance for pitches with secured community use). This equates to 23 NTPs being securely available to the community.



- There are enough securely available NTPs in the Borough to accommodate junior demand from grass pitches, and enough spare capacity to accommodate a further 952 matches per season. When only U13 teams and younger are considered as part of the demand for NTPs, the spare capacity of these securely available NTP pitches increases from 952 to 1,044 matches per season.
- The future demand analysis identifies 33 projected additional teams, including 12 junior teams and 21 senior teams. This figure may increase in the short-term future due to the All Stars Cricket programme (specifically girls' cricket teams). Together these teams represent a projected demand for 306 matches per season. Of this 306, 210 matches are for adult teams and the remaining 96 for junior teams.
- Table 4.8 shows that if meeting this demand is dependent solely on the existing securely available grass wicket stock, then these wickets would be over capacity by 203 matches per season: the equivalent of 41 grass wickets (rounded up from 40.6). Table 4.8 also shows that future junior demand is projected to increase by 96 matches per season (latent and projected demand combined). If junior demand continues to be distributed between over 13s teams and U13s and younger teams in the same proportion (one third/two thirds), then the projected demand will total 64 matches per year. Added to the existing 336 U13s and younger demand matches, this equals 400 matches of U13 and younger demand across the borough. If this demand were successfully distributed across the securely available NTPs, then this would mean grass pitches would have spare capacity of 197 matches per season, and securely available NTPs would have a balance of 980 matches spare capacity per season.

In other words, all current and future demand for cricket at all ages can be met through use of both grass and NTPs; use of both wicket types also provides sufficient space capacity to provide for additional demand from girls' teams.

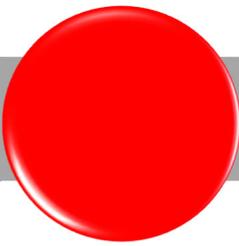
### SUB-AREA SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS

4.36. The following tables show the above analysis considered on a sub-area basis.

### CHARNWOOD FOREST SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Table 4.9: Cricket supply and demand balance for Charnwood Forest

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPs)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	310	180	310	490
DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	190	90	280	
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	120	90	30	210
CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	80	90	-10	170

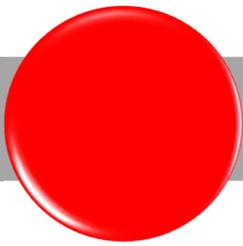


BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPs)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
LATENT DEMAND IN TEAMS*	0	0	0	
LATENT DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS*	0	0	0	
PROJECTED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TEAMS*	3	2	5	
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)*	30	16	46	
FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	50	74	-56	124

\*N.B. Figures corresponding to these descriptions are combined in the last column to reflect all matches, irrespective of surface used

4.37. Table 4.9 shows the following:

- The sub-area has a total supply of 490 matches per season. This comprises 62 grass wickets (equalling a capacity of 310 matches per season) and 3 NTPs (equalling a capacity of 180 matches per season).
- The sub-area has demand for 280 matches per season. 190 matches of this demand are generated by adult teams (68%).
- Of the total grass wicket capacity of 310 matches per season, the equivalent of 40 of these matches are not securely available to the community. This means 87% of grass wicket capacity is securely available to the community. All 3 NTPs (equating to a capacity of 180 matches per season) are securely available to the community.
- If all pitch demand is dependent on grass wicket capacity, the sub-area operates at a deficit of 10 matches per season. This is equivalent, in supply terms, to 2 grass wickets. Including securely available NTPs in this supply to meet junior demand, the sub-area has a total spare capacity of 170 matches per season.
- Under the scenario where only under 13s teams and younger are considered eligible to have their pitch demand met by NTPs, 40 match equivalents of demand could be displaced from grass pitches to NTPs. Under this scenario, grass wickets have 30 match equivalents of spare capacity per season, with NTPs having a spare capacity of 140 matches per season.
- The TGR analysis projects that 3 new adult teams and 2 new junior teams will be generated through population growth by 2036. This equates to an additional 46 matches of demand per season.
- If all projected future demand were to be played on grass pitches, the sub-area would be over capacity by 56 matches per season (i.e. an under-supply equivalent to 12 grass wickets). However, when all securely available capacity is included in the supply capacity, there is a projected balance of 124 matches' spare capacity per season.



## LOUGHBOROUGH SUPPLY AND DEMAND

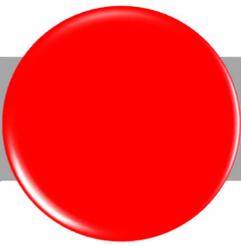
Table 4.10: Cricket supply and demand balance for Loughborough

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPs)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	870	1,080	870	1,950
DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	456	40	496	
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	414	1,040	374	1,454
CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	154	680	114	834
LATENT DEMAND IN TEAMS*	0	0		0
LATENT DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS*	0	0		0
PROJECTED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TEAMS*	7	1		8
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)*	70	8		78
FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	84	672	36	756

\*N.B. Figures corresponding to these descriptions are combined in the last column to reflect all matches, irrespective of surface used

4.38. Table 4.10 shows the following regarding the balance of supply and demand for cricket in the Loughborough sub-area.

- The total capacity of the wickets in Loughborough is 1,950. This is split between grass wickets, which provide capacity for 870 matches per season, and NTPs, which provide capacity for 1,080 matches per season. This equates to a supply of 174 grass wickets and 18 NTPs.
- There is a demand for 456 adult matches per season within the sub-area, with an additional 40 matches of junior demand per season. This equates to a total demand for 496 matches per season within the sub-area.
- If only securely available grass wickets are considered as the pitch supply, there is enough spare capacity remaining to meet the demand for a further 114 matches per season. When securely available NTPs are included into the supply, the spare capacity increases to 834 matches per season.



- There is an over-supply of 154 matches: the equivalent, in supply terms, of just over one grass strip, across the entire sub-area.
- The sub-area is projected to have 70 matches of additional senior demand by 2036, plus a further 8 matches of junior demand.
- If all demand projected for 2036 were to be dependent only on grass wickets, the sub-area would have just 36 matches per season in spare capacity, the equivalent of 8 grass wickets. However, when securely available NTPs are added to this figure, there is spare capacity for 756 matches per season.
- Under a scenario where NTPs are considered only to meet the demand from U13 teams and younger, 32 matches per season could be redistributed from grass wickets to NTPs. This would result in an increase in the spare capacity of grass wickets from 36 matches per season to 68 matches per season: the equivalent of a further 14 grass wickets of spare capacity per season.

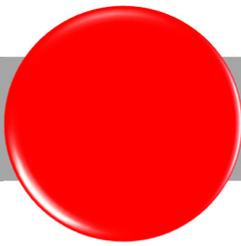
### RURAL SOUTH EAST SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Table 4.11: Cricket supply and demand balance for Rural South East

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPs)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	25	60	25	85
DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	120	70	190	
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	-95	-10	-165	-165
CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	-95	-10	-165	-165
LATENT DEMAND IN TEAMS	0	0	0	0
LATENT DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS	0	0	0	0
PROJECTED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TEAMS	2	2	4	
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)	20	16	36	
FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	-115	-26	-201	-201

4.39. Table 4.11 provides the following key insights into cricket provision in the Rural South East sub-area:

- There is supply for just 25 matches per season to be played on grass wickets within this sub-area. There is also an NTP, but this pitch is not securely available for community use.



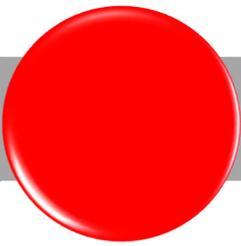
- There is demand for 190 matches per season within the sub-area. 120 of these are for adult matches and a further 70 are for junior demand.
- If all demand is reliant on all securely available supply, there is a deficit in capacity of 165 matches per season. This is equivalent to capacity of 33 grass wickets.
- There is projected demand for an additional 4 teams through the TGR analysis: 2 adult teams and 2 junior teams. These teams are estimated to produce demand for 36 matches per season.
- When all securely available supply and demand is considered, this additional demand would mean the sub-area would have an under-supply of 201 matches per season: the equivalent of 41 grass wickets.
- If an NTP could be brought into the pitch supply to meet current and future demand, it should only be considered as suitable to meet demand from U13 teams or younger. Under this scenario, the NTP could displace 46 matches of current demand (or 57 matches of projected demand) away from the grass wicket supply. This would still result in an under-supply of grass wickets of 119 matches per season in 2017, and 146 matches per season by 2036.

### **SHEPshed HATHERN SUPPLY AND DEMAND**

Table 4.12: Cricket supply and demand balance for Shepshed–Hathern

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPs)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	165	120	165	285
DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	97	40	137	137
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	68	80	28	148
CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	38	80	-2	118
LATENT DEMAND IN TEAMS*	0	1		1
LATENT DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS*	0	8		8
PROJECTED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TEAMS*	2	1		3
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)*	20	8		28
FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	18	64	-30	90

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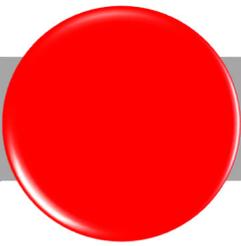
4.40. Table 4.12 shows the supply and demand balance for the Shepshed–Hathern sub-area:

- There is a total supply capacity of 165 matches per season in grass wickets and 120 matches per season in NTP capacity.
- There is a demand for 137 matches per season within the sub-area. This demand comprises 97 adult matches and 40 junior matches per season.
- Although all NTP capacity is securely available to the community, the equivalent of 30 matches of the 165-grass pitch capacity is unavailable to the community for use. This equates to 6 grass wickets.
- If all demand is reliant on grass pitch capacity, there is a deficit of 2 matches per season. This is equivalent to less than one grass strip per season.
- Under the scenario where NTPs are suitable only for meeting demand from U13 teams or younger, 13 matches per season could be displaced from grass wickets and redistributed to NTP capacity. Under this analysis, grass wickets in Shepshed–Hathern could be considered to be operating with 11 matches of spare capacity per season. This is equivalent to 2 grass wickets of spare capacity per season.
- The TGR analysis shows a projected increase in demand of 3 teams by 2036, 2 adult teams and 1 junior team. These teams are projected to produce a further 28 matches of demand per season in Shepshed–Hathern.
- If all of this demand were to be met by grass wickets, the sub-area could be considered to be operating at a deficit of 30 matches per season (the equivalent of 6 wickets per season).
- Under the scenario where NTP pitches are only considered appropriate for meeting demand from U13s teams or younger, there is projected demand for 27 matches at this age group. Under this scenario, this demand can be displaced from the total demand on grass wickets for the sub-area and redistributed onto securely available NTP provision to leave grass wickets with 25 matches of spare capacity per season. Under the same scenario, the projected under-supply for 2036 is reduced from 30 match-equivalents per season to 2 matches of spare capacity per season: the equivalent of 1 grass wicket per season.

### SOAR VALLEY SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Table 4.13: Cricket supply and demand balance for Soar Valley

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPS)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	790	480	790	1,270
DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	380	181	561	561
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	410	299	229	709
CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	305	119	124	424

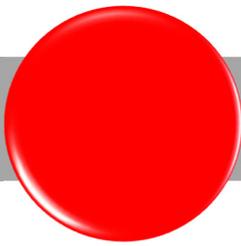


BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPs)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
LATENT DEMAND IN TEAMS*	0	0	0	
LATENT DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS*	0	0	0	
PROJECTED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TEAMS*	6	5	11	
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)*	60	40	100	
FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	245	79	24	324

\*N.B. Figures corresponding to these descriptions are combined in the last column to reflect all matches, irrespective of surface used

4.41. Table 4.13 provides the breakdown for pitch supply and demand in the Soar Valley sub-area:

- Soar Valley has the second highest level of supply and the highest level of demand of all of the sub-areas in Charnwood.
- This sub-area has a total grass wicket supply of 790 matches per season. This is equivalent to 158 grass wickets. In addition, it has the capacity to meet 480 matches per season on its NTPs (the equivalent of 8 NTPs match capacity per season).
- Of the 790 matches of capacity provided by grass wickets in the sub-area, 95 matches of yearly match capacity are unavailable to the community for use. This is equivalent to 19 grass wickets. Furthermore, of the 8 NTPs in the sub-area, only 5 are securely available for community use. This means that 300, not 480, matches of yearly NTP capacity are securely available.
- If all demand is reliant on grass wickets, there is a spare capacity of 124 matches per season. This is equivalent to the capacity of 25 grass pitches.
- The TGR analysis projects additional demand from 11 teams in the sub-area. This comprises 6 adult teams and 5 junior teams. This is projected to create an additional demand for 100 matches per season.
- If all projected demand were to be met by grass pitch capacity, the sub-area would be operating with a spare capacity of 24 matches per week. This is equivalent to 5 grass wickets of match capacity.
- If NTPs are only considered to meet the demand of junior teams aged 13 and younger, a further 120 matches of current demand could be displaced from grass wickets onto NTPs. This would increase the current spare capacity of grass wickets to 244 for the sub-area. If the same scenario were applied to future demand, then a total demand of 147 matches could be displaced from grass wickets and redistributed onto NTPs. This would increase the projected spare capacity of grass wickets from 24 matches to 171 matches. This is the equivalent of moving from 5 spare grass wickets of capacity to 34 wickets of spare capacity.



## THE WOLDS SUPPLY AND DEMAND

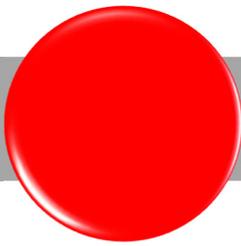
Table 4.14: Cricket supply and demand balance for The Wolds

BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	ADULTS	JUNIORS	ALL MATCHES PLAYED ON	
	(GRASS ONLY)	(PLAYING ON ONLY NTPS)	GRASS ONLY	GRASS & ARTIFICIAL
SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	130	0	130	130
DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	89	7	96	96
CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	41	-7	34	34
CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	41	-7	34	34
LATENT DEMAND IN TEAMS*	0	0	0	
LATENT DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS*	0	0	0	
PROJECTED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TEAMS*	1	0	1	
FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)*	10	0	10	
FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	31	-7	24	24

\*N.B. Figures corresponding to these descriptions are combined in the last column to reflect all matches, irrespective of surface used

4.42. Table 4.14 shows the supply and demand analysis for cricket provision in The Wolds sub-area:

- There is a total supply of 130 matches in grass wicket capacity, the equivalent of 26 grass wickets. There are no NTPs in this sub-area.
- There is demand for a total of 96 matches per season, with 89 of these being adult demand and a further 7 junior demand.
- All of the grass wickets in the sub-area are securely available for community use.
- If all demand is placed onto grass wickets, there is a spare capacity of 34 matches per season, equivalent to 7 grass wickets.
- The TGR analysis identifies just 1 additional team to be generated within this area. This is an adult team, projected to demand supply for an additional 10 matches per season.
- Such demand would decrease the level of spare capacity in the pitch supply from 34 matches per season to 24. This would leave the equivalent of 5 grass wickets of spare capacity per season in the sub-area by 2036.



4.43. All sub-areas except the Rural South East have over-capacity of grass cricket pitches, if NTPs are used for matches for the U13s and younger age groups.

**CAPACITY ANALYSIS**

4.44. The following section contains the summary of peak-time capacity analysis for cricket in Charnwood and its constituent sub-areas. Peak periods refer to the times when most cricket matches are scheduled in an area.

4.45. To assess the availability of cricket facilities at peak times, it has been assumed that the period of highest demand for cricket matches is on a Saturday afternoon for adult cricket and Sunday morning for junior cricket. The capacity analysis below takes account of peak period usage.

4.46. A full capacity analysis of each site can be found in the Technical Appendix E: Site-by-Site Analysis Cricket.

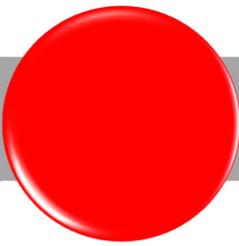
**Table 4.15: Total peak time match slots available (on pitches available for community use)**

SUB-AREA	PEAK TIME ANALYSIS	
	SATURDAY PM (ADULT) 1 SLOT AVAILABLE PER WEEK	MIDWEEK (JUNIOR) 4 SLOTS AVAILABLE PER WEEK
CHARNWOD FOREST	At Capacity	14
LOUGHBOROUGH	8	6
RURAL SOUTH EAST	At Capacity	At Capacity
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	1	2
SOAR VALLEY	5	17
THE WOLDS	1	4
CHARNWOD	15	41

4.47. Table 4.15 shows that there is availability for Saturday afternoon match slots. It also illustrates that when available pitches are considered, only Charnwood Forest and Rural South East are at capacity on Saturdays. Assuming any additional teams would play alternate weekends at home and away, there is available capacity for an additional 30 Saturday teams and 82 midweek teams.

4.48. However, there is no spare peak-time capacity for either adults or juniors in Rural South East sub-area.

4.49. Mid-week capacity is high because it is assumed that junior teams will play alternate weeks at home and away; with 4 match slots available, there is capacity for 8 junior teams per home ground. Juniors tend to have fewer matches than senior teams and may have coaching on their designated night of the week instead of a match, which means these teams are potentially placing demand on a ground of more than just 0.5 per week, i.e., two training nights over a two-week period is more demand than one home match. Also, this analysis assumes that pitch maintenance and renovation would take place during the day. However, given the nature of the volunteers that help with this part of the club’s upkeep, much of the grounds maintenance may take place during the evening, meaning that there is no capacity to host matches during that match slot.



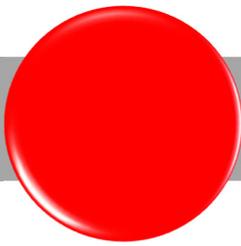
### SCENARIO TESTING PREMIER LEAGUE GROUND CAPACITY

- 4.50. Some grounds face additional requirements as part of the teams using them for specific competitive play.
- 4.51. A team playing in the top level of amateur cricket in the borough, the Leicestershire Premier League, must comply with the following criteria:<sup>24</sup>
- **For senior matches, the boundary should be a minimum of 55m from the centre point of the pitch in use and no greater than 70m;**
  - **Teams must play 11 home fixtures a season; and**
  - **No league matches may take place on artificial wickets.**
- 4.52. For the purposes of this scenario it is assumed that no site should have to use any wicket more than 3 times in a league season, meaning sites require 4 compliant pitches per square.
- 4.53. Table 4.16 shows that several sites hosting Leicestershire Premier League matches have issues complying with these requirements.

**Table 4.16: Leicestershire Premier League, Ground Suitability**

SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SCENARIO: SUITABLE FOR PREMIER LEAGUE CRICKET
BARKBY UNITED CRICKET CLUB	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Barkby, LE7 3QB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 grass wickets are eligible for premier league cricket.</li> <li>• The main issue is the boundary to the west and north of the site being too close.</li> </ul>
BARROW TOWN CC	SOAR VALLEY – Barrow-upon-Soar LE12 8PD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 grass wickets are eligible for premier league cricket.</li> <li>• The club is able to host all the required home premier league fixtures.</li> </ul>
PARK ROAD SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough, LE11 2ED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 grass wickets are eligible for premier league cricket.</li> <li>• The club is able to host all the required home premier league fixtures.</li> </ul>
ROTHLEY PARK CRICKET GROUND	SOAR VALLEY – Rothley, LE7 7QB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 grass wickets are eligible under the league’s restrictions.</li> <li>• The club would only be able to host 9 of the 11 required home fixtures whilst remaining under-capacity.</li> <li>• Expansion to the north side boundary by 2 meters would increase the number of eligible wickets by 1 and therefore meet league requirements.</li> </ul>
SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Sileby, LE12 7UX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Team Pitch (East) – No grass wickets are eligible for premier league cricket due to the short boundary distance to the south (straight).</li> <li>• Second Team Pitch (West) – 8 grass wickets would be eligible under the requirements above (paragraph 4.51).</li> </ul>
SYSTON CRICKET CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Syston, LE7 1NH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No grass wickets are eligible for premier league cricket.</li> <li>• The main issue is the boundary to the North and south of the site, being too close.</li> <li>• The club would not be able to host the required number of home games per season.</li> </ul>

<sup>24</sup> [http://www.landrci.net/UploadedImages/LandRci/generic\\_rules\\_and\\_playing\\_conditions\\_2016.pdf](http://www.landrci.net/UploadedImages/LandRci/generic_rules_and_playing_conditions_2016.pdf)



### IMPORTED DEMAND

4.54. In addition to the borough-based cricket demand, there is clear evidence of clubs based in neighbouring boroughs (primarily in the City of Leicester) which use facilities in Charnwood to meet demand.

4.55. Table 4.17 shows how this demand impacts across sites in Charnwood.

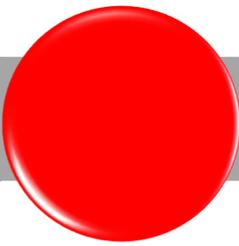
**Table 4.17: Charnwood imported cricket demand**

SITE USED	ADDRESS	CLUB / TEAM NAME	CAPTURED AS PART OF THE AUDIT	NUMBER OF TEAMS	MATCH SLOT	NUMBER OF MATCH EQUIVALENTS PER YEAR
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough – Watermead Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3TN	Fatana CC	Yes	1	Saturday PM	10
		Leuva Patidar CC	Yes	1	Saturday PM	10
SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Soar Valley – School Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4EA	Asian Sports CC	Yes	3	Saturday PM	30
DERBY ROAD PLAYING FIELDS	Loughborough – Cotton Way, Loughborough, LE11 5FJ	Aryans CC	Yes	1	Saturday PM	10
		City Cricketers	Yes	1	Saturday PM	10
		Leicester Lions	Yes	1	Saturday PM	10
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Shepshed–Hathern Forest Street, Shepshed, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	Leicester Community Sports Cricket Academy	Yes	1	Saturday PM	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7 CLUBS</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>90</b>

4.56. Table 4.17 shows that there are an additional 90 match equivalents per season taking place in Charnwood from City of Leicester-based teams. This demand is primarily based at 3 sites: Nanpantan Sports Ground, School Lane Playing Fields and Derby Road Sports Ground.

4.57. Two of these three sites are owned by Charnwood Borough Council and managed on their behalf. This imported demand represents the majority of the use on these sites. If this demand were to be removed from Charnwood, it is unlikely these teams would be able to find adequate provision elsewhere. Furthermore, there is no evidence to suggest that the freeing up of these sites would generate any additional teams or demand within the borough.

4.58. Iveshead School will no longer be the home of Leicester Community Sports Cricket Academy from 2018. It is not yet known where this team will be located next year. The club has a stated desire to move to a home ground closer to the City of Leicester.



## SITE BY SITE ANALYSIS

4.59. A comprehensive site-by-site analysis has been undertaken for cricket sites across Charnwood, which should be used as a reference point for future planning applications or development projects. Due to the length and complexity of the table, this has been included in Appendix E: Site-by-Site Analysis Cricket; however, the key findings are included in the analysis below.

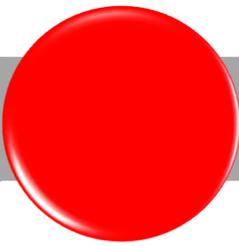
## CRICKET SUMMARY

4.60. This section summarises the findings from the cricket analysis, which forms the basis of the recommendations and action plan for Charnwood.

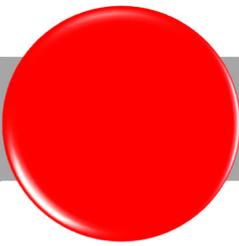
4.61. Table 4.18 includes the response to five key questions; these are asked for all PPS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

**Table 4.18: Key PPS findings for cricket in Charnwood**

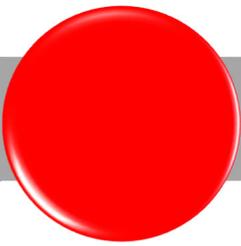
KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?	<p><b>Supply</b></p> <p>The study has identified 46 cricket squares across 35 sites within the study area. These squares contain 409 grass wickets and 32 NTPs.</p> <p>The majority of supply is concentrated in the Soar Valley and Loughborough sub-areas. Soar Valley accounts for 38% of cricket squares in Charnwood (with 15 squares and 121 grass wickets). Together, Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas account for 65% of all squares in the borough. The Loughborough sub-area also has 18 of the 32 NTPs in the borough, representing 56% of all NTPs in the area.</p> <p><b>Demand</b></p> <p>The study has captured demand from 151 teams, including 86 senior men’s teams, 2 senior women’s teams and 63 junior teams. At present there are no dedicated girls’ junior teams; however, with the advent of All Stars cricket, the ECB is hopeful that one will be formed in the Borough in the near future.</p> <p>Together these teams produce enough demand for 1,760 matches per season.</p> <p>Demand is concentrated in the sub-areas of Loughborough and Soar Valley. Loughborough produces demand for 496 matches and Soar Valley for 561 matches per season. This represents 1,057 matches per season within these sub-areas. This equates to 60% of all demand for cricket in Charnwood.</p> <p>Although the split between senior and junior teams is relatively even (58%:42% in favour of senior teams), senior demand is significantly greater than junior demand. Senior demand for cricket produces 1,332 matches per season, compared to 428 matches of junior demand.</p> <p>It is also important to note that there is significant imported demand from the City of Leicester. Ninety matches per season are being played in Charnwood, but the teams and players tend to come from and would prefer to play in the City of Leicester (based on consultation feedback).</p>



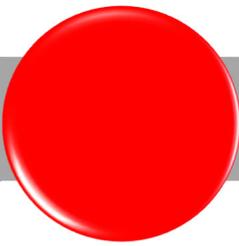
KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
	<p>These teams are playing on Charnwood Borough Council-owned pitches (Nanpantan and Derby Road Playing Fields) and are utilising a significant amount of spare and peak-time capacity on these sites. The ECB has said that whilst the preference is that these teams should be provided home grounds in Leicester (as this will allow them to further develop their clubs), it is considered vital that they continue to be able to play somewhere within a commutable distance of the City. Should the supply in Charnwood cease to be available to these clubs, there is a risk they will not be able to find a pitch on which to play and will fold as a result. The ECB is currently working with the City of Leicester Council to identify potential sites to establish cricket pitches. Once established, these pitches are likely to reduce imported demand into Charnwood.</p>
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?</p>	<p>Whilst there is generally enough spare capacity to meet current demand, there are parts of the borough that are limited in their growth potential for cricket participation, due to a lack of spare capacity.</p> <p><b>Carrying capacity</b></p> <p>Of the 35 sites captured in the study, 17 of them (49%) are managed by sports clubs. This infers a good level of security of tenure within the pitch stock, ensuring prolonged access to facilities in the medium- to long-term future.</p> <p>In the pitch supply, there is secured community access capable of meeting 1,855 matches per week. This represents 81% of all grass capacity in the borough.</p> <p>There is demand for 1,760 matches per year, leaving a spare capacity of 95 matches per year. This is the equivalent of 19 grass wickets of spare capacity per year.</p> <p>Of the NTPs, 23 of the 32 pitches within the borough are securely available for community use. Together, these 23 pitches carry a capacity of 1,380 matches per week.</p> <p>LCCC has requested a scenario to be modelled in which NTPs can only meet junior demand for U13 teams and younger. These teams currently produce two thirds of all junior demand in the Borough, which equates to 285 matches per season. Under this scenario, this demand can be offset from the demand on grass wickets and allocated to the NTP carrying capacity. Under this scenario, the supply and demand balance figure for securely available NTPs equals 1,095 matches of spare capacity per season.</p> <p>With demand from U13 teams redistributed to NTPs, the revised balance figure for spare capacity on grass wickets is 370 matches per season. Therefore, displacing U13 demand onto NTPs increases spare capacity for grass wickets from the equivalent of 19 wickets per season to 74 wickets per season.</p> <p>It should be noted that there are also some sub-areas currently operating at or close to an under-supply of capacity.</p> <p>Rural South East, for instance, is currently operating with a deficit of 165 match equivalents of capacity across the entire sub-area. Furthermore, Charnwood Forest has insufficient capacity to meet all demand for grass wickets, with a capacity balance of -10 under this scenario.</p>



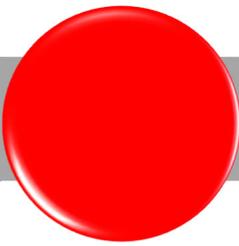
KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?</p>	<p>The sub-area is dependent on juniors playing on NTPs to offset demand for these pitches. The Shepshed–Hathern sub-area is similarly reliant on NTPs to offset demand, as its grass pitches would also be operating over-capacity if they had to meet all senior and junior demand in the sub-area.</p> <p><b>Peak-time capacity</b></p> <p>Whilst there is sufficient carrying capacity amongst the existing pitch stock to meet current demand, it should be noted that there are limitations due to a lack of peak-time capacity in some of the sub-areas in the Borough.</p> <p>Table 4.14 of the analysis above shows that both the Charnwood Forest and Rural South East sub-areas are at capacity during peak times.</p> <p>Furthermore, Shepshed–Hathern sub-area has just 1 peak–time match slot available on Saturday afternoons, as does The Wolds sub-area. This means that each sub-area can only cater for a maximum expansion of two teams before capacity is reached; any further growth in teams would mean teams have to use pitches outside of the sub-area.</p> <p><b>Carrying and peak–time capacity combined</b></p> <p>Combining the two sets of capacity analysis shows the status of each sub-area as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Charnwood Forest: At capacity on Saturday afternoons peak time but has sufficient carrying capacity to meet demand at other times.</b></li> <li>• <b>Loughborough: Has 8 spare match slots at peak time and has sufficient carrying capacity to meet current demand.</b></li> <li>• <b>Rural South East: The sub-area is at capacity during peak times for its pitches. The sub-area is also operating significantly over capacity in terms of carrying capacity.</b></li> <li>• <b>Shepshed–Hathern: The sub-area has just 1 spare match slot on Saturday afternoons and is operating over capacity when all demand is placed on grass wickets.</b></li> <li>• <b>Soar Valley: The sub-area has sufficient spare capacity at peak time to accommodate additional demand and has ample spare carrying capacity.</b></li> <li>• <b>The Wolds: The sub-area has just 1 spare match slot on Saturday afternoons. This means the sub-area can only accommodate a maximum of two more teams; any further additional demand will be forced to use pitches in other sub-areas.</b></li> </ul>
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?</p>	<p>In summary, where there is most demand, in Soar Valley and in Loughborough sub-areas, there is sufficient capacity within the pitch stock to accommodate further demand. However, in the sub-areas where there is less activity, pitches are scarcer and although there is likely to be less growth, these areas are less able to cope with any increase to demand.</p>



KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
<p>IS THE PROVISION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?</p>	<p>The quality of pitches in the Borough should be considered as fair. Of the 45 squares quality assessed (one square was not assessed), 41 are considered either standard or good. 51% of pitches in the borough are considered good and just 4 pitches (11%) are considered poor.</p> <p>Of the 35 sites, 17 are managed by clubs. This tends to have a positive effect on the quality of pitches, as club volunteers or associates take great pride in the quality of the wickets they produce.</p> <p>In the site-by-site commentary, more issues have been raised regarding the condition of pavilions and ancillary facilities in general. This follows a similar trend as the football analysis, which identifies a similar response from site users.</p> <p>Dog-fouling and antisocial behaviour on-site was raised as an issue for teams.</p> <p>Six sites in Charnwood host Leicestershire Premier League matches. Of these, four grounds do not meet the requisite requirements for the league; they risk relegation should the league committee decide to exclude clubs using sites that cannot meet the league criteria.</p>
<p>WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?</p>	<p>33 teams have been identified as part of the projected growth analysis. Only 1 of these teams is identified from the latent demand analysis – a junior team – whilst the others are all projected to be produced by the growth in population.</p> <p>Of the 32 teams projected by the TGR, 21 are adult teams and 11 are junior teams.</p> <p>The adult teams are projected to require demand for 210 matches per year, whilst the 12 junior teams (TGR and latent demand analysis combined) are projected to produce demand for 96 matches per week. In total future teams are projected to produce an additional 308 matches per season by 2036.</p> <p>The ECB is also keen to point out that this figure is based on current conversion of population into players. However, through the national success of All Stars cricket and the significant uptake of the programme amongst Charnwood clubs, the ECB is confident that this success will be translated into additional demand for junior boys' and girls' cricket in the short term, and for senior men's and women's cricket in the medium term.</p> <p>It is important that clubs in Charnwood have the opportunity to capitalise on the opportunity presented by All Stars cricket.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the ECB is working with the City of Leicester Council to identify potential new sites for cricket within the City itself. Should this be realised, there is the possibility of there being 90 fewer matches played in the borough in the short term.</p> <p>This would help to provide the borough with additional peak-time capacity on a Saturday should adult demand increase in the short term, as well as the medium- to long-term growth projected by the TGR analysis.</p>



KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?</p>	<p>In terms of carrying capacity, if all demand is reliant on grass wickets, then the Borough will be operating over capacity by 203 matches per season by 2036.</p> <p>Under this scenario, Charnwood Forest sub-area will be over capacity by 56 matches per season, Loughborough sub-area will have just 36 matches of spare carrying capacity per season, the Rural South East sub-area will be over capacity by 201 matches per season, Shepshed–Hathern sub-area will be over capacity by 30 matches per season, Soar Valley sub-area will operate with just 24 matches of spare capacity per season, and The Wolds sub-area will operate with 24 spare matches of carrying capacity per season.</p> <p>In total, Charnwood is projected to have an additional 21 senior teams by 2036 but has just 15 spare peak-time match slots. The borough has 9 teams of imported demand all playing at peak time, which, if they were to return to Leicester, would provide the spare capacity needed to meet projected demand at peak times.</p> <p>This situation is described further in the following sub-areas:</p> <p>Charnwood Forest is projected to have an additional 3 teams by 2036. The sub-area does not have any additional capacity on Saturdays (peak time for senior men’s teams) and would therefore either need new pitches to be brought into the active pitch stock, to develop new pitches in the sub-area, or to ask teams formed in this sub-area to play in Loughborough or Soar Valley.</p> <p>This demand may be offset in the Loughborough sub-area, where there is spare capacity for an additional 8 teams. However, Loughborough itself is projected to have an additional 7 adult teams by 2036; under this scenario, the sub-area would have the equivalent of just one team capacity. It should be noted that should the imported demand from Leicester be found home grounds outside of the borough, Loughborough will gain an additional 5 match equivalents per week. Therefore, if all of the imported demand can be removed in the short to medium term future, Loughborough will have sufficient spare capacity to accommodate 6 teams on Saturday afternoons.</p> <p>Shepshed–Hathern is projected to have an additional two teams based on the TGR analysis. However, due to the development of a major SUE in close proximity to the sub-area, this figure may rise further. This sub-area has no spare capacity on Saturday afternoons and one pitch is being used by a Leicester-based team. Therefore, if this imported demand can be relocated in the short- to medium-term, Shepshed–Hathern will have spare capacity to accommodate one team on Saturday afternoons.</p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council should work with the ECB and LCCC to determine whether the best approach to increase capacity on Saturdays would be to bring an existing pitch into regular use, develop a new pitch or to encourage any newly forming teams to use spare sites in the neighbouring Loughborough sub-area.</p> <p>In Soar Valley, there are 6 free match slots on Saturday afternoons; projected demand equates to a further 5 teams by 2036. Therefore, the sub-area has enough capacity to meet projected demand. The sub-area has one Leicester team playing in it on Saturday afternoons, which could be relocated from the area if an alternative home ground could be found in the City. However, it is worth noting that this sub-area could also see demand increase disproportionately due to the development of a SUE in the South of the borough.</p>



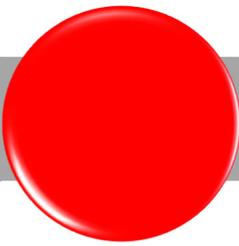
KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?</p>	<p>Due to the proximity of the development, players moving to the area may look to join the established clubs within this sub-area. Should this be the case, Charnwood Borough Council should work with the ECB and the LCCC to determine if further pitches can be brought into community use, if new pitches should be developed or if demand can be moved to another sub-area, possibly Loughborough.</p> <p>To meet demand, there will be one additional men’s team in The Wolds by 2036; there is one match slot in which to accommodate this. The sub-area should therefore have adequate provision to meet demand for 1 additional team to play on Saturdays.</p> <p>The above analysis shows that whilst there is limited spare capacity during Saturdays in the more rural sub-areas, most of the demand projected for the borough is expected to be focused in the Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas.</p> <p>It is believed that this shows an accurate picture of how future demand is likely to be distributed, as many of the well-established and successful clubs within the area are, at least in the short- to medium-term, most likely to attract senior players moving into the area.</p> <p>As most of the larger clubs are located in Loughborough and Charnwood, it is therefore likely that growth in demand for senior cricket will be highest in these sub-areas.</p> <p>As for junior cricket, there are enough match slots to accommodate 41 additional teams in the borough. Most sub-areas have significant spare capacity to accommodate junior demand, with the exceptions of Rural South East and Shepshed–Hathern. In the event that these sub-areas have a significant increase in demand for junior cricket, it is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council works with the ECB and LCCC to determine whether existing pitches can be brought into community use, if new pitches should be developed, or if demand would be best relocated to a neighbouring sub-area.</p> <p>The development of pitches in the SUEs could help to address the existing under-supply of pitches in the Borough, and specifically for the sub-areas Shepshed–Hathern and Charnwood Forest.</p>

4.62. Table 4.18 summarises the key findings for cricket and identifies the parts of the analysis that should be considered by the PPS steering group moving forward.

4.63. To develop this further, Table 4.19 below provides overarching recommendations for cricket in Charnwood. These are cross-referenced to the strategy and action plan section of the PPS.

**Table 4.19: Recommendations for Cricket in Charnwood**

CRICKET RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>This response highlights identified key themes and provides overarching recommendations that should be addressed by the specific recommendations for each site, which are set out in Appendix E: Site-by-Site Analysis Cricket and in the action plan at the end of the PPS document.</p> <p><b>Recommendation C1:</b> All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix E: Site-by-Site Analysis Cricket) should be protected as ‘Playing Fields’ in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p>



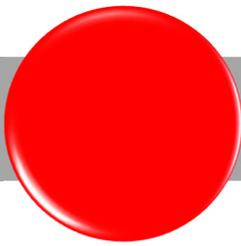
**CRICKET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Justification:** The site-by-site analysis above sets out the reasons for each site’s protection (if stated). More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular cricket use through development.

**Recommendation C2:** Sites identified as being of poor quality should be prioritised for investment to improve playing pitch provision.

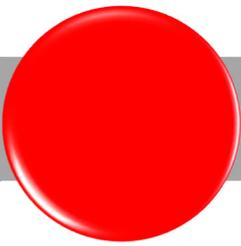
The following sites have been identified to have ‘poor’ quality facility elements:

SITE	SUB-AREA	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT			
			GRASS WICKETS	ARTIFICIAL WICKET	NON-TURF PRACTICE NETS (NTNS)	OUTFIELD
BARROW TOWN CRICKET CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Barrow-upon-Soar, LE12 8PD	Y		Y		
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	THE WOLDS – Burton Lane, Wymeswold, Loughborough, LE12 6UN	Y			Y	
COSSINGTON RECREATION	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Platts Lane, Cossington, LE7 4UZ	Y	Y			Y
DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Thorpe Hill, Loughborough	Y				Y
DE LISLE COLLEGE	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough Cotton Way, Loughborough, LE11 5FJ	Y		Y		
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Forest Street, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	N	Y			
LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON CRICKET CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough, LE11 1ST	Y			Y	



CRICKET RECOMMENDATIONS

SITE	SUB-AREA	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT			
			GRASS WICKETS	ARTIFICIAL WICKET	NON-TURF PRACTICE NETS (NTNS)	OUTFIELD
NEWTOWN LINFORD CRICKET CLUB	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Newtown Linford LE6 0AD	Y		Y		
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SG	N	Y			
ROTHLEY PARK CRICKET GROUND	SOAR VALLEY – Rothley, LE7 7QB	Y		Y	Y	
ST WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed-Hathern, LE12 9AE	N		Y		
SHEPSHED CRICKET CLUB (MORLEY LANE AND PUDDING BAG LANE)	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9EU; and SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9GD	Y			Y	
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Syston, LE7 3FE	Y		Y		
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	SOAR VALLEY – Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4GH	N		Y		
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY SPORTS GROUND	SOAR VALLEY – Thurmaston LE4 8GQ	N		Y		
WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS CRICKET CLUB	THE WOLDS – Walton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 8HT	Y	Y			
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LOUGHBOROUGH – Grasmere Road, Loughborough, LE11 2ST	N		Y		



**CRICKET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Justification:** It is important that any pitches where quality is highlighted as needing improvement are prioritised for investment to maintain playing capacity. The health and safety of participants needs to be assured in relation to both the playing pitch and ancillary facilities.

**Recommendation C3:** The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should work with the clubs to install non-turf pitches (NTPs) when junior demand becomes too great to be met by grass wickets alone.

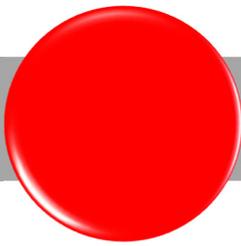
Examples of sites that should be considered for a new or replacement NTP for this strategic purpose:

SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	NEW / REPLACEMENT NTP
CAVES FIELD	SOAR VALLEY – Quorn LE12 8EP	Y	Y
CROPSTON CRICKET CLUB	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Cropston Road, Anstey, LE7 7BP	Y	Y
DE LISLE COLLEGE	LOUGHBOROUGH – Thorpe Hill, Loughborough	Y	Y
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough, LE11 3HZ	Y	Y
NEWTOWN LINFORD CRICKET CLUB	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Newtown Linford, LE6 0AD	Y	Y

**Justification:** The analysis shows that whilst there is sufficient supply to meet demand, the area is dependent on grass wicket capacity being ‘topped up’ by NTP capacity to meet junior demand. Also, due to the increase in bounce provided by the surface, NTPs are considered to provide a preferred facility for U13 junior cricket.

This is because the extra bounce aids better technical development for young players and requires less maintenance and preparation than grass wickets.

**Recommendation C4:** The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should work with the clubs to help finance the installation of fixed practice nets where clubs require them. Sites with developed or developing junior sections should be considered the priority for this provision.



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Examples of sites that should be considered for new or replacement practice nets for this strategic purpose include:

SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	NEW / REPLACEMENT PRACTICE NETS
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH – Watermead Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3TN	Y	Y
SCHOOL LANE FIELDS	SOAR VALLEY – School Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4EA	Y	Y

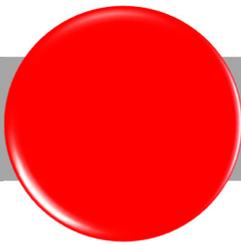
**Justification:** Fixed practice nets are considered to aid technical development of both junior and senior players. They also enhance the quality and appeal of a cricket facility from a users' perspective. Several key sites in the area do not currently have fixed practice nets and clubs have expressed a desire to provide them on-site.

**Recommendation C5:** Where appropriate, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should also work with clubs to encourage establishment of a group of qualified volunteers for each ground to undertake pitch preparation and maintenance. They should also help to ensure that these volunteers have access to the latest knowledge and best practice regarding pitch maintenance and preparation techniques.

Furthermore, the ECB and the LCCC should ensure that each club is adequately equipped with appropriate maintenance equipment to produce a good quality surface.

Examples of sites that should be engaged in pitch maintenance support include:

SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	PITCH MAINTENANCE SUPPORT
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Platts Lane, Cossington, LE7 4UZ	Y	Y
LOUGHBOROUGH CHARNWOOD OLD BOYS CC	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough, LE11 3QU	N	Y
MORLEY LANE CRICKET GROUND	SHEPSHED-HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9EU	Y	Y



CRICKET RECOMMENDATIONS			
SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	NEW/REPLACEMENT PRACTICE NETS
PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS	SHEPSHED-HATHERN – Pasture Lane, Hathern, Loughborough, LE12 5LJ	Y	Y
PUDDING BAG LANE	SHEPSHED-HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9GD	Y	Y
WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS CRICKET CLUB	THE WOLDS – Walton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 8HT	Y	Y

**Justification:** The quality of the pitches in the area is currently considered to be good. This is due to strong volunteer engagement across many club sites. However, there is a risk that if clubs lose their volunteer maintenance providers, replacing them would either take time or significant unforeseen expense.

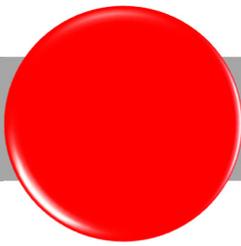
**Recommendation C6:** Charnwood Borough Council, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should work with clubs to discourage antisocial behaviour on sites. Required measures are likely to be specific to each site but this may include better fencing and barriers as well as CCTV, where appropriate. Park Road Sports Ground has been identified as requiring measures to reduce antisocial behaviour. However, all partners should seek to work with clubs if and when such issues develop.

**Justification:** Multiple sites across several sports have reported issues around antisocial behaviour. This can have a significant impact on clubs, not just in terms of refurbishing or replacing the facilities or equipment that is lost or damaged, but also in terms of increasing insurance premiums which can be detrimental to a club's financial security.

**Recommendation C7:** The ECB and the LCCC should continue to work with clubs to improve ancillary facilities including pavilions, fencing, car parking or other non-playing facility elements. This may include support and involvement from Charnwood Borough Council where planning permission to extend or rebuild pavilions is required.

Clubs that have been identified as requiring improved ancillary facilities include:

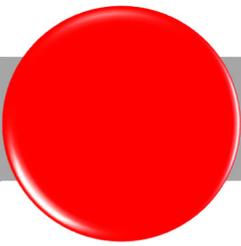
SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT		
			FENCING	STORAGE	PAVILION
BARROW TOWN CRICKET CLUB	SOAR VALLEY – Barrow-upon-Soar, LE12 8PD	Y	Y	Y	
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	THE WOLDS – Burton Lane, Wymeswold, Loughborough, LE12 6UN	Y		Y	



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SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT		
			FENCING	STORAGE	PAVILION
CAVES FIELD (PAVILION)	SOAR VALLEY – Quorn LE12 8EP	Y			Y
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND (PAVILION)	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Platts Lane, Cossington, LE7 4UZ	Y			Y
CROPSTON CC (PAVILION)	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Cropston Road, Anstey, LE7 7BP	Y			Y
DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND (PAVILION)	LOUGHBOROUGH – Thorpe Hill, Loughborough	Y			Y
MORLEY LANE CRICKET GROUND (PAVILION)	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9EU	Y			Y
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND (PAVILION)	LOUGHBOROUGH – Watermead Lane, Loughborough	Y			Y
PUDDING BAG LANE (PAVILION)	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9GD	Y			Y
SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELDS (PAVILION)	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed, LE12 9GD	Y			Y
SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB (PAVILION)	SOAR VALLEY – Sileby, LE12 7UX	Y			Y
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (PAVILION)	SOAR VALLEY – Syston, LE7 3FE	Y			Y

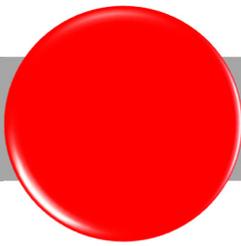
**Justification:** Several clubs have reported a desire to improve their changing rooms and ancillary facilities. Many of these are showing significant signs of ageing. Improving changing facilities will make facilities more attractive to players and can help the clubs gain additional revenue through pavilion hire and increased bar revenue.



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**Recommendation C8:** Charnwood Borough Council should continue to accommodate imported demand from Leicester on local authority managed facilities. However, it should work with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) and City of Leicester Council to migrate this demand back to Leicester.

Justification: There is sufficient peak time capacity to meet current demand. However, there is not enough existing capacity to meet the projected level of senior demand by 2036. Imported demand from Leicester is currently occupying 9 match slots on Saturdays in Charnwood. The relocation of this demand from Charnwood will provide enough spare peak time capacity for all projected future demand to be met within the existing community pitch stock.



## 5 RUGBY UNION

### INTRODUCTION AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is the national governing body responsible for grassroots and elite rugby in England, with the annual season operating from September to April.

### RFU STRATEGIC PLAN (2017 - 2021)

5.2. In October 2017, the RFU published its strategic plan, with the overall objective of being England's strongest sport, underpinned by good governance and regulation, as well as increased investment in the game to drive elite performance and community participation.

5.3. The following key areas of focus are particularly relevant for this strategy;

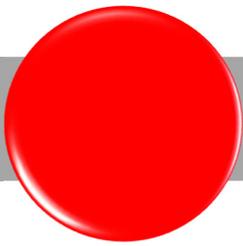
- **Protect our clubs: Support clubs to protect themselves against risks to sustainability in the key areas of leadership, facilities and finances. Support clubs to meet all their statutory and regulatory obligations;**
- **Expand places to play through Artificial Grass Pitches: Install and manage strategically placed Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) nationwide, increasing playing opportunities for the 15-a-side game and other variants in communities where natural turf pitches are significantly overused. Improve access to rugby in non-traditional and urban areas;**
- **Engage new communities in rugby: Increase female player numbers, with more teams and matches, expansion in the education environment and transitioning more players to clubs; and**
- **Grow the grassroots game: Increase the number of active male and female (14+) 15-a-side teams by 10%. Increase the number of 15-a-side matches played by 20%. Increase the number of active rugby union players by 10%.**

5.4. The objectives and targets of the RFU are referenced throughout this strategy and utilised to prioritise facility development projects as part of the recommendations and action plan section.

### RFU FACILITIES STRATEGY (2014 - 2018)

5.5. The RFU Facility Strategy (2014) includes the following objectives and priorities relevant to the PPS:

- **The core aims of the RFU are to create effective and efficient facilities, management and governance along with community integration; and**
- **Facility priorities include improving changing provision, natural turf pitch quality, AGPs and floodlighting for both matches and training. These affect commercial opportunities within community clubs.**



## SUPPLY

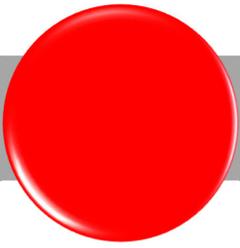
### QUANTITY OVERVIEW

- 5.6. Seventeen sites in Charnwood provide at least one rugby union pitch. There are 30 senior pitches and 8 junior pitches. Only 13 (45%) of these 38 pitches are used by community clubs and therefore considered “available for community use.” These 13 pitches are located across 6 sites. The ownership of the rugby sites across the study area and the number of pitches are shown in Table 5.1, to reflect the significance of each ownership and management type.

**Table 5.1: Ownership of Rugby Pitches in Charnwood**

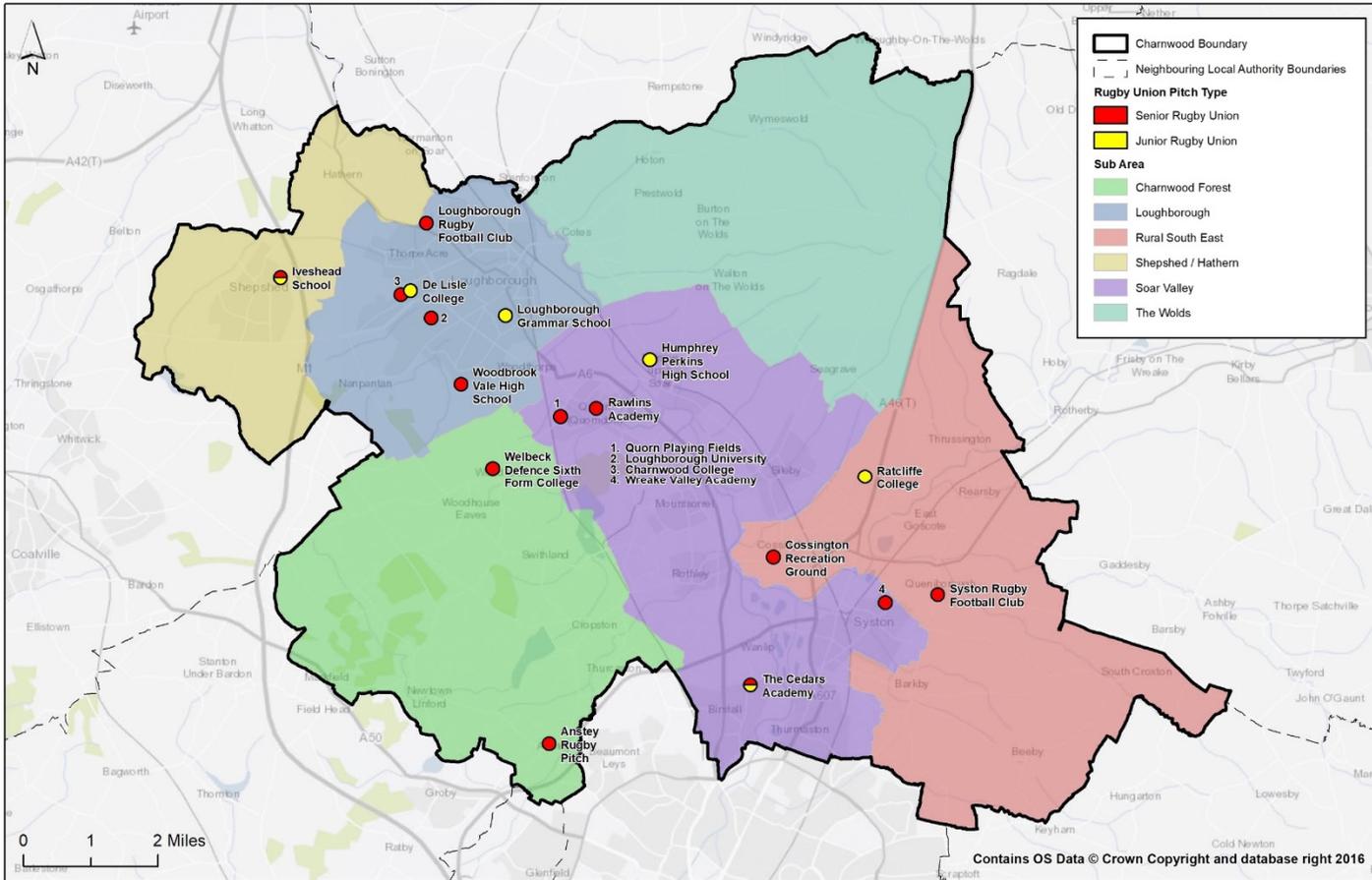
ORGANISATION TYPE	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT
ACADEMIES	7	7
CHARITY / TRUST	1	1
LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	1	0
LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOLS (OTHER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL)	2	2
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (FURTHER EDUCATION)	1	1
MOD	1	0
PARISH COUNCIL	1	0
PRIVATE	1	1
SPORTS CLUB	2	3
MINERVA CONSORTIUM (COMMERCIAL)	0	1
SCHOOL (IN HOUSE)	0	1

- 5.7. Table 5.1 shows that there are various types of different organisations involved in the ownership and management of rugby sites in Charnwood. The table also shows that 41% of rugby pitches in the Borough are based at academies. This has significant implications for the long-term security of community access to these pitches. This is because academies tend not to grant long-term security of tenure to community clubs and, in some cases, may not open their facilities to the community at all. This can be dependent on the personality of the academy leadership and their commitment to having their facilities used by the community.
- 5.8. Two sites are owned by sports clubs and a further site is managed by a sports club. This means that 50% of clubs manage their home site. This again has significant implications for rugby, because typically when clubs have some control of the management of their home site, they are able to better mobilise volunteers to help care for the site, especially at times when additional maintenance is required. In some circumstances this can be more beneficial for clubs than using professional grounds maintenance staff, who can be expensive and less flexible in the number of hours they are required to work.



5.9. Map 5.1 shows the geographic location of the rugby pitches across the study area and illustrates that the current supply is predominantly in the Loughborough and the Soar Valley sub-areas.

**Map 5.1: Rugby Union pitch sites in Charnwood**



**Rugby Union sites by pitch type in Charnwood**



5.10. Table 5.2 summarises details of the rugby sites in Charnwood and illustrates where there is secured community use.

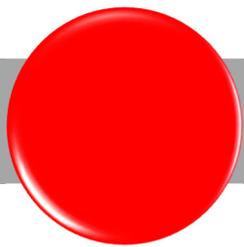
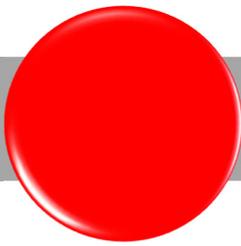


Table 5.2: Rugby sites detailing security of community use

SITE NAME	POSTCODE	SETTLEMENT	SUB-AREA	COMMUNITY USE ON SITE	SECURITY OF USE	OWNERSHIP	PITCHES	
							ADULT	JUNIOR/ MINIS
ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	LE7 7EB	Anstey	Charnwood Forest	Available	Secured	Anstey Parish Council	1	0
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	LE11 4SQ	Loughborough	Loughborough	Available	Unsecured	David Ross Education Trust (Academy Trust)	1	0
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	LE7 4UZ	Cossington	Rural South East	Available	Secured	Platts Charity	1	0
DE LISLE COLLEGE	LE11 4SQ	Loughborough	Loughborough	Not Available	Unsecured	Blessed Cyprian Tansi Catholic Academy Trust	0	1
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	LE12 8JU	Barrow-upon-Soar	Charnwood Forest	Available	Unsecured	Humphrey Perkins Academy Trust	0	1
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LE12 9DB	Shepshed	Shepshed–Hathern	Available	Unsecured	Leicestershire County Council	1	1
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	LE11 2DU	Loughborough	Loughborough	Not Available	Unsecured	Loughborough Endowed Schools	0	2
LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	LE11 5FJ	Loughborough	Loughborough	Available	Secured	Charnwood Borough Council (club has lease until 2060)	3	0
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Loughborough	Loughborough	Not Available	Unsecured	Loughborough University	3	0
QUORN PLAYING FIELDS	LE12 8AJ	Quorn	Soar Valley	Not Available	Unsecured	Loughborough Endowed Schools	6	0
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	LE7 4SG	Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	Rural South East	Not Available	Unsecured	Ratcliffe College - Private	0	2
RAWLINS ACADEMY	LE12 8DY	Quorn	Soar Valley	Available	Secured	Rawlins Academy Trust	1	0
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	LE7 3FE	Queniborough	Rural South East	Available	Secured	Syston Rugby Football Club	5	0
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	LE4 4GH	Birstall	Soar Valley	Available	Unsecured	Lion Heart Academy Trust	1	1
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	LE12 8WD	Woodhouse Eaves	Charnwood Forest	Available	Unsecured	Ministry of Defense (MOD)	4	0
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LE11 2ST	Loughborough	Loughborough	Available	Unsecured	Woodbrook Vale High School Academy Trust	2	0
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	LE7 1LY	Syston	Soar Valley	Available	Unsecured	Wreake Valley Academy Trust	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>



## QUALITY ASSESSMENT

- 5.11. Each site was visited and assessed by 4global using non-technical assessments as determined by the RFU. The methodology for assessing rugby pitch quality analyses two key elements: the maintenance programme and level of drainage.
- 5.12. Each pitch is scored and classified under one of three categories. These represent actions required to improve site quality. A description of each of the two scoring elements and three respective categories is provided in the following two tables. Further detail on this process can be seen in Technical Appendix F: Site-by-Site Analysis Rugby Union.

**Table 5.3: Rugby pitch maintenance quality assessment specifications <sup>25</sup>**

CATEGORY	OVERALL QUALITY RATING
MO	Action requires significant improvements to the maintenance programme
M1	Action requires minor improvements to the maintenance programme
M2	Action requires no improvements to the maintenance programme

**Table 5.4: Rugby pitch drainage quality assessment specifications <sup>26</sup>**

CATEGORY	OVERALL QUALITY RATING
DO	Action on pipe draining system is needed on pitch
D1	Action on silt drainage system is needed on pitch
D2	No action is needed on pitch drainage

- 5.13. The above scores (Tables 5.3 and 5.4) are then combined to provide a match equivalent capacity, as calculated in Table 5.5. Depending on the score given to a site, a pitch is assigned a certain carrying capacity, which can then be used to calculate the overall capacity of a site.

**Table 5.5: Match equivalent calculation <sup>27</sup>**

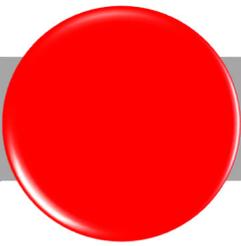
DRAINAGE	MAINTENANCE		
	POOR (MO)	STANDARD (M1)	GOOD (M2)
NATURAL INADEQUATE (DO)	0.5	1.5	2
NATURAL ADEQUATE (D1)	1.5	2	3
PIPE DRAINED (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
PIPE AND SLIT DRAINED (D3)	2	3	3.5

- 5.14. Table 5.6 summarises the quality assessment results for those sites currently used by the community. Full details of the consequent carrying capacity allocations of each site by pitch type can be found in Technical Appendix F: Site-by-Site Analysis Rugby Union.

<sup>25</sup> Source: RFU PPS Guidance

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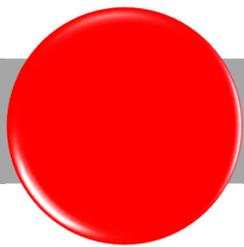
<sup>27</sup> Source: Sport England PPS Guidance – RFU Appendices (<http://goo.gl/em3wyj>; 2015)



**Table 5.6: Pitches by match equivalent calculation <sup>28</sup>**

DRAINAGE	MAINTENANCE		
	POOR (M0)	STANDARD (M1)	GOOD (M2)
NATURAL INADEQUATE (D0)	4	0	0
NATURAL ADEQUATE (D1)	10	1	0
PIPE DRAINED (D2)	4	6	13
PIPE AND SLIT DRAINED (D3)	0	0	0

- 5.15. Table 5.6 shows that across all pitches in the borough, 18 (47%) are recorded as receiving poor maintenance (M0). Table 5.5 shows that the maximum carrying capacity of a pitch receiving poor maintenance is considered to be just 2 match equivalents per week. All pitches receiving poor quality maintenance (M0) are either education sites (mostly managed by academies) or club pitches.
- 5.16. Of the 18 pitches currently receiving poor maintenance, 4 are considered to have inadequate drainage, which means that these pitches are considered to have the lowest possible carrying capacity of 0.5 match equivalents per week. A further 10 pitches have drainage that is classified as “natural adequate.” This means that these pitches have a carrying capacity of 1.5 matches per week.
- 5.17. 13 pitches (34%) are recorded as receiving “good” maintenance (M2). All of these pitches are pipe-drained, meaning they have a carrying capacity of 3.25 match equivalents per week. All of the pitches with good (M2) maintenance are located on private education sites (Loughborough University and Quorn Playing Fields – Loughborough Endowed Schools).
- 5.18. Loughborough RFC and Syston RFC have 1 pitch and 2 good standard pitches respectively; these are recorded as receiving standard (M1) levels of maintenance. However, the maintenance on the rest of the pitches on these sites is considered poor (M0). All the other pitches receiving standard (M1) maintenance are private education sites (Ratcliffe College and Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College).



**DEMAND**

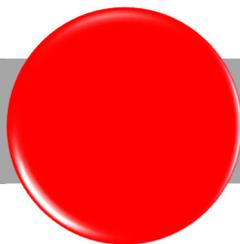
**CURRENT DEMAND**

5.19. Six clubs have been identified as playing in Charnwood. Their home grounds and the number of competitive teams they field is detailed in Table 5.7.

**Table 5.7: Rugby Club profiles for responding clubs <sup>29</sup>**

CLUB	HOME GROUND	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	NO. OF COMPETITIVE TEAMS					TOTAL
			ADULTS		JUNIOR (U13–18)		MINI / MIDI (U7–12)	
			MEN'S	LADIES'	BOYS'	GIRLS'		
ANSTEY RFC	Anstey Rugby Pitch	CHARNWOOD FOREST, Anstey	1	0	0	0	0	1
LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE	Loughborough RFC	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough	0	0	1	1	0	2
LOUGHBOROUGH RFC			4	1	7	1	6	19
QUORN RFC	Rawlins Academy	SOAR VALLEY, Quorn	1	0	0	0	0	1
SHEPSHED RFC	Iveshead School	SHEPSHED–HATHERN – Shepshed	1	0	0	0	2	3
SILEBY VIKINGS RFC	Cossington Recreation Ground	RURAL SOUTH EAST, Cossington	2	1	0	0	0	3
SYSTON RFC	Syston RFC	SOAR VALLEY, Queniborough	4	0	6	0	4	14
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43</b>

<sup>29</sup> Source: PPS club consultations

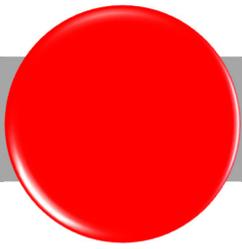


5.20. All clubs were invited to take part in the rugby consultation. Table 5.8 shows a summary of the consultation feedback provided by the clubs with the highest number of teams.

### CHARNWOOD SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 5.8: Summary of demand consultations from rugby clubs in Charnwood**

CLUB	CONSULTATION SUMMARY
SYSTON RFC	<p>This club has 14 teams, ranging from under 8s to a senior men’s first team. All teams are accommodated at Syston RFC, where there are five full-sized pitches. Two of these are designated for training purposes. All five pitches are used for matches, along with another 9 mini pitches on site. The club owns the rugby club facilities that act as a sporting hub in the area, also playing host to sports such as cricket, tennis and juditsu. The membership costs contribute significantly to the upkeep of the facilities. The club currently pays for a groundsman to maintain the site and is looking to add one more mini team to their structure. The club is not undertaking any major developments at the moment; however, it is investing £12,000 in pitch maintenance and is also looking to replace the pitch-side barriers.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH RFC	<p>The club has 19 teams ranging from senior men’s to U6s. The club leases their home ground, Derby Road Sports Ground from Charnwood Borough Council. The designated training pitch is used for 5 hours every day for training purposes. The club also hires the pitch out to a local, running club as well as a fitness instructor. They do not charge but set up value-in-kind sponsorship/social agreements instead. The club uses the grass pitch that they rent from Charnwood Borough Council for training purposes, as it is normally a football pitch. They use this pitch for two hours, twice a week and occasionally use it for training at the weekend. The club maintains the site; this costs them around £5,000–£8,000 a year.</p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main issue with the site is that the drainage is poor and consequently games are called off in the season. The club pays for the pitch to be vertidraind each season in order to combat this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Development Plans:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club is looking to expand their changing rooms. They have had an options appraisal carried out and are in the process of deciding between three proposals. Funds are the biggest issue for the project, given that the budget is around £200,000–£250,000.</li> </ul>
SILEBY VIKINGS RFC	<p>The club fields three teams in total: two men’s senior teams and a female senior side. All three of these teams play at Cossington Recreation Ground. The site has one grass pitch that is used for all training and playing needs. The club would like to expand and have a junior section; however, this is not realistic with the small amount of space that they have.</p>

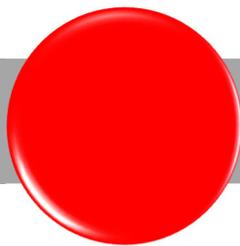


CLUB	CONSULTATION SUMMARY
	<p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vandalism: the club has been broken into recently. The site is only accessible by foot; however, if it was accessible by car then the club fears more issues would arise;</li> <li>• Cossington Recreation Ground is owned by the Platt Lane trust and is public land. The club therefore has issues with people walking through the site and causing harm to the pitches during periods of pitch refurbishment;</li> <li>• The pitch is too small and cannot be extended due to a pond toward the south west of the site; and</li> <li>• The Club uses a small paddock to the east of the site, which is partially floodlit. The small size of the field means there is significant use of this piece of land.</li> </ul> <p><b>Development plans:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club has plans to revamp the pavilion and change the surface of the car park (possibly to concrete) in order to accommodate more people during peak time and reduce issues such as cars getting stuck in the mud during bad weather.; and</li> <li>• The club would also like to establish a ladies' team in the near future.</li> </ul>

**FUTURE DEMAND**

- 5.21. In order to assess the future demand for rugby in Charnwood, a Team Generation Rate<sup>30</sup> has been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure enables a calculation of the population size (for various age groups) that will typically result in enough demand for an additional rugby team.
- 5.22. This Team Generation Rate is then applied to the population projections for the study area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups. As before, ONS, SNPP data has been used for the population projection.

<sup>30</sup> The Team Generation Rate calculation uses the current number of teams and the current population to calculate a proxy measure of the number of total residents per relevant sports team. This measure is therefore applied to the projected population (depending on the Strategy timescale) to predict how many additional teams will be required in order to satisfy the demand from the 'new' population.



**Table 5.9: Future demand projections for rugby teams in Charnwood <sup>31</sup>**

AGE GROUP	CURRENT POPN. WITHIN AGE GROUP	NO. OF TEAMS	TGR (TEAMS GENERATED BY 1000 PEOPLE)	FUTURE POPN. (2036)	PREDICTED FUTURE NUMBER OF TEAMS	ADDITIONAL TEAMS REQUIRED
RUGBY UNION SENIOR MEN (19 - 45YRS)	34380	13	2645	38340	14	1
RUGBY UNION SENIOR WOMEN (19 - 45YRS)	32140	2	16070	35100	2	0
RUGBY UNION YOUTH BOYS (13 - 18YRS)	7440	14	531	8880	17	3
RUGBY UNION YOUTH GIRLS (13 - 18YRS)	6320	2	3160	7720	2	0
RUGBY UNION MINI/MIDI MIXED (7 - 12YRS)	11520	12	960	13320	14	2
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED ADDITIONAL DEMAND (TEAMS)</b>					<b>6</b>	

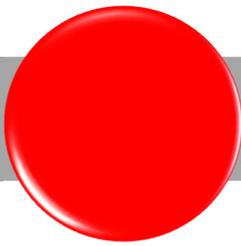
5.23. Table 5.9 shows the TGR calculations for rugby teams in Charnwood. Based on future population projections, a total of six additional rugby teams will be generated by 2036. This figure is calculated by rounding the projected figure reached by the TGR to the nearest whole number.

### **SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE**

5.24. To calculate whether there is any spare capacity at rugby sites in Charnwood, Table 5.10 shows the supply and demand figures across the sites in the borough.

5.25. As part of the analysis, a scenario in which all pitches not available for and used by the community are excluded from the pitch supply. This exercise therefore only includes the sites that are part of the existing community supply to be analysed in terms of existing and projected future capacity.

<sup>31</sup> Source: Office of National Statistics Sub National Population Projection Figures (2014)

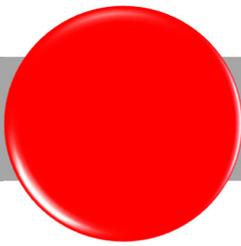


## CHARNWOOD SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 5.10: Overall rugby balance figures for Charnwood**

	BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	SENIOR RUGBY UNION	JUNIOR RUGBY UNION	TOTAL
1	TOTAL SUPPLY	69.75	14.5	84.25
2	SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	40.5	4	44.5
3	DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	18	18	36
4	CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	22.5	-14	8.5
5	CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	3	-17	-14
6	FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND	2	2	4
7	FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)	1	5	6
8	FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	0	-24	-24

- 5.26. Table 5.10 shows that when all pitch capacity is included across the borough, rugby union is currently operating with spare capacity for adult demand across all available sites (row 4). However, Table 5.10 also shows a clear under-supply of junior rugby union pitches (-14 junior pitches). It is assumed that where sites do not have junior pitches, this demand is met by playing on the senior pitches. Table 5.10 shows that when all pitches available to the community are factored into the supply, there is a small amount of spare capacity equivalent to 8.5 match equivalents per week (row 4 Total).
- 5.27. When only sites being used by the community are taken into consideration, this balance changes significantly. Whilst there is a small over-supply for senior rugby pitches, there is a significant under-supply of junior pitches (row 5). Based on both adult and junior pitch supply and the demand for them, Table 5.10 shows that rugby pitches in Charnwood are shown to be operating over capacity by 14 match equivalents (in other words, there is an under-supply of rugby pitches of 14 match equivalents).
- 5.28. Table 5.10 also shows that if rugby union demand increases as projected by the TGR and latent demand, the entire borough will be operating over capacity, at 24 match equivalents per week (in other words, there is an under-supply of rugby pitches of 24 match equivalents). As part of the analysis, the level of future demand is modelled to show the maximum level of future demand based on the current rate of teams generated from the current population. Part of this analysis includes examining the level of 'latent' demand for rugby in the borough (by number of teams). This information is sourced from the clubs who provide information on how many teams they feel they could run if barriers such as pitch capacity/availability, shortage of coaches, equipment, referees (or others) were removed.
- 5.29. The following tables show the current and future supply and demand analysis by sub-area. It should be noted that the distribution of projected demand identified by the TGR analysis has been allocated in line with current levels of participation, i.e., if there were to be 4 additional senior teams and 50% of current demand was placed in one sub-area and the other 50% was split evenly between another two sub-areas, then the first sub-area would be assigned two of the four future teams and the other two sub-areas would be assigned one team each. This approach accurately reflects the success of some clubs in terms of being able to attract players, whether this is through quality of facilities, coaching or a combination of these and a number of other factors.



## SUB-AREA SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS

### CHARNWOOD FOREST SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 5.11: Rugby Union supply v demand balance figures for Charnwood Forest**

	BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	SENIOR RUGBY UNION	JUNIOR RUGBY UNION	TOTAL
1	TOTAL SUPPLY	1.75	0	1.75
2	SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	1.75	0	1.75
3	DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	1	0	1
4	CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	0.75	0	0.75
5	CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	0.75	0	0.75
6	FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND	0	0	0
7	FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)	0	0	0
8	FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	0.75	0	0.75

5.30. Table 5.11 shows that there is very little demand for rugby union in the Charnwood Forest sub-area, with demand equalling just 1 match equivalent. This demand, Anstey Rugby Club, is a social rugby team and has reported limited ambitions to grow the club further. The club did have a junior section a number of years ago which was disbanded, and now the club meets more casual demand for rugby in the area.

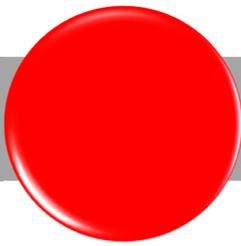
### LOUGHBOROUGH SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 5.12: Rugby Union supply v demand balance figures for Loughborough**

	BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	SENIOR RUGBY UNION	JUNIOR RUGBY UNION	TOTAL
1	TOTAL SUPPLY	38.75	5.5	44.25
2	SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	9.5	0	9.5
3	DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	5	10	15
4	CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	4.5	-10	-5.5
5	CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	0	-10	-10
6	FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND	0	0	0
7	FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)	1	3	4
8	FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	-1	-13	-14

5.31. Table 5.12 shows that again, when junior demand is applied to adult rugby pitches, there is an inadequate supply to meet total current and future (including latent) demand across the sub-area. This sub-area is projected to see the largest growth in terms of teams, with 4 of the 6 projected teams.

5.32. Table 5.12 shows that some pitches (29.25 match equivalents of supply) are currently unavailable to the community (this figure is calculated by subtracting the supply figure for available sites (row 2) from the total supply figure (row 1)). The site-by-site capacity analysis (available in Appendix F: Site-by-Site Analysis Rugby Union) shows that the majority of this unavailable supply is located at private education sites and Loughborough University.



### SOAR VALLEY SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 5.13: Rugby Union supply v demand balance figures for Soar Valley**

	BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	SENIOR RUGBY UNION	JUNIOR RUGBY UNION	TOTAL
1	TOTAL SUPPLY	13.25	3	16.25
2	SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	13.25	3	16.25
3	DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	5	6	11
4	CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	8.25	-3	5.25
5	CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	6.75	-6	0.75
6	FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND	0	0	0
7	FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)	0	2	2
8	FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	6.75	-8	-1.25

5.33. The total current supply v demand balance for available sites with community use for Soar Valley is just 0.75 (match equivalents spare capacity per week). This means that the sub-area has no capacity for further teams. As this sub-area is projected to have an additional 2 junior teams, this growth in demand will put further pressure on the existing community pitches in this sub-area.

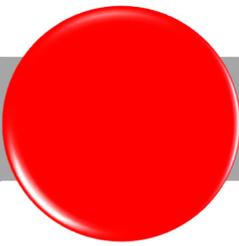
### SHEPshed–HATHERN SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 5.14: Rugby Union supply v demand balance figures for Shepshed–Hathern**

	BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	SENIOR RUGBY UNION	JUNIOR RUGBY UNION	TOTAL
1	TOTAL SUPPLY	1	1	2
2	SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	1	1	2
3	DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	4	2	6
4	CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	-3	-1	-4
5	CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	-3	-1	-4
6	FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND	1	0	1
7	FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)	0	0	0
8	FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	-4	-1	-5

5.34. Table 5.14 shows that the Shepshed–Hathern sub-area is operating significantly over capacity given the relatively small amount of demand in the area; i.e. there are insufficient pitches.

5.35. Table 5.14 illustrates that should the additional adult team, for which there is reported latent demand, be developed, the sub-area would be operating at 5 match equivalents over capacity per week.



## RURAL SOUTH EAST SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**Table 5.15: Rugby Union supply v demand balance figures for Rural South East**

	BALANCE PER PITCH TYPE	SENIOR RUGBY UNION	JUNIOR RUGBY UNION	TOTAL
1	TOTAL SUPPLY	15	5	20
2	SUPPLY – PITCH CAPACITY IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS (FOR AVAILABLE SITES ONLY)	15	0	15
3	DEMAND – MATCH EQUIVALENTS FOR MATCHES AND TRAINING	3	0	3
4	CURRENT BALANCE FOR ALL AVAILABLE SITES ONLY	12	0	12
5	CURRENT BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	-1.5	0	-1.5
6	FUTURE ADDITIONAL LATENT DEMAND	1	0	1
7	FUTURE ADDITIONAL DEMAND (FROM TGR)	0	0	0
8	FUTURE BALANCE FOR AVAILABLE SITES WITH COMMUNITY USE	-2.5	0	-2.5

5.36. Table 5.15 shows that the single site currently used for rugby union in the Rural South East (located at Cossington Recreation Ground) is currently operating over capacity by 1.5 match equivalents per week. Sileby Vikings RFC has no junior section at present, but reports having latent demand for an additional senior team. If realised, this additional demand would cause the site to be operating 2.5 match equivalents over capacity.

5.37. This sub-area analysis highlights that every sub-area except Charnwood Forest has an under-supply of pitches to meet identified demand (match equivalents). The Rural South East and Soar Valley sub-areas have an under-supply of junior pitches to meet identified demand (match equivalents). Shepshed sub-area has an under-supply of senior pitches to meet identified demand (match equivalents), and the Loughborough sub-area has an under-supply of both senior and junior rugby union pitches to meet demand (match equivalents).

## PEAK DEMAND CAPACITY ANALYSIS

5.38. Using the Sport England 2013 guidance, the PPS has identified an under-supply of pitches across the study area, based on the capacity analysis that assumes a set number of match equivalents per week, based on the quality of a site.

5.39. While this is valuable, it is also important to understand the capacity of pitch provision at the periods of highest (peak) demand. This indicates whether there are enough pitches to satisfy demand when a large amount of rugby is played at the same time. For instance, this will indicate whether there is sufficient provision of senior pitches if all adult teams wish to play at the same time on a Saturday afternoon.

5.40. To undertake the peak demand analysis, the following assumptions are made:

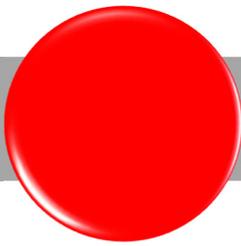
- **Adult and Colts (U19s) peak demand is assumed to be Saturday PM; and**
- **Senior Women, Juniors and Minis is assumed to be Sunday AM.**

5.41. With the above assumptions in mind, Table 5.16 shows the capacity analysis at peak demand for each club.

**Table 5.16: Peak demand capacity analysis by club**

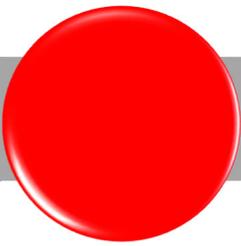
CLUB	SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	PITCHES		CAPACITY AT PEAK TIME (IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS)		
			SENIOR	JUNIOR	SATURDAY PM	SUNDAY AM	
					SNR MEN & COLTS	SNR WOMEN	JNRS & MINIS
ANSTEY RFC	Anstey Rugby Pitch	CHARNWOD FOREST, Anstey	1	-	0.5	1	
LOUGHBOROUGH RFC	Loughborough RFC	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough	3	-	0.5	No Capacity	
QUORN RFC	Rawlins Academy	SOAR VALLEY, Quorn	1	-	0.5	1	
SHEPSHED RFC	Iveshead School	SHEPSHED-HATHERN – Shepshed	1	1	0.5	1	1
SILEBY VIKINGS RFC	Cossington Recreation Ground	RURAL SOUTH EAST, Cossington	1	-	No Capacity	0.5	
SYSTON RFC	Syston RFC	SOAR VALLEY, Queniborough	5	-	2.5	0.5	

- 5.42. Table 5.16 illustrates that due to the lack of pitch provision on each of the respective club's home grounds, there is a limited peak-time supply of pitches. Most club sites are able to accommodate a maximum of one additional male senior or colts side per site. This leaves very little room for expansion or growth of the clubs' senior sections. There is more spare capacity for junior demand at peak times, but again this is limited on a site-by-site basis, with most club sites only being able to accommodate up to two more junior teams.
- 5.43. Loughborough RFC and Sileby Vikings are the two clubs most limited by their peak-time capacities.
- 5.44. Syston RFC shows the greatest peak-time capacity. However, the site-by-site analysis (Appendix F) shows that this site has just 0.25 match equivalents in spare carrying capacity overall. This means that Syston RFC cannot accommodate another team with its current level of maintenance and drainage. Furthermore, it is understood that one of the pitches at Syston is identified and prioritised for mid-week training use, meaning that this pitch is likely to be in a poor condition, due to significant use, in comparison to the other pitches on site. This means there is the potential to field up to three more senior/colts team on this site during Saturday afternoons but the carrying capacity of the site overall would need to be improved in order to accommodate this.



### IMPORTED / EXPORTED DEMAND

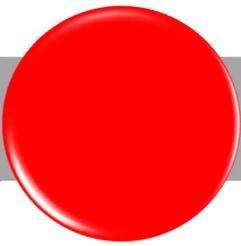
- 5.45. As mentioned in the consultation summary with the RFU, Birstall Rugby Club formerly played within the boundary of the borough but has moved to the Co-op Sports Ground, which is just outside of the borough in the City of Leicester. The move means the club is located closer to its player base in Birstall and North Leicester than was previously the case.
- 5.46. The club fields two adult teams (with plans to add a third) and a male U16s team. The site has two rugby pitches and so is unlikely to reach capacity should a colts' team (which typically plays on Saturdays) be formed by players graduating from the U16s team.
- 5.47. As the village of Birstall is located within the study area but the club's home ground is not, there is concern about excluding the teams generated by Birstall RFC from the TGR analysis.
- 5.48. To address this, 4global has undertaken a scenario test including Birstall RFC in the Charnwood sub-area demand for rugby pitches to assess its impact on the study. Under the scenario where Birstall RFC is included in the TGR analysis, the entire borough is projected to produce demand for 1 further adult team by 2036 (and no further junior teams). However, if the club is excluded from the future demand analysis, there is no demand for additional rugby teams in the borough (even though there may be some people moving into the borough who could end up playing for this club. Overall, population increase will increase demand for rugby in the area; if Birstall RFC is included in the Charnwood Borough supply and demand analysis, there will be a need to provide for the additional teams and training demands generated; if the club is excluded from the borough analysis, the club is still likely to field additional teams to meet demand (some of which is likely to come from Charnwood), but their playing requirements are assessed as needing to be met in the area in which their current provision is counted, i.e. Leicester City. This is simply an anomaly of the PPS methodology, whereby the supply and demand side of a specific sport, i.e. the pitches and the participants, both need to be assessed within the same local authority area.
- 5.49. The TGR analysis uses the current distribution of demand as the basis for illustrating how future demand may be met. This is particularly pertinent in rugby, as players tend to travel to play. This is generally because they will tend to choose a club, not because it is located closest to them, but because it is the club located closest to them that fulfils their needs or expectations in terms of playing standards, training, facility quality and the club social activities. The TGR analysis therefore models the majority of future demand as going to Syston and Loughborough rugby clubs, as these offer the most variety of playing standard, social scene and training as well as having proven that they can be successful in attracting a large number of players (Syston RFC is the site located closest to the North East Leicester SUE, although both clubs are within a 10-minute drive of the development). Accessibility for junior players does need to be considered; those with access to parental transport can travel, but those without still need to be able to access a rugby pitch within reasonable distance (by walking/public transport).
- 5.50. Birstall RFC is a medium-sized club that has also been successful in attracting a substantial, if not large number of players. It is likely that some rugby players moving to the area as part of the North East of Leicester SUE and/or Broadnook SUE will find Birstall RFC an attractive club to join; therefore, some demand for rugby generated within Charnwood may be exported just outside of the borough to Birstall RFC. As the club has reported being close to developing a new team, even a small number of additional players may help them achieve this and realise the additional team identified as part of the TGR projections. This means the club's presence in the TGR analysis is effectively cancelled out by their likelihood of realising one of the projected teams due to their proximity to the North East Leicester SUE.



- 5.51. It should be noted that Birstall RFC is unlikely to attract all or even the majority of new demand generated by the population of the new SUE. This is due to the limitations on the club's "rugby offer;" for example, the club currently has no mini section, a one-team junior section and is unlikely to have the volunteering, administrative or volunteering capacity to form sections that can compete with the nearest large club, Syston RFC, in the near future. Furthermore, the club has just 2 adult teams with its first team playing in Midlands North Division 3, a middling standard of rugby (these are not criticisms of the club but merely points of difference between Birstall RFC and Syston RFC). As Syston RFC does have well-established mini and junior sections and 4 adults teams playing at a variety of standards, it is likely that this club will continue to attract a larger proportion of demand for rugby within the south of the borough.
- 5.52. In summary, the increase in projected senior demand for rugby union generated as a result of including Birstall RFC in the TGR analysis is balanced by the extent to which Birstall RFC is, in reality, likely to attract some of the increased rugby demand generated by the development of the SUE (and export that demand to a home ground outside of the SUE). Given the neutral impact of this situation, the analysis suggests there is no need to adjust the projected increase in teams provided in the TGR and sub-area analysis above.

### **CAPACITY SCENARIOS**

- 5.53. The RFU has committed itself to improving pitches at club sites as a key element of its grassroots participation strategy. Often when pitches are overused (as they commonly are in Charnwood), they can become damaged, both in the short term through lack of grass growth, and in the long term through undulation. Such damage can not only affect the enjoyment of the players and increase the incidence of match cancellations, but also impact on the safety of the pitches for use.
- 5.54. In order to address the lack of capacity caused by damage to pitches, there is a "hierarchy of need" related to pitch maintenance and improvement, as follows:
- **Improving the level of maintenance on pitches;**
  - **Improving drainage by installing artificial drainage systems; and**
  - **Providing artificial grass surfaces compliant with World Rugby Regulation 22 (governing the playing surface) – henceforth known as WR22 pitches – which require little maintenance and, when installed correctly, should not suffer from significant drainage issues.**
- 5.55. This hierarchy has been established primarily due to the fact that many capacity issues can be addressed through improved maintenance and that this is typically the most cost-effective intervention available.
- 5.56. The installation of artificial drainage, whilst effective in the short term, requires enhanced levels of maintenance, especially through aeration techniques, to ensure that the system remains "un-capped" and continues to work effectively. Therefore, if a site is not being maintained to a "good" level, there is no capacity within the club's maintenance team and affordability is an issue, then this will usually mean artificial drainage is not a viable intervention option.
- 5.57. Investment in strategically placed WR22 pitches is a key element of the RFU's grassroots strategy. However, these facilities represent a significant investment for the RFU and a significant undertaking for clubs. Therefore, investment into a WR22 is usually targeted at areas with high levels of demand for rugby union and low levels of appropriate pitch supply with which to meet this demand.
- 5.58. Intervention 1, improving the level of maintenance on pitches, therefore tends to be the most common approach to address lack of pitch capacity.



5.59. Two scenarios were tested in Charnwood. These scenarios consider the implications of increasing the quality of maintenance on all community use pitches across the borough:

- **Scenario 1 considers the impact of enhancing maintenance on all poorly maintained pitches (M0) to a “standard” level (M1); and**
- **Scenario 2 considers the impact of enhancing the maintenance of all community use pitches to (M2).**

5.60. The results of this scenario testing are shown in Table 5.17.

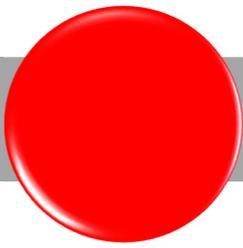
**Table 5.17: Rugby site capacity analysis**

SITE NAME	SUPPLY (CAPACITY)	DEMAND (IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS)		BALANCE (SUPPLY MINUS DEMAND)	SCENARIO 1 (M0 PITCHES TO M1)		SCENARIO 2 (ALL PITCHES TO M2)	
		SNR	JNR		SITE CAPACITY	SITE BALANCE	SITE CAPACITY	SITE BALANCE
ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	1.75	1	0	0.75	2.5	1.5	3.25	2.25
LOUGHBOROUGH RFC	5	2	4.5	-1.5	7.5	1	9	2.5
RAWLINGS ACADEMY	1.5	1	0	0.5	2.5	1.5	3	2
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	2	1	2	-1	5	2	5	2
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	1.5	3	0	-1.5	2.5	-0.5	3	0
SYSTON RFC	10.25	4	6	0.25	12.5	2.5	16.25	6.25
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	1.5	2	0	-0.5	5	3	6	4

- 5.61. Table 5.17 shows that improving maintenance would have a significant impact on the capacity of a number of community-use sites.
- 5.62. Scenario 1 shows that by improving the level of maintenance on existing poor pitches to a standard level, all but one site would have some spare capacity given their current level of demand. Significantly, this intervention would ensure that key sites (Loughborough RFC and Syston RFC) would retain some spare capacity against the current level of demand placed on their pitches.
- 5.63. Similarly, Scenario 2 shows that, if all pitches were maintained to a “good” level (M2) then no community use site would be operating over capacity. However, Scenario 2 shows that even this intervention would not result any additional spare capacity at Cossington Recreation Ground.

### **FLOODLIT AND MID-WEEK TRAINING CAPACITY**

- 5.64. The RFU recognises mid-week training as a well-established part of rugby-playing culture, but also central to the development of players and their enjoyment and consequent continued playing of the game. Most junior teams will train once per week mid-week from around U13 and upwards. These sessions are considered very important for developing technical skills and fitness for junior rugby players. Most senior sections will typically provide the opportunity to train twice per week (on Tuesday and Thursday evenings), especially if a club’s first team is playing at a good standard (top divisions of regional leagues). The development of women’s and girls’ rugby has meant this schedule has been expanded, and clubs will now commonly host training sessions on four evenings per week.



5.65. As rugby union is a winter sport, the availability of good-quality floodlit pitches is fundamental to a club’s ability to provide mid-week training sessions. Typically, clubs will designate one pitch as their “training pitch”, which will be floodlit by fixed floodlights and used exclusively to host training sessions, with, if possible, no match play.

5.66. Table 5.18 shows the balance of supply and demand for floodlit pitches across community sites in Charnwood. The RFU considers a training session to equate to 0.5 match equivalents per week.

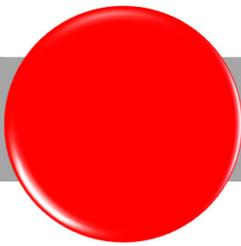
**Table 5.18: Mid-week training balance**

CLUB	HOME GROUND	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	FLOODLIT CAPACITY	TRAINING DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS	TRAINING BALANCE
ANSTEY RFC	Anstey Rugby Pitch	CHARNWOD FOREST – Anstey	0	0	0
SILEBY VIKINGS RFC	Cossington Recreation Ground	LOUGHBOROUGH – Loughborough	0	1.5	-1.5
SHEPSHED RFC	Iveshead School	SOAR VALLEY – Quorn	0	0.5	-0.5
LOUGHBOROUGH RFC	Loughborough Rugby Football Club	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough	1.5	2	-0.5
QUORN RFC	Rawlings Academy	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Cossington	0	0.5	-0.5
SYSTON RFC	Syston Rugby Football Club	SOAR VALLEY – Queniborough	1.75	2	-0.25

5.67. Table 5.18 shows that only two sites in Charnwood have fixed floodlighting available at their sites: Loughborough RFC and Syston RFC. Both of these sites have just one floodlit pitch that is primarily designated for training. The supply and demand analysis in Table 5.16 shows that both these pitches are functioning above their operational capacity. This has implications for the long-term damage to these pitches and the level of safety they provide participating players (it should be noted that neither training pitch is regarded as a health and safety risk to players at the time of assessment).

5.68. Loughborough RFC are recognised by Leicestershire Rugby Union in needing to install recognised standard of floodlighting, as currently the lighting is not adequate for match play and is not in good condition. This enhancement would need to sit along with an improved maintenance regime to accommodate the resulting additional use. It is the preference of the Leicestershire Rugby Union and the RFU for this site to have two sets of floodlighting of the recognised standard installed on the site (one of which would replace the existing floodlighting).

5.69. Table 5.18 shows that four clubs lack any capacity to provide mid-week training for their members. Of these clubs, three – Sileby Vikings RFC, Shepshed RFC and Quorn RFC – record training demand but no capacity with which to meet that demand.



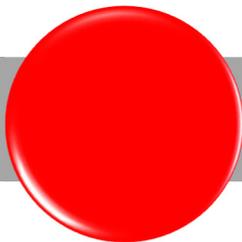
- 5.70. Sileby Vikings are known to use a small paddock to the east of the site for training. However, due to the size of this space, the field is subject to significant over-play, which is resulting in a poor-quality surface for training.
- 5.71. Shepshed RFC and Quorn RFC are thought to use mobile lighting for training purposes. Where it is not possible for clubs to have fixed floodlights, many clubs use movable “arc” lighting. This system has the advantage of not requiring planning permission and its mobility means that the location of the training sessions can be spread across all of the pitches on-site, and therefore prevent damage to, or overuse of, one particular pitch. The disadvantage of arc lighting is that it is usually of a lower level (and therefore creates more shadow) and is less bright than fixed floodlighting. These two disadvantages can mean that this solution is less conducive to the development of technical skills and is potentially an increased safety risk to players (due to a reduced ability to see undulations in the surface or even other players).

### **SITE-BY-SITE ANALYSIS**

- 5.72. A comprehensive site-by-site analysis has been undertaken for rugby sites across Charnwood, which should be used as a reference point for future planning applications or development projects. Due to the length and complexity of the table, this has been included in Appendix F: Site-by-Site Analysis Rugby Union; however, the key findings are included in the analysis below.

### **RUGBY UNION SUMMARY**

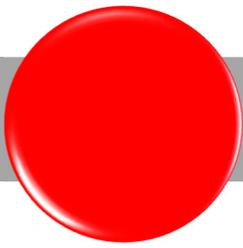
- 5.73. This section summarises the findings from the rugby analysis, which forms the basis of the recommendation and action plan for Charnwood.
- 5.74. There are 6 clubs fielding 41 teams in the borough. The two largest clubs, Loughborough and Syston, both have some issues with capacity at peak times. Although both sites have maintenance programmes, they are still known to struggle with pitch capacity. In addition to these clubs, demand from Loughborough College has also been captured (as they use Loughborough RFC’s home ground). Birstall RFC was included in the study but has since moved out of the area, having relocated from Cedars Academy to the Co Op Sports Ground, Birstall (demand from this club has therefore been excluded from the study but is covered as part of the imported/exported demand summary).
- 5.75. Pitches for key community clubs are over-, or close to capacity, and have limited spare capacity at times of peak usage, meaning the potential for expansion of clubs is limited. Maintenance across privately owned education sites such as Loughborough University and Quorn Playing Fields (Loughborough Endowed Schools) is considered to be Excellent. For the two largest club sites, Loughborough RFC and Syston RFC, maintenance of the clubs’ main pitches is thought to be Standard, but is sufficient to keep these pitches as good quality. However, the condition of training and outer pitches at these two sites is thought to be slightly worse due to heavy use and lower maintenance levels.
- 5.76. Leicestershire Rugby Union (LRU) has identified a need to install the recognised standard of floodlighting at Loughborough RFC. This is because the current lighting is not adequate for match play and is not in “good condition.” The LRU has also recommended that this enhancement should sit alongside improved maintenance in order to meet the additional use that such an improvement would be expected to generate. It is the preference of the LRU and the RFU for this site to have two sets of floodlighting of the recognised standard installed on the site (one of which would replace the existing floodlighting).
- 5.77. It is important to remember that as a community club-based sport, rugby clubs prefer to operate from one “home” site. Therefore, increasing ground capacity should be considered the principal approach to addressing current and future demand challenges for this sport.



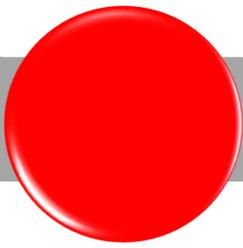
5.78. Table 5.19 includes the response to 5 key questions; these are asked for all PPS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

**Table 5.19: Key PPS findings for Rugby Union in Charnwood**

KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?	<p>The study has identified 84.25 match equivalents of supply in Charnwood. Of this capacity, 44.5 match equivalents (53%) are considered to be available to the community. The majority of supply that is not available to the community has been identified as being located on private education sites or at Loughborough University.</p> <p>Community rugby clubs have a combined pitch capacity of 22 match equivalents per week. This represents 26% of the total supply and 49% of available supply.</p> <p>As with most rugby clubs, there is a strong preference for all the pitches they use to be located on their home ground site.</p> <p>The study has identified demand for 36 match equivalents in the area. This demand is split evenly between senior and junior demand.</p> <p>Community demand comes from 6 clubs distributed across the borough but is concentrated around two sites: Loughborough RFC and Syston RFC.</p> <p><b>Loughborough RFC:</b> Has 19 teams and is identified as operating 1.5 match equivalents per week over capacity. The club also has limited room to grow, as it has no spare capacity during Sunday mornings (peak time for junior and women’s rugby) and has only one 1 pitch available every fortnight during the Saturday PM slot. This means the club can only grow by one team whilst accommodating play at peak times.</p> <p><b>Syston RFC:</b> The club has 14 teams and is identified as having just 0.25 match equivalents spare capacity. This essentially means that club is operating at capacity, as any additional use would put the club over its identified pitch carrying capacity.</p> <p>There are 4 smaller clubs currently using multi-sport sites such as academies and recreation grounds of limited quality.</p>
IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?	<p>The supply and demand balance for rugby across all clubs highlights that there is a supply deficit of 14 match equivalents per week. This means that there is demand for 14 more teams than the current level of community accessible rugby sites can adequately accommodate.</p> <p>Anstey RFC, Loughborough RFC, Quorn RFC and Shepshed RFC are all able to accommodate 1 additional team during the peak time Saturday PM match slot (traditionally used for men’s and colts’ rugby).</p> <p>Sileby Vikings RFC has no spare capacity to accommodate new teams during Saturday afternoons.</p>
IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?	<p>The only club with significant spare capacity during Saturdays is Syston RFC, but this site would require significant improvement to the pitches’ carrying capacity before it could be considered as having adequate capacity to host another team.</p>



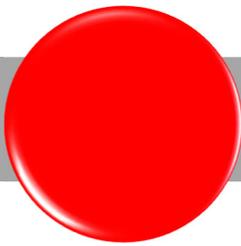
KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
	<p>The study has also identified a lack of floodlit pitches to meet mid-week training demand. It is recommended that floodlights are installed at key club sites to increase pitch capacity.</p>
<p>IS THE PROVISION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?</p>	<p>All but 3 of the pitches used for by the community for rugby are considered to be poorly maintained.</p> <p>Of the two major club sites, both are considered to have standard quality of maintenance of their “main” pitches but not of their other pitches or their training pitches.</p> <p>The site-by-site action plan recommends enhancements to maintenance and the addition of pipe drainage systems to increase carrying capacity at priority sites in order to address the lack of capacity and pitch quality identified in the area.</p> <p>In addition, it should be noted that many clubs identify weaknesses or inadequacies in their ancillary facilities. At Syston and Loughborough RFC, this is especially pertinent to the lack of changing facilities suitable for hosting simultaneous men’s and women’s matches.</p>
<p>WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?</p>	<p>The projected future demand is concentrated around two key clubs: Loughborough RFC and Syston RFC. A third club, Birstall RFC, sits just outside of the borough boundary in the City of Leicester. This site is referred to in the City of Leicester PPS.</p> <p>The TGR analysis has identified there will be an increase of 6 teams in the borough by 2036, 1 senior and 5 junior. As the only two clubs with established junior sections, this future demand is projected to be added to Loughborough and Syston RFC, with 3 junior teams added to Loughborough RFC and 2 to Syston.</p> <p>The TGR discounts demand that is exported outside of the borough to Birstall RFC. If this club’s 2 adult teams and 1 junior team were to be included in the borough’s TGR demand analysis, there would be 1 additional senior team projected to be produced by 2036.</p> <p>The development of the 3 SUEs – North East of Leicester, West of Loughborough and Broadnook – raises questions regarding how and where future demand will be distributed. Birstall RFC is located on the borough boundary, but is in close proximity to the proposed sites of both of the southern SUEs (North East of Leicester (less than 3.5 km as the crow flies) and Broadnook (less than a mile)). The club is therefore likely to attract a large amount of the demand generated by these developments. The club will not attract all future demand, as a consequence of its current participation profile (i.e. being a small–medium sized club (3 teams) with a focus on senior rugby playing a medium standard of rugby within the local leagues).</p>
<p>WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?</p>	<p>Due to this profile, it is considered likely that Birstall RFC will only develop 1 additional senior team as a result of its proximity to the SUE developments, with the rest of the demand generated here considered more likely to be attracted to Syston RFC, which is considered to have a broader rugby offer (large club with 14 teams, a large junior and senior section with the opportunity to play a higher standard of rugby for senior players). Syston RFC is also located under 6 miles as the crow flies from both of the southern SUEs.</p>



KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
	<p>This distance is considered close enough to mean that proximity to either club will be less of a determining factor for potential players residing in the SUEs, when compared to how each of the clubs meets players' priorities from facilities, playing, training, coaching and social perspectives.</p> <p>The impact of Birstall on the picture of future demand in Charnwood can be summarised as follows: its inclusion in the current demand for rugby in Charnwood means that the TGR analysis projects 1 additional team by 2036. However, due to the club's proximity to the southern SUEs, it is considered likely that this "extra" demand will be accommodated by Birstall RFC itself and therefore be exported from the borough to the Co-op Sports Ground (Birstall RFC's home ground). The impact of including Birstall RFC in the future supply and demand analysis for the borough is therefore neutral, as it is likely the club will accommodate the "extra" projected demand itself.</p> <p>Clubs report that there is latent demand for 4 additional teams in the borough, 2 senior and 2 junior. This demand is spread evenly across the borough with several smaller clubs expressing a desire to develop additional teams.</p>
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?</p>	<p>The analysis shows that there is insufficient capacity within the existing sites used by clubs to meet future demand without operating significantly over the pitches' current capacity. If all future demand is realised, then secured club sites are forecasted to be operating at 24 match equivalents over capacity by 2036.</p> <p>Similarly, if current levels of supply are maintained, it is likely that clubs will have no, or limited, peak-time availability for junior and senior rugby across both genders.</p> <p>Finally, the level of mid-week training provision is not thought to be adequate to meet expected future demand. Although additional teams may be able to share training slots with existing teams, it should be recognised that this will have increased impact on the deterioration of the training pitches.</p>

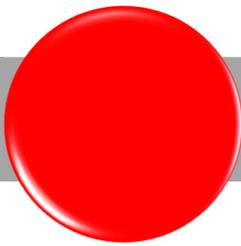
5.79. Table 5.19 summarises the key findings for rugby and identifies the parts of the analysis that should be considered by the PPS steering group moving forward.

5.80. To develop this further, Table 5.20 below provides overarching recommendations for rugby in Charnwood. These are cross-referenced to the strategy and action plan section of the PPS.



**Table 5.20: Recommendations for rugby in Charnwood**

RUGBY RECOMMENDATIONS			
<p>This response highlights identified key themes and provide overarching recommendations that should be addressed by the specific recommendations for each site which are set out in Appendix F: Rugby Site-by-Site analysis and in the action plan at the end of this PPS report.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendation RU1:</b> All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix F: Rugby Site-by-Site analysis) should be protected as ‘Playing Fields’ in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p>			
<p><u>Justification:</u> The site-by-site analysis sets out the reasons for each site’s protection (if stated). More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should the need arise to for them to be lost to regular rugby use through development.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendation RU2:</b> The maintenance regime across all club rugby pitches, should be increased to standard (M1) levels of maintenance as a minimum and where this is inadequate, install artificial drainage to maximise the capacity of the pitch.</p>			
<p><u>Justification:</u> Under this scenario, all sites (with the exception of Cossington Recreation Ground) will be operating with some spare capacity in their pitches. It is recommended that the RFU continues to monitor the impact of demand on pitch quality. If pitches should begin to be used beyond their capacity again, the RFU should support the clubs in raising the level of maintenance up from standard (M1) to good (M2). Club sites with pitch maintenance scores of M0 and M1 have been identified below as requiring enhanced maintenance:</p>			
CLUB	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	REQUIRING ENHANCED MAINTENANCE
ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	CHARNWOOD FOREST, Anstey	Y	1 pitch is currently rated as M0 for maintenance
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough	Y	1 pitch is currently rated as M0 for maintenance
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	SOAR VALLEY, Quorn	N	2 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance
LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough	Y	2 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance, the other is rated M1
SYSTON RFC	RURAL SOUTH EAST, Cossington	Y	4 pitches are currently rated as M0 for maintenance and 1 is rated as M1
<p>Actions to enhance maintenance to satisfy M2 specifications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aeration (x2 per year per pitch)</b></li> <li>• <b>Sand dressing (x2 per year per pitch)</b></li> <li>• <b>Fertiliser (x2 per year per pitch)</b></li> <li>• <b>Weed kill (x2 per year per pitch)</b></li> <li>• <b>Chain harrowing (1x per week per pitch)</b></li> </ul>			



**RUGBY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation RU3:** The adult 11 v 11 football pitch at Cossington Recreation Ground (Sibley Vikings RFC) should be converted to a rugby union pitch.

Justification: The site is currently operating over capacity given current demand. The lack of capacity cannot be addressed by improving the maintenance and/or drainage of the pitch. Such interventions would also fail to address the lack of peak-time capacity. Furthermore, the club has expressed the desire and capability to achieve sustainable growth and requires the number of pitches on-site to increase in order to allow the club to continue to develop. Finally, there is sufficient spare capacity (which is of appropriate quality) within the sub-area to accommodate the displaced football demand.

**Recommendation RU4:** The condition of clubhouses and ancillary facilities should be improved to enable all clubs to adequately provide facilities for participants and spectators.

It is also important to note that clubhouses are central to many rugby clubs ability to generate revenue, whether over the bar or through venue hire. Improving these facility elements is therefore likely to have a direct and positive impact on the club’s ability to invest in coaching, facilities, equipment and maintenance.

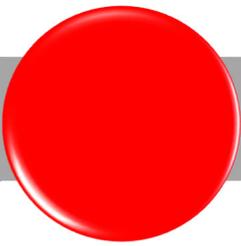
Specific sites that have been identified as requiring improved clubhouses are:

CLUB	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	REQUIRING IMPROVED CLUBHOUSES
ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	CHARNWOOD FOREST, Anstey	Y	Y
LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough	Y	Y
SYSTON RFC	RURAL SOUTH EAST, Cossington	Y	Y

Justification: Improvements to clubhouses have been identified in the site visits and the club consultations. These improvements should focus on ensuring clubs can adequately accommodate both female, junior and male rugby teams simultaneously, which they currently do not. They should also be able to accommodate players and/or spectators with additional needs.

**Recommendation RU5:** The level of floodlighting should be increased at Cossington Recreation Ground and Syston RFC to increase mid-week training capacity. In addition, further floodlighting should be added to a second pitch at Loughborough RFC to accommodate further training. This should be undertaken in conjunction with upgrading the existing floodlighting to ensure it is of adequate quality to meet the clubs playing and training requirements.

Justification: Improving the level of floodlighting will enable these clubs to continue to grow and improve the quality and safety of their training sessions. The carrying capacity of the training pitches at Loughborough RFC should also be increased for the same reason; however, this is a matter of increasing maintenance rather than providing new floodlighting.



## 6 HOCKEY

### INTRODUCTION AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

6.1 In order to understand the overall objectives and priorities of the England Hockey Board (EHB), an analysis of key recent strategies and documentation has been undertaken and summarised below.

### ENGLAND HOCKEY FACILITIES STRATEGY (2017)

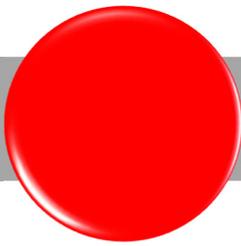
6.2 In 2017 England Hockey published the latest facilities strategy for the sport, which replaces the previous 2012 edition and aims to help every hockey club in England work towards having appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

- **Vision: For every hockey player in England to have appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.**
- **Mission: More, Better, Happier players with access to appropriate and sustainable facilities.**

6.3 The club market for hockey is well-structured and clubs are required to affiliate to England Hockey to play in community leagues. As a result, only a few occasional teams lie outside of the EH affiliation structure. Schools and universities are the other two areas where significant hockey is played.

6.4 The EHB has the ambition of growing participation by 10,000 adults and 32,500 children. To enable this, the following three objectives have been highlighted:

- **Protect: To conserve the existing hockey provision. EH currently has over 800 pitches that are used by hockey clubs (club, school, universities). We need to retain the current provision where appropriate to ensure that hockey is maintained across the country.**
- **Improve: To improve the existing facilities stock (physically and administratively). The current facilities stock is ageing and there needs to be strategic investment into refurbishing the pitches and ancillary facilities. There needs to be more support for clubs to obtain better agreements with facilities providers and education around owning an asset.**
- **Develop: To strategically build new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain. This might include consolidation of hockey provision in a local area where appropriate. Research has identified key areas across the country where there is a lack of suitable hockey provision and where there is a need for additional pitches. There is an identified demand for multi-sport pitches in the right places to consolidate hockey and allow clubs to have all of their provision catered at one site.**

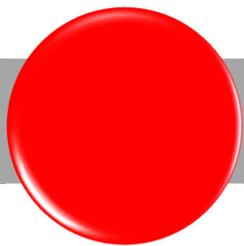


## CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

- 6.5 Table 6.1 contains a summary of the consultations undertaken for hockey in Charnwood, focusing on the clubs' key issues and future. All pitch-rating comments are the opinions of the clubs and may differ from the impartial rating given by the site assessor.

**Table 6.1: Summary of consultations from hockey sites in Charnwood**

SITE	CONSULTATION SUMMARY
LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL	<p>A high-quality hockey facility used by Loughborough Carillion's Hockey Club and by Loughborough Town Hockey Club as a spill-over site. The facility is very new and is considered to be in a fair condition both by its users and by the site assessor. During consultation, the school clarified that hiring out the hockey pitch is a central part of its strategy to continue to engage and be part of the local community. It is also an element in the broader strategy to gain revenue from school assets. However, it should be noted that there is no formal or legal requirement for the school to make these pitches available to the public. Therefore, whilst there is no indication this pitch will become unavailable to the community for use in the future, there is also no guarantee that it will remain available.</p> <p>The school has submitted planning permission to add a second hockey pitch (with floodlighting) on the site of the current cricket pitch. The loss of the cricket pitch would be mitigated by adding a further cricket pitch at the school's Quorn playing field.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	<p>The Loughborough University site is host to high-quality provision of sports facilities; both pitches are of good quality (the sand-based pitch falls into the standard quality rating due to its age and because it is left open for students to use during the day). Both pitches are used by Loughborough Town Hockey Club, although the club uses the water-based pitch whenever possible. The university does not have any legal compulsion to allow Loughborough Town HC use of the facilities, but has a good relationship with the club. This means that although the facilities cannot be considered formally secured for community use, there is some form of usage arrangement between the club and the university. Loughborough Town Hockey Club has reported that the university is their preferred site and that due to a lack of pitch availability, they must utilise facilities at alternative sites. Loughborough University has made it clear that despite continued good relations with the club it has no desire to formalise a community use agreement with Loughborough Town Hockey Club and that student activity on these facilities will continue to have priority over community use.</p>
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	<p>AGP is 14 years old and open 7 days a week to the public. The pitch gets considerable use by the community as it is home to both Charnwood Mountsorrel Hockey Club and Charnwood Sileby Hockey Club. The pitch was rated as standard quality.</p>
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	<p>The pitch is considered to be in standard condition by both Loughborough Town Hockey Club and the site assessor. Considering the facility is over 10 years old, scoring 75% should be considered a fair score; it is a well-looked-after pitch. The facility is used as a spill-over site by Loughborough Town Hockey Club when there is insufficient availability at Loughborough University. There is no secured use of the facility for the club.</p>



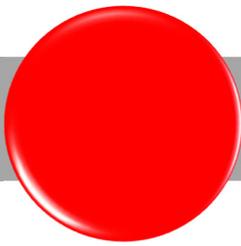
**SUPPLY**

6.6 Charnwood has seven hockey-appropriate AGPs in the borough.

6.7 Table 6.2 provides details of these facilities.

**Table 6.2: Hockey facilities in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	AVAILABILITY / SECURITY	SAND- / WATER-BASED	SIZE (M)	FLOODLIT	AGE OF SURFACE	CONDITION (QUALITY SCORE)
LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL	LOUGHBOROUGH – Burton Walks, Loughborough, LE11 2DU	Available / Unsecured	Sand-Dressed	97 x 59	Yes	2-5 years	Good
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LOUGHBOROUGH – Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU	Available / Unsecured	Sand-Based	110 x 70	Yes	>10 years	Standard
		Available / Unsecured	Water-Based	100 x 65	Yes	2– 5 years	Good
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	RURAL SOUTH EAST – Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, LE7 4SG	Unavailable / Unsecured	Sand-Dressed	100 x 62	Yes	<2 years	Good
		Unavailable / Unsecured	Sand-Dressed	100 x 62	Yes	>10 years	Standard
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Off Kingfisher Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7FG	Available / Secured	Sand-Dressed	100 x 60	Yes	>10 years	Standard
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8WD	Available / Unsecured	Sand-Filled	97 x 60	Yes	>10 years	Standard

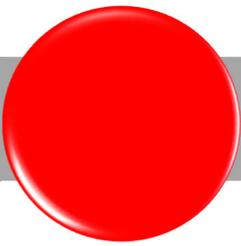


- 6.8 Table 6.2 shows that of the 7 hockey pitches in Charnwood, 5 are available for use for the community and just 1 site is securely available. This lack of security for clubs means they have limited ability to plan for the future, to increase their capacity or react to a change in circumstance (like finding a new venue should their current one be lost).
- 6.9 Table 6.2 also shows that of the sites available to and used by the community, three have a playing surface over 10 years old. Of the available pitch facilities, 3 of the 5 have standard quality facilities and 2 have good quality facilities.
- 6.10 All but one of the hockey pitches in the borough, Soar Valley, is owned and managed by an educational organisation. However, these educational organisations are effectively private organisations, as they own and manage their own facilities and can withdraw community use at any time (with the exception of Loughborough Endowed School which has a formal agreement for community use of its site).
- 6.11 Soar Valley Leisure Centre is the only site owned by Charnwood Borough Council and managed by its operational partner Fusion. This site is securely available to the community but received the lowest quality score of all the hockey pitches in the Borough, with 65%.
- 6.12 Table 6.3 below details the availability of AGPs at sites where they are utilised for hockey use. This has been presented in the form of match slots (2 hours' AGP use) and in hours for mid-week training demand (as this is mainly for training purposes). Some matches may take place during mid-week and therefore in the demand section of this paper, training has been converted to match slots to enable a supply v demand assessment, based on the same measures.

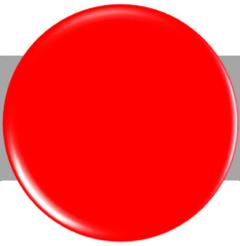
**Table 6.3: Quantity overview for Hockey AGP's in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	SUB-AREA	AGP TYPE	WEEKDAY PEAK HOURS AVAILABLE	SATURDAY MATCH SLOTS AVAILABLE	SUNDAY MATCH SLOTS AVAILABLE
LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL	LOUGHBOROUGH – Burton Walks, Loughborough, LE11 2DU	Sand-Dressed	20	8	8
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY*	LOUGHBOROUGH – Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU	Sand-Based	20	8	8
		Water-Based	20	8	8
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Off Kingfisher Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7FG	Sand-Dressed	20	8	8
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	CHARNWOOD FOREST – Woodhouse Eaves LE12 8WD	Sand-Filled	20	8	8
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

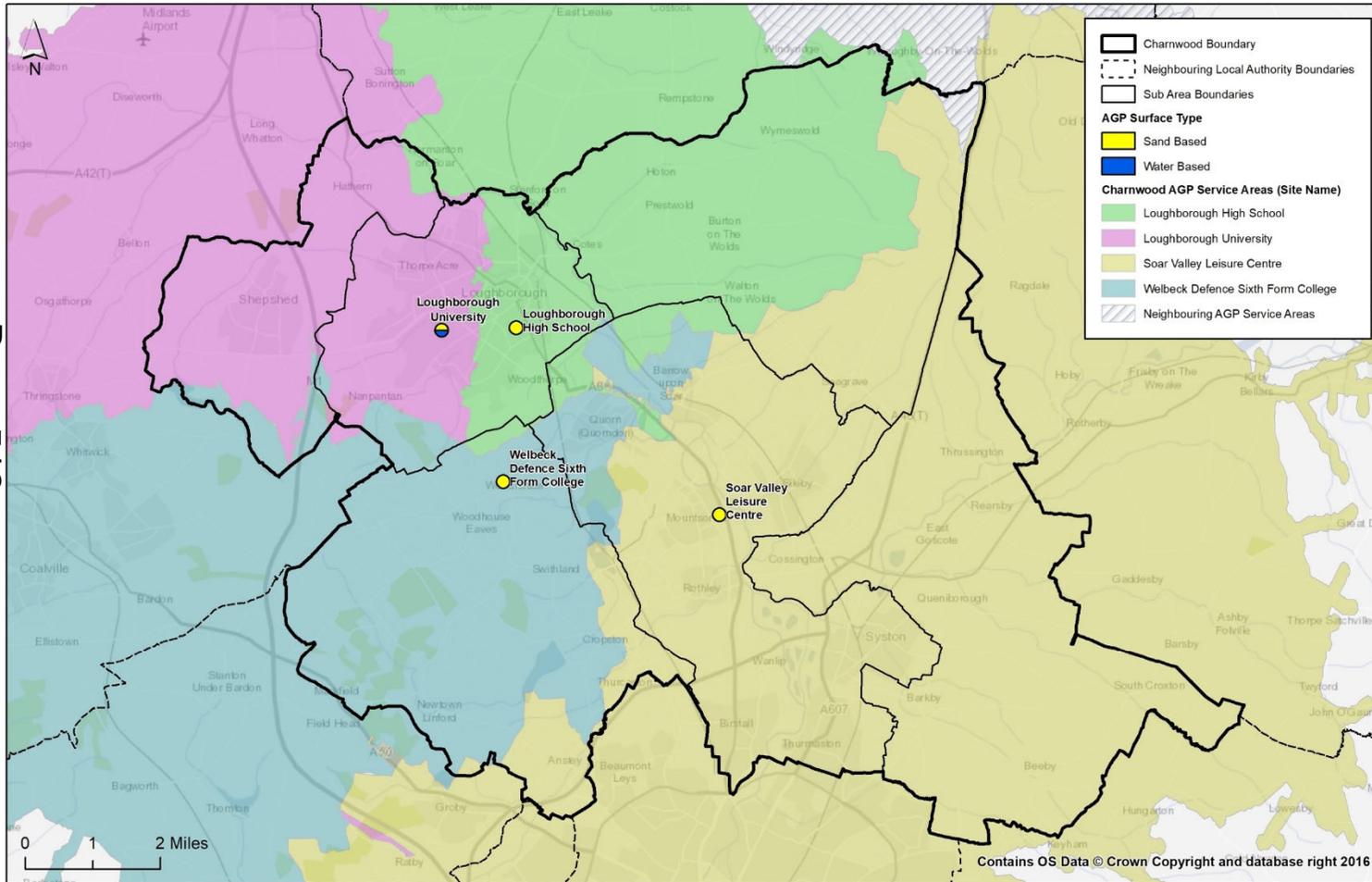
\*It should be noted that University student activity on the AGPs based at Loughborough University is prioritised over all community activity.



- 6.13 Table 6.3 shows that there are potentially 180 hours supply of hockey pitches available for use. However, activity directly linked to the university (such as training and matches for university teams) has priority of use for the university site. This in reality reduces the available supply of hours available from 180 to 108 (72 hours are available for use at the University for students as a priority).
- 6.14 Map 6.1 below shows the location of the full-sized AGPs in Charnwood available to the community and their accessibility to residents within the borough. Accessibility is shown through the coloured catchment areas. These catchments depict how the facilities service certain areas, both within and outside the borough, as their closest hockey pitch (within a maximum of 20 minutes' drive time).



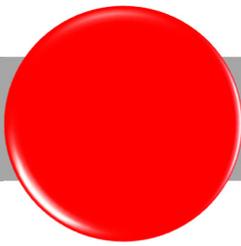
Map 6.1: Location and Accessibility of Community Hockey Pitches in Charnwood



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Sand and water based AGP sites with community use service areas in Charnwood (up to 20-minute drive time)





6.15 Map 6.1 shows that hockey provision is concentrated around Loughborough, with three pitches within the town. The map also shows how the other 2 facilities are also located in close proximity to Loughborough. Map 6.1 shows that all residents of the borough are within a 20-minute drive time of at least one hockey pitch within the borough. The map shows that facilities in Charnwood are also the closest facilities for large areas outside the borough, especially to the South, North and West. In this context, Soar Valley can be seen as having key strategic importance as it services the main arterial routes North of Leicester. These two factors mean that there is likely to be significant imported demand from the authorities surrounding Charnwood.

## DEMAND

### CURRENT DEMAND

6.16 There are 6 hockey clubs using hockey facilities in Charnwood, playing a range of competitive hockey and recreational hockey through junior and adult teams. Included within these 6 hockey clubs are 2 university clubs. These clubs cannot be classified as community clubs (accessible to Charnwood residents via membership) as members must be students of the University.

6.17 The team profile and demand for pitches in the Borough is summarised in Tables 6.4 and 6.5.

**Table 6.4: Team profile for Hockey in Charnwood**

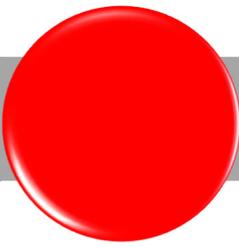
CLUB NAME	ADULT TEAMS			JUNIORS	TOTAL
	SENIOR MEN	SENIOR WOMEN	MIXED		
CHARNWOD SILEBY	0	1	0	0	1
CHARNWOD MOUNTSORREL*	0	0	1	0	1
LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLONS**	0	0	5	0	5
LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN	6	2	0	3	11
LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS MEN'S	5	0	0	0	5
LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS LADIES	0	5	0	0	5

\*Charnwood Mountsorrel HC: It is a mixed over 50s men's side that come together to play in the England Hockey Cup. The squad plays fixtures for other teams such as Barbarians, Syston Town and Nomads then come together for this competition. They use Soar Valley for only 3 to 4 games a season and do not train on the site.

\*\*Loughborough Carillons HC did not respond to 4global's contact, following several attempts via email and phone. Team information was obtained via desktop research.

**Table 6.5: Match demand for hockey in Charnwood**

	NUMBER OF TEAMS	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		COMPETITIVE HOURS REQUIRED		
SENIOR TEAMS (16-65)	24	0	19	0
JUNIOR TEAMS (11-15)	3	0	0	3
	NUMBER OF TEAMS	TRAINING HOURS REQUIRED		
SENIOR TEAMS (16-65)	24	28	0	0
JUNIOR TEAMS (11-15)	3	1.5	0	0



- 6.18 Tables 6.4 and 6.5 show the level of demand for hockey in the area. Collectively, there is an estimated 51.5 hours of demand for hockey (training and competitive play combined) in the borough with the vast majority of this dedicated to adult hockey training and matches.
- 6.19 Excluding the university teams, Charnwood has 18 hockey teams. Loughborough Town Hockey Club is the largest in the borough, representing 53% of all community adult teams, and 100% of the junior teams.
- 6.20 Table 6.5 highlights how the profile of hockey teams across Charnwood creates demand for use of AGP facilities throughout the week. 90% of hockey demand is concentrated in Loughborough.

### **FUTURE DEMAND**

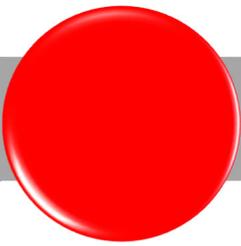
- 6.21 To calculate the future demand for hockey in the study area, a Team Generation Rate<sup>32</sup> has been developed using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate the size of population (for various age groups) will typically cause enough demand for a hockey team. Population projections have been taken from 2014 ONS SNPP figures.
- 6.22 This Team Generation Rate is applied to the population projections for the study area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups. This population projection data has been provided by Charnwood Borough Council and aligns to their Core Strategy.
- 6.23 For the purposes of the study, the 6 adult mixed teams (where both men and women play together) have been distributed evenly between the adult male and female teams. Junior hockey in the borough is also mixed gender, so the number of teams has been distributed evenly to conform to Sport England requirements.

**Table 6.6: Future Demand Projections for Hockey Teams in Charnwood**

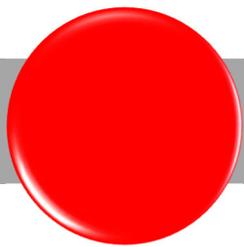
AGE GROUP	CURRENT POPN. (2017)	CURRENT TEAMS	TGR	FUTURE POPN (2036)	PREDICTED FUTURE NUMBER OF TEAMS	ADDITIONAL PROVISION NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE NEW TEAMS
ADULT – M (16–45)	50400	14	0.1	55580	15	1
ADULT – F (16–45)	47580	11	0.1	51940	12	1
JUNIOR HOCKEY – BOYS	5220	1.5	0.4	6280	2	0.5
JUNIOR HOCKEY – GIRLS	4660	1.5	0.4	5780	2	0.5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>

- 6.24 Table 6.5 illustrates that there is projected to be a further 3 teams by 2036.
- 6.25 It should be noted that the Table 6.6 assumes that the population of the university will grow in line with the rest of the borough (where this may be faster or slower depending on the growth strategy of the university).

<sup>32</sup> The Team Generation Rate calculation uses the current number of teams and the current population to calculate a proxy measure of the number of total residents per relevant sports team. This measure is therefore applied to the projected population (depending on the length of the strategy) to predict how many additional teams will be required in order to satisfy the demand from the 'new' population.



- 6.26 Table 6.6 also assumes that the proportion of students playing hockey will remain in line with any increase in number of students at the university. However, this may not necessarily be the case. For example, if the university chooses to grow by attracting more overseas students to the campus, potentially from places that do not traditionally play hockey, then the proportion of students playing hockey would be expected to fall. Conversely, if the university recruits overseas students from countries where hockey is played regularly (e.g. the Low Countries, North America or India) then the proportion of students playing hockey could rise significantly.
- 6.27 At present, university teams make up 36% of teams in the area, but clubs do not produce enough demand to utilise 100% of the university pitches. This spare capacity is used primarily by Loughborough Town Hockey Club. However, if the university's hockey clubs were to grow and therefore utilise more of the university's pitch capacity, this would mean Loughborough Town HC would no longer be able to use the facilities at their preferred venue, at least to the same level as they do now. This would require Loughborough Town HC to use other pitches, potentially increasing travel times for their members.
- 6.28 Finally, for the purposes of the TGR, adult mixed hockey demand is split evenly between men and ladies. Adult mixed hockey accounts for 32% of all adult teams in the area. Given that there is forecasted growth for 2 adult teams in Charnwood (1 men's and 1 ladies' teams), this increase in demand is attributed to the gender-specific teams, with no additional mixed hockey teams projected from the TGR.
- 6.29 As the largest men's and ladies' sections for any community club, both the additional adult teams are assigned to Loughborough Town HC. As the only club with any junior teams, the one additional junior team forecast to be developed in the area is also be assigned to this club.
- 6.30 It is important to note that this calculation assumes that clubs, Charnwood Borough Council and England Hockey do not improve their marketing or participation schemes over the period and are therefore no more successful than they are now in attracting new players to participate in hockey in Charnwood. In reality, it is expected that there will be improved channels of digital communication and improved maintenance technology, as well as higher quality ancillary provision. The output of this will be a higher quality and an improved ability to generate demand and convert it into participation.



## SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE

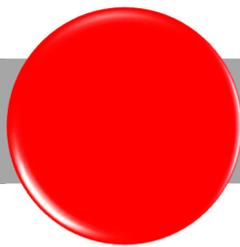
- 6.31 To calculate whether there is any spare capacity at hockey sites in the study area, Table 6.7 shows the supply and demand figures for the sites that are used for community hockey. The table below provides capacity analysis for all hockey club AGPs in Charnwood. This table contains demand (in hours) from competitive matches as well as training required by local clubs.
- 6.32 In order to assess the availability of hockey facilities at peak times, it has been assumed that the period of highest demand for hockey matches is on a Saturday.

**Table 6.7: Supply and demand balance for hockey in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	SUPPLY (HOURS)			DEMAND (HOURS REQUIRED – FOR TRAINING AND MATCHES)			BALANCE (MATCH SLOTS)		
	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL	20	8	8	1.5	0	3	18.5	8	5
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (STUDENT USE)	32	8	16	18	8	0	14	0	16
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (COMMUNITY USE) *	8	8	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	20	8	8	2	1	0	18	7	8
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	20	8	8	0	2	0	20	6	8

\*The facilities at Loughborough University are prioritised for student activity. This includes intramural hockey and lacrosse, time designated for inter-department fixtures and informal/casual use for football. Loughborough Town Hockey Club reported that whilst the university is their preferred site, they do utilise other facilities as they are unable to access any more time at the university. Therefore, only the hours currently designated to Loughborough Town Hockey Club by the university can be considered as “Supply” for community use. Loughborough University will therefore be considered “At Capacity” for community use for hockey.

- 6.33 Table 6.7 illustrates that whilst there is an over-supply of hockey provision in the borough of Charnwood, much of this supply capacity is provided by Loughborough University. Given the findings above, a scenario discounting both the supply and demand for hockey facilities from Loughborough University is used to determine strategic recommendations for hockey in Charnwood.



## CAPACITY ANALYSIS AND SCENARIO TESTING

6.34 Table 6.7 does not reflect the actual supply and demand situation in Charnwood. Instead, Table 6.8. should be considered. Given it demonstrates the supply and demand balance without Loughborough University facilities or teams.

**Table 6.8: Supply and demand balance for hockey in Charnwood**

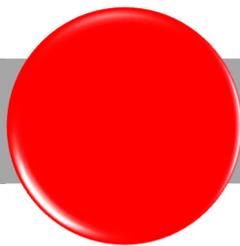
SITE NAME	SUPPLY (HOURS AND MATCH SLOTS)			DEMAND (HOURS AND MATCH SLOTS)			BALANCE (HOURS AND MATCH SLOTS)		
	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL	20	8	8	1.5	0	3	18.5	8	5
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	20	8	8	2	1	0	18	7	8
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	20	8	8	0	2	0	20	6	8
SUBTOTAL	60	24	24	3.5	3	3	56.5	21	8
LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN HC	-	-	-	8	8	0	-8	-8	-
TOTAL FOR LOUGHBOROUGH SUB-AREA	20	8	8	9.5	8	3	10.5	0	5
GRAND TOTAL	60	24	24	11.5	11	3	48.5	13	8

**N.B. Table 6.8 does not include Loughborough University facilities or teams**

6.35 Table 6.8 shows that there is sufficient capacity in the existing facilities for demand generated by Loughborough Town Hockey Club to be met without the use of Loughborough University sites.

6.36 Table 6.8 also shows that whilst there is sufficient supply of facilities to accommodate all Loughborough Town demand (which was previously placed on Loughborough University facilities) within the sub-area of Loughborough, this would result in Loughborough Endowed School's pitch being used at capacity on Saturdays (provided the school was prepared to continue making the facility available). This means that neither Loughborough Town HC or Loughborough Carillion's HC would have any spare capacity to utilise should their clubs wish to grow and develop more teams.

6.37 The TGR analysis forecasts where new teams would be distributed; this shows that Loughborough Town HC is projected to have two additional adult teams and one additional junior team by 2036. Given that the club's junior section plays and trains during times where there is spare capacity at Loughborough Endowed School, the existing facilities have enough capacity to accommodate the additional junior team demand (provided the pitch continues to be made available); however, this would not be the case for the additional Saturday demand generated by the two additional adult teams.



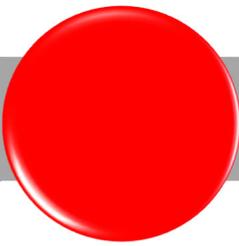
- 6.38 It should also be noted that Loughborough Town does use Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College to accommodate demand which cannot be met by Loughborough University, however, this site is outside of the club’s preferred sub-area and not securely available to them for continued use in the future.
- 6.39 It is therefore also necessary to include an additional scenario, analysing the impact if all unsecured sites are removed from the pitch supply, leaving just Soar Valley Leisure Centre. The impact of this can be seen in Table 6.9.

**Table 6.9: Secured Supply and demand balance for hockey in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	SUPPLY (HOURS AND MATCH SLOTS)			DEMAND (HOURS AND MATCH SLOTS)			BALANCE (HOURS AND MATCH SLOTS)		
	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	20	8	8	11.5	11	3	8.5	-3	5

**N.B. Table 6.9 does not include unsecured hockey pitches**

- 6.40 Table 6.9 shows that there is sufficient capacity to accommodate all current and projected demand at secured hockey pitches in Charnwood. However, not all of this demand could be met at peak time with 6 teams unable to fulfil their fixtures at the preferred time.
- 6.41 The above analysis also shows that whilst the majority of demand for community hockey in Charnwood is generated by teams based in the Loughborough sub-area, there is no securely available provision in this sub-area. If all unsecured provision were to become unavailable, this would result in most community hockey demand having to be met outside of their “home” sub-area.
- 6.42 It should also be noted that Loughborough Endowed School has submitted a planning application to build a further full-size hockey appropriate AGP on the field where their cricket pitch is currently located. As per the commentary in site-by-site analysis in Appendix D: Site-by-Site Analysis Hockey, there are no significant strategic objections to this pitch being installed. However, it is recommended that if such a pitch is to be built secured community access to the facility at peak times by England Hockey affiliated community clubs should be a planning condition of the application being accepted (including some parameters being set over fee levels that can be implemented). Such a guarantee would ensure there is adequate, affordable secured community hockey provision in Loughborough to meet both current and future demand.
- 6.43 It should also be noted that if further 3G provision is developed in the Soar Valley sub-area, a reduction in the level of football use of sand-based pitches would be expected. This is likely to provide spare capacity at Soar Valley Leisure Centre. The majority of this impact would be seen during mid-week evenings, as this is when there is the greatest level of football demand for the AGP (training and possibly competitive use).

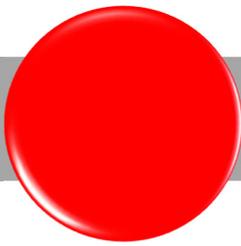


## HOCKEY SUMMARY

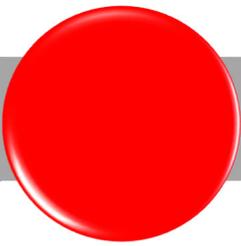
- 6.44 This section summarises the findings from the hockey analysis, which forms the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Charnwood.
- 6.45 Table 6.10 includes the responses to 5 key questions; these are asked for all PPS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision. Following this, general recommendations have been included, which will link with the strategy and action plan section of the PPS.

**Table 6.10: Key PPS findings for hockey in Charnwood**

KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?	<p>There are 7 hockey-appropriate AGPs in Charnwood based across 5 sites. Of these 7 pitches, 5 are available to the community for use, but only one is available on a secured basis: Soar Valley Leisure Centre.</p> <p>There is one water-based pitch in the area at Loughborough University, which is considered to be in good condition. All other pitches are sand-based or -dressed pitches. Loughborough Endowed School is the only other good pitch available to the community for use. All other pitches available to the community are considered to be in standard condition.</p> <p>All pitches, with the exception of Soar Valley Leisure Centre, are based on private educational sites.</p> <p>The 5 available pitches are concentrated in Loughborough sub-area. Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College is also based close to Loughborough but is located in the Charnwood Forest sub-area. Soar Valley Leisure Centre is located further away from Loughborough in Mountsorrel, in the Soar Valley sub-area. The 5 available pitches produce a total supply of 100 hours of training time, 40 Saturday match slots and 40 Sunday match slots, and all are floodlit.</p> <p>There are 4 community clubs based in the borough, plus Loughborough Men’s and Ladies’ Student clubs. These clubs generate 28 teams (18 teams with the student teams discounted). Of these 18 community teams, 15 are senior teams – including 6 men’s teams (all produced by Loughborough Town HC) – 3 are women’s teams (1 produced by Charnwood Sileby HC and the other by Loughborough Town HC), and 6 are mixed teams (5 produced by Loughborough Carillons HC and the other produced by Charnwood Mountsorrel HC). Together, these teams demand 51.5 hours of hockey per week, comprising 29.5 training hours and 21 hours of match play.</p> <p>Most clubs are based on pitches in Loughborough. Charnwood Sileby HC and Charnwood Mountsorrel HC are the only two clubs to play on Soar Valley Leisure Centre. Charnwood Mountsorrel HC is a mixed over 50s men’s side that come together to play in the England Hockey Cup. The squad plays fixtures for other teams such as Barbarians, Syston Town and Nomads, and then comes together for this competition. They use Soar Valley Leisure Centre for only 3 to 4 games a season and do not train on the site.</p>
IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?	<p>The only site considered to have reached its capacity for use is the hockey pitch made available by Loughborough University. This is due to Loughborough Town HC having reached the maximum number of hours the university is prepared to allocate to them. As a result, the club uses other facilities such as Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College and Loughborough Endowed School to meet this demand shortfall.</p> <p>All other venues have sufficient spare capacity to allow for additional use if required.</p>



KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?</p>	<p>The demand for hockey generated in the area is mostly met by unsecured pitches at Loughborough University and Loughborough Endowed School. Only 3.5 hours of training and 4 matches per week take place on securely available facilities.</p> <p>If all demand were to be addressed through the only secured site in the Borough, then 6 teams per week would have to find alternative facilities to play at Saturdays.</p> <p>This would also mean that Loughborough Town would no longer be able to access a water-based pitch (which may cause them to lose members, as this is attractive for players to use and relatively unique at the standard at which the club plays).</p> <p>Moving all demand onto just one pitch would also be likely to cause friction between clubs, as they would need to share, alternate or compete for preferred training and match slots.</p> <p>It should be noted that during consultation with Loughborough Town HC and the university, both reported having a positive relationship, with good, open lines of communication. Neither the club nor the university feels there is any imminent threat to Loughborough Town HC's use of the facility in the short- or medium-term future; however, the university is resolved not to offer any long-term security of tenure for the club, as the pitch is a university asset and there is no perceived need for the university to do so. Whilst the club, along with England Hockey, would prefer some security of tenure agreement, this situation is unlikely to change in the future.</p> <p>Loughborough Endowed School similarly reported that having community use of its hockey pitch is a key part of its strategy, meaning there is little chance of community hockey being prevented from playing on the pitch in the future.</p>
<p>IS THE PROVISION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?</p>	<p>All the AGPs are considered to be of sufficient quality. However, should Loughborough Town lose access to the water-based AGP at Loughborough University, then there is no equivalent-quality facility in the borough for the club to use, which would be likely to have an impact on their membership. Loughborough Endowed School and Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College are both considered to be of adequate quality for Loughborough Town's lower ranked teams.</p> <p>The only provision in need of improvement is the Soar Valley Leisure Centre pitch, which remains in a fair condition for a pitch of 14 years old, but is of insufficient quality to meet the expectations of Loughborough Town Hockey Club.</p>
<p>WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION?</p>	<p>All future demand is projected to be produced through Loughborough Town HC. This includes two adult teams (1 men's and 1 ladies') and 1 additional junior team by 2036. This is due to the fact that there is limited projected growth for hockey in the area and this club is the dominant one in terms of size and demand.</p> <p>This is reinforced by the presence of a major SUE being developed to the West of Loughborough, which will increase the club's catchment area.</p>
<p>IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND?</p>	<p>There is enough spare capacity at either of the pitches used by Loughborough Town HC for extra capacity, i.e. Loughborough Endowed School or Welbeck Defence College, to accommodate the additional teams likely to be developed in the future.</p> <p>There is sufficient capacity within the secured pitch supply to meet all projected future demand. However, if Loughborough Town HC were to lose access to the water-based pitch at Loughborough University, this would be problematic as there is no other pitch in the borough of a comparable quality.</p>



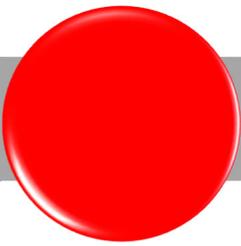
KEY QUESTION	ANALYSIS
	<p>Soar Valley Leisure Centre pitch is currently not of a suitable quality for high-level hockey.</p> <p>The addition of a good-quality hockey pitch at Loughborough Endowed School that is securely available for community use and provides England Hockey affiliated community clubs with first priority on bookings and an agreed pitch hire rate that is legally tied to the rate of inflation.</p>

6.46 Table 6.10 summarises the key findings for hockey and identifies the parts of the analysis that should be considered by the PPS steering group moving forward.

6.47 To develop this further, the table in Appendix D: Site-by-Site Analysis Hockey provides overarching recommendations for hockey in Charnwood. These are cross-referenced to the strategy and action plan section of the PPS.

**Table 6.11: Recommendations for Hockey in Charnwood**

HOCKEY RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>This response highlights identified key themes and provides overarching recommendations that should be addressed by the specific recommendations for each site, which are set out in Appendix D: Hockey Site-by-Site analysis and in the action plan at the end of the PPS document.</p> <p><b>Recommendation H1:</b> All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix D: Hockey Site-by-Site Analysis) should be protected as ‘Playing Fields’ in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> The site-by-site analysis above lays out the reasons for each site’s protection. More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.</p> <p><b>Recommendation H2:</b> The pitch surface at Soar Valley Leisure Centre is rated as standard quality but is 14 years old. Most hockey pitches normally have a lifespan of 10–12 years, depending on their level of use and maintenance. The age and condition of the facility indicates that refurbishing the pitch surface in the near future is both necessary and timely. Furthermore, an improvement to this facility should encourage further use of the facility, and therefore, lower dependency on unsecured sites to provide facilities of adequate quality for community hockey. It is therefore recommended that this pitch be resurfaced in the near future. Consideration should be given to the new carpet-type facilitating use by hockey, netball and tennis, to provide a multi-sport hub. Providing a multi-sport surface at this venue could also help to address training and playing needs for other sports such as netball and tennis and could create a multi-sport hub used by a number of clubs and teams.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> The existing hockey pitch surface is unsuitable for high-performance hockey club use. There is also an identified need for additional outdoor tennis courts, over and above the provision planned in the SUEs, which will not be developed until late 2028. There is a need for outdoor netball courts for summer use and competitions. The need for additional outdoor tennis courts and netball courts could be addressed, at least in part, if a replacement multi-sport surface was provided at Soar Valley Leisure Centre.</p> <p><b>Recommendation H3:</b> It is recommended that secured community use of Soar Valley Leisure Centre be retained as a priority and that a future pitch at Loughborough Endowed School should provide secured community access for England Hockey-affiliated clubs (with controlled booking fees).</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> Most hockey pitches in the area are not securely available for community use. This is unlikely to change in the future. Should any of the currently used unsecured pitches become unavailable to community clubs, there is likely to be a significant reduction in the level of hockey activity in Charnwood.</p>

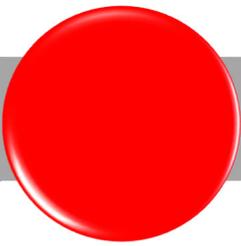


#### HOCKEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Soar Valley Leisure Centre is the best site to prioritise for retention as a hockey facility. This is because Charnwood Borough Council, Sport England and/or England Hockey have the opportunity to influence the booking and management policy of these facilities. Loughborough Endowed School provides another priority site, but given this is a school site, it is harder for external agencies to influence how it operates. Ensuring these facilities are legally secured for community hockey use will guarantee the continuation of the maximum level of hockey activity in Charnwood, even if all unsecured sites become unavailable for community use. Development of additional sand-based pitches in the SUEs could also help to address this situation.

**Recommendation H4:** It is recommended that England Hockey and Loughborough Town Hockey Club liaise with Loughborough University to secure access to available pitches.

**Justification:** This is not only to benefit Loughborough Town HC in terms of pitch use, but also to ensure that, should the situation change, Loughborough Town HC has maximum notice and can plan accordingly.



## 7 RUGBY LEAGUE

### INTRODUCTION AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

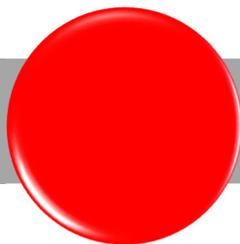
- 7.1 The Rugby Football League (RFL) is the national governing body responsible for grassroots and elite rugby league in England, with the season operating from April to September.
- 7.2 The RFL's National Facilities Strategy was published in 2017. The following themes are prioritised:
- **Priority 1: develop high-quality Group 3 clubs as satellite hub sites for grassroots rugby league;**
  - **Priority 2: work with key stakeholders to invest in shared facility hub sites to ensure THAT rugby league benefits from wider industry development and geographical spread;**
  - **Priority 3: invest in clubhouses to create high-quality assets and increase the sustainability of rugby league clubs;**
  - **Priority 4: help clubs to secure the longevity of their tenure to provide long-term certainty and allow grant funding;**
  - **Priority 5: develop high-quality, rugby league-specific AGP facilities to future-proof the game and encourage cross-sport collaboration;**
  - **Priority 6: improve access to high-quality maintenance equipment to improve the overall quality of rugby league grass pitches;**
  - **Priority 7: engage and collaborate with the education sector to improve the player pathway and open up facilities;**
  - **Priority 8: develop and embed an online facility management system, to digitise the sport alongside existing RFL transformation projects; and**
  - **Priority 9: ensure fit-for-purpose club governance structures for facility management to give clubs the tools to manage high-value facility assets.**
- 7.3 The RFL considers Charnwood to be an Emerging Affinity Area for rugby league. The National Facilities Strategy prioritises 20% of the RFL's grass roots facilities development budget to Emerging Affinity Areas.

### GENERAL OVERVIEW OF PARTICIPATION

- 7.4 The demand for rugby league in the study area is satisfied by 2 teams: 1 senior men's team at Loughborough RFC, and an U18s team from Loughborough College also playing at Loughborough RFC. There is also demand for rugby league from the Loughborough University Students Rugby Football League Club. This club is exclusive to students of the university and plays home games only at the university site. Demand from this club has therefore been excluded from the study.

### KEY ISSUES

- 7.5 Loughborough RFC began entering a rugby league side into local competitions as a means of providing a "rugby offer" to members all year round. The team has been operating for one year; the club has stated that should rugby league be successful, then they have capacity to add further teams, however, the club is a rugby union-focused club with rugby league currently offering an alternative summer game.



## SUPPLY

### QUANTITY OVERVIEW

7.6 The ownership of the rugby sites across the study area is shown in Table 7.1.

**Table 7.1: Rugby League pitches in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	COMMUNITY USE ON SITE	SECURITY OF USE	OWNERS	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	ADULT	JUNIOR/ MINIS	PITCH RATING
LOUGHBOROUGH RFC	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough, LE11 5FJ	Available	Secured	Charnwood Borough Council (club has lease until 2060)	Sports club	Sports club	1	0	Standard

7.7 Table 7.1 shows that there is just 1 rugby league pitch accommodating community rugby league usage in Charnwood. This pitch is rated as standard quality and therefore has a carrying capacity of 2.0 rugby league match equivalents per week.

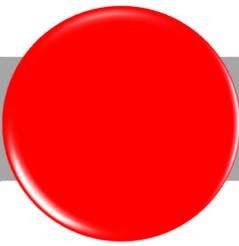
## DEMAND

7.8 The demand for the rugby sites across the study area is shown in Table 7.2.

**Table 7.2: Demand for Rugby League in Charnwood**

TEAM NAME	SENIORS	YOUTH AND JUNIOR BOYS	YOUTH AND JUNIOR GIRLS	MINIS	DEMAND IN MATCH EQUIVALENTS
LOUGHBOROUGH RFC – RUGBY LEAGUE	1	0	0	0	1.0
LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE	0	1	0	0	1.0

7.9 Table 7.2 shows that there is demand from 2 teams in Charnwood. Both of these teams play at Loughborough RFC.



## FUTURE DEMAND

- 7.10 To calculate the future demand for rugby league in the study area, a Team Generation Rate<sup>33</sup> (TGR) has been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate what size of population (for various age groups) will typically cause enough demand for a rugby league team.
- 7.11 As for the other sports, the TGR is calculated using 2014 SNPP data, provided by the ONS.
- 7.12 This TGR can now be applied to the population projections for the study area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups. This population projection data has been provided by Charnwood Borough Council and aligns to their Core Strategy.
- 7.13 Table 7.3 outlines the TGR analysis for Rugby League in Charnwood.

**Table 7.3: Demand for Rugby League in Charnwood**

AGE GROUP	CURRENT POPN. (2017)	CURRENT TEAMS	TGR	FUTURE POPN (2036)	PREDICTED FUTURE NUMBER OF TEAMS	ADDITIONAL PROVISION NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE NEW TEAMS
RUGBY LEAGUE ADULT MEN (19–45YRS)	34380	1	34380	38340	1	0
RUGBY LEAGUE YOUTH & JUNIOR BOYS (12–18YRS)	8400	1	8400	10040	1	0
TOTAL		2			2	0

- 7.14 The TGR analysis in Table 7.3 projects that there will be no additional demand generated due to the increase in population between 2017 and 2036.
- 7.15 This analysis does not take into account improved player recruitment strategies and communications introduced by the RFL, which may grow the rate of participation in rugby league above its current level in Charnwood.

## SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE

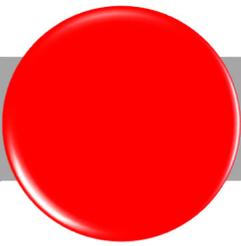
- 7.16 Table 7.4 shows the supply and demand balance in Charnwood for rugby league.

**Table 7.4: Rugby League supply and demand in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	CARRYING CAPACITY	DEMAND				SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE
	SNR	SENIOR	YOUTH AND JUNIOR BOYS	YOUTH AND JUNIOR GIRLS	MINI	
LOUGHBOROUGH RFC	2.0	1.0	1.0	0	0	0.0

- 7.17 Table 7.4 shows that there is enough capacity in the existing stock of rugby league pitches to accommodate current demand. However, the table also shows that there is no spare capacity should either the club or the college wish to increase the number of rugby league teams it fields.

<sup>33</sup> The Team Generation Rate calculation uses the current number of teams and the current population to calculate a proxy measure of the number of total residents per relevant sports team. This measure is therefore applied to the projected population (depending on the length of the strategy) to predict how many additional teams will be required in order to satisfy the demand from the “new” population.



## RUGBY LEAGUE SUMMARY

- 7.18 There are 2 rugby league teams in the borough, both playing out of Loughborough RFC. No additional demand is expected to be generated by the increase in population.
- 7.19 The pitch used for rugby league is considered to be at capacity given current levels of demand.
- 7.20 Following the supply and demand analysis undertaken for rugby league facilities across the borough, Table 7.5 below summarises the key recommendations that have been identified for the sport. These are cross-referenced to the strategy and action plan section of the PPS.

**Table 7.5: Recommendations for Rugby League in Charnwood**

### RUGBY LEAGUE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation RL1:** Loughborough RFC should be protected as ‘Playing Fields’ in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.

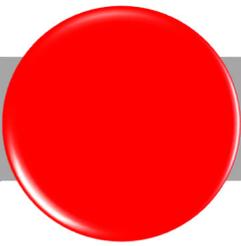
Justification: The site provides the only rugby league pitch in Charnwood available to the community for use. It is therefore imperative that this site be protected for long-term sporting use. More generally, protecting playing fields and playing pitch sites is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.

**Recommendation RL2:** It is recommended that should rugby league demand increase at Loughborough RFC, another of the existing 2 rugby union pitches should be periodically utilised as rugby league pitches (by altering the line markings), thereby keeping all demand centralised at a single hub site.

Justification: Club consultation reveals that much of the demand for rugby league in Charnwood is generated by members of the Loughborough Rugby Football Club, a rugby union club. Ensuring that supply of pitches remains centralised around the Loughborough RFC site provides the greatest opportunity for the rugby league section to recruit players from the rugby union section of the club. This in turn will provide the rugby league section with the ability to grow and recruit members from outside of the rugby club.

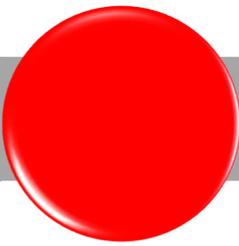
**Recommendation RL3:** It is recommended the RFL and Charnwood Borough Council work with the club to identify a suitable site for a dedicated pitch if/when the rugby league part of Loughborough Rugby Club feels they need to move to a dedicated facility. A possible site is the Derby Road Sports Ground, where there is significant spare capacity for football at off peak times and therefore could be used for rugby league. The site neighbours Loughborough RFC and therefore would cause the club minimal disruption if this option were pursued. Such a scenario would require careful examination of supply and demand balances of other sports at the time.

Justification: There is some but relatively little crossover between the playing seasons of the two rugby codes; however, the size of the rugby league section (and consequently the amount of wear on the pitches) does not currently warrant a dedicated rugby league facility. Should the rugby league section grow and develop significantly, it is likely that the two codes will become incompatible. This would be due to more fixtures increasing the crossover of the two seasons and more intensive use of the pitches preventing adequate recovery from the winter (rugby union) season.



## **THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL SPORTS**

**This section details the analysis undertaken for sports that are not typically included within a PPS.**



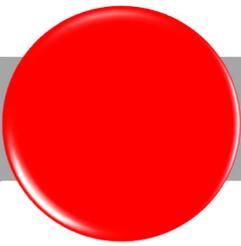
## 8 TENNIS

### INTRODUCTION

- 8.1 The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is the organisation responsible for the governance of tennis. Tennis Leicestershire is responsible for the sport in terms of county teams and county-based initiatives in Charnwood.
- 8.2 The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies and national facility plans, that are currently being delivered by the LTA.
- 8.3 Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for tennis and considers:
- **The supply of courts and demand for these courts;**
  - **The adequacy of courts in Charnwood; and**
  - **Recommendations moving forward.**

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 8.4 The LTA's governing strategy is "The British Tennis Strategic Plan 2015–2018."
- 8.5 The stated mission of the strategy is to: Get more people playing tennis more often.
- 8.6 There are three strands of participation focus:
- **Deliver great service to clubs:**
    - Provide great support for clubs of all sizes by sharing best-practice learning;
    - Apply greater focus on clubs seeking to grow the game in their club and community; and
    - Help clubs achieve management excellence.
  - **Build partnerships in the community by:**
    - Developing strong local park and other community tennis venue partnerships, to deliver inclusive tennis provision for all;
    - Invest in great people delivering great experiences in parks; and
    - Targeted investment in "welcoming" park facilities for people to socialise and play.
  - **Enhance tennis offer in education by:**
    - Further strengthening schools' offers, while introducing new secondary school programmes;
    - Provide support to develop more effective links between schools and other places where tennis is played; and
    - Maximise playing opportunities and help build a future workforce in colleges and universities.
- 8.7 The LTA has conducted some wide-ranging research to understand how the wider public feel about tennis and primarily the main barriers they see to accessing the sport. The research has been split into the club, community and education sectors. The relevant headlines are highlighted below:
- **Around 5 million people play once per year – the majority of this is in parks;**
  - **36% of tennis played by those aged 14+ is on parks (14% clubs and 19% schools);**
  - **80% of those that don't play tennis, but would like to, see parks as their first option;**



- **For those people who want to play tennis in parks, they are most dissatisfied with the state and condition of courts, ease of booking and the number of courts available for play;**
- **Demand for tennis is highest amongst those who stopped playing in the last 5 years – but the age profile is wide ranging; and**
- **Although there is demand amongst the C2 D and E demographic classifications, the highest latent demand is from the ABC 1 demographic classification.**

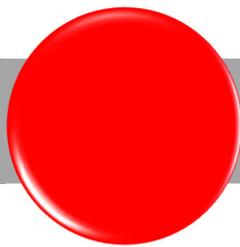
- 8.8 The Sport England Active People Survey confirms that the seasonal participation peaks for tennis in the summer. This is particularly pronounced amongst non-club and occasional players.
- 8.9 It is key to note that the correlation between the lack of “community” tennis in the non-summer months is likely to be heavily influenced by the lack of floodlighting, which is often a characteristic of local authority-owned courts.
- 8.10 Further research carried out by the LTA suggests that many more people would play tennis if they knew where courts were located, particularly local authority courts. Its assertion is that better promotion would increase demand.
- 8.11 Technological development is evolving, and it is now possible for an access gate to have a unit that is opened by key or swipe card. This keypad can be used to open the gate with a code, automatically generated by an online booking system. There are also now mobile phone and tablets applications that can allow customers to book and pay for courts.
- 8.12 It is hoped that increasing the awareness of facility location and availability, the ease of bookings and protecting the security of facilities from petty crime and vandalism will increase the conversion of latent demand to actual demand across the country. The LTA is therefore keen to work with local authorities, especially those in areas of high population, to deliver fit-for-purpose projects at sites with community access.
- 8.13 Table 8.1 below summarises the consultations held with the LTA regarding Charnwood.

**Table 8.1: LTA consultation summary**

**LTA CONSULTATION SUMMARY**

Leicester is a priority focus for the Midlands LTA. There is a dedicated team member focusing on the tennis provision in the area. Charnwood is also a priority focus for the Midlands LTA. Recently the LTA provided financial assistance to resurface 3 courts and install new floodlights at Charnwood Lawn Tennis club.

The Midlands LTA has been involved in the early stages of a project to redevelop the courts at Park Road and is in discussions with Charnwood Borough Council regarding this matter. The LTA confirmed that as a matter of policy, the ability to reserve community accessible courts through an online booking system is a mandatory requirement for them to consider funding any community court developments.



## COURT SUPPLY

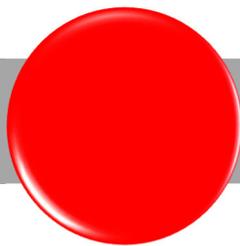
8.14 Table 8.2 provides an analysis of outdoor tennis courts sites in the area. The quality rating of a site is calculated using the following LTA criteria:

- **Good:** Good playing surface, courts recently been upgraded, resurfaced, nets and fencing in working order.
- **Average:** Playing surface ok, playing surface is fading, jet wash/repaint will bring it back to life, although courts will be in need of refurbishment/resurfacing in a couple of years' time.
- **Poor:** Playing surface poor, slippery playing surface, poor drainage, cracks on the playing surface and surrounding area, court markings hardly visible, no nets or nets damaged, surrounding fencing poor/dangerous.

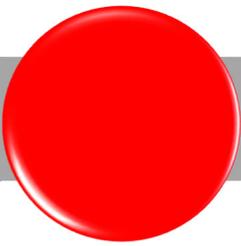
**Table 8.2: Outdoor Tennis Provision by Site**

SITES	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT	ACCESS STATUS	SECURITY OF ACCESS	TENNIS COURTS			SITE QUALITY
						COURTS	SURFACE	FLOODLIT	
3M HEALTHCARE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Soar Valley – Shelthorpe, LE12 8UE	3M - Commercial	Private	None – Private club	N/A	2	Macadam	–	Poor
ANSTEY RECREATION GROUND	Charnwood Forest – Anstey, LE7 7AY	Anstey Parish Council	Parish Council	Yes – Community	Secured (own freehold)	2	Artificial grass	(Partial)	Poor
ASHMOUNT SCHOOL	Loughborough – LE11 4SQ	Leicestershire County Council	School (In-house)	None – Education	N/A	1	Macadam	–	Good
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND (CHARNWOOD LTC)	Loughborough – LE11 3TN	Charnwood Borough Council	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (leased from Charnwood Borough Council)	8	4 Macadam & 4 artificial grass	4 (artificial grass)	Standard
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Loughborough – LE11 4SQ	David Ross Education Trust (Academy)	Academy Trust	None – Education	N/A	4	Macadam	–	Standard
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough – LE11 4SQ	Blessed Cyprian Tansi Catholic Academy Trust	Academy Trust	None – Education	N/A	5	Macadam	–	Poor

SITES	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT	ACCESS STATUS	SECURITY OF ACCESS	TENNIS COURTS			SITE QUALITY
						COURTS	SURFACE	FLOODLIT	
GREENFIELDS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Loughborough – LE11 3HZ	Greenfields Sports and Social Club	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (own freehold)	3	Macadam	3	Standard
GYNSILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB	Charnwood Forest – Anstey, LE7 7AN	Gynsill Lawn Tennis Club	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (own freehold)	6	4 artificial grass & 2 artificial clay	4 floodlit courts (2 artificial clay & 2 artificial grass)	Good
KING GEORGE PLAYING FIELDS	Rural South East – Queniborough, LE7 3DR	Queniborough Parish Council	Parish Council	Yes – community	Secured (own freehold)	1	Macadam	–	Good
KING GEORGE'S FIELD (BEACON TENNIS CLUB)	Charnwood Forest – Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RZ	Woodhouse Parish Council	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (leased from WPC)	2	Macadam	–	Standard
LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL	Loughborough – LE11 2AE	Loughborough Endowed Schools	School (In-house)	No – education	N/A	8	Macadam	–	Good
LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB	Loughborough – LE 11 3NP	Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (own freehold)	7	Macadam	4	Good
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY TENNIS CLUB	Loughborough – LE11 3TS	Loughborough University	University (in-house)	Yes (limited) – club*	Unsecured (no legal guarantee of access)	8	Macadam	2	Good
NEWTOWN LINFORD TENNIS CLUB	Charnwood Forest – Newtown Linford, LE6 0BH	Private Land Owners	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (leased from land owners)	2	Macadam	–	Standard
QUORN TENNIS CLUB (SITE CLOSED FOLLOWING THE WRITING OF THIS STRATEGY)	Soar Valley – Quorn, LE12 8AG	The Manor House at Quorn Pub – Commercial	Sports Club	Yes – club (CLOSED)	Unsecured (difficulty renewing the lease)	4	Shale	–	Standard

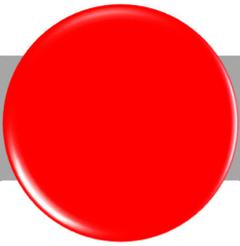


SITES	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT	ACCESS STATUS	SECURITY OF ACCESS	TENNIS COURTS			SITE QUALITY
						COURTS	SURFACE	FLOODLIT	
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Rural South East – LE7 ASG	Ratcliffe College	Private	None – private	N/A	8	Unknown	6	Standard
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Soar Valley – LE12 8DY	Rawlins Academy Trust	Academy Trust	None – education	N/A	2	Macadam	–	Poor
ROTHLEY IVANHOE TENNIS CLUB	Soar Valley – Rothley, LE7 7PS	Harry Hames Trust	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (lease from HHT)	6	Hardcourt	5	Good
SILEBY TENNIS CLUB	Soar Valley – Sileby, LE12 7EE	Trust	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (lease from trust)	4	Macadam	–	Standard
SYSTON NORTHFIELDS TENNIS CLUB	Soar Valley – Syston, LE7 1HW	Syston Northfields Tennis Club	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (own freehold)	4	Artificial grass courts	4	Good
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (QUENIBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB)	Soar Valley – Queniborough, LE7 3FD	Syston Rugby Football Club	Sports Club	Yes – club	Secured (lease from SRFC)	4	Macadam	–	Standard
TOWLES FIELD	The Wolds – Burton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 5TD	Charity/Trust	Burton on The Wolds Playing Fields Association	Yes – club	Secured (written into constitution of the charity)	2	Macadam	–	Standard
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Charnwood Forest – Woodhouse, LE12 8WD	MoD	Minerva Consortium (Have Lease From MOD)	None – private	N/A	6	Macadam	–	Good
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough – LE11 2ST	Woodbrook Vale High School Academy Trust	Academy Trust	None – education	N/A	4	Macadam	–	Poor
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Syston, LE7 1LY	Wreake Valley Academy Trust	Academy Trust	None – education	N/A	3	Macadam	–	Good

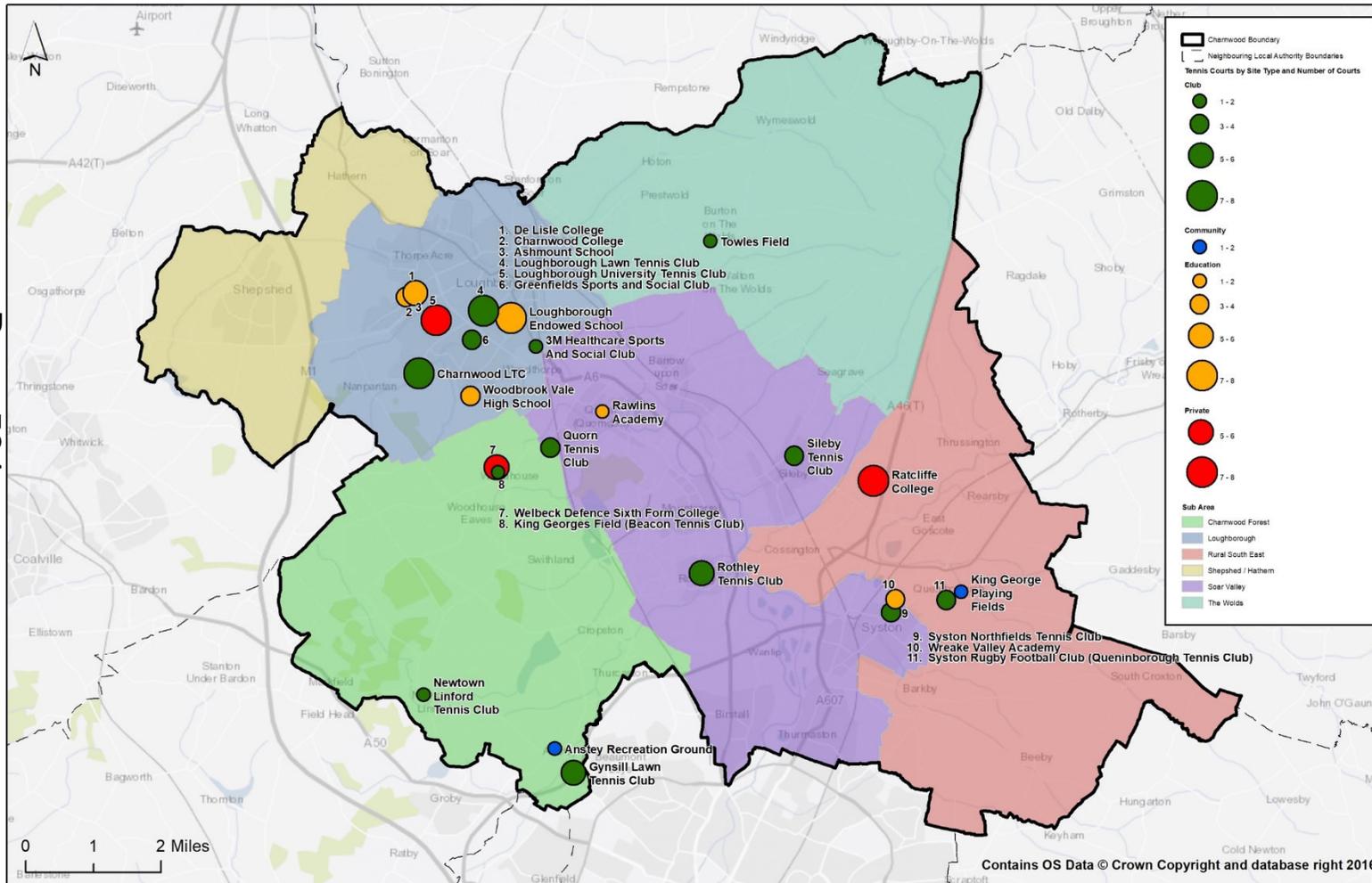


- 8.15 Table 8.2 shows that at the time of the assessment (2016/17), there are 106 outdoor courts across 25 sites in Charnwood (**102** following closure of Quorn Tennis Club (QTC) in 2018 (4 courts)<sup>34</sup>). Fourteen (**13** following closure of QTC) of the 25 (**24** following closure of QTC) tennis sites in Charnwood (56%) (**41%**) are considered to be available to the community (either as community clubs or community sites). Of the 106 (**102**) courts, 52 (**48**) are located on sites run by community clubs (49%) (**47%**), and a further 3 courts are accessible for the community but are not attached to a club; these are located at Anstey Recreation Ground and King George's Playing Field. Thirty-two of all courts (30%) are floodlit across 9 sites in Charnwood (36%). Twenty-four of the 32 floodlit courts (75%) are accessible to the community.
- 8.16 Across the whole borough, 40% of sites are considered to be of good quality, 36% standard (including the then-Quorn Tennis Club courts), 20% poor and 4% are unknown. Of the community accessible sites, 36% are considered to be good, 57% standard and 7% poor.
- 8.17 94.5% of community-accessible courts are accessible primarily through a membership of a club. Although many of these clubs offer a pay-and-play option, only 3 courts on 2 sites are accessible purely on this basis, and none of these are located in the Borough's largest population centre, Loughborough.
- 8.18 It should be noted that the Park Road, Loughborough site (neighbouring the Loughborough Phoenix Bowls Club) contains 6 disused macadam tennis courts. Reinstating these courts as a community-accessible site would help to address the lack of community-accessible sites not requiring a membership in Charnwood. In order to attract any funding from the LTA towards redeveloping these courts, an online booking system would have to be put into place to allow for ongoing monitoring of the level of use of the courts.
- 8.19 Map 8.1 shows the number and type of outdoor tennis sites across the borough. The map shows that tennis sites are located in two areas of Charnwood: Loughborough and Syston (and surrounding areas).
- 8.20 Map 8.1 also shows that the majority of facilities in Charnwood are located at clubs or educational sites.
- 8.21 Map 8.1 shows that Anstey Recreation Ground and King George's Playing Fields, Queniborough, are the only courts in the borough that do not require membership of a tennis club or an association to a private organisation for playing access at any time. It is possible for the public to book tennis courts at Nanpantan Sports Ground (Charnwood LTC) through Charnwood Leisure Centre at certain times; whilst these courts can be booked, they are not available at all times for community pay-and-play use, and so are recognised, but not counted as community-accessible at all times.

<sup>34</sup> Note: all bold figures in brackets denote the number of courts/% figure as a result of the closure of Quorn Tennis Club).

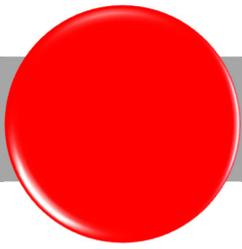


Map 8.1: Outdoor tennis provision in Charnwood



Tennis sites by number of courts and site type in Charnwood





## INDOOR SITES

8.22 Table 8.3 shows the provision of indoor tennis courts in Charnwood.

**Table 8.3: Indoor courts in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	SUB-AREA	FACILITY SUB-TYPE	INDOOR COURTS	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT TYPE	ACCESS TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 3NP	Airhall (seasonal)	2	Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club	Sport Club	Yes — Club	n/a	2010
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY*	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 3TS	Traditional	8	Loughborough University	University (in-house)	Yes — club*	1995	n/a

\*Consultations have determined that this site is only available to the community on a limited basis.

8.23 Table 8.3 identifies that there is a total of 10 indoor courts in the Borough. However, 8 of these courts are located at Loughborough University, meaning that despite some community availability, the facility is prioritised for, and used by, students and elite player development.

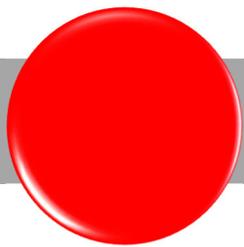
8.24 The indoor courts at Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club have been accounted for as seasonal indoor courts (see Table 8.4).

8.25 The Charnwood Indoor Facility Strategy 2018 - 2036 does not identify a need to develop additional indoor tennis provision. It is recommended that the LTA works with the university and local clubs to establish if there are opportunities for greater community use of the facility during periods when most of the university students are away from the campus (i.e., during winter, Easter and summer breaks).

## TENNIS CLUB CAPACITY

8.26 49% of tennis courts in Charnwood are located at club sites.

8.27 Table 8.4 shows how the total estimated membership capacity for each club as calculated by the LTA.



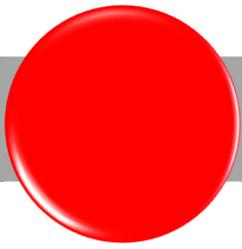
**Table 8.4: LTA membership capacity calculations**

COURT TYPE	MEMBERSHIP / PLAYER CAPACITY
NON-FLOODLIT OUTDOOR	40
FLOODLIT OUTDOOR	60
INDOOR	200
SEASONAL INDOOR (NON-PERMANENT)	100
GRASS OUTDOOR	20

8.28 Table 8.5 shows the capacity for membership at each club, by comparing each club’s reported membership to their estimated membership capacity.

**Table 8.5: Membership capacity at community tennis club sites**

CLUB	SUB-AREA	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	CURRENT CAPACITY	SPARE CAPACITY	OPERATIONAL CAPACITY UTILISATION
CHARNWOOD LTC	Loughborough	273	400	127	68%
GREENFIELDS SPORTS	Loughborough	35	180	145	19%
GYSILL LTC	Charnwood Forest	220	320	100	69%
KING GEORGE’S FIELD (BEACON TENNIS CLUB)	Charnwood Forest	110	80	-30	138%
LOUGHBOROUGH LTC	Loughborough	325	360	35	90%
NEWTOWN LINFORD LTC	Charnwood Forest	89	80	-9	111%
QUORN LTC (CLOSED – FOLLOWING THE WRITING OF THIS STRATEGY)	Soar Valley	105	160	55	66%
ROTHLEY LTC	Soar Valley	320	340	20	94%
SILEBY LTC	Soar Valley	46	160	114	29%
SYSTON NORTHFIELDS LTC	Soar Valley	106	200	94	53%
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (QUENIBOROUGH LTC)	Soar Valley	44	160	116	28%
TOWLES FIELD (BURTON-ON-THE-WOLD LTC)	The Wolds	94	80	-14	118%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1767(1662)</b>	<b>2520 (2360)</b>	<b>753 (698)</b>	<b>70% (80%)</b>



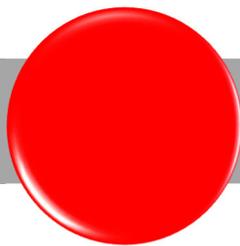
- 8.29 Table 8.5 shows that tennis clubs in Charnwood are currently estimated to have 1,767 members and, on average, are operating at 70% of their capacity.
- 8.30 The table shows that Loughborough and Rothley LTCs are the largest clubs in terms of membership, with over 300 members each.
- 8.31 Table 8.5 shows that the following 3 clubs are currently operating over capacity: Beacon, Newtown Linford and Burton-on-the-Wolds. Table 8.5 also shows that Rothley LTC is also operating close to capacity. The Quorn Tennis Club site closed following the writing of this strategy, but the club itself is believed to have relocated to Rawlins Academy.
- 8.32 Table 8.5 shows that the capacity of club courts across the borough is 2,520 (**2,360** following the closure of Quorn Tennis Club). When the three non-floodlit pay-and-play courts are included in the capacity calculation, total community capacity of courts in Charnwood is estimated to be 2,640.

### SITE SUMMARIES

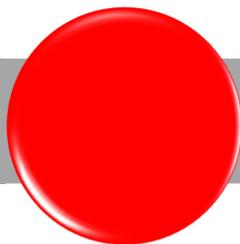
- 8.33 Table 8.6 summarises the key tennis sites in Charnwood.

**Table 8.6: Tennis site summaries**

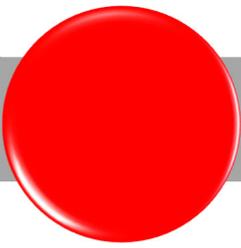
SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SUMMARY
ANSTEY RECREATION GROUND	Charnwood Forest – Anstey, LE7 7AY	The artificial grass surface is used more for football than any other sport. Tennis nets were not present at the time of inspection and the surface appeared to be too sandy than is ideal for tennis, but still usable. Floodlighting is present at the site but is not adequate for tennis.
CHARNWOD LTC (NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND)	Loughborough – LE11 3TN	The artificial grass was in very good condition, but the tarmac is considered poor and in need of surface replacement. The club is thought to be interested in adding new floodlights to their non-floodlit courts. The LTA has confirmed it is supporting the club with both projects.
GREENFIELDS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Loughborough – LE11 3HZ	Surface, fencing and netting appear to be in a fair condition. Although there was no opportunity to look inside the facility, the clubhouse appeared to be showing signs of age and may require an upgrade or replacement in the near future.



SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SUMMARY
GYSILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB	Charnwood Forest – Anstey, LE7 7AN	The club is looking to add a dome to increase its junior coaching section (by guaranteeing coaching sessions throughout the year – regardless of the weather). This aspiration has not yet progressed due to concerns over the risk of a planning application not being granted. The club is planning on resurfacing the stand-alone court with an artificial clay court as this will enable them to play league matches on either artificial clay or artificial grass (with 3 courts of each surface). The club is looking to upgrade its floodlighting to LED once the technology is ready.
KING GEORGE PLAYING FIELDS	Rural South East – Queniborough, LE7 3DR	This stand-alone court is located on a parish council-owned recreation ground. The court, fencing and nets are in a good condition, but there is no floodlighting on the site.
KING GEORGE'S FIELD (BEACON TENNIS CLUB)	Charnwood Forest – Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RZ	Courts are maintained by the parish council, but run and managed by the club. The court surfaces, netting and fencing are in fair condition. The parish council is interested in improving the borders of the courts to improve them aesthetically.
LOUGHBOROUGH LTC	Loughborough – LE 11 3NP	Loughborough LTC has 7 courts (one is not match size due to fencing restrictions). The under-sized court has an issue with the net post coming up from the ground. This is causing some issues with the court surface and could potentially be a trip hazard. The club are looking at adding floodlighting to all courts and currently have planning permission to do so, but not the funds. They have previously had a practice wall and would like to have another. There is a lack of car parking, and the club would like to add capacity by utilising space around the outside of the courts and by moving the garage to a better location. The club want to put a sign on the main road to better advertise their location.
NEWTOWN LINFORD LTC	Charnwood Forest – Newtown Linford, LE6 0BH	A small 2-court site with no floodlighting based next to a cricket pitch. The courts are reserved for members of the tennis club.



SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SUMMARY
QUORN TENNIS CLUB (SITE CLOSED FOLLOWING THE WRITING OF THIS STRATEGY)	Soar Valley – Quorn, LE12 8AG	<p>Site is in the grounds of a pub, which owns the site. At the time of consultation, the club was in the process of organising a new lease with the pub, although there were some issues with this. The club was keen to remain on this site. There is a small clubhouse, of average quality. 60% of their 70 members come from Quorn, as they service the whole of the village. The courts are of standard quality and in need of some refurbishment, especially the surrounding fencing and nets.</p> <p>During development of this strategy Quorn Tennis Club site closed following a dispute over the lease with the club's landlord. This has reduced the number of tennis courts in the borough by 4.</p>
ROTHLEY TENNIS CLUB	Soar Valley – Rothley, LE7 7PS	The club has a 28-year lease from 2000. The Club has recently invested almost £100,000 into the courts, providing a revamp of the facilities, which now provide high-quality courts. There are over 200 members at the club, which is forecasted to rise (by the club's committee). There are currently 5 courts floodlit and the club would like to get the final court floodlit, but cannot due to the cabling for the electricity. The club would like to improve the car parking and also the clubhouse facilities.
SILEBY TENNIS CLUB	Soar Valley – Sileby, LE12 7EE	Struggling to increase its membership levels. The courts have recently been cleaned and present a good surface for tennis. The fencing surrounding is of average quality. There are sockets and power supply for floodlighting, but the club could not afford the full lights at the time. There is a small clubhouse, which the club want to extend and improve.
SYSTON NORTHFIELDS LTC	Soar Valley – Syston, LE7 1HW	The club has 4 newly refurbished artificial grass courts with new floodlighting. The ancillary facility is showing some signs of age, but was not accessible at the time of the visit.
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (QUENIBOROUGH LTC)	Soar Valley – Queniborough, LE7 3FD	The fencing and surfaces are beginning to show signs of age and should be considered for resurfacing soon. The club reported it has just had a newly refurbished clubhouse.
TOWLES FIELD	The Wolds – Burton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 5TD	Parish council-owned and -managed site, but the courts are locked and only for the use of club members. The surface, fencing and net are in a fair condition and do not require imminent replacement.



8.34 Findings from the supply-side analysis show the following.

- **Overall, there is a good supply of community accessible courts across the borough, with 55 (51 following the closure of Quorn Tennis Club) courts available either through membership of a community club or through pay-and-play/free-to-access;**
- **93% of the community accessible courts are considered to be either of good or standard quality;**
- **Only three courts throughout the whole of Charnwood are accessible purely on a free/pay-and-play basis;**
- **There are ten indoor courts across two sites in the Borough. Both sites are located within Loughborough;**
- **Only one site (comprising 2 indoor courts) is considered securely available to the community;**
- **No need has been identified for additional indoor courts in the area;**
- **There are 32 floodlit courts across the borough;**
- **75% of all floodlit courts are available for community access;**
- **Across Charnwood, clubs are currently operating at 70% of their capacity;**
- **Three clubs are currently operating over capacity, with Rothley LTC also close to capacity; and**
- **Several clubs have development projects that may require support from the LTA and the local authority.**

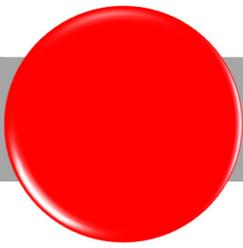
### **DEMAND FOR COMMUNITY TENNIS COURTS**

8.35 To understand a more local view of demand for tennis in Charnwood, this study uses participation data provided by Sport England to calculate an estimated active demand. Active demand refers to people who are participating in tennis for a minimum of 2 sessions every 4 weeks, on average.

8.36 Across the country, Sport England report 77.18% of adults participate in any sport or activity at least twice every 4 weeks. In Charnwood, the level of participation in sport or physical activity is slightly higher at 77.75%. This means that across all physical activities in Charnwood, there is an increased level of participation of 0.74%.

8.37 If this average level of improved participation is applied to tennis, then it can be estimated that 1.94% of the adult population in Charnwood participate in tennis regularly. If this rate of participation is applied to the adult population of Charnwood, then the total active demand for tennis in Charnwood can be said to be 2,890.

8.38 The Sport England Market Segmentation Tool is another way of measuring demand for an activity in an area. The tool uses 19 market segments to characterise the demand for sport within a population. Each segment has an assigned level of propensity to participate towards 33 different sports/activities. Propensity to participate is broken down by active demand (regularly doing an activity) and latent demand (would like to do an activity).

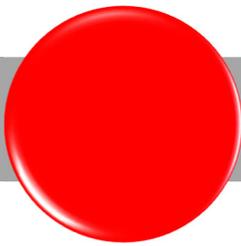


- 8.39 The tool then uses population data to establish the distribution of each of the 19 segments within a local authority. By applying the level of demand for an activity within each segment to the distribution of the segments amongst the population of a local authority, the tool can provide an estimated level of active and latent demand for any of the 33 activities within a local authority area.
- 8.40 The Sport England Market Segmentation Tool estimates that 2,934 people in Charnwood play tennis (active demand for tennis) and that 3,173 people want to play tennis (latent demand).
- 8.41 For the purposes of this study, only the latent demand is used in the analysis, as active demand has been calculated using Active Lives Adult Survey data. This is due to Active Lives Adult Survey data being the most recent data source available on sports participation in England. However, it is worth noting that the two sources have produced a very similar estimated active demand for tennis in Charnwood.
- 8.42 Table 8.7 shows the current number of available courts and their capacity alongside the active and latent demand for tennis in Charnwood.

**Table 8.7: Demand for Community Tennis Courts in Charnwood 2016/17**

NUMBER OF COURTS	CAPACITY	TENNIS DEMAND		
		ACTIVE DEMAND	LATENT DEMAND	TOTAL DEMAND
55	2,640	2,934	3,173	6,039

- 8.43 Table 8.7 shows that courts accessible to the community in Charnwood have a capacity for 2,640 people to play tennis, compared to an estimated actual demand of 2,890 people. Table 8.5 (above) identifies 1,767 players who are members of tennis clubs, representing 61% of the active demand. This means that the other 39% of active demand must be being met by tennis facilities catering for non-member players.
- 8.44 The study uses 10% as the demand figure, as this represents the maximum amount of demand the study will need to model.
- 8.45 Therefore, the estimated level of realistic demand to be achieved in the short to medium term is converting 317 of the 3,173 people with latent demand into active demand. This means that total demand in the area should be estimated at 3,183 people.
- 8.46 It should be noted that the LTA is now (in 2018) aiming to convert between 5–10% of the overall population (national) into active demand through programmes such as pay-and-play and parks tennis schemes. Further consultation with the LTA identifies that the aim is to engage 5–10% of the population in tennis over the next 5 years, not just 5–10% of the latent demand figure – where the LTA is working in a focused way in a local area, which is the approach planned in Charnwood.
- 8.47 This would mean engaging between 9,750–19,000 people in tennis in Charnwood – with some of these (approx. 6000) becoming regular weekly players. These are the kinds of figures seen by the LTA when their current approach is delivered successfully.
- 8.48 Clearly this approach identifies increased demand for tennis in the Charnwood area as circa 6,000 as opposed to the 3,183 above (paragraph 8.45) i.e. almost double the original identified demand. Clearly this is an ambitious target and would require a very substantial provision of tennis courts. Therefore, whilst acknowledging this target, the following supply and demand analysis reflects the conversion of known latent demand into active participation in tennis. This was discussed and agreed with the LTA (July 2018).



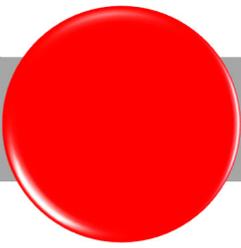
## SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS

- 8.49 This section analyses the current and future supply and demand for tennis facilities in Charnwood, based on the 2016/17 assessment.
- 8.50 Table 8.8 shows the current and future levels of demand for tennis courts across the whole Borough.
- 8.51 The population figures have been taken from the ONS sub-national population projections (SNPP), 2014, which show an increase in population of 17.7% across Charnwood.

**Table 8.8: Tennis Supply vs Demand in Charnwood, 2017 and 2036**

FACILITY TYPE	CLUB & COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE COURTS		ALL COURTS		
	YEAR	2017	2036	2017	2036
ACTUAL DEMAND		2,934	3,375	2,866	3,375
SUPPLY CAPACITY		2,640		4,840	
% OF CAPACITY UTILISED		109%	128%	61%	128%
10% OF LATENT DEMAND		317	373	317	373
TOTAL DEMAND		121%	142%	66%	77%

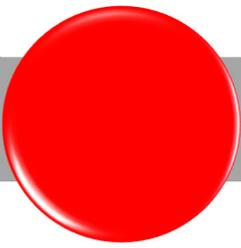
- 8.52 Taken from the Sport England Active Lives Adult Survey, the current total number of people with demand for tennis courts in Charnwood is considered to be 2,934. This means that the total existing stock of courts in Charnwood is currently operating at 9% over capacity. This equates to demand from 226 residents. According to the LTA standards provided in Table 8.4, an additional 3.7 floodlit courts would be needed to meet the existing supply and demand deficit.
- 8.53 Together, Tables 8.5, 8.7 and 8.8 show that 62% of current demand is catered for by community members' clubs. This leaves 1,099 people making up the non-membership demand for community tennis facilities in Charnwood. If the demand for courts from non-membership players is considered to be supplied exclusively by free-to-use or pay-and-play courts, there are currently only three courts, on two different sites, meeting this access criteria. On this basis, there is an under-supply of 16.3 floodlit courts across the entire borough. Clearly, this level of under-supply increases significantly if the demand from 6000 people (the LTA's revised active participation target) is realised.
- 8.54 It is currently estimated that 38% of demand for tennis comes from people who are not members of tennis clubs. This is partly due to the location of many clubs in the area being on parish council-owned recreation grounds, with little monitoring of use and open access to many courts; therefore, non-members use courts to which they officially do not have access. The nature of the arrangement between clubs and non-member users of clubs' sites varies from site to site given this situation; some non-member use is likely to be "unofficial" i.e. non-members using courts at times and/or on sites where membership is required. 38% of tennis players in the borough having "official" access to just 3 courts supplemented by "unauthorised" use of club sites represent a potentially unsustainable situation for tennis in the area.
- 8.55 It is therefore recommended the LTA should work with clubs to ensure that, where appropriate, non-member access to courts is secured and designated to specific times (for example, at clubs based on parish council-owned recreation grounds). It is also recommended that more pay-and-play access courts be provided in the area to provide better security of use and access for non-member demand in the borough.



- 8.56 Table 8.8 shows that latent demand for tennis is estimated to be 3,173 people. The LTA has a target of converting 5–10% of the total population into active tennis players. Should the LTA successfully reach their target, a further 6,000 people demand provision for and access to tennis in Charnwood. Although the impact of the LTA's participation schemes may not be felt immediately, should the LTA be successful in hitting their target, this level of increased active participation will place significant additional demand on both pay-and-play and free-to-access courts and on members' clubs. Essentially, there will be much higher demand for tennis courts and there will be a need to significantly increase the number of courts provided. Consultation with the LTA (July 2018) highlights that converting 10% of the population into active tennis players is ambitious, and it is recognised that such an increase in players would require significantly more courts. It is important, however, to retain this as an overall target in the context of increasing levels of physical activity. The following analysis, based on latent demand, still highlights the need for additional tennis court provision, and is based on an increase in the number of active players, but reflects a more realistic growth in participation numbers.
- 8.57 The current under-supply of non-membership facilities, coupled with an additional 317 active tennis participants (or potentially significantly higher at 6000, based on 2018 LTA thinking), means the borough would be operating over capacity by the equivalent of 9.1 floodlit tennis courts by 2036, i.e., there will be an under-supply of 9.1 floodlit tennis courts by 2036.
- 8.58 In summary, overall, Charnwood has sufficient supply of courts to meet the current demand for tennis generated within the borough; however, at present, only 52% of the capacity is available for community use, whether through membership of a community club or through free-to-use or pay-and-play courts. Whilst there is sufficient supply of courts at clubs to meet tennis-member demand (although some sites are operating at or over capacity), there is a significant under-supply of courts to address non-member demand. It is considered likely that this demand is currently being met in a variety of ways, e.g. non-member use of member-accessible courts. Therefore, across all existing tennis courts, Charnwood is operating at just 60% of capacity, members' clubs are operating at 70% and courts with access for non-members are operating at 915% capacity (or the equivalent of 16.3 floodlit courts). There is currently an overall over-supply of tennis courts in the Borough; there are sufficient membership courts, but insufficient non-membership/pay-and-play courts.
- 8.59 Community-accessible courts (accessible via membership, free-to-use or pay-and-play) are operating at 109% of capacity (by 226 players) – a deficit equivalent to 3.7 floodlit courts (when the capacity of each floodlit court equates to 60 players). If the successful conversion of identified latent demand is achieved over the next few years and no other provision is developed, then Charnwood could be said to be 9.1 floodlit courts over capacity i.e. an under-supply of 9.1 floodlit, non-membership courts). None of the courts accessible to non-members are located in the borough's main population centre of Loughborough.
- 8.60 Provision has been made to develop 8 new courts in Charnwood as part of two SUE developments (see below). However, these courts are not scheduled for completion until the late 2020s and therefore will not address the current shortfall in floodlit non-member courts. They will, however, be important in reducing the under-supply of floodlit, non-membership accessible courts in the future.

### **INCREASING AVAILABILITY IN THE EXISTING SUPPLY**

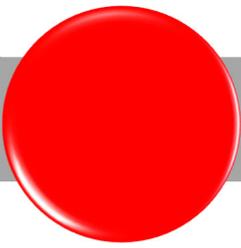
- 8.61 Table 8.8 shows that combined active and targeted latent demand in the area could be met if more of the existing members' courts were made available for community, or non-membership use, at defined times. If the total supply of courts were made available to meet tennis demand, then, even with an additional 317 people wanting to play tennis, there would be enough spare capacity to cater for demand from a further 1,657 people.



- 8.62 Some of the existing member courts are located on privately owned land and therefore there is no foreseeable opportunity to bring these into the community tennis supply. However, seven sites, comprising 25 courts, are located on academy sites (this includes Welbeck College). As with other sports, there is an opportunity to bring these courts into the tennis supply during weekends (none of these courts has floodlighting and therefore could not be used during peak times). Access to Welbeck College for pay-and-play use is likely to be unrealistic, given the security arrangements on what is an MoD site (this site was excluded from the supply and demand analysis for indoor sports facilities for this very reason).
- 8.63 If these courts could be brought into the community/non-membership supply, then there would be an additional supply equivalent to 1000 people with active demand for tennis (according to assumptions – see Table 8.4). When total potential active demand is modelled against the supply with academy-based courts included, then courts are estimated to be operating at 87% of capacity. The spare capacity is equivalent to 457 people with active tennis demand.
- 8.64 There are likely to be significant challenges in bringing these facilities into the secured supply of tennis facilities in the area. These include the ethos of individual governor boards and their attitude to facilitating community access to their school site and facilities, the cost of opening facilities and providing changing/WC facilities to players, the safeguarding risks to students, wear and tear to the academy's facility through additional usage and the risk of misuse through the site being open for long periods with minimal staff.
- 8.65 There is also an issue with quality, as eleven of the courts that could potentially be opened up for non-membership/community use are considered poor (based on the assessment). For these facilities (11 courts located at De Lisle College (5), Rawlins Academy (2) and Woodbrook Vale High School (4)) to be appealing to players, the quality of these courts would need to be improved.
- 8.66 Finally, there may be an issue of awareness of the availability of school facilities for community use. Ensuring that there is good awareness of the availability of educational sites amongst non-member tennis demand would be crucial for any educational facilities to truly contribute to tennis provision in Charnwood.

### **MEETING FUTURE DEMAND – ALL COURTS**

- 8.67 Between 2017 and 2036, based on ONS SNPP figures, the population of Charnwood is projected to grow by 17.7%. Assuming that the percentage of the population who want to play tennis remains the same, then there are projected to be 3,375 people who want to play tennis in Charnwood by 2036.
- 8.68 The current supply of tennis courts has capacity to meet demand from 2,640 people. Therefore, should the level of supply for tennis courts in Charnwood not change, there will be an under-supply of courts equivalent to 735 people by 2036. Given this level of demand, the courts are projected to be operating at 128% of demand. In order to meet this demand shortfall, the equivalent of 12.3 floodlit courts would be required.
- 8.69 The LTA has a stated target of converting 10% of the overall population into active demand. If the projected level of demand for 2036 were to include the successful conversion of 10% of the overall population into active players, the number of people in Charnwood who want to play tennis would increase from 3,375 people to 6000. This is clearly a very ambitious target and would require significantly more tennis courts. Based on an increase of 317 tennis players, and the supply of courts in Charnwood remaining the same, then Charnwood would be projected to have a deficit of supply equivalent to 1,108 tennis players. Under this scenario, the courts would be operating at 142% capacity. To meet the under-supply as a result of this level of increased demand, the equivalent of 18.5 floodlit tennis courts would need to be provided in the borough by 2036.



8.70 It should be noted that the quality of existing courts will also deteriorate in the next 18 years and therefore require investment alongside the development of additional courts.

### **MEETING FUTURE DEMAND – CLUB COURTS**

8.71 Table 8.5 shows that members' club courts have a total capacity capable of meeting the demand from 2,520 people. Given the current level of membership of clubs in Charnwood is 1,767, club courts can therefore be said to be operating at 70% of capacity, i.e., there is sufficient supply. If membership increases in line with population growth for the next 18 years (an increase of 17.7%), then tennis club membership is forecasted to be 2,081 across the whole borough. Assuming that none of the clubs in the borough change the level of supply, then clubs are projected to be operating at 83% of capacity by 2036. This represents a level of spare capacity equivalent to 7.3 floodlit courts across all clubs in the borough. In other words, there are sufficient tennis courts to meet the demand now and by 2036 for the likely number of people who want to play tennis as club members.

8.72 The decrease in spare capacity at members' clubs is significant, because it is thought that members' clubs are helping to supply a significant proportion of the non-member demand for tennis within the borough. As spare capacity is reduced within members' clubs, the capacity of the clubs to cater for or tolerate this non-member demand will also reduce. Therefore, there is a need to invest in community accessible/non-Member tennis courts over the next 18 years.

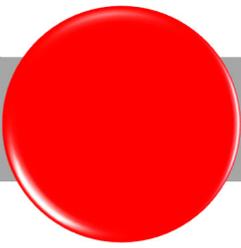
8.73 Four members' clubs are projected to be operating over capacity: Beacon Tennis Club (162%), Burton-on-the-Wolds (138%), Newtown Linford (131%) and Rothley (111%). Of these sites, only Rothley has any potential for further expansion and this would be for a maximum of two further courts and would mean the loss of their parking facilities. It is recommended that the LTA works with the club to help maximise their ability to meet increasing demand and to manage court availability should the clubs move beyond their operational capacity.

### **MEETING FUTURE DEMAND – INCREASING COURT SUPPLY**

8.74 The section titled: "Meeting Future Demand – All Courts" identifies that should demand for tennis courts increase in line with population growth, and the supply of tennis courts remain the same, then there will be an under-supply of courts equivalent to 735 tennis players, or 12.3 floodlit courts. Should the LTA's participation programmes prove successful and 10% of the overall population be converted into active tennis participation, then the under-supply will be even greater, at 100+ floodlit courts. The clear message of the analysis, whichever increase it is based on, is that there is a need to increase the number of courts in the borough between 2017 and 2036 in order to meet this demand. The minimum increase in courts required by 2036 is 12.3 floodlit tennis courts.

8.75 Charnwood Borough Council has proposals to develop 8 additional courts as part of the two SUE developments. Under current plans, the West of Loughborough and North East of Leicester SUEs will both include 4 tennis courts as part of the development proposals and are expected to be completed in the late 2020's. It is recommended that in order to meet the LTA's strategic priorities and to best address the lack of supply in these areas, both sets of courts should be floodlit to maximise capacity and use. If these 8 courts were developed as floodlit courts, then this would, at capacity, meet demand from 480 tennis players.

8.76 Whilst it is beyond the scope of this study to recommend a business model for the operation of these new courts, given the lack of community-accessible courts available to non-member players in the area, it is recommended that these courts offer secured community access and include at least some free-to-use or pay-and-play access for non-members during peak times.



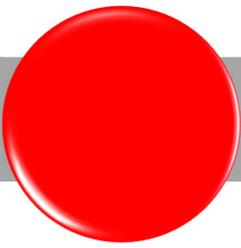
- 8.77 The addition of 8 new floodlight courts alone means that Charnwood’s projected 2036 deficit would be reduced to the equivalent of between 4.3 and 10.5 floodlit courts across the borough. This variance is dependent on the success of LTA participation programmes in converting up to 10% of the overall population into active participation.
- 8.78 The LTA and Charnwood Borough Council are working together to examine the possibility of bringing the 6 courts at Park Road, Loughborough, back into a use as a facility fully accessible to non-members. If these courts were to be floodlit, then they would meet demand from an additional 360 tennis players.
- 8.79 When considered together, the 8 courts added as part of the SUE developments and the 6 courts at Park Road would provide Charnwood with capacity to meet demand from 3,480 tennis players, an addition of 840 (assuming the courts are floodlit).
- 8.80 This level of supply would be sufficient to meet the demand from the 3,375 tennis players projected to be in the borough by 2036, with a small surplus of capacity of 105 (equivalent to 1.75 courts).
- 8.81 Should the LTA be successful in converting 10% of the overall population into active tennis players then significantly more demand for courts is projected to come from tennis players by 2036. If the additional demand for tennis is realised by converting latent demand into participation, by 2036 there would be an additional 3,748 tennis players in the borough. Achieving this additional level of demand and providing no other courts in the borough, other than the 14 courts already discussed, means that Charnwood would have a deficit of supply equivalent to 268 tennis players, or 4.7 floodlit courts by 2036.

**TENNIS SUMMARY**

- 8.82 Key findings and recommendations from this section are provided in Table 8.9. Bolded figures in brackets refer to the revised number following the closure of Quorn Tennis Club.

**Table 8.9: Summary of findings**

KEY FINDINGS
<p><b>Supply</b></p> <p>There are 106 (<b>102</b> following the closure of Quorn Tennis Club) outdoor tennis courts in Charnwood across 25 (<b>24</b>) sites</p> <p>55 courts are located on community-accessible sites, with 95% of these located on members’ Club sites.</p> <p>There are only 3 fully community-accessible courts in Charnwood, none of which are in Loughborough.</p> <p>93% of the community-accessible courts are considered to be either of good or standard quality.</p> <p>51 (<b>47</b>) outdoor courts in Charnwood are not accessible to the community for tennis; most of these are based on education sites which may be open to having some community access agreed which would increase capacity in the borough; however, there may be significant barriers to bringing these facilities into the secured and available tennis supply.</p> <p>There are 10 indoor tennis courts in the Borough; two are available for members’ use at Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club, and 8 are available for student, staff and some local club use at the Loughborough University of Loughborough Indoor Tennis Centre.</p> <p><b>Demand</b></p> <p>Sport England’s Market Segmentation Tool indicates that 2,866 people currently play tennis in Charnwood.</p>



## KEY FINDINGS

Membership figures provided by the LTA indicate that 60% of this demand is taken up by Clubs (1,767 people).

It is thought that much of the demand generated by tennis players without membership (1,099) is catered for by members' club sites (e.g., sites owned by parish councils).

It is estimated that should the LTA be successful in converting 10% of its latent demand in Charnwood, it would produce a further 317 regularly active tennis players.

No need has been identified for additional indoor courts in the area.

### Supply vs Demand

The current level of demand for tennis facilities in Charnwood means that across the borough, the current stock of accessible courts (either club courts or community courts) is operating at 109% of their capacity (equating to a deficit equivalent to 226 tennis players, or 3.7 floodlit courts).

If non-member demand were to play exclusively on the three community courts where membership is not required, then there would be an estimated shortfall in supply equivalent to 16.3 floodlit courts.

70% of the capacity of members clubs in Charnwood is utilised.

Three Clubs are currently operating above capacity: Beacon Tennis Club (138%), Burton-on-the-Wolds (118%), Newtown Linford (111%), with Rothley also operating close to capacity at 94%

### The situation by 2036 (if no new courts are developed)

The demand for tennis in Charnwood in 2036 is projected to be between 3,375–3,748 people, subject to the LTA's success at converting up to 10% of latent demand into active tennis demand.

Depending on the success of the LTA's programme, courts in Charnwood are projected to be operating between 121% and 142% of capacity if there is no change to supply.

This under-supply is equivalent to between 12.3 and 18.5 floodlit tennis courts worth of capacity

Assuming the number of tennis club members increases in line with the growth of population, members clubs are projected to be operating at an average of 83% of capacity

At least 4 clubs will be operating beyond capacity: Beacon Tennis Club (162%), Burton on the Wolds (138%), Newtown Linford (131%), and Rothley (111%).

### Potential new courts (and the impact on future supply and demand)

Eight new courts are proposed as part two SUE developments and are projected to be completed in the late 2020s.

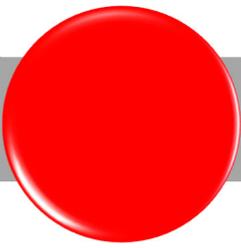
The specification of these courts is unknown; they will be accessible for community use.

There is also the possibility of reinstating 6 courts at Park Road in Loughborough.

Should these 14 courts be realised, they will provide an additional capacity to meet the demand from 840 active tennis players (assuming these courts are all floodlit).

Under current participation rates, this would provide a surplus capable of meeting demand from 105 active tennis players or the equivalent of 1.75 courts when measured against 2036 demand.

Should the LTA succeed in converting 10% of latent demand into active tennis demand, then these 14 floodlit courts would reduce the deficit of supply to 268 players or 4.7 floodlit courts.



**Table 8.10: Recommendations for Tennis in Charnwood**

**TENNIS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation T1:** All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan.

Justification: Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.

**Recommendation T2:** As part of the SUE developments it is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council requires the developer to install all 8 courts as community accessible floodlit courts.

Justification: Floodlit courts are considered to be more accessible and provide more capacity than non-floodlit courts. Given the shortfall in community, non-membership courts it is recommended that at least some of this provision is allocated for non-membership holding tennis players at peak times. This can be through a free-to-play, pay-and-play or any other access scheme designed to be accessible for those that either do not want or cannot have a membership to a club.

**Recommendation T3:** It is recommended that the LTA and Charnwood Borough Council work together to provide 6 floodlit courts at Park Road.

Justification: There is a clear under-supply of courts that are accessible for community use, i.e, do not require membership for access, in the borough. Loughborough is the largest settlement in the borough and currently has no courts accessible to the community without a membership. Park Road represents a central location and already has a history of tennis on the site. The 8 additional courts proposed as part of the two SUEs may not be available for a number of years (until late 2020 at the earliest), which is too long to wait for courts that are clearly required now to meet the shortfall in community supply. These courts should be bookable and accessed via a keypad entry to help manage their use and protect them from antisocial behaviour.

**Recommendation T4:** It is recommended that the LTA continues to work with clubs to increase capacity. In particular, they should look to find ways of increasing capacity at clubs thought to be operating close to, at or over capacity (Beacon Tennis Club, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Newtown Linford, and Rothley Tennis Club) to enable clubs to continue to grow and develop.

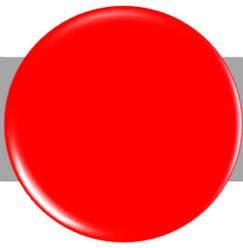
Justification: This recommendation is targeted at Beacon Tennis Club, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Newtown Linford, and Rothley Tennis Club, but could apply to any club that begins to come close to operating at capacity. The LTA should work with clubs to increase capacity, this could extend to installing floodlights on non-floodlit courts, installing seasonal or permanent domes where appropriate, or even increasing the number of tennis courts where possible. Charnwood Borough Council should support these actions by offering advice on planning constraints if/when required.

**Recommendation T5:** Consideration should be given to the LTA working with Anstey PC to improve the quality of the courts at Anstey Recreation Ground.

Justification: As one of very few facilities accessible without a membership, this facility should be improved to encourage continued tennis activity on the site. Specifically, the surface of the court should be improved to be more suitable for tennis.

**Recommendation T6:** A tennis-useable surface should be installed at Soar Valley Leisure Centre to provide additional access to outdoor tennis courts to meet future demand. Given that there is now a pitch surface available suitable for hockey, tennis and netball, developed and supported by the three relevant NGBs, it is possible for this site to be prioritised for hockey use whilst also providing capacity for tennis and netball.

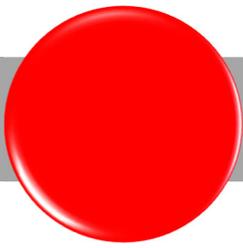
Justification: Additional tennis courts are needed to meet future demand



#### TENNIS RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation T7:** No additional indoor tennis courts are needed, but community access, via clubs, should be protected at the existing indoor facilities.

Justification: There are existing indoor tennis courts in the Borough providing for club access; no additional demand has been identified.



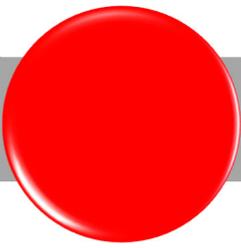
## 9 GOLF

### INTRODUCTION

- 9.1 England Golf is the organisation responsible for the governance of golf.
- 9.2 The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by England Golf.
- 9.3 Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for golf and considers:
- **The supply of facilities and demand for these;**
  - **The adequacy of facilities in Charnwood; and**
  - **Recommendations moving forward.**

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 9.4 Golf is the fifth largest participation sport in the country, with around 650,000 members belonging to at least one of 1900 affiliated clubs, and a further 2 million people playing golf independently outside of club membership. Since 2004, participation and club membership has been in decline, and has only recently shown signs of levelling off.
- 9.5 England Golf published the “Raising Our Game” strategy in 2014. This document has helped to define the organisation’s strategic direction up until 2017. The strategy highlighted the need for England Golf to enhance market understanding of the size and shape of the golfing market and to map alongside the golfing facilities catering for that demand. Growing the game of golf in England: the strategic plan 2017/21. The strategy focuses on seven strategic objectives with measurable goals to test their successful completion:
- **Being customer-focused:**
    - Increasing the number of members registered on England Golf’s benefits programme by 30%; and
    - Improve golfer and stakeholder satisfaction results from annual survey.
  - **Stronger counties and clubs:**
    - Merging men’s, women’s and development programmes into one body in 50% of counties;
    - Increasing the Net Promoter Score on club and county engagement from annual survey; and
    - Increase membership in 50% of 1,300 clubs targeted for “active engagement”.
  - **Excellent governance:**
    - Code for Sports Governance compliant by 2021;
    - Gain highest standard of accreditation for Sport England Equality Standard; and
    - 5 commercial partnerships in place with national brands.
  - **Improved image:**
    - Increase the public profile of England Golf with more Ministerial and MP engagement; and
    - 10% of our income to be derived from commercial partnerships.



- **More members and players:**
  - Increase the number of members to 675,000;
  - Increase the number of people playing twice per month to 1 million; and
  - Increase the proportion of female golfers to 20%.
- **Outstanding championships, competitions and events:**
  - Increase satisfaction ratings of playing competing in England Golf championships
  - Championship panel consists of 20% female referees
  - Full field for England Golf women and girls' championships by 2020 season
- **Winning golfers:**
  - Improving World Amateur Golf Rankings for men and women
  - Average handicap reduction of 1.4 among regional under 16 boys and girls and 4 for county level boys and girls
  - 90% attendance at continuous professional development sessions by England Golf coaches

9.6 In 2015, England Golf created a market segmentation tool to help them model demand in any given area. The research identified that 24% of adults in England are potential players. This comprises three elements: current players (9%), lapsed players (8%) and latent players (7%). These three segments account for approximately 9.6 million people in total. The market segmentation tool also provides England Golf with 9 defined profiles each with identified behaviours, motivations and barriers.

9.7 England Golf's mapping report is able to identify the total number of golfers within a 20-minute catchment area. This number includes current, lapsed and latent golfers.

9.8 Table 9.1 below outlines the key findings from the consultation with England Golf.

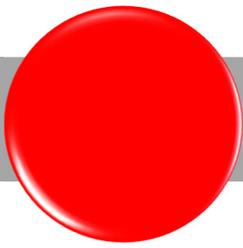
**Table 9.1: England Golf consultation summary**

ENGLAND GOLF
Improved market understanding is all about supporting clubs to ensure they retain their existing members and players, as well as capitalise on untapped demand. Customer focus is critical to this success. Given the high level of demand across both club-based and independent profiles, there is clearly scope for the existing facilities to offer additional non-traditional playing opportunities wherever appropriate. As each club/facility has its own place in the market, there may also be further opportunities for some clubs to work more collaboratively in terms of creating pathways where appropriate and collectively cater for the needs of all golfing profiles.

## **MARKET SEGMENTS**

9.9 Below is a brief summary of the 9 market segments identified by England Golf's market segmentation tool.

- **Relaxed Members:** focus is on enjoying the game, not fanatical but like to play regularly;
- **Older Traditionalists:** have a deep love for golf and take the game seriously;
- **Younger Traditionalists:** focus on competing and playing well in a social setting. Really enjoy golf but also have other demands on their time;
- **Younger Fanatics:** focus on competition and playing well. Really enjoy playing but also have many other interests;
- **Younger Actives:** balance between playing and socialising. Enjoy golf "now and then";



- **Late Enthusiasts:** enjoy but do not love the game. This group could love golf if time pressures were alleviated. More about playing the game than socialising;
- **Occasional:** the social side is much more important a motivator than the game. Enjoy playing but little passion for golf;
- **Time-Pressed:** focus is on spending time with the family/ partner — this is a bigger draw than golf itself. Enjoy the game, but little passion;
- **Social Couples:** focus is on spending time with the family/partner. This is a bigger draw than golf itself. Enjoy the game, but little passion; and
- **Casual Fun:** only real appeal is social side; they enjoy the game now and again, but no enthusiasm for golf.

9.10 Table 9.2 below shows how the estimated demand generated by these segments is broken down.

**Table 9.2: Demand by Segment**

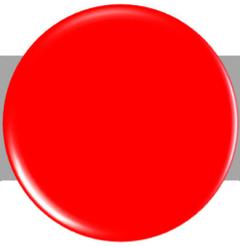
SEGMENT	ACTIVE	LAPSED	LATENT
RELAXED MEMBERS	86%	6%	8%
OLDER TRADITIONALISTS	96%	4%	0%
YOUNGER TRADITIONALISTS	74%	26%	0%
YOUNGER FANATICS	79%	21%	0%
YOUNGER ACTIVES	30%	35%	35%
LATE ENTHUSIASTS	28%	33%	39%
OCCASIONAL TIME PRESSED	23%	43%	34%
SOCIAL COUPLES	36%	34%	31%
CASUAL FUN	26%	48%	26%

### **SUPPLY OF GOLF FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD**

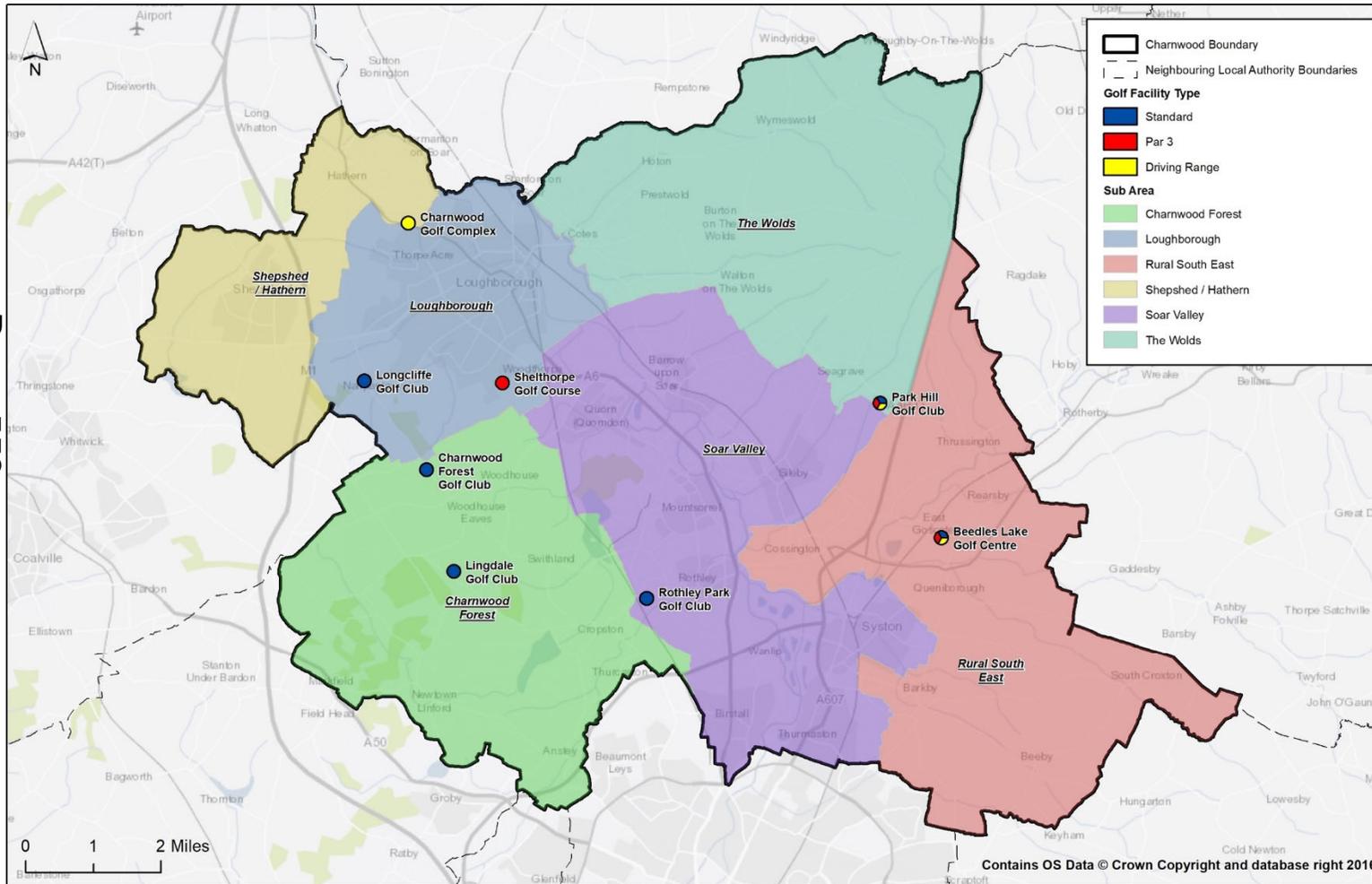
9.11 The following section summarises the supply of golf facilities in Charnwood.

9.12 Map 9.1 shows the distribution of golf facilities across the borough. The Map also shows which facilities are available on each facility type.

9.13 Map 9.1 shows there is a good spread of courses across population centres, with a variety of facilities located close to Loughborough.



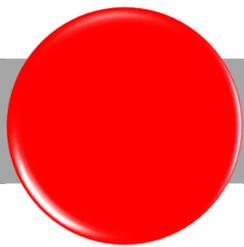
Map 9.1: Golf Site in Charnwood by type



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Golf facilities by type in Charnwood

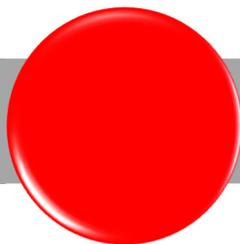




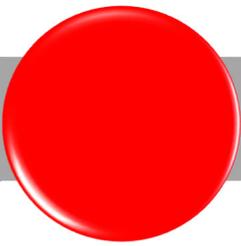
9.14 Table 9.3 below details the supply of golf facilities in the borough.

**Table 9.3: Golf Facilities in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	POST CODE	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP / MANAGEMENT TYPE	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	FACILITIES	UNIT	NUMBER
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	RURAL SOUTH EAST LE7 3WQ	Pay-and-play	Commercial	Good	Standard Course	Holes	18
					Driving Range	Bays (Covered)	17 (17)
					Par 3	Holes	9
					Putting Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Chipping Practice Area	(Yes/No)	No
					Pro shop	(Yes/No)	Yes
CHARNWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB	CHARNWOOD FOREST LE12 8TA	Pay-and-play	Sports club	Standard	Standard Course	Holes	9
					Driving Range	Bays (Covered)	-
					Par 3	Holes	-
					Putting Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Chipping Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Pro shop	(Yes/No)	No
CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	LOUGHBOROUGH LE11 5AD	Pay-and-play	Commercial	Good	Standard Course	Holes	-
					Driving Range	Bays (Covered)	20 (20)
					Par 3	Holes	-
					Putting Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Chipping Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Pro shop	(Yes/No)	Yes
LINGDALE GOLF CLUB	CHARNWOOD FOREST LE12 8TF	Pay-and-play	Sports club	Good	Standard Course	Holes	18
					Driving Range	Bays (Covered)	-
					Par 3	Holes	-
					Putting Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Chipping Practice Area	(Yes/No)	No
					Pro shop	(Yes/No)	Yes



SITE NAME	POST CODE	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP / MANAGEMENT TYPE	OVERALL QUALITY RATING	FACILITIES	UNIT	NUMBER
LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH LE11 3YA	Membership of golf club	Sports club	Good	Standard Course	Holes	18
					Driving Range	Bays (Covered)	-
					Par 3	Holes	-
					Putting Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Chipping Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Pro shop	(Yes/No)	Yes
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB (NOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOLLOWING THE DRAFTING OF THIS STRATEGY)	RURAL SOUTH EAST LE12 7NG	Membership of golf club	Commercial	Standard	Standard Course	Holes	18
					Driving Range	Bays (Covered)	24 (20)
					Par 3	Holes	9
					Putting Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Chipping Practice Area	(Yes/No)	No
					Pro shop	(Yes/No)	Yes
ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB	SOAR VALLEY LE7 7LH	Membership of golf club	Sports club	Standard	Standard Course	Holes	18
					Driving Range	Bays (Covered)	-
					Par 3	Holes	-
					Putting Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Chipping Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Pro shop	(Yes/No)	Yes
SHELTHORPE GOLF COURSE	LOUGHBOROUGH LE11 2JS	Pay-and-play	Charnwood Borough Council	Poor	Standard Course	Holes	-
					Driving Range	Bays (Covered)	-
					Par 3	Holes	18
					Putting Practice Area	(Yes/No)	Yes
					Chipping Practice Area	(Yes/No)	No
					Payment hatch which sells tees & balls, rents clubs	(Yes/No)	Yes



9.15 Table 9.3 shows there are 8 golf facilities of varying types in Charnwood. Five of these 8 are accessible on a pay-and-play basis. Four of the sites are owned and managed by organisations fitting Sport England's "Sports Club" categorisation. Three are owned and managed by commercial entities and the remaining site is owned and managed by Charnwood Borough Council.

### **"STANDARD" LENGTH COURSES**

9.16 Table 9.3 shows there are 5 "Standard" length 18-hole golf courses in Charnwood:

- **Beedles Lake Golf Centre;**
- **Lingdale Golf Club;**
- **Longcliffe Golf Club;**
- **Park Hill Golf Club (now closed to the public following the drafting of this strategy); and**
- **Rothley Park Golf Club.**

9.17 There is also a standard 9-hole course at Charnwood Golf Course.

9.18 60% of these are owned and managed by organisations fitting Sport England's 'Sports Club' categorisation. The other 40% are owned by commercial entities.

9.19 The quality of these courses was similarly broken down – with 60% of these sites being categorised as Good and the other 40% being categorised as Standard. There is not a direct correlation between the ownership/management of the site and their respective quality scores.

### **"PAR 3" LENGTH COURSES**

9.20 Table 9.3 shows there are 3 Par 3 courses in the borough:

- **Beedles Lake Golf Centre;**
- **Park Hill Golf Course (now closed to the public following the drafting of this strategy); and**
- **Shelthorpe Golf Course.**

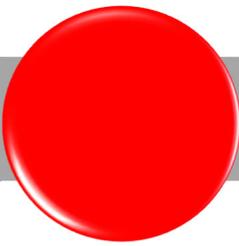
9.21 Shelthorpe Golf Course is the only one of these sites that is rated as being of Poor quality. Beedles Lake and Shelthorpe Golf Courses are available on a pay-and-play basis.

### **DRIVING RANGES**

9.22 There are 3 driving ranges in Charnwood:

- **Beedles Lake Golf Centre;**
- **Charnwood Golf Complex; and**
- **Park Hill Golf Club (now closed to the public following the drafting of this strategy).**

9.23 All driving ranges are available via pay-and-play and all facilities are owned and managed by commercial entities.



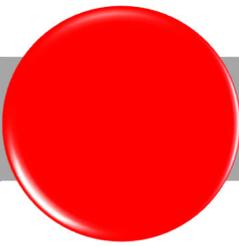
9.24 There is one driving range to support the town of Loughborough; the other two are in rural locations and should be considered as destination venues (i.e., venues that people travel to for the purpose of using the facility, as opposed to a facility people use because they live close by or are located on route to another destination, e.g. work or home).

### SITE SUMMARIES

9.25 Table 9.4 summarises each of the golf sites in Charnwood.

**Table 9.4: Golf Facilities in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	NOTES
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	A good quality 18-hole course. The course suffers with some areas of poor drainage during periods of heavy rain. The par 3 course is also of good quality and reflective of the main course. The floodlit driving range is of standard quality due to some signs of wear and tear.
CHARNWOD FOREST GOLF CLUB	A standard quality 9-hole course.
CHARNWOD GOLF COMPLEX	Charnwood golf and leisure complex has a good quality, 20-bay, floodlit driving range. There has recently been investment into a short game practise area and simulator and club fitting bay, both of which are of very good quality and provide alternative practise methods.
LINGDALE GOLF CLUB	Lingdale Golf Course is a good-quality course with a small practice area for putting. The course struggles heavily with drainage issues through the winter, which is prominent in some areas of the course. The clubhouse facility is of good quality, providing a good social space for members and a key source of revenue.
LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB	Longcliffe Golf Course is a very good quality facility, which hosts some county events throughout the season. There is a medium-sized practice area, which players can utilise for chipping and putting. The clubhouse facility is of standard condition and medium size but is reportedly well used by members.
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB (CLOSED)	Park Hill Golf Club is based on a very large site, the course is of standard quality and struggles with drainage through the winter. The driving range is of poor quality and in need of improvements due to poor condition. There is a 9-hole par 3 course on the site, providing an alternative playing method. This course is considered to be in standard condition. The clubhouse is medium-sized and is also in standard condition. This facility provides a good social space for players and is a key source of revenue for the site.  (This site is now closed to the public following the drafting of this strategy)
ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB	Rothley Park Golf Club is a standard quality golf course owned and operated by the club itself. The condition of the course and the facilities are considered to be of lower quality than those offered at Lingdale or Longcliffe Golf Courses. However, the site does have a practice area for chipping and putting facilities. Enhancing the site's quality rating should be a key priority for the club.
SHELTHORPE GOLF COURSE	The only municipal golf course in the borough, this facility scores poorly due to the condition of the course and the lack of facilities on site. The site is rated as a poor-quality 9-hole pitch-and-putt facility. The facility is open to the public on a pay-and-play basis.



## DEMAND FOR GOLF FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

9.26 Demand for golf facilities is calculated using England Golf’s market profiling tool. The tool utilises the demographic information taken from a national model (CACI Acorn model) and applies a statistical analysis to convert demographics into a likely breakdown of the 9 golfing profiles, as identified by the national strategy.

9.27 The tool allows England Golf to identify the dominant profiles within the catchment area and review by region and local authority and also by a specific club/facility. The table below shows the total estimated demand for golf in Charnwood.

**Table 9.5: Demand for Golf in Charnwood**

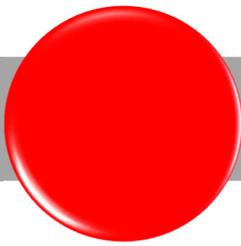
SEGMENT	ACTIVE	LAPSED	LATENT	TOTAL
RELAXED MEMBERS	8155	569	759	9482
OLDER TRADITIONALISTS	7699	321	0	8020
YOUNGER TRADITIONALISTS	7009	2462	0	9471
YOUNGER FANATICS	6667	1772	0	8439
YOUNGER ACTIVES	2713	3165	3165	9043
LATE ENTHUSIASTS	2326	2741	3240	8307
OCCASIONAL TIME-PRESSED	2124	3971	3140	9234
SOCIAL COUPLES	3098	2926	2668	8605
CASUAL FUN	2141	3952	2141	8234
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,930</b>	<b>21,879</b>	<b>15,111</b>	<b>78,835</b>
<b>TOTAL (%)</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>19%</b>	

9.28 Table 9.5 shows there are 41,930 active golfers in Charnwood and a further 36,991 lapsed players or people who would like to play. Table 9.5 shows that Relaxed Members, Younger Traditionalists and Occasional Time-Pressed are the dominant segments in Charnwood, representing 36% of the demand in the borough.

**Table 9.6: Key segments in Charnwood**

SEGMENT	FACILITIES PREFERRED	CLUB MEMBERS	STANDARD	FREQUENCY	BARRIERS
RELAXED MEMBERS	18 holes 9 holes Ranges	90%	Mid-Level	Monthly or more	Poor weather and expense
YOUNGER TRADITIONALISTS	18 holes 9 holes Ranges Par 3 Pitch-and-putt Indoor	97%	Mid-Good	Regularly and at Peak times	Time, poor weather and expense
OCCASIONAL TIME-PRESSED	18 holes 9 holes Ranges Par 3 Pitch-and-putt Indoor	0%	Mid-Level	Irregularly	Time and expense

9.29 Table 9.6 shows that there is a mixed demand for the type and style of golf in the borough, with expense and time being a key barrier.



## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

9.30 Table 9.7 details the memberships from the last 3 available years for each of the England Golf affiliated members' clubs in Charnwood.

**Table 9.7: Membership of golf clubs**

CLUB NAME	2014	2015	2016	2036 (PROJECTED)
CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	Non-affiliated			
BEEDELS LAKE GOLF CLUB	468	469	534	629
CHARNWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB	255	246	255	300
LINGDALE GOLF CLUB	639	657	624	735
LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB	571	561	550	648
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB (NOW CLOSED)	263	233	232	273
ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB	579	604	566	667
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2775</b>	<b>2770</b>	<b>2761</b>	<b>3252 (2,979)</b>

**N.B. Membership numbers in brackets show the updated position following closure of Park Hill Golf Club**

9.31 Table 9.7 shows that membership to the 6 golf clubs with available figures has held steady since 2014, with a drop of just 0.5%.

9.32 Table 9.7 also shows the impact of projected population growth in the borough on membership. This projection is derived from the 2014 SNPP data provided by ONS. Clubs are likely to have around 3,252 members over the next 18 years.

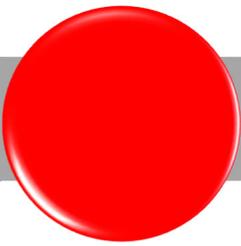
9.33 Table 9.8 shows the level of demand for golf within a 20-minute drive time radius of each course.

**Table 9.8 Demand within 20-minute drive time by club**

CLUB	ACTIVE	LAPSED	LATENT	TOTAL
BEEDELS LAKE	45,432	9,454	1,698	85,278
CHARNWOOD FOREST	21,826	4,550	826	41,149
CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	25,254	5,262	958	47,633
LINGDALE	31,400	6,541	1,181	59,067
LONGCLIFFE	58,024	30,370	21,003	109,276
PARK HILL (NOW CLOSED)	50,815	26,502	18,295	95,508
ROTHLEY PARK	52,844	10,980	2,264	103,912
<b>AVERAGE ACROSS ALL 7 COURSES:</b>	<b>40,799 (39,130)</b>	<b>13,380 (11,192)</b>	<b>6,604 (4,655)</b>	<b>77,403</b>

**N.B. Demand numbers in brackets show the updated position following closure of Park Hill Golf Club**

9.34 It should be noted that the 20-minute drive time catchments for each course overlap and therefore are "double-counted" in the analysis. However, Table 9.8 demonstrates that each course has a significant number of potential members available to it, with on average 40,799 (39,130) people with active golf demand within 20 minutes' drive of each course.

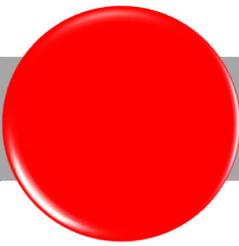


### **SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE**

- 9.35 The supply and demand analysis above shows that there is a varied and good quality of provision for golf in the borough with a good variety of offer to each of the market segments.
- 9.36 A review of golf clubs shows that membership is steady and predicted to increase over the next 18 years to 3,252, in line with population projections. The same measure shows that there will be around 49,381 people with active golf demand in Charnwood by 2036.
- 9.37 None of the facility operators consulted as part of this study noted a particular lack of capacity (several of the large clubs noted a lack of capacity at peak tee-off times, but this is not unusual for large or popular golf courses).
- 9.38 The consultation identifies that facilities must continue to appeal to different areas of golf's core market in the borough.
- 9.39 There is no discernible demand for any new "standard" 18-hole courses, but support in the enhancement of existing facilities is recommended.
- 9.40 At present, Beedles Lake is the closest driving range to Leicester. Rothley Park is the best-located course for commuters heading north of Leicester. Should the club express a desire to install a full driving range here to capitalise on this market, then it is recommended that England Golf and Charnwood support this development (however, the impact of such a facility on Beedles Lake should be taken into consideration).
- 9.41 There is a considerable cross-section of demand across the borough. This includes golf demand that is not met by standard 18-hole courses. Shelthorpe Golf Course is considered to be an important offer to non-traditional golfing segments of Charnwood's demand. This is especially important due to its proximity to the town of Loughborough. However, the potential of this facility to capitalise on this market and to activate latent and lapsed demand is not being fulfilled, due to the poor quality of the facility.
- 9.42 The supply and demand analysis highlights that there could be opportunity to consider the future provision and extent of Shelthorpe Golf Course, given the identified deficiency of open space in the area.<sup>35</sup> There is opportunity to reduce the existing level of formal golf provision at Shelthorpe to provide community accessible open space; this would leave 6 golf courses in the borough, 3 of which provide pay-and-play access, plus a driving range that provides pay-and-play access.

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<sup>35</sup> Source: Charnwood Borough Council Open Space Assessment 2017



## **GOLF SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Table 9.9: Recommendations for golf in Charnwood**

### **GOLF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation G1:** All existing facilities identified in the analysis should wherever possible be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan, except Shelthorpe Golf Course (see Recommendation G6), for the reasons outlined in Recommendation G6.

**Justification:** Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.

**Recommendation G2:** England Golf and Charnwood Borough Council should work towards increasing access to pay-and-play golf facilities and ensuring that there is equitable access for all.

**Justification:** To grow participation in the game of golf and ensure there is equitable access for all, there is a need to ensure there are affordable opportunities to play that do not depend on having membership.

**Recommendation G3:** It is recommended that there should be a presumption in favour of retaining all standard golf courses\*. Any planning application should include a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the proposals on the provision and use of golf facilities in the Borough, and how the proposals would align with the findings of this Strategy, as well as national and local policy and guidance.

\* As the closure of Park Hill Golf Club came forward while this Strategy was being prepared, and redevelopment proposals have since come forward for consideration by Charnwood Borough Council it would not be appropriate to set out recommendations for this particular course which will be considered on its own planning merits. However, the recommendation should apply to all future proposals.

**Justification:** A key outcome from the consultations with the clubs and England Golf is that facilities must continue to appeal to different areas of golf’s core market in the borough. There is no discernible demand for any new “standard” 18-hole course, but all existing facilities should be supported in their efforts to enhance their facilities. The closure of any facility should be subject to an options appraisal study (as per recommendation G5)

**Recommendation G4:** It is recommended that England Golf should support Rothley Park Golf Course should they express a desire to add a driving range to the site.

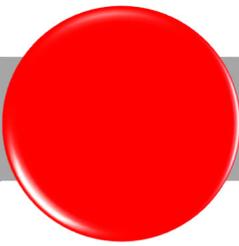
**Justification:** At present, Beedles Lake is the closest driving range to Leicester. Rothley Park is the best-located course for commuters heading north of Leicester and would significantly increase commuters’ accessibility to a driving range.

**Recommendation G5:** It is recommended that a full feasibility study and options appraisal is undertaken into any golf facility which may be facing closure to ascertain whether it is necessary to retain or replace this facility.

**Justification:** There is a considerable cross-section of demand in the Borough. This includes golf demand that is not met by standard 18-hole courses (such as Shelthorpe Golf Course). Shelthorpe is considered to be an important offer to non-traditional golfing segments of Charnwood’s golfing demand. This is especially important due to its proximity to the town of Loughborough. However, the potential of this facility to capitalise on this market and to activate latent and lapsed demand may not be being fulfilled. Therefore, prior to making any decision regarding reallocating the use of Shelthorpe or any other golf facility in Charnwood, an independent feasibility study should be undertaken to determine whether the site should be retained for golf or not.

**Recommendation G6:** Charnwood Borough Council reviews the findings of the 2018 PPS in the context of the 2017 Open Space Assessment and considers the options for the future of the Shelthorpe Golf Course Site.

**Justification:** Shelthorpe Golf Course is of poor quality, and there is a deficiency of open space in that ward. There is potential to retain golf provision, but reduce its scale, and develop informal open space to facilitate additional opportunity for physical activity.



## 10 BOWLS

### INTRODUCTION

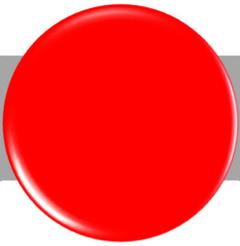
- 10.1 Bowls England is responsible for the governance administration and promotion of Flat Green Lawn Bowls in England. It was formed in 2008 following a unification of the English Bowling Association (EBA) and English Women's Bowling Association (EWBA).
- 10.2 The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by Bowls England. Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for bowls and considers:
- **The supply of facilities and demand for these;**
  - **The adequacy of facilities in Charnwood; and**
  - **Recommendations moving forward.**

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

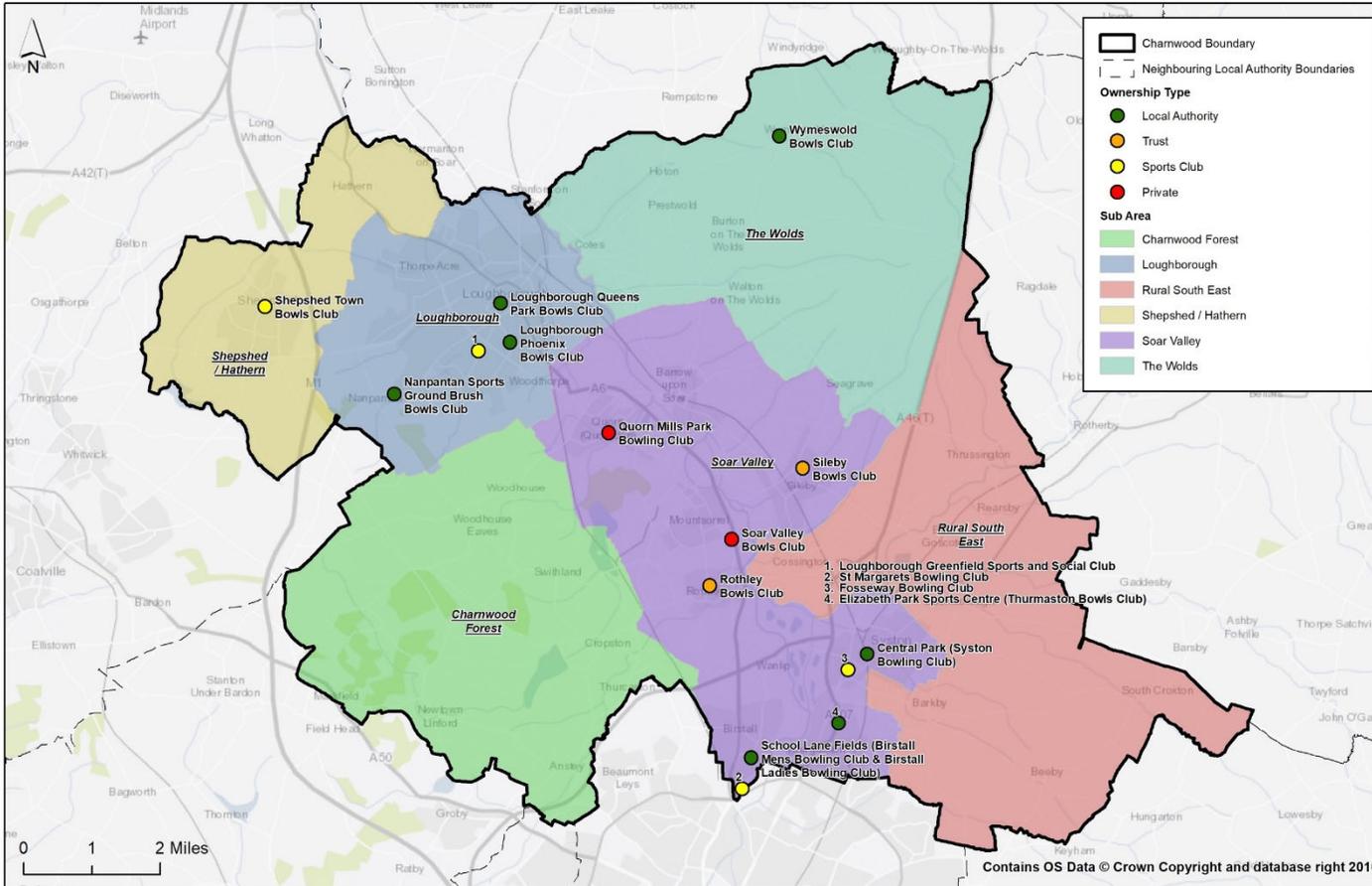
- 10.3 The most recent strategy formulated by Bowls England to help drive the game forward is the Strategic Plan (2014–2017). This plan outlines the main vision, values and mission of Bowls England.
- 10.4 The strategy produced three key strategic priorities:
- **To increase participation in the sport of outdoor flat green bowls;**
  - **To support County Associations and clubs; and**
  - **To provide strong leadership and direction.**
- 10.5 Underpinning these three strategic priorities are the vision and values of the organisation.
- 10.6 Bowls England has three areas feeding into their key vision:
- **Promote the sport of outdoor flat green bowls;**
  - **Recruit new participants to the sport of outdoor flat green bowls; and**
  - **Retain current and future participants within the sport of outdoor flat green bowls.**
- 10.7 Bowls England has also identified areas feeding into their key vision:
- **Be progressive: seek opportunities to adapt the sport to meet the needs of clubs and participants and embrace change when required;**
  - **Offer opportunities: for players to participate at national and international level;**
  - **Work to raise the profile of the sport: in support of recruitment and retention;**
  - **Lead the sport: we will drive the sport forward towards our vision; and**
  - **Support Clubs and county associations: in developing their facilities and bowls activity.**

### SUPPLY OF BOWLS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

- 10.8 This section summarises the supply of bowls facilities in Charnwood.
- 10.9 Map 10.1 shows the distribution of bowling greens across the Borough by ownership type.



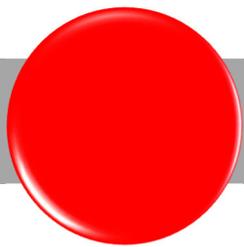
Map 10.1: Bowls sites in Charnwood by ownership type



Outdoor Bowls sites by ownership type in Charnwood



10.10 Map 10.1 shows that there is a good distribution of bowls clubs across Charnwood, with clubs principally located in the major population hubs or along the commuter corridor between Leicester and Loughborough.



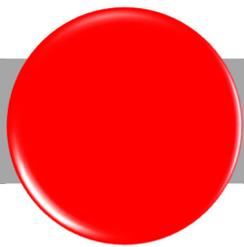
10.11 Table 10.1 details the sites with bowling greens in Charnwood.

**Table 10.1: Bowls sites in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT	SECURELY AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY	GREENS	RINKS	GREEN CONDITION	CLUBHOUSE CONDITION
CENTRAL PARK (SYSTON BOWLING CLUB)	SOAR VALLEY Syston, LE7 1UR	Syston Town Council	Sports club/ Syston TC	Yes	1	6	Standard	Good
FOSSEWAY BOWLING CLUB	RURAL SOUTH EAST Syston, LE7 1NE	Fosseway BC	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Standard	Good
LOUGHBOROUGH PHOENIX BOWLS CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 2HH	Charnwood Borough Council	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Standard	Good
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 3HZ	Greenfields Sports & Social Club	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Standard	Good
LOUGHBOROUGH QUEENS PARK BOWLS CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 3DU	Charnwood Borough Council	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Poor	Standard
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND (BRUSH BOWLS CLUB)	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 3YE	Charnwood Borough Council	Sports club	Yes	1	7	Standard	Standard
QUORN MILLS PARK BOWLING CLUB	SOAR VALLEY Quorn, LE12 8DT	Private	Sports club	No (lease renegotiation)	1	6	Poor	Standard
ROTHLEY BOWLS CLUB	SOAR VALLEY Rothley, LE7 7PS	Harry Hames Trust	Rothley PC	Yes	1	6	Standard	Standard
SCHOOL LANE FIELDS (BIRSTALL MEN'S BOWLING CLUB & BIRSTALL LADIES BOWLING CLUB)	SOAR VALLEY Birstall, LE4 4EA	Birstall Parish Council	Sports Club	Yes	1	6	Good	Standard
SHEPshed TOWN BOWLS CLUB	SHEPshed-HATHERN Shepshed, LE12 9QF	Shepshed Town BC	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Standard	Good

SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT	SECURELY AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY	GREENS	RINKS	GREEN CONDITION	CLUBHOUSE CONDITION
SILEBY BOWLS CLUB	SOAR VALLEY Sileby, LE12 7EE	Sileby Sports Ground Trust	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Poor	Standard
SOAR VALLEY BOWLS CLUB	SOAR VALLEY Mountsorrel, LE7 7NL	Roll Royce – Commercial	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Standard	Standard
ST MARGARET'S BOWLING CLUB	SOAR VALLEY Loughborough, LE11 2HH	Midlands Co-op	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Good	Good
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS CENTRE (THURMASTON BOWLS CLUB)	SOAR VALLEY Loughborough, LE11 3HZ	Thurmaston Parish Council	Sports club / Thurmaston PC	Yes	1	6	Poor	Standard
WYMESWOLD BOWLS CLUB	THE WOLDS, LE12 6TY	Wymeswold Parish Council	Sports club	Yes	1	6	Good	Standard

10.12 Table 10.1 shows that there are currently 15 bowling greens in Charnwood. Of these, 4 (26%) are of Good quality, 7 (48%) are of Standard quality and 4 (26%) of Poor quality. Charnwood Borough Council is the largest single owner of greens in the area, owning 26% of all greens. 20% of greens are owned by the resident bowls club on-site. Despite differing ownership types, all greens have an associated club that is involved in the management of the facility.



## INDOOR BOWLS

- 10.13 Table 10.1 provides details of the number of indoor bowls centres in Charnwood. Further analysis of indoor bowls can be found in the Charnwood Indoor Facilities Strategy 2018.

**Table 10.2: Indoor Bowling Provision in Charnwood**

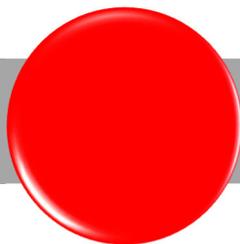
SITE NAME	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	FACILITY TYPE	RINKS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
CHARNWOOD INDOOR BOWLS CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH, Loughborough LE11 3HE	Indoor Bowls	8	Sports club / Community Association	Sports club	Sport club	1990	2013

## SITE SUMMARIES

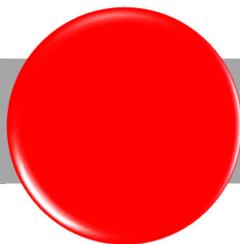
- 10.14 Table 10.3 below summarises the key bowls sites in Charnwood

**Table 10.3: Key site and club consultation summaries**

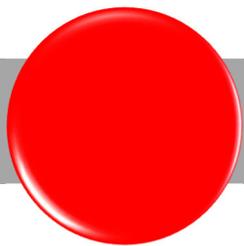
SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SUMMARY
CENTRAL PARK (SYSTON BOWLING CLUB)	SOAR VALLEY, Syston, LE7 1UR	The club plays on a town council-owned site. The club reports that it is severely limited by the lack of parking despite the creation of 5/6 parking spaces by Charnwood Borough Council. The club has also reported that there is scope to improve the parking situation by removing an old building next to the clubhouse, which is used sparingly by a local band for practice. The club feels that this is imperative given the ageing demographic of its members and the need for them to have easy access to the green. The club has reported that the green has improved greatly over last 4/5 years. This club has employed an outside contractor to undertake the work under their supervision.



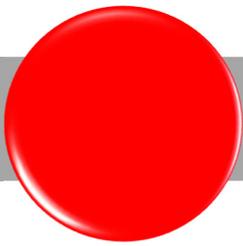
SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SUMMARY
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS CENTRE (THURMASTON BOWLS CLUB)	SOAR VALLEY, Loughborough, LE11 3HZ	The site is reported to have the green in the poorest condition across the borough. This is thought to be due to the poor maintenance of the site, which was undertaken as part of the maintenance contract for the entire site. As of October 2017, the green's maintenance has been undertaken by an in-house team of volunteers and external contractors. Priorities are to get a storage facility/shed to store the lawnmower that the club now have to look after. Priorities for the future would be to relay the green as it is in very poor condition. The site is owned and run by Thurmaston Parish Council.
LOUGHBOROUGH PHOENIX BOWLS CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 2HH	<p>The club leases the site from Charnwood Borough Council, they have a 30-year lease, which is reviewed every 5 years. The club was born out of the folding and sale of the Loughborough Town Bowls Club site and the merging with other clubs to become Loughborough Phoenix. Charnwood Borough Council contractors (Fineturf and IDverde) maintain the green following a 12-month maintenance plan. The club is contributing toward the cost of this maintenance. The club feels this maintenance should be improved significantly. The club is in the process of fully replacing the green using some of the money from the sale of the old site.</p> <p>The club has seen an increase in membership since moving to the new site. The club highlighted the issue of the lack of nearby parking and would also like to have a signpost to highlight where the club is located on the main road. There is a tree within the grounds that appears to be cracking the floor via its roots. The club has made Charnwood Borough Council aware of this issue. Finally, the club is undertaking work on three banks/ditches to enable them to conform to league standards.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 3HZ	The club has a shared clubhouse facility with the sports and social club, but has separate changing facilities.
LOUGHBOROUGH QUEENS PARK BOWLS CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 3DU	The bowling green has been identified as poor. This is due to the fact that the watering system is reportedly linked to the same system used for the flowerbeds. This has resulted in over-watering of the green. The pavilion is "quaint" but is reported to be too small for the club's needs.



SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SUMMARY
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND (BRUSH BOWLS CLUB)	LOUGHBOROUGH Loughborough, LE11 3YE	The club has a 7-year lease on their facilities from Charnwood Borough Council. Charnwood Borough Council also maintains the green; however, the club has said that the green would benefit from enhanced maintenance and they would like some more specialist equipment to further improve the quality of the green in the future. The clubhouse facilities are dated but still in standard condition. The bar/social area is used by other sports, which helps to generate additional income for the bowls club. The current ladies' changing is separate to the clubhouse. The club would prefer to have this housed in the same building. The club also reported the need to have better disability access on the site.
QUORN MILLS PARK BOWLING CLUB	SOAR VALLEY, Quorn, LE12 8DT	The club is currently in the process of negotiating their lease with the private owner of the site. The club is in the process of restructuring its volunteer and management system as result of the proposed new lease (which may require the club to be categorised as a charitable trust), with help of Voluntary Action Leicestershire. The club maintains the green themselves and have issues with it being wet/heavy (partially due to trees). One tree was recently felled on safety grounds. The club is continuously proactively driving new membership.
ROTHLEY BOWLS CLUB	SOAR VALLEY, Rothley, LE7 7PS	The bowls club shares a site with Rothley Tennis Club in the summer months, although they are two separate entities. The site is owned by the Harry Hames Trust and managed by Rothley Parish Council – although the bowls club maintains the green. The club has 12 years left on the original 25-year lease.
SCHOOL LANE FIELDS (BIRSTALL MEN'S BOWLING CLUB & BIRSTALL LADIES BOWLING CLUB)	SOAR VALLEY, Birstall, LE4 4EA	The green is shared by the men's and ladies' Clubs but maintained by the parish council to a very high level, with regular contact with an appointed representative from the club. The club has just received a loan from Bowls England to install disabled access toilets, improved visitors changing rooms and storage for the site.
SILEBY BOWLS CLUB	SOAR VALLEY, Sileby, LE12 7EE	The club is short of members; there are around 30 in total. This number has fallen in recent years. The kitchen and bar area have had a recent refurbishment and are shared with the tennis club. The club would like to improve the gullies and the surrounds of the green.



SITE	SUB-AREA AND LOCATION	SUMMARY
SOAR VALLEY BOWLS CLUB	SOAR VALLEY, Mountsorrel LE7 7NL	The club has an external contractor who maintains the green, they are happy with this work and believe the green is of fair quality. The club has some issues with some of the more manual labour and heavy gardening etc. and would like some support with this. There is an old garage on the site that is used for storage; this is of poor quality, not fit-for-purpose and in need of improvement. The club would like a new purpose-built garage for storage of expensive equipment. The club has secured planning permission for this new garage and work is ongoing to improve the green. The current car park is grassed and on a slope; this can become an issue in adverse weather conditions and the club would like a tarmac area for parking.
WYMESWOLD BOWLS CLUB	THE WOLDS LE12 6TY	The facilities are located on a small site with a small changing room. This can cause difficulty when the site hosts mixed matches. Toilets, including disability toilets, are located outside of main building. The club has used the village hall in the past for larger events in the early stages of applying for planning permission to extend the pavilion. The green is maintained by volunteer members during the season and outside contractors for the major autumn/winter/spring works.



## DEMAND FOR OUTDOOR BOWLS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

10.15 This section summarises the level of demand for bowls in Charnwood.

10.16 Table 10.4 below shows the level of membership at each of the clubs in the borough.

**Table 10.4: Membership by club**

CLUB	MEN	LADIES	COMBINED
BIRSTALL LADIES' BC	–	46	46
BIRSTALL MEN'S BC	59	–	59
BRUSH BC	33	16	49
FOSSEWAY BC	36	22	58
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS BC	32	13	45
LOUGHBOROUGH PHOENIX BC	34	31	65
LOUGHBOROUGH QUEENS PARK BC	20	5	25
QUORN BC	38	19	57
ROTHLEY BC	21	16	37
SHEPshed TOWN BC	43	28	71
SILEBY BC	25	15	40
SOAR VALLEY BC	32	20	52
ST MARGARET'S BC	47	24	71
SYSTON BC	52	23	75
THURMASTON BC	16	10	26
WYMESWOLD BC	34	19	53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>829</b>

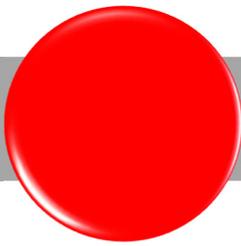
10.17 Table 10.4 shows that there are currently 829 bowls members in Charnwood.

10.18 Of these, 63% are men and 37% are ladies.

10.19 The largest club in the area by membership is Syston BC, followed by Shepshed Town BC and St Margaret's BC, both with 71 members. Birstall Men's and Ladies', although separate clubs, use the same site (School Lane Playing Fields) and together have a combined membership of 105, the most members associated with one facility. The average number of members per club is 52.

10.20 According to Sport England's Market Segmentation Tool, the dominant segments playing bowls in Charnwood are:

- **Frank – Twilight years gents aged 66+ (25%);**
- **Elsie and Arnold – Retirement homes couples aged 66+ (22%); and**
- **Ralph and Phyllis – Comfortable retired couples aged 66+ (14%).**



- 10.21 According to the tool, 284 people in Charnwood would like to play more bowls. Of these people, the dominant segment not mentioned above is Roger and Joy (early retirement couples aged 56–65) at 20%.
- 10.22 Demand for indoor bowls has been gathered as part of the Indoor Facilities Strategy (IFS) 2018.

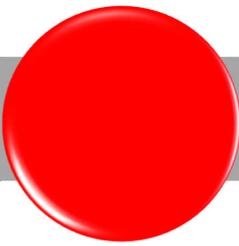
**SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE FOR OUTDOOR BOWLS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD**

- 10.23 Table 10.4 shows the supply and demand balance for bowling greens in Charnwood. The capacity of sites is calculated using a ratio of 1 rink to every 17 members. This ratio has been agreed with the Bowls England representative on the PPS project Steering Group.

**Table 10.5: Bowls capacity utilisation**

SITE	MEMBERS PER SITE	CAPACITY	CAPACITY UTILISATION
SCHOOL LANE FIELDS	105	102	103%
BRUSH BC	49	119	41%
FOSSEWAY BC	58	102	57%
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS BC	45	102	44%
LOUGHBOROUGH PHOENIX BC	65	102	64%
LOUGHBOROUGH QUEENS PARK BC	25	102	25%
QUORN BC	57	102	56%
ROTHLEY BC	37	102	36%
SHEPSHED TOWN BC	71	102	70%
SILEBY BC	40	102	39%
SOAR VALLEY BC	52	102	51%
ST MARGARET'S BC	71	102	70%
SYSTON BC	75	102	74%
THURMASTON BC	26	102	25%
WYMESWOLD BC	53	102	52%
TOTAL	829	1547	54%

- 10.24 Table 10.4 shows that most of the sites in Charnwood are operating under capacity, most with good reserves of capacity to accommodate new members. The average level of spare capacity across the entire borough is 46%.
- 10.25 The exception to this is School Lane Fields, home to Birstall Men's and Birstall Ladies' Bowling Clubs. This site is currently operating just over capacity. However, the green receives a very high level of maintenance from the Parish Council maintenance team. The club has a liaison officer to work with the Parish Council, which has resulted in a high-quality green being produced at the site. The club did not highlight a lack of capacity as a major issue on the green during the consultation.
- 10.26 The lowest or most under-used sites are Thurmaston BC and Queens Park BC, with just 26 and 25 members respectively. Consultation with Bowls Leicestershire has revealed that these are considered the clubs most at risk in the borough, due to their low membership levels.



## **BOWLS SUMMARY**

- 10.27 This section summarises the findings above and recommends key actions to be taken across the borough.
- 10.28 In general, the quality of facilities across the borough can be said to be quite high, with a number of greens scoring well on the assessment. Ancillary facilities also scored well, despite being an ageing stock. The condition of these facilities can be attributed to a strong and dedicated volunteer base around many of the clubs. This volunteer base contributes heavily to the good upkeep of facilities and helps to oversee, and in many cases, provides, adequate quality maintenance of their respective club's green.
- 10.29 Although Bowls England has noted a decline in membership rates since its inception in 2008, clubs in Charnwood are generally strong, with memberships reported to be steady but ageing in many cases. The exception to this is Loughborough Queens Park and Thurmaston Bowls Clubs. Both clubs are considered to be at risk due to declining membership. Both of these sites have been identified as having a poor-quality green.

**Table 10.6: Recommendations for Bowls in Charnwood**

### **BOWLS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation B1:** All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as "Sports Facilities" in the Local Plan.

Justification: Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.

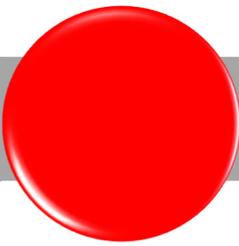
**Recommendation B2:** Bowls facilities that are rated as "poor" and therefore should be prioritised for improvement include:

- **Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club**
- **Quorn Mills Park Bowling Club**
- **Sileby Bowls Club**
- **Elizabeth Park Sports Centre (Thurmaston Bowls Club)**

Justification: The typical age profile of bowlers means that participants can be more vulnerable to injury if a facility is poorly maintained. Therefore, Bowls England, bowling clubs and site owners/managers must ensure that bowls facilities, including clubhouses, greens and other ancillary facilities, are kept in good condition, as this is vital to ensuring the safety of those using the facilities.

**Recommendation B3:** It is recommended that Bowls England and Charnwood Borough Council continue to support the work of volunteers and, where appropriate continue to empower members to have control over the management of their own facility. Charnwood Borough Council, Bowls England and Sport England should continue to support projects that will help the clubs attract more players and grow the game further in the Borough.

Justification: Bowls in Charnwood is supported by a very strong base of volunteers. Due in part to the demographic of the sport, a significant number of participants and volunteers are retired and therefore potentially have the free time to help maintain and manage the facilities they use. By empowering this volunteer base, Charnwood Borough Council can help to keep a typically inactive demographic more active and help to facilitate better quality bowling greens.



## BOWLS RECOMMENDATIONS

Sites that may be considered to benefit from greater control over their facilities include:

- **Central Park (Syston Bowls Club)**
- **Rothley Bowls Club**
- **Elizabeth Park Sports Centre (Thurmaston Bowls Club)**

It should be noted that each club should be assessed regarding its volunteer skills and capacity in order to determine whether the clubs would benefit from having greater control over the management of their facility.

**Recommendation B4:** Bowls England should continue to work with the Thurmaston Bowls Club and Thurmaston Parish Council to support the club to improve its green and grow membership.

Justification: It is understood that Thurmaston Bowls Club has taken on a new maintenance contract in an attempt to improve the green to a quality similar to the rest of the area. It is hoped that by improving the quality of the green, the club can begin to attract new members and rebuild its membership base.

**Recommendation B5:** Bowls England should work with Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club and Charnwood Borough Council to identify if current maintenance work at Queens Park is adequate for producing a green of the appropriate quality, and if not, what other maintenance procedures they should be following. It is further recommended that the issue of the water timing system raised by Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club be addressed to support an improved maintenance schedule.

Justification: Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club has a green that is regarded as poor. The decline in the club's membership is seen as being linked to the poor-quality green. Improving the quality of the green is therefore seen as the first step in helping the club grow and develop.

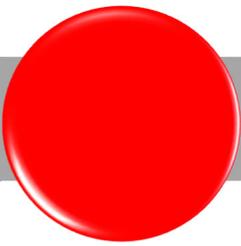
**Recommendation B6:** Bowls England and site owners/Clubs should look to prioritise investment in the provision of good quality, accessible DDA facilities (including the proposed addition at School Lane Fields).

Justification: This recommendation is also linked to the typical age profile of the participants in this sport. The provision of DDA compliant facilities is vital in ensuring the continued participation of this demographic.

School Lane Fields (Birstall Men's and Birstall Ladies' Bowls Clubs) is currently the only site specifically recommended for the adding of a DDA WC facility, but it is important to note that this may be a requirement of other clubs to ensure members can continue to play.

**Recommendation B7:** Bowls England should work with local clubs to ensure that adequate parking is available as close as possible to the greens and clubhouse to minimise walking distances for older people who may also be carrying relatively heavy bowling balls and equipment. In considering this, the Central Park facility at Syston should be a priority.

Justification: This recommendation is also linked to the typical age profile of the participants in this sport. The provision of car parking located close by facilities is key to limiting the distance participants must walk to facilities. Not only does this have the benefit of reducing accidents, it also improves participants' perception of the facility. This, in turn, helps to remove a significant barrier to many bowlers' continued participation in the sport. Clearly bowlers need to be able to walk from one end of the green to the other to play, but for some elderly people this in itself is tiring, so providing parking close by wherever possible is a benefit.



## 11 CYCLING

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

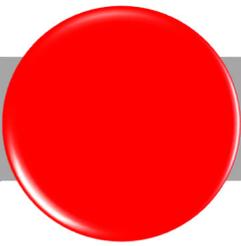
- 11.1 Cycling is one of the fastest-growing participation sports in the UK. Given the focus on getting more people more active, using informal spaces, the development of more opportunities to cycle in informal groups could encourage new participants.
- 11.2 Cycling is an ideal recreational activity that people of all ages can do together. It can also provide participants with a competitive opportunity, if required. The lack of formal off-road facilities may be a barrier to more people taking up the sport. Cycling on the roads is not always safe, particularly for young people, so an off-road facility would be an ideal way of introducing more people to the sport in a very safe environment. Off-road circuits provide a safe venue for cycling, and are ideal for training for road cycling, triathlon etc.
- 11.3 There are six disciplines of cycling, with five different facility types: track racing (velodrome), road racing, speedway, cycle speedway, cyclocross, and mountain biking. Off-road circuits provide a safe location for recreational cycling.
- 11.4 Recreational cycling needs safe routes and, ideally, appropriate infrastructure such as changing and toilet facilities at the start and finish. A range of formal and informal facilities can be used as meeting points for recreational cycling.
- 11.5 In 2013, British Cycling released “Our Commitment” their national strategy for the sport for the next four years. The strategy addresses many facets of cycling from the elite level to grass roots and proficiency. The key points are summarised below:

### VISION

- 11.6 Under its “Vision” section, British Cycling identifies four key commitments:
- **The promotion of lifelong participation in cycling as part of an enjoyable and healthy lifestyle among all groups;**
  - **A nationwide vibrant community of active recreational participants facilitated through a programme of information, education, personal challenges and opportunities;**
  - **The opportunity for all groups to participate in cycling as a leisure pursuit and to integrate cycling into daily life, such as riding to school, work, to the shops or socially; and**
  - **The promotion of cycling as part of sustainable transport solutions by working with national, regional and local authorities.**

### EVENTS

- 11.7 British Cycling helps to run and manage events from international to grassroots cycling. Three commitments from the 2013 strategy are relevant to this PPS.
- **An events structure across the entire spectrum of cycling, with clear pathways enabling all cyclists to fulfil their aspirations, ambitions and potential;**
  - **Opportunities for everyone to participate in cycling at their own level, for their entire lifetime; and**
  - **A rewarding and enjoyable environment for event organisers and officials.**



### WOMEN AND GIRLS

11.8 Women and girls form a significant part of British Cycling's commitments in the 2013 strategy. Below are the commitments most relevant to this PPS:

- **At least 25% female representation at board level by 2017;**
- **An increased proportion of female members from 15% to 18% by 2017, and to 20% by 2020;**
- **Inclusive club activities;**
- **A series of entry-level races at key facility hubs in the regions;**
- **Systems to capture and promote women-specific club activity, led rides and events; and**
- **"Get into cycle sport" regional coaching sessions based at facilities leading to races or sportive.**

### RECREATIONAL CYCLING

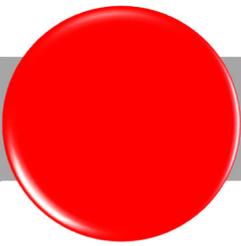
11.9 Recreational (and commuter) cycling is the core means by which most participants engage with the sport. British Cycling's 2013 strategy makes the following commitments to supporting recreational cycling:

- **The promotion of lifelong participation in cycling as part of an enjoyable and healthy lifestyle among all groups;**
- **A nationwide vibrant community of active recreational participants facilitated through a programme of information, education, personal challenges and opportunities;**
- **The opportunity for all groups to participate in cycling as a leisure pursuit and to integrate cycling into daily life, such as riding to school, work, to the shops or socially; and**
- **The promotion of cycling as part of sustainable transport solutions by working with national, regional and local authorities.**

### FACILITIES

11.10 British Cycling's 2013 strategy makes the following commitments to supporting British Cycling:

- **A comprehensive network of accessible traffic-free multi-disciplined cycling facilities enabling the effective and safe delivery of cycling activities both at a participation and excellence level;**
- **Support for clubs and groups who wish to develop new, or improve existing, facilities and infrastructure; and**
- **A secure long-term future for sporting events on the public highway by continuing to work with the appropriate agencies.**

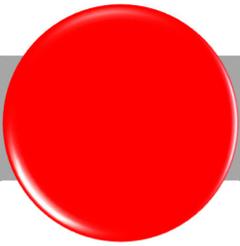


### **RECREATIONAL CYCLING**

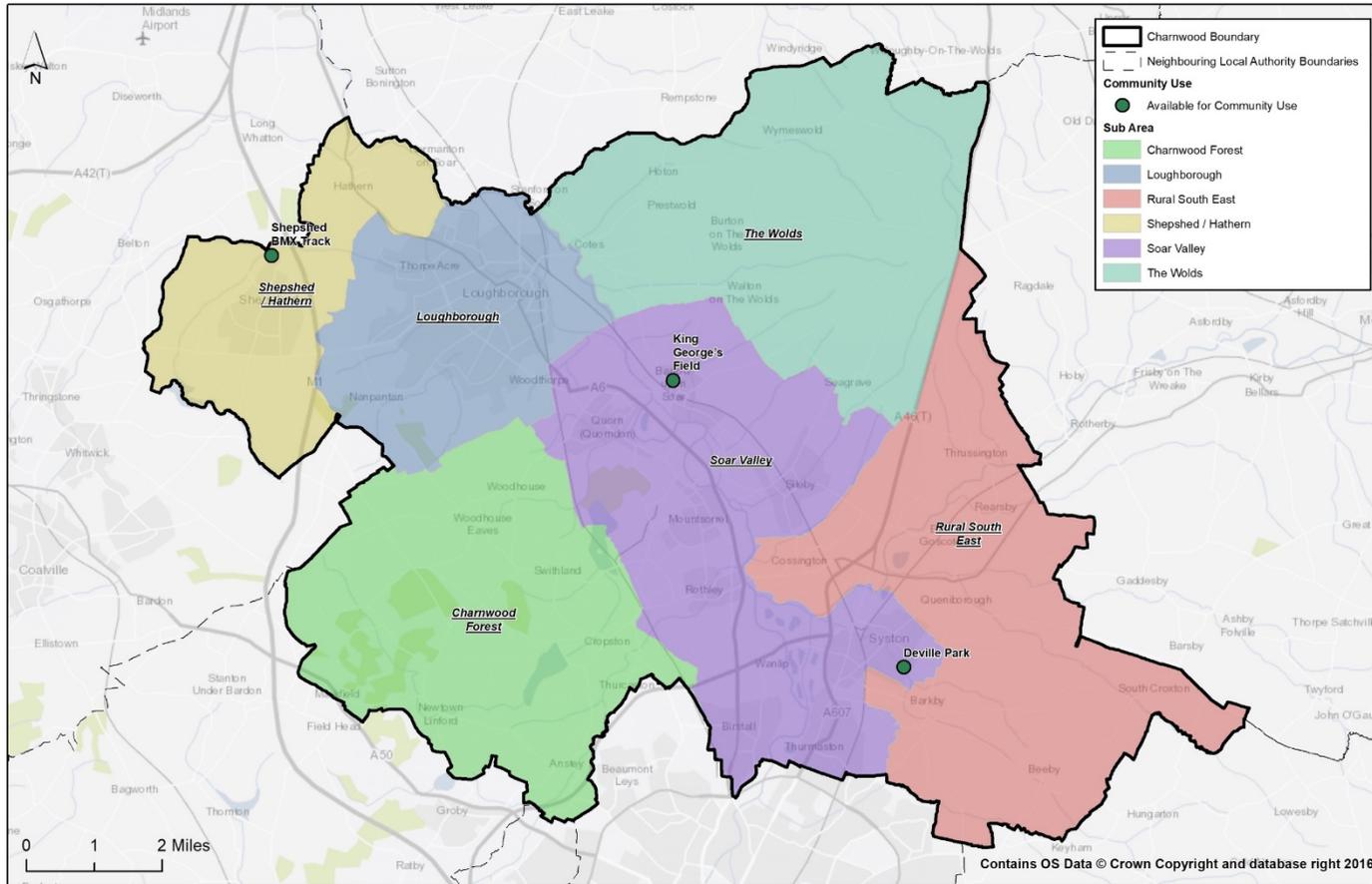
- 11.11 The consultation undertaken in the summer of 2017 to inform the Charnwood Borough Council Open Space Strategy identified that 43% of survey respondents thought there was too little provision of cycling routes in the borough.
- 11.12 This suggests that interest and participation in cycling continues to grow and there is a need to ensure provision of both formal cycling facilities and informal cycling routes.

### **SUPPLY OF BMX FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD**

- 11.13 The only formal cycling facilities in the borough currently are BMX tracks. BMX falls under the auspices of British Cycling, the national governing body covering cycling in the UK.
- 11.14 This report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for BMX and considers:
- **The supply of facilities and demand for these;**
  - **The adequacy of facilities in Charnwood; and**
  - **Recommendations moving forward.**
- 11.15 Map 11.1 shows the location of BMX facilities across the borough.



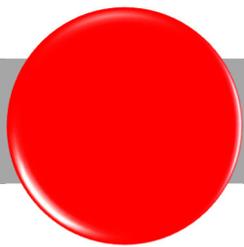
Map 11.1: BMX facilities in Charnwood



BMX Tracks by community use in Charnwood



11.16 The tracks are evenly distributed across the borough, with facilities located near the two largest population centres. However, the scale and quality of these tracks is not consistent across all sites.



11.17 Table 11.1 details the number of existing BMX facilities in Charnwood alongside the nature of the facility and its quality.

**Table 11.1: BMX tracks in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	POST CODE	COMMUNITY USE ON SITE	SECURITY OF USE	OWNERS	MANAGEMENT TYPE	NATURE OF FACILITY	CONDITION
SHEPSHED BMX TRACK	LE12 9SH	Available	Secured	Shepshed Town Council	Parish Council	Medium to large BMX track with parts tarmacked and medium sized obstacles. Suitable for intermediate riders and above. The track has over 30 obstacles, some of which measure over 1 metre in height. The track is open and accessible to all.	Standard
KING GEORGE'S FIELD	LE12 8QH	Available	Secured	Barrow Upon Soar Parish Council	Parish Council	Small, simple grass and dirt provision not heavily maintained. The track is open and accessible to all.	Poor
DEVILLE PARK	LE7 2BZ	Available	Secured	Syston Town Council	Parish Council	Small, single-loop facility in fair condition. Single-track route with small obstacles. The track is open and accessible to all.	Standard

11.18 Table 11.1 shows that there is a mixed range of facilities in the borough. Shepshed's track is a facility of significant size and scale and has been used for some BMX events in the past. However, Deville Park and King George's field are significantly smaller facilities.

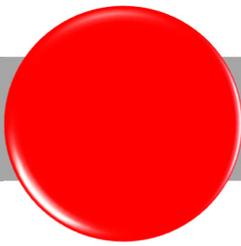
11.19 Table 11.2 details consultation undertaken with British Cycling.

**Table 11.2: Consultation summary British Cycling**

**CONSULTATION: BRITISH CYCLING**

British Cycling is aware of the pump track for BMX in Shepshed. The regional BMX track is located outside of the borough at Huncote.

There are discussions underway about a new regional cycle track league for next year; currently venues are being identified. An outdoor velodrome venue in Charnwood would be of interest to British Cycling, similar to that developed at the University of York.



**DEMAND**

- 11.20 No formal demand from clubs has been identified for the BMX tracks. However, research indicates that all of these tracks are used to meet informal and casual demand. Shepshed is reported to have the highest and most consistent usage of the three sites. There are no formal BMX Clubs in Charnwood. There are three clubs within 20 miles of Loughborough: Leicester Hornets, Derby BMX and the Nottingham Outlaws.
- 11.21 Sport England’s Active Lives survey does not record BMX demand. Therefore, estimating demand for BMX in Charnwood needs to be calculated using multiple datasets. Sport England’s Active People Survey 10 (2015/16) recorded participation in BMX as 0.9% of cycling participation. The Active Lives Survey October 2017 records the national participation rate of cycling (for leisure and sport) to be 14.5% (participating at least twice in the last 28 days). Active Lives does not provide this demand at regional or local authority level. Charnwood has an overall activity rate of 77.8%, 0.78% higher than the national average of 77.2%. By applying this slight increase to cycling, it is estimated that 14.61% of the population in Charnwood cycle for leisure or sport every 28 days. By applying the national ratio of cyclists to BMX riders, demand for BMX in Charnwood can be estimated at 196 people (over the age of 16).
- 11.22 Table 11.3 provides a breakdown of this information.

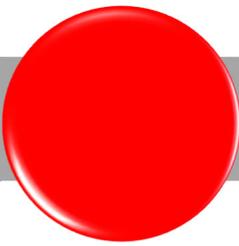
**Table 11.3: Calculating the number of BMX riders in Charnwood**

NATIONAL CYCLING FIGURE LEISURE OR SPORT	14.50%
% OF CYCLISTS THAT RIDE BMX (NATIONALLY)	0.9%
ACTIVITY RATE IN CHARNWOOD	77.8%
NATIONAL ACTIVITY RATE	77.2%
ACTIVITY RATE IN CHARNWOOD COMPARED WITH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE	100.78%
CHARNWOOD CYCLING RATE	14.61%
POP OF CHARNWOOD (16+)	148,980
ESTIMATED CYCLISTS IN CHARNWOOD	21,770
ESTIMATED BMX RIDERS IN CHARNWOOD (16+)	196

- 11.23 The consultation regarding the three existing BMX facilities in the borough has identified that most of the demand for these facilities is generated from under-16-year-olds. It is believed that these facilities are used most by males in their early–mid teens. However, there is no available data on the use of these facilities on participation in BMX by this age group.

**FUTURE DEMAND**

- 11.24 The population of Charnwood is projected to grow by 17.7% by 2036. Should current estimated participation in BMX remain consistent, then there will be an expected 231 BMX riders aged 16 or over in Charnwood by 2036.
- 11.25 As above, it is expected that the main source of participation in BMX will be from teenage males. Unfortunately, there is no available data that reliably enables the future demand for BMX by this group to be modelled accurately.
- 11.26 There is a proposal for the development of an additional BMX track as part of the West of Loughborough SUE, which would cater for the additional demand identified. This will have secured community access and use.



## CYCLING SUMMARY

- 11.27 The quality and condition of the Shepshed track means that Charnwood has the potential to form a BMX club. The location of the site means that this club would be easily commutable from Loughborough. It is recommended that British Cycling work with local schools, Shepshed Town Council, Charnwood Borough Council and existing cycling clubs in the borough with a view to establishing a BMX club. This could be as a stand-alone club or as a satellite club for one of the existing clubs in the area.

**Table 11.4: Recommendations for cycling in Charnwood**

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation Cy1:** All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan.

Justification: Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.

**Recommendation Cy2:** The provision of safe routes for off-road cycling meeting Sport England Active by Design guidelines are incorporated within new housing developments to facilitate increased opportunity for informal physical activity.

Justification: increasing informal participation in recreational cycling and cycle to work.

**Recommendation Cy3:** It is recommended that the Shepshed BMX track be maintained to a level that it is suitable for hosting a meeting of the upcoming cycle track league.

Justification: The track represents a good-quality facility for the borough. Hosting an event will help to raise awareness of the facility and encourage greater use of it.

**Recommendation Cy4:** It is recommended that DDA-compliant WC facilities are added to the Shepshed site to help attract events and encourage greater use of the track.

Justification: The presence of accessible WC facilities (where there are currently no WC facilities at all) will encourage greater use of the track, better enable it to host events and make the track more accessible to residents of the area.

**Recommendation Cy5:** It is recommended that British Cycling works with Barrow-upon-Soar Parish Council and Syston Town Council to improve the condition of their tracks and make them fit for use as beginner/learner tracks.

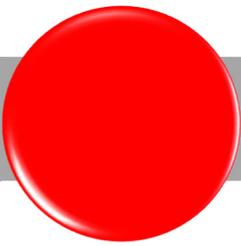
Justification: The Shepshed facility is a large track which may be intimidating to cyclists new to BMX. Adding tracks that are more accessible to lower skill levels will enable the track to be more accessible (as users graduate on to it once they are proficient). This pathway is also likely to reduce injuries or accidents on the Shepshed tracks as riders will be more proficient before attempting to use it.

**Recommendation Cy6:** It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council open dialogue with British Cycling with regards to a potential outdoor velodrome (as raised during consultation for this study).

Justification: The potential for an outdoor velodrome development was raised during NGB consultation for this study and should be further explored.

**Recommendation CY7:** The development of a new BMX facility in the borough as part of the West of Loughborough SUE is progressed.

Justification: The level of projected additional demand for BMX facilities by 2036.



## 12 ATHLETICS

12.1 Athletics in England is administered by England Athletics. In its own words the function of England Athletics is to:

**“Develop grass roots athletics in England, supporting affiliated clubs to prosper, developing more and better coaches, recruiting and supporting volunteers and officials. England Athletics provides and supports competition opportunities at an international (England representative), national, area and county level.”**

12.2 The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by England Athletics.

12.3 Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for athletics and considers:

- **The supply of facilities and demand for these;**
- **The adequacy of facilities in Charnwood; and**
- **Recommendations moving forward.**

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

12.4 England Athletics released their national strategy “Athletics & Running: for Everyone, Forever” in 2017. The relevant elements of the strategy are captured below.

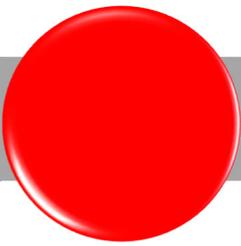
### VISION

12.5 England Athletics has the vision that the sport of athletics and running will be the “most inclusive and popular sport in England.” England Athletics believe that this should be led by a network of progressive clubs and organisations.

### KEY VALUES

12.6 England Athletics has identified three key values as part of the 2018 strategy:

- **Pride: inspiring athletes of the future by celebrating the history and contemporary success of British athletes;**
- **Integrity: essential the ongoing success and future of the sport and its ability to attract participants; and**
- **Inclusivity: athletics can contribute towards a healthy lifestyle and a sense of achievement, whatever the age, ability or background of the athlete or volunteer.**



**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- 12.7 “For Everyone, Forever” identifies three important strategic priorities:
- **To expand the capacity of the sport by supporting and developing its volunteers and other workforce;**
  - **To sustain and increase participation and performance levels in the sport; and**
  - **To influence participation in the wider athletics market.**

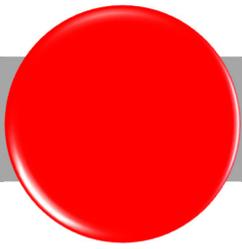
**DELIVERY METHODS**

- 12.8 Finally, the strategy identifies three delivery methods for achieving these priorities. Key priorities will be delivered through:
- **Positive culture, progressive performance and collaborative leadership;**
  - **Transparent governance and accountability; and**
  - **High-quality member engagement and communications.**

12.9 Table 12.1 details consultation undertaken with England Athletics.

**Table 12.1: Consultation summary England Athletics**

CONSULTATION: ENGLAND ATHLETICS
<p>The focus of England Athletics’ strategy is making the sport more accessible to more people. The focus will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Preserving and improving existing assets;</b></li> <li>• <b>Supporting development of compact athletics facilities e.g. 40m straights, areas for jumping/throwing events; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Support will not be in the form of direct funding.</b></li> </ul> <p>There are currently no reported planned facilities in Charnwood.</p>



**SUPPLY**

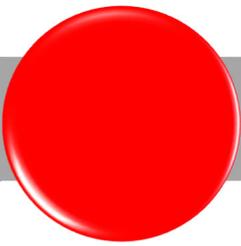
12.10 Table 12.2 details the number of athletics tracks in Charnwood.

**Table 12.2: Athletics track and field facilities in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY SUB-TYPE	LANES	FIELD FACILITIES	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	AVAILABILITY TO THE COMMUNITY FOR USE	USE AND SECURITY OF USE BY THE COMMUNITY	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Synthetic	8	Long jump, high jump, javelin, discus and shotputting areas	Higher education institutions	University (in-house)	Available Field facilities are only available on a limited-access basis	Used but unsecured	n/a	2009
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	LE7 4SG	All weather	6	Long jump, high jump, javelin, discus and shotputting areas	Private school	School (in-house)	Available	Unused and unsecured	1985	2016

12.11 Table 12.2 shows that of the two facilities, only Loughborough University is used by the community. The club also has access to the indoor athletics track at the university.

12.12 Table 12.2 shows that the access to this facility is unsecured. This is examined further in the Demand section (paragraph 12.13).



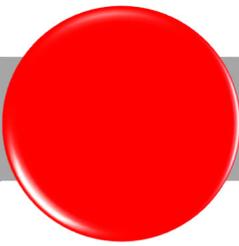
**DEMAND**

- 12.13 Charnwood Athletics Club is the only track and field athletics club affiliated to England Athletics in the borough. The club operates from its clubhouse, located at the Paula Radcliffe Stadium on the Loughborough University campus. The club has a lease on the clubhouse, which provides some security to the club. However, the club has limited formal security of tenure or minimum access time agreed with the University on any long-term basis.
- 12.14 Consultation details the club’s use of the facility and its major issues. A summary of this consultation is provided in Table 12.3.

**Table 12.3: Charnwood Athletics Club consultation summary**

CONSULTATION: CHARNWOOD ATHLETICS CLUB
<p><b>Use of the facility</b></p> <p>Charnwood AC uses the track for training on two regular weekly slots – Monday and Wednesday evenings. These sessions take place throughout the year, with the exception of four Wednesday evenings where the university hold their own events and the club moves its sessions to Thursday evenings. Sub-groups of the club reportedly use the track at other times that are available from the university’s schedule.</p> <p>Charnwood AC report a growth in membership over the last three years. However, they report that as demand is increasing, the availability of track time is becoming challenging. The club report that their fees for track/facility hire have increased by around 20–25% on a like-for-like basis during the last 12 months. This situation is reported to have limited some of the club’s activity, such as hosting competitive events on specific weekends; additional training during the summer can only be carried out during the university’s available session times.</p> <p>The club enjoys a constructive relationship with the university to work through any issues that arise.</p> <p><b>Security of use</b></p> <p>Charnwood AC holds a lease for their clubhouse site. They have a commitment, backed by Charnwood Borough Council, for regular training slots.</p> <p>These slots are at a commercial rate set by the university. However, the club feels that their use of the track and facilities does not always feel “secure” as it is increasingly hard to secure training and competition time. The club feels this is partly due to British Athletics appearing to have agreed an arrangement where they have first priority of use on the facility.</p> <p><b>Cost of use</b></p> <p>The track was resurfaced just after the Rio 2016 Olympics. This was a period of heavy use of the track for Charnwood AC and the additional cost of hiring has had a significant detrimental impact on Charnwood AC income. The Club receives a contribution from competitive league event organisers of circa £500 per weekend event day. However, the club cannot sustain events on this basis since the costs of track hire from the university significantly exceed this sum.</p>

- 12.15 In addition to athletics club use of athletics tracks, there is also a demand for access to athletics field facilities, e.g. long jump, high jump, javelin, discus and shotputting areas. These facilities are available at the Paula Radcliffe Stadium Track (Loughborough University), on a limited-access basis. These field facilities are also provided at Ratcliffe College, but currently there does not appear to be club or community use of these facilities.



- 12.16 Schools require access to athletics facilities during the summer months for school-based athletics; some schools mark their own temporary grass facilities in their summer terms, others access more permanent facilities where possible. There is an annual need for access to athletics facilities for schools' competitions.
- 12.17 In addition to Charnwood Athletics Club, there are a number of other running/jogging clubs as follows:
- **Barrow Runners, Charnwood AC, Loughborough Students, Polar Running Club, Shepshed Running Club, Team Anstey Amblers and Runners, Wreake and Soar Valley Runners, Sibley Runners, Wreake Runners, Wymeswold Running Club.**
- 12.18 Facilities used by the above clubs are:
- **The Martin High School – Team Anstey;**
  - **Wreake Academy Grass Track – Wreake & Soar Valley; and**
  - **Loughborough University – Loughborough Students, Charnwood Athletics Club.**
- 12.19 Leicestershire Road Club, which is not based in the borough, identifies the need for an improved and affordable facility base, with an accessible car park that does not flood. Improved facilities are needed to grow the club and in particular attract new young runners.
- 12.20 Consultation undertaken in the summer of 2017 to inform the Charnwood Borough Council Open Space Strategy identified that 49% of survey respondents thought there was too little provision of running/walking routes in the borough.
- 12.21 This suggests that interest and participation in running/jogging/walking continues to grow and there is a need to ensure provision of both formal running facilities, and informal running/jogging/walking routes.

### ATHLETICS SUMMARY

- 12.22 Charnwood Athletics Club has reported a phase of significant increase in membership and participation for its club, but that its activities are limited by the lack of availability of its principle facility at Loughborough University. Also, due to a recent renewal of the surface, users (including the athletics club) must now pay an increased amount for use of the facility. This additional cost is placing extra strain on the club's financial resources.

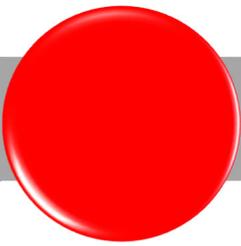
**Table 12.4: Recommendations for athletics in Charnwood**

#### ATHLETICS RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation A1:** All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as "Sports Facilities" in the Local Plan.

Justification: Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.

**Recommendation A2:** The provision of safe routes for running/jogging meeting Sport England Active by Design guidelines are incorporated within new housing developments to facilitate increased opportunity for informal physical activity.



#### ATHLETICS RECOMMENDATIONS

Justification: Increasing informal participation in running/jogging/walking; support for existing road running clubs.

**Recommendation A3:** In the short term, it is recommended that Charnwood Athletics Club, Loughborough University, British Athletics and any other key stakeholders establish a Paula Radcliffe Stadium Users' Group to be chaired by the university.

Justification: The issue of Charnwood Athletics Club having less or limited track time appears to be increasing over the last 3–5 years. Establishing a users' group will allow key stakeholders to air and discuss key concerns and pressures over the use of the facility, as well as allowing users to be made aware of any increased use by the university and expected future demand.

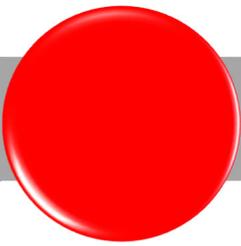
**Recommendation A3a:** Once established, it is recommended that this group should help to formulate an agreed timetable of use for the facility to ensure all voices are heard and pressures on track time are better understood by all parties.

**Recommendation A3b:** It is recommended that membership of the users' group should also guarantee a minimum of 3 years' secure use of the facility. This term should be written into the constitution of the group and agreed by all members. This security of tenure will allow users to commit to improved future planning and to seek alternative facilities to use should their demand outweigh their allotted track time.

Justification: The issue of Charnwood Athletics Club having less or limited track time appears to have increased over the last 3–5 years. Establishing a user group will allow key stakeholders to air and discuss concerns and pressures over the use of the facility, as well as allowing users to be made aware of any increased use by the university and expected future demand.

**Recommendation A4:** It is recommended that Charnwood Athletics Club explores the possibility of accessing Ratcliffe College's track for some sessions.

Justification: The Paula Radcliffe Stadium track is a highly sought-after facility, with many parties competing for time on it. This pressure shows little-to-no sign of abating in the near future. Ultimately, permission to use the track is provided by the university, and it is important that all hirers work constructively towards finding solutions addressing track pressure. As part of this effort, the users' group should investigate how and if it is possible to utilise alternative facilities in the area in order to release some pressure on the Paula Radcliffe track.



## 13 NETBALL

- 13.1 Netball in England is administered by England Netball, the national governing body for the sport.
- 13.2 The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by England Netball.
- 13.3 Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for netball and considers:
- **The supply of facilities and demand for these;**
  - **The adequacy of facilities in Charnwood; and**
  - **Recommendations moving forward.**

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

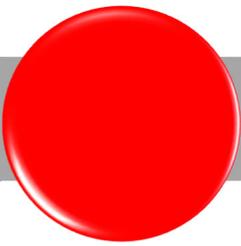
- 13.4 England Netball has maintained the “10–1–1” mantra as the key element of their vision for the sport both internationally and domestically. This aspiration remains fundamental to the organisation’s strategic planning:

### VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

- 13.5 The 10–1–1 policy refers to three key targets for the sport:
- 10** – Aspire to establish netball as a top 10 participation sport in England;
  - 1** – Aspire to establish netball as the first-choice team sport for women and girls; and
  - 1** – Aspire to achieve and maintain Number 1 World ranking status.

### STRATEGIC GOALS

- 13.6 In achieving these three central aspirations, England Netball has established four strategic goals:
- **Grow Participation in netball by an average of 10,000 participants per year;**
  - **Deliver a first-class member and participant experience;**
  - **Establish the national team as number 1 in the world by winning the World Netball Championships; and**
  - **Lead an effective and progressive infrastructure enabling all involved in the netball experience to collaborate as one team aligned behind one dream.**



## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

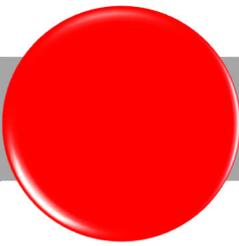
13.7 England Netball has identified nine guiding principles to help shape decision-making within the organisation:

- **We are a customer-focused sport business. We will always place the participant at the heart of everything we do and provide the best quality service we can, but we will balance that with the need to grow and manage a sustainable business;**
- **We will value and respect the contribution and needs of our volunteer workforce, who are integral to our success;**
- **We will centrally coordinate and locally deliver our portfolio of programmes and products, targeting resources at the point of need (one size does not fit all) by ensuring pathways are integrated and securing a return to our investment (financially or socially) creating capacity to reinvest in the business and deliver long-term sustainability;**
- **We will be innovative and progressive in our thinking, always connecting short-term actions to medium-term strategies and long-term goals, while striving to improve the quality and standard of what we do and how we do it;**
- **We will work as “one team aligned to one dream” for the benefit of netball in England and as such we will succeed or fail together;**
- **We will work in partnership and collaboration where there is a mutual benefit in terms of operational effectiveness and efficiency, value for money and added value for participants in netball;**
- **We will develop, enable and encourage programmes and activities that have a positive and beneficial impact on the lives of netball participants;**
- **We will establish integrated planning and process pathways that enable rather than constrain service excellence, making England Netball easy to do business with and add value to the participant; and**
- **We will recognise and celebrate individual and collective contributions and success.**

## DELIVERY METHODS

13.8 In order to deliver the strategic goals of netball, England Netball has established multiple participation programmes. These programmes are detailed below:

- **Traditional 7-a-side:** The longstanding format of the game that most girls are introduced to at school. The game is played to a professional level as part of the Netball Superleague to regional amateur leagues around the country.
- **Back to Netball:** A key participation programme for netball, Back to Netball sessions are run nationally with the intention of reintroducing women back into the sport. England Netball report that over 60,000 women have taken part in these sessions since 2010.



- **Netball Now:** A turn-up-and-play session of netball with an emphasis on low organisation for the player, with no assigned teams or organised leagues. Netball Now is targeted at 16–21-year-olds and is seen as a partner to the Back to Netball programme.
- **High 5:** The entry game for netball targeted at children aged 9–11. The game can be mixed- or single-sex and is designed to get children playing the game in an active and enjoyable way.
- **I Heart Leagues:** Designed to provide a social and gentle introduction into match play. The leagues are designed for players who have participated in the Back to Netball program or Social Players looking for a weekly, light but competitive game.
- **Netball in the City:** An annual competition that targets corporate teams based around central venues in large cities. The closest league to Charnwood is in Nottingham.
- **Nets:** A fast, tactical variant of 7-a-side netball, Nets is a high-impact version of netball played exclusively indoors in high tensions cages. The closest Nets venue to Charnwood is Leicester Sports Centre.
- **Walking Netball:** A slower version of the 7-a-side game played only at walking pace. The programme is targeted at older demographics with a key focus on sociability and enjoyment.

### NGB CONSULTATION

13.9 Table 13.1 details consultation undertaken with England Netball.

**Table 13.1: Consultation summary England Netball**

#### CONSULTATION: ENGLAND NETBALL

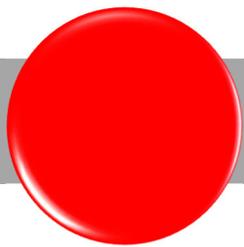
Charnwood, and specifically Loughborough, is a key area of delivery for netball in the East Midlands, with several regional leagues based at Loughborough Leisure Centre and across two venues at Loughborough University. In addition to this, one of the sport’s professional Vitality Netball Super League teams, Loughborough Lightning, is based in the borough and plays out of Loughborough University. Loughborough University is also the current base for England Netball’s administrative headquarters and World Class Performance Programmes.

In terms of outdoor netball, there is little community demand that is considered to be a part of the “netball family” (netball that falls under the umbrella of the programmes run by or affiliated to England Netball). However, the outdoor courts are vital for school netball. Outdoor courts are occasionally utilised for outdoor tournaments. These tournaments require facilities with a minimum of 6 courts to operate.

There is also an interest in multi-use sand-dressed artificial surfaces to enable grassroots and recreational netball in partnership with hockey and tennis. Such a facility could form an alternative offer to 3G surfaces, but would be subject to appropriate slip resistance levels being met.

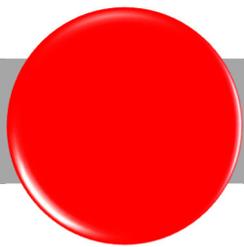
### OUTDOOR NETBALL - SUPPLY

13.10 Table 13.2 shows the outdoor provision of netball courts in Charnwood. It should be noted that none of these facilities are currently used by the community for netball.

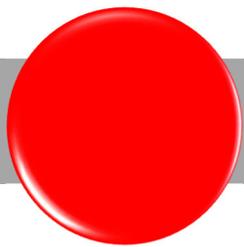


**Table 13.2: Outdoor netball facilities in Charnwood**

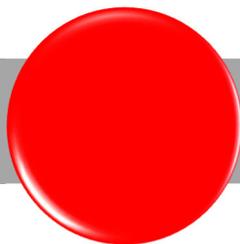
SITE	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT TYPE	COURTS	SURFACE	FLOODLIT	AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY	OVERALL RATING	SUMMARY
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	David Ross Education Trust (Academy)	Academy Trust	3	Macadam	–	Available	Good	3 standard condition netball courts. Limited community use currently but could host more.
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Blessed Cyprian Tansi Catholic Academy Trust	Academy Trust	4	Macadam	–	Unavailable	Poor	The playing surface is uneven and presents a dip in the middle of the cage. The surrounding fencing also needs refurbishment. There is no community use on the courts.
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	Humphrey Perkins Academy Trust Ltd	Academy Trust	1	Macadam	1	Available	Standard	The site has one floodlit court marked out over three outdoor basketball courts. The tarmac area is much larger than the court so could potentially be used as a training venue rather than for formal play.
IVESHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	Leicestershire County Council	School (In-house)	2	Macadam	2	Available	Standard	The site has two floodlit courts. The courts are in a standard condition, with some lines fading and slight unevenness in the surface. The school responded that it would be open to community hire for netball if requested.



SITE	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT TYPE	COURTS	SURFACE	FLOODLIT	AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY	OVERALL RATING	SUMMARY
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	Limehurst Academy Trust	Academy Trust	2	Macadam	–	Unavailable	Standard	2 stand-alone courts. Not available to the community but is part of the school's netball competition.
LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL	Loughborough Endowed School	Private – School	6	Macadam	–	Unavailable	Good	6 good netball courts are in good condition, but the fencing may require improvement soon. These courts are overmarked by 8 tennis courts. The school's courts are not available for hire to the community.
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE (PRIVATE SCHOOL)	Ratcliffe College – Private	Private – School	4	Macadam	4	Unavailable	Good	Club use but competition is played at another league. The courts are in reasonable condition.
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Rawlins Academy Trust	Academy Trust	2	Macadam	–	Available	Poor	The courts present a very poor surface, lines and nets; the fencing, however, is good quality. The school don't use the courts for sport very much and they are reported to mostly be used as an overflow car park.
ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Bradgate Education Partnership	Academy Trust	4	Macadam	–	Unavailable	Poor	Unable to use outside courts due to poor condition.



SITE	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT TYPE	COURTS	SURFACE	FLOODLIT	AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY	OVERALL RATING	SUMMARY
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Lion Heart Academy Trust	Academy Trust	4	Macadam	–	Unavailable	Poor	The site is used to run a Back-to-Netball programme using indoor courts. The outside courts not considered to be of adequate quality of hired use. The Academy uses them for junior tournaments only.
THE MARTIN SCHOOL	Martin High School Academy Trust	Academy Trust	3	Macadam	–	Available	Standard	Clubs used to train indoors at this venue. Outdoor courts are not used regularly.
WELBECK COLLEGE	Ministry of Defense (MoD)	Private – Commercial	3	Macadam	–	Available	Good	Indoor courts used by performance squads. Outdoor courts are in good condition and used for schools' competition.
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Woodbrook Vale High School Academy Trust	Academy Trust	3	Macadam	–	Available	Poor	Outdoor courts have a poor playing surface for netball. The courts are available to the community, but currently unused, and would require floodlighting to be added to make them useable for mid-week play.



SITE	OWNERSHIP	MANAGEMENT TYPE	COURTS	SURFACE	FLOODLIT	AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY	OVERALL RATING	SUMMARY
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Wreake Valley Academy Trust	Academy Trust	2	Macadam	–	Unavailable	Poor	Unable to use outside courts as they are not in adequate condition to be considered safe.

13.11 Table 13.2 shows there are 43 outdoor netball courts across 14 sites in the Borough. Seven of these courts are floodlit, across 3 sites. All of these facilities are on educational sites, either at academies or private school sites. Seventeen of these courts are available to the community for use across 7 sites.

13.12 Of the 47 outdoor courts, 19 (44%) are in poor condition. A further 8 (19%) are in standard condition.

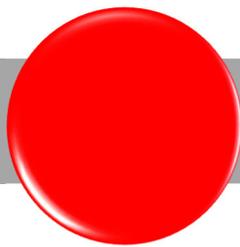
### OUTDOOR NETBALL - DEMAND

13.13 At present, there is no recorded community demand for outdoor netball court provision in the Borough with all current demand met by indoor facilities. During the consultation phase, no club expressed demand for use of outdoor facilities to supplement training or match demand.

13.14 All outdoor courts are located on sites related to education and the only recorded use of these facilities for netball is for PE and inter-school matches.

13.15 The only other outdoor demand identified for the study is from England Netball and the need for host venues for outdoor summer tournaments. These tournaments require a minimum of 6 courts, preferably of good quality. Loughborough Endowed School is the only site in the Borough that can meet these requirements.

13.16 The audit has also highlighted the poor quality of outdoor facilities in the Borough, with 44% of courts considered to be in poor condition. Ensuring these facilities are improved to an adequate condition is essential to their continued use for netball in PE lessons and for school fixtures.



13.17 England Netball has identified interest in developing multi-use sand dressed artificial surfaces alongside hockey and tennis to enable grass roots and recreational netball to be played outdoors at leisure centres and other community facilities. However, there is yet to be an agreement between England Netball and the other NGBs on the specification for a surface appropriate for all three sports. If such an agreement were to be made, then Soar Valley Leisure Centre could be a good location to trial this solution. This is because hockey clubs tend to also use other venues, meaning there is some available capacity of the existing outdoor all-weather surface, and there is a shortage of casual use tennis courts in the area.

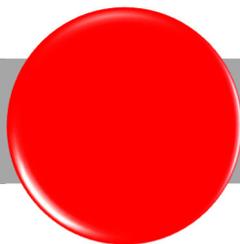
### INDOOR NETBALL - SUPPLY

13.18 The majority of Netball in the Borough is played indoors in Sports Halls and for this reason full analysis and recommendations for indoor Netball are contained within the Charnwood Indoor Built Sports Facility Strategy as part of Sports Hall analysis.

13.19 Table 13.3 below shows the facilities that are used for netball in Charnwood and the level of demand, in hours.

**Table 13.3: Demand for netball in Charnwood (indoor)**

SITE NAME	POST CODE	CAPACITY FOR NETBALL COURTS	USED BY	PURPOSE	WEEKLY DEMAND
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	LE11 4SQ	2	Charnwood Sapphires	Training	1.5hrs
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	2	Loughborough Town District League Charnwood Rutland Netball Club Hinckley Hurricanes Moll Buzzers Nottingham City Netball Club (Leicester) Papura Phoenix Loughborough Scorpions Sence Valley Sutton Bonnington Netball Club The Dragons	Matches	6hrs
			Moll Buzzers	Training	1.5hrs
			Scorpions	Training	1.5hrs
			Bandits	Training	1.5hrs
			IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LE12 9DB	1
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	LE11 3BT	2	Scorpions	Training	1.5hrs
RAWLINS ACADEMY	LE12 8DY	1	Soar Valley Allsorts	Training	1.5hrs



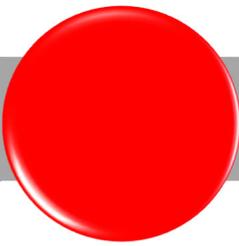
SITE NAME	POST CODE	CAPACITY FOR NETBALL COURTS	USED BY	PURPOSE	WEEKLY DEMAND
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (NETBALL CENTRE)	LE11 3TU	2	East Midlands Regional League	Matches	15hrs
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (SIR DAVID WALLACE)		3			

13.20 Table 13.3 shows that there is a total of 31.5 hours of netball demand across the borough.

### **INDOOR NETBALL - DEMAND**

13.21 All netball participation takes place in indoor facilities.

13.22 The response from netball clubs (indoor netball) is summarised in the Charnwood Built Facilities Strategy in the sports hall section. The responses underline the need for more access to indoor sports hall space for training and competition.



### NETBALL SUMMARY

- 13.23 The section examines the supply and demand for outdoor netball facilities in Charnwood. At present, there is no recorded community demand for outdoor provision in the borough, with all current demand met by indoor facilities. During the consultation phase, no club expressed demand for use of outdoor facilities to supplement training or match demand.
- 13.24 All outdoor courts are located on sites related to education, and the only recorded use of these facilities for netball is for PE and inter-school matches. The only other outdoor demand identified for the study is from England Netball and the need for host venues for outdoor summer tournaments. These tournaments require a minimum of 6 courts, preferably of good quality. Loughborough Endowed School is the only site in the borough that can meet these requirements. This site is considered to be in good condition and therefore not in requirement of further enhancement.

**Table 13.4: Recommendations for netball in Charnwood**

#### NETBALL RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation N1:** All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan.

Justification: Protecting sports facilities is seen as essential to providing residents with the opportunity to exercise and participate in sport and physical activity. This protection enhances the ability of Sport England and Charnwood Borough Council to protect facilities from urban development where possible. It also helps to ensure that these sites are adequately and appropriately replaced should they be lost to regular use through development.

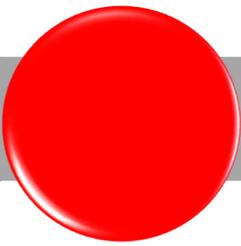
**Recommendation N2:** It is recommended that all courts at the following schools be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality: De Lisle College, Rawlins Academy, Roundhill Academy, The Cedars Academy, Woodbrook Vale High School, and Wreake Valley Academy. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.

Justification: The surfaces at these venues are not of an appropriate quality to facilitate safe use for netball; to continue to grow participation and optimise use of existing facilities, the quality of the playing surfaces and equipment needs to reflect the guidelines set out by England Netball.

**Recommendation N3:** It is also recommended that England Netball ensure the facilities at the following sites are maintained to ensure the facilities remain at standard quality: Humphrey Perkins High School, Iveshead High School, Limehurst Academy, and The Martin School. Again, this pertains to ensuring the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces are of an appropriate level.

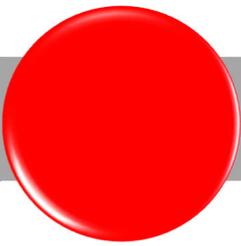
Justification: The audit has highlighted the poor quality of outdoor facilities in the Borough, with 44% of courts considered to be in poor condition across 6 sites. All outdoor netball facilities are located on education sites. The continued prevalence of netball in schools in England is considered vital to the continued success of English netball and its growth in participation over the last 5 years. Netball in PE is considered vital for two reasons: firstly, it gives girls who enjoy the sport an introduction to the game and the starting point to join a local community team, with the potential to progress along traditional netball participation pathways; secondly, the success of England Netball’s “Back to Netball” programme is based on the fact that netball is a sport many women played at school and therefore represents a familiar sport to pick up later in life, should they not pursue the traditional participation pathway of club or university netball. The failure to ensure schools have adequate, safe provision means that schools are either unlikely to continue playing the sport or girls will no longer enjoy playing due to the poor facilities. As a result, poor facilities threaten the two key participation pathways for netball in Charnwood.

**Recommendation N4:** It is recommended the England Netball continues to communicate with Charnwood Borough Council around the possibility of developing a multi-use hub site, for use alongside all other sports.



#### NETBALL RECOMMENDATIONS

Justification: This surface would enable grassroots and recreational netball to be played outdoors at leisure centres and other community facilities. If such a facility were to be developed, then Soar Valley Leisure Centre could be a good candidate to trial this solution, given its limited current use for hockey and shortage of casual-use tennis courts in the area. This would be dependent on greater security for hockey being realised in the area.



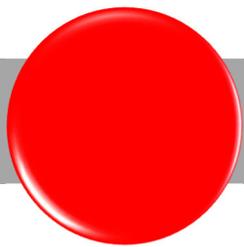
## **THE STRATEGY**

This section brings together the comprehensive needs assessment undertaken for each of the sport facility types included within the brief, providing a set of strategic recommendations for the delivery of sports facility provision across Charnwood.

This section also includes scenario testing for high-profile agreed projects, such as the Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs), identifying the additional demand for sports facilities that will be experienced due to the increase in population. This is used to inform a future supply and demand analysis, based on the theoretical new supply provided in the SUEs.

To ensure this strategy can be used by a wide range of stakeholders, a site-specific action plan has also been included, with clear linkages to the overall recommendations for each sport.

Finally, this section includes a section explaining how to use the strategy and how to use relevant tools (Appendix B: New Playing Pitch Development Calculator) to plan for future playing pitch provision.



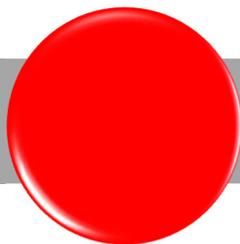
## 14 SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION ANALYSIS

### INTRODUCTION

14.1 During the scope of this study (2018–2036) the majority of Charnwood’s population growth will occur as part of three “sustainable urban extensions” (SUEs). The three SUEs are expected to have a significant impact on both the supply and demand for sports facility provision in the area. Table 14.1 below provides details on the current size and status of each development.

**Table 14.1: SUE profile**

SUE DEVELOPMENT NAME	DEVELOPMENT SIZE (IN DWELLINGS)	AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE IN CHARNWOOD	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF NEW RESIDENTS GENERATED	SECTION 106 AGREEMENT STATUS	SECTION 106 – PLAYING PITCH SPACE TO BE ADDED	ADDITIONAL SPORTING FACILITIES TO BE ADDED
NE OF LEICESTER	4,500	2.39	10,755	Agreed and Signed	11.7 ha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 hectares of informal and formal outdoor sports provision (of which minimum 11.7 ha of pitch provision)</li> <li>• 4 Tennis Courts</li> <li>• 4 Court Indoor Sports Hall</li> </ul>
WEST OF LOUGHBOROUGH	3,000		7,170	Agreed	9 ha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fewer than 9 ha of playing pitches;</li> <li>• Plus 13.8 ha of land for informal sports and recreation</li> <li>• Off-road cycling facility east of Baileys Plantation, a parkour facility, outdoor fitness and trim trail, permanent marked orienteering course and a minimum of 2 multi-use games areas</li> <li>• Artificial grass pitch of no less than 106 metres x 70 metres, including tennis courts (4)</li> <li>• 3-court sports hall</li> </ul>



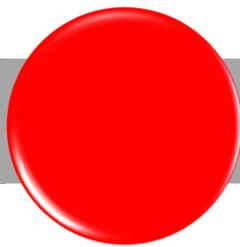
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BROADNOOK	1,650		3,944	Yet to be signed	4.32ha*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10.3 ha of formal and informal outdoor sports provision – 4.32 ha to be provided as pitches</li> <li>• 1-court multi-use sports/community hall</li> </ul>

\*Based on an estimate of 10.3 hectares of outdoor sports facilities, determined using Charnwood’s standards of provision for outdoor sports facilities per 1,000 population (2.6). Other SUEs have assigned on average 42% of the outdoor sports facilities space to formal sports pitches. This average was used to determine the amount of pitch provision Broadnook is assigned for formal sports pitches (4.3ha).

### PLAYING PITCH SPACE

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- 14.2 At the time of writing, the precise number of hectares of sports pitches the developer will provide as part of their Section 106 obligation in each SUE is at varying stages of discussion. Furthermore, detailed consent for how this space will be used to provide playing pitches is also yet to be determined.
- 14.3 To inform this process, this section calculates the expected level of demand generated by the new residents in each of the SUEs. Charnwood Borough Council’s Core Policy is to use local standards to determine the number of hectares allocated for playing pitch provision as part of each development. This section has used the Sport England’s Playing Pitch New Development Calculator (see Section 16 of this report) and the expected increase in population to calculate the expected number of pitches required, for each pitch typology of the core PPS sports (football, rugby, cricket and hockey), for each of the SUEs. The results of Playing Pitch New Development Calculator analysis can be seen in table 14.2 below.



**Table 14.2: Sports pitch demand generated by SUEs**

DEVELOPMENT NAME	NEW RESIDENTS GENERATED	PITCHES REQUIRED							
		ADULT FOOTBALL	YOUTH FOOTBALL	MINI SOCCER	RUGBY UNION	RUGBY LEAGUE	HOCKEY	CRICKET	TOTAL
EXAMPLE	1,000	0.22	0.24	0.12	0.09	0.01	0.02	0.21	0.91
NE OF LEICESTER	10,755	2.4	2.6	1.3	1	0.1	0.2	2.3	9.8
WEST OF LOUGHBOROUGH	7,170	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.5	6.5
BROADNOOK	3,944	0.87	0.95	0.47	0.35	0.04	0.08	0.83	3.59
TOTAL	21,869.0	4.9	5.2	2.7	2.0	0.2	0.4	4.6	19.9

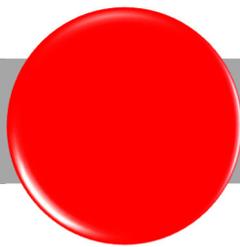
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14.4 Table 14.2 shows the amount of demand each SUE development will produce by pitch type. In order to use this demand to calculate levels of investment in each pitch typology, Table 14.3 below shows the recommended proportion of land that should be allocated to each pitch type. This is based on existing demand in the relevant sub-areas, as well as the increase in population in the specific SUEs.

**Table 14.3: Percentage of demand by pitch type and SUE**

DEVELOPMENT NAME	PROPORTION OF SPORTS PITCHES ALLOCATED							
	ADULT FOOTBALL	YOUTH FOOTBALL	MINI SOCCER	RUGBY UNION	RUGBY LEAGUE	HOCKEY	CRICKET	TOTAL
NE OF LEICESTER	24%	27%	13%	10%	0%	2%	23%	100%
WEST OF LOUGHBOROUGH	25%	26%	14%	9%	2%	2%	23%	100%
BROADNOOK	24%	26%	13%	10%	1%	2%	23%	100%

14.5 Utilising the percentages in Table 14.3, it is possible to define the amount of space, in hectares by pitch typology, which should be invested in at each SUE. Table 14.3 shows these figures, which are then used to calculate the proposed number of pitches.



**Table 14.4: Hectares allocated by pitch type, by SUE**

DEVELOPMENT NAME	HECTARES OF SPORTS PITCHES ALLOCATED							TOTAL (IN HECTARES)
	ADULT FOOTBALL	YOUTH FOOTBALL	MINI SOCCER	RUGBY UNION	RUGBY LEAGUE	HOCKEY	CRICKET	
NE OF LEICESTER	3.18	3.45	1.72	1.33	0.13	0.27	3.05	13
WEST OF LOUGHBOROUGH	2.22	2.35	1.25	0.83	0.14	0.14	2.08	9
BROADNOOK	1.04	1.13	0.57	0.43	0.05	0.09	0.99	4.3

14.6 Table 14.5 shows the number of hectares each pitch type could be allocated, according to the proportion of demand generated by the residents of each SUE. Using this figure, it is possible to determine how many pitches should be developed. In order to undertake this calculation, it is first necessary to understand the size of one pitch in hectares. The table below shows the size of each pitch type in hectares. The dimensions given include the recommended run-off (additional space around the pitch which acts as a buffer zone between pitches and provides a space for spectators to stand).

**Table 14.5: Pitch type sizes in Hectares**

PITCH TYPE	LENGTH	WIDTH	AREA (M2)	HECTARES (1HA = 10,000 M <sup>2</sup> )
MINI 7 v 7 <sup>36</sup>	66	46	3,036	0.30
YOUTH 11 v 11 <sup>37</sup>	106	66	6,996	0.70
ADULT 11 v 11 <sup>38</sup>	116	76	8,816	0.88
CRICKET <sup>39</sup>	11	128	14,284	1.43
RUGBY LEAGUE <sup>40</sup>	128	74	9,472	0.95
HOCKEY <sup>41</sup>	101	63	6,388	0.64
RUGBY UNION <sup>42</sup>	110	80	8,800	0.88

<sup>36</sup> The Football Association - The FA Guide to Pitch and goalpost dimensions (2012)

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid*

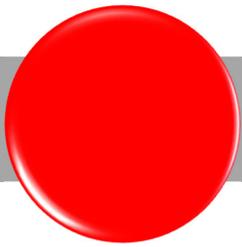
<sup>38</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>39</sup> Sport England - Comparative Sizes of Sports Pitches and Courts (2011)

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>42</sup> World Rugby Guide to the rules of Rugby (2017)



14.7 Using the figures above, it is possible to show how many pitches can fit into each allocated number of hectares per SUE. This is displayed in the table below.

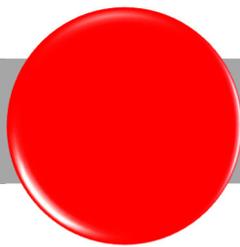
**Table 14.6: Number of whole pitches possible in allocated space, by SUE**

	WHOLE PITCHES POSSIBLE IN HECTARE ALLOCATION							TOTAL (HECTARES)
	ADULT FOOTBALL	YOUTH 11 v 11	MINI 7 v 7	RUGBY UNION	RUGBY LEAGUE	HOCKEY	CRICKET	
HECTARES PER PITCH	0.88	0.7	0.3	0.88	0.95	0.64	1.43	–
NE OF LEICESTER	4.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	13.44
WEST OF LOUGHBOROUGH	3.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	8.25
BROADNOOK	1.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.31
TOTAL	8.0	10.0	12.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	26.0

14.8 Table 14.6 shows that by rounding the pitch types, 26 of the 26.3 hectares allocated for formal sports pitches can be utilised. The table also shows that following this model, there would be a small amount of overspill into the allocation for formal/informal outdoor sport on the NE of Leicester development. Further feasibility work and site-specific analysis is required to identify the layout of the site and whether this small overspill can be accommodated.

14.9 If followed, this approach to allocation of sports pitch hectarage would result in 26 new pitches being developed in the borough. This would include 8 adult 11 v 11 pitches, 10 youth 11 v 11 pitches, 12 mini soccer pitches, 3 rugby union pitches and 4 cricket pitches.

14.10 The next steps of this scenario test are to measure the impact of the SUEs on the supply of and demand for sports facilities in Charnwood.



## SUPPLY

- 14.11 The addition of these new sports facilities will greatly increase the level of capacity of provision in the borough. Table 14.7 below shows the additional capacity the new pitches will provide. As these are new pitches, professionally laid and with a full maintenance programme, the quality of the new pitches is expected to be good. As a result, these pitches will have a high carrying capacity. Table 14.7 also details the amount of peak-time capacity each pitch will provide.

**Table 14.7: Additional capacity provided by new pitches, by pitch type and SUE**

CARRYING CAPACITY PER WEEK / PEAK-TIME CAPACITY PER PITCH	ADULT FOOTBALL		YOUTH FOOTBALL		MINI SOCCER		RUGBY UNION		CRICKET	
	CARRYING	PEAK	CARRYING	PEAK	CARRYING	PEAK	CARRYING	PEAK	CARRYING	PEAK
	3	1	4	1	6	2	3.25	1	60 (PER SEASON)	1
NE OF LEICESTER	12	4	16	4	12	4	6.5	2	180	3
WEST OF LOUGHBOROUGH	9	3	8	2	6	2	3.25	1	60	1
BROADNOOK	3	1	4	1	6	2	0	0	60	1
TOTAL	24	8	28	7	24	8	9.75	3	300	4

- 14.12 Modelling the amount of additional capacity by pitch type enables application of these to the existing balances for the borough and sub-areas. The North East of Leicester SUE development is considered to be split between the Soar Valley and Rural South East sub-areas. The Broadnook SUE development is considered to be in the Soar Valley sub-area. The West of Loughborough SUE is considered to be in the Shepshed–Hathern sub-area.
- 14.13 It is important to note that this is a scenario test and assumes that all pitches are built in line with the recommended ha allocation. It also assumes that all pitches are of good quality, which requires significant initial investment and regular high-quality maintenance. With this in mind, further feasibility work is required to understand the complete picture and the projected impact across the borough, once the number of pitches and associated maintenance regime has been agreed.

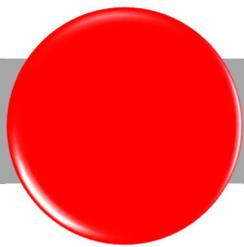
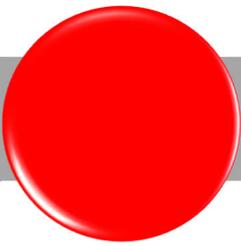


Table 14.8: Impact of SUE provision on carrying and peak-time capacity balances by sub-area and pitch type

SPORT	FOOTBALL (GRASS ONLY)						CRICKET (GRASS ONLY)			RUGBY UNION			RUGBY LEAGUE		HOCKEY
	PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11		YOUTH 11 v 11		MINI 7 v 7	OVERALL	SNR	JNR	OVERALL	SNR	JNR/ LADIES	OVERALL	SNR	SAT
	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS
<b>CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE BEFORE SUE PITCH CAPACITY IS ADDED</b>															
SHEPSHED–HATHERN	5.5	0	-2	0	-0.5	13.5	-2	1	2	-4	0.5	1	0	0	0
SOAR VALLEY	30	0	1.5	16.5	45.5	66.5	124	5	17	0.75	3	1.5	0	0	8
RURAL SOUTH EAST	4	0	-3	0.5	3.5	4.5	-165	0	0	-1.5	0	0.5	0	0	0
SOAR VALLEY & RURAL SOUTH EAST	34	0	-1.5	17	49	71	-41	5	17	-0.75	3	2	0	0	0
CHARWOOD	63	4.5	-11	28	56.5	130.5	95	15	41	-14	4.5	4	0	0.5	13
<b>CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE AFTER SUE PITCH CAPACITY IS ADDED</b>															
SHEPSHED–HATHERN	14.5	3	6	2	5.5	15.5	58	2	7	-0.75	1.5	2	0	0	0
SOAR VALLEY & RURAL SOUTH EAST	49	5	18.5	22	67	77	199	9	37	5.75	5	4	0	0	0
CHARWOOD	87	12.5	17	35	80.5	138.5	395	20	66	-4.25	7.5	7	0	0.5	13



- 14.14 Table 14.8 shows the impact of the proposed level of pitch supply on the current capacity balances of sub-areas and on the borough as a whole. Table 14.8 shows how this new provision will add significant capacity to many pitch types and will enable all pitch types to operate with sufficient spare capacity, with the exception of rugby in the Shepshed–Hathern sub-area, which will remain over capacity but at a much-reduced level.
- 14.15 It should be noted that the new facilities are not to be provided immediately. Rather, they will be added alongside the completion of housing development. It is therefore important to understand the level of demand that could be generated with the SUEs and how this additional demand could impact the capacity balances in which the SUEs sit, as well as the impact on the borough as a whole.

### **FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE**

- 14.16 Table 4.9 below shows the result of including the additional supply and demand (generated by new residents living in the SUEs) into the supply and demand balances. Table 4.9 illustrates the “before and after” picture. Analysis 1 shows the current balance per sub-area, without any of the proposed SUE development, while Analysis 2 includes the theoretical increase in pitch supply and compares this with the future projected demand for each sub-area.

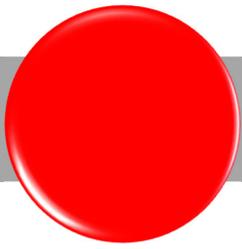
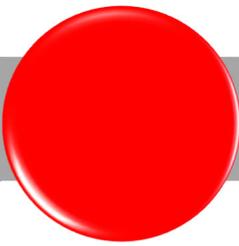


Table 14.9: Future supply and demand balance, including SUEs

SPORT	FOOTBALL (GRASS ONLY)						CRICKET (GRASS ONLY)			RUGBY UNION			RUGBY LEAGUE		HOCC	
	PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11		YOUTH 11 v 11		MINI 7 v 7		OVERAL	SNR	JNR	OVERAL	SNR	JNR/ LADIES	OVERAL	SNR	SAT
		CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS
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SOAR VALLEY & RURAL SOUTH EAST	34	0	-1.5	17	49	71	-41	5	17	-0.75	3	2	0	0	0	
CHARNWOOD	63	4.5	-11	28	56.5	130.5	95	15	41	-14	4.5	4	0	0.5	13	
<b>CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE AFTER SUE PITCH DEMAND AND CAPACITY IS ADDED</b>																
SHEPSHED—HATHERN	13	1.5	4.5	0.5	4.5	14.5	56.5	1	6.5	-1.25	1.5	1.5	0	0	0	
SOAR VALLEY & RURAL SOUTH EAST	45.5	1.5	15	18.5	65	75	195.5	7	35.5	4.25	4.5	3	0	0	-1	
CHARNWOOD	82	7.5	12	30	77.5	135.5	390	15	66	-6.25	7.5	7	0	0.5	12	



- 14.17 Table 14.9 shows the projected impact that the new supply and demand driven by the SUEs is likely to have on the supply and demand balances in Shepshed–Hathern, and Soar Valley sub-areas and Charnwood as a whole.
- 14.18 Table 4.9 helps to illustrate how the standards and proportional allocation approach tested in this section would be successful in addressing much of the football capacity issues in the Shepshed–Hathern sub-area, if implemented fully. Although Soar Valley and Rural South East also has some issues with football capacity, these are less extensive and would be successfully addressed by the development of new pitches in the relevant SUEs. Finally, the approach will successfully address the shortfall in cricket provision for both areas. The only area that is not adequately addressed by the standards approach is rugby union.

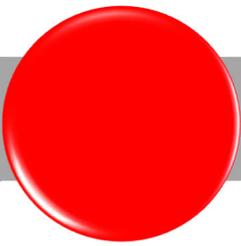
### **SUE SCENARIO TESTING – CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS**

- 14.19 The SUE scenario testing analysis provides a comprehensive supply and demand analysis for the three new areas of development. Using existing levels of demand, as well as an analysis of where new population growth is likely to be allocated, a recommended allocation of pitch typology has been provided for each SUE.
- 14.20 Furthermore, the recommended pitch allocation has then been factored into the future supply and demand analysis, to understand the potential impact on the overall future balance for each sub-area and the local authority as a whole.
- 14.21 In addition to this analysis, a number of clear recommendations have been developed, through an assessment of the future need and consultation with Charnwood Borough Council and relevant external stakeholders.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Table 14.10: Recommendations for SUEs in Charnwood**

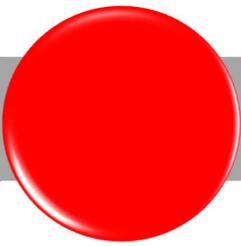
SUE RECOMMENDATIONS
<p><b>Recommendation SUE1:</b> For any site that will have grass football pitch provision, a full range of mobile goals and appropriate storage solutions should be provided by the contractor (if specified) or the operator at the time of delivery.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> This will further enhance the ability of playing pitch sites to be flexible in their configuration.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation SUE2:</b> Engage with existing and well-established or new community clubs using the SUE pitches to enhance management arrangements for new site and pitch development.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> Empowering community clubs to take on greater ownership of sites will help to foster a sense of community ownership of facilities, as well as encouraging volunteer engagement with the site. Where possible, clubs should be able to secure facilities (under certain terms and conditions) on a long-term basis (25 years minimum) for community use, and appropriate management and maintenance systems should be implemented to support the community’s enjoyment of these facilities.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation SUE3:</b> The playing pitch development for each of the SUEs should be subject to further feasibility work for each of the SUEs, using the recommended pitch allocations provided in this section to carry out a detailed options appraisal. This options appraisal should refine the facility mix and allocation of pitch types on-site; operational management will be determined by the private landowners, as long as they comply with planning conditions and the Section 106 Agreement.</p> <p><u>Justification:</u> The PPS has utilised existing supply and demand data to calculate the projected level of demand for each SUE, as well as the recommended pitch provision for each area. Further analysis is required in order to refine this approach and ensure that residents are provided with high quality, sustainable sports and physical facilities.</p>



#### SUE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommendation SUE4:** Utilise the opportunity of the SUE development to invest in sites through a multi-sport hub delivery model, utilising a single high-quality ancillary facility and a variety of high-quality pitch/outdoor sport facilities that can be utilised by multiple sports and residents, enhancing the sustainability and throughput at the site (for each development). Given the scale of the NE Leicester and West of Loughborough developments, these SUEs should be seen as an especially key opportunity for the delivery of a multi-sport hub. It is recommended that further feasibility and options appraisal work should be undertaken to identify the optimal facility mix to meet the needs of the local community (this should be undertaken alongside the work recommended in SUE3).

Justification: The multi-sport hub model is a proven delivery model for creating high-quality and sustainable sports and physical activity facilities. By co-locating facilities for different sports, this brings participants together and increases footfall through ancillary facilities such as bars or cafes, which can then be re-invested into grassroots sport. Furthermore, a multi-sport hub model is typically based on the provision of 3G AGP facilities, which can be used for a number of different sports, such as football, rugby union, rugby league, American football and many others. By reducing the reliability on grass-pitch maintenance, this reduces maintenance expenditure and improves the sustainability and quality of pitch provision.

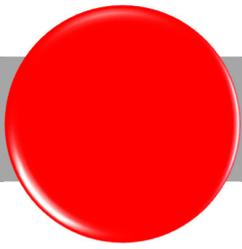


## **15 RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION PLAN**

- 15.1 Through a detailed supply and demand analysis of the sports included in the scope of the strategy, as well as stakeholder consultations across the borough, an action plan has been developed, which will guide the steering group in their delivery of sports provision and facility decisions into the future.
- 15.2 In addition to the detailed action plan, which is provided in the following section, a number of overarching recommendations have been provided, which should guide the future direction of sports facility provision across Charnwood.
- 15.3 These actions and recommendations seek to address the key issues that have been identified through the development of this study. As the overall objective of the strategy is to ensure that residents have the appropriate quality, quantity and accessibility of sports facilities, many of these issues relate to the capacity of facilities to meet the need of Charnwood's current and future population.
- 15.4 Through the site-by-site assessments and the catchment area analysis undertaken for each individual pitch typology, a number of sites and geographical areas have been identified, where additional capacity is required in order to meet the needs of residents.
- 15.5 This section brings together the complete evidence base and analysis that has been developed as part of the PPS and provides a clear strategy for the future delivery of sports provision in Charnwood.

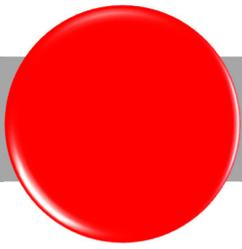
### **SPORT-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 15.6 In order to provide Charnwood Borough Council and the PPS steering group with strategic direction moving forward, a number of general recommendations are provided for each sport facility type, in addition to those for the SUEs. These general recommendations sit "above" the site-specific action plan and should be considered across all investment and development work undertaken by the steering group.
- 15.7 Recommendations vary from policy-specific recommendations for future planning to general sports development recommendations, relevant to issues such as site maintenance.
- 15.8 The table overleaf details each of the sport-specific recommendations (dealing with NGB requirements/guidance, playing surfaces, etc.). The recommendations are also referenced in the action plan below to show how the site-specific actions link to the sport specific recommendations.
- 15.9 It should be noted that the justification for each of these recommendations is included in the sport-specific chapters.

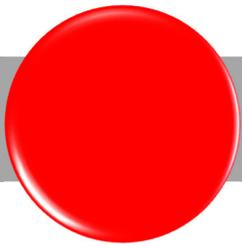


**Table 15.1: Charnwood sport-specific recommendations**

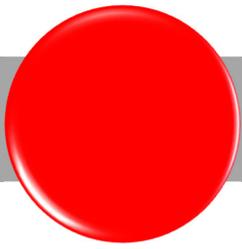
RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
<b>GENERIC</b>	
GR1	Charnwood Borough Council works with all relevant governing bodies (national, regional) to ensure that all playing pitch and outdoor sports facilities in Charnwood are of adequate quality to meet the needs of their users, with special attention paid to ensuring all facilities provide a safe venue to be enjoyed by its participants.
GR2	As identified in the 2018 Charnwood Indoor Built Sports Facility Strategy, all opportunities to open up existing and new education sites for community use of sports facilities should be explored.
GR3	Charnwood Borough Council seek to ensure that any new educational sites involving new or enhanced sports facility has a Community Use Agreement (CUA) as part of the planning consent, in order to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.
GR4	<p>The opportunity to further develop multi-sport hub sites across the borough is explored; this should focus on the enhancement of sites where there is currently provision for a minimum of two pitch/outdoor sports to optimise the capacity of existing facilities, allow for sharing of e.g. changing, parking etc.. Multi-sport hubs provide the opportunity for co-location of a number of different but complementary sports, and can offer increased participation opportunities, particularly for young people who are able to “try out” a number of sports on one site.</p> <p>The recreation sites proposed for the SUEs (all three) have significant potential for development as multi-sport hubs comprising a range of pitch sports, tennis (West of Loughborough and North East of Leicester SUEs), indoor facilities and BMX (West of Loughborough SUE).</p> <p>The principle should, however, be one of partnership (with education, parish councils, NGBs, and local clubs) to promote existing sites where multiple sports are played, and invest as identified in the sport-by-sport priorities. Ancillary provision should also be provided to a good standard at each multi-sport hub, and should, wherever possible, be shared. Management of multi-sport hubs needs to consider how best to address issues of overlapping seasons (e.g. cricket and football), competitive fixtures, and demand for training.</p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council should focus on the development of the sites that they own and those owned by parish councils as priorities for the designation and/or development of multi-sport hubs</p> <p>Development of multi-sport hub sites, including the three SUEs, will also help to address the identified future need for playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities in the borough, and specifically respond to the increased demand generated as a result of new housing development.</p>



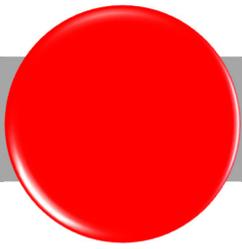
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GR5	Investment in specific ancillary facilities identified on a sport-by-sport or site-by-site basis (see sport-specific recommendations and sport-by-sport summaries) should be reviewed on proposed multi-sport hub sites, and adjusted where it is possible to make economies of scale over shared provision e.g. changing accommodation, parking provision etc. This will make the most effective use of available resources and facilitate increased use of sites across a range of sports.
GR6	<p>The allocated areas for sport in the three SUEs (NE Leicester, West of Loughborough and Broadnook) should be developed to provide additional sports facilities to meet identified future need in the borough. The priority sport needs to be met are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass pitches – football, rugby union</li> <li>• Non-turf cricket wickets</li> <li>• Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs)</li> <li>• Outdoor floodlit tennis and netball courts</li> </ul>
GR7	Soar Valley Leisure Centre should be developed as a multi-sport hub providing indoor (as at present) and outdoor facilities, i.e. a new pitch surface to specifically provide for hockey, tennis and netball.
FOOTBALL	
F1	All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix C: Site-by-Site Analysis Football) should be protected as “Playing Fields” in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.
F2	Sites that currently have facilities rated as “Poor”-quality and therefore should be upgraded (the specific recommendations for each site are included in Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football as well as Table 15.2 of the main report).
F3	It is recommended that the Leicestershire and Rutland Football Association (LRFA) and the Football Foundation (FF) support clubs in having access to appropriately sized, portable goals on their home grounds, and that these can be securely stored to prevent damage from antisocial behaviour. Upgrading sites to better tackle antisocial behaviour may require additional planning permission in order to provide adequate secure storage. This measure will also increase flexibility within the pitch stock and allowing adjustment to fluctuating demand across pitch types.



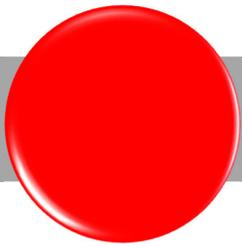
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	<p>Recommendations for sites requiring investment in mobile goal posts are set out in the specific recommendations for each site (included in Appendix C: Facilities Site-By-Site Analysis Football as well as Table 15.2 of the main report).</p>
F4	<p>It is recommended that the LRFA engages with clubs identified as playing on home grounds where there is no further capacity at peak time to make them aware of alternative sites that are available for use in their neighbourhood to increase access to available pitches at peak time. This is especially pertinent to demand for Adult 11 v 11 pitches; clubs need to be better informed as to alternative pitch availability and capacity so that they can remain in the borough to play peak-time matches.</p>
F5	<p>Where sites have been identified as suffering from a lack of pitch capacity and/or poor quality, drainage or a lack of maintenance, the LRFA should work with site managers to ensure sufficient maintenance procedures are being undertaken.</p> <p>The LRFA should also work to ensure these procedures are being delivered by people with sufficient knowledge to produce an adequate playing surface. It is further recommended that the LRFA works with site managers to identify potential ways of financing enhanced pitch maintenance procedures, where appropriate. This activity should be focused on sites that attract the most demand for football.</p> <p>Unless otherwise stated, the primary intervention is recommended to be an improvement to the pitches' maintenance regime.</p>
F6	<p>It is recommended that the LRFA works with clubs and site managers to improve the quality of ancillary provision in the borough. This is especially pertinent to working with Charnwood Borough Council and the town/parish councils, depending on the ownership of a specific pitch, where the quality of the ancillary facilities is consistently regarded as being in a poor condition, often due to antisocial behaviour on site.</p>
F7	<p>Increasing peak-time capacity for Adult 11 v 11 pitches in the Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas is crucial to ensure projected new teams have the option of playing at peak times at a venue close to their desired home ground (should this not be available). It is therefore recommended that the LRFA works with clubs and available, but under-used, sites to ensure clubs are aware of the alternative venues available within their sub-area (see also Recommendation F4).</p>
F8	<p>It is recommended that the LRFA and FF work to identify a site for a minimum of 2 additional full-sized floodlit 3G AGP in the area and ensure existing 3G AGPs are of appropriate quality.</p>



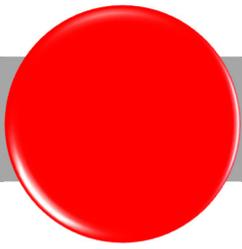
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<b>CRICKET</b>													
C1	All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix E: Site-by-Site Analysis Cricket) should be protected as “Playing Fields” in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.												
C2	Sites identified as being of poor quality should be prioritised for investment to improve playing pitch provision.												
C3	The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and Leicestershire County Cricket Club (LCCC) should work with the clubs to install non-turf pitches (NTPs) when junior demand becomes too great to be met by grass wickets alone.												
C4	The ECB and LCCC should work with the clubs to help finance the installation of fixed practice nets where clubs require them. Sites with developed or developing junior sections should be considered the priority for this provision.												
C5	<p>Where appropriate, the ECB and LCCC should also work with clubs to encourage establishment of a group of qualified volunteers for each ground to undertake pitch preparation and maintenance. They should also help to ensure that these volunteers have access to the latest knowledge and best practice regarding pitch maintenance and preparation techniques.</p> <p>Furthermore, the ECB and LCCC should ensure that each club is adequately equipped with appropriate maintenance equipment to produce a good quality surface.</p>												



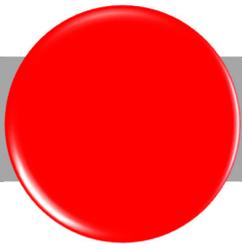
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C6	<p>Charnwood Borough Council, the ECB and the LCCC should work with clubs to discourage antisocial behaviour on sites. Required measures are likely to be specific to each site but this may include better fencing and barriers as well as CCTV, where appropriate.</p> <p>Park Road Sports Ground has been identified as requiring measures to reduce anti-social behaviour. However, all partners should seek to work with clubs if and when such issues develop.</p>
C7	<p>The ECB and the LCCC should continue to work with clubs to improve ancillary facilities including pavilions, fencing, car parking or other non-playing facility elements. This may include support and involvement from Charnwood Borough Council where planning permission to extend or rebuild pavilions is required.</p>
C8	<p>Charnwood Borough Council should continue to accommodate imported demand from Leicester on local authority-managed facilities. However, it should work with the ECB and LCCC and City of Leicester Council to migrate this demand back to Leicester.</p>
RUGBY UNION	
RU1	<p>All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix F: Rugby Site-by-Site Analysis) should be protected as “Playing Fields” in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p>
RU2	<p>The maintenance regime across all club rugby pitches, should be increased to standard (M1) levels of maintenance as a minimum and where this is inadequate, install artificial drainage to maximise the capacity of the pitch.</p>
RU3	<p>The adult 11 v 11 football pitch at Cossington Recreation Ground (Sibley Vikings RFC) should be converted to a rugby union pitch.</p>
RU4	<p>The condition of clubhouses and ancillary facilities should be improved to enable all clubs to adequately provide facilities for participants and spectators.</p>



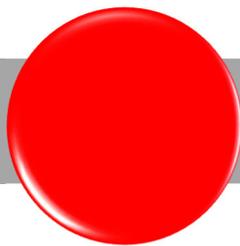
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RU5	<p>The level of floodlighting should be increased at Cossington Recreation Ground, and Syston RFC to increase mid-week training capacity. In addition, further floodlighting should be added to a second pitch at Loughborough RFC to accommodate further training. This should be undertaken in conjunction with upgrading the existing floodlighting to ensure it is of adequate quality to meet the clubs' playing and training requirements.</p> <p>Improve floodlighting provision at Cossington Recreation Ground and Syston RFC to increase mid-week training capacity.</p>
<b>HOCKEY</b>	
H1	<p>All facilities identified in the site-by-site analysis (Appendix D: Hockey Site-by-Site Analysis) should be protected as "Playing Fields" in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.</p>
H2	<p>The pitch surface at Soar Valley Leisure Centre is rated as standard quality but is 14 years old. Most hockey pitches normally have a lifespan of 10–12 years depending on their level of use and maintenance. The age and condition of the facility indicates that refurbishing the pitch surface in the near future is both necessary and timely.</p> <p>Furthermore, an improvement to this facility should encourage further use of the facility and therefore, lower dependency on unsecured sites to provide facilities of adequate quality for community hockey.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that this pitch is resurfaced in the near future. Consideration should be given to the new carpet type facilitating use by hockey, netball and tennis, to provide a multi-sport hub.</p> <p>Providing a multi-sport surface at this venue could also help to address training and playing needs for other sports such as netball and tennis and could create a multi-sport hub used by a number of clubs and teams.</p>
H3	<p>It is recommended that secured community use of Soar Valley Leisure Centre be retained as a priority and that a future pitch at Loughborough Endowed School should provide secured community access for England Hockey affiliated Clubs (with controlled booking fees).</p>
H4	<p>It is recommended that England Hockey and Loughborough Town Hockey Club liaise with Loughborough University to secure access to available pitches.</p>



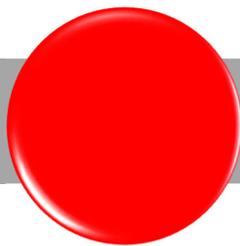
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<b>RUGBY LEAGUE</b>	
RL1	Loughborough RFC should be protected as “Playing Fields” in the Local Plan, unless otherwise stated.
RL2	It is recommended that should rugby league demand increase, then another of the existing 2 rugby union pitches should be periodically utilised as rugby league pitches (by altering the line markings), thereby keeping all demand centralised at a single hub site.
RL3	It is recommended the RFL and Charnwood Borough Council work with the club to identify a suitable site for a dedicated pitch if/when the rugby league part of Loughborough Rugby Club feels they need to move to a dedicated facility. A possible site is the Derby Road Sports Ground, where there is significant spare capacity for football. The site neighbours Loughborough RFC and therefore would cause the club minimal disruption if this option were pursued. Such a scenario would require careful examination of supply and demand balances of other sports at the time.
<b>TENNIS</b>	
T1	All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan.
T2	As part of the SUE developments it is recommended Charnwood Borough Council requires the developer to install all 8 courts as community accessible floodlit courts.
T3	It is recommended that the LTA and Charnwood Borough Council work together to provide 6 floodlit courts at Park Road.
T4	It is recommended that the LTA continues to work with Clubs to increase capacity. In particular, they should look to find ways of increasing capacity at clubs thought to be operating close to, at or over capacity: Beacon Tennis Club, Burton-on-the-Wolds Tennis Club, Newtown Linford Tennis Club, and Rothley Tennis Club to enable clubs to continue to grow and develop.
T5	Consideration should be given to the LTA working with Anstey PC to improve the quality of the courts at Anstey Recreation Ground.



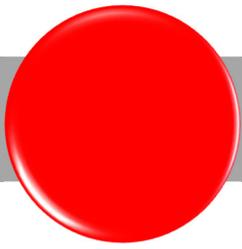
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T6	<p>A tennis useable surface should be installed at Soar Valley Leisure Centre to provide additional access to outdoor tennis courts to meet future demand.</p> <p>Given there is now a pitch surface available suitable for hockey, tennis and netball, developed and supported by the three relevant NGBs, it is possible for this site to be prioritised for hockey use whilst also providing capacity for tennis and netball.</p>
T7	<p>No additional indoor tennis courts are needed, but community access, via clubs, should be protected at the existing indoor facilities.</p> <p>Justification: There are existing indoor tennis courts in the Borough providing for club access; no additional demand has been identified.</p>
<b>GOLF</b>	
G1	All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as "Sports Facilities" in the Local Plan except Shelthorpe Golf Course, for the reasons outlined in Recommendation G6.
G2	England Golf and Charnwood Borough Council should work towards increasing access to pay and play golf facilities and ensuring that there is equitable access for all.
G3	<p>It is recommended that there should be a presumption in favour of retaining all standard golf courses*. Any planning application should include a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the proposals on the provision and use of golf facilities in the Borough, and how the proposals would align with the findings of this Strategy, as well as national and local policy and guidance.</p> <p>* As the closure of Park Hill Golf Club came forward while this Strategy was being prepared, and redevelopment proposals have since come forward for consideration by Charnwood Borough Council it would not be appropriate to set out recommendations for this particular course which will be considered on its own planning merits. However, the recommendation should apply to all future proposals.</p>
G4	It is recommended that England Golf should support Rothley Park Golf Course should they express a desire to add a driving range to the site.
G5	It is recommended a full feasibility study and options appraisal is undertaken into any golf facility which may be facing closure, to ascertain whether it is necessary to retain or replace this facility.



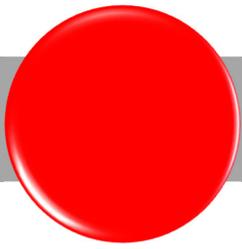
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G6	Charnwood Borough Council reviews the findings of the 2018 PPS in the context of the 2017 Open Space Assessment and considers the options for the future of the Shelthorpe Golf Course Site.
<b>BOWLS</b>	
B1	All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan.
B2	<p>Bowls facilities that are rated as “Poor” and therefore should be prioritised for improvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club</li><li>• Quorn Mills Park Bowling Club</li><li>• Sileby Bowls Club</li><li>• Elizabeth Park Sports Centre (Thurmaston Bowls Club)</li></ul>
B3	Continue to support the work of volunteers and, where appropriate, help members to have control over the management of their own facility. Charnwood Borough Council, Bowls England and Sport England should continue to support projects that will help the clubs attract more players and grow the game further in the borough.
B4	Bowls England should continue to work with the Thurmaston Bowls Club and Thurmaston Parish Council to support the club to improve its green-and-grow membership.
B5	<p>Bowls England should work with Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club and Charnwood Borough Council to identify if current maintenance work at Queens Park is adequate for producing a green of the appropriate quality and if not, what other maintenance procedures they should be following.</p> <p>It is further recommended that the issue of the water timing system raised by Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club be addressed to support an improved maintenance schedule.</p>



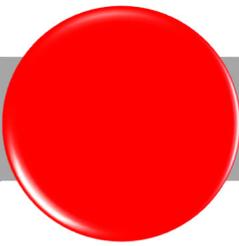
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B6	Bowls England and Charnwood Borough Council should look to prioritise investment in the provision of good quality, accessible DDA facilities (including the proposed addition at School Lane Fields).
B7	Bowls England should work with local clubs to ensure that adequate parking is available as close as possible to the greens and clubhouse to minimise walking distances for older people who may also be carrying relatively heavy bowling balls and equipment. In considering this, the Central Park facility should be a priority.
CYCLING	
CY1	All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan.
CY2	The provision of safe routes for off-road cycling meeting Sport England Active by Design guidelines are incorporated within new housing developments to facilitate increased opportunity for informal physical activity.
CY3	It is recommended that the Shepshed BMX track be maintained to a level that it is suitable for hosting a meeting of the upcoming cycle track league.
CY4	It is recommended that DDA-compliant WC facilities are added to the Shepshed site to help attract events and encourage greater use of the track.
CY5	It is recommended that British Cycling works with Barrow-upon-Soar Parish Council and Syston Town Council to improve the condition of their tracks and make them fit for use as beginner/learner tracks.
CY6	It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council open dialogue with British Cycling with regards to a potential outdoor velodrome (as raised during consultation for this study).
CY7	The development of a new BMX facility in the borough as part of the West of Loughborough SUE is progressed.



RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
<b>ATHLETICS</b>	
A1	All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan.
A2	The provision of safe routes for running/jogging meeting Sport England Active by Design guidelines are incorporated within new housing developments to facilitate increased opportunity for informal physical activity.
A3	In the short term, it is recommended that Charnwood Athletics Club, Loughborough University, British Athletics and any other key stakeholders should establish a Paula Radcliffe Stadium Users’ Group to be chaired by the university.
A3A	<b>Recommendation A3a:</b> Once established, it is recommended that this group should help to formulate an agreed timetable of use for the facility to ensure all voices are heard and pressures on track time are better understood by all parties.
A3B	<b>Recommendation A3b:</b> It is recommended that membership of the users’ group should also guarantee a minimum of 3 years’ security of use of the facility. This term should be written into the constitution of the group and agreed by all members. This security of tenure will allow users to commit to improved future planning and to seek alternative facilities to use should their demand outweigh the allocation given to them.
A4	Charnwood Athletics Club should explore the possibility of accessing Ratcliffe College’s track for some sessions.
<b>NETBALL</b>	
N1	All facilities identified in the analysis should be protected as “Sports Facilities” in the Local Plan.
N2	It is recommended that all courts at the following schools be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality: De Lisle College, Rawlins Academy, Roundhill Academy, The Cedars Academy, Woodbrook Vale High School, and Wreake Valley Academy. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.  It is recommended that England Netball ensure that all facilities are maintained to a minimum of standard quality.



RECOMMENDATION REFERENCE	RECOMMENDATION
N3	It is recommended that England Netball ensure that the facilities at the following sites are maintained to ensure the facilities remain at standard quality: Humphrey Perkins High School, Iveshead High School, Limehurst Academy, and The Martin School. Again, this pertains to ensuring the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces are of an appropriate level.
N4	It is recommended the England Netball continues to communicate with Charnwood Borough Council around the possibility of developing a multi-use hub site, for use alongside all other sports.
<b>SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSIONS</b>	
SUE1	For any site that will have grass football pitch provision, a full range of mobile goals and appropriate storage solutions should be provided by the contractor (if specified) or the operator at the time of delivery.
SUE2	Engage with existing and well-established or new community clubs using the SUE pitches to enhance management arrangements for new site and pitch development.
SUE3	The playing pitch development for each of the SUEs should be subject to further feasibility work for each of the SUEs, using the recommended pitch allocations provided in this section to carry out a detailed options appraisal. This options appraisal should refine the facility mix and allocation of pitch types on-site; operational management will be determined by the private landowners, as long as they comply with planning conditions and the Section 106 Agreement.
SUE4	Utilise the opportunity of the SUE development to invest in sites through a multi-sport hub delivery model, utilising a single high-quality ancillary facility and a variety of high-quality pitch/outdoor sport facilities that can be utilised by multiple sports and residents, enhancing the sustainability and throughput at the site (for each development).  Given the scale of the NE Leicester and West of Loughborough developments, these SUEs should be seen as a key opportunity for the delivery of multi-sport hubs, and the addressing of identified future playing pitch and outdoor sport needs, including AGPs. It is recommended that further feasibility and options appraisal work should be undertaken to identify the optimal facility mix to meet the needs of the local community (this should be undertaken alongside the work recommended in SUE3).



### **IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION PLAN**

- 15.10 To facilitate the development of sport and physical activity across Charnwood, it is recommended that the Steering Group, set up as part of the Playing Pitch Strategy project, continues to work together to deliver the recommendations defined as part of this strategy.
- 15.11 Through a detailed supply and demand analysis of the eleven sports included in the scope of the strategy, as well as stakeholder consultations across the study area, an action plan has been created, which will guide the steering group in their delivery of sports provision and facility decisions over the next ten years.
- 15.12 This section provides a detailed action plan, broken down by site with clear owners, timescales and expected resources. These are the priority actions/investments identified from the analysis of the eleven sports, current and future demand, and quantitative and qualitative analysis. This is shown in Table 15.2.
- 15.13 Table 15.2 identifies potential sources of funding. It should be noted that funding for the actions below could come from one, or a combination, of funding sources shown. This is not an exhaustive list and could be extended to other sources, depending on availability such as developer contributions and community grant schemes.
- 15.14 The Action Plan does not identify all those clubs that may be partners or provide resources in relation to its delivery. It is assumed that where clubs have a long-standing interest in a specific site that they will be a partner in delivering the actions and contribute financially or in-kind where appropriate.
- 15.15 The Action Plan identifies a role for particular organisations to assist with project development, but this does not necessarily imply a financial obligation to the project. Alternative resources that could be allocated to a project include time and expertise. Whilst Charnwood Borough Council has an interest in all those projects delivered within the local authority, support and contribution towards them will depend on policy and availability of resources.
- 15.16 Table 15.2 contains the full Action Plan for the Charnwood Borough Council PPS. The actions are split by site and referenced by sport to provide specific direction on how facilities should be improved and invested in. It should be noted that not all sites have actions allocated to them, as it is unrealistic to expect funding partners to contribute to improvements at all facilities across the borough.

### **NOTES ON ACTION PLAN**

**Sub-area:** Geographical areas within which each site is located

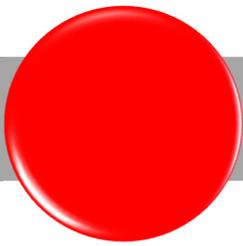
**Issue/opportunity:** The issue or opportunity that can be addressed

**Resources:** Key resource implications (time and funding); support, including possible funding, is referenced in relation to each individual National Governing Body (NGB) e.g. LTA/FA etc.

**Timescale:** Short: 0–2 yrs. Medium: 2–5 yrs. Long: 5–10 yrs, depending on the urgency of the action.

**Priority:** Low, Medium and High, depending on overall impact for sports participation, and what has been identified in the individual PPS and Non-PPS assessments, by sport

**Strategic Link(s):** This references the recommendations from Table 15.1 (above)



### **OVERALL COST:**

- All costs are estimated, based on 4global desktop research and consultation with industry experts. These are not based on firm pricing or quotes from reputable contractors, unless stated otherwise.
- All actions and investment from third parties will be subject to future agreement by the relevant funding partner. In most cases, the funding and investment agreement will require further assessment and detailed cost analysis.
- All maintenance costs represent the full cost for maintaining the pitches. They do not, therefore, reflect any maintenance that is currently being undertaken at the site and the existing costs incurred for these services. The cost for additional maintenance would be reflected in an increase to the current maintenance cost, as opposed to being the full price stated as part of this action plan.
- Where prices are stated for IOG pitch assessment, figures are based on two days @ £750 per day. If multiple sites are to be included within the same audit, there is an opportunity to assess four sites per day, with a minimal increase in the cost for writing up the assessments.
- In addition to the sources identified in the bibliography below, life cycle costings are also available at the following link: <https://www.sportengland.org/media/11748/facility-costs-2q17.pdf>

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

15.17 Table 15.1 refers to several organisations throughout. The organisation to which each abbreviation refers is detailed below:

**Charnwood Borough Council** – Charnwood Borough Council

**CC** – Cricket Club

**ECB** – England and Wales Cricket Board

**FA** – Football Association

**FC** – Football Club

**FF** – Football Foundation

**IOG** – Institute of Groundsmanship

**LCCC** – Leicestershire County Cricket Club

**LRFA** – Leicestershire Football Association

**PC** – Parish Council

**RFC** – Rugby Football Club

**TC** – Town Council

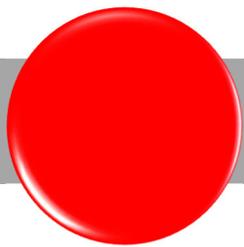
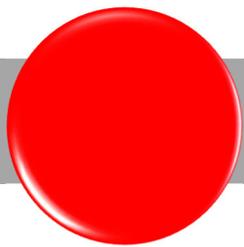
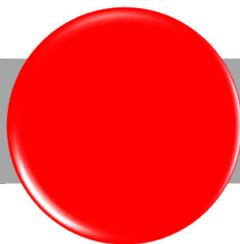


Table 15.2: Charnwood Action Plan

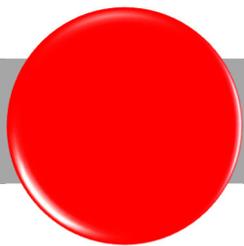
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CHARNWOOD FOREST	ANSTEY RECREATION GROUND	Enhance	Quality of AGP surface is poor	Resurface AGP	FF, LRFA, LTA, Anstey Parish Council	£70,000	Med	Med	T5
CHARNWOOD FOREST	ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	Provide	Lack of toilets	Provide DDA-compliant WC facilities on site	RFU, Anstey RFC, Anstey Parish Council,	£10,000	Med	Med	RU4
CHARNWOOD FOREST	CROPSTON CRICKET CLUB	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary	Refurbish ancillary	ECB, LCCC and Cropston CC	£20,000	Short	Med	C7
		Enhance	Poor-quality built net facility	Refurbish built net facility	ECB, LCCC and Cropston CC	£10,000	Short	Med	C4
		Provide	Growing junior section	Provide a NTP wicket for junior practice and match play	ECB, LCCC and Cropston CC	£20,000	Med	Med	C3
CHARNWOOD FOREST	KING GEORGE'S FIELD	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Full refurbishment of ancillary facilities	FF, LRFA, ECB, Woodhouse PC, Woodhouse Imperial FC	£12,000	Med	Med	F6
CHARNWOOD FOREST		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA, Woodhouse PC and Woodhouse Imperial FC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
CHARNWOOD FOREST	NEWTOWN LINFORD CRICKET CLUB	Provide	Pitches are near capacity	Install an NTP on the site to be used for junior matches and training sessions.	ECB, LCCC and Newtown Linford CC	£20,000	Short	High	C3



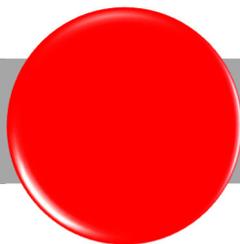
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CHARNWOOD FOREST	THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	Enhance	Poor-quality pitches due to poor maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve pitch quality	FF, LRFA, Anstey FC, The Martin High School	£6,000	Med	High	F5
LOUGHBOROUGH	CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 11 v 11 football	FF, LRFA and Charnwood College	£1,500	Short	Med	F3
LOUGHBOROUGH	DE LISLE COLLEGE	Enhance	Poor-quality NTP	Refurbish NTP	ECB, LCCC and De Lisle College	£5,000	Short	Low	C3
LOUGHBOROUGH	DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Provide	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Replace ancillary facilities with FF specification compliant changing facilities	FF, LRFA, Charnwood Borough Council	£630,000	Med	High	F6
		Provide	Inadequate practice facilities	Build a 2-lane net facility	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£30,000	Med	Med	C4
		Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary	Refurbish ancillary	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£20,000	Med	Med	C7
		Enhance	Undulating outfield	Additional maintenance to address undulation	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£10,000	Med	Med	C5
LOUGHBOROUGH	LODGE FARM SPORTS GROUND	Enhance	Damage to ancillary facilities from antisocial behaviour	Improve ancillary security and refurbish damaged elements of the facility	Charnwood Borough Council, FF and LRFA	£15,000	Short	Med	F6



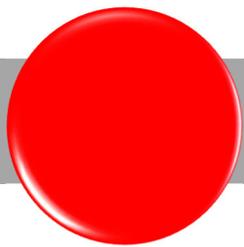
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LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON CRICKET CLUB	Enhance	Poor quality NTP and practice nets	Refurbish NTP and practice nets	ECB, LCCC and Loughborough Carillion Cricket Club	£15,000	Short	High	C3
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH CHARNWOOD OLD BOYS CC	Enhance	Poor drainage on outfield	Increase maintenance on outfield to improve drainage	ECB, LCCC, and Loughborough Charnwood Old Boys CC	£5,000	Short	Med	C5
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO FC	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish internal elements of ancillary facility	FF, LRFA, Loughborough Dynamo FC and Charnwood Borough Council	£10,000	Med	Med	F6
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Provide	Pitches over capacity	Install an NTP on the site to be used for junior matches and training sessions.	ECB, LCCC, Loughborough Greenfields Sports and Social Club	£20,000	Short	High	C3
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH QUEENS PARK BOWLS CLUB	Enhance	Poor quality of green due to current water management system	Amend existing water management system	Charnwood Borough Council, Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club, Bowls England, Leicestershire Bowls	£10,000	Short	High	B2, B5
LOUGHBOROUGH	LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Enhance	Lack of carrying capacity on site	Improve the maintenance level of the pitches across 3 pitches and install artificial drainage (pipe drainage) on one of the pitches	RFU, Loughborough RFC, Charnwood Borough Council	£130,000	Short	High	RU2
		Enhance	Inadequate clubhouse for the club's needs	Support the club in upgrading their clubhouse facility	Loughborough RFC, RFU, Charnwood Borough Council	£200,000	Med	Med	RU4
		Enhance	Inadequate floodlighting	Support the club in upgrading their floodlit capacity by installing standard recognised floodlighting on two pitches	Loughborough RFC, RFU, Charnwood Borough Council	£100,000	Short	High	RU5



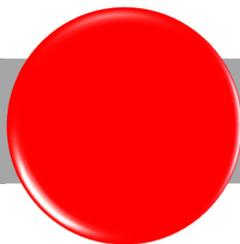
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LOUGHBOROUGH	NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	Enhance	Significant additional demand is about to be placed on site	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	Charnwood Borough Council, IDverde, associated Clubs, FF and LFC	£6,000	Short	High	F5
		Provide	1 lane of practice nets servicing 2 cricket pitches	Build a 2-lane net facility	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£30,000	Med	High	C4
		Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish interior and exterior of main facility used for football	Charnwood Borough Council, FF, LRFA and associated Clubs	£10,000	Med	High	F6
		Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish ancillary facilities	ECB, LCCC and Charnwood Borough Council	£50,000	Med	Med	C7
LOUGHBOROUGH	PARK ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Provide	Lack of community tennis facilities	Install 6 floodlit all-weather tennis courts	LTA and Charnwood Borough Council	£455,000	Short	High	T3
		Enhance	Antisocial behaviour on site	Increase security of the site	Charnwood Borough Council, Loughborough Town CC, ECB and LCCC	£10,000	Short	Med	C6
LOUGHBOROUGH	SHELTHORPE GOLF COURSE	Enhance	Facility is financially unsustainable in its current form	Undertake an options appraisal on the facility	Charnwood Borough Council, England Golf	£20,000	Short	Med	G5, G6



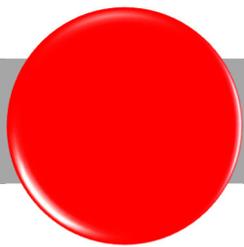
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LOUGHBOROUGH	WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Enhance	Poor-quality goal posts	Replace Goal Posts	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and Woodbrook Vale High School	£1,000	Short	Med	F3
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and Woodbrook Vale High School	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	Provide	Lack of capacity on site	Add 1 x senior pitch to the site (through conversion of existing 11 v 11 football pitch) and invest in improved floodlighting.	RFU, Sileby Vikings, Platts Charity and Cossington PC	£115,000	Short	High	RU2
		Enhance	Poor ancillary	Refurbish ancillary	ECB, LCCC and Queniborough CC	£35,000	Short	Med	C7
		Enhance	Poor-quality pitch	Increase maintenance on site to meet requirements of the club	ECB, LCCC and Queniborough CC	£10,000	Short	Med	C5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	REARSBY ROAD	Enhance	Unevenness of pitches	Agronomist inspection of pitches to determine cause of undulation and appropriate action	FF, LRFA, Queniborough PC and associated football Clubs	£750	Med	Med	F5



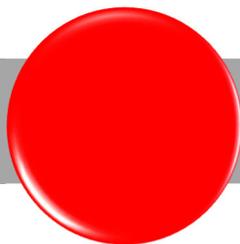
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RURAL SOUTH EAST	SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Enhance	Lack of female changing in clubhouse	Extend clubhouse to add ensuite female changing provision	Syston RFC, RFU	£200,000	Med	High	RU4
		Enhance	Lack of capacity on site	Install artificial drainage (pipe drainage) onto a minimum of 1 of the senior pitches on site	Syston RFC, RFU	£115,000	Short	Med	RU2
		Enhance	Poor-quality NTP	Refurbish NTP	ECB, LCCC, Queniborough CC,	£5,000	Short	Med	C3
		Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary	Refurbish the internal and external of the ancillary facility	ECB, LCCC, Queniborough CC,	£20,000	Med	Med	C7
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Enhance	Poor drainage caused by lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance to improve drainage	RFU, Iveshead School, Shepshead RFC	£7,500	Short	Med	RU2
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA and Iveshead School	£6,000	Short	Med	F5
		Enhance	Quality of AGP surface is poor	Resurface AGP	FF, LRFA and Iveshead School	£80,000	Short	Low	F9
		Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 9 v 9 football	FF, LRFA, AFC Sporting Charnwood, Iveshead School	£2,800	Short	Med	F3



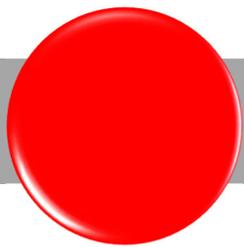
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SHEPSHED-HATHERN	LITTLE HAW LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Enhance	Unevenness of pitches	Agronomist inspection of pitches to determine cause of undulation and appropriate action	FF, LRFA, Shepshed TC and associated football Clubs	£750	Short	Med	F5
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	MORLEY LANE CRICKET GROUND	Provide	Rotting wooden Club house	Replace clubhouse	ECB, LCCC and Shepshed CC	£240,000	Med	High	C7
		Enhance	Poor quality of maintenance equipment	Support club in acquiring new maintenance equipment	ECB, LCCC, Shepshed CC	£5,000	Short	Med	C5
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Enhance	Poor quality of maintenance equipment	Support club in acquiring new maintenance equipment	ECB, LCCC, Hathern Old CC and Hathern PC	£5,000	Short	Med	C5
SHEPSHED-HATHERN		Provide	Dog-fouling on pitch	Provide additional signage and bins to discourage dog fouling on site	Hathern PC	£2,000	Short	Med	C5, C6
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS (SITE 2)	Provide	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Provide a 2-team changing room plus officials' ancillary facility on site	FF, LRFA, Hathern PC, and Hathern FC	£240,000	Short	Med	F6
		Provide	Rotting wooden club house	Replace clubhouse	ECB, LCCC and Shepshed CC	£240,000	Med	High	C7
		Enhance	Poor quality of maintenance equipment	Support club in acquiring new maintenance equipment	ECB, LCCC, Shepshed CC	£5,000	Short	Med	C5



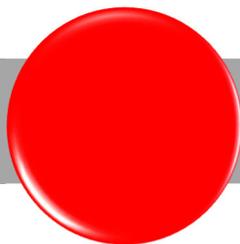
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		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA, Hathern FC Hathern PC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
		Enhance	Poor-quality equipment storage and scoreboard	Extend the pavilion and replace maintenance sheds and scoreboard	ECB, LCCC, Shepshed CC	£100,000	Long	Low	C7
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	PUDDING BAG LANE	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities and equipment	Develop a pavilion; replace nets and practice nets; install NTW	ECB, LCCC, Shepshed CC	£250,000	Med	Med	C7
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	THE DOVECOTE STADIUM	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish exterior ancillary facility	FF, LRFA, Shepshed FC	£100,000	Med	High	F6
SOAR VALLEY	CAVES FIELD	Enhance	Poor quality ancillary	Refurbish ancillary	ECB, LCCC and Quorn CC	£20,000	Short	Med	C7
		Provide	Growing junior section	Provide a NTP wicket for junior practice and match play	ECB, LCCC and Quorn CC	£20,000	Med	Med	C3
SOAR VALLEY	ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	Enhance	Floodlights are not compliant with league specifications	Upgrade/replace floodlights to FA Entry Level Match Competition Specifications	FF, LRFA, Thurmaston FC and Thurmaston PC	£50,000	Med	Med	F2



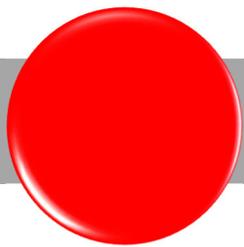
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SOAR VALLEY	FOWKES ST PARK	Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 9 v 9 football	FF, LRFA, Rothley FC and Thurmaston PC	£1,300	Short	Med	F3
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA, Rothley Imps Juniors and Rothley PC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
SOAR VALLEY	JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS	Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 football	FF, LRFA, East Goscote Juniors, FC, East Goscote United FC, East Goscote PC	£2,800	Short	Med	F3
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage and increase capacity	FF, LRFA, East Goscote Juniors, FC, East Goscote United FC, East Goscote PC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
SOAR VALLEY	MEADOW LANE (SITE 1)	Provide	Additional Youth 11 v 11 pitch required	Install new Youth 11 v 11 Pitch	FF, LRFA, Birstall United Juniors	£70,000	Short	High	F2
SOAR VALLEY	MEADOW LANE (SITE 2)	Provide	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Replace ancillary facilities with FF specification-compliant changing facilities	FF, LRFA and Birstall Juniors FC	£240,000	Short	High	F6
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA and Birstall Juniors FC	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
SOAR VALLEY	MEADOW LANE (SITE 3)	Enhance	Poor-quality ancillary facilities	Refurbish external of the ancillary facility	FF, LRFA and Birstall Juniors FC	£10,000	Med	Med	F6



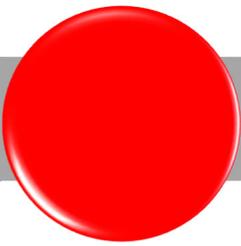
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SOAR VALLEY	MEMORIAL PARK	Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help improve drainage	FF, LRFA, Sileby PC and associated Clubs	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
		Provide	Dog-fouling	Provide additional signage and bins	Sileby PC	£2,000	Short	High	F5, F6
		Enhance	Inadequate changing facilities	Refurbish and extend ancillary facilities to make them FF specification compliant	FF, LRFA, Sileby PC and Sileby Juniors and Sileby Victoria Football Clubs	£200,000	Med	High	F6
SOAR VALLEY	MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND	Provide	Site is over capacity	Install new Youth 11 v 11 Pitch	FF, LRFA, The War Memorial Trust	£70,000	Short	Med	F2
		Provide	Dog-fouling on pitch	Provide additional signage and bins to discourage dog fouling on side	Charnwood Borough Council and Mountsorrel PC	£2,000	Short	Med	F5, F6
		Enhance	Site is over capacity	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	FF, LRFA, The War Memorial Trust	£6,000	Short	Low	F2
SOAR VALLEY	RAWLINS ACADEMY	Enhance	Lack of capacity on 11 v 11 pitches	Increase maintenance on 11 v 11 pitches to help increase capacity	Rawlins Academy and associated Clubs, FF and LRFA	£6,000	Short	Med	F2
		Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 11 v 11 football	FF, LRFA and Rawlins Academy	£1,300	Short	Med	F3



SUB-AREA	SITE	ACTION TYPE	ISSUE / OPPORTUNITY	KEY ACTION(S)	PARTNERS	ESTIMATED COST	TIMESCALE	PRIORITY	STRATEGIC LINK(S) FROM SPORT BY SPORT ACTION PLAN TABLE 15.1
SOAR VALLEY	ROTHLEY PARK CRICKET CLUB	Enhance	Poor-quality NTP	Refurbish NTP	ECB, LCCC and Rothley Park CC	£5,000	Short	Med	C3
SOAR VALLEY	ROTHLEY SPORT AND SOCIAL CLUB	Provide	Incorrect size goals	Provide mobile goals suitable for Youth 11 v 11 football	FF, LRFA, Rothley Sports and Social Club, Rothley Imps FC, Rothley PC a	£1,300	Short	Med	F3
		Enhance	Inadequate ancillary facilities	Refurbish and extend ancillary facilities to make them FF specification compliant	FF, LRFA, Rothley Sports and Social Club, Rothley Imps FC, Rothley PC	£200,000	Med	Med	F6
SOAR VALLEY	SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Provide	Lack of DDA-compliant facilities on-site	Add DDA-compliant facilities to the site	Birstall Men's Bowls Club, Birstall Ladies Club, Birstall PC, Bowls England	£10,000	Short	High	B6
		Provide	Lack of fixed practice nets	Install a two-lane NTP facility	ECB, LCCC, Birstall Village CC, Birstall PC	£30,000	Med	High	C4
		Enhance	Pavilion is too small for the club's needs	Extend the pavilion to the east of the site (as per the club's plans)	ECB, LCCC, Birstall Village CC, Birstall PC	£20,000	Med	Med	C7
SOAR VALLEY	SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB	Provide	Only the site's second pitch does not meet LCCP regulations	Add a new ECB and LCCP compliant ancillary facility to the second pitch	ECB, LCCC and Sileby Town CC	£240,000	Med	Med	C7
SOAR VALLEY	SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Enhance	Poor-quality playing surface	Resurface AGP as a sand dressed surface	England Hockey, Charnwood Borough Council, Charnwood Sileby HC and Charnwood Mountsorrel HC	£500,000	Short	High	H2, H3



SUB-AREA	SITE	ACTION TYPE	ISSUE / OPPORTUNITY	KEY ACTION(S)	PARTNERS	ESTIMATED COST	TIMESCALE	PRIORITY	STRATEGIC LINK(S) FROM SPORT BY SPORT ACTION PLAN TABLE 15.1
SOAR VALLEY	THURMASTON BOWLS CLUB	Enhance	Poor-quality playing surface	Enhance maintenance on green	Thurmaston Bowls Club, Bowls England, Thurmaston PC	£6,000	Short	High	B3
SOAR VALLEY	WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and Wreake Valley Academy	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
THE WOLDS	TOWLES FIELD	Enhance	Poor-quality goal posts	Replace goal posts	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and The Towles Field Playing Field Association	£1,000	Short	Med	F3
		Enhance	Poor drainage due to lack of maintenance	Increase maintenance on site to help increase capacity	FF, LRFA, associated Clubs and The Towles Field Playing Field Association	£6,000	Med	Med	F5
THE WOLDS	WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS CRICKET CLUB	Enhance	Poor quality of maintenance equipment	Support club in acquiring new maintenance equipment	ECB, LCCC, Walton on the Wolds Cricket Club	£5,000	Short	Med	C5



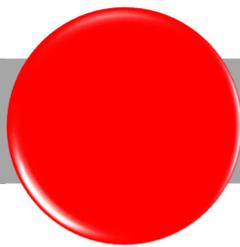
## 16 DELIVERING THE PPS – MEETING FUTURE DEMAND

### INTRODUCTION

- 16.1 One of the central purposes and challenges of a PPS document is to provide Charnwood Borough Council with the evidence and information to address the need for sports provision that may arise from any new housing provision.
- 16.2 New housing developments attract new residents to an area. Along with all other services, this new population will increase local and borough-wide demand for sports provision, including grass and artificial pitches, and other outdoor sports facilities. Given the level of existing provision in the borough, and the identified future needs for facilities, there is clear opportunity to both develop new multi-sport hubs (e.g. in the SUEs), and to enhance existing sites where there is more than one pitch/already multi-sport use to further grow such use and optimise use of the site.
- 16.3 Typically, as part of a negotiation with a developer, a “contribution” is required to help towards the cost of meeting the new demand generated by the residents of the housing development. Therefore, as part of any PPS, there is a need to provide Charnwood Borough Council with an objectively determined position for negotiating developer contributions based on robust evidence.
- 16.4 The information provided in this section is intended to give Charnwood Borough Council the information and tools required to determine this starting point, along with a recommendation as to how to prioritise investments required to meet future demand.

### THE PLAYING PITCH CALCULATOR

- 16.5 To assist the local authority in their implementation of the PPS, Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC) has been utilised to provide the calculation of capital and lifecycle costs and support the development of new sports provision. More information on the model can be viewed in Appendix B: New Playing Pitch Development Calculator.
- 16.6 The PPC uses data from the PPS, including population, Team Generation Rates, match play in peak period and projected change in demand. Charnwood Borough’s current population is added along with the projected population, which incorporates population growth as a result of new residential developments. This calculation generates an estimated cost of meeting new demand generated by the population increase.
- 16.7 It should be noted that these costs are estimates, calculated on the basis that all new demand is met by new facilities. In many circumstances it will be possible, appropriate and/or preferable for users to increase capacity or quality of existing sites to meet new demand. Alternatively, existing pitches that are unavailable could be made securely available for community use to meet new demand. The figures below therefore represent a starting figure for Charnwood Borough Council to consider in conjunction with the sport-specific analysis above when negotiating Section 106 monies in the future.
- 16.8 Figure 16.1 below shows the cost of meeting the demand for sports facilities generated by a hypothetical housing development.



**Table 16.1: Sport England’s PPC**

	ADULT FOOTBALL	YOUTH FOOTBALL	MINI SOCCER	RUGBY UNION	RUGBY LEAGUE	HOCKEY	CRICKET	TOTAL
PITCHES REQUIRED	0.22	0.24	0.12	0.09	0.01	0.02	0.21	0.91
CAPITAL COST	£17,395.44	£15,558.32	£2,273.52	£9,878.36	£530.54	£13,705.52	£51,895.38	£111,237.08
LIFE CYCLE COST (YEARLY)	£4,033.45	£3,590.38	£524.66	£2,323.04	£128.85	£466.89	£11,519.63	£22,586.90
TOTAL (10-YEAR PROJECTION)	£57,729.93	£51,462.14	£7,520.09	£33,108.8	£1,818.99	£18,374.43	£167,091.72	£337,106.10

**N.B. Table 16.1 refers to potential developer contributions toward meeting additional demand for sporting provision for a development of 1,000 residents.**

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16.9 The table above utilises the TGR for each of the pitch types to determine how much new demand is likely to be generated from 1,000 additional residents in Charnwood. This assumes that the age, gender and sporting demand profile of the new population will remain consistent with the existing population.

**APPLYING THE PPC**

16.10 This section provides Charnwood Borough Council with guidance on how to go about using the information from the PPC to identify projects that should be funded using developer contributions.

16.11 The PPC uses current TGR figures to estimate how much additional demand is likely to be generated by new developments. However, it may be the case that there is enough spare capacity within the existing supply to meet the additional demand generated by the new housing development. Where this is the case Charnwood Borough Council should look to use the developer contributions to enhance existing provision.

16.12 In accordance with the requirements of any Section 106 agreement, Charnwood Borough Council may not request an overall total figure from the developer. Instead, Charnwood Borough Council must present a list of costed projects for which the contribution will be used (either for the whole cost or a portion of the costs). A costed list of actions is provided in the Action Plan to this report to enable Charnwood Borough Council to select its priorities under Section 106, as such agreements must be both linked and necessary).

16.13 To aid Charnwood Borough Council in this decision-making process, Figure 16.1 describes a possible process which Charnwood Borough Council can use to determine which projects they may wish to submit as part of the negotiations for Section 106 money.

16.14 It should be noted that the decision-making process described in Figure 16.1 should be undertaken in conjunction with the NGBs for each sport. The amount of money distributed across each of the sports is unlikely to be exactly proportional to the amount required to meet newly generated demand for each sport. Therefore, Charnwood Borough Council should engage NGBs and other key stakeholders to determine how the developer contributions should be allocated to different projects.

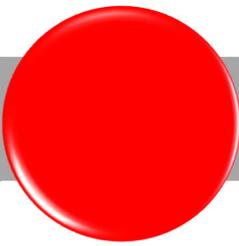
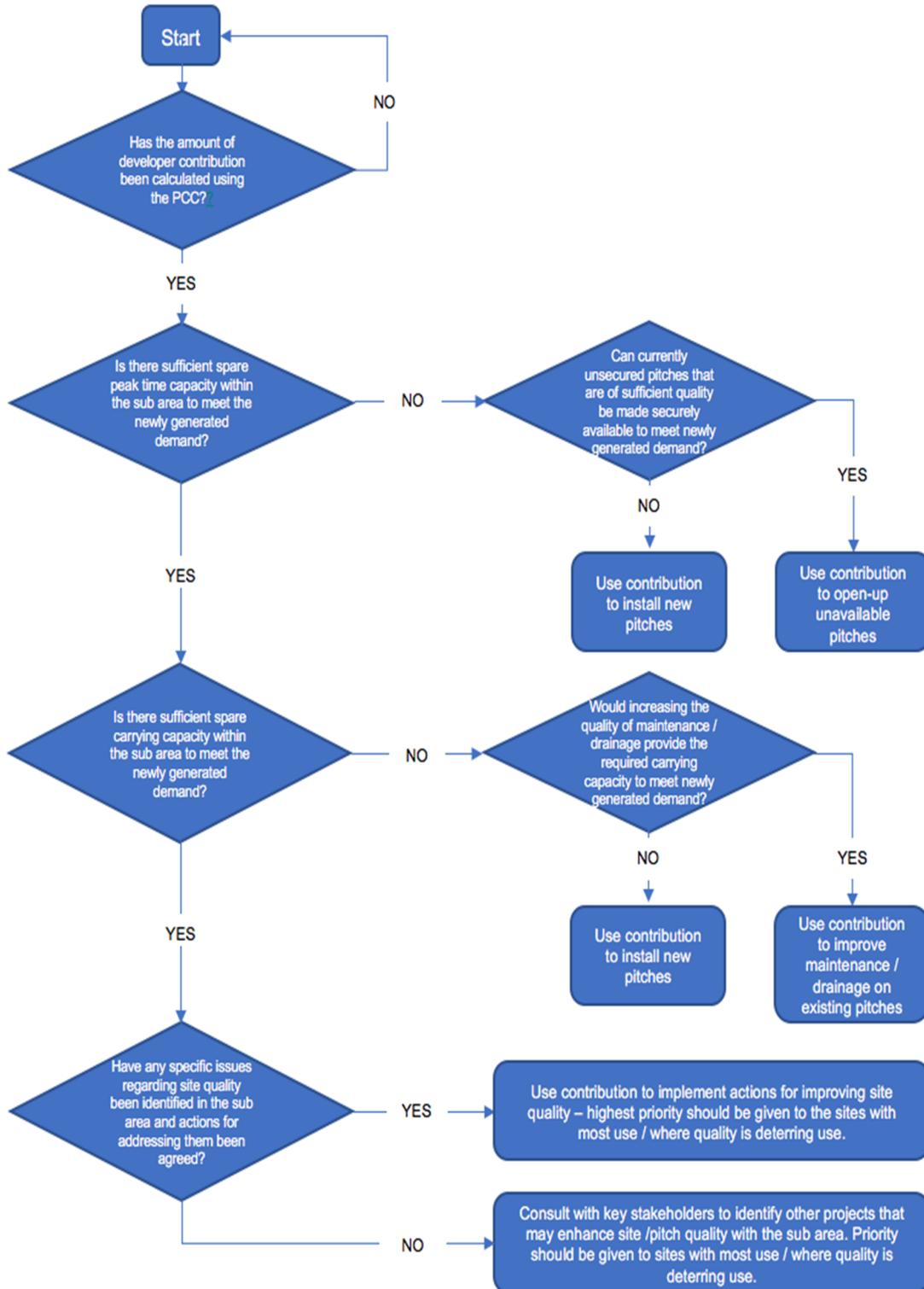


Figure 16.1: Decision-making process on developer contribution project prioritisation



16.15 Figure 16.1 requires information from the playing pitch strategy to determine how projects for each sport should be prioritised. Specifically, Charnwood Borough Council will need to know the level of spare peak-time capacity within the pitch stock and the level of spare carrying capacity.

16.16 This information has been provided throughout the previous sections of this report. For ease of reference, these figures are re-provided in Table 16.3.

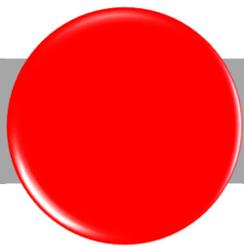
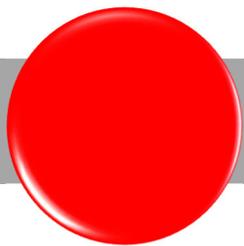


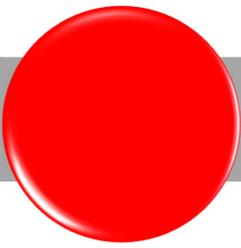
Table 16.2: Carrying and peak-time capacity balances by sub-area and pitch type

SPORT	FOOTBALL (GRASS ONLY)									
PITCH TYPE	ADULT 11 v 11		YOUTH 11 v 11		YOUTH 9 v 9		MINI 7 v 7		MINI 5 v 5	
CAPACITY BALANCE	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS
CHARNWOOD FOREST	2	4	-1	8	0.5	8.5	6.5	21.5	-0.5	36.5
LOUGHBOROUGH	20	0	-7.5	1.5	-1	0.5	1.5	20.5	-0.5	34.5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	4	0	-1.5	0.5	-1.5	0	3.5	4.5	0	7
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	5.5	0	-2	0	-0.5	0	-0.5	13.5	0	27
SOAR VALLEY	30	0	1.5	16.5	14	13.5	45.5	66.5	-4	110
THE WOLDS	1.5	0.5	-0.5	1.5	0	1.5	0	4	0	6
CHARNWOOD	<b>63</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>221</b>

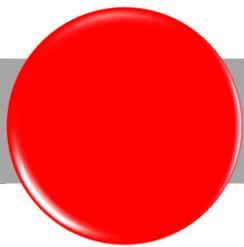
SPORT	CRICKET (GRASS ONLY)			RUGBY UNION		
PITCH TYPE	OVERALL	SNR	JNR	OVERALL	SNR	JNR/ LADIES
CAPACITY BALANCE	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS
CHARNWOOD FOREST	-10	0	14	0.75	0.5	1
LOUGHBOROUGH	114	8	6	-10	0.5	0
RURAL SOUTH EAST	-165	0	0	-1.5	0	0.5
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	-2	1	2	-4	0.5	1
SOAR VALLEY	124	5	17	0.75	3	1.5
THE WOLDS	34	1	4	0	0	0
CHARNWOOD	<b>95</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4</b>



SPORT	HOCKEY			RUGBY LEAGUE		
PITCH TYPE	MID-WEEK	SAT	SUN	OVERALL	SNR	JNR
CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	CARRYING CAPACITY BALANCE	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS	SPARE PEAK TIME SLOTS
CHARNWOOD FOREST	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOUGHBOROUGH	10.5	-2	5	0	0.5	0.5
RURAL SOUTH EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHEPSHED-HATHERN	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOAR VALLEY	18	7	8	0	0	0
THE WOLDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHARNWOOD	28.5	5	13	0	0.5	0.5



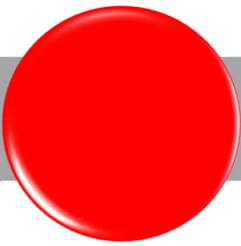
- 16.17 It should be noted that only facilities securely available to the community have been included in these balance figures. This is especially important for hockey, as the vast majority of Loughborough Town Hockey Club's demand is reliant on use of unsecured pitches.
- 16.18 It should also be noted that most sub-areas do not have any secured hockey or rugby league provision and therefore show as 0 for the capacity balance in yellow rather than red in the spare peak time slots columns. Only the Loughborough and Soar Valley sub-areas have hockey pitches secured for community use, and the Loughborough sub-area has the only rugby league provision in Charnwood.
- 16.19 The decision-making process in Figure 16.1 also discusses the need for Charnwood Borough Council to consider the quality and adequacy of pitch maintenance. Although this detail is not provided in the PPS document itself, Charnwood Borough Council can access this information on 4global's playing pitch platform, where all site assessment data is stored for future reference. This can be accessed at: [www.playingpitch.com](http://www.playingpitch.com) using Charnwood Borough Council's login details.



## APPENDIX A: TEAM GENERATION RATE (TGR) CALCULATIONS

SPORT AND AGE GROUPS	NUMBER OF TEAMS IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA	CURRENT POPULATION IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA	FUTURE POPULATION IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA	CURRENT TGR	POPN CHANGE IN AGE GROUP	POTENTIAL CHANGE IN TEAM NUMBERS IN AGE GROUP
FOOTBALL ADULT MEN 11 v 11 (16–45YRS)	76	38,520	43,260	506.8	4,740	+9
FOOTBALL ADULT WOMEN 11 v 11 (16–45YRS)	5	35,560	39,240	71,12.0	3,680	+1
FOOTBALL YOUTH BOYS 11 v 11 (12–15YRS)	43	4,260	5,120	99.1	860	+9
FOOTBALL YOUTH GIRLS 11 v 11 (12–15YRS)	7	3,780	4,680	540.0	900	+2
FOOTBALL YOUTH BOYS 9 v 9 (10–11YRS)	33	1,920	2,320	58.2	400	+7
FOOTBALL YOUTH GIRLS 9 v 9 (10–11YRS)	5	1,760	2,200	352.0	440	+1
FOOTBALL MINI SOCCER MIXED 7 v 7 (8–9YRS)	35	4,000	4,360	114.3	360	+3
FOOTBALL MINI SOCCER MIXED 5 v 5 (6–YRS)	10	2,000	2,180	200.0	180	+1
CRICKET OPEN AGE MEN'S (18–55YRS)	86	47,640	59,540	554.0	11,900	+21
CRICKET OPEN AGE WOMEN'S (18–55YRS)	2	45,300	55,520	22,650.0	10,220	0
CRICKET JUNIOR BOYS (7–18YRS)	63	12,000	14,080	190.5	2,080	+11
RUGBY UNION SENIOR MEN (19–45YRS)	13	34,380	38,340	2,644.6	3,960	+1
RUGBY UNION SENIOR WOMEN (19–45YRS)	2	32,140	35,100	16,070.0	2,960	0
RUGBY UNION YOUTH BOYS (13–18YRS)	14	7,440	8,880	531.4	1,440	+3
RUGBY UNION YOUTH GIRLS (13–18YRS)	2	6,320	7,720	3,160.0	1,400	0
RUGBY UNION MINI/MIDI MIXED (7–12YRS)	12	11,520	13,320	960.0	1,800	+2
RUGBY LEAGUE ADULT MEN (19–45YRS)	1	34,380	38,340	34,380.0	3,960	0
RUGBY LEAGUE YOUTH & JUNIOR BOYS (12–18YRS)	1	8,400	10,040	8,400.0	1,640	0
SENIOR MEN (16–55YRS)	14	50,400	55,580	3,600.0	5,180	+1
SENIOR WOMEN (16–55YRS)	11	47,580	51,940	4,325.5	4,360	+1
JUNIOR BOYS (11–15YRS)	1.5	5,220	6,280	3,480.0	1,060	0
JUNIOR GIRLS (11–15YRS)	1.5	4,660	5,780	3,106.7	1,120	0

N.B. A 0 signifies that the population growth does not generate additional demand sufficient to create another team(s)



## APPENDIX B: PLAYING PITCH NEW DEVELOPMENT CALCULATOR (PPC) CALCULATIONS

### PART ONE: Local authority and population details

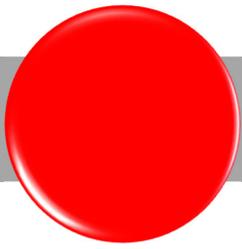
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| 1. Select the local authority from the list.                           | Charnwood |
| 2. Enter the total population of the local authority.                  | 180,100   |
| 3. Enter the new population to estimate the demand for playing pitches | 32,000    |

### PART TWO: Estimated demand in match equivalent sessions a week (a season for cricket)

Adult football	7.20
Youth football	7.82
Mini soccer	4.00
Rugby Union	0.33
Rugby League	0.15
Hockey	2.49
Cricket	245.91

### PART THREE: Determine the most appropriate way to meet the estimated demand

- 1.15 Look at the location of the new population alongside the results of the playing pitch strategy assessment work.
- 1.16 Understand the nature of playing pitch sites within an appropriate catchment of the new population and issues in the area.
- 1.17 This may lead to suggestions of one or more ways of meeting the estimated demand, such as:
  - a. Enhancing existing pitches to increase their capacity and ensure adequate maintenance to maintain the higher use
  - b. Securing greater community access to sites and undertaking any necessary works to allow for such use to occur
  - c. Providing new playing pitches on new sites (natural or artificial grass pitches).
- 1.18 When deciding on the most appropriate way of meeting the estimated demand regard should be had to the government's regulations, policy and guidance regarding S106 and the use of planning obligations.



**PART FOUR: Estimated demand in new playing pitches**

It may be decided that the estimated demand should be met by the creation of new natural and/or artificial grass pitches. If this is the case, then an indication of the number of new pitches that may be required to meet the estimated demand is provided below. This is based on providing natural grass pitches for football, rugby and cricket and new artificial grass pitches for hockey.

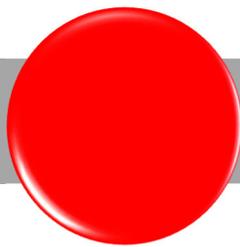
An estimate of the associated costs for providing this level of new pitches is also provided. Please note that these are indicative costs only and appropriate local work should be undertaken to determine more accurate costings.

<b>Total</b>	<b>25.62</b>	<b>pitches at a capital cost of</b>	<b>£2,968,250</b>	<b>and a total life cycle cost (per annum) of</b>	<b>£587,754</b>
Adult Football	7.20	pitches at a capital cost of	£556,611	and a total life cycle cost (per annum) of	£129,060
Youth Football	7.82	pitches at a capital cost of	£497,999	and a total life cycle cost (per annum) of	£114,923
Mini Soccer	4.00	pitches at a capital cost of	£72,760	and a total life cycle cost (per annum) of	£16,791
Rugby Union	0.33	pitches at a capital cost of	£34,260	and a total life cycle cost (per annum) of	£8,057
Rugby League	0.15	pitches at a capital cost of	£14,714	and a total life cycle cost (per annum) of	£3,573
Hockey	0.62	pitches at a capital cost of	£438,579	and a total life cycle cost (per annum) of	£14,941
Cricket	5.51	pitches at a capital cost of	£1,353,328	and a total life cycle cost (per annum) of	£300,409

**Source of capital costs:**

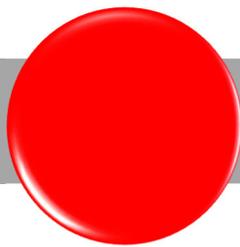
[Capital Cost – Sport England Facilities Costs Second Quarter 2016](#)

[Lifecycle Costs – Sport England Life Cycle Costs Natural Turf Pitches and Artificial Surfaces April 2012](#)

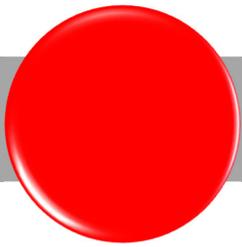


## APPENDIX C: CHARNWOOD FOOTBALL FACILITIES SITE-BY-SITE ANALYSIS

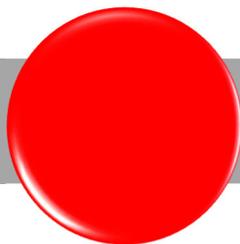
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3M HEALTHCARE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Loughborough – Loughborough Road, Loughborough, LE12 8UE	1 x Youth 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	1.0 - Youth 11 v 11	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by FC Cione and Quorn Juniors FC. E: No enhancement has been identified for this site PV: No further provision has been identified for this site
ANSTEY NOMADS FC	Charnwood Forest – Cropston Road, Anstey, LE7 7BP	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Good	2.0 – Adult 11 v 11 <b>(The site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 Football)</b>	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Anstey Nomads FC and The Sports Bar Anstey Swifts. E: No enhancement has been identified for this site PV: No further provision has been identified for this site
ANSTEY RECREATION GROUND	Charnwood Forest – Station Road, Anstey, LE7 7ER	1 x Youth 9 v 9 2 x Mini 7 v 7 1 x Sand Based AGP (small-sided)	Available – Secured	Standard (AGP is Poor)	<b>6.0 – Overall</b> 1.5 – Youth 9 v 9 6.0 – Mini 7 v 7 -1.5 – Mini 5 v 5	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Anstey Swifts FC for age groups U7–U11. E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and Anstey PC to identify increased maintenance on the site – especially on refurbishing goalmouths at the end of the season. It is recommended the FF and the LRFA support the club and Anstey PC to identify sources of funding for this increased work.



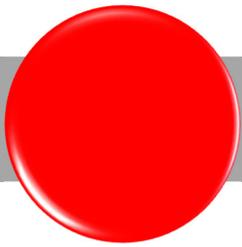
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						<p>It is recommended the AGP be re-surfaced. It is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with Anstey PC to identify sources for helping to fund this work.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA ensure the club has access to appropriately sized, removable Mini 5 v 5 goals to ensure that FA guidelines are being adhered to, even when over-marked pitches are being used.</p>
BEACON ACADEMY	Loughborough - Wood Thorpe Road, Loughborough, LE11 2NF	1 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Unsecured	Standard	<p><b>5.5 – Overall</b></p> <p>1.5 – Adult 11 v 11 4.0 – Mini 7 v 7</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn FC U15s.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the pitch be re-sized as a Youth 11 v 11 pitch to be more suitable for its current educational and community use.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	The Wolds - Burton Lane, Wymeswold, Loughborough, LE12 6UN	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Poor	<p>0.5 – Adult 11 v 11</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by FC Wymeswold for adult football.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club and Wymeswold PC to address the poor drainage on the site by enhancing the level of maintenance. It is recommended the site be inspected by an IOG accredited inspector to identify the precise maintenance procedures required to improve drainage.</p>



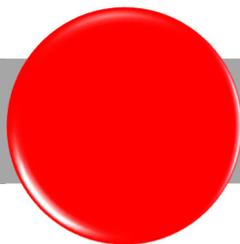
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						<p>It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club, Charnwood Borough Council and Wymeswold PC to identify possible funding sources for this enhanced maintenance.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Loughborough – Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ	5 x Adult 11 v 11 4 x Youth 9 v 9 4 x Mini 7 v 7 1 x 3G AGP (full-size)	Available – Unsecured (3G is secured)	Good	<p><b>45 – Overall</b></p> <p>14.5 – Adult 11 v 11 -3.5 – Youth 11 v 11 13 – Youth 9 v 9 22 – Mini 7 v 7 -1 – Mini 5 v 5</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Dynamo for activity for U7s – adults. The site is also used by Loughborough Churches and Shepborough United for adult football. The 3G pitch is used by FC Wymeswold, Loughborough Dynamo Junior, Loughborough United, Shepborough United, Loughborough Churches for training as well as meeting demand for casual, unaffiliated football.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF, LRFA, Charnwood Borough Council work with the college and Loughborough Dynamo to improve the club’s long-term security of tenure on the grass pitches on site.</p> <p>It is recommended the college works with the club and the FF and LRFA to re-size the pitches so that they are the most appropriate dimensions for their current educational and community use.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended the college acquires the appropriate goals for Youth 11 v 11 and Mini 5 v 5 pitches. The FF and LRFA should work with the College and the club to identify how many portable goals would be required and help to identify funding for buying these goals.</p>



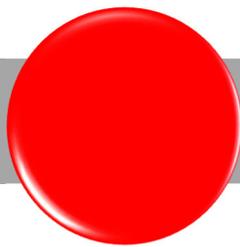
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CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	Loughborough – Derby Road, Loughborough, LE11 5AD	2 x 3G AGP (small-sided)	Available – Unsecured	Standard	N/A	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used for informal football demand. No FA affiliated demand has been identified for this site.</p> <p>E: No enhancement has been identified for this site</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	Rural South East – Platts Lane, Cossington, LE7 4UZ	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	2.0 Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. No formal demand has been identified for this site by this study.</p> <p>E: It is recommended this pitch be re-designated to provide additional capacity for the Sileby Vikings RFC, who use the site and are currently at capacity on their only pitch.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended the RFU works with Sileby Vikings RFC and Platts Charity to source funding for new posts and for additional maintenance to care for the pitch.</p>
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough – Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ	1 x Youth 11 v 11	Not available – Unsecured	Poor	1.0 Youth 11 v 11	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. No formal football use has been identified for this site by this study. However, the site is understood to be well-used for PE by the school.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the quality of pitch maintenance on the site be improved to address the lack of drainage on the pitch. The college should work with the IOG to identify which maintenance procedures would be most appropriate to improve pitch drainage.</p>



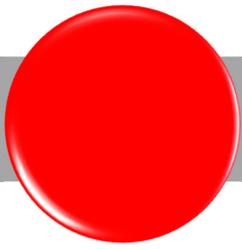
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						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site
DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough – Cotton Way, Loughborough, LE11 5FJ	6 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>7.5 – Overall</b></p> <p>8 – Adult 11 v 11 -0.5 – Youth 11 v 11</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough FC for all of its adult and U18 matches.</p> <p>The site is also used by FC Polonia, The Plough Thorpe Acre FC and White Hart FC for adult football.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with Charnwood Borough Council to address the issues caused by poor quality ancillary facilities at this site, specifically the poor quality changing facilities and car parking.</p> <p>It is recommended that the existing changing block be refurbished and extended to meet FF specifications and to ensure that it provides changing rooms for all pitches for male and female fixtures to be played concurrently.</p> <p>It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with Charnwood Borough Council to address significant problem areas of undulation in the pitches at this site.</p> <p>It is recommended an independent pitch advisor from the IOG be used to determine what measures can or should be taken to address this issue.</p> <p>It is recommended that one of these pitches be re-sized to be appropriate for Youth 11 v 11 fixtures in order to better meet the requirements of teams currently playing at the site.</p>



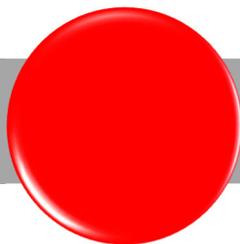
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						PV: It is also recommended that Charnwood Borough Council works with the clubs using the site to identify an appropriate parking solution in close proximity to the main changing block. This may include a solution of extending the parking at Cotton Way.
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	Soar Valley – Checkland Road, Thurmaston, Leicester, LE4 8FN	1 x Adult 11 v 11 2 x Mini 7 v 7 1 x 3G AGP (small-sided)	Available – Secured	Standard	<b>4.5 – Overall</b> 1.5 – Adult 11 v 11	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Thurmaston FC for most of its football activity. The 3G AGP is also used by the club for training.  E: It is recommended the floodlights on the site be improved to ensure they meet league requirements. The FF and LRFA should help the club and Thurmaston PC to identify funding sources for the site.  PV: No further provision has been identified for this site
FARLEY WAY STADIUM	Soar Valley – Farley Way, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8PE	1 x 3G AGP (full-size)	Available – Secured	Good	<b>NA</b> <b>(Site is at capacity on Saturday PM)</b>	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn FC along with wider community use.  E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site  PV: No further provision has been identified for this site
FOWKES ST PARK	Soar Valley – Fowke Street, Rothley, Leicester, LE7 7PJ	2 x Youth 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	<b>1.5 – Overall</b> -0.5 – Youth 9 v 9 -1.0 – Mini 7 v 7 -1.0 – Mini 5 v 5	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan.  The site is used by Rothley Imps Juniors for age groups U7–12.



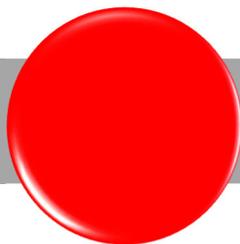
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						<p>E: The site had 10 cancellations last year due to poor drainage. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and Rothley PC to identify enhanced maintenance procedures that would effectively address this issue. The FF and LRFA should work with the club and PC to identify how this enhanced maintenance should be funded.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended the FF and LRFA help the club and Rothley PC ensure that appropriately sized, portable goals are available for the site. It is recommended the FF and LRFA help the club and PC to identify sources of funding for this.</p>
HALSTEAD ROAD PLAYING FIELDS	Soar Valley – Halstead Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7HD	2 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>2.5 – Overall</b></p> <p>-0.5 – Youth 11 v 11 -0.5 – Youth 9 v 9 5.5 – Mini 7 v 7 -2.0 – Mini 5 v 5</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Mountsorrel Junior FC for ages U7–13.</p> <p>E: The site did not have any pitches large enough to accommodate any matches other than mini 7 v 7 and mini 5 v 5. It is recommended the FF and LRFA ensure that teams are playing on appropriate sized pitches for their age group.</p> <p>PV: Site currently undergoing re-development, which is to be completed in 2019. The site plan currently includes the installation of 1 x Adult 11 v 11, 4 x youth/mini pitches. The funding for development has been provided by multiple NGB grants and funding from the War Memorial Trust.</p>



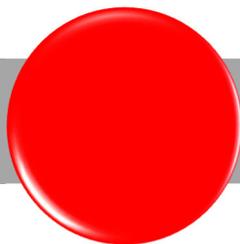
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						<p>It is recommended that the FF, LRFA and Charnwood Borough Council work with the club and the War Memorial Trust to support the development of these pitches and to ensure they are installed to FA specifications and requirements.</p> <p>It is recommended that the FF and LRFA send a pitch inspector to verify the condition of the pitches and ensure they have been correctly installed to meet FA requirements.</p>
HILLSIDE FARM	The Wolds – Hillside Farm, Rempstone Road, Wymeswold, Loughborough LE12 6UE	2 x Adult 11 v 11	Unknown – Unknown	Unknown	4.0 – Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: No demand has been identified for this site by this study. It is recommended the site be designated as private agricultural land in the Local Plan.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	Soar Valley – Cotes Road, Barrow-upon-Soar, Loughborough, LE12 8JU	3 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Unsecured	Standard	9.0 – Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. No community use of this site has been recorded as part of this study, but the fields are well used for educational use for school matches and PE.</p> <p>E: The school has entered the early stages of exploring the feasibility of installing a full-sized 3G AGP at the site. As Soar Valley is designated as a key area for a new 3G pitch this is a potential option to be explored should the pitch at Cedars Academy prove not to be possible.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>



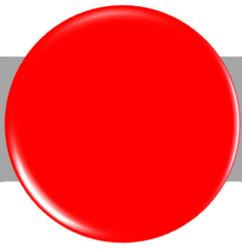
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IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Shepshed– Hathern – Forest Street, Shepshed, Loughborough, LE12 9DB	1 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Youth 11 v 11 2 x Mini 7 v 7 6 x Mini 5 v 5 2 x Sand- Based AGP (small-sided)	Available - Unsecured	Poor	<b>10 – Overall</b> 0.0 – Adult 11 v 11 -1.0 – Youth 11 v 11 -0.5 – Youth 9 v 9 11.5 – Mini 5 v 5  <b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 and Youth football)</b>	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed Dynamo Youth and Junior FC for ages U8–17. AFC Sporting Charnwood also use the site for adult football. The site is also well-used for PE and school matches. The AGPs are used by AFC Sporting Charnwood, Shepshed Dynamo Youth & Junior for training and are also used by the community for informal and casual use.  E: It is recommended that the maintenance of the site be improved to address drainage issues. It is recommended the school resurfaces the 2 small-sided AGPs imminently.  PV: It is recommended that a minimum of 1 set of portable 9v9 goals are added to the site to ensure that teams can play with goals appropriate for their age group.
JUBILEE PARK	Soar Valley – Barkby Thorpe Lane, Thurmaston, Leicester, LE4 8GP	1 x Youth 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9	Available – Secured	Standard	<b>4.0 – Overall</b>  2.0 – Youth 11 v 11 2.0 – Youth 9 v 9	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan.  E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site  PV: It is recommended the FF and LRFA works with Thurmaston PC and the club to ensure the appropriately sized pitches and goals are being provided for the site.



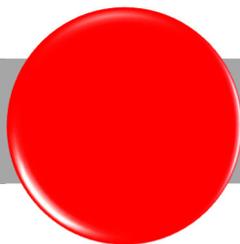
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JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS	Rural South East – 56 Long Furrow, East Goscote, Leicester, LE7 3ZL	1 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>2.0 – Overall</b></p> <p>2.0 – Adult 11 v 11 -2.0 – Youth 11 v 11 -1.0 – Youth 9 v 9 3.0 – Mini 7 v 7</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Youth football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by East Goscote Juniors FC and East Goscote United.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF and LF works with East Goscote PC and the club to improve the maintenance on the site in order to address the poor drainage on site and to increase carrying capacity. It is recommended that an FA pitch assessor visits the site to identify what maintenance procedures would be most effective. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the PC and the club to identify sources of funding for any additional maintenance works.</p> <p>It is recommended the pitch be re-sized to be more appropriate for the current nature of its use.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the PC and the club to ensure the appropriately sized goals are being provided for the site.</p>
KING GEORGE'S FIELD	Charnwood Forest – Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough, LE12 8RZ	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>1 – Overall</b></p> <p>1.0 – Adult 11 v 11</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used for adult football by Woodhouse Imperial.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with Woodhouse PC to identify an improvement maintenance regime to address the poor quality of drainage on the site. It is recommended the FF and LRFA assist the PC to identify sources of funding for any additional maintenance requirements.</p>



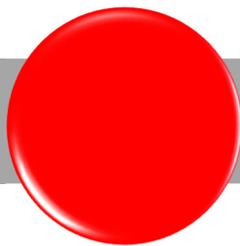
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						<p>It is also recommended the ancillary facilities of the site be fully refurbished. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the ECB and the PC to identify funding for refurbishing this facility.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>
KING GEORGE'S PLAYING FIELD	Wycliffe Avenue, Barrow-upon-Soar, Loughborough, LE12 8QH	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	2.0 – Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. No affiliated demand has been identified on this site by this study. It is recommended this site be designated and protected as open space in the Local Plan.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	Loughborough – Bridge Street, Loughborough, LE11 1NH	1 x Youth 9 v 9 1 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Unsecured	Standard	<p><b>5.0 – Overall</b></p> <p>2.0 – Youth 9 v 9 3.0 – Mini 7 v 7</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the maintenance on the pitches is improved to address poor drainage and the lack of grass coverage on the site. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the school to identify what additional maintenance procedures are required by the site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>



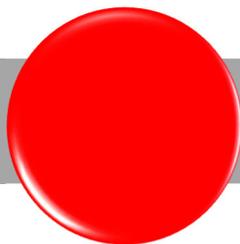
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LITTLE HAW LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Shepshed–Hathern – Little Haw Lane, Shepshed, Loughborough, LE12 9LN	2 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>2 – Overall</b></p> <p>2.5 – Adult 11 v 11 -0.5 – Youth 11 v 11</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed Amateurs FC and Ingles FC for adult football. Loughborough Dynamo also use the site for their under 13s team.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with Shepshed Town Council to address the unevenness of the site. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the town council to identify funding sources for this work .</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site</p>
LODGE FARM SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough – Oakley Drive, Loughborough, LE11 3LF	2 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	<p>3.5 – Adult 11 v 11</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough United FC for adult football.</p> <p>E: Users of the site reported “Graffiti on changing room, broken exterior panelling and fire damage to changing room door”. It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council invests in better protection from antisocial behaviour for the site.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the ancillary facilities be refurbished to repair the damage caused by antisocial behaviour in the past.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



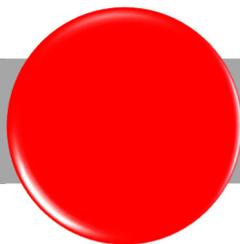
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LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE (THE RADMOOR CENTRE)	Loughborough – LE11 3BT	1 x 3G AGP (full-size)	Available – Secured	Standard	NA	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Churches for matches and Loughborough Foxes for training as well as for casual, unaffiliated use and by the school for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO FC	Loughborough – Watermead Lane LE11 3TN	2 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Good	<p><b>4.0 – Overall</b></p> <p>4.5 – Adult 11 v 11 -0.5 – Youth 11 v 11</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak time of Saturday PM)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Dynamo FC for Adult 11 v 11 and U18's football and Loughborough College ladies team.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with Charnwood Borough Council and the club to refurbish the ancillary facilities and identify funding sources to enable this work to be undertaken.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site at present. However, the club has reported that it has ambitions to replace the stadium pitch with a FIFA quality 3G AGP. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA continues to work with the club and Charnwood Borough Council to monitor the ongoing need for this facility. However, the current level of reported use and the spare capacity of pitches in the area means there is little evidence supporting the prioritisation of this project.</p>



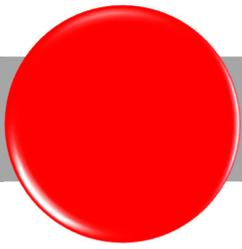
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LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough – Burton Walks, Loughborough, LE11 2DU	3 x Mini 7 v 7 1 x Sand-Based AGP	Available – Unsecured (AGP secured)	Good	18.0 – Mini 7 v 7	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. No formal demand has been identified on the site's mini pitches, but they are understood to be used by the school for PE use.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough – Loughborough, LE11 3TU	6 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Sand-Based AGP 4 x 3G AGP	Not available – Unsecured (AGPs are available on an unsecured basis)	Good	24.0 – Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. No community demand has been identified on the grass pitches for this site. However, Burton Falcons have been identified as using the site's AGPs for their training along with the student teams.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	Charnwood Forest – Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough, LE12 8QY	1 x Youth 9 v 9	Not available – Unsecured	Standard	4.0 – Youth 9 v 9	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used for community use at present, however, the site is reported to be used for PE and the school own fixtures.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



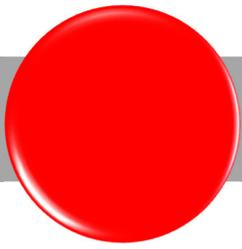
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MEADOW LANE (SITE 1) (NORTH OF SITE 3)	Soar Valley – Meadow Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4FN	No pitches present at the time of assessment	Unavailable – Secured	NA	NA	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site has been leased for Charnwood Borough Council by Birstall United Juniors but was not in a usable condition at the time of assessment.</p> <p>E: The club reports that this additional field is vital to adding capacity to the site at peak times. It is recommended that the FF, LRFA and Charnwood Borough Council work with the club to install this pitch as soon as possible and support the club in identifying funding streams for its maintenance. This is necessary as this additional pitch will help to address the Youth 11 v 11 capacity issues on Meadow Lane (Site 2).</p> <p>PV: The FF and LRFA should ensure any pitches installed on this site have the appropriately sized goals for competitive use.</p>
MEADOW LANE (SITE 2) (WEST OF SITE 3)	Soar Valley – Meadow Lane, Birstall, Leicester LE4 4FN	1 x Youth 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9 1 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>4 – Overall</b></p> <p>0 – Youth 11 v 11 because site is at capacity for this type of use 1.0 – Youth 9 v 9 3.0 – Mini 7 v 7</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Youth football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Birstall Juniors FC for ages U9–15.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA support the club's volunteer groundsman and identify the appropriate maintenance procedures to address the drainage issues on the site. It is also recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club to identify sources for funding any additional maintenance identified.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA support the club in replacing the ancillary facility on the site with a facility that is adequate for the club's needs.</p>



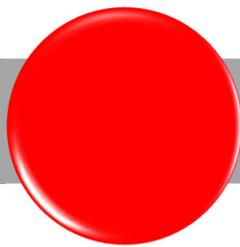
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MEADOW LANE (SITE 3) (BIRSTALL UNITED FC – STADIUM)	Soar Valley – Meadow Lane, Birstall, Leicester LE4 4FN	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Good	<p><b>1.5 – Overall</b></p> <p>1.5 – Adult 11 v 11</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Birstall United's adult teams and by the "Old Boys" team.</p> <p>E: The ancillary facilities are showing some signs of disrepair. It is recommended the club works with the FF and LRFA to identify opportunities for funding cosmetic refurbishment of the ancillary facilities.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
MEMORIAL GROUND	Soar Valley – Necton Street, Syston, Leicester, LE7 1HF	2 x Adult 11 v 11 2 x Youth 9 v 9 1 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Secured	Good	<p><b>13.0 – Overall</b></p> <p>4.5 – Adult 11 v 11 -2.5 – Youth 11 v 11 6.5 – Youth 9 v 9 2.0 – Mini 7 v 7</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Youth football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Syston Brookside FC and Kirkland for Adult 11 v 11 football. The site is also used by Syston Town Juniors for ages U9–U18.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the FF, LRFA, Charnwood Borough Council work with Syston Parish Council to refurbish and extend the ancillary facility (including changing) so that it meets FF specifications. It is recommended that the FF, LRFA and Charnwood Borough Council work with the PC to identify funding sources for this enhancement. It is recommended that the car park should be extended to accommodate more cars at peak time.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that Syston PC improves signage and dedicated bins to address the dog-fouling issue on this site.</p> <p>It is recommended the FF and the LRFA work with the PC and the clubs using the site to ensure appropriately sized goals are available on the site for Youth 11 v 11 matches.</p>



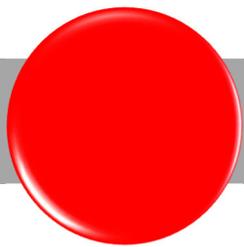
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MEMORIAL PARK	Soar Valley – Seagrave Road, Sileby, Loughborough, LE12 7TP	2 x Adult 11 v 11 2 x Youth 9 v 9	Available – Secured	Good	<p><b>9 – Overall</b></p> <p>5.0 – Adult 11 v 11 -1.0 – Youth 11 v 11 7.0 – Youth 9 v 9 -1.0 – Mini 7 v 7 -1.0 – Mini 5 v 5</p> <p><b>(at capacity for Youth football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Sileby Juniors for ages U7–16. The site is used by Sileby Victoria for Adult 11 v 11 matches.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the maintenance on the pitches is improved to address poor drainage and the lack of grass coverage on the site. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with Sileby PC to identify what additional maintenance procedures are required by the site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



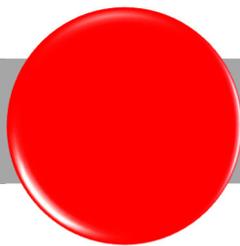
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MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND	Soar Valley – Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7DB	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>-2 – Overall</b></p> <p>0.0 – Adult 11 v 11 -1.5 – Youth 11 v 11 -0.5 – Youth 9 v 9</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 and Youth football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Mountsorrel Amateurs for adult football and Mountsorrel Juniors from U11–13s</p> <p>E: The site is currently operating 2 match equivalents over capacity. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club to identify additional maintenance procedures that could be added to increase the pitch quality rating to Good and therefore increase capacity to meet current demand.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that a feasibility study is undertaken to explore the possibility of adding an additional pitch to the south of the existing pitch (recommended to be either a Youth 11 v 11 or Adult 11 v 11 pitch) to increase capacity on the site, including adding strategic capacity to allow the clubs using this site to continue to grow. This would require significant investment into this land to convert it into an appropriate surface for football, and provide appropriate infrastructure e.g. car parking. Parking for the Memorial Hall is already having to be provided at Soar Valley Leisure Centre (on the grass area (Memorial Park)), so prior to this investment progressing, there would be a need to confirm all parking requirements could be met on or near to the site, if an additional pitch was added, and that there is actually space to develop an additional pitch.</p> <p>It is recommended the FA and LRFA work with the club and the War Memorial Trust to identify sources of funding for this project.</p>



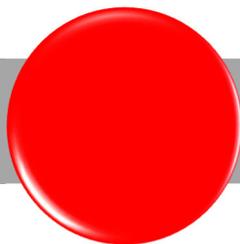
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NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough – Watermead Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3TN	3 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9 1 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>5.0 – Overall</b></p> <p>5.5 – Adult 11 v 11 -1.0 – Youth 11 v 11 1.5 – Youth 9 v 9 4 – Mini 7 v 7 <del>-1 – Mini 5 v 5</del></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Falcons for adult football and by Loughborough Emmanuel Youth FC for ages U8, U11, U13, U14 and U18.</p> <p>E: Loughborough Dynamo FC has reported that they will seek to hire pitches at Nanpantan to accommodate the growth of their club next season. It is therefore recommended that Charnwood Borough Council works closely with IDverde and the clubs to ensure the maintenance procedures currently being undertaken are adequate to support this additional demand. It is recommended that the ancillary facilities servicing the pitches be refurbished to FF specifications to reflect the site's importance as a football hub.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
NEWARK ROAD	Soar Valley – Newark Road, Thurmaston, LE4 8EJ	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Poor	1.0 – Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: No community demand has been identified for this site by this study. It is recommended that this site should be protected as Open Space as part of the Local Plan.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



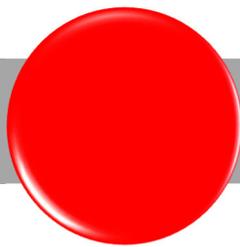
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PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Shepshed–Hathern – Pasture Lane, Hathern, Loughborough, LE12 5LJ	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	2.0 – Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. No community use of this pitch has been identified by the study – however, the site is used by a cricket club in the summer.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS (SITE 2)	Shepshed–Hathern – Pasture Lane, Hathern, Loughborough, LE12 5LJ	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available–Secured	Good	1.0 – Adult 11 v 11 <b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 football)</b>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Hathern FC for adult football matches and training.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: The changing rooms for this site are currently temporary cabins. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and Hathern PC to identify funding sources to finance this project.</p>
QUORN PLAYING FIELDS (LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOLS)	Soar Valley – 43 The Sports Pavilion, Woodhouse Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8AJ	4 x Adult 11 v 11	No community use – Unsecured	Good	12.0 – Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the Loughborough Endowed Schools for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



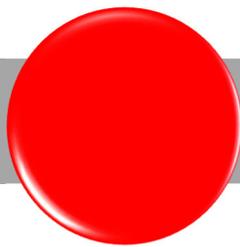
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RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Rural South East – Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Leicester, LE7 4SG	4 x Adult 11 v 11 3 x Mini 7 v 7 2 x Sand-Based AGP	No community use – Unsecured	Good	<b>30.0 – Overall</b> 12 – Adult 11 v 11 18 – Mini 7 v 7	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the college for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DY	2 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9 5 x Mini 7 v 7 1 x 3G AGP (full-size)	Available – Secured	Standard	<b>14.0 – Overall</b> 1.5 – Adult 11 v 11 -4.0 – Youth 11 v 11 0.5 – Youth 9 v 9 17.0 – Mini 7 v 7 -1.0 – Mini 5 v 5 <b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 football)</b>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn Juniors FC for U7s–Adults. The site is also used for adult football by CSKA Carnabys, Mountsorrel FC and Quorn Royals 2008.</p> <p>E: The site is currently operating over capacity for 11 v 11 pitches by 2.5 match equivalents per week. It is therefore recommended that the pitches be reconfigured to add 2 additional 11 v 11 pitches at the expense of the mini pitches. The mini capacity lost by this measure can be made up for through over-marking or by using the AGP for mini soccer matches.</p> <p>It is also recommended that in order to add reserve capacity to the site and allow Quorn Juniors to continue growing, that the maintenance of the site be increased to produce a good pitch rating. It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with Quorn Juniors and the Academy to identify what maintenance procedures should be added to the regime and identify potential funding sources to help finance these additional maintenance procedures.</p>



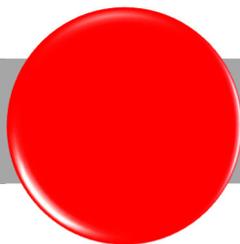
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						<p>Ideally changing rooms should be available on site; Quorn Juniors is currently exploring options to develop this provision.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended the FF and the LRFA ensure the site has the appropriate goals to meet the demands of clubs using the site. The FF and the LRFA should work with the clubs and the school to identify funding for this.</p>
REARSBY ROAD	Rural South East – Rearsby Road, Queniborough, Leicester, LE7 3DH	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	0.5 – Adult 11 v 11	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Queniborough FC and Syston Town Juniors for adult football.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the clubs and Queniborough PC to identify funding to level the pitch from its significant undulation.</p> <p>It is recommended the FF and the LRFA work with the club and PC to upgrade the quality of the ancillary facilities to FF specifications.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
RENDELL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Loughborough – Loughborough LE11 1LJ	1 x Mini 7 v 7	Not available – Unsecured	Poor	2.0 – Mini 7 v 7	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the school for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



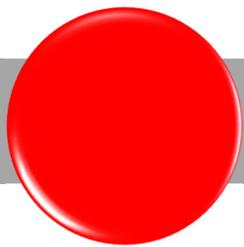
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RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4JU	1 x Mini 7 v 7	Not available – Unsecured	Poor	2.0 – Mini 7 v 7	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the school for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
RIVERSIDE PARK	Soar Valley – Barrow Road, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8EN	2 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9 2 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Secured	Good	<p><b>17.0 – Overall</b></p> <p>5.0 – Adult 11 v 11 4.0 – Youth 9 v 9 8.0 – Mini 7 v 7 -1 – Mini 5 v 5</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Barrow Town FC for all their football activity.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
ROBERT BAKEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Loughborough – Barsby Drive, Loughborough LE11 5UJ	1 x Youth 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9	Not available – Unsecured	Poor	<p><b>2.0 – Overall</b></p> <p>1.0 – Youth 11 v 11 1.0 – Youth 9 v 9</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well used by the school for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



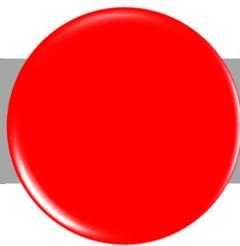
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ROTHLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	Soar Valley – Burrow Drive, Rothley, Leicester, LE7 7RZ	2 x Mini 7 v 7	Available – Unsecured	Good	12.0 – Mini 7 v 7	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well used by the school for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
ROTHLEY SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB	Soar Valley – Loughborough Road, Rothley, Loughborough, LE7 7NL	2 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Good	<p>4.0 – Overall</p> <p>-2 – Youth 11 v 11</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Youth football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Rothley Imps Junior U13s and U15s.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club and Rothley PC to upgrade the changing facilities to FF specifications. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club and PC to identify sources for funding to upgrade this facility to make it adequate for the club's use.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended the FF and LRFA help the club and PC by assisting them in adding DDA-compliant facilities to the site's ancillary facilities.</p>
SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELD FIELDS	Soar Valley – School Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4EA	3 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Youth 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Good	<p><b>10.5 – Overall</b></p> <p>7 – Adult 11 v 11 3.5 – Youth 11 v 11</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Birstall Royal British Legion and Birstall Stamford for adult football. The site is also used by Birstall United Juniors.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



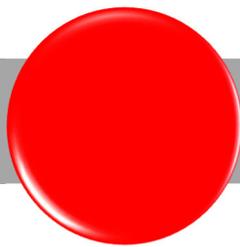
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SILEBY TOWN FC	Soar Valley – 25 Southfield Avenue, Loughborough, LE12 7WN	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Good	2.5 – Adult 11 v 11 <b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 football)</b>	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Sileby Town FC. E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site. PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Soar Valley – OFF KINGFISHER ROAD, MOUNTSORREL, LE12 7FG	1 x Sand-Based AGP (full-size)	Available – Secured	Standard	No further provision	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site caters for informal football demand. E: It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council and England Hockey replace the surface of the AGP with a sand-dressed surface as soon as possible as the current surface is over 10 years old and showing signs of age. PV: No further provision has been identified by this site.
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester, LE4 4GH	3 x Youth 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9	Available – Unsecured	Poor	<b>3.5 – Overall</b> -1.0 – Adult 11 v 11 3.0 – Youth 11 v 11 1.0 – Youth 9 v 9	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Groby Town 2013 and Fairfield Athletic FC. as well as for PE and school fixtures. E: It is recommended the FF and the LRFA work with the Academy to improve the quality of the maintenance on the pitches. The Academy is understood to have a longstanding application for a 3G pitch on the site. The most recent application is for a small-sided pitch to be installed. It is recommended that the pitch be a full-sized 3G pitch to better meet the strategic needs of the FA and FF.



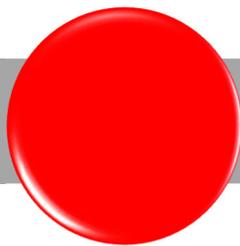
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						<p>It is recommended that this option should be supported as it presents a realistic opportunity to create a new securely available 3G pitch in Soar Valley.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
THE DOVECOTE STADIUM	Shepshed–Hathern – Butt Hole Lane, Shepshed, Loughborough, LE12 9BN	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	<p><b>0.5 – Overall</b></p> <p>1.0 – Adult 11 v 11 -0.5 – Youth 11 v 11</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed Dynamo FC and Ingles FC.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the condition of the ancillary facilities be upgraded. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club to identify finances and resources to refurbish the changing rooms and boiler.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	Charnwood Forest – Link Road, Anstey, Leicester, LE7 7EB	2 x Youth 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9	Available – Unsecured	Poor	<p><b>1.0 – Overall</b></p> <p>0.0 – Youth 11 v 11 1.0 – Youth 9 v 9</p> <p><b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Youth 11 v 11 football)</b></p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Anstey Swifts FC and the school for PE and school matches</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the school and the club to improve the quality of the maintenance of pitches. This will improve the drainage and carrying capacity of the site as well as improve the quality of the site for users. The FF and LRFA should work with the club and school to identify what procedures should be added to the maintenance regime and the potential sources of funding for this project.</p>



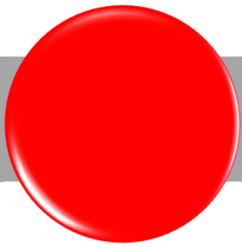
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						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY SPORTS GROUND	Soar Valley – Melton Road, Thurmaston, Leicester, LE4 8GQ	2 x Youth 11 v 11 2 x Youth 9 v 9	Available – Unsecured	Standard	<b>7.5 – Overall</b> -0.5 – Adult 11 v 11 4.0 – Youth 11 v 11 4.0 – Youth 9 v 9	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Thurmaston Conservative Club for adult football as well as the school for PE and school fixtures. E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site. PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.
TOWLES FIELD	The Wolds – Towles Fields, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Loughborough, LE12 5TD	1 x Adult 11 v 11	Available – Secured	Standard	1.0 – Adult 11 v 11 <b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Adult 11 v 11 football)</b>	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Burton FC and Loughborough Emmanuel FC for adult football. E: It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the Playing Fields Association and the clubs to address the poor drainage on site by improving the quality of the maintenance of pitches. The FF and LRFA should work with the club and the Playing Fields Association to identify what procedures should be added to the maintenance regime and the potential sources of funding for this project. It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the club and the Playing Fields Association to identify funding sources to upgrade the changing facilities to FF standards. PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.



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WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Charnwood Forest – Forest Road, Woodhouse, Loughborough, LE12 8WD	5 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Mini 7 v 7 1 x Mini 5 v 5 1 x Sand-Based AGP (full-size)	Available – Unsecured	Good	<b>25.5 – Overall</b> 13.5 – Adult 11 v 11 6.0 – Mini 7 v 7 6.0 – Mini 5 v 5	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Foxes for Adult 11 v 11 football as well as by the college for PE and internal fixtures.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and the college to gain long-term security of tenure on the site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough – Grasmere Road, Loughborough, LE11 2ST	2 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Youth 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9	Available – Unsecured	Standard	<b>5.5 – Overall</b> 4.0 – Adult 11 v 11 0 – Youth 11 v 11 1.5 – Youth 9 v 9 <b>(Site is at capacity at peak times for Youth football)</b>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Foxes for U11s and U13s–U16s as well as PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the school and the club to address the poor drainage on-site by improving the quality of the maintenance of pitches. The FF and LRFA should work with the club and the school to identify what procedures should be added to the maintenance regime and the potential sources of funding for this project.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the FF and LRFA help the school to identify funding streams for replacing rusted goal posts.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with the school to work on anti-vandalism measures to prevent further damage to the site.</p>

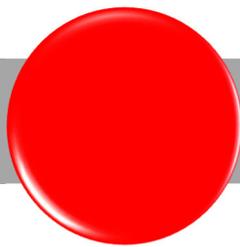


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WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Parkstone Road, Syston, Leicester, LE7 1LY	3 x Adult 11 v 11 1 x Youth 9 v 9 2 x Mini 7 v 7 1 x 3G AGP	Available – Unsecured (secured use of the 3G)	Standard	<p><b>9.5 – Overall</b></p> <p>6.0 – Adult 11 v 11 1.0 – Youth 9 v 9 6.0 – Mini 7 v 7 -3.5 – Mini 5 v 5</p>	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Riverside United Juniors and Syston Town Juniors FC for ages U7–U11 and for training (on the AGP). The site is also used for PE and school fixtures.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the school and the club to address the poor drainage on-site by improving the quality of pitch maintenance. The FF and LRFA should work with the clubs and the school to identify what procedures should be added to the maintenance regime and the potential sources of funding for this project.</p> <p>It is recommended that the pitches be re-sized so to be more appropriate for the community use. The FF and LRFA should ensure all appropriate goal posts are available at this site and should work with the school to identify sources of funding to add any required goal posts.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council and the school add signage and dedicated bins to the site to address the issue of dog-fouling on site.</p>

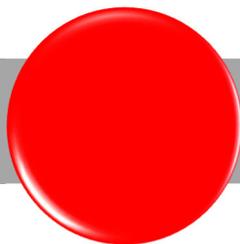


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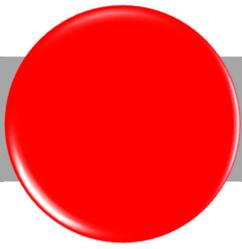
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LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL	Loughborough – Burton Walks, Loughborough, LE11 2DU	Available / Unsecured	Sand-Dressed	Good	Weekday: 18.5 Saturday: 8 Sunday: 5	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Town HC for 3 match slots on a Sunday.</p> <p>E: It is recommended this site be prioritised for hockey use and formal community use agreements of a minimum of 3 years be signed to provide local clubs with security of tenure. Should Loughborough Town HC lose access to Loughborough University pitches, it is recommended this site be identified as the main hub site for hockey in Loughborough and that England Hockey works with the school and the clubs to reach a favourable security of tenure agreement for the site.</p> <p>PV: Should such a circumstance arise whereby Loughborough Town HC should lose access to Loughborough University and Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College; England Hockey should work with the club and Loughborough Endowed Schools to establish if replacing the surface of the AGP with a water-based surface (to allow Loughborough Town HC to continue to have access to a water-based pitch) would be in the school's interests. Such an investment would require a formal community use agreement between the school, England Hockey and the hockey clubs using the site.</p>



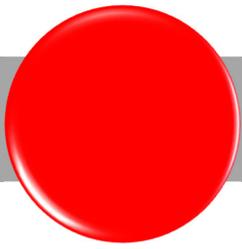
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LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough – Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU	Available / Unsecured	1 x Sand-Based  1 x Water-Based	1 x Standard (Sand-Based)  1 x Good (Water-Based)	Weekday: 0  Saturday: 0  Sunday: 0	PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Students Men’s HC, Loughborough Students Ladies’ HC and by Loughborough Town HC as their principal site. Loughborough Town HC uses the site for 8 hours per week for training and a further 8 match slots on Saturdays.
						E: The study has determined that the university has no interest in signing a formal community use agreement with Loughborough Town HC. However, if this situation were to change, it is recommended that England Hockey and the club work with the university to reach a more formal agreement to provide security of tenure on the site for community hockey.
						It is recommended that the sand-based AGP be resurfaced as sand-dressed to improve facility better for hockey.
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Rural South East – Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Leicester, LE7 4SG	Unavailable / Unsecured	2 x Sand-Dressed	1 x Good  1 x Standard	Not Available for Community use	PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not available for community hockey use but is being used by the school for hockey and other activities.
						E: No further enhancements are recommended for this site.
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.



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SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Soar Valley – Off Kingfisher Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7FG	Available / Secured	1 x Sand-Dressed	Standard	Weekday: 18 Saturday: 7 Sunday: 8	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Charnwood Sileby HC and Charnwood Mountsorrel HC for 2 hours midweek and for 3 match slots each Saturday. It is recommended that this site be identified as a site of strategic reserve for hockey in Charnwood and therefore the AGP be prioritised as a hockey appropriate surface in the future.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the pitch be refurbished as a sand-dressed pitch. This facility is vital to the continued, secured provision of hockey in the area. As neither hockey club using the site is England Hockey-affiliated, it is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with the leisure trust, the clubs and Sport England to identify funding streams for replacing the pitch surface.</p> <p>This recommendation fits with that in the 2018 Built Facility Strategy, which identifies this site as having potential, if retained as sand-dressed, for hosting outdoor netball, building on the trial partnership between NGBs of netball, tennis and hockey working together to utilise these surfaces.</p> <p>PV: Should all unsecured sites become unavailable for community hockey and Loughborough Endowed School declines a formal community use agreement with England Hockey and the clubs, it is recommended that this site be designated as the hockey centre for Charnwood, with a water-based pitch (allowing Loughborough Town to continue to have access to a water-based pitch).</p>

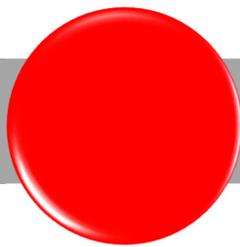


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WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Charnwood Forest – Forest Road, Loughborough LE12 8WD	Available / Unsecured	1 x Sand-Filled	Standard	Weekday: 20 Saturday: 6 Sunday: 8	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Town HC for 2 match slots every Saturday.  E: It is recommended that the club works with Minerva and the College to formally secure access to the site for hockey.  PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.

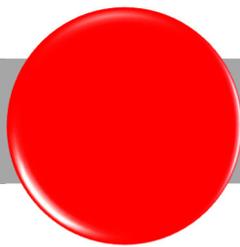


## APPENDIX E: SITE BY SITE ANALYSIS OF CRICKET SITES IN CHARNWOOD

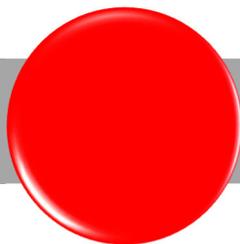
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BARKBY UNITED CRICKET CLUB	Rural South East Barkby – LE7 3QB	1	Available	Secured	Good	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. This site is used by Barkby United Cricket Club for their eleven youth, adult and ladies' teams.</p> <p>E. It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify funding sources for end of season maintenance at the site, which should increase the carrying capacity at the site.</p> <p>It is recommended that the club also look to work with Leicestershire County Council in order to address the speed limit of the road neighbouring the site. There are multiple reports of incidents of cars coming through the fencing. This could endanger players in the outfield. It is recommended that relevant signage is installed along with secure fencing around the outfield to prevent injury through incidents.</p> <p>PV: The club has a growing youth set up. It also plans to establish disability teams and a women's set up to further expand the club. In order to increase carrying capacity at the site it is recommended that the club improves the quality of their artificial wicket, through relaying of the surface or an improved maintenance regime; collaboration with the LCCC is appropriate here.</p>



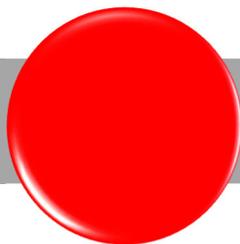
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BARROW TOWN CRICKET CLUB	Soar Valley – Barrow-upon-Soar, LE12 8PD	1	Available	Secured	Good	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. This site is used by Barrow Town Cricket Club for their three adult teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify funding sources for the renovation of the existing equipment shed, along with renovation to the perimeter fencing to the south-east of the site in order to achieve full security at the site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	The Wolds – Wymeswold, LE12 6UN	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. This site is used by Wymeswold CC for four teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify sources of funding for renovation of the existing built net facility.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the club works with the ECB, LBC and Charnwood Borough Council in order to identify funding sources to extend the pavilion further, to ultimately replace the current maintenance equipment sheds and electronic scoreboard, improving the quality of provision on site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>



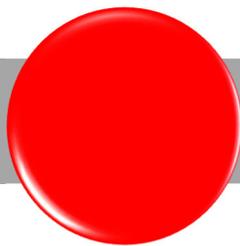
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CAVES FIELD	Soar Valley – Quorn, LE12 8EP	1	Available	Secured	Good	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. This site is used by Quorn Cricket Club for five teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to establish funding sources for renovation to the existing ancillary facility, focusing specifically on the changing room provision.</p> <p>PV: The club has over 70 registered colts and project this to rise in the short to medium term; consequently, it is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to construct a new artificial wicket on site to enhance the carrying capacity</p>
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	Rural South East – Cossington, LE7 4UZ	1	Available	Secured	Poor	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. This site is used by Queniborough CC for their third and fourth adult teams.</p> <p>E: This site ranks poorly on all facility element scores. It is recommended that the club works with LCCC to establish increased maintenance to improve the overall quality of the site, with particular emphasis on the grass wicket and outfield. It is also recommended that the club works with the LCCC, ECB and Charnwood Borough Council in order to identify funding sources to renovate the current ancillary which is in an extremely poor condition.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>



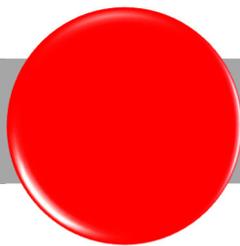
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CROPSTON CRICKET CLUB	Charnwood Forest – Cropston LE7 7HL	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. This site is used by Cropston Cricket Club for eight teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB to establish funding sources for renovation of the current ancillary facility at the site, along with improving the practice net facility.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that ECB and LCCC work with the club to ensure the quality of the NTP is retained as long as possible. It is recommended that ECB and LCCC support the refurbishment/replacement of the NTP when required as this facility is vital for accommodating junior demand away from the grass wickets.</p>
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough LE11 4SQ	1	Unavailable	Secured	Poor	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the school works with the ECB and LCCC in order to identify funding sources to renovate the current artificial wicket on site. It is recommended however that demand is established prior to this, due to there being no community access.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>



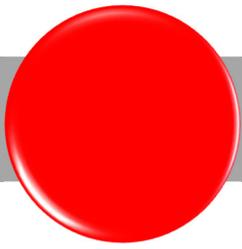
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DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough LE11 5FJ	2	Available	Secured	2 x Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Leicester Lions for one adult male team.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club, the LCCC and ECB work with Charnwood Borough Council to identify funding sources in order to renovate and extend the existing ancillary on site.</p> <p>There is some undulation on the outfield of the pitch to the north of the site, which appears to have been caused by collapsed drainage channels. It is therefore recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to enhance maintenance provision on site so that this is not an issue.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that the club works with the ECB and LCCC to improve the built net facilities on site by adding a two-lane net facility. This will make the site more appealing for users as it will enable better practice/warm-ups to be undertaken on this multi-pitch site.</p>



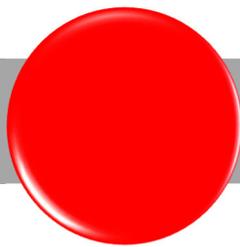
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HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	Soar Valley – Barrow-upon–Soar, LE12 8JU	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the LCCC and ECB work with the school to establish the situation regarding the repurposing of part of the field for a car park and pavilion and whether this will remove the cricket pitches as a consequence.</p> <p>If this is not the case, it is recommended that collaboration occurs to improve maintenance provision on the outfield.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Shepshed–Hathern – Shepshed, LE12 9DA	1	Available	Unsecured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site was used by Leicester Cricket Academy; however, it is understood the club will not be returning to the site in the new season and that there is no community use expected for the 2018 season.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the LCCC and ECB work with the school to establish a community use agreement in order to utilise the site. If an agreement is established, then it is recommended that the club work with the school and the LCCC in order to improve maintenance provision on site with particular focus on the grass wickets.</p>



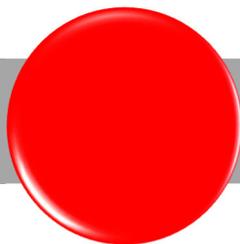
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							PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.
KING GEORGE'S FIELD	Charnwood Forest – Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RZ	1	Available	Unsecured	Poor	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: No formal community demand has been identified at this site. However, the consultation reported several “City of Leicester”-based teams using the ground during the 2017 season. There is currently a projected under-supply of cricket facilities in the sub-area, so use of this site as an overspill facility may be important in the future. The site is currently maintained by a volunteer groundsman from a club that was previously the incumbent on the ground, but is currently only playing 3 or 4 fixtures per year. This individual is preparing wickets regularly for other teams at no additional expense to the parish council and with little perceived benefit to the club he represents (aside from the fact that the pitch is retained for cricket). This does not appear to be a sustainable model under which the ground can continue to operate. The Parish Council could not confirm whether they would employ a contracted groundsperson to maintain the pitch should the current volunteer cease to be available.</p> <p>It is recommended that the LCCC and ECB work with the Parish Council and current volunteer maintenance provider on-site to identify ways to improve the sustainability of the site moving forward, and therefore reduce the risk of it being lost as a cricket pitch. If no future use can be established for the site, it should continue to be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan as it is used for football by Woodhouse Imperial FC.</p>



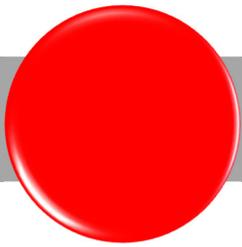
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							<p>E: Should a user base for the site be established, it is recommended that the ECB and LCCC work with the Parish Council to improve the condition of the ancillary facilities.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON CRICKET CLUB	Loughborough LE11 1ST	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Loughborough Carillon CC for three adult teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to establish improved maintenance provision for the existing artificial wicket, in order to offset some demand from the grass wickets and therefore increase carrying capacity at the ground.</p> <p>It is recommended the ECB and LCCC work with the club to establish funding to improve the built net facility, which currently ranks poorly on the facility element scores.</p> <p>It is recommended that the club is supported in reconfiguring their current ancillary facility so as to use the clubhouse more efficiently.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>



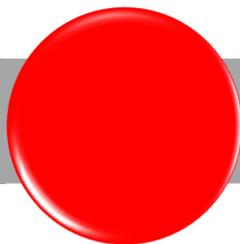
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LOUGHBOROUGH CHARNWOOD OLD BOYS CC	Loughborough LE11 3QU	1	Available	Unsecured	Poor	This site is currently at capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Loughborough Charnwood Old Boys for their two adult male teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the ECB, LCCC, Charnwood Borough Council and the site owner support the club to establish a new long lease on the site to guarantee continued club access.</p> <p>It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to enhance maintenance provision on site, with particular focus on the drainage at the site.</p> <p>PV: The club has an artificial wicket on site; however this is in a poor condition.</p> <p>It is recommended that the club is supported in replacing this NTP to offset demand on the grass pitches should junior cricket be established at the site in the future.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELDS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Loughborough LE11 3HZ	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Loughborough Greensfield CC for 3 adult and 3 junior teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to improve maintenance provision and equipment on-site. Improved maintenance would help to meet the high level of demand placed on it by the club.</p>



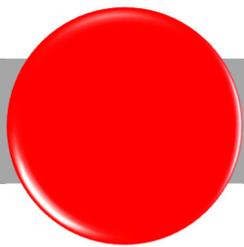
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							PV: Due to the number of junior teams at this site, it is recommended that an artificial wicket be installed in order to offset some of the junior cricket demand currently being placed on the grass wickets. Relocating junior demand from the grass wickets and would help to increase the quality of grass wicket provision.
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough LE11 2DU	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Good	This site is currently at capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.</p> <p>The cricket pitch is the subject of a planning application for a new full-sized hockey appropriate AGP. As the cricket pitch is currently unavailable for community use and the school has other pitches that it can use to play and teach the cricket there is no strategic argument for recommending against the new AGP from being built on the site of the cricket pitch.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified as part of this study</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough LE11 3TU	2	Unavailable	Unsecured	2 x Good	This site is currently at capacity for grass wickets	PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the university for matches, training, physical education and other activity.



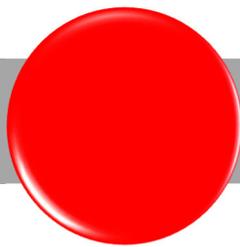
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							<p>E: No further enhancement has been identified as part of the study.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND	Soar Valley, LE12 7DB	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Mountsorrel Castle CC for their four adult teams.</p> <p>The club has expressed an interest in moving sites due to issues around public access and dog-fouling and littering adversely affecting the site. Should the club move sites it is recommended that Memorial Recreation Ground remains designated as playing fields in the Local Plan due to its use for football.</p> <p>E: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council work with the club and the Parish Council to address the issues on-site that result as a consequence of public access. The club can be supported through installing bins and signage and stressing the importance of responsible dog ownership to reduce the issue of dog-fouling on this site. Should the club wish to move sites, it is recommended the ECB and LCCC work with the club to identify an alternative site, such as King George's Field (see above), located just 10 minutes' drive away.</p>



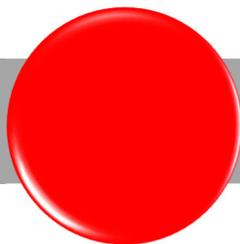
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MORLEY LANE CRICKET GROUND	Shepshed–Hathern – Shepshed, LE12 9EU	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Shepshed CC for seven teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that ECB and the LCCC support the club by identifying sources of funding that can be used to finance the purchase of new maintenance equipment for the site. Such equipment would be used to improve the quality of the square and thereby help to address the carrying capacity issues it currently faces.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended the ECB and LCCC supports the club in identifying funding streams for replacing the ancillary facility. The facility is wooden and rotting in places and in need of replacement within 5 years.</p>
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough LE11 3TN	2	Available	Secured	2 x Standard	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PV: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Fantana CC, two adult teams, Leuva Patdar CC, one adult male team, and Loughborough Outwoods, four adult male teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council work with the LCCC and ECB in order to enhance the maintenance regime on site in order to improve carrying capacity. There should be particular focus on the outfield here. It is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with the ECB and the resident clubs to identify funding sources for upgrading all ancillary facilities on this site.</p>



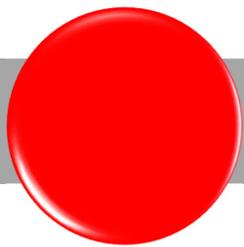
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							PV: It is recommended that the current built net facility is replaced with a new, 2-bay net facility to improve the quality of practice facilities on the site.
NEWTOWN LINFORD CRICKET CLUB	Charnwood Forest – Newtown Linford, LE6 0AD	2	Available	Secured	1 x Good 1 x Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Newtown Linford CC for their one adult and one junior teams.</p> <p>E: The club has highlighted that there has been a recent sharp increase in junior cricket participation, which will lead to formulation of new teams next season. In order to facilitate this demand, it is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to renovate their current artificial wicket and NTP net provision, through identifying sources of funding for the club.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
PARK ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough LE11 2ED	1	Available	Secured	Good	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Town CC, who have 14 junior and 4 adult teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club works with Charnwood Borough Council to address antisocial behaviour at the site. Issues of arson, vandalism and damage to club property need to be addressed.</p>



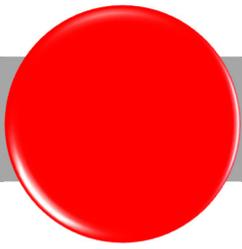
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							PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.
PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Shepshed–Hathern – Hathern, LE12 5LJ	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan, the site is used by Hathern Old CC for their three adult teams.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that collaboration between the club and the Parish Council occur in order to address the issue of dog fouling on site. The club can be supported through installing bins and signage and stressing the importance of responsible dog ownership to reduce the issue of dog fouling on this site.</p> <p>New maintenance equipment is a priority for the club and it is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify funding sources for equipment which will enhance the quality of provision as a consequence.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
PUDDING BAG LANE	Shepshed–Hathern – Shepshed LE12 9GD	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed CC.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the club works with Charnwood Borough Council in order to support negotiation around a new lease on the site.</p>



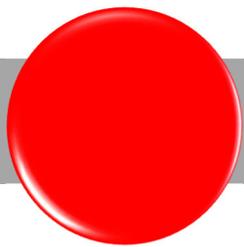
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							<p>It is also recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to source funding sources for the replacement of covers and maintenance equipment, which will enhance the quality of provision on-site and improve the carrying capacity.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended the ECB and LCCC work with the club to replace the pavilion, which is wooden and rotting in places. It is recommended the pavilion be replaced within the next 5 years.</p>
QUORN PLAYING FIELDS, LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS	Soar Valley – Quorn, LE12 8AJ	3	Available	Unsecured	3 x Good	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan.</p> <p>The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the school works with the LCCC and ECB in order to enhance the current artificial wicket on-site, therefore accommodating further junior cricket demand.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Rural South East – Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake LE7 4SG	3	Unavailable	Unsecured	2 x Good 1 x Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.</p>



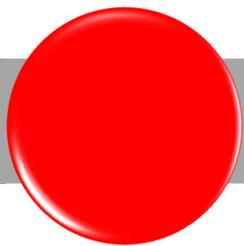
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							<p>E: It is recommended that the school works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify sources of funding for increased maintenance provision; this is with specific reference to the grass wickets as these are significantly poorer than the other facility elements on the site. This will improve the overall provision of the site along with increasing carrying capacity.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
ROTHLEY PARK CRICKET GROUND	Soar Valley – Rothley, LE7 7QB	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: The site is used by Rothley Park CC to meet all of the club demand. The club fields 3 x adult teams plus youth teams from U7 to U17. The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan.</p> <p>E: The club would like to incorporate their dilapidated scoreboard and storage sheds into the design of the new pavilion. This would not only improve the aesthetic of the ground, but improve the security of maintenance equipment on the site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified by this study.</p>
SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Soar Valley – Birstall, LE4 4EA	2	Available	Secured	1 x Good 1 x Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Birstall Village Cricket club for two adult teams and Asian Sports CC for 3 adult teams.</p>



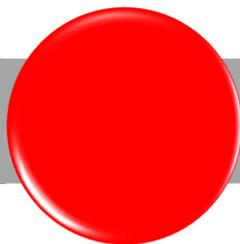
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							<p>E: It is recommended that the cricket club works with the LCCC and ECB to identify sources of funding for renovation and extension of the Birstall Village Cricket club ancillary facilities.</p> <p>PV: If Birstall Village Cricket Club achieves promotion, it would be required to provide a fixed practice net as part of their facilities. It is recommended that the club collaborates with Charnwood Borough Council and Birstall Parish Council around installation of a built net facility (the existing facility does not constitute a practice net for this purpose). It is also recommended that the ECB and LCCC work with the club to identify funding sources for this work.</p>
SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB	Soar Valley Sileby LE12 7UX	2	Available	Secured	2 x Good	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Sileby Town CC for 7 teams.</p> <p>E: The site's first team pitch is not of adequate size to meet Leicestershire Premier League pitch requirements. It is recommended that the ECB and LCCC work with the club to bring the 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch (western pitch) up to the appropriate quality to host premier league matches.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended that the ECB and LCCC support the club in building a changing facility next to the westerly pitch. This new facility would need to comply with ECB and league requirements.</p>



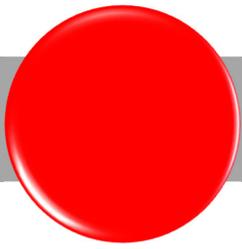
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							It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB to identify funding for a second artificial wicket, for the pitch to the west of the site. This would accommodate junior matches and increase junior demand carrying capacity at the site.
ST WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	Shepshed–Hathern – Shepshed–Hathern, LE12 9AE		Available	Unsecured			No secured use on-site.
SYSTON CRICKET CLUB	Soar Valley – Syston, LE7 1NH	1	Available	Secured	Good	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Syston Town CC for eight teams.</p> <p>E: The site narrowly misses Leicestershire Premier League Ground specifications due to the length of the straight boundary towards the south/south-west of the site. It is recommended the club explores any possibility of extending their ground in this direction. The ECB and LCCC should work with the club to help ensure it complies with premier league requirements where possible.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Soar Valley – Syston LE7 3FE	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by the thirteen teams of Queniborough CC.



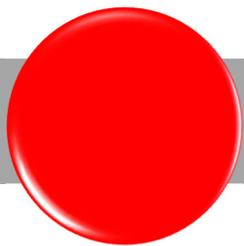
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							<p>E: Due to a large expansion in the junior set up over recent years, it is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to renovate the existing non-turf pitch so that it can offset some of the junior demand on the site. Due to the influx of players, it is also recommended that the club works with the ECB and LCCC to improve ancillary provision on site. This support should be identifying funding sources in order to renovate the existing facility.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Birstall LE4 4GH	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.</p> <p>E: Community demand has been removed from the site and consequently grass square installed has fallen into disrepair.</p> <p>It is recommended the ECB and LCCC work with the Academy to develop a community use agreement to help meet exported demand out of the City of Leicester (if further demand is established).</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>



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THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY SPORTS GROUND	Soar Valley – Thurmaston LE4 8GQ	1	Available	Unsecured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.</p> <p>E: It is recommended that the school works with the ECB and LCCC in order to identify sources of funding to renovate the non-turf pitch on-site. This would be utilised fully due to the junior cricket demand on site and would therefore increase the carrying capacity of the site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
TOWLES FIELD	The Wolds – Burton-on-the-Wolds LE12 5TD	1	Available	Secured	Good	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: No demand has been recorded on this site as part of this study. It is recommended the site be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan as the site is used for community football.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified as part of this study.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>

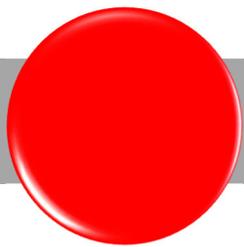


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WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS CRICKET CLUB	The Wolds – Walton-on-the-Wolds, LE12 8HT	1	Available	Secured	Standard	This site is currently over capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Walton-on-the-Wolds CC for four adult teams.</p> <p>E: The ancillary facility is ranked one of the lowest in the sub-area. It is recommended that the club works with the ECB and LCCC in order to source funding for ancillary renovation in order to improve provision on site.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the club works with the LCCC in order to establish an improved maintenance provision on-site with the aim of increasing the quality of the site and its carrying capacity.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough LE11 2ST	1	Available	Unsecured	Standard	This site is currently under capacity for grass wickets	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan, however there is no formal community use on-site.</p> <p>E: There are no grass wickets on-site; there is one artificial wicket which scores poorly in terms of quality. In order to maintain a suitable level of provision, it is therefore recommended that the school works with the LCCC and ECB to improve this aspect and consequently increase the quality of provision on site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>

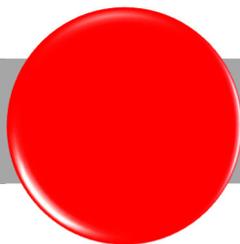


## APPENDIX F: RUGBY UNION SITE-BY-SITE ANALYSIS

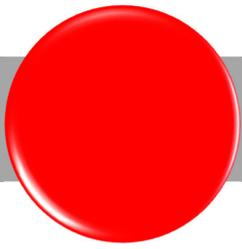
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ANSTEY RUGBY PITCH	Anstey, Charnwood Forest, LE7 7EB	1 x Senior Rugby	Secured	M0/D2	0.75	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is home to Anstey RFC, which currently has 1 senior men's team. The team is understood to have security of tenure on the site from Anstey Parish Council.</p> <p>E: The club has built up a sizeable junior section. It is recommended the RFU continues to support the club with additional coaching support and maintenance equipment as requested to re-establish the junior section if possible.</p> <p>It is recommended that the RFU supports the club in increasing the level of maintenance of this pitch to standard quality.</p> <p>PV: It is recommended DDA-compliant WC facilities are added to the site in order to provide players, officials and spectators with better facilities for the games. It is recommended the RFU works with the club, Charnwood Borough Council and Anstey Parish Council in order to achieve this.</p>



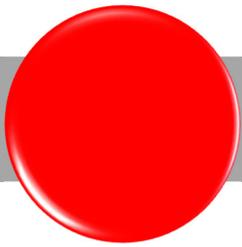
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CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Loughborough – Loughborough, LE11 4SQ	1 x Senior Rugby	Unsecured	M0/D1	1.5	<p>PR: This site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is currently unused by the community for rugby, but the pitches are used regularly for PE and other school activities.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
COSSINGTON RECREATION GROUND	Rural South East – Cossington, LE7 4UZ	1 x Senior Rugby	Secured	M0/D1	-1.5	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is the home of Sileby Vikings RFC and hosts 3 senior teams including 1 ladies' team. The club is understood to have a formal arrangement with the Parish Council for continued use of the site in the future.</p> <p>E: As there is no demand for football identified at this study, it is recommended that the adult 11 v 11 football pitch in the site be redesignated as a senior rugby union pitch.</p> <p>It is recommended that the RFU supports the club in increasing the level of maintenance of both pitches to standard quality.</p>



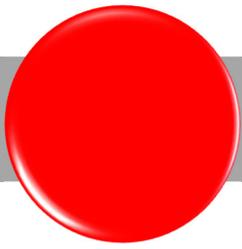
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						<p>This would not only produce enough capacity on the site to meet existing demand, but also provide additional peak-time spare capacity to provide an additional senior team, which for the club has reported there is a latent demand for. This would also provide enough capacity for the pitches to be used for mid-week training. It is recommended that the RFU works with the club, Platts Charity and Cossington Parish Council to identify what, if any, maintenance works would be required to enable the development of a rugby pitch on the site.</p> <p>Should re-designating of the existing adult 11 v 11 football pitch for rugby union not be possible, it is recommended the RFU works with the club, Platts Charity and Anstey Parish Council to increase the level of appropriate maintenance on site in order to better meet demand.</p> <p>PV: The RFU should work with the club, Charnwood Borough Council and Cossington PC to identify funding for additional posts, flags and other required elements for development of a pitch on the site.</p>



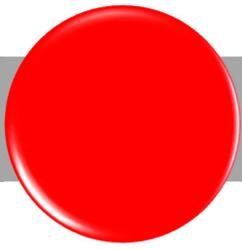
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						<p>The RFU should work with the club, Charnwood Borough Council, Platts Charity and Cossington PC to install floodlighting on one of the pitches to increase floodlight capacity on the site and remove the need to use the poor-quality paddock to the east of the site.</p> <p>Should the additional pitch be developed on the site, an additional two changing rooms should be provided to allow these pitches to be used simultaneously. The club has identified a desire to develop a female team at some point in the future. It is recommended the RFU supports the club in this regard by identifying funding sources for upgrading the existing ancillary facilities to allow both male and female rugby to be played at the same time.</p>
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough – Loughborough, LE11 4SQ	1 x Junior Rugby	Unsecured	M0/D0	0.5	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used for PE and other school activities.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



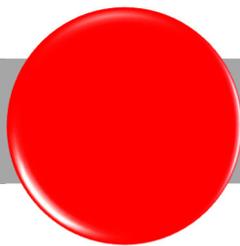
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HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	Barrow-upon-Soar, Charnwood Forest, LE12 8JU	1 x Junior Rugby	Secured	M0/D0	1.5	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union, but is used for PE and other school activities.
						E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.
-IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Shepshed – Shepshed–Hathern, LE12 9DB	2 1 x Junior Rugby Union 1 x Senior Rugby Union	Unsecured	M0/D0	0.5	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed RFC. The club has 1 senior team and two junior teams at U7s and U8s. It is understood the club has no formal security of tenure on the site beyond one season.
						E: It is recommended the RFU works with the school and the club to agree a secured community use agreement for the site guaranteeing use for a minimum of 3 years.
						The club has reported that some form of floodlighting, which would allow them to train at the site during weekday evenings, would be a major improvement for the club. It is recommended that the RFU works with the club to understand if this is a possibility for the school and if so, to help identify potential funding sources for such a project.



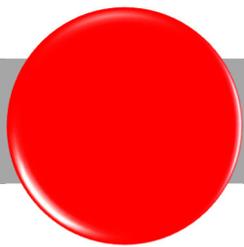
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						<p>It is recommended that the RFU and the club work with the school to identify a way of improving the maintenance programme at the site, which the club has identified as being inadequate for their needs. The additional capacity delivered through improved maintenance could address any additional demand for rugby on-site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough – Loughborough, LE11 2 DU	2 x Junior Rugby Union	Unsecured	M1/D2	5	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used for PE and other school activities.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Loughborough – Loughborough LE 11 5FJ	3 x Senior Rugby Union	Secured	1 x M1/D1 2 x M0/D1	-1.5	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough RFC for all 19 teams. The club has secured tenure on the site from Charnwood Borough Council until 2060. The site is also used by Loughborough College for 2 U18s teams. As the largest club in Charnwood, this represents a high-priority site for rugby union in the borough.</p>



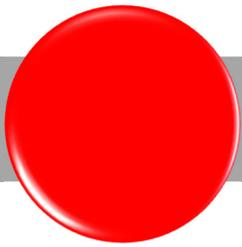
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						<p>E: It is recommended the RFU works with the club to improve the maintenance of the site to M1 level across all 3 pitches. The RFU should help the club identify which additional maintenance procedures would be most effective in combating the issue of drainage on the site and advise on sourcing funding for the additional maintenance.</p>
						<p>Enhancing the pitches to this level will not provide enough capacity for the site to meet existing demand. In order to increase capacity on the site and meet demand it is recommended that, should the club be able to demonstrate the resources and expertise to maintain the pitches to the level required, the RFU should support the club in installing artificial drainage on 1 of the pitches on the site. This will provide the pitches with enough spare capacity to meet existing demand. However, the club is projected to add a further adult men's team, 2 further junior boys' teams and a mini team by 2036. It is therefore recommended that the RFU continues to work with the club to identify an ongoing approach to enhance the capacity of the site to the appropriate levels by this timescale.</p> <p>At present, the site has one floodlit area that caters for all training demand. Improving the level of maintenance on this pitch is expected to increase capacity in order to meet current demand.</p>



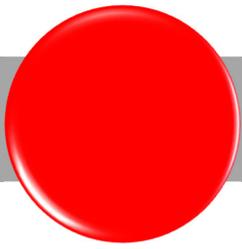
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						It is recommended that the RFU works with the club to monitor the impact of increased maintenance on this area to ensure that this has achieved the adequate levels of capacity required by the club.
						<p>It is recommended that the existing floodlighting on the training pitch be replaced with recognised standard floodlighting. In addition, a further pitch should be floodlit to enhance the ability of the club to cater to evening pitch demand throughout the season.</p> <p>It is recommended that the RFU helps to support the club in developing the clubhouse facilities on site. The RFU should work with the club to identify sources of funding to help them raise the stated £200,000 required to realise the project.</p> <p>PV: No further provision is recommended for this site.</p>
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough – Loughborough University, LE11 3TU	3 x Senior Rugby Union 1 x WR22 AGP	Unsecured	4 x M2/D2	9.75	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the university's student teams.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>



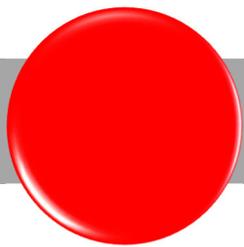
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QUORN PLAYING FIELDS – LOUGHBOROUGH ENDOWED SCHOOLS	Loughborough – Soar Valley, LE12 8AJ	6 x Senior Rugby Union	Unsecured	6 x M2/D2	19.5	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's teams for matches and PE lessons.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Rural South East – Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, LE7 4SG	3 x Junior Rugby Union	Unsecured	3 x M1/D2	5	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's student teams for matches and PE lessons.</p> <p>E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Quorn, LE12 8DY	1 x Senior Rugby Union	Unsecured	1 x M0/D1	0.5	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn RFC, who have one adult men's team.</p> <p>E: It is recommended the RFU work with the club and the academy to identify ways of improving the maintenance of the pitches.</p>



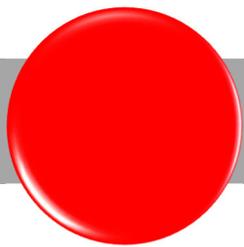
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						<p>It is also recommended the RFU assists the club and the academy to find sources of funding to help finance any new maintenance procedures required by the site.</p> <p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Rural South East – Queniborough, LE7 3FE	5 x Senior Rugby Union	Secured	1 x M1/D2 4 x M0/D2	0.25	<p>PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is owned and used by Syston RFC, which has 14 team across adult and junior age groups. As the second largest club in the borough, this site is strategically important for rugby union.</p>
						<p>E: It is recommended the RFU helps the club to identify any potential sources for financing their pitch barrier project.</p> <p>It is recommended that the RFU continues to work with the club in identifying further maintenance works that can be undertaken to enhance capacity on the site.</p> <p>The site's current capacity means that no additional teams can play on the site at present. This is a significant barrier to rugby development in the area as it is projected that there is future demand for two more teams on this site.</p>



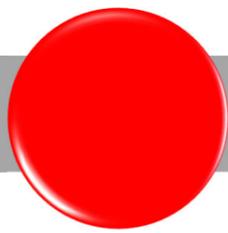
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						<p>In order to increase capacity on the site to meet demand it is recommended that, should the club be able to demonstrate the resources and expertise to maintain the pitches to the level required, the RFU should support the club in installing artificial drainage on a minimum of 1 of the pitches on the site.</p>
						<p>This will provide an additional 0.5–1.25 carrying capacity for the pitches, and therefore provide enough spare capacity to meet existing demand and have spare capacity to facilitate further club growth and development.</p> <p>PV: The club does not currently offer any female rugby development. It is recommended that the RFU works with the club to identify options for developing female rugby teams (such as self-contained changing rooms) and helps the club to identify solutions for overcoming existing developmental barriers. This may include identifying sources of funding for an extension to the clubhouse or changing block.</p> <p>The site is also reported to be used by county squads for mid-week training sessions (this is not included as part of the demand analysis for this site due to the infrequency of these sessions).</p>



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						This places additional demand on the floodlit capacity of the site, which is already thought to be significantly over capacity. It is recommended that fixed floodlights be added to another pitch in order to increase mid-week training capacity at the site and allow the club to rotate the designated training areas in order to rest overused areas.
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Birstall, LE4 4GH	2 1 x Senior Rugby Union 1 x Junior Rugby Union	Unsecured	2 x M0/D1	3	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's student teams for matches and PE lessons. The site was previously used by Birstall RFC, but this team has moved to a site outside of the study area.  E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.  PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Woodhouse Eaves, Charnwood Forest, LE12 8WD	4 x Senior Rugby Union	Unsecured	D2/M2	13	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's student teams for matches and PE lessons.  E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.



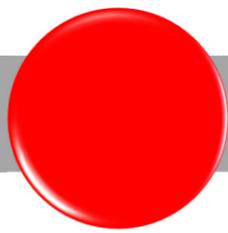
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						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough – Loughborough LE11 2ST	2 x Senior Rugby Union	Unsecured	M0/D1	3	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school’s student teams for matches and PE lessons.
						E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Soar Valley – Syston, LE7 1LY	1 x Senior Rugby Union	Unsecured	M0/D0	0.5	PR: The site should be protected as playing fields in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school’s student teams for matches and PE lessons.
						E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.
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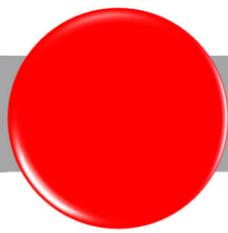
## APPENDIX G: SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS BY SITE

### CHARNWOOD FOREST

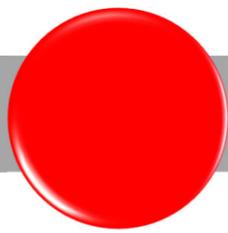
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CHARNWOOD FOREST	SETTLEMENT	SITE	POSTCODE	SITE OWNERSHIP / MANAGEMENT	FOOTBALL	CRICKET	RUGBY UNION	HOCKEY	GOLF	NETBALL	TENNIS
	Anstey	Anstey Nomads FC	LE7 7BP	Sports Club	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Anstey Nomads FC and The Sports Bar Anstey Swifts.						
					E: No enhancement has been identified for this site						
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site						
	Anstey	Anstey Recreation Ground	LE7 7ER	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Anstey Swifts FC for age groups U7-U11.		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is home to Anstey RFC, which currently has 1 senior men's team. The team is understood to have security of tenure on the site from Anstey Parish Council.				PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides community accessible tennis courts.
					E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and Anstey PC to identify increased maintenance on the site – especially on refurbishing goalmouths at the end of the season. It is recommended the FF and the LRFA support the club and Anstey PC to identify sources of funding for this increased work.		E: The club has built up a sizeable junior section. It is recommended the RFU continues to support the club with additional coaching support and maintenance equipment as requested to re-establish the junior section if possible.				E. Consideration should be given to the LTA working with Anstey Parish Council to enhance this site
					It is recommended the AGP be resurfaced. It is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with Anstey PC to identify sources for helping to fund this work.		It is recommended that the RFU supports the club in increasing the level of maintenance of this pitch to standard quality.				
					PV: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA ensure the club has access to appropriately sized, removable Mini 5 v 5 goals to ensure that FA guidelines are being adhered to, even		PV: It is recommended DDA-compliant WC facilities are added to the site in order to provide players, officials and spectators with better facilities for the games. It is				



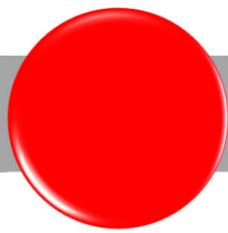
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					when over-marked pitches are being used.		recommended the RFU works with the club, Charnwood Borough Council and Anstey Parish Council in order to achieve this.				
	Anstey	Anstey Rugby Pitch	LE7 7EB	Parish Council			Provide DDA-compliant WC facilities on site				
	Anstey	Gynsill LTC	LE7 7AN	Sports Club							PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for a community tennis club.
	Anstey	The Martin High School	LE7 7EB	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Anstey Swifts FC and the school for PE and school matches					PR This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan	
					E: It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the school and the club to improve the quality of the maintenance of pitches. This will improve the drainage and carrying capacity of the site as well as improve the quality of the site for users. The FF and LRFA should work with the club and school to identify what procedures should be added to the maintenance regime and the potential sources of funding for this project.					PV. This site should be maintained as standard-quality netball courts.	
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						
	Cropston	Cropston Cricket Club	LE7 7HL	Private		PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. This site is used by Cropston Cricket Club for eight teams.					
						E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB to establish funding sources for renovation of the current ancillary facility at the site, along with					



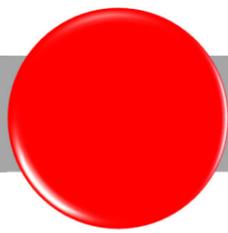
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						improving the practice net facility.					
						PV: It is recommended that ECB and LCCC work with the club to ensure the quality of the NTP is retained as long as possible. It is recommended that ECB and LCCC support the refurbishment/ replacement of the NTP when required, as this facility is vital for accommodating junior demand away from the grass wickets.					
	Woodhouse Eaves	Charnwood Forest Golf Club	LE12 8TA	Sports Club					PR: Protect as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan		
	Woodhouse Eaves (in Charnwood Forest)	King George's Field	LE12 8RZ	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used for adult football by Woodhouse Imperial.	PR: Protect as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan. The site is used by a number of Leicester-based cricket clubs.					PR: Protect as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan. The site is home to Beacon Tennis Club.
					E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with Woodhouse PC to identify improvement maintenance regime to address the poor quality of drainage on the site. It is recommended the FF and LRFA assist the PC to identify sources of funding for any additional maintenance requirements.						
					It is also recommended the ancillary facilities of the site be fully refurbished. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the ECB and the PC to identify funding for refurbishing this facility.						
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site						
	Woodhouse Eaves	Lingdale Golf Club	LE12 8TF	Sports Club					PR Protect as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan		



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	Woodhouse Eaves	Maplewell Hall School	LE12 8QY	Leicestershire County Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used for community use at present; however, the site is reported to be used for PE and the school own fixtures.						
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.						
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						
	Woodhouse Eaves	Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College	LE12 8WD	MoD	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Foxes for Adult 11 v 11 football, as well as by the college for PE and internal fixtures.		PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's student teams for matches and PE lessons.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Town HC for 2 match slots every Saturday.			
					E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and the college to gain long-term security of tenure on the site.		E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: It is recommended that the club works with Minerva and the College to formally secure access to the site for hockey.			
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.		PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.			
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					PR: Football AGP – the site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Foxes for Adult 11 v 11 football, as well as by the college for PE and internal fixtures. The pitch surface will need to be replaced ASAP.			PR: Hockey AGP – the site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Town HC for 2 match slots every Saturday. The pitch surface will need to be replaced ASAP.			
	Newtown Linford	Newtown Linford Cricket Club	LE6 0AD	Private		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Newtown Linford CC for their one adult and one junior teams.	-				PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for a community tennis club.

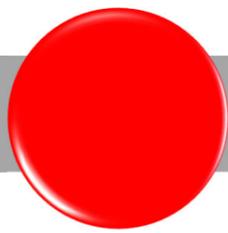


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						E: The club has highlighted that there has been a recent sharp increase in junior cricket participation, which will lead to the formulation of new teams next season. In order to facilitate this demand, it is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to renovate their current artificial wicket and NTP net provision, through identifying sources of funding for the club.					E. Opportunities to increase capacity at this site should be a priority e.g. floodlights, improved courts etc.
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.					

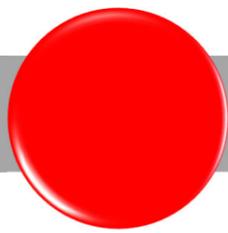


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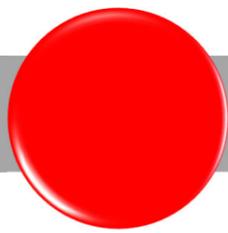
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	Loughborough	Beacon Academy	LE11 2NF	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn FC U15s.									
					E: it is recommended the pitch be re-sized as a Youth 11 v 11 pitch to be more suitable for its current educational and community use.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site									
	Loughborough	Carillon Cricket Club (Little Moor Lane)	LE11 1ST	Sports Club		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Loughborough Carillon CC for three adult teams.								
						E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to establish improved maintenance provision for the existing artificial wicket, in order to offset some demand from the grass wickets and therefore increase carrying capacity at the ground.								



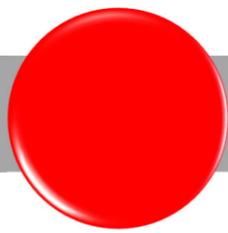
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						It is recommended the ECB and LCCC work with the club to establish funding to improve the built net facility, which currently ranks poorly on the facility element scores.								
						It is recommended that the club is supported in reconfiguring their current ancillary facility so as to use the clubhouse more efficiently.								
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.								
	Loughborough	Charnwood College	LE11 4SQ	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Dynamo for activity for U7s – adults. The site is also used by Loughborough Churches and Shepborough United for adult football. The 3G pitch is used by FC Wymeswold, Loughborough Dynamo Junior, Loughborough United, Shepborough United, and Loughborough Churches for training as well		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is currently unused by the community for rugby, but the pitches are used regularly for PE and other school activities.						PR This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	PR This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.



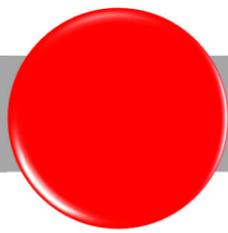
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					as meeting demand for casual, unaffiliated football.									
					E: It is recommended that the FF, LRFA, and Charnwood Borough Council work with the college and Loughborough Dynamo to improve the club's long-term security of tenure on the grass pitches on site.			E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.						
					It is recommended the college works with the club, the FF and LRFA to resize the pitches so that they are the most appropriate dimensions for their current educational and community use.			PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						
					PV: It is recommended the college acquires the appropriate goals for Youth 11 v 11 and Mini 5 v 5 pitches. The FF and LRFA should work with the college and the club to identify how many portable goals would be required and help to identify funding for buying these goals.									



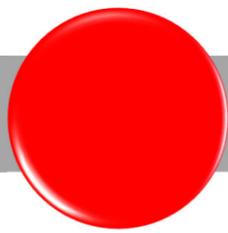
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					PV; The football AGP is in good condition but will need re-surfacing in the next 5–7 years.									
	Loughborough	Charnwood Golf Complex	LE11 5AD	Private								PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.		
	Loughborough	De Lisle College	LE11 4SQ	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. No formal football use has been identified for this site by this study. However, the site is understood to be well-used for PE by the school.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used for PE and other school activities.						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.
					E: It is recommended the quality of pitch maintenance on the site be improved to address the lack of drainage on the pitch. The college should work with the IOG to identify which maintenance procedures would be most appropriate to improve pitch drainage.	E: It is recommended that the school works with the ECB and LCCC in order to identify funding sources to renovate the current artificial wicket on site. It is recommended however that demand is established prior to this, due to there being no community access.	E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.						E: This site should be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality netball courts.	E: It is recommended that all courts be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.							



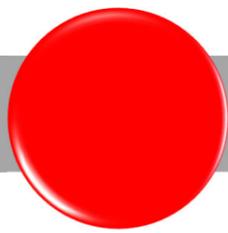
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	Loughborough	Derby Road Sports Ground	LE11 5FJ	Charnwood Borough Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough FC for all of its adult and U18 matches. The site is also used by FC Polonia, The Plough Thorpe Acre FC and White Hart FC for adult football.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Leicester Lions for one adult male team.								
					E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with Charnwood Borough Council to address the issues caused by poor quality ancillary facilities at this site, specifically the poor quality changing facilities and car parking.	E: It is recommended that the club, the LCCC and the ECB work with Charnwood Borough Council to identify funding sources in order to renovate and extend the existing ancillary on site.								
					It is recommended that the existing changing block be refurbished and extended to meet FF specifications and to ensure that it provides changing rooms for all pitches for male and female fixtures to be played concurrently.									
					It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with Charnwood Borough	There is some undulation on the outfield of the pitch to the north of the site, which appears								



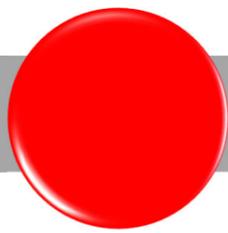
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					Council to address significant problem areas of undulation in the pitches at this site. It is recommended an independent pitch advisor from the IOG be used to determine what measures can or should be taken to address this issue.	to have been caused by collapsed drainage channels. It is therefore recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to enhance maintenance provision on site so that this is not an issue.								
					It is recommended that one of these pitches be resized to be appropriate for Youth 11 v 11 fixtures in order to better meet the requirements of teams currently playing at the site.	PV: It is recommended that the club works with the ECB and LCCC to improve the built net facilities on site by adding a two-lane net facility. This will make the site more appealing for users as it will enable better practice/warm-ups to be undertaken on this multi-pitch site.								
					PV: It is also recommended that Charnwood Borough Council works with the clubs using the site to identify an appropriate parking solution in close proximity to the main changing block. This may include a solution of extending the parking at Cotton Way.									



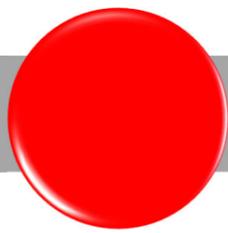
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	Loughborough	Limehurst Academy	LE11 1NH	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for PE and school fixtures.								PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	
					E: It is recommended that the maintenance on the pitches is improved to address poor drainage and the lack of grass coverage on the site. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the school to identify what additional maintenance procedures are required by the site.								PV: This site should be maintained as standard quality netball courts.	
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									
	Loughborough	Lodge Farm Sports Ground	LE11 3LF	Charnwood Borough Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough United FC for adult football.									
					E: Users of the site reported "graffiti on changing room, broken exterior panelling and fire damage to changing room door." It is									



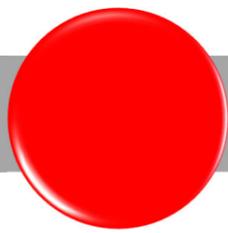
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					recommended that Charnwood Borough Council invests in better protection from antisocial behaviour for the site.									
					It is also recommended that the ancillary facilities be refurbished to repair the damage caused by antisocial behaviour in the past.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									
	Loughborough	Longcliffe Golf Club	LE11 3YA	Sports Club								PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan		
	Loughborough	Loughborough College (The Radmoor Centre) – AGP	LE11 3BT	Loughborough Endowed Schools	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan.									
					The site (AGP) is used by Loughborough Churches for matches and Loughborough Foxes for training as well as for casual, unaffiliated use and by the school for PE and school fixtures.									
						E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.								



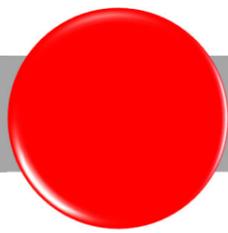
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						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.								
	Loughborough	Loughborough Endowed Schooland Grammar +C3r School (shared site)	LE11 2DU	Private – School	PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. No formal demand has been identified on the site’s mini pitches, but they are understood to be used by the school for PE use.	PR: This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.		PR: This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Town HC for 3 match slots on a Sunday.					PR: This site should be protected as “sports facilities” in the Local Plan.	PR: This site should be protected as “sports facilities” in the Local Plan.
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	The cricket pitch is the subject of a planning application for a new full-sized hockey appropriate AGP. As the cricket pitch is currently unavailable for community use and the school has other pitches that it can use to play and teach the cricket, there is no strategic argument for recommending against the new AGP from being built on the site of the cricket pitch.		E: It is recommended this site be prioritised for hockey use and formal community use agreements of a minimum of 3 years be signed to provide local clubs with security of tenure. Should Loughborough Town HC lose access to Loughborough University pitches, it is recommended this site be identified as the main hub site for hockey in Loughborough, and that England Hockey works with the school and the clubs to reach a favourable security of tenure agreement for the site.						



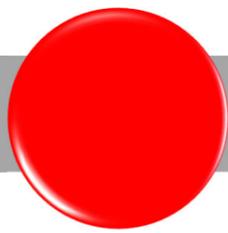
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					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	E: No further enhancement has been identified as part of this study.		PV: Should such a circumstance arise whereby Loughborough Town HC should lose access to Loughborough University and Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College, England Hockey should work with the club and Loughborough Endowed Schools to establish if replacing the surface of the AGP with a water-based surface (to allow Loughborough Town HC to continue to have access to a water-based pitch) would be in the school's interests. Such an investment would require a formal community use agreement between the school, England Hockey and the hockey clubs using the site.						
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.								
								PR: Hockey AGP – This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough						



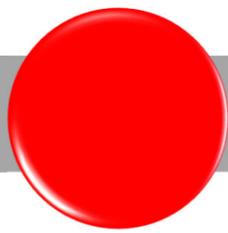
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								Town HC for 3 match slots on a Sunday. The pitch surface will need to be replaced in 5–7 years.						
	Loughborough	Loughborough University	LE11 3TU		PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. No community demand has been identified on the grass pitches for this site. However, Burton Falcons have been identified as using the site’s AGPs for their training along with the student teams.	PR: This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the university for matches, training, physical education and other activity.	PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the university’s student teams.	PR: This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Students Men’s HC, Loughborough Students Ladies’ HC and by Loughborough Town HC as their principal site. Loughborough Town HC uses the site for 8 hours per week for training and a further 8 match slots on Saturdays.		PR: This site should be protected as “sports facilities” in the Local Plan			PR: This site should be protected as “sports facilities” in the Local Plan	PR: This site should be protected as “sports facilities” in the Local Plan
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: No further enhancement has been identified as part of the study.	E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: The study has determined that the University has no interest in signing a formal community use agreement with Loughborough Town HC. However, if this situation were to change, it is recommended that England Hockey and the club work with the university to reach a more formal agreement to provide security of tenure on the site for		E: In the short term, it is recommended that Charnwood Athletics Club, Loughborough University, British Athletics and any other key stakeholders should establish a Paula Radcliffe Stadium Users’ Group to be chaired by the university. Once established, it is recommended that the users’ group should to help to formulate an agreed				



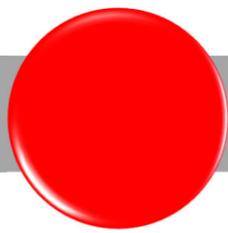
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								community hockey.		timetable of use for the facility to ensure all voices are heard and pressures on track time better understood by all parties. Membership of the users' group should also guarantee a minimum of 3 years' security of use of the facility. This term should be written into the constitution of the group and agreed by all members. This security of use will allow users to commit to improved future planning and to seek alternative facilities to use should their demand outweigh the allocation agreed to be given to them.				
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	It is recommended that the sand-based AGP be resurfaced as sand-dressed to improve the facility for hockey.		PR: Charnwood Athletics Club should explore the possibility of accessing Ratcliffe College's track for some sessions.				
					PR: Football AGP – The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. Burton Falcons use the site's AGPs for their training, along with the student teams. Pitch surfaces			PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						



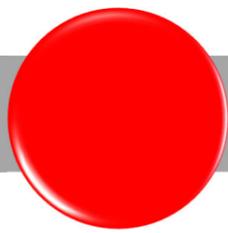
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					will need to be replaced in next 5-7 years.									
								PR: Hockey AGP – This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Students Men’s HC, Loughborough Students Ladies’ HC and by Loughborough Town HC as their principal site. Loughborough Town HC uses the site for 8 hours per week for training and a further 8 match slots on Saturdays. Pitch surfaces will need to be replaced ASAP given its age.						
	Loughborough	Loughborough Charnwood Old Boys CC (Ashby Road)	LE11 3QU	Private		PR: This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Loughborough Charnwood Old Boys for their two adult male teams.								
						E: It is recommended that the ECB, LCCC, Charnwood Borough Council and the site owner support the club to establish a new long lease on								



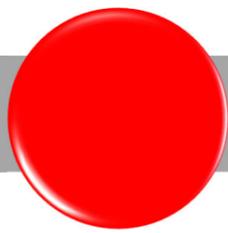
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						the site to guarantee continued club access.								
						It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to enhance maintenance provision on site, with particular focus on the drainage at the site.								
						PV: The club has an artificial wicket on site; however, this is in a poor condition.								
						It is recommended that the club is supported in replacing this NTP, to offset demand on the grass pitches should junior cricket be established at the site in the future.								
	Loughborough	Loughborough Greenfields Sports and Social Club	LE11 3HZ	Sports Club		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Loughborough Greensfield CC for 3 adult and 3 junior teams.					PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan			PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for a community tennis club.
						E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to improve maintenance								



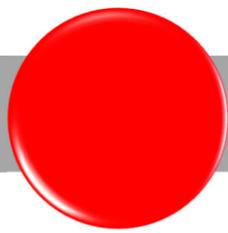
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						provision and equipment on site. Improved maintenance would help to meet the high level of demand placed on it by the club.								
						PV: Due to the number of junior teams at this site, it is recommended that an artificial wicket be installed in order to offset some of the junior cricket demand currently being placed on the grass wickets. Relocating junior demand from the grass wickets and would help to increase the quality of grass wicket provision.								
	Loughborough	Loughborough Grammar School	LE11 2DU	Private – School			PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union, but is used for PE and other school activities.							
							E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.							
							PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.							



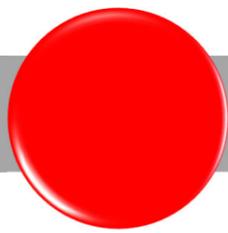
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	Loughborough	Loughborough Rugby Football Club	LE11 5FJ	Charnwood Borough Council			PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough RFC for all 19 teams. The club has secured tenure on the site from Charnwood Borough Council until 2060. The site is also used by Loughborough College for 2 U18s teams. As the largest club in Charnwood, this represents a high-priority site for rugby union in the borough.		PR: Loughborough RFC should be protected as "Playing Fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough RFC Rugby League Club. It is the only community accessible rugby league pitch in the borough.					
	Loughborough	Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club	LE11 3NP	Sports Club										PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for a community tennis club.
	Loughborough	Loughborough Queens Park Bowls Club	LE11 3DU	Charnwood Borough Council							PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan			
											E: This site is a priority for investment to improve facilities.			
	Loughborough	Nanpantan Sports Ground	LE11 3TN	Charnwood Borough Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Falcons for adult football and by	PV: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Fantana CC (two adult					PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan			PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for a community tennis club.



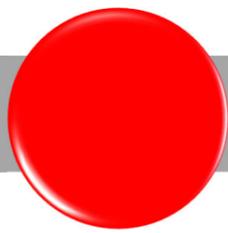
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					Loughborough Emmanuel Youth FC for ages U8, U11, U13, U14 and U18.	teams), Leuva Patdar CC (one adult male team), and Loughborough Outwoods (four adult male teams).								
					E: Loughborough Dynamo FC has reported that they will seek to hire pitches at Nanpantan to accommodate the growth of their club next season. It is therefore recommended that Charnwood Borough Council works closely with IDverde and the clubs to ensure the maintenance procedures currently being undertaken are adequate to support this additional demand. It is recommended that the ancillary facilities servicing the pitches be refurbished to FF specifications to reflect the site's importance as a football hub.	E: It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council work with the LCCC and ECB in order to enhance the maintenance regime on-site and improve carrying capacity. There should be particular focus on the outfield here.								
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	It is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with the ECB and the resident clubs to identify funding sources for upgrading all								



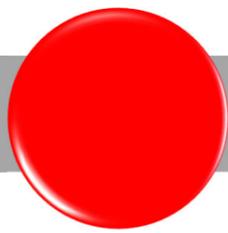
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						ancillary facilities on this site.								
					PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Dynamo FC, for Adult 11 v 11 and U18s football, and Loughborough College Ladies' team.	PV: It is recommended that the current built net facility is replaced with a new, 2-bay net facility to improve the quality of practice facilities on the site.								
					E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with Charnwood Borough Council and the club to refurbish the ancillary facilities and identify funding sources to enable this work to be undertaken.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site at present. However, the club has reported that it has ambitions to replace the stadium pitch with a FIFA-quality 3G AGP. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA continues to work with the club and Charnwood Borough Council to monitor the on-going need for this facility.									



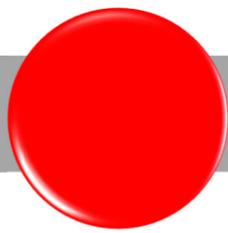
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					However, the current level of reported use and the spare capacity of pitches in the area means there is little evidence supporting the prioritisation of this project.									
	Loughborough	Park Road Sports Ground	LE11 2ED	Charnwood Borough Council		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Town CC, who have 14 junior and 4 adult teams.						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.		PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.
						E: It is recommended that the club works with Charnwood Borough Council to address antisocial behaviour at the site. Issues of arson, vandalism and damage to club property need to be addressed.								E: Provision of 6 floodlit courts is an investment priority at this site.
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.								



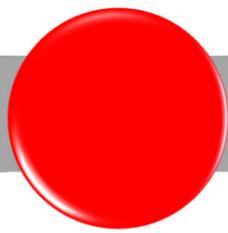
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	Loughborough	Rendell Primary School	LE11 1LJ	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the school for PE and school fixtures.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									
	Loughborough	Robert Bakewell Primary School	LE11 5UJ	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the school for PE and school fixtures.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									
	Loughborough	Shelthorpe Golf Course	LE11 2JS	Charnwood Borough Council								PR: Protect at least part of the existing course as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan;		



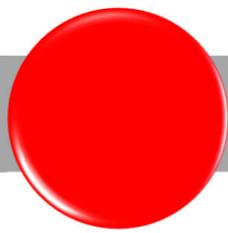
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												protect remainder of course as Public Open Space.		
												E: Reviews the findings of the 2018 PPS in the context of the 2017 Open Space Assessment and considers the options for the future of the Shelthorpe Golf Course Site, i.e. redevelopment of some of the course as open space to address under-supply in sub-area.		
	Loughborough	Woodbrook Vale High School	LE11 2ST	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Loughborough Foxes for U11, U13s-U16, as well as PE and school fixtures.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan; however there is no formal community use on site.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's student teams for matches and PE lessons.						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.
					E: It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the school and the club to address the poor drainage on-site by improving the quality of the maintenance of pitches. The FF and LRFA should work with the club and the school to identify what procedures should be added to the	E: There are no grass wickets on-site; there is one artificial wicket which scores poorly in terms of quality. In order to maintain a suitable level of provision, it is therefore recommended that the school works with the LCCC and ECB to improve this aspect and consequently increase the quality of	E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.						E: This site should be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality netball courts.	E: It is recommended that all courts be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.



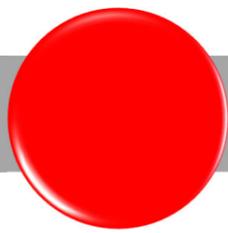
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					maintenance regime and the potential sources of funding for this project.	provision on site.								
					It is also recommended that the FF and LRFA help the school to identify funding streams for replacing rusted goal posts.	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.							
					PV: It is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with the school to work on anti-vandalism measures to prevent further damage to the site.									
							E: It is recommended the RFU works with the club to improve the maintenance of the site to M1 level across all 3 pitches. The RFU should help the club identify which additional maintenance procedures would be most effective in combating the issue of drainage on the site and advise on sourcing funding for the additional maintenance.							



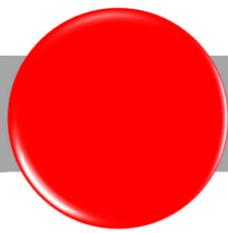
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							<p>Enhancing the pitches to this level will not provide enough capacity for the site to meet existing demand. In order to increase capacity on the site and capable of meeting demand it is recommended that, should the club be able to demonstrate the resources and expertise to maintain the pitches to the level required, the RFU should support the club in installing artificial drainage on 1 of the pitches on the site. This will provide the pitches with enough spare capacity to meet existing demand.</p> <p>However, the club is projected to add a further adult men's team, 2 further junior boys' teams and a mini team by 2036. It is therefore recommended that the RFU continues to work with the club to identify an ongoing approach and enhance the capacity of the site to the appropriate levels by this timescale.</p>								



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							<p>At present the site has one floodlit area, which caters for all training demand. Improving the level of maintenance on this pitch is expected to increase capacity in order to meet current demand. It is recommended that the RFU works with the club to monitor the impact of increased maintenance on this area to ensure that this has achieved the adequate levels of capacity required by the club.</p>							
							<p>It is recommended that the existing floodlighting on the training pitch be replaced with recognised standard floodlighting. In addition, a further pitch should be floodlit to enhance the ability of the club to cater to evening pitch demand throughout the season.</p>							
							<p>It is recommended that the RFU helps to support the club in developing the clubhouse facilities on site. The RFU should work with the</p>							

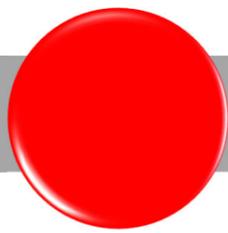


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							club to identify sources of funding to help them raise the stated £200,000 required to realise the project.							
							PV: No further provision is recommended for this site.							
	Loughborough	3M Healthcare Sports and Social Club	LE12 8UE	Private	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by FC Cione and Quorn Juniors FC.									
					E: No enhancement has been identified for this site									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site									

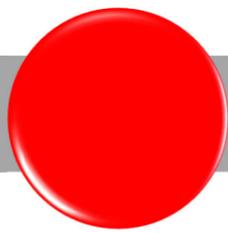


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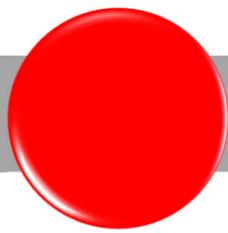
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	Barkby and Barkby Thorpe	Barkby United Cricket Club	LE7 3QB	Private		It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify funding sources for end of season maintenance at the site, which should increase the carrying capacity at the site.						
						It is recommended that the club also look to work with Leicestershire County Council in order to address the speed limit of the road neighbouring the site. There are multiple reports of incidents of cars coming through the fencing. This could endanger players in the outfield. It is recommended that relevant signage is installed along with secure fencing around the outfield to prevent injury through incidents.						
						PV: The club has a growing youth set-up. It also plans to establish disability teams and a women's set-up to further expand the club. In order to increase carrying capacity at the site it is recommended that the club improves the quality of their artificial wicket, through relaying of the surface or an improved maintenance regime; collaboration with the LCCC is appropriate here.						



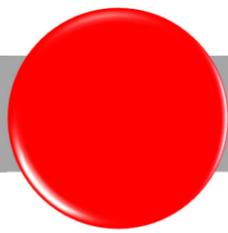
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	Cossington	Cossington Recreation Ground, Platts Lane	LE7 4UZ	Charity / Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. No formal demand has been identified for this site by this study.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. This site is used by Queniborough CC for their third and fourth adult teams. (Rest of teams use Rearsby Road).	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. No formal demand has been identified for this site by this study.					
					E: It is recommended this pitch be re-designated to provide additional capacity for the Sileby Vikings RFC, who use the site and are currently at capacity on their only pitch.		E: It is recommended this pitch be re-designated to provide additional capacity for the Sileby Vikings RFC, who use the site and are currently at capacity on their only pitch.					
					E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and Platt Lane Charity to identify increased maintenance on the site – especially on refurbishing goalmouths at the end of the season. It is recommended the FF and the LRFA support the club and Platt Lane Charity to identify sources of funding for this increased work.		PV: It is recommended the RFU works with Sileby Vikings RFC and Platts Charity to source funding for new posts and for additional maintenance to care for the pitch.					
					It is recommended the AGP be re-surfaced. It is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with Platt Lane Charity to identify sources for helping to fund this work.							
					PV: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA ensure the club has access to appropriately sized, removable Mini 5 v 5 goals to ensure that FA guidelines are being adhered to, even when over-marked pitches are being used.							



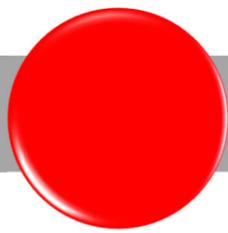
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					PV: It is recommended the RFU works with Sileby Vikings RFC and Platts Charity to source funding for new posts and for additional maintenance to care for the pitch.							
							The RFU should work with the club, Charnwood Borough Council, Platts Charity and Cossington PC to install floodlighting on one of the pitches to increase floodlight capacity on the site and remove the need to use the poor-quality paddock to the east of the site.					
	East Goscote	Beedles Lake Golf Centre	LE7 3WQ	Private Commercial						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.		
	East Goscote	Jubilee Playing Fields	LE7 3ZL	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by East Goscote Juniors FC and East Goscote United.							
					E: It is recommended that the FF and LF works with East Goscote PC and the club to improve the maintenance on the site in order to address the poor drainage on site and to increase carrying capacity. It is recommended that an FA pitch assessor visits the site to identify what maintenance procedures would be most effective. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the PC and the club to identify sources of							



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					funding for any additional maintenance works.							
					It is recommended the pitch be resized to be more appropriate for the current nature of its use.							
					PV: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the PC and the club to ensure the appropriately sized goals are being provided for the site.							
	Queniborough	King George Playing Fields	LE7 3DR	Parish Council							PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan.
	Queniborough	Rearsby Road	LE7 3DH	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Queniborough FC and Syston Town Juniors for adult football.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. This site is used by Queniborough CC for two adult teams.						
					E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the clubs and Queniborough PC to identify funding to level the pitch from its significant undulation.	E: This site ranks poorly on all facility element scores. It is recommended that the club works with LCCC to establish increased maintenance to improve the overall quality of the site, with particular emphasis on the grass wicket and outfield.						
					It is recommended the FF and the LRFA work with the club and PC to upgrade the quality of the ancillary facilities to FF specifications.	It is also recommended that the club works with the LCCC, ECB and Queniborough Parish Council in order to identify funding sources to renovate the current ancillary which is in an extremely poor condition.						

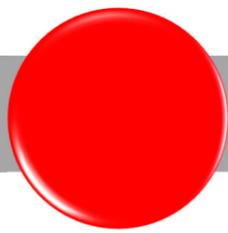


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					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.						
	Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake	Ratcliffe College	LE7 4SG	Private – School	PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. There is not community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the college for PE and school fixtures.	PR: This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.	PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school’s student teams for matches and PE lessons.	PR: This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is not available for community hockey use but is being used by the school for hockey and other activities.	PR: This site should be protected as “sports facilities” in the Local Plan		PR: This site should be protected as “sports facilities” in the Local Plan	
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: It is recommended that the school works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify sources of funding for increased maintenance provision; this is with specific reference to the grass wickets as these are significantly poorer than the other facility elements on the site. This will improve the overall provision of the site along with increasing carrying capacity.	E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: No further enhancements are recommended for this site.				
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.				
					PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan.	Football AGP		PR: Hockey AGP – This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is not available for community hockey use but is being used by the school for hockey and other activities.				

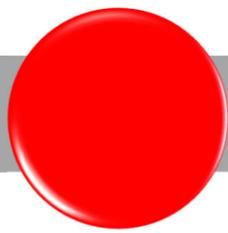


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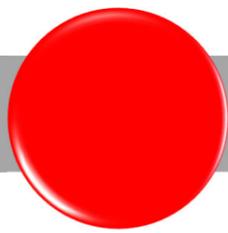
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	Hathern	Pasture Lane Playing Fields	LE12 5LJ	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. No community use of this pitch has been identified by the study – however, the site is used by a cricket club in the summer.						
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.						
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						
	Hathern	Pasture Lane Playing Fields (Site 2)	LE12 5LJ	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Hathern FC for adult football matches and training.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Hathern Old CC for their three adult teams.					
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: It is recommended that collaboration between the club and the Parish Council occur in order to address the issue of dog fouling on site. The club can be supported through installing bins and signage and stressing the importance of responsible dog ownership to reduce the issue of dog fouling on this site.					
					PV: The changing rooms for this site are currently temporary cabins. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and Hathern PC to identify funding sources to finance this project.	New maintenance equipment is a priority for the club and it is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify funding sources for equipment which will enhance the quality of provision as a consequence.					



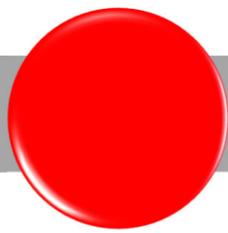
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						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.					
	Shepshed	The Dovecote Stadium	LE12 9BN	Private	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed Dynamo FC and Ingles FC.						
					E: It is recommended that the condition of the ancillary facilities be upgraded. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club to identify finances and resources to refurbish the changing rooms and boiler.						
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						
	Shepshed	Iveshead School	LE12 9DB	Leicestershire County Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed Dynamo Youth and Junior FC for ages U8–17. AFC Sporting Charnwood also use the site for adult football. The site is also well-used for PE and school matches. The AGPs are used by AFC Sporting Charnwood, Shepshed Dynamo Youth & Junior for training and are also used by the community for informal and casual use.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site was used by Leicester Cricket Academy; however, it is understood the club will not be returning to the site in the new season and that there is no community use expected for the 2018 season.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed RFC. The club has 1 senior team and two junior teams at U7s and U8s. It is understood the club has no formal security of tenure on the site beyond one season.			PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	
					E: It is recommended that the maintenance of the site be improved to address drainage issues. It is recommended the school resurfaces the 2 small-sided AGPs imminently.	E: It is recommended that the LCCC and ECB work with the school to establish a community use agreement in order to utilise the site.	E: It is recommended the RFU works with the school and the club to agree a secured community use agreement for the site guaranteeing use for a minimum of 3 years.				



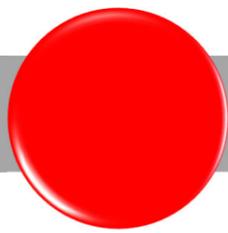
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					PV: It is recommended that a minimum of 1 set of portable 9v9 goals are added to the site to ensure that teams can play with goals appropriate for their age group.	If an agreement is established, then it is recommended that the club work with the school and the LCCC in order to improve maintenance provision on-site, with particular focus on the grass wickets.	The club has reported that some form of floodlighting, allowing them to train at the site during weekday evenings would be a major improvement for the club. It is recommended that the RFU works with the club to understand if this is a possibility for the school and if so, to help identify potential funding sources for such a project. It is recommended that the RFU and the club work with the school to identify a way of improving the maintenance programme at the site, which the club has identified as being inadequate for their needs. The additional capacity delivered through improved maintenance could address any additional demand for rugby on site.				
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.				
	Shepshed	Little Haw Lane Playing Fields	LE12 9LN	Town Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed Amateurs FC and Ingles FC for adult football. Loughborough Dynamo also use the site for their under 13s team.						
					E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with Shepshed Town Council to address the unevenness of the site. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the town council to identify funding sources for this work.						
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						



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	Shepshed	Morley Lane Cricket Ground	LE12 9EU	Private		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Shepshed CC for seven teams.					
						E: It is recommended that the ECB and the LCCC support the club by identifying sources of funding that can be used to finance the purchase of new maintenance equipment for the site. Such equipment would be used to improve the quality of the square and thereby help to address the carrying capacity issues it currently faces.					
						PV: It is recommended the ECB and LCCC supports the club in identifying funding streams for replacing the ancillary facility. The facility is wooden and rotting in places and in need of replacement within 5 years.					
	Shepshed	Pudding Bag Lane	LE12 9GD	Private		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Shepshed CC.					
						E: It is recommended that the club works with Charnwood Borough Council in order to support negotiation around a new lease on the site.					
						It is also recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to source funding sources for the replacement of covers and maintenance equipment, which will enhance the quality of provision on-site and improve the carrying capacity.					

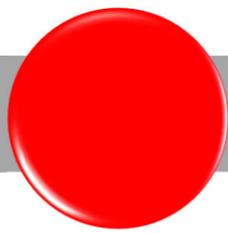


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						PV: It is recommended the ECB and LCCC work with the club to replace the pavilion, which is wooden and rotting in places. It is recommended the pavilion is replaced within the next 5 years.					
	Shepshed	Shepshed BMX Track	LE12 9SH	Town Council					PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.		
	Shepshed	Shepshed Town Bowls Club	LE12 9QF	Sports Club				PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.			
	Shepshed	Saint Winefride's Catholic Primary School	LE12 9AE	Academy Trust		No secured use on-site.					

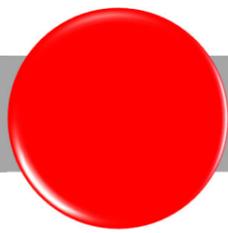


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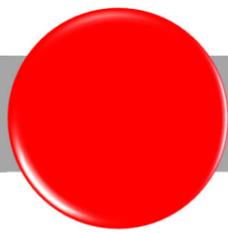
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	Barrow-upon-Soar	Barrow Town Cricket Club	LE12 8PD	Sports Club		PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. This site is used by Barrow Town Cricket Club for their three adult teams.								
						E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify funding sources for the renovation of the existing equipment shed, along with renovation to the perimeter fencing to the south east of the site in order to achieve full security at the site.								
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.								
	Barrow-upon-Soar	Humphrey Perkins High School	LE12 8JU	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. No community use of this site has been recorded as part of this study, but the fields are well used for educational use for school matches and PE.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used for PE and other school activities.						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	
					E: The school has entered the early stages of exploring the feasibility of installing a full-sized 3G AGP at the site. As Soar Valley is designated as a key area for a new 3G pitch. This is a	E: It is recommended that the LCCC and ECB work with the school to establish the situation regarding the re-purposing of part of the field for a car park and pavilion and whether this	E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.						PV. This site should be maintained as standard quality netball courts.	



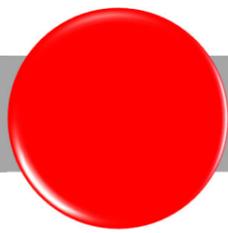
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						potential option to be explored should the pitch at Cedars Academy prove not to be possible.	will remove the cricket pitches as a consequence.							
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site	If this is not the case, it is recommended that collaboration occurs to improve maintenance provision on the outfield.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						
							PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.							
	Barrow-upon-Soar	King George's Playing Field	LE12 8QH	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. No affiliated demand has been identified on this site by this study. It is recommended this site be designated and protected as open space in the Local Plan.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site									
	Birstall	Meadow Lane (Site 1; North of Site 3)	LE4 4FN	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site has been leased for Charnwood Borough Council by Birstall United Juniors but was not in a usable condition at the time of assessment.									



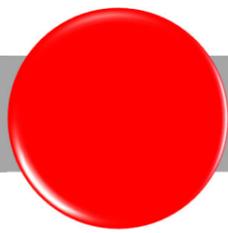
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						E: The club reports that this additional field is vital to adding capacity to the site at peak times. It is recommended that the FF, LRFA and Charnwood Borough Council work with the club to install this pitch as soon as possible and support the club in identifying funding streams for its maintenance. This is necessary, as this additional pitch will help to address the Youth 11 v 11 capacity issues on Meadow Lane (Site 2).								
						PV: The FF and LRFA should ensure any pitches installed on this site have the appropriately sized goals for competitive use.								
	Birstall	Meadow Lane (Site 2; West of Site 3)	LE4 4FN	Sports Club	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Birstall Juniors FC for ages U9–15.									
						E: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA support the club's volunteer groundsman and identify the appropriate maintenance								



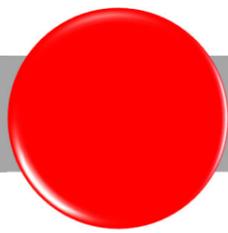
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						procedures to address the drainage issues on the site. It is also recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club to identify sources for funding any additional maintenance identified.								
						PV: It is recommended that the FF and LRFA support the club in replacing the ancillary facility on the site with a facility that is adequate for the club's needs.								
	Birstall	Meadow Lane (Site 3; Birstall United FC – stadium)	LE4 4FN	Private	PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Birstall United’s adult teams and by the “Old Boys” team.									
					E: The ancillary facilities are showing some signs of disrepair. It is recommended the club works with the FF and LRFA to identify opportunities for funding cosmetic refurbishment of the ancillary facilities.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									



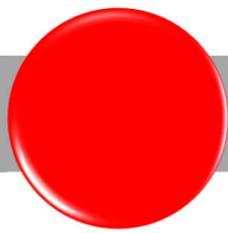
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	Birstall	Riverside Academy	LE4 4JU	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the school for PE and school fixtures.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									
	Birstall	School Lane Playing Field Fields	LE4 4EA	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Birstall Royal British Legion and Birstall Stamford for adult football. The site is also used by Birstall United Juniors.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Birstall Village Cricket club for two adult teams and Asian Sports CC for 3 adult teams.				PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.				
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: It is recommended that the cricket club works with the LCCC and ECB to identify sources of funding for renovation and extension of the Birstall Village Cricket club ancillary facilities.				E: This site is a priority for DDA improvements to bowls facilities.				



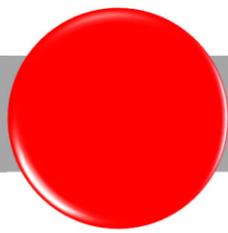
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						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: If Birstall Village Cricket Club achieves promotion, it would be required to provide a fixed practice net as part of their facilities. It is recommended that the club collaborates with Charnwood Borough Council and Birstall Parish Council around installation of a built net facility (the existing facility does not constitute a practice net for this purpose). It is also recommended that the ECB and LCCC work with the club to identify funding sources for this work.							
	Birstall	St Margaret's Bowling Club	LE4 4DE	Private - Commercial						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.				
	Birstall	The Cedars Academy	LE4 4GH	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Groby Town 2013 and Fairfield Athletic FC. as well as for PE and school fixtures.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's student teams for matches and PE lessons. The site was previously used by Birstall RFC, but this team has moved to a site outside of the study area.						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.



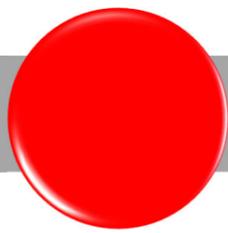
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						E: It is recommended the FF and the LRFA work with the academy to improve the quality of the maintenance on the pitches.	E: Community demand has been removed from the site and consequently the grass square installed has fallen into disrepair. It is recommended the ECB and LCCC work with the academy to develop a community use agreement to help meet exported demand out of the City of Leicester (if further demand is established).	E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.					E: This site should be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality netball courts.	E: It is recommended that all courts be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.
						The academy is understood to have a longstanding application for a 3G pitch on the site. The most recent application is for a small-sided pitch to be installed. It is recommended that the pitch be a full-sized 3G pitch to better meet the strategic needs of the FA and FF.	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						
						It is recommended that this option should be supported as it presents a realistic opportunity to create a new securely available 3G pitch in Soar Valley.								
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.								
	Mountsorrel	Halstead Road Playing Fields	LE12 7HD	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. It is used by Mountsorrel Junior									



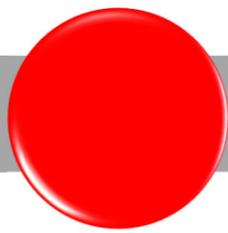
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						FC for ages U7–13.								
						E: The site did not have any pitches large enough to accommodate any matches other than mini 7 v 7 and mini 5 v 5. It is recommended the FF and LRFA ensure that teams are playing on appropriate sized pitches for their age group.								
						PV: Site currently undergoing redevelopment, which is to be completed in 2019. The site plan currently includes the installation of 1 x Adult 11 v 11, 4 x youth/mini pitches. The funding for development has been provided by multiple NGB grants and funding from the War Memorial Trust. It is recommended that the FF, LRFA and Charnwood Borough Council work with the club and the War Memorial Trust to support the development of these pitches and to ensure they are installed to FA specifications and requirements.								
						It is recommended that the FF and LRFA send a pitch inspector to verify the condition of the pitches and ensure they have been correctly installed								



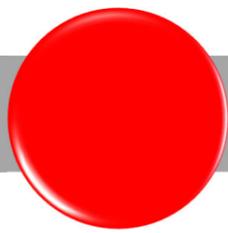
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						to meet FA requirements.								
	Mountsorrel	Memorial Recreation Ground	LE12 7DB	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Mountsorrel Amateurs for adult football and Mountsorrel Juniors from U11-13s.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is being used by Mountsorrel Castle CC for their four adult teams.								
					E: The site is currently operating 2 match equivalents over capacity. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club to identify additional maintenance procedures that could be added to increase the pitch quality rating to Good and therefore increase capacity to meet current demand.	The club has expressed an interest in moving sites due to issues around public access and dog fouling and littering adversely affecting the site. Should the club move sites, it is recommended that Memorial Recreation Ground remains designated as "playing fields" in the Local Plan due to its use for football.								
					PV: It is recommended that an additional pitch be added to the south of the existing pitch (recommended to be either a Youth 11 v 11 or Adult 11 v 11 pitch) to increase capacity on the site, including adding strategic capacity to allow the clubs using this site to continue to grow. This would require significant investment into this land to convert it into an appropriate	E: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.								



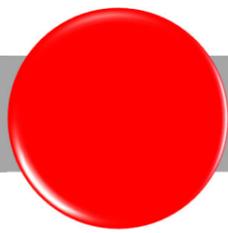
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						surface for football. It is recommended the FA and LRFA work with the club and the War Memorial Trust to identify sources of funding for this project.								
							PV: It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council work with the club and the Parish Council to address the issues on site that result as a consequence of public access. The club can be supported through installing bins and signage and stressing the importance of responsible dog ownership to reduce the issue of dog fouling on this site.							
							Should the club wish to move sites, it is recommended the ECB and LCCC work with the club to identify an alternative site, such as King George's Field (see above), located just 10 minutes' drive away.							
	Mountsorrel	Rothley Sports & Social Club	LE7 7NL	Private – Commercial	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Rothley Imps									



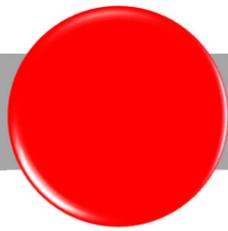
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						Junior U13s and U15s.								
						E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club and Rothley PC to upgrade the changing facilities to FF specifications. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club and PC to identify sources for funding to upgrade this facility to make it adequate for the clubs use.								
						PV: It is recommended the FF and LRFA help the club and PC by assisting them in adding DDA-compliant facilities to the site's ancillary facilities.								
	Mountsorrel	Soar Valley Leisure Centre	LE12 7FG	Charnwood Borough Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site caters for informal football demand.				PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Charnwood Sileby HC and Charnwood Mountsorrel HC for 2 hours midweek and for 3 match slots each Saturday. It is recommended this site be identified as a site of strategic reserve for hockey in Charnwood and therefore the AGP to be prioritised as a hockey appropriate surface in the future.				PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.



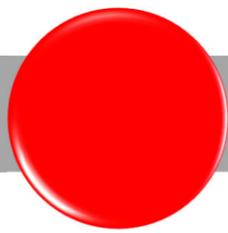
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						E: It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council and England Hockey replace the surface of the AGP with a sand-dressed surface as soon as possible as the current surface is over 10 years old and showing signs of age.			E: It is recommended that the pitch be refurbished as a sand-dressed pitch. This facility is vital to the continued, secured provision of hockey in the area. As neither hockey club using the site is England Hockey affiliated, it is recommended Charnwood Borough Council works with the leisure trust, the clubs and Sport England to identify funding streams for replacing the pitch surface.				E: The pitch surface should be replaced with a multi-sport one to enable netball to be played here in the future (no netball is currently played at this site).	E: The pitch surface should be replaced with a multi-sport one to enable tennis to be played here in the future (no tennis is currently played at this site).
						PV: no further provision has been identified for this site.			This recommendation fits with that in the 2018 Built Facility Strategy, which identifies this site as having potential, if retained as sand-dressed, for hosting outdoor netball, building on the trial partnership between NGBs of netball, tennis and hockey working together to utilise these surfaces.					
									PV: Should all unsecured sites become unavailable for community hockey and Loughborough Endowed School declines a formal community use agreement with England Hockey and the clubs, it is recommended that this site be designated as the hockey centre for					



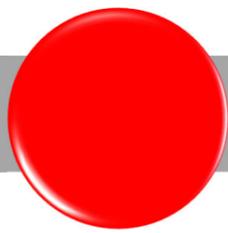
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									Charnwood, with a water-based pitch (allowing Loughborough Town to continue to have access to a water-based pitch).					
	Mountsorrel	Soar Valley Bowls Club	LE7 7NL	Private – Commercial										
	Quorn	Farley Way Stadium	LE12 8PE	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn FC along with wider community use.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site									
					PR: Football AGP – The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn FC along with wider community use. The pitch surface will need to be replaced in the next 7–8 years.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site									
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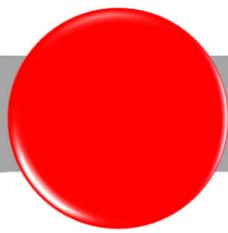
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						identified for this site.								
	Quorn	Riverside Park	LE12 8EN	Sports Club	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Barrow Town FC for all their football activity.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									
	Quorn	Caves Field	LE12 8EP	Parish Council		PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. This site is used by Quorn Cricket Club for five teams.								
						E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to establish funding sources for renovation to the existing ancillary facility, focusing specifically on the changing room provision.								
						PV: The club has over 70 registered colts and project this to rise in the short to medium term; consequently, it is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to construct a new artificial wicket on-								



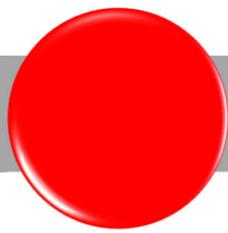
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							site to enhance the carrying capacity							
	Quorn	Rawlins Academy	LE12 8DY	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn Juniors FC for U7s-Adults. The site is also used for adult football by CSKA Carnabys, Mountsorrel FC and Quorn Royals 2008.			PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Quorn RFC who have one adult men's team.					PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.
					E: The site is currently operating over capacity for 11 v 11 pitches by 2.5 match equivalents per week. It is therefore recommended that the pitches be reconfigured to add 2 additional 11 v 11 pitches at the expense of the mini pitches. The mini capacity lost by this measure can be made up for through over-marking or by using the AGP for mini soccer matches.			E: It is recommended the RFU work with the club and the academy to identify ways of improving the maintenance of the pitches. It is also recommended the RFU assists the club and the academy to find sources of funding to help finance any new maintenance procedures required by the site.					E: This site should be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality netball courts.	E: It is recommended that all courts be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.



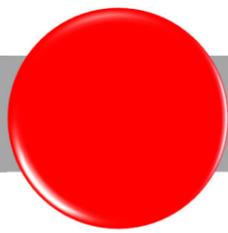
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						It is also recommended that in order to add reserve capacity to the site to allow Quorn Juniors to continue growing, that the maintenance of the site be increased to produce a good pitch rating. It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with Quorn Juniors and the academy to identify what maintenance procedures should be added to the regime and identify potential funding sources to help finance these additional maintenance procedures. Ideally changing rooms should be available on-site; Quorn Juniors is currently exploring options to develop this provision.		PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.						
						PV: It is recommended the FF and the LRFA ensure the site has the appropriate goals to meet the demands of clubs using the site. The FF and the LRFA should work with the clubs and the school to identify funding for this.								
						PR: Football AGP – the site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The pitch surface will need to be replaced in the next 7–8 years. The site is used by								



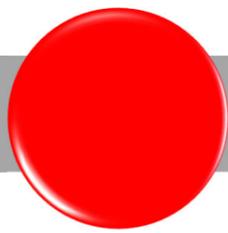
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						Quorn Juniors FC for U7s-Adults. The site is also used for adult football by CSKA Carnabys, Mountsorrel FC and Quorn Royals 2008.									
	Quorn	Quorn Mills Park Bowling Club	LE12 8DT	Private						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.					
										E: The site is a priority for investment to improve facilities.					
	Quorn	Quorn Playing Fields (Loughborough Endowed Schools)	LE12 8AJ	Private – School	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. There is not community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well used by the Loughborough Endowed Schools for PE and school fixtures.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's teams for matches and PE lessons							PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Beacon Tennis Club.	
						E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: It is recommended that the school works with the LCCC and ECB in order to enhance the current artificial wicket on site, therefore accommodating further junior cricket demand.	E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.							E: Opportunities to increase capacity at this site should be a priority, e.g. floodlights, improved courts, etc.
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.	PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.							



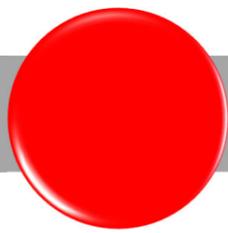
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							It is recommended that the LCCC and ECB work with the Parish Council and current volunteer maintenance provider on site to identify ways to improve the sustainability of the site moving forward, and therefore reduce the risk of it being lost as a cricket pitch.							
							If no future use can be established for the site, it should continue to be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan as it is used for football by Woodhouse Imperial FC.							
							E: Should a user base for the site be established, it is recommended that the ECB and LCCC work with the Parish Council to improve the condition of the ancillary facilities.							
							PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.							
	Rothley	Fowkes St Park	LE7 7PJ	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Rothley Imps Juniors for age groups U7–12.									
					E: The site had 10 cancellations last year due to poor drainage. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the club and Rothley PC to									



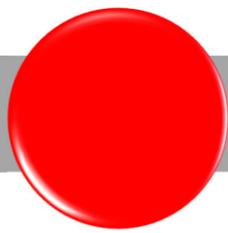
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						identify enhanced maintenance procedures that would effectively address this issue. The FF and LRFA should work with the club and PC to identify how this enhanced maintenance should be funded.								
						PV: It is recommended the FF and LRFA help the club and Rothley PC ensure that appropriately sized, portable goals are available for the site. It is recommended the FF and LRFA help the club and PC to identify sources of funding for this.								
	Rothley	Rothley C of E Primary School	LE7 7RZ	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. There is no community use of this site recorded by this study; however, the site is well-used by the school for PE and school fixtures.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									
	Rothley	Rothley Ivanhoe Tennis Club	LE7 7PS	Charity / Trust										PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for a community tennis club.



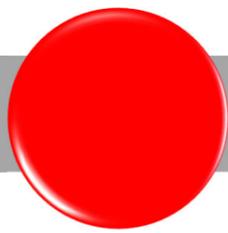
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														E: Opportunities to increase capacity at this site should be a priority, e.g. floodlights, improved courts etc.
	Rothley	Rothley Park Golf Club	LE7 7LH	Sports Club								PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.		
												E: A driving range should be supported on this site if planning application is made.		
	Rothley	Rothley Bowls Club	LE7 7PS	Charity / Trust						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.				
	Rothley	Rothley Park Cricket Ground	LE7 7QB	Private		PR: The site is used by Rothley Park CC to meet all of the club demand. The club fields 3 x Adult teams plus youth teams from U7 to U17. The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan.								
						E: The club would like to incorporate their dilapidated scoreboard and storage sheds into the design of the new pavilion. This would not only improve the aesthetic of the ground, but improve the security of maintenance equipment on the site.								



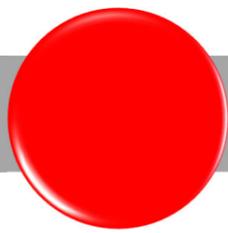
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							PV: No further provision has been identified by this study.							
	Sileby	Memorial Park	LE12 7TP	Charity / Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Sileby Juniors for ages U7-16. The site is used by Sileby Victoria for Adult 11 v 11 matches.									
					E: It is recommended that the maintenance on the pitches is improved to address poor drainage and the lack of grass coverage on the site. It is recommended that the FF and LRFA work with the Sileby PC to identify what additional maintenance procedures are required by the site.									
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.									
	Sileby	Sileby Town Football Club	LE12 7WN	Sports Club	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Sileby Town FC.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.									
					PV: No further provision has been									



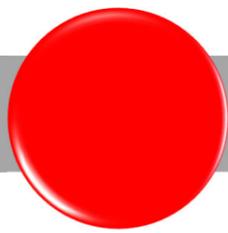
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						identified for this site.								
	Sileby	Sileby Town Cricket Club	LE12 7UX	Sports Club			PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Sileby Town CC for 7 teams.							
						E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: The site's first team pitch is not of adequate size to meet Leicestershire Premier League pitch requirements. It is recommended that the ECB and LCCC work with the club to bring the 2 <sup>nd</sup> pitch (western pitch) up to the appropriate quality to host premier league matches.							
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: It is recommended that the ECB and LCCC support the club in building a changing facility next to the westerly pitch. This new facility would need to comply with ECB and league requirements.							
							It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB to identify funding for a second artificial wicket, for the pitch to the west of the site. This would accommodate junior matches and increase junior demand carrying capacity at the site.							



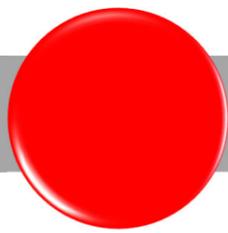
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	Sileby	Sileby LTC	LE12 7EE	Charity / Trust										PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for a community tennis club.
	Sileby	Sileby Bowls Club	LE12 7EE	Charity / Trust						PR This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.				
										E: The site is a priority for investment to improve facilities.				
	Syston	Memorial Ground	LE7 1HF	Town Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Syston Brookside FC and Kirkland for Adult 11 v 11 football. The site is also used by Syston Town Juniors for ages U9-U18. E: It is recommended the FF, LRFA, Charnwood Borough Council work with Syston Parish Council to refurbish and extend the ancillary facility (including changing) so that it meets FF specifications. It is recommended that the FF, LRFA and Charnwood Borough Council work with the PC to identify funding sources for this enhancement.									
					It is recommended that the car park should be extended to accommodate									



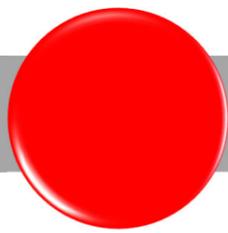
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						more cars at peak time.								
						PV: It is recommended that Syston PC improves signage and dedicated bins to address the dog fouling issue on this site.								
						It is recommended the FF and the LRFA work with the PC and the clubs using the site to ensure appropriately sized goals are available on the site for Youth 11 v 11 matches.								
	Syston	Wreake Valley Academy	LE7 1LY	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Riverside United Juniors and Syston Town Juniors FC for ages U7-U11 and for training (on the AGP). The site is also used for PE and school fixtures.			PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community for rugby union but is used by the school's student teams for matches and PE lessons.					PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.
					E: It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the school and the club to address the poor drainage on site by improving the quality of the maintenance of pitches. The FF and LRFA should work with the clubs and the school to identify what procedures should be added to the maintenance regime and the potential sources of			E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.					E: This site should be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality netball courts.	E: It is recommended that all courts be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.



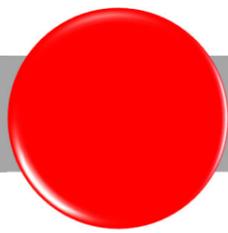
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						<p>funding for this project.</p>								
						<p>It is recommended that the pitches be resized in order to be more appropriate for the community use. The FF and LRFA should ensure all appropriate goal posts are available at this site and should work with the school to identify sources of funding to add any required goal posts.</p>		<p>PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.</p>						
						<p>PV: It is recommended that Charnwood Borough Council and the school add signage and dedicated bins to the site to address the issue of dog fouling on site.</p>								
						<p>PR: Football AGP – the site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Riverside United Juniors and Syston Town Juniors FC for ages U7–U11 and for training (on the AGP). The site is also used for PE and school fixtures. The pitch surface should be replaced in the next 7–8 years.</p>								



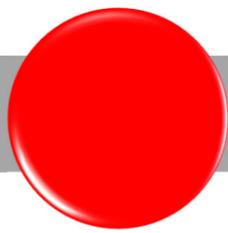
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	Syston	Syston Cricket Club	LE7 1NH	Sports Club		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Syston Town CC for eight teams.								
						E: The site narrowly misses Leicestershire Premier League Ground specifications due to the length of the straight boundary towards the south/south-west of the site. It is recommended the club explores any possibility of extending their ground in this direction. The ECB and LCCC should work with the club to help ensure it complies with premier league requirements where possible.								
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.								
	Syston	Syston Rugby Football Club	LE7 3FE	Sports Club		PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by the thirteen teams of Queniborough CC.	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is owned and used by Syston RFC, which has 14 team across adult and junior age groups. As the second largest club in the borough, this site is strategically important for rugby union.							PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for Queniborough Tennis Club.



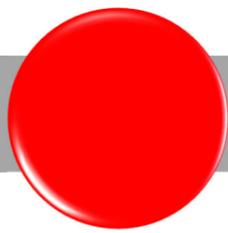
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							<p>E: Due to a large expansion in the junior set-up over recent years, it is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to renovate the existing non-turf pitch so that it can offset some of the junior demand on the site. Due to the influx of players, it is also recommended that the club works with the ECB and LCCC to improve ancillary provision on site. This support should be identifying funding sources in order to renovate the existing facility.</p>	<p>E: It is recommended the RFU helps the club to identify any potential sources for financing their pitch barrier project.</p>							
							<p>PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the RFU continues to work with the club in identifying further maintenance works that can be undertaken to enhance capacity on the site. The site's current capacity means that no additional teams can play on the site at present. This is a significant barrier to rugby development in the area as it is projected that there is future demand for two more teams on this site.</p>							



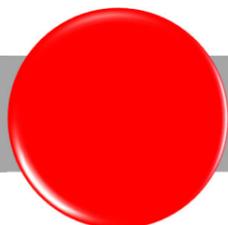
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								In order to increase capacity on the site and meet demand, it is recommended that, should the club be able to demonstrate the resources and expertise to maintain the pitches to the level required, the RFU should support the club in installing artificial drainage on a minimum of 1 of the pitches on the site. This will provide an additional 0.5–1.25 carrying capacity for the pitches and therefore provide enough spare capacity to meet existing demand and have spare capacity to facilitate further club growth and development.						
								PV: The club does not currently offer any female rugby development. It is recommended that the RFU works with the club to identify options for developing female rugby teams (such as self-contained changing rooms) and helps the club to identify solutions for overcoming existing developmental barriers. This may include identifying sources of funding for an extension to the clubhouse or changing block.						



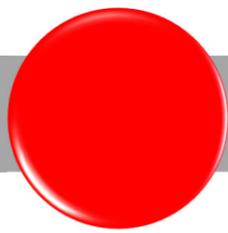
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								The site is also reported to be used by county squads for mid-week training sessions (this is not included as part of the demand analysis for this site due to the infrequency of these sessions). This places additional demand on the floodlit capacity of the site, which is already thought to be significantly over capacity. It is recommended that fixed floodlights be added to another pitch in order to increase mid-week training capacity at the site and allow the club to rotate the designated training areas in order to rest overused areas.						
	Syston	Syston Northfields LTC	LE7 1HW	Sports Club										PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site provides for a community tennis club.
	Syston	Central Park (Syston Bowling Club)	LE7 1UR	Town Council						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.				
	Syston	Fosseway Bowling Club	LE7 1NE	Sports Club						PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.				
	Syston	(Deville Park (BMX))	LE7 2BY	Town Council							PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.			



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	Thurmaston	Elizabeth Park Sports & Community Centre	LE4 8FN	Sports Club	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Thurmaston FC for most of its football activity. The 3G AGP is also used by the club for training.					PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.				No recommendations made.
										E: The site is a priority for investment to improve facilities.				
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site									
	Thurmaston	Jubilee Park	LE4 8GP	Parish Council	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan.									
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site									
					PV: It is recommended the FF and LRFA works with Thurmaston PC and the club to ensure the appropriately sized pitches and goals are being provided for the site.									
	Thurmaston	Newark Road	LE4 8EJ	Parish Council	PR: No community demand has been identified for this site by this study. It is recommended that this site should be protected as Open Space as part of the Local Plan.									
					E: No further enhancement has									

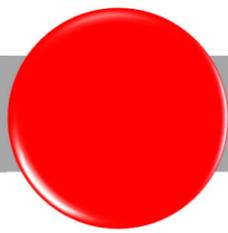


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						been identified for this site.								
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.								
	Thurmaston	The Roundhill Academy Sports Ground	LE4 8GQ	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by Thurmaston Conservative Club for adult football as well as the school for PE and school fixtures.	PR: This site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is not used by the community but is used by the school for matches, training, physical education and other activity.							PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.	PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.	E: It is recommended that the school works with the ECB and LCCC in order to identify sources of funding to renovate the non-turf pitch on site. This would be utilised fully due to the junior cricket demand on site and would therefore increase the carrying capacity of the site.							E: This site should be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality netball courts.	E: It is recommended that all courts be upgraded to a minimum of standard quality. This includes bringing the quality of posts, fencing, lines and the surfaces to an appropriate level.
						PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.							

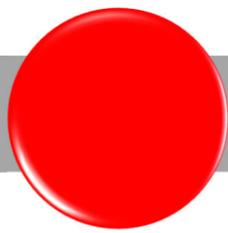


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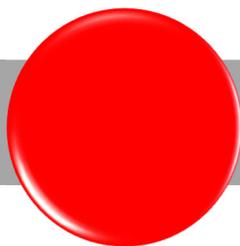
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	Burton-on-the-Wolds	Towles Field	LE12 5TD	Charity / Trust	PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site is used by Burton FC and Loughborough Emmanuel FC for adult football.	PR: No demand has been recorded on this site as part of this study. It is recommended the site be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan as the site is used for community football.			PR: The site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan. The site provides for a Tennis Club.
					E: It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the Playing Fields Association and the clubs to address the poor drainage on site by improving the quality of the maintenance of pitches. The FF and LRFA should work with the club and the Playing Fields Association to identify what procedures should be added to the maintenance regime and the potential sources of funding for this project.	E: No further enhancement has been identified as part of this study.			E: Opportunities to increase capacity at this site should be a priority, e.g. floodlights, improved courts etc.
					It is recommended that the FF and the LRFA work with the club and the Playing Fields Association to identify funding sources to upgrade the changing facilities to FF standards.	PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.			
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.				
	Seagrave	Park Hill Golf Club (NOW CLOSED)	LE12 7NG	Commercial				PR: This site should be protected as “sports facilities” in the Local Plan.	
	Walton-on-the-Wolds	Walton-on-the-Wolds Cricket Club	LE12 8HT	Charity / Trust		PR: This site should be protected as “playing fields” in the Local Plan, the site is used by Walton le Wolds CC for four adult teams.			



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THE WOLDS	SETTLEMENT	SITE	POSTCODE	SITE OWNERSHIP / MANAGEMENT	FOOTBALL	CRICKET	BOWLS	GOLF	TENNIS
						E: The ancillary facility is ranked one of the lowest in the sub-area. It is recommended that the club works with the ECB and LCCC in order to source funding for ancillary renovation in order to improve provision on site.			
						It is also recommended that the club works with the LCCC in order to establish an improved maintenance provision on site with the aim of increasing the quality of the site and its carrying capacity.			
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.			
	Wymeswold	Burton Lane Recreation Ground	LE12 6UN	Academy Trust	PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. The site is used by FC Wymeswold for adult football.				
					E: It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club and Wymeswold PC to address the poor drainage on the site by enhancing the level of maintenance. It is recommended the site be inspected by an IOG-accredited inspector to identify the precise maintenance procedures required to improve drainage. It is recommended the FF and LRFA work with the club, Charnwood Borough Council and Wymeswold PC to identify possible funding sources for this enhanced maintenance.				
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site				
						PR: The site should be protected as "playing fields" in the Local Plan. This site is used by Wymeswold CC for four teams.			



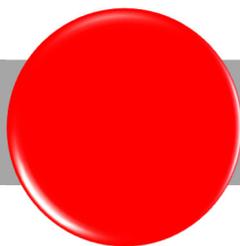
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						E: It is recommended that the club works with the LCCC and ECB in order to identify sources of funding for renovation of the existing built net facility.			
						It is also recommended that the club works with the ECB, LBC and Charnwood Borough Council in order to identify funding sources to extend the pavilion further, to ultimately replace the current maintenance equipment sheds and electronic scoreboard, improving the quality of provision on site.			
						PV: No further provision has been identified as part of this study.			
	Wymeswold	Hillside Farm	LE12 6UE	Private	PR: No demand has been identified for this site by this study. It is recommended the site be designated as private agricultural land in the Local Plan.				
					E: No further enhancement has been identified for this site.				
					PV: No further provision has been identified for this site.				
	Wymeswold	Wymeswold Bowls Club	LE12 6TY	Parish Council			PR: This site should be protected as "sports facilities" in the Local Plan.		



## APPENDIX H: SUMMARY OF SITE REQUIREMENTS BY SPORT

### FOOTBALL – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

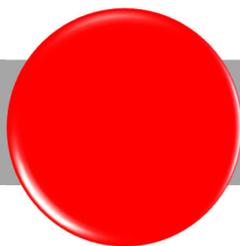
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								PITCH(ES)	CHANGING FACILITIES	OTHER
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	The Wolds	Y			Y			Y		
DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough	Y				Y			Y	
FOWKES ST PARK	Soar Valley			Y	Y					
JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS	Rural South East	Y	Y	Y	Y					
KING GEORGE'S FIELD	Charnwood Forest	Y			Y	Y				
LITTLE HAW LANE	Shepshed-Hathern	Y			Y					
LODGE FARM SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough	Y				Y				
LOUGHBOROUGH DYNAMO FC	Loughborough	Y				Y	Y			
MEADOW LANE (SITE 2)	Soar Valley	Y			Y	Y			Y	
MEMORIAL PARK	Soar Valley	Y			Y					
MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND	Soar Valley	Y	Y			Y			Y	
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough	Y				Y			Y	
PASTURE LANE PLAYING FIELDS (SITE 2)	Shepshed-Hathern	Y				Y			Y	
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Soar Valley	Y	Y	Y						



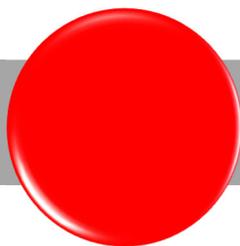
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								PITCH(ES)	CHANGING FACILITIES	OTHER
ROTHLEY SPORT AND SOCIAL CLUB	Soar Valley	Y		Y		Y				
THE DOVECOTE STADIUM	Shepshed-Hathern	Y				Y				
TOWLES FIELDS	The Wolds	Y			Y					Goal Posts

**CRICKET – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT**

SITE	SUB-AREA	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	NEW/ REPLACEMENT NETS	PITCH MAINTENANCE	IMPROVED ANCILLARY FACILITIES	FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT			
						GRASS WICKETS	ARTIFICIAL WICKET	NON-TURF PRACTICE NETS (NTNS)	OUTFIELD
BARROW TOWN CRICKET CLUB	Soar Valley	Y			<b>Y Fencing, Storage</b>		Y		
BURTON LANE RECREATION GROUND	The Wolds	Y			<b>Y Storage</b>			Y	
CAVES FIELD	Soar Valley	Y			<b>Y Pavilion</b>				
COSSINGTON RECREATION	Rural South East	Y		Y	<b>Y Pavilion</b>	Y			Y
CROPSTON CRICKET CLUB	Charwood Forest	Y			<b>Y Pavilion</b>				
DERBY ROAD SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough	Y			<b>Y Pavilion</b>				Y
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough	Y					Y		
LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON CRICKET CLUB	Loughborough	Y						Y	



SITE	SUB-AREA	AVAILABLE FOR SECURED COMMUNITY USE?	NEW/ REPLACEMENT NETS	PITCH MAINTENANCE	IMPROVED ANCILLARY FACILITIES	FACILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT			
						GRASS WICKETS	ARTIFICIAL WICKET	NON-TURF PRACTICE NETS (NTNS)	OUTFIELD
MORLEY LANE	Shepshed–Hathern	Y		Y	Y Pavilion				
NANPANTAN SPORTS GROUND	Loughborough	Y	Y		Y Pavilion				
NEWTOWN LINFORD CRICKET CLUB	Charnwood Forest	Y					Y		
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Rural South East	N				Y			
ROTHLEY PARK CRICKET GROUND	Soar Valley	Y					Y	Y	
SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELDS	Soar Valley	Y	Y		Y Pavilion				
ST WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	Shepshed–Hathern	N					Y		
SHEPshed CRICKET CLUB (MORLEY LANE AND PUDDING BAG LANE)	Shepshed–Hathern	Y		Y both sites				Y	
SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB	Soar Valley	Y			Y Pavilion				
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Soar Valley	Y			Y Pavilion		Y		
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Soar Valley	N					Y		
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY SPORTS GROUND	Soar Valley	N					Y		
WALTON ON THE WOLDS CRICKET CLUB	The Wolds	Y		Y		Y			
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	N					Y		



## RUGBY UNION – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

SUB-AREA	SITE NAME	INVESTMENT IN IMPROVED FACILITIES	INVESTMENT IN MAINTENANCE
CHARNWOOD FOREST	Anstey Rugby Pitch	Y	Y
RURAL SOUTH EAST	Cossington Recreation Ground	Y	Y
LOUGHBOROUGH	Loughborough Rugby Football Club	Y	Y
SOAR VALLEY	Syston Rugby Football Club	Y	Y

## HOCKEY – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

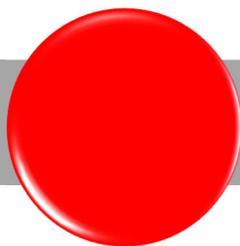
SUB-AREA	SITE NAME	INVESTMENT IN FACILITIES
SOAR VALLEY	Soar Valley Leisure Centre	Y
LOUGHBOROUGH	Loughborough Endowed School	Y Potential new AGP

## RUGBY LEAGUE – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

SUB-AREA	SITE NAME	INVESTMENT IN FACILITIES
LOUGHBOROUGH	Loughborough Rugby Football Club	Y
LOUGHBOROUGH	Derby Road Sports Ground	Y Potentially a new pitch

## BOWLS – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

SUB-AREA	SITE NAME	INVESTMENT IN FACILITIES
LOUGHBOROUGH	Loughborough Queen's Park	Y
SOAR VALLEY	Quorn Mills Bowls Club	Y
SOAR VALLEY	Sileby Bowls Club	Y
SOAR VALLEY	Elizabeth Park Sports Centre	Y



### TENNIS – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

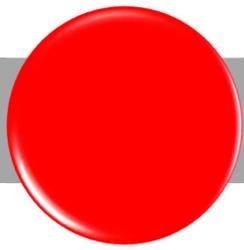
SUB-AREA	SITE NAME	INVESTMENT IN OUTDOOR FLOODLIT TENNIS COURTS
LOUGHBOROUGH	Park Road	Y
SUE	West of Loughborough	Y
SUE	North East of Leicester	Y

### NETBALL – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

SUB-AREA	SITE NAME	INVESTMENT IN PLAYING SURFACE
LOUGHBOROUGH	De Lisle College	Y
SOAR VALLEY	Rawlins Academy	Y
SOAR VALLEY	Roundhill Academy	Y
SOAR VALLEY	The Cedars Academy	Y
LOUGHBOROUGH	Woodbrook Vale High School	Y
SOAR VALLEY	Wreake Valley Academy	Y

### CYCLING – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

SUB-AREA	SITE NAME	INVESTMENT TO IMPROVE BMX FACILITIES
SUE	West of Loughborough	Y New facility
SHEPshed-HATHERN	Shepshed BMX Track	Y
SOAR VALLEY	King George’s Field	Y
SOAR VALLEY	Deville Park	Y



## GOLF – KEY SITES FOR INVESTMENT

SUB-AREA	SITE NAME	INVESTMENT TO IMPROVE GOLF FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE
LOUGHBOROUGH	Shelthorpe	Y



**INDOOR BUILT SPORTS FACILITY STRATEGY  
2018-2036**

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

TERMS	EXPLANATION
<b>ASSESSING NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES GUIDANCE (ANOG)</b>	The Sport England guidance on preparing and developing needs assessments for built sports facilities, which provides the evidence to support a Local Plan.
<b>COMMUNITY USE</b>	A facility has community use if it is open for use by sports clubs/community groups.
<b>COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE PAY AND PLAY USE</b>	A facility has community accessible pay and play use if it is open for use by individuals in the community.
<b>COMMUNITY USE AGREEMENT (CUA)</b>	A CUA is a formal agreement between an education facility and a local authority (and sometimes also Sport England) for community use of a sports facility on an education site out of school hours
<b>FACILITY PLANNING MODEL (FPM)</b>	The FPM is a facility modelling toolkit, developed by Sport England to inform the current and future need for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and all-weather pitches.
<b>NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)</b>	The national planning policy framework which sets out guidance for plan making and the consideration of planning applications.
<b>SPORTS FACILITY CALCULATOR (SFC)</b>	The SFC is a facility modelling toolkit, developed by Sport England to calculate the future need for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and indoor bowls, based on a specified population increase in an identified location.
<b>SUE</b>	A Sustainable Urban Extension of an existing built up area comprising housing and supporting development.
<b>STRATEGIC SIZE</b>	Strategic size refers to either a sports hall of minimum 3 badminton courts, or a pool of a minimum 160 sqm.



# 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

## VISION

1.1. The Vision for future provision of sport and leisure in Charnwood is:

**'to ensure that there is an adequate supply of good quality facilities to accommodate a range of sports / physical activities in order to meet current and future levels of demand and to provide enhanced opportunities so as to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activity'.**

1.2. Charnwood Borough Council wishes to see accessible community sport and leisure facilities, places and spaces for swimming, fitness and sports hall sports/activities available for all residents. This includes both formal and informal spaces e.g. community halls in which to play sport and be physically active.

1.3. Sustainable, high quality, and critically, accessible facility provision is key to maintaining these opportunities; Charnwood Borough Council needs to plan for the investment requirements of its existing facilities, and work in partnership with other providers and stakeholders to address the other priorities identified through this Strategy.

## AIM

1.4. The aim of providing sufficient high quality, fit for purpose and accessible provision, places and spaces is to:

- **Maintain and grow the regular amount of physical activity undertaken by individuals, and particularly by those who are currently inactive**
- **Develop additional facility provision where need is evidenced e.g. as a result of population growth**
- **Design in flexibility and be multi-purpose in nature, reflecting changing participation trends and opportunities**
- **Encourage new participants to start taking part in physical activity**
- **Enable opportunities for participation to be provided in a wider range of places and spaces, and particularly at a very local level, using e.g. community centres/halls,**
- **Facilitate the continued development of healthier lifestyles across Charnwood's communities**
- **Contribute to a reduction in health inequalities, and specifically reduced inactivity, across Charnwood**
- **Create active environments where the opportunity to be more physically active is an integral part of everyday life**



## OUR STRATEGY

- 1.5. According to the Office of National Statistics 2014 based population projections Charnwood's population is projected to increase by 46,430 or 28% between 2011 and 2036 so there is a particular need to ensure sufficient provision of accessible, quality and affordable facilities – formal and informal, and multi-purpose spaces to meet local need.
- 1.6. Equally, given that 61.1% of the population achieves the Chief Medical Officer's target of 150 minutes of physical activity per week (Source: Charnwood Public Health Report – 2015), it is clear there is work to do to increase levels of regular participation amongst the remaining 38.9%, many of whom will be living in the more deprived, and rural areas of the Borough.
- 1.7. In Charnwood, this means ensuring geographical distribution of facilities and physical activity opportunities across the Borough to enable more people to access facilities in the urban area by walking, and/or cycling. In the rural areas, where there are fewer people, and less formal provision, it means better use of existing community places and spaces for sport and physical activity i.e. more use of community centres/halls for badminton, fitness classes etc.
- 1.8. The Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2016 – 2020 identifies three priority themes that will make the borough a better place to live, work and visit.

The three themes under the People, Place and service headings are:

- **A safer, more secure and caring environment**
- **A borough with a strong, diverse economy**
- **and a place served by a council which puts customers at the heart of everything it does.**

One of the Council's key corporate priorities is:

***“encouraging healthy lifestyles for all our residents through physical activity programmes and the provision of sports facilities and green spaces”.***

- 1.9. In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, Sport England guidance set out in 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities (ANOG), December 2014, and local policy, the strategy assesses existing Indoor Sports Facilities, the future need for sport and active recreation, opportunities for new provision, and expansion of existing facilities, to inform the Evidence Base for the new Local Plan to 2036.



## SPORTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

1.10. The scope of the Indoor Sports Facility Strategy (ISFS) covers analysis of provision for the following facility types across the Borough of Charnwood:

- **Sports Halls (including schools and community buildings), and covering indoor sports hall sports such as netball, badminton, basketball and volleyball**
- **Health & Fitness Centres (including dance/aerobic studios)**
- **Squash Courts**
- **Swimming Pools**

**N.B. The assessment and analysis of Indoor Tennis and Netball is included in the 2018 Charnwood Borough Playing Pitch Strategy, as requested by Charnwood Borough Council.**

1.11. Key elements addressed by the Indoor Sports Facility Strategy (ISFS) include:

- **QUANTITY:**  
**Are there enough facilities with sufficient capacity to meet needs up to 2036 (in line with the Charnwood Local Plan until 2036)?**
- **QUALITY:**  
**Are the facilities fit for purpose for the users? Do the facilities provide the level of play needed, and does the quality meet the users' and NGBs' expectations?**
- **ACCESSIBILITY:**  
**Are the facilities in the right physical location for users?**
- **AVAILABILITY:**  
**Are the facilities available at the right time to users who want to use them?**

1.12. The provision of high quality and accessible facilities, and where appropriate use of other informal places, and spaces, as well as the development of new provision, will contribute to the future development of healthier lifestyles in Charnwood, across all age groups.

1.13. Facilitating opportunities to be more physically active, more often, is also important, to contribute to a reduction in health inequalities across Charnwood, to help people to live and age better.

1.14. Sustainable, high quality, and critically, accessible facility provision is key to maintaining these opportunities; Charnwood Borough Council needs to plan for the investment requirements of its existing facilities, and work in partnership with other providers and stakeholders to address the other priorities identified through this Strategy.



## STRATEGY ANALYSIS

- 1.15. Overall, Charnwood has a very good range of existing sport and leisure facilities across the area; however, some existing facilities on education sites are now ageing, some are of a poorer quality than others, and some will require replacement /refurbishment in the long term. This is particularly true of education sports halls, squash courts and in the very long term, Charnwood Borough Council facilities at Loughborough, Soar Valley and South Charnwood Leisure Centres.
- 1.16. Based on the supply and demand analysis summarised in Table 6.1, there is clearly a need for:
- **The development of the two new sports halls in the two new SUEs (as planned)**
  - **Additional swimming pool provision**
  - **Retaining existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports halls, health and fitness and swimming pools as a minimum**
  - **Increased provision of indoor bowls facilities**
- 1.17. There is also an identified need for increased access to sports halls for netball – training and competition.
- 1.18. In Charnwood, there is insufficient pay and play accessible swimming pool provision to meet current and future demand. There is also a need to retain existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness facilities into the future. Whilst there is sufficient overall sports hall provision (existing and planned) to meet future demand, it should be noted that the majority of this does not provide for pay and play community access, as the facilities are on school sites, which means they are available for club and organisational community use.
- 1.19. Although increased demand for sports halls to 2036 can be met within the existing supply, this is volatile, given 20 of the 24 strategic sized sports halls are on education sites, provide for sports club, not pay and play use and there are no Community Use Agreements (CUAs) in place securing community access. It is important to highlight that the supply/demand balance can only be achieved by 2036 if the two new sports halls (total 7 new badminton courts) are developed in the two new SUEs.
- 1.20. Future provision of indoor bowls, , gymnastics and trampolining facilities also needs to be considered, as does the need to retain existing levels of both community accessible and affordable fitness facilities.
- 1.21. Other key factors impacting on the future demand for sports facilities include:
- **Population Growth** - Clearly, increased population will result in increased demand for sports facilities; in Charnwood, there will be a need for increased provision of swimming pools. Increased demand for indoor bowls, gymnastics, and trampolining, health and fitness will also need to be carefully considered.



- **Housing Development**- one of the principal justifications for additional community sports facilities is because additional residents increase demand for sports facilities. The population of Charnwood is set to grow significantly by 2036, and there will be a need to ensure good quality community sport and leisure facilities are available to meet existing and future demand. The HEDNA Objectively Assessed Housing Need identifies the need for 994 new homes annually, 2011-2036. The potential for investment in additional provision of formal sports facilities and community halls, secured through S106 contributions should be explored, given the housing growth planned to 2036. However, it must also be remembered that some of this has already been, or is in the process of being, delivered. Linked to housing development is the potential for other infrastructure development e.g. schools, health facilities, which could also link into future provision of sports facilities.
- **Reduction in Health Inequalities** – more active lifestyles will continue to benefit both individual and community health; although the health of Charnwood’s communities is generally better than that of the region and England as a whole, there are some very specific factors to which the provision of quality, affordable and accessible sports facilities can contribute.
  - **Maintenance of active lifestyles**
  - **Improved mental health**
  - **Reduced levels of smoking**
- **Maintaining and growing participation levels** in sport and physical activity to contribute to more active lifestyles; facilitating more regular activity for the most inactive 17.5% of the Charnwood community (Active Lives March 2017) is a priority.
- **Addressing the existing under-supply of swimming pool provision** – there is a small under-supply of swimming pool provision, (reflecting unmet demand in the Borough) to meet the needs of the existing Charnwood population. Demand for swimming pool provision increases by 2036 as a result of population growth and could be impacted if any existing facilities e.g. school pools close.
- **Planning to replace ageing facilities** – Older facilities are not as operationally efficient, and also tend to be poorer quality. Evidence shows people are more likely to participate in modern, fit for purpose provision. Older sports halls on education sites, and ageing squash courts, will need to be replaced, or as a minimum be extensively refurbished, in the future. Whilst not a current priority, Charnwood Borough Council will also need to give some thought to long term replacement/refurbishment of Loughborough Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre and South Charnwood Leisure Centre.
- **The need to retain and grow participation in physical activity for community health benefits**-increased physical activity will improve individual and community health
- **The need to invest in active environments, where physical activity is the norm**- active environments are ones in which walking, cycling etc are facilitated as part of an everyday lifestyle. In areas of new housing, planning in walking/cycling routes which link to existing settlements/schools/town/village centres, will contribute to making communities healthier as people will not be so reliant on cars.
- **The need to improve accessibility to provision at local level, particularly for the fifth of the population without access to private transport** - ensuring facilities are accessible by walking, or by public transport
- **There is already some sport and physical activity being delivered in community centres/halls across the Borough**; there is opportunity to increase awareness of this and to extend it, particularly where there are halls available with pay and play access



- **The opportunity for investment in ‘active’ infrastructure - to facilitate increased provision of cycling, jogging and walking routes in the Borough, connecting new and existing settlements, education and leisure sites**

### PRIORITY INVESTMENT NEEDS

- 1.22. This Indoor Sports Facility Strategy (ISFS) provides robust evidence, and strategic direction, for the future provision of indoor sports facilities to serve existing and new communities in the Borough of Charnwood.
- 1.23. The provision of good quality, local community facilities, accessible and affordable to meet identified need, is key to facilitating participation growth, and contributing to a reduction in the health inequalities in the Borough. This reflects Public Health and Charnwood Borough Council’s health and well-being priorities, to facilitate sustained behaviour change to reduce obesity, improve health, contribute to addressing mental health issues and increase participation.
- 1.24. The analysis identifies the need for:

**Table 1.1: Identified Facility Needs**

FACILITY TYPE	IDENTIFIED NEEDS TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND
<b>SPORTS HALLS</b>	No need for new facilities to meet future demand, on the basis that the planned facilities in the two new SUEs are delivered.  Long term replacement/refurbishment of existing ageing facilities.  Retaining and, wherever possible, increasing levels of pay and play access is also important given there is only limited provision in the Borough, as most sports halls are on education sites.
<b>SWIMMING POOLS</b>	There is a need for more water space to meet future demand.  Long term replacement/refurbishment of existing ageing facilities.
<b>HEALTH AND FITNESS</b>	There is a need to retain existing levels of pay and play accessible fitness provision as a minimum.  Additional fitness stations could be provided at Charnwood Borough Council facilities, if there is a desire to increase revenue generation, by competing with the budget facilities in the Borough.
<b>SQUASH COURTS</b>	No need for additional provision.  There is a need to retain existing levels of provision and replace ageing facilities as appropriate.
<b>INDOOR BOWLS</b>	Increased future demand for indoor bowls as a result of population growth and increasing numbers of older people.  Consideration should be given to increasing provision.
<b>GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING</b>	There is demand for additional dedicated facilities. Clubs should lead projects to address this need.
<b>COMMUNITY HALLS/FACILITIES</b>	Not necessarily a need for more halls, but more use of them for physical activity should be encouraged.



1.25. Based on the quality audits and assessments, supply and demand, and the needs analysis, the priorities for future investment in facility provision are:

**Table 1.2: Summary of Facility Priorities**

FACILITY TYPE	PRIORITY FOR FUTURE PROVISION	LOCATION
SPORTS HALLS	Long term replacement of ageing facilities	Loughborough Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre (long term)
SWIMMING POOLS	Increased pay and play accessible water space, equivalent to a learner pool by 2036	Soar Valley Leisure Centre (will address unmet demand in and around Birstall)
	Replacement / refurbishment of ageing facilities	Loughborough Leisure Centre, South Charnwood Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre (long term)
HEALTH AND FITNESS	Retain provision of existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness facilities as a minimum  Potentially, increase number of fitness stations at Charnwood Borough Council facilities	Boroughwide
GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	Potential to explore further club-led provision/partnership provision given high numbers on waiting lists	No specific location
INDOOR BOWLS	Potential opportunity to consider club-led provision of indoor bowls facilities (increased demand for additional 2.56 rinks by 2036)	No specific location
GENERAL PROVISION	Overall, and specifically through the housing growth agenda, provision of more active environments, reflecting active travel, safe cycle routes to school, the need to link existing and new communities with walking/cycling/jogging routes	Boroughwide
OTHER INDOOR PROVISION	Indoor hall space – multi-purpose – these have been identified as local as opposed to strategic priorities, as the development of the two new facilities in the SUEs will mean there is a supply/demand balance of formal sports halls across the Borough	Aspiration for multi-purpose indoor space has been identified in Quorn, Anstey, Rothley, Thurmaston, and East Goscote parishes

**N.B. Indoor tennis is covered in the 2018 Charnwood Borough Playing Pitch Strategy**



**ACTION PLAN**

1.26. In order to realise the Vision and Aims for sport and leisure facility provision in Charnwood there are key priorities that need to be addressed and implemented. These are set out below based on the recommendations for future provision. The indicative capital costs identified are sourced from a combination of SLL’s knowledge of new project builds, similar project costs elsewhere, and Sport England recommended guidelines. These are based on sqm construction costs.

**Table 1.3: Strategy Action Plan**

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE		RESOURCES / PARTNERS
			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
			MEDIUM	= 5 – 10 YEARS	
			LONG TERM	= 10+ YEARS	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 1 (R1)</b></p> <p>The existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports hall, swimming pool and fitness provision in the Borough are retained as a minimum, but these need not necessarily be the same facilities as at present.</p> <p><b>(PROTECT)</b></p>	<p>Ensure existing levels of provision are maintained by investing in maintenance and planning for future replacement of / refurbishment of Charnwood Borough Council’s three leisure centres.</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council - leisure officers, planning officers,</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Facility operators through long term contract</p> <p>Capital investment over life cycle agreed through long term contract</p> <p>Refurbishment/Replacement costs per leisure centre will vary depending on scale and nature of works if a refurbishment, and the location if a new build facility); in broad terms circa £6m (minimum refurbishment) - £15m (new leisure centre, pool and dryside facilities).</p>	



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			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
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<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 2 (R2)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council promotes investment into additional swimming pool provision. The priority is a new learner pool at Soar Valley Leisure Centre.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Confirm support for the development of additional water space</p> <p>Undertake a feasibility study, architect-led, on Soar Valley Leisure Centre, to assess the options for pool development, the optimum location and design and the consequent capital costs</p>	Charnwood Borough Council	SHORT TO MEDIUM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>External consultants</p> <p>External funding agencies</p> <p>Feasibility study costs approx. £10k-£15k (leisure consultant, some architectural input; quantity surveyor)</p> <p>New learner pool circa (depending on scale, construction approach, etc) £2-£3m for a learner pool.</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3)</b></p> <p>Existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness suite provision in the Borough should be retained as a minimum, and where appropriate, opportunities for investment in additional health and fitness provision where there is an identified need/business case justification should be considered by all providers.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council retain existing levels of fitness stations in their three leisure centres as a minimum</p> <p>Explore the practical feasibility of extending existing fitness provision at Loughborough, South Charnwood and Soar Valley Leisure Centres</p> <p>Facilitate continued provision of the same level of affordable commercial fitness provision in the Borough through the planning process</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local providers</p>	ONGOING		<p>Charnwood Borough Council- leisure officers, planning officers,</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Facility operators through long term contract</p> <p>Capital investment over life cycle agreed through long term contract</p> <p>Potential feasibility work circa £2k-3k per facility (this would look at where an extension could be located, its size, scale and design, and cost)</p> <p>Extension/refurbishment works costs dependent on location, scale etc, but could vary between £250k - £1.5m total, depending on size, design etc</p>



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<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 4 (R4)</b></p> <p>Opportunities to increase access to sports halls for indoor netball – training and competitive play. Should be considered by all relevant stakeholders – Charnwood Borough Council, facility operators local netball clubs, England Netball and the East Midlands Netball League.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Facilitate dialogue between local netball clubs and facility operators, plus all schools with appropriate sports facilities who want to increase community use, to try and identify suitable venues for netball in the Borough</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Facility operators Local netball clubs</p> <p>England Netball</p>	SHORT TERM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council- leisure officers</p> <p>Facility operators</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Local schools</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council seek to ensure that any new educational involving new or enhanced sports facility has a CUA as part of the planning consent so as to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)</b></p>	<p>Ensure dialogue between Charnwood Borough Council Departments and Leicestershire County Council over any proposals for new schools, so optimum benefits can be obtained through any new developments</p> <p>Ensure development of a CUA is a planning condition required of all new schools</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Sport England</p> <p>Individual schools</p>	ONGOING		<p>Charnwood Borough Council as appropriate through the planning process</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Sport England</p> <p>Individual schools/Academies</p>



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<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6)</b></p> <p>Consider the opportunity for Charnwood Borough Council to work with partners in education to increase community access to existing education sports facilities where community access is currently provided, and where it is not; where possible, formal CUAs should be developed.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council work with Leicestershire County Council and all schools identifying an aspiration to secure increased on-site community use, to promote availability of education facilities within the wider community, and 'match' those requiring space with available provision.</p> <p>Work towards developing formal CUAs wherever possible to secure and protect community access long term.</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Sport England</p> <p>Individual schools</p>	ONGOING		<p>Charnwood Borough Council as appropriate through the planning process</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Sport England</p> <p>Individual schools/Academies</p> <p>Community organisations and groups</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 7 (R7)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council and its public and voluntary sector partners facilitate, where possible, increased access to pay and play community centres/halls to maintain and grow participation in physical activity</p> <p><b>(PROTECT AND ENHANCE)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council work with its public and voluntary sector partners to ensure maximum use is made of all community halls for sports activities</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p>	ONGOING		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Parish/Town Councils</p> <p>Other informal hall providers- public and voluntary sectors</p>



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<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 8 (R8)</b></p> <p>Dialogue is established with English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) and local bowling clubs to further explore the potential of facilitating club – led development of additional indoor bowling facilities by 2036.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council works with the English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) on facility development to review and monitor identified need for additional indoor bowling facilities</p> <p>Establish regular dialogue with local indoor bowling clubs to monitor increases in participation and demand for facilities</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>EIBA</p> <p>Local clubs</p>	SHORT – MEDIUM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local clubs</p> <p>NGBs</p> <p>Possible capital investment in an additional facility in the long term; circa £2m (for a purpose built indoor bowls hall with 4- 6 rinks).</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9)</b></p> <p>Future need for purpose-built gymnastics/trampoline facilities in the Borough, to meet latent demand, is explored further by British Gymnastics and Trampoline, local clubs/partners, and Charnwood Borough Council.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council works with British Gymnastics and Trampoline on facility development to review and monitor identified need for additional gymnastics/trampoline facilities</p> <p>Establish regular dialogue with local gymnastics/trampoline clubs to monitor increases in participation and demand for facilities</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>British Gymnastics and Trampoline</p> <p>Local gymnastics and trampolining clubs</p>	SHORT – MEDIUM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local clubs</p> <p>British Gymnastics and Trampoline</p> <p>Capital investment requirements likely to vary depending on whether additional facilities are new build or conversion of an existing building; potentially £1.5m per purpose built/refurbished facility</p>



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<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 10 (R10)</b></p> <p>Where appropriate, Charnwood Borough Council and its partners seek to secure S106 contributions that could contribute towards the development of additional and safe walking, running and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE, AND PROTECT)</b></p>	<p>Ensure all investment priorities are included in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Secure all available funding through Developer Contributions</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council-planning and leisure officers</p>	SHORT TO MEDIUM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council-planning and leisure officers</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 11 (R11)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council and all its partners identify the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs for sports facilities, and investigate all available sources for capital funding, on a partnership basis.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Confirm investment priorities and obtain capital costs.</p> <p>Assess funding options</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p>	SHORT TO MEDIUM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council-planning and leisure officers</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Identified investment needs estimated at a total of circa £27m to 2036, based on 2017 costs</p> <p>Revenue to support feasibility studies (as set out above) circa £20k</p>



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<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 12 (R12)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council and its partners prioritise investment in the development of high quality community sports facilities/spaces, with other local partners. Increasing available capacity and therefore opportunities to take part in regular physical activity, in the local community, will contribute to reduced health inequalities, increased participation better community cohesion.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)</b></p>	<p>Continue to work with a range of relevant partners to facilitate provision of high quality accessible and sustainable community sports facilities</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local partners</p>	ONGOING		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local partners- public, education, private and voluntary sectors</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Capital investment could range from extension of an existing hall to a new community hall from circa £0.4m - £2.5m, depending on scale and nature</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 13 (R13)</b></p> <p>There should be on-going monitoring of this Strategy through its implementation, but as a minimum, progress should be reviewed and refreshed every five years. On-going monitoring should include partnership working with neighbouring local authorities to keep aware of facility changes and developments.</p> <p><b>(PROTECT)</b></p>	<p>Review the Strategy on a 5-year basis, to update/revise as appropriate, to ensure Local Plan Evidence Base is robust.</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p>	Ongoing		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>External consultants</p> <p>Cost – dependent on extent of review but likely to be circa £12k - £15k (not included in capital costs), to review, update and undertake new analysis as required</p>

**N.B. It is recognised that any new schools (Recommendations 5, and 6) are likely to be Academies and therefore outside the direct control of Leicestershire County Council. This should not, however, prevent local partnerships for community access.**



## 2. STAGE A- INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

### INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. This Sports Facility Strategy is one of three related pieces of work being developed for Charnwood Borough Council (providing an evidence base for the Charnwood Local Plan in respect of indoor and outdoor sports facilities and open space).
- 2.2. Charnwood has a population of over 180,286 (**ONS Mid-year estimates 2014**) and sits centrally between the major cities of Derby, Nottingham and Leicester. It extends from the main town of Loughborough in the North to the edge of Leicester to the South. Charnwood is at the heart of the country and is well connected with excellent access to both the M1 motorway to the West and East; Midlands Main Line to the East.
- 2.3. The social and economic pull of the City of Leicester has a strong influence on the Borough, particularly in the South which forms part of the Leicester Principal Urban Area.
- 2.4. Just over a third of the population lives in the university town of Loughborough. Loughborough, together with the adjacent town of Shepshed, acts as a social and economic focus, and as an important centre for business, commerce and retailing.
- 2.5. In the North of the Borough there are a number of settlements, stretching southwards towards Leicester, along the Soar Valley and A6 corridor. The Core Strategy identifies the following villages as Service Centres for the rural parts of Charnwood: Anstey, Barrow upon Soar, Mountsorrel, Quorn, Rothley, Sileby, Syston and Thurmaston.
- 2.6. Charnwood Forest lies to the West of the Soar Valley, which stretches to the West towards Coalville. Recognised as a Regional Park, the Forest provides a focus for leisure and conservation activity.
- 2.7. The Wolds is a rural area with strong links with Nottinghamshire. These lie to the North East of the Soar Valley. The Wreake Valley is a rural area stretching Eastwards towards Melton, comprising of a number of villages. A predominately rural area with strong links to Leicester City and the district of Harborough is located South of the Wreake.

Map 2.1: Charnwood Borough Boundary and links to neighbouring areas.





## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES IN DEVELOPING A SPORTS FACILITIES STRATEGY

- 2.8. In 2010 Charnwood Borough Council published the Open Spaces, Sports and Recreation Study. There is now a need to update this information, to provide a robust and up to date evidence base for strategy development; to inform the emerging Local Plan and to assist in the prioritisation and allocation of resources.
- 2.9. The Sports Facility Strategy has been developed in parallel with a Playing Pitch Strategy and Open Space Assessment (commissioned separately); all three documents will provide an evidence base for the Local Plan and underpin future priorities for provision.
- 2.10. The Strategy covers the geographical area of Charnwood Borough but references areas outside the Borough boundaries as appropriate. It reflects the diversity of open space, sport and recreational needs across the Borough.
- 2.11. In addition to providing a robust evidence base for the new Local Plan, this Indoor Sports Facility Strategy will build on work undertaken by Charnwood Borough Council and the Parish/Town Councils in relation to development of Neighbourhood Plans.
- 2.12. The Vision for the Strategy is to ensure that there is an adequate supply of good quality facilities to accommodate a range of sports / physical activities in order to meet current and future levels of demand and to provide enhanced opportunities so as to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activity.
- 2.13. The Charnwood Borough Council Corporate Plan 2016 – 2020 identifies one of the Council's key corporate priorities as:

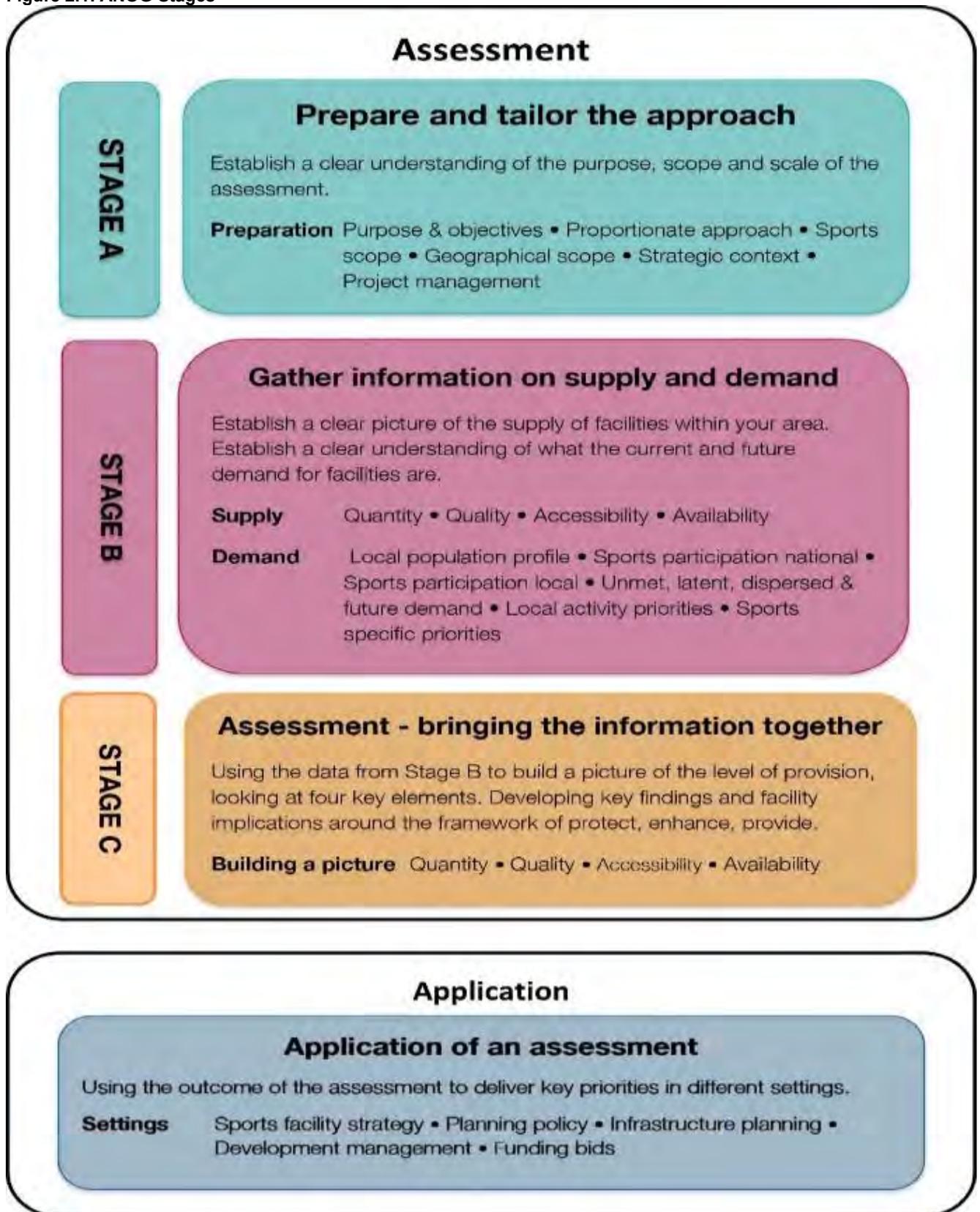
***“encouraging healthy lifestyles for all our residents through physical activity programmes and the provision of sports facilities and green spaces”.***

- 2.14. This is implemented through a wide range of Council activities across the Borough Council's service areas.

## STRATEGY STRUCTURE

- 2.15. The Strategy has been developed using the Sport England Assessing Needs and Opportunities guidance (ANOG), published in 2014.
- 2.16. The overall document is essentially in two parts:
- The **Assessment** of Need –based on the ANOG approach, as set out in Figure 2.1 below:
  - The **subsequent** Strategy- this sets out the proposed response to the issues identified in the Needs Assessment

Figure 2.1: ANOG Stages





## SPORTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

2.17. The scope of this Strategy includes analysis of provision for the following facility types across the Borough of Charnwood, in line with the geographical area covered by the Local Plan.

- **Sports Halls (including schools and community buildings), and covering indoor sports hall sports such as, badminton, basketball, netball and volleyball**
- **Health & Fitness Centres (including dance/aerobic studios)**
- **Squash Courts**
- **Swimming Pools**
- **Indoor Bowls Centres**

2.18. Outdoor sports facilities and pitches are covered in the 2018 Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS), as is Tennis, indoor and outdoor court facilities. This Indoor Sports Facility Strategy comprises:

- **A Strategy and Action Plan, which sets out the full range of findings supported by the evidence, which is fully NPPF compliant.**
- **Technical evidence which sets out the results of the assessment for all indoor sports facilities.**
- **Location plans of all sites using a GIS mapping system.**
- **Identification of proposals for generic Borough wide issues, sport specific issues and area specific issues**
- **A list of priority projects for improvements needed to indoor sport and leisure facilities over the Strategy period, with information on indicative costs, phasing and proposed delivery mechanisms, where possible**
- **Recommendations for policy, local standards, guidelines and good practice**

2.19. In addition to purpose-built facilities, consideration is given to the role of the following in meeting local need:

- **Community assets (community halls)**
- **Education facilities**

## PROPORTIONATE APPROACH

2.20. The brief developed by Charnwood Borough Council identified the key objectives of the strategy as:

- **To establish a clear picture of the supply of facilities considering the quality criteria of the age of facilities, their accessibility and ownership of facilities whether provided by the Borough Council (and its private sector delivery partners), educational providers, parish councils or the private sector. (Quality audits undertaken in 2017).**
- **To establish a clear picture of the current and future demand for facilities.**



2.21. With consideration given to the impact of:

- **Latent demand based on consultation with stakeholders including National Governing Bodies, sports clubs and the wider population in Charnwood;**
- **Future demand as a result of population change to 2036;**
- **Any changes to participation in sport or sports development initiatives;**
- **Cross boundary impacts between Charnwood and neighbouring authorities.**

#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

2.22. The development of this Strategy has been informed and influenced by a number of key national and local strategies and policies. The majority of the national policies and references are summarised in Appendix 1. Other key local policies and strategies are summarised in Appendix 5, and referenced in subsequent sections of the Strategy, as appropriate.



## 3. STRATEGIC POLICY AND CONTEXT

### INTRODUCTION

#### NATIONAL LEVEL

- 3.1 There are a number of key national and local strategies and policies which inform and influence the development of these strategies. The majority of the national documents are summarised in Appendix 1, National Context, but the main ones are summarised below. These national policies inform the approach to current and future provision of sports facilities, linked to health improvement, increased participation, and the appropriate levels of provision of facilities to meet local needs. From a planning perspective, the national agenda makes the link between national planning policy, a Local Plan and population growth at local level, and the need to plan for increased demands for infrastructure and provision, linked to Sport England's priorities of Protect, Enhance and Provide.

#### NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)

- 3.2 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the requirement for local authorities to assess the need for sports and recreational facilities and to plan provision to meet these needs. Paragraphs 73 and 74 outline the planning policies for the provision and protection of sport and recreation facilities:

***“Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up to date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required”.***

- 3.3 'Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless':
- **An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or**
  - **The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or**
  - **The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss'.**
- 3.4 Sport England is a statutory consultee on all planning applications that affect sports facilities; it looks to improve the quality, access and management of sports facilities as well as investing in new facilities to meet unsatisfied demand. Sport England requires local authorities to have an up-to date assessment of sports facility needs and an associated strategy including a recommendation that the evidence base is reviewed every five years.



3.5 The key drivers for the production of the strategy as advocated by Sport England are to protect, enhance and provide sports facilities, as follows:

- **PROTECT:** To provide evidence to inform policy and specifically to support Site Allocations and Development Management Policies which will protect sports facilities and their use by the community, irrespective of ownership
- **ENHANCE:** To ensure that sports facilities are effectively managed and maintained and that best uses are made of existing resources - whether facilities, expertise and/or personnel to improve and enhance existing provision – particularly in the light of pressure on local authority budgets
- **PROVIDE:** To provide evidence to help secure external funding for new facilities and enhancements (if on the Regulation 123 List) and Section 106 agreements. Sport England and the local authority can then use the strategies developed and the guidance provided in making key planning decisions regarding facility developments in the area.

#### A NEW STRATEGY FOR SPORT – DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT

3.6 The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, following a consultation paper in 2015, launched the new strategy 'Sporting Future: A new Strategy for an Active Nation' in 2016. The development of the new strategy reflects a need to re-invigorate the nation's appetite for participation in sport following what appears to be a significant reduction in national participation (highest profile being swimming), following the immediate upsurge after the 2012 London Olympics. It is important to highlight that the national trends are not necessarily mirrored at a local level; in Charnwood there is increasing demand for swimming, both current and into the future.

3.7 The sport strategy is targeting five outcomes which each sports organisation, public or private sector, will be measured against:

- **Physical wellbeing**
- **Mental wellbeing**
- **Social and community development**
- **Individual development**
- **Economic development.**

3.8 Government funding will go toward organisations which can best demonstrate that they will deliver some or all of the five outcomes

3.9 The delivery of the outcomes will be through three broad outputs;

- **More people from every background regularly and meaningfully taking part in sport and physical activity, volunteering and experiencing live sport.**
- **A more productive, sustainable and responsible sports sector**
- **Maximising international and domestic sporting success and the impact of major sporting events**



### SPORT ENGLAND STRATEGY 2016- 2021 TOWARDS AN ACTIVE NATION'

3.10 The Vision for this Strategy is:

**'We want everyone in England regardless of age, background or level of ability to feel able to engage in sport and physical activity. Some will be young, fit and talented, but most will not. We need a sport sector that welcomes everyone – meets their needs, treats them as individuals and values them as customers'.**

3.11 The Sport England Strategy 'Towards an Active Nation' puts the policies set out in 'A new Strategy for an Active Nation' into practice. This will mean significant change for Sport England and for their partners.

3.12 The strategy sets out how Sport England will deliver this task. The key changes Sport England will make are:

- Focusing more money and resources on **tackling inactivity** because this is where the gains for the individual and **for** society are greatest
- Investing more in **children and young people from the age of five** to build positive attitudes to sport and activity as the foundations of an active life
- **Helping those who are active now to carry on, but at lower cost to the public purse over time.** Sport England will work with those parts of the sector that serve the core market to help them identify ways in which they can become more sustainable and self-sufficient <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
- **Putting customers at the heart** of what we do, responding to how they organise their lives and helping the sector to be more **welcoming and inclusive, especially of those groups currently under-represented in sport**
- Helping sport to keep pace with the **digital expectations** of customers
- Working nationally where it makes sense to do so (for example on infrastructure and workforce) but **encouraging stronger local collaboration** to deliver a more joined-up experience of sport and activity for customers
- Working with a **wider range of partners**, including the private sector, using our expertise as well as our investment to help others align their resources
- Working with the sector to encourage innovation and share best practice particularly through applying the principles and practical learning of **behaviour change**

3.13 The remaining national policy context is summarised in Appendix 1, National Policy Context.



LOCAL LEVEL

- 3.14 A number of current strategic policies, strategies and factors influence current and future supply and demand for sport and recreation facilities in the Borough of Charnwood. As well as providing the context for future facility provision, e.g. health improvement, improving accessibility, increasing participation, these strategies provide opportunities to link priority areas and needs, and ensure that outcomes are aligned with identified local objectives.
- 3.15 A short summary of the main relevant strategies and policies is included below; more detail on these and other policies/strategies is in Appendix 5.

**Table 3.1: Summary of main relevant Strategies and Policies**

STRATEGY	SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES/PRIORITIES
CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2016-2020	<p>The corporate plan has three themes; People, Place and Service with the aim to make Charnwood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A safer, more secure and caring environment</b></li> <li>• <b>A borough with a strong, diverse economy</b></li> <li>• <b>and a place served by a council which puts customers at the heart of everything it does.</b></li> </ul> <p>The most relevant aims for this Strategy are:</p> <p><b>Every Resident Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will provide opportunities to participate in social, leisure and cultural activities and in community life.</li> <li>• Encourage healthy lifestyles for all our residents through physical activity programmes and the provision of sports facilities and green spaces</li> </ul>
THE CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN 2011-2028 (ADOPTED 2015)	<p><b>The Vision includes the following:</b></p> <p>In 2028 Charnwood will be one of the most desirable places to live, work and visit in the East Midlands.</p> <p>Development will have been managed to improve the economy, quality of life and the environment.</p> <p>Charnwood will be recognised for the role Loughborough plays in the region’s knowledge-based economy.</p> <p>Our community will have access to a range of green spaces, leisure and recreational facilities across Charnwood and new parkland in Loughborough and Thurmaston will be provided. The Charnwood Forest will be recognised as a Regional Park. The River Soar and Wreake will be improved for wild life and people.</p> <p>Charnwood will be recognised for delivering growth to a high design quality that benefits the community.</p> <p>The demand for housing will be focused on Loughborough and the edge of Leicester City. New sustainable urban extensions at West Loughborough and Thurmaston, as well as other planned areas of growth, will incorporate good quality design and reflect our strong local distinctiveness.</p>



STRATEGY	SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES/PRIORITIES
	<p>Loughborough will continue to be the main economic, social and cultural heart of the Borough. It will be an attractive, compact and ‘walkable’ destination for shopping, leisure, entertainment and culture. Our other settlements, including a regenerated Shepshed, will have an attractive provision of local shops, culture and leisure facilities.</p> <p>Our community will have better access to jobs and services, with a choice to walk or cycle.</p> <p>The relevant strategic objectives within the Local Plan which have been identified to realise the vision and address identified challenges include:</p> <p><b>SO1:</b> to reduce the need to, and distance of, travel by car and increase use of walking, cycling and public transport</p> <p><b>SO2:</b> to secure the provision of accessible facilities and services to meet the needs of all local people, having regard to the particular needs of the young, old and “hard to reach”</p> <p><b>SO3:</b> to promote health and well-being, for example by ensuring that residents have access to health care, local parks, greenspaces and natural environment, the countryside and facilities for sport and recreation, creative and community activities.</p> <p><b>SO6:</b> to promote stronger, cohesive and balanced communities having regard to changes in demographics, for example influencing the type of housing provision;</p> <p><b>SO14:</b> to sustain and enhance Loughborough town centre as a prosperous, attractive and vibrant destination for shopping, entertainment and leisure as well as a place to live;</p> <p><b>SO15:</b> to capitalise on the benefits of Loughborough University, especially those associated with its reputation as a centre of sporting excellence, research into innovation, new technologies and sustainability;</p> <p><b>SO16:</b> to ensure that there is a network of vibrant ‘local’ centres so residents have access to a range of shops, services and facilities;</p> <p>Key policy which will shape the delivery of the Local Plan include:</p> <p><b>Policy CS01 -Development Strategy</b></p> <p>We will make provision for at least 13,940 new homes between 2011 and 2028. Leicester Principal Urban Area. Our priority location for growth will be the Leicester Principal Urban Area, where provision will be made for at least 5,500 new homes and up to 46 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2028.</p> <p>We will do this by planning positively for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a sustainable urban extension of approximately 4,500 homes to the north east of Leicester, delivering approximately 3,250 homes and up to 13 hectares of employment land by 2028 and the remaining homes beyond the plan period as part of a comprehensive and integrated development;</li> <li>• a direction of growth for approximately 1,500 homes as part of a sustainable urban extension to the north of Birstall, delivering approximately 1,345 homes and up to 15 hectares of employment land by 2028 and the remaining homes beyond the plan period as part of a comprehensive development;</li> <li>• a direction of growth for up to 8,750 sqm of offices and up to 16 hectares of general employment land within the Watermead Regeneration corridor; and sustainable development which contributes towards meeting our remaining</li> <li>• development needs, supports our strategic vision, makes effective use of land and is in accordance with the policies in this strategy.</li> </ul>



STRATEGY	SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES/PRIORITIES
<b>LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SPORT STRATEGY FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2017-21 (MAY 2017)</b>	<p>The Strategy identifies one headline vision - 'Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland the most sporting and physically active place in England by 2025'.</p> <p>The emerging ambitions for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Get Active: Everyone of all ages has the opportunity to start participating in physical activity and sport</b></li> <li>● <b>Stay Active: Support people to develop a resilient physical activity and sport habit, to ensuring lifelong participation</b></li> <li>● <b>Active Places: Facilities, playing pitches and informal spaces that encourage physical activity and sport are high quality and accessible</b></li> <li>● <b>Active Economy: Promote LLR as a premier, high performing location for undertaking the business of physical activity and sport</b></li> </ul>

3.16 The following are summarised in Appendix 5:

- **Leicestershire and Leicester Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2014**
- **Leicestershire Joint Health and Well Being Strategy 2017-2022**
- **Leicestershire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2015**
- **Charnwood Children’s and Young People Strategy 2015-2018**
- **Leicestershire Local Transport Plan (LTP 3) 2011-2026**
- **Population Profiles and Projections**
- **Participation Trends and Rates in Sport and Physical Activity**

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE BOROUGH**

3.17 A key factor influencing the future provision of sports facilities in the Borough (what, and where) is the scale and location of future housing development, which impacts on population density and also levels and nature of community demand.

**CHARNWOOD CORE STRATEGY, 2011 TO 2028**

3.18 The Charnwood Core Strategy is currently based upon a housing requirement of 820 homes per year (though the new Local Plan (currently in preparation) is likely to have to allocate sites to accommodate a higher housing requirement in accordance with the HEDNA).



3.19 Policy CS1 of the Charnwood Core Strategy sets out a housing requirement of at least 13,940 homes between 2011 and 2028, with an estimated completion of 13,634 homes across the Plan period.

**Table 3.2: Number and Locations of new homes**

	NEW HOMES
NE LEICESTERSHIRE SUE	3, 250
BROADNOOK, NORTH OF BIRSTALL	1,345
WEST LOUGHBOROUGH SUE	2,440
LEICESTER PRINCIPAL URBAN AREA	730
LOUGHBOROUGH/SHEPSHED	2,511
SERVICE CENTRES	2,682
REST OF BOROUGH	676
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,634</b>

(Source: The Charnwood Local Plan, Core Strategy 2011-2028)

### HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT (HEDNA)

3.20 The Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA), which informs the Local Plan, sets out an Objectively Assessed Need for Charnwood of:

CHARNWOOD	2011-2031	2011-2036*
HOMES PER YEAR	1031	994

**N.B. The timescale of the new Charnwood Local Plan will be to 2036**

### POPULATION PROFILES AND PROJECTIONS.

3.21 The current and future population profile of Charnwood Borough and the locations of growth are important to understand in relation to planning for the future provision of sport and physical activity.

3.22 The 2017 population, based on the ONS 2014 mid-year population estimates, is 180,286 with continued growth projected through to 2036.

<b>Population, 2011:</b>	<b>165,876</b>
<b>Population 2017:</b>	<b>180,286</b>
<b>Increase in population 2011 to 2036:</b>	<b>46,430</b>
<b>% Population Change 2011 to 2036:</b>	<b>28.0%</b>
<b>Change in Households 2011 to 2036:</b>	<b>18,837</b>
<b>% Change in Households 2011 to 2036:</b>	<b>28.3%</b>

Source: HEDNA, Figure 2: Starting Point (2014-based) Population and Household Projections, 2011-36.



- 3.23 15.8% of the population are under 15 years of age, 75.2% of the population are aged 16-74 years and 16.4% are of pension age. The black and minority ethnic population is 12.6% (Source: Census 2011).
- 3.24 The projected population growth indicates that there will be a significant increase in older people in Charnwood by 2028 of 27.2% and by 2036 of 48.5% for those age 65-90+ years. The **60 - 74**-year-old age group will increase by **36.3%** by 2036.
- 3.25 The HEDNA report January 2017 sets out a population increase between 2011 and 2036 of 46,379, from 165,876 to 212,255. This figure of 46,379 has been used in this Strategy as the population increase on which to base future need but the figure of 180,286 population has been taken as the 2017 base. Therefore, population increase to 2017-2036 is 31,969 (this avoids double counting of population already in the Borough).
- 3.26 Table 3.3 summarises the population projections for Charnwood, taken from the HEDNA 2017 report.

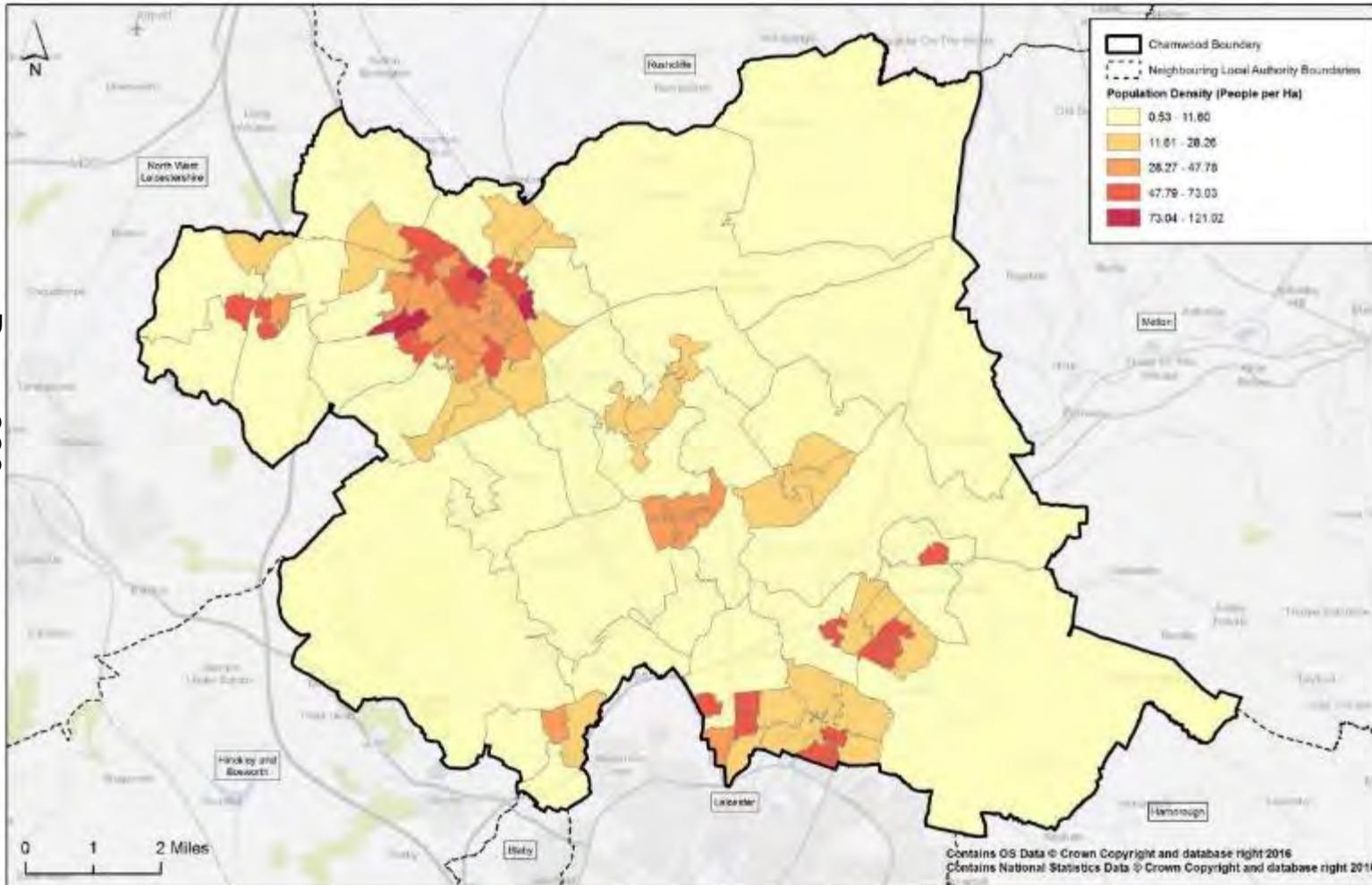
**Table 3.3: Population Projections 2017-2036**

YEAR	CONTEXT	POPULATION PROJECTION (SOURCE: 2014 MID-YEAR PROJECTIONS)	INCREASE YEAR ON YEAR
2017	Baseline	180,286	
2036	HEDNA 2017	212,255	28% 2011-2036
OVERALL INCREASE 2017-2036		31,969	17.77%

- 3.27 The figure of 31,969 is used as the basis for calculating future need for facility provision in the Borough to 2036.



Map 3.2: Population Density in Charnwood, 2017



Usual resident population density by lower super output area in Charnwood (2017)



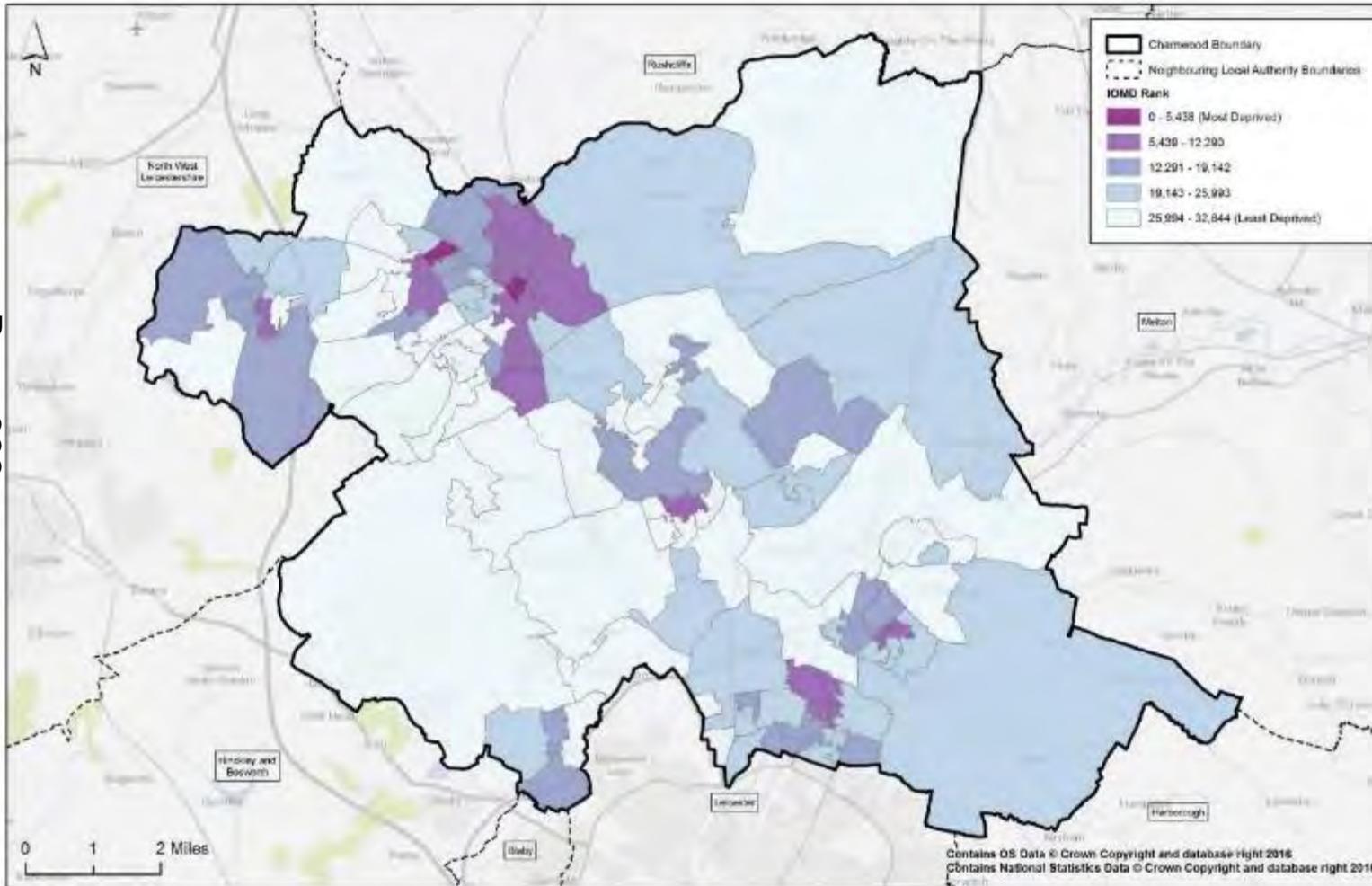
### POPULATION PROFILE – DEPRIVATION

3.28 Five of Leicestershire's ten most deprived neighbourhoods fall within Charnwood, with pockets of deprivation in Loughborough, Thurmaston, Syston and Mountsorrel. This is reflected in lower than average incomes, poor health and lower levels of educational attainment.

- **Charnwood is ranked 231 out of 354 local authorities (where 354 is the least deprived) based on average deprivation scores (2010 Indices of Deprivation).**
- **67.7% of the population aged 16-74 are economically active (Census 2011).**
- **3.09% of the population aged 16-74 are unemployed but actively seeking work (Census 2011).**
- **20.5% of residents aged 16 and over, have no qualifications (Census 2011).**
- **Car ownership is high with 81.8% of households having access to at least one car; however, 18.1% of households have no access to a car. There is a net outflow of 11,000 commuters primarily to Leicester. Most of the Charnwood population live and work in the Borough.**

3.29 Map 3.3 shows the areas of deprivation in the Borough; the darker colours are the areas of highest deprivation.

Map 3.3: Levels of Deprivation in Charnwood



Index of multiple deprivation by lower super output area in Charnwood (2015)



## HEALTH PROFILE

3.30 The health of people in Charnwood is generally better than the England average. Life expectancy is above the England average for men at 80.6 years compared to 79.5 years. Women's life expectancy is 83.2 years compared to the England average of 83.4 years. Key factors from the Public Health England (PHE) Health profile 2016 are:

- In the 2011 census 48.1% of the population rated their health as very good. 3.3% that rated their health as bad and 0.9% as very bad. 6.7% of people are limited in relation to day to day activities.
- At year 6, in 2014/15 the number of children classed as obese was 17.7% better than the England average of 19.1%
- Excess weight in adults is below the England average (64.6%) at 58%.
- Recorded levels of diabetes are currently 6.5% better than the England average of 6.4%, as is death caused by CVD for under 75's - 65.9% compared to the England average of 75.7%.
- Physical activity levels for adults is 59.8%, better than the England average of 57%.
- GCSE attainment is worse than the England average (57.3%) at 52.9%.
- With the exception of GCSE attainment Charnwood performs better than the regional averages in the areas above.

3.31 Table 3.4 shows the health costs of physical inactivity in Charnwood, compared to those at regional and national level. This highlights that costs in Charnwood are lower compared to both regional and national levels. However, with the projected population growth, of which a significant proportion are older people, Charnwood needs to be proactive to continue to maintain the current positive health profile and aim for continued improvement in the health of Charnwood residents resulting in reducing health costs further.

**Table 3.4: Health costs of Physical Inactivity in Charnwood**

DISEASE CATEGORY	CHARNWOOD	EAST MIDLANDS	ENGLAND
TOTAL COST	£2,551,760	£78,876,201	£944,289,723
COST PER 100,000 POPULATION	£1,586,606	£1,759,906	£1,817,285

(Source: Department of Health 2017)



### SUMMARY OF KEY DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

3.32 Table 3.5 summarises the demographic profile of Charnwood’s localities, reflecting the overall demographic analysis and factors for the Borough as discussed above.

**Table 3.5: Summary of Charnwood’s Localities – Demographic Profile**

<b>LOCALITY DESCRIPTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charnwood is set in the heart of the three cities Derby, Leicester and Nottingham within the Midlands region.</li> <li>Loughborough is the main town in the Borough.</li> <li>The Borough is a combination of both rural and urban areas.</li> </ul>
<b>POPULATION PROFILE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population will grow by 17.7% by 2036</li> <li>The 65-90+ age group will be 48.5% of the population by 2036</li> </ul>
<b>ETHNICITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>87.3% White British, 12.6% BME</li> </ul>
<b>HOUSING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13,634 new homes projected by 2036.</li> <li>Key development areas; NE Leicestershire SUE, West Loughborough, Loughborough and Shepshed, Broadnook, North of Birstall</li> </ul>
<b>DEPRIVATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pockets of deprivation in Loughborough, Thurmaston, Syston, Mountsorrel</li> <li>Educational attainment below average at GCSE level.</li> </ul>
<b>CAR OWNERSHIP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>81.8% of the population has access to at least one car; 18.1% has no access to a car.</li> </ul>
<b>HEALTH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall health better than the national average</li> </ul>

(Source: All statistics quoted in Table 3.6 are taken from local context documents Appendix 5)

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION

#### THE INTRINSIC VALUE OF PARTICIPATION

3.33 The value of participation in sport and physical activity is significant, and its contribution to individual and community quality of life should not be under estimated. This is true for both younger and older people; participation in sport and physical activity delivers:

- **Opportunities for physical activity, and therefore more ‘active living’**
- **Health benefits – cardio vascular, stronger bones, mobility**
- **Health improvement**
- **Mental health benefits**
- **Social benefits – socialisation, communication, inter-action, regular contact, stimulation**

3.34 In addition, participation in sport and physical activity can facilitate the learning of new skills, development of individual and team ability / performance, and provide a ‘disciplined’ environment in which participants can ‘grow’ and develop.



3.35 The benefits of regular and active participation in sport and physical activity will be important to promote in relation to future sport, leisure and physical activity in Charnwood. There is an existing audience in the Borough, which already recognise the advantages of participation, and a latent community who are ready to take part. The sport, physical activity and leisure offer in the Borough can support the delivery of the desired outcomes across a number of Borough Strategic priorities and objectives.

### CURRENT PARTICIPATION RATES

3.36 In terms of the Public Health England definition for physical activity (150 minutes or equivalent of at least moderate intensity activity per week) 61.1% of adults aged 16+ years are classed as being active (Charnwood Public Health Report – 2015).

**Table 3.6: Physically active and inactive adults**

RATE	CHARNWOOD	EAST MIDLANDS	ENGLAND
% ACTIVE	59.8%	56.8%	57%
% INACTIVE	24.9%	28.7%	28.7%

(Source: Public Health England - Public Health Outcomes Framework. Measure: percentage of physically active and inactive adults. Time period(s): 2014)

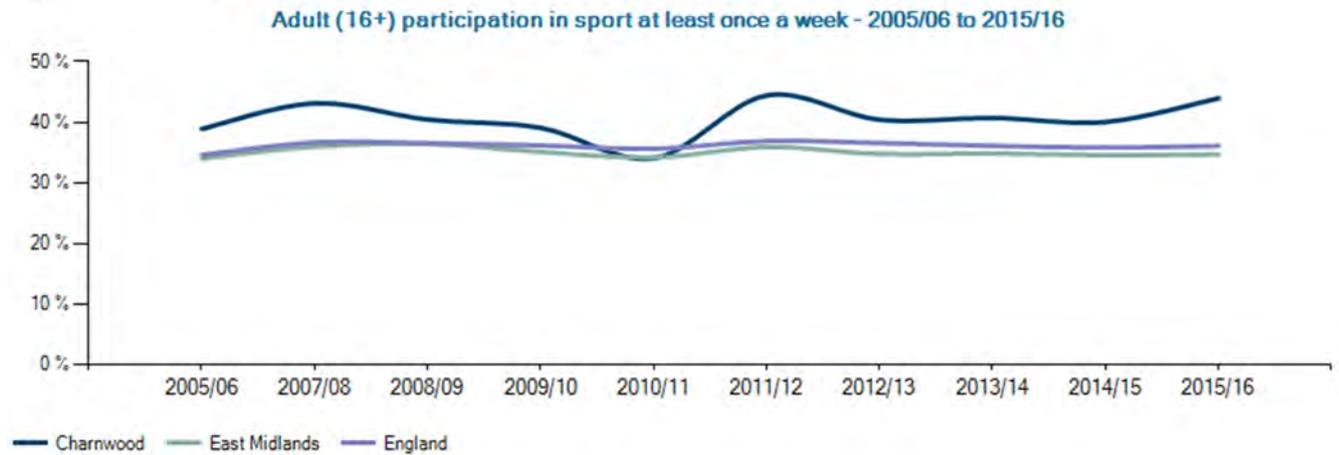
3.37 The Sport England Active People Survey (APS) shows that participation levels in Charnwood are, in 9 out of 10 years, higher than both the regional and national levels. There was a peak in participation in 2011/12 followed by a decrease through to 2014/15. As of 2015/16 levels have increased to 43.9% and are 0.8% below the 2011/12 peak.

**Table 3.7: Participation Rates in Charnwood, the East Midlands and Nationally - Adult (16+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week), by year**

YEAR	CHARNWOOD	EAST MIDLANDS	ENGLAND
2005/06	38.9 %	34.0 %	34.6 %
2007/08	43.1 %	36.0 %	36.6 %
2008/09	40.4 %	36.4 %	36.5 %
2009/10	39.1 %	35.1 %	36.2 %
2010/11	34.0 %	34.2 %	35.6 %
2011/12	44.4 %	35.9 %	36.9 %
2012/13	40.4 %	34.8 %	36.6 %
2013/14	40.7 %	34.8 %	36.1 %
2014/15	40.0 %	34.5 %	35.8 %
2015/16	43.9 %	34.7 %	36.1 %

(Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Adult (16+) participation in sport (at least once a week) by year, one session per week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days). Time period(s): 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16)

Figure 3.1: Adult (16+) Participation in Sport at least once a week 2005 / 06 to 2014 / 15



(Source: Sport England Local Sports Profile November 2016)

3.38 Participation rates for adults 14+ in the Borough compared to regional and national averages are shown in Table 3.8. All of which are higher than the regional and national levels (highlighted in green) and indicates that participation is increasing.

Table 3.8: Adults 14+ Participation in Sport at least once per week - Adult (14+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week)

YEAR	CHARNWOOD	EAST MIDLANDS	ENGLAND
2012/2013	41.3 %	35.6 %	37.5 %
2013/2014	41.1 %	35.8 %	37.1 %
2014/2015	41.2 %	35.4 %	36.7 %
2015/2016	44.9 %	35.4 %	36.9 %

(Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Adult participation aged 14+, one session per week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days). Time period(s): 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016)

- 3.39 Participation rates for 3 x 30 minutes per week (formally NI18) have increased from 23% in 2005/06 to 27.3% in 2014/16 (changed annual groupings for this data). Male participation has increased from 28 % to 29.4% in this period, female participation has increased from 17.8% to 25.2%.
- 3.40 Data for the number of adults wanting to do more sport is not available. The regional level is 56% below the national figures 57.6%.
- 3.41 Club membership has grown from 21.3% to 28.8% above both the regional and national averages. Participation in tuition and coaching is above both the regional and the national levels. Participation in competition is also above both regional and national averages.
- 3.42 Satisfaction levels with local sports provision has fluctuated from 61.7% to 69.6% from 2013/14 to 2015/16 and currently stands at 67.8%. It has consistently remained above the regional and national averages.



**Table 3.9: Participation Frequency in Physical Activity - Comparison with Sport England KPIs**

INDICATOR	CHARNWOOD				EAST MIDLANDS				ENGLAND			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
KPI3 - CLUB MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS	21.3 %	21.1 %	22.4 %	28.8 %	20.3 %	20.1 %	20.4 %	20.5 %	21.0 %	21.6 %	21.8 %	22.0 %
KPI4 - RECEIVED TUITION OR COACHING IN LAST 12 MONTHS	18.5 %	17.9 %	18.5 %	24.0 %	14.8 %	14.7 %	13.9 %	15.2 %	15.8 %	16.4 %	15.6 %	15.8 %
KPI5 - TOOK PART IN ORGANISED COMPETITION IN LAST 12 MONTHS	14.3 %	15.2 %	16.5 %	23.3 %	12.4 %	13.1 %	12.7 %	12.9 %	11.2 %	13.3 %	13.3 %	13.3 %
KPI6 - VERY/FAIRLY SATISFIED WITH LOCAL SPORTS PROVISION	61.7 %	69.6 %	69.3 %	67.8 %	61.5 %	63.0 %	60.9 %	60.0 %	60.3 %	61.6 %	61.8 %	62.2 %

\* Data unavailable, question not asked or insufficient sample size

(Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Key Performance Indicators 3,4,5,6. Time Period(s): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16)



## SPORTS ACTIVITY

3.43 The Active People Survey 10 (APS10) identifies that Cycling (16.7%), Swimming (7.6%), Fitness Classes (5.1%) are the top sports in which people participate at least once a month in the Borough. Top sports by local area are based on the assumption that these are aligned to those sports which have the highest participation nationally, so data has only been run for those sports which have the highest participation at national level. The Active Lives Survey will replace the APS in the future. Active Lives Year 2 data (2016/17) for Charnwood highlights the following:

- **77.8 % of Charnwood's residents aged 16+ took part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the 28 days prior to the survey being undertaken**
- **23.9% of the Borough's population is inactive – i.e. they had undertaken less than 30 minutes physical activity or sport in the last 28 days**
- **15.7% of the Borough's population had undertaken at least 30-149 minutes physical activity or sport in the last 28 days**
- **60.4% of the Borough's population had undertaken at least 150 minutes physical activity or sport in the last 28 days (including gardening)**

3.44 This data further highlights that whilst many in the Borough are physically active, the regularity of this could still increase, and there is still almost a fifth of the population who are not active enough to gain any health benefits.

## MARKET SEGMENTATION

3.45 Sport England's market segmentation model comprises of 19 'sporting' segments (See Appendix 5). The relevance of Market Segmentation is that it is designed to assist understanding of attitudes, motivations and perceived barriers to sports participation and to assist agencies involved in the delivery of sport and recreation to develop tailored interventions, communicate more effectively with the target market and to better understand participation in the context of life stages and cycles. This in turn helps to inform the nature and extent of facilities that should be provided to meet local need and demand.

3.46 In Charnwood, the dominant segments are; Philip, Tim, Roger & Joy, Elsie & Arnold, Elaine and Jackie. These are described in Table 3.10.

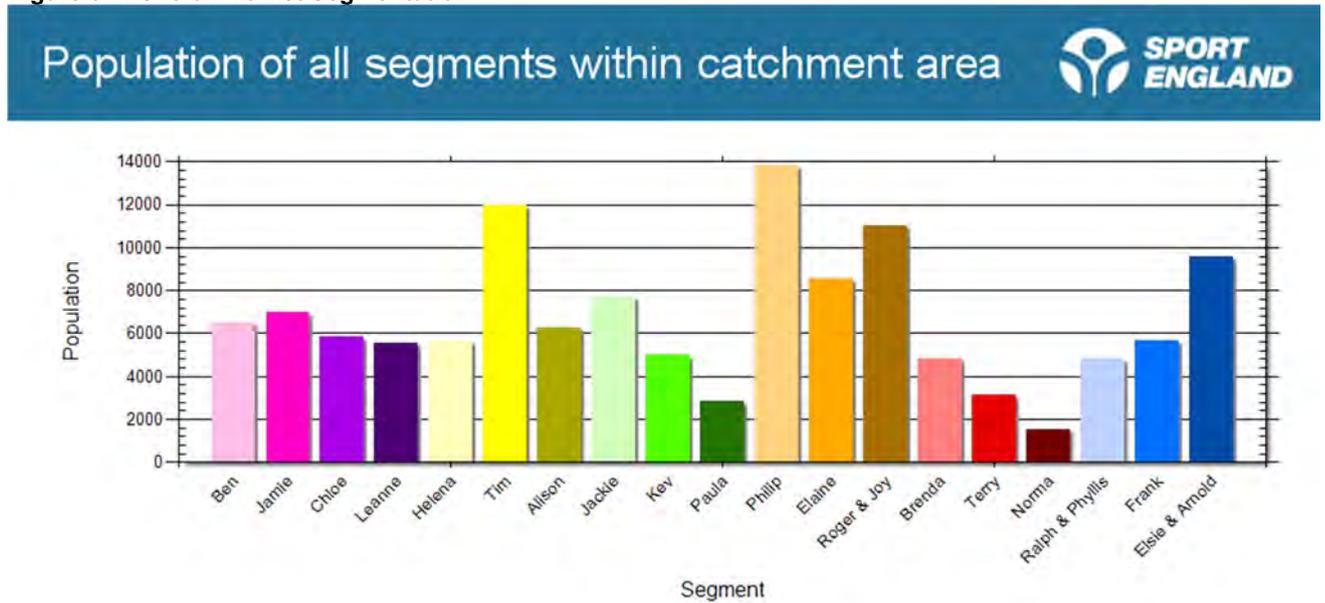


Table 3.10: Summary of Market Segmentation for Charnwood

MARKET SEGMENT	KEY CHARACTERISTICS	% CHARNWOOD	ACTIVITIES / SPORTS THAT APPEAL TO SEGMENT
PHILIP COMFORTABLE MID-LIFE MALES	<p>Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children and more time to themselves.</p> <p>Philip's sporting activity levels are above the national average. The top sports that Philip participates in are cycling and 16% of this segment do this at least once a month, almost double the national average. Philip also enjoys keep fit/gym, swimming, football, golf and athletics (running). His participation in most of his top sports is above the national average, which is indicative of the priority he places on sport.</p>	10.9%	Cycling, keep fit / Gym, Swimming, Football, Golf, Athletics or Running
TIM SETTLING DOWN MALES	<p>Tim is an active type that takes part in sport on a regular basis. He is aged 26-35, may be married or single, is career professional and may or may not have children. Tim participates in very active, technical sports, team sports, individual activities and is likely to have a gym membership.</p>	9.4%	Cycling, keep fit / gym, swimming, Football, Athletics or Running, Football
ROGER & JOY	<p>Early Retirement Couple. Free-time couples nearing the end of their careers (aged 56-65).</p>	8.6%	Keep fit / gym, swimming, cycling, golf and angling
ELSIE & ARNOLD RETIREMENT HOME SINGLES	<p>Retired singles or widowers, predominantly female, living in sheltered accommodation. Aged 66+ years.</p> <p>Elsie &amp; Arnold are much less active than the average adult population. They are likely to be doing less sport than 12 months ago, mainly due to health or injury. The top sports that Elsie &amp; Arnold participate in are 10% of this group take part in 'keep fit/gym', 7% take part in swimming, and 3% in bowls</p>	7.5%	Keep fit / gym, Swimming, Bowls
ELAINE	<p>Empty Nest Career Ladies. Mid-life professionals who have more time for themselves since their children left home (aged 46-55).</p>	6.7%	Keep fit / gym, swimming, cycling, athletics or running, tennis and badminton.
JACKIE	<p>Middle England Mums. Mums (aged 36-45) juggling work, family and finance.</p>	6.1%	Keep fit / gym, Swimming, Cycling

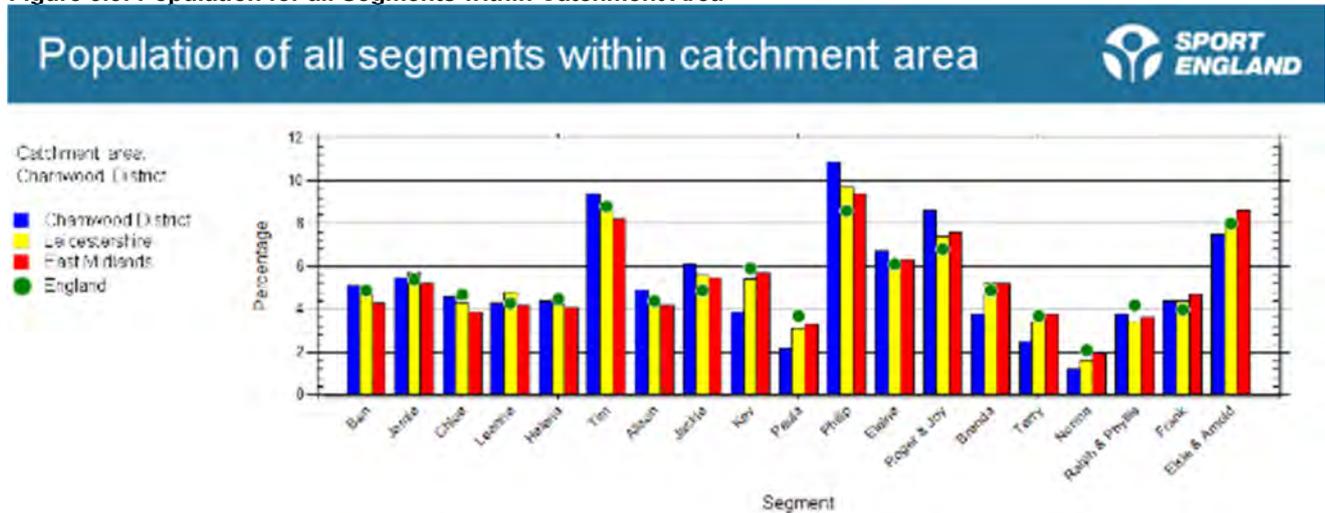
3.47 The overall market segmentation i.e. the range of different once a month participation categories, of the Borough is shown in Figure 3.2:

Figure 3.2: Overall Market Segmentation



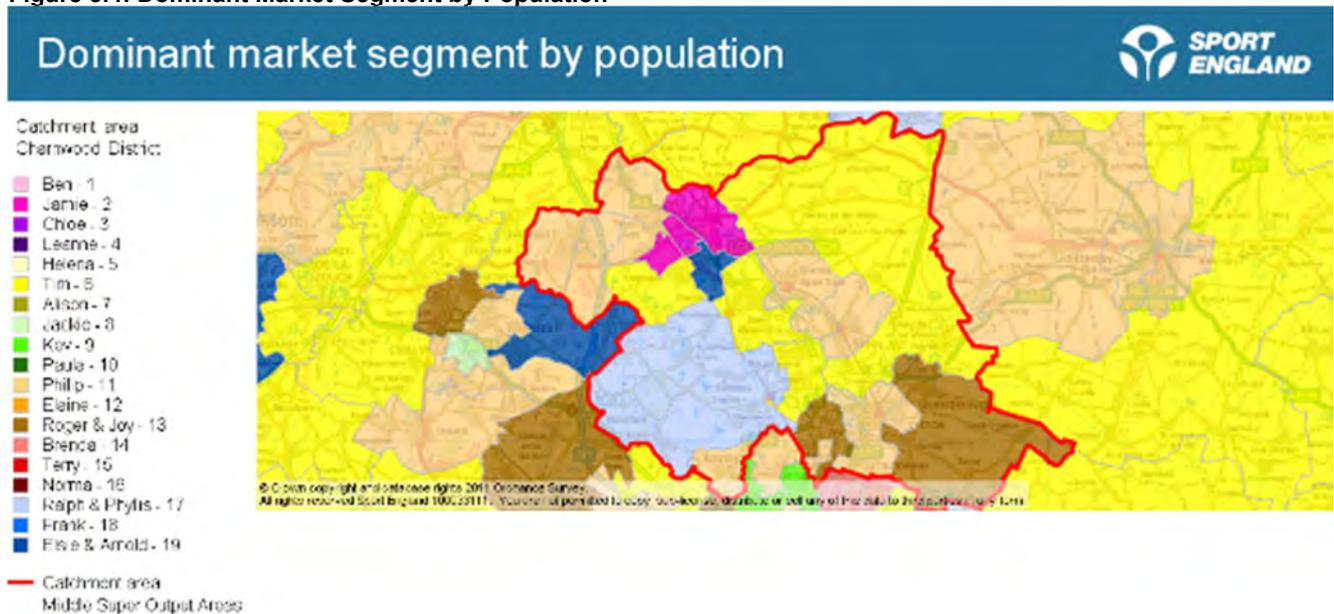
3.48 Figure 3.3 compares the identified dominant market segments as a percentage of the population in the Borough and with the county, regional and national percentages.

Figure 3.3: Population for all Segments within Catchment Area



3.49 In terms of geographic distribution Tim dominates in the Eastern side of the Borough; Philip can be seen in a series of clusters throughout the Borough. Ralph and Phyllis dominate the South West and Roger and Joy the South East. Around the Loughborough area, linked to the provision of the University, and a large number of resident young people, Jamie is dominant.

Figure 3.4: Dominant Market Segment by Population



- 3.50 The market segmentation illustrates, in sports participation terms, the diversity of the Borough, and therefore the need to ensure that future provision addresses local needs, based on population age, structure, health inequalities, and current participation levels, as well as interest, and existing facility infrastructure.
- 3.51 Given that the dominant segments will tend to participate in these sports, it will be important to retain good quality facilities and therefore opportunities, for Cycling, keep fit / Gym, Swimming, Bowls, Badminton in the Borough, to ensure existing participation levels are retained as a minimum, and wherever possible, increased.

### THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF SPORT

- 3.52 Sport has a valuable role to play in benefitting the health and social economy of the nation and at local level. It is estimated (Source: Sport England Local Profile 2015, and the Economic Value of Sport, 2013) that sport makes an £11.3 billion contribution to the health economy of England. In 2013, sport contributed gross value-add (GVA) of £20.3 billion to the economy in England. In Charnwood, the total GVA value was £56.3M (£43.1m accounts for participation in sport). Overall, sport generates £74.2m of health benefits in the Borough.
- 3.53 There is also significant economic value to the Borough of the University of Loughborough, and its international sporting reputation.
- 3.54 This demonstrates the value of sport at local level in both participative and health terms, as well as economic. More people being active on a regular basis will increase this benefit, and impact positively in individual and community health terms.



## 4. STAGE B - EXISTING FACILITY PROVISION

### INTRODUCTION

- 4.1. The current level and nature of facility provision in Charnwood, has been assessed across the Borough. The population base used for the assessment and analysis is the 2017 HEDNA Report (based on 2014 mid-year estimates), as set out in detail in Section 3. The figure of 31,969 is used as the basis for calculating future need for facility provision in the Borough to 2036.

### SUPPLY OF FORMAL SPORT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.2. The following summarises the existing indoor sports facilities across Charnwood:

**Table 4.1: Existing Indoor Sports Facilities – Charnwood (Source: combination of SLL research, FPM and Active Places Data)**

FACILITIES	CHARNWOOD
SPORTS HALL (3+ COURTS)	24
SWIMMING POOLS	14
HEALTH AND FITNESS	26
STUDIOS	20
SQUASH COURTS	16
INDOOR BOWLS	1

**N.B. Outdoor facilities and Indoor Tennis are covered in the 2018 Charnwood Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)**

- 4.3. It is important to highlight from the outset that this Strategy is not just about formal sports facility provision, but also looks at opportunities for increased use of informal places and spaces. Community halls can be used for sport and physical activity even if they are not purpose designed nor marked for such use and can often provide an introductory experience of sport and physical activity, or a more accessible option for those who are older, have no access to private transport, or who have commitments which make it hard for them to travel to formal facilities.
- 4.4. Increased use of the outdoors, open spaces, parks, recreation grounds, and community halls also has significant potential to contribute to increasing levels of participation in physical activity at a very local level, and to addressing rising levels of obesity and other health inequalities.
- 4.5. Based on the Active Places database, the Sport England Facility Planning Model (FPM), the local sports profile data (Sport England), and the audit undertaken to inform this Strategy, the maps used in the following facility assessments show the extent of existing sport and leisure-built facility provision in Charnwood.
- 4.6. Active Places allows sports facilities in an area to be identified. Nationally, it contains information regarding 50,000 facilities, across eleven facility types.
- 4.7. Users of sport and recreation facilities do not recognise administrative boundaries and will use facilities that are convenient and/or provide a quality/value for money experience. Ownership and management are, in this context, a minor consideration for most users.



- 4.8. The availability of facilities in neighbouring areas can and does influence sports facility usage patterns, as does access to private transport and availability of public transport. Good public transport means that accessing facilities is easier than in other areas. There is cross-border use of neighbouring authority facilities, with significant migration towards Leicester.

### CATCHMENT AREAS

- 4.9. Catchment areas for different types of provision provide a means of identifying areas currently not served by existing indoor sports facilities. It is however, recognised that catchment areas vary from person to person, day to day, hour to hour, and are also very different in rural and urban areas. This problem is overcome by accepting the concept of 'effective catchment', defined as the distance travelled by around 75-80% of users. The Maps in Section 4 demonstrate catchment areas for facility provision in Charnwood based on this approach, which uses a 20-minute drive time as a catchment area for sports facilities.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- 4.10. Car ownership is high with 81.8% of households having access to at least one car; however, 8.1% of households have no access to a car. Therefore, the ability to access provision on foot is important, particularly in the more urban, and deprived areas. There is a net outflow of 11,000 commuters primarily to Leicester. Most of the population live and work in the borough.
- 4.11. 80% of people who live in Charnwood describe themselves as having '**good access**' to public transport. There is therefore a need to be able to access sports facilities on foot or by public transport in all areas.

### STAGE B (ANOG) - ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING SPORTS FACILITY PROVISION IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.12. This section sets out the Stage B information required by the ANOG process. It provides a detailed picture of existing facilities in Charnwood:
- **QUANTITY:**            **how many of each type there are**
  - **QUALITY:**             **their age and condition**
  - **ACCESSIBILITY:**   **who owns and operates the facilities, facility location and catchment areas**
  - **AVAILABILITY:**     **whether the facilities are available to all residents, and whether there is pay and play access**
- 4.13. Given the inter-related nature of these four key areas, Section 4 covers each facility type in turn, and assesses it in terms of these four key areas. Section 5 then pulls together all the data collected to provide an overall summary of each facility type, current and future provision. Section 6 applies the analysis of the provision to identified needs in Charnwood, and Section 7 sets out the recommendations to be implemented through the Action Plan, to address these identified needs and gaps.
- 4.14. Given the range of facilities in Charnwood, each type is summarised below and assessed separately, to provide a more detailed picture of the current supply and demand, and critically future need.



4.15. As per the study brief, the formal indoor facility types assessed are:

- **Sports Halls (including schools and community buildings), and covering indoor sports hall sports such as, badminton, basketball, netball and volleyball**
- **Health & Fitness Centres (including dance/aerobic studios)**
- **Squash Courts**
- **Swimming Pools**
- **Indoor Bowls Centres**

4.16. In addition to the above, reference is also made to the various village/community halls in the area, which provide informal space for a wide range of physical activity and recreational activities.

4.17. It is important to highlight that community use, and specifically pay and play access is the focus of the facility assessment. Community use applies to clubs, the public and community associations/groups; pay and play community access refers to the public.

4.18. The latter is really important because those who are inactive are highly unlikely to join a club to use a facility; therefore, it is only by ensuring there is sufficient pay and play community access to formal and informal facilities, that participation is likely to increase, and particularly amongst those who are currently inactive. Community use provided for clubs is also very important, given that club members are also part of the overall community, but these individuals are more likely to be active already.

4.19. It is also very important to highlight that in Charnwood, there is no pay and play community access to education sites, Loughborough University, and Welbeck Defence College. However, these sites do provide varying degrees of community access for use by clubs, and community associations. In this respect, the 2018 Charnwood Borough Indoor Sports Facility Strategy recognises and assesses these facilities, but not in relation to pay and play community access; this is where the Indoor Sports Facility Strategy is different to the 2018 Charnwood Borough Playing Pitch Strategy.

4.20. The 2018 Charnwood Borough Playing Pitch Strategy deals predominantly with sports clubs and teams so in that assessment, education sites are classed as providing community access, because pitches and courts are used by clubs.

4.21. Both the 2018 Charnwood Borough Playing Pitch Strategy and 2018 Charnwood Borough Indoor Sports Facility Strategy are consistent in that education sites provide community access, as opposed to pay and play community access; the latter is a primary focus of the 2018 Charnwood Borough Indoor Sports Facility Strategy, so specific facilities have not been included in facility modelling, because they do not provide this type of access.



## OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL FACILITIES

4.22. Fusion Lifestyle delivers the operational management of Charnwood Borough Council's leisure facilities. The Council's facilities were previously operated by Serco Leisure. The following facilities are managed by Fusion under contract until 2022.

- **Loughborough Leisure Centre**
- **Soar Valley Leisure Centre**
- **South Charnwood Leisure Centre**

## QUALITY AUDITS

4.23. The quality audits comprise an independent visual assessment of the quality and condition of the facilities; results are recorded on the ANOG assessment sheet, developed by Sport England, and scored, based on the Sport England system set out in Table 4.2. Details of the individual audits undertaken are included in Appendix 2 (2a – 2aa). The audit scores are based on a numerical value, detailed on each assessment sheet, as follows:

**Table 4.2: Audit Scoring System**

KEY	RATING
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

4.24. A facility scoring highly in terms of visual quality and condition (good – excellent) is likely to require less investment than one which in a poorer visual condition (average – very poor). The combination of the scores, results in the facility rating, and identification of investment need (significant, moderate etc.).

4.25. A summary of the overall qualitative assessments is included at Appendix 2.

## ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL FACILITY TYPES

### SPORTS HALLS

4.26. Indoor, multi-sports halls are defined as areas where a range of sport and recreational activities are carried out. They are at least 10m x 18m (e.g. the size of one badminton court including surrounding safety area) and include specifically designed venues such as leisure centres and school sports halls. The definition also applies to halls where activities can take place, such as school assembly halls, community buildings and community centres (the main ones are included in Table 4.4 below). Specialist centres, e.g. dance centres, are not included. Other ancillary halls are included as facilities where they are provided on the same site as a minimum 3 badminton court sports hall, as per the Facility Planning Model (FPM).

4.27. There are other community centres in Charnwood, but these either are not at least 1 badminton court size, or they are not on the site of a strategic size sports hall. These community centre facilities are referenced in Table 4.4.

4.28. Strategic sized sports halls are a minimum size of 3 badminton courts.



#### QUANTITY- SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS IN CHARNWOOD

4.29. The supply analysis identifies that Charnwood has a total of 25 sports halls across 18 sites. Appendix 8 details the overall sports hall supply in Charnwood.

(Source SE Active Places May 2017)

4.30. There are:

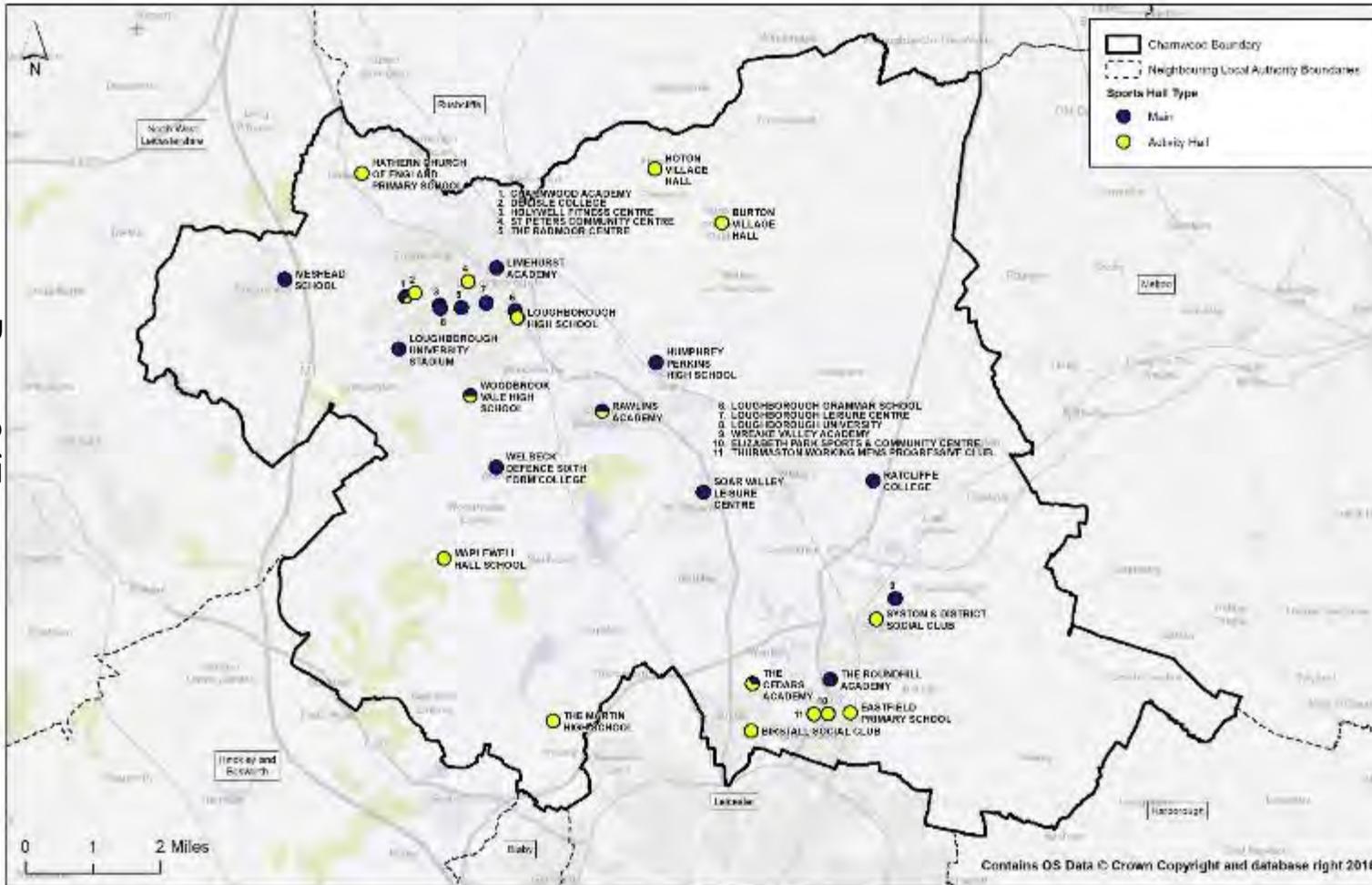
- **A total of 25 sports halls and 18 activity halls across 32 sites**
- **24 main halls in total (all strategic size i.e. 3 courts+)**
- **3 community accessible pay and play sports halls (all strategic size i.e. 3 courts+)**
- **20 community accessible sports halls i.e. available for sports club use, 4 not available (University use only);**

4.31. The sports halls are operated through Charnwood Borough Council's leisure operator, Fusion, by education or community associations, Parish/Town Councils.

4.32. The overall supply of sports halls and activity halls is shown in Appendix 7 Table 4.4 and Map 4.1.

4.33. 3 + court sports halls (i.e. strategic size) are shown in Appendix 7; those available for pay and play community usage are highlighted in grey and shown in Table 4.4. Table 4.5 shows activity halls with those available for community use highlighted in grey.

Map 4.1: Sports Halls and Activity Halls in Charnwood



Sports Halls by type in Charnwood



**Table 4.3: Supply of Community Accessible Sports Halls and Activity Halls**

(pay and play and sports clubs/associations)). Pay and play community accessible facilities are highlighted in grey and bold, white font)

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER OF COURTS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
BIRSTALL SOCIAL CLUB	LE4 4JS	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
BURTON VILLAGE HALL		Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish Council	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
DE LISLE COLLEGE	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1959	n/a
EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	LE4 8FP	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	2	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	LE4 8FN	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish Council	Parish Council	1996	2011
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	LE11 3TT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	University Use	University	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
HOTON VILLAGE HALL	LE12 5SF	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish Council	Parish Council	1908	2009



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER OF COURTS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	LE12 8JU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LE12 9DB	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LE12 9DA	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1975	2007
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	LE11 1NH	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2001	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	LE11 2DU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1978	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	LE11 2DU	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1950	2016
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	8	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (SIR DAVID WALLACE)	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	12	Limited Pay and Play (4 courts)	University	School/College/University (in house)	1996	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (BADMINTON CENTRE)	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	University use only	University	School/College/University (in house)	2003	n/a



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER OF COURTS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (2 INDOOR NETBALL COURTS)	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	5	University use only	University	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (HOLYWELL PARK)	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	University use only	University	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2012
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	LE12 8QY	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Private Use	Community Special School	School/College/University (in house)	1955	2008
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	LE7 4SG	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1975	n/a
RAWLINS ACADEMY	LE12 8DY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1987	n/a
RAWLINS ACADEMY	LE12 8DY	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1987	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	LE12 7FG	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Charitable Company	2004	n/a
SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE	LE12 7RX	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	1	Pay and Play	Parish Council	Parish Council	No details available	No details available
SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE	LE12 7RX	Sports Hall	Activity	Badminton courts	0	Pay and Play	Parish Council	Parish Council	No details available	No details available



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER OF COURTS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
ST PETERS COMMUNITY CENTRE	LE11 5EQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Diocese	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
SYSTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB	LE7 1GP	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community organisation	Community organisation	n/a	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1977	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1956	2008
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1956	n/a
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	LE7 7EB	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	LE7 7EB	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	LE11 3BT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2004	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	LE11 3BT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	1990	2011



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER OF COURTS	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	LE4 8GQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2007
THURMASTON WORKING MEN'S PROGRESSIVE CLUB	LE4 8EE	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community organisation	Community organisation	n/a	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	LE12 8WD	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LE11 2ST	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1982	2005
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LE11 2ST	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	3	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2015	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	LE7 1LY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	LE7 1LY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College / University (in house)	1972	n/a

N.B. Hind Leys College and Shephed High School have merged to form Iveshead School; Charnwood Community College is now Charnwood Academy.

Note two new sports halls are planned – North East of Loughborough SUE (4 Courts) and West of Loughborough SUE (3 Courts). For the former provision is agreed in a Section 106 Agreement while in the latter provision has been provisionally agreed and is awaiting signing. Therefore, it is known what provision will be coming forward in these two areas.

4.34. All 3 + court sports halls (i.e. strategic size) are shown in Table 4.4; those available for pay and play community usage are highlighted in grey. Map 4.2 shows the sports halls which are available for pay and play use (green dots), and those that only offer access to sports clubs and associations (yellow dots).



**Table 4.4: Strategic size sports halls (i.e. 3+ courts) available for Community Use**

(Community Use = Pay and Play community accessible, and community use for clubs and groups). Pay and Play community accessible halls are highlighted in grey.

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1952	2007
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1999	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LE12 9DB	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LE12 9DA	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1975	2007
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	LE12 8JU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academy	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	LE11 1NH	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2001	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	LE11 2DU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1978	n/a



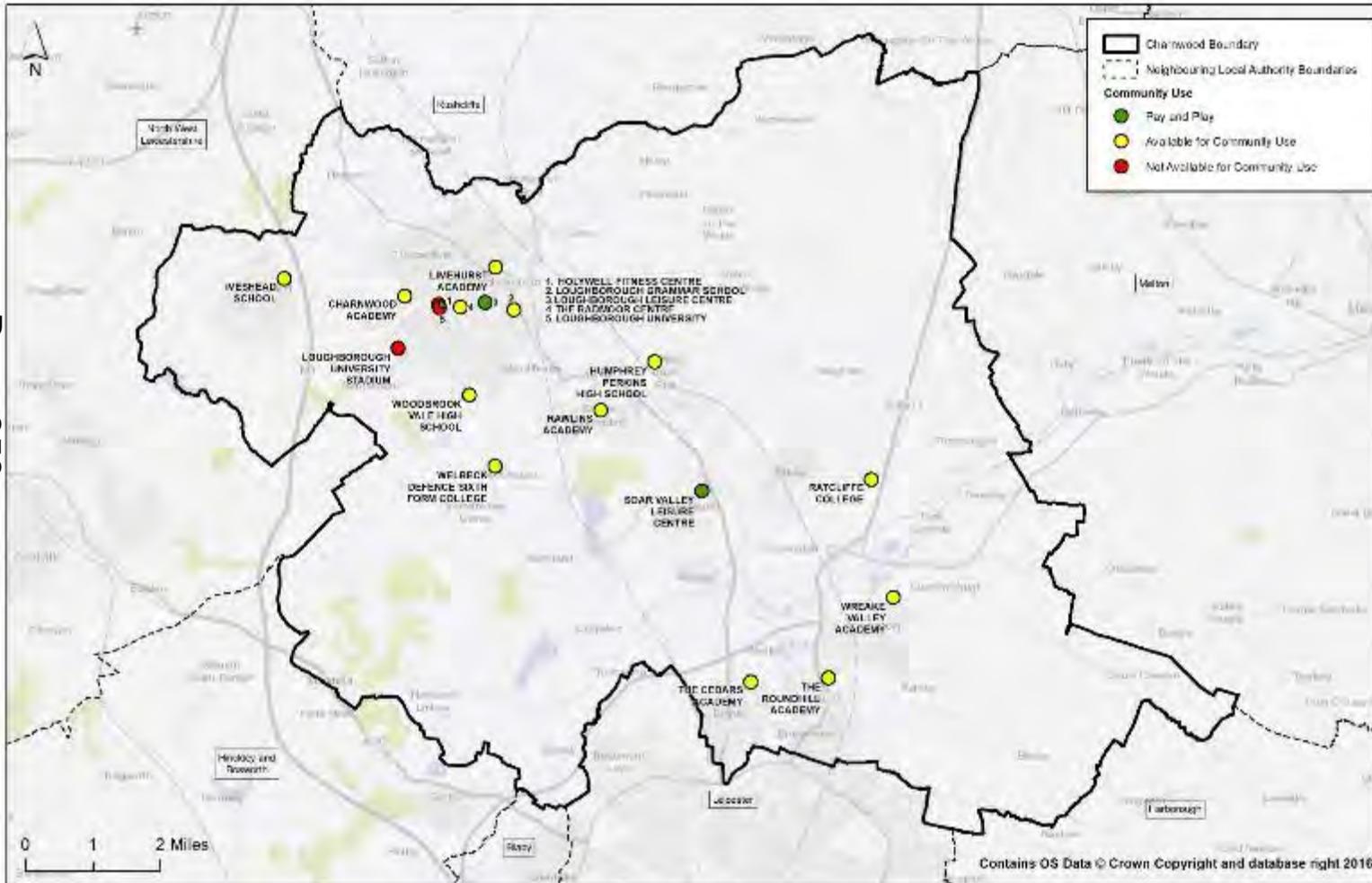
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LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	8	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (SIR DAVID WALLACE)	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	12	Pay and Play (limited, and based on 4 courts only)	Higher Education Institution	School/College/University (in house)	1996	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (BADMINTON CENTRE)	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	University Use only	Higher Education Institution	School/College/University (in house)	2003	n/a
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LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (HOLYWELL PARK)	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	University Use only	Higher Education Institution	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2012
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	LE7 4SG	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1975	n/a
RAWLINS ACADEMY	LE12 8DY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1987	n/a



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	LE12 7FG	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2004	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1977	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	LE11 3BT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2004	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	LE11 3BT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	1990	2011
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	LE4 8GQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2007
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LE11 2ST	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	3	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2015	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	LE7 1LY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY - ACADEMY	LE7 1LY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972	n/a

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Map 4.2: Community Accessible Sports Halls in Charnwood



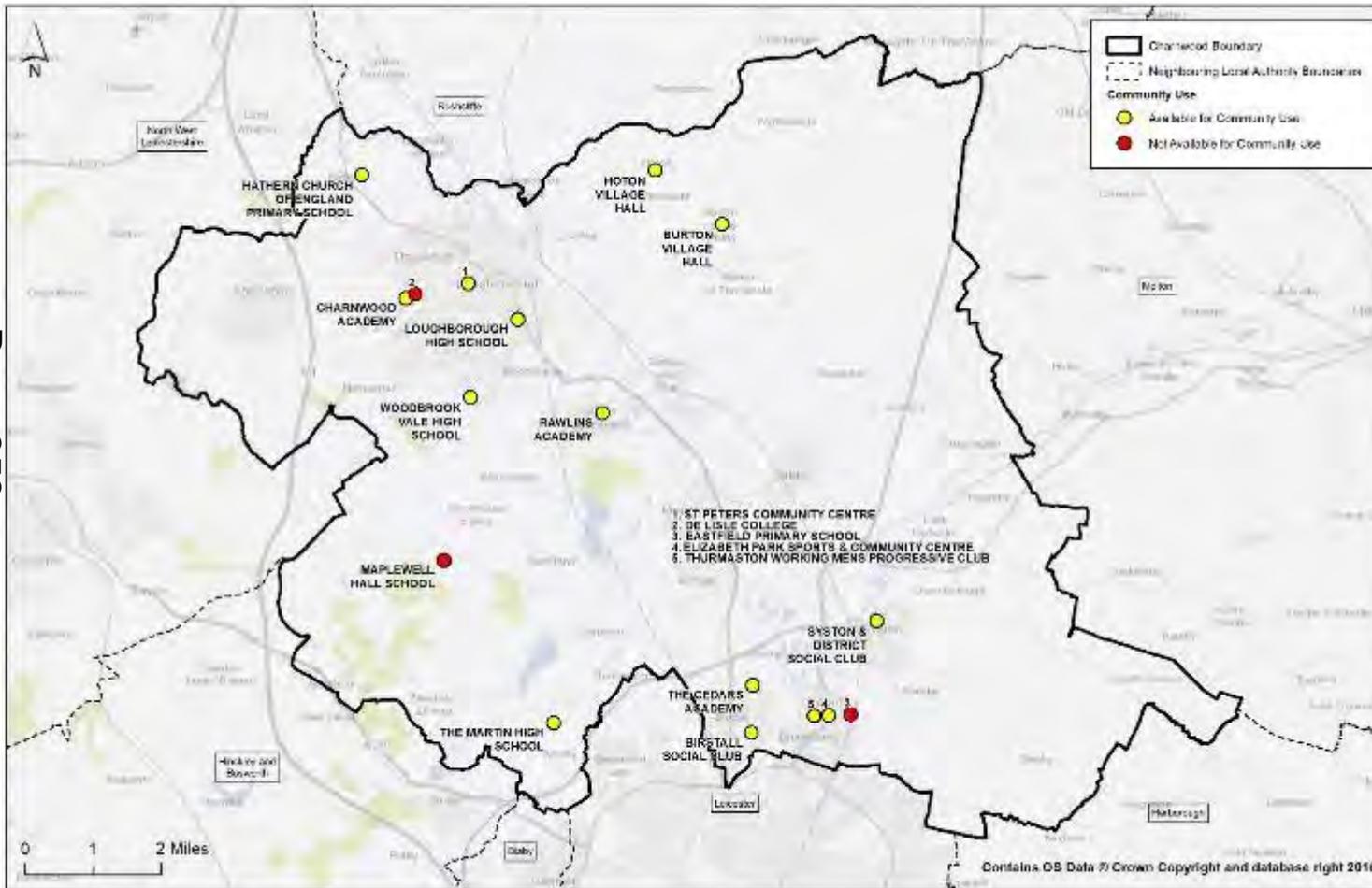
Sports Halls by community use availability in Charnwood





- 4.35. In addition to the formal sports halls, there are 18 activity halls, all of which are operated on a community accessible pay and play basis. The facilities are managed through the education sector, local authority, or community organisations.
- 4.36. Activity halls are shown in Table 4.5. Map 4.3 shows the community accessible activity halls i.e. those that offer use for sports clubs and groups (yellow dots); there are currently no pay and play accessible Activity Halls in the Borough.
- 4.37. A new multi-purpose hall has recently opened; the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre, located in the village of Mountsorrel will provide another informal hall space, open to the community, in the Borough.

Map 4.3: Community Accessible Activity Halls



Activity Halls by community use availability in Charnwood



Table 4.5: Activity Halls showing where Community Access is offered

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
BIRSTALL SOCIAL CLUB	LE4 4JS	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
BURTON VILLAGE HALL	L12 5AH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish Council	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
DE LISLE COLLEGE	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1959	n/a
EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	LE4 8FP	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	2	Private Use	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	LE4 8FN	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish / Town Council	Community Organisation	1996	2011
HOTON VILLAGE HALL	LE12 5SF	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	1908	2009
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	LE11 2DU	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1950	2016
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	LE12 8QY	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Private Use	Community Special School	School/College/University (in house)	1955	2008
RAWLINS ACADEMY	LE12 8DY	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1987	n/a



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE	LE12 7RX	Sports Hall	Activity	Badminton courts	1	Pay and Play	Parish Council	Parish Council	No details available	No details available
SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE	LE12 7RX	Sports Hall	Activity	Badminton courts	0	Pay and Play	Parish Council	Parish Council	No details available	No details available
ST PETERS COMMUNITY CENTRE	LE11 5EQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Diocese owned	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
SYSTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB	LE7 1GP	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1956	2008
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1956	n/a
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	LE7 7EB	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	LE7 7EB	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
THURMASTON WORKING MEN'S PROGRESSIVE CLUB	LE4 8EE	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	LE11 2ST	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1982	2005

N.B. Mountsorrel Memorial Hal, Mountsorrel, is due to open imminently



4.38. A summary of sports and activity hall supply in Charnwood is set out in Table 4.6:

**Table 4.6: Summary of Sports Hall and Activity Hall Supply in Charnwood**

	TOTAL EXISTING PROVISION	AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE (PAY AND PLAY AND SPORTS CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS)	AVAILABLE FOR PAY AND PLAY COMMUNITY USE
TOTAL BADMINTON COURTS (SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS)	133	100	12
TOTAL SPORTS HALLS (STRATEGIC SIZE I.E. 3 COURT +)	24	20	3 (12 courts)
BADMINTON COURTS IN STRATEGIC SIZE SPORTS HALLS	108	83	12
TOTAL NUMBER OF 3 COURT HALLS	1	1	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF 4 COURT HALLS	20	18	2
TOTAL NUMBER OF 5 COURT HALLS	1	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF 8 COURT HALLS	1	1	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF 12 COURT HALLS	1	0	0
TOTAL ACTIVITY HALLS 2 COURTS OR LESS	18	15	0

- 4.39. It is clear from Table 4.6 that there is one, 3 court sports hall, twenty 4 court sports halls, one 5 court sports hall, one 8 court sports hall and one 12 court sports hall in Charnwood. Of all the badminton courts available in strategic size sports halls i.e. 3 courts plus, 12 are available for pay and play community use. 3 activity halls only have private use.
- 4.40. The University of Loughborough has a number of sports halls; however, although these are sometimes used for community events, the priority use for all the University sports hall facilities is students and staff of the University. If there is any available capacity priority is allocated to high performance sport, training and competition.
- 4.41. The University provides a specialist badminton centre (4 courts), a specialist netball centre (equivalent 5 badminton courts), a 4 -court sports hall, and a 12 -court hall. The 4 -court sports hall (Holywell Fitness Centre) is specifically provided for student intra mural use, with no community access, because it is prioritised for use by those students who do not play for University teams. The netball centre and Sir David Wallace Hall is used by the East Midlands Regional netball league, and Team Leicester access the badminton centre and Sir David Wallace Hall, but overall, as stated by the University, the majority of use is for, and by, University students. 21 courts of the 25 provided by the University do not have community access.
- 4.42. Although all of these facilities are included in the Boroughwide audit of provision, only the equivalent of 4 courts (of the 12 -court hall (Sir David Wallace)) are counted as having any form of community use, because this is the on the ground reality. The community does not have priority access to these facilities, because they are full in term time with student teams for training and competition. Out of term time they are used for events, and very rarely, local club training. They are not, therefore assessed as providing for community accessible sport and physical activity.
- 4.43. Similarly, Welbeck Defence College is not assessed as providing significantly for community sport, other than a few clubs. This sports hall is on an army campus, and as such only those with pre-agreed access can use it. It is not a pay and play facility, and can be withdrawn at any time, if the security level in the UK was to increase, for any reason.
- 4.44. As well as the identified Activity Halls, there are a range of other community halls/centres, provided by churches, community associations, Parish/Town Councils etc.



ANALYSIS OF PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL SURVEY

- 4.45. A survey was undertaken by Nortoft (consultants preparing the Open Space Assessment for Charnwood Borough Council) in the summer of 2017. The survey included some questions about indoor sports facilities.
- 4.46. Table 4.7 summarises the responses received by the Parish/Town Councils, specifically in relation to indoor sports facilities.

**Table 4.7: Summary of Parish/Town Councils' views on Indoor Sports Facilities in their Parish Area**

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	QUALITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	QUANTITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	ACCESSIBILITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	DO EXISTING INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS?	COMMENTARY	IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROVISION (BY PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL)
ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL	Very Poor	Too little	Very Poor	No	<p>The Parish Council recognise the shortfall in provision of indoor sports facilities, outdoor sports facilities and sports pitches.</p> <p>There is no Gym facility or indoor bowling.</p> <p>Outdoor gym equipment has been provided on Millfield Playing Field.</p> <p>A Petanque Court has also been provided.</p>	Open spaces – Outdoor Gym Equipment
BARROW UPON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL	Poor	Too little	Average	No	<p>Indoor sports facilities are limited to out of school hours use.</p> <p>The sports hall, gym and hall at Humphrey Perkins School are all available to hire</p>	
BIRSTALL PARISH COUNCIL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No indoor facilities provided



PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	QUALITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	QUANTITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	ACCESSIBILITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	DO EXISTING INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS?	COMMENTARY	IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROVISION (BY PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL)
EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL	No specific answer given	No answer given	Poor	Yes	Room for a Badminton court in the Village Hall. An indoor bowls carpet is available.	
HOTON PARISH COUNCIL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No indoor facilities provided
MOUNTSORREL PARISH COUNCIL	Good	About right	Good	Yes		
QUENIBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL	Limited	Too Little	Average	Don't Know		
QUORN PARISH COUNCIL	Poor	Too Little	Very Poor	No	<p><b>The Deep End</b> - The facility was built using grant funding from Sports England and S106 monies offering a multi-use community sport, health and physical activity space.</p> <p>Community use is available,</p> <p>Dance, gymnastics, yoga and table tennis are undertaken at the facility, but hire costs are expensive for the area.</p> <p>The 'Deep End Activity Centre' is a multi-use community sport, health and physical activity space available for the community to use.</p>	<p>The Parish has limited community indoor sports facilities.</p> <p>There was a very popular and much used village Swimming Pool which was recently closed. Many residents have expressed to the parish council their concerns at losing the public swimming pool facility.</p>



PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	QUALITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	QUANTITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	ACCESSIBILITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	DO EXISTING INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS?	COMMENTARY	IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROVISION (BY PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL)
					<p>Activities are provided by clubs, the school and fitness instructors where you can pay as you go.</p> <p>In addition, there are significant indoor sports facilities provided at Rawlins Academy, which are available for the community.</p>	
ROTHLEY PARISH COUNCIL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p>Rothley is well resourced with outdoor facilities but has few indoor facilities save for four sports pavilions which are essentially for changing and refreshments.</p> <p>There are halls and rooms for hire, but they have no specific sport provision.</p>	No indoor facilities provided
SHEPSHED TOWN COUNCIL	Average	About right	Good	No		
SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL	Poor	Too Little	Poor	No	There is not enough land to put extra sports facilities on for the expanding population.	
SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL	Very good	About right	Good	Yes		



PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL	QUALITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	QUANTITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	ACCESSIBILITY OF INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES	DO EXISTING INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS?	COMMENTARY	IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROVISION (BY PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL)
THURCASTON & CROPSTON PARISH COUNCIL	Very Poor	N/A	Very poor	No		No indoor facilities provided
THURMASTON PARISH COUNCIL	Average	Too Little	Good	No	Elizabeth Park Sports Centre provides for badminton, dancing, karate, outdoor gym; only one small sports hall, so additional provision would be beneficial	Thurmaston is a large community of circa 10,000 residents. We have one indoor sports hall which includes one basketball court. We receive many requests for swimming pool and gym facilities.
WALTON ON THE WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL	Average	About right	Good	Yes		
WOODHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL	Average	Too Little	Good	No	We lack storage for indoor sports, although some do take place. Outdoors, we would like adult fitness equipment and a bit more for older children.	
WYMESWOLD PARISH COUNCIL	Poor	Too Little	Average	Yes		



4.47. Consultation was undertaken with all parishes and Town Council; in Loughborough two specific wards also responded. In Garendon and Hastings wards, Loughborough, there is no indoor sports facility provision, but residents are within good access of Loughborough Leisure Centre, with its extensive facility mix (pools, sports hall, health and fitness, studios), and Loughborough Indoor Bowls Club.

4.48. It is clear from the above summary that there are some opportunities to consider additional indoor sports facilities provision at a very local level; identified opportunities (by the survey respondents) include:

- **Additional Indoor Hall space - Thurmaston Parish**
- **BMX Track- Anstey Parish**

4.49. The Parish Councils in Quorn, Thurmaston, and Anstey, all identify potential to increase sport and leisure provision. The Parish Councils do not provide formal indoor sports facility in Birstall, Garendon, Hastings, Hoton, Rothley, or Thurcaston and Cropston although there may be facilities in the parishes provided by e.g. schools, other organisations.

#### QUALITY - SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS IN CHARNWOOD

4.50. Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken on all Charnwood Borough Council indoor sports facilities in the Borough. Quality assessments were undertaken by way of a site visit and visual assessment of the facilities. These are provided in Appendix 2a – 2aa and are summarised in Appendix 2 and 4.8.

4.51. A summary of the sports hall quality assessments is shown in Table 4.8.



**Table 4.8: Summary Qualitative Audits – Sports Halls (available for community use)**

FACILITY	QUANTITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	QUALITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	NEED FOR INVESTMENT	COMMENTS
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	88%	Excellent	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fit for purpose facility; has had investment, as is ageing; some opportunity to consider internal re-modelling to increase fitness capacity</li> </ul>
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (MAIN 12 COURT HALL)	96%	Excellent	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern, fit for purpose facility</li> </ul>
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	80%	Good	Significant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern, fit for purpose facility. Potential to develop learner pool due to demand for swimming</li> </ul>
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	79%	Good	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern, fit for purpose facility. Some plans to develop due to demand</li> </ul>
<b>EDUCATION FACILITIES</b>				
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	71%	Good	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good, fit for purpose facility, some ageing facilities that may need investment</li> </ul>
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	43%	Average	Significant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ageing facility in need of modernization</li> </ul>
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	69%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern, fit for purpose facility</li> </ul>
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	54%	Average	Some	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ageing facility in need of modernization</li> </ul>
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	75%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern, fit for purpose facility</li> </ul>
RAWLINS ACADEMY	69%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern, fit for purpose facility</li> </ul>
ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	46%	Average	Significant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ageing facility in need of modernization</li> </ul>
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	89%	Excellent	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern, fit for purpose facility</li> </ul>
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	29%	Poor	Significant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ageing facility in need of modernization</li> </ul>
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	65%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good, fit for purpose facility</li> </ul>

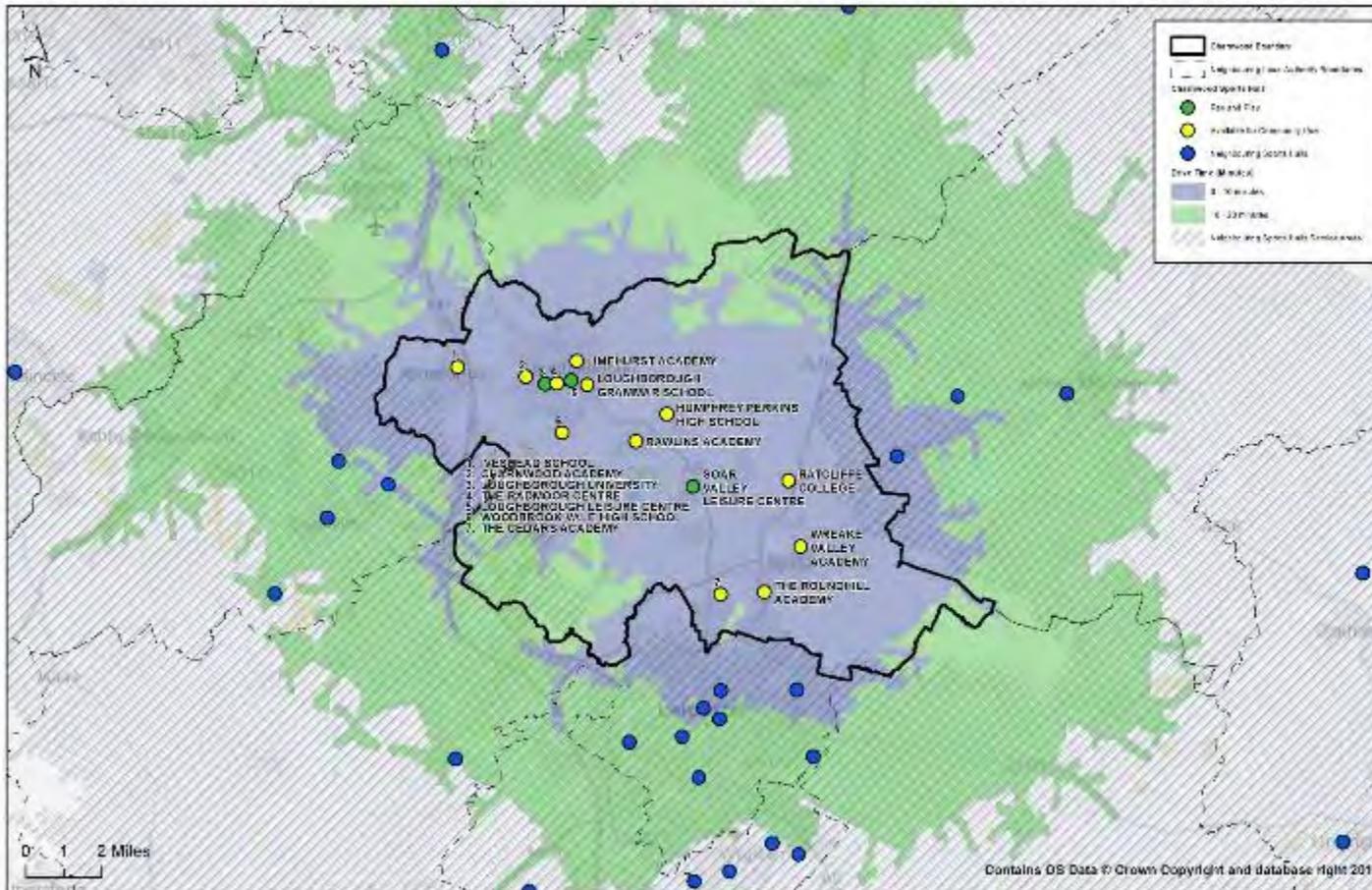


- 4.52. Charnwood Borough Council provides two sports halls. One at Loughborough Leisure Centre, built in 1975 and refurbished in 2012, and Soar Valley Leisure Centre built in 2004.
- 4.53. The oldest sports hall in the Borough is at Charnwood Academy, built in 1955, and not yet refurbished. The College does also have a newer sports hall facility. The newest sports halls are at Woodbrook Vale High School, built 2015, and Holywell Fitness Centre, built 2014. The rest vary in age between late 1950's to late 1990's and early 2000's. The average age of sports halls in Charnwood is 25 years old. The average lifespan of a public sports facility is 35-40 years.
- 4.54. The quality of provision varies across the Borough, as highlighted in Appendix 14.
- 4.51 The oldest Activity Hall in the Borough is Hoton Village Hall, built in 1908, and refurbished in 2009. The Activity Hall at De Lisle College was built in 1959 and has not yet been refurbished.
- 4.52 Overall, 5 sports hall/Activity Hall facilities have been built since 2000, with the most recent refurbishment being in 2016.

#### ACCESSIBILITY - SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.53 Map 4.4 shows the geographic distribution of the strategic size (3 courts +) community accessible sports halls in Charnwood, with a catchment area for each of both 10 and 20 minutes drivetime. Sports halls which offer pay and play community access are shown as green dots. The 10-minute drivetime catchment is shown to illustrate the very local catchment area covering Borough residents, as opposed to those areas outside the Borough which are also within a 20-minute drivetime of sports halls in Charnwood.
- 4.54 It is clear from Map 4.4 that there are hardly any areas in the Borough outside a 10 -minute drivetime catchment of a sports hall (green area on Map 4.4). The main areas outside this 10 -minute drivetime are to the North East of the Borough, on the boundary with Rushcliffe and Melton, and to the west along the borders with Hinckley and Bosworth, and North -West Leicestershire. Residents in these areas are within a 20 -minute drive of a sports hall in the Borough but may find it easier to access provision in a neighbouring local authority.
- 4.55 17.4% of the Charnwood population does not have access to a car. It is therefore important to ensure that access is available to sports halls by foot and public transport. Given two sports halls provide pay and play and daytime access, it is important that there is good access to these facilities, to optimise opportunities for participation in sport and physical activity.
- 4.56 Accessibility to Activity Halls varies across the Borough, given their locations, as shown in Map 4.3. Activity halls attract far more local use, given that many of them are used for a wide range of activities, including sport and physical activity, arts, community, meetings, lunches, playgroups, events. Many are not marked out as badminton courts so provide informal multi-purpose space which can be used for a wide range of community activities.

Map 4.4: Community Accessible Sports Halls in Charnwood with 10 and 20-minute drive-time catchment area



Sports Halls with community use availability catchment areas in Charnwood (10 and 20 minute drive times)



4.57 The two pay and play community accessible facilities – Loughborough Leisure Centre and Soar Valley Leisure Centre are shown as green dots on Map 4.4.



### AVAILABILITY - SPORTS HALLS AND ACTIVITY HALLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.58 Table 4.7 and Map 4.2 highlight that in Charnwood there is a very high level of sports hall and Activity Hall provision. However, the majority provides for sports club/association use. Two sports halls – Loughborough Leisure Centre and Soar Valley Leisure Centre, both provided by Charnwood Borough Council, and managed by Fusion, provide for pay and play access i.e. 12 badminton courts from a total of 132 (9%). These are also the only two sports halls providing daytime access to the community.
- 4.59 There are 18 Activity Halls, and 15 of these provide for community access (sports clubs/associations). None of the Activity Halls provide pay and play access.
- 4.60 Map 4.2 also illustrates the geographical and accessibility impact of strategic size sports halls having pay and play access, with 9% of strategic size courts (3 court+) being available for pay and play use and 83% offering access either through pay and play or sports clubs/community association use.
- 4.61 Of the 24 strategic size sports halls, only 2 are accessible for daytime use. The rest of the centres do not offer access to a strategic size sports hall during the day, because the majority of sports halls are on education sites.
- 4.62 Access to informal halls is important to ensure access to physical activity opportunities, when there are fewer formal facilities available.
- 4.63 A further aspect of accessibility is programming, opening hours and whether facilities offer pay and play usage.
- 4.64 Not everyone is, can be, or wants to be a member of a sports club, so this type of access does not actually provide for the whole community, and is unlikely to address the needs of the most inactive, or those from the areas of highest deprivation, who are also likely to be those experiencing significant health inequalities.
- 4.65 There is an important role for the existing informal hall space across the Borough, as well as potentially increasing capacity for community accessible pay play usage of existing education-based facilities, which provide for sports clubs and associations.

### EDUCATION FACILITIES

- 4.66 Many of the schools in Charnwood, have a good range of dry sports facilities. There is no pay and play community access to these facilities. There is however significant use of these facilities by local sports clubs/associations.
- 4.67 A lot of education sites have ageing sports facilities, but generally, across the Borough facility quality is good. There is, however, some inequity across the Borough as to the sporting experience enjoyed by young people; this is an important issue to address, as early experience can impact on future participation in sport, and physically activity levels.



## SWIMMING POOLS

### QUANTITY- SWIMMING POOLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.68 The supply analysis identifies that Charnwood has an overall total of 14 swimming pools across 13 sites. Appendix 7 details the overall pool supply in Charnwood (data source **SE Active Places May 2017**). These pools are shown in Table 4.9 and Map 4.5. Strategic sized pools are those of 160 sqm+.
- 4.69 Pools with pay and play community use are highlighted in Grey in Table 4.9.
- 4.70 Loughborough University has a 50m pool on campus, which does provide access for some community use. Availability of access is published on a fortnightly basis and includes casual swimming, lane swimming, lessons etc. The 8-lane x 50m University pool is assessed as providing the equivalent of a 4 -lane x 25m pool for community use.
- 4.71 The pool at Welbeck Defence College provides only for clubs. This 6 -lane x 25m swimming pool is on an army campus, and as such only those with pre-agreed access can use it. It is not a pay and play facility, and can be withdrawn at any time, if the security level in the UK was to increase, for any reason.

Map 4.5: All Swimming Pools in Charnwood

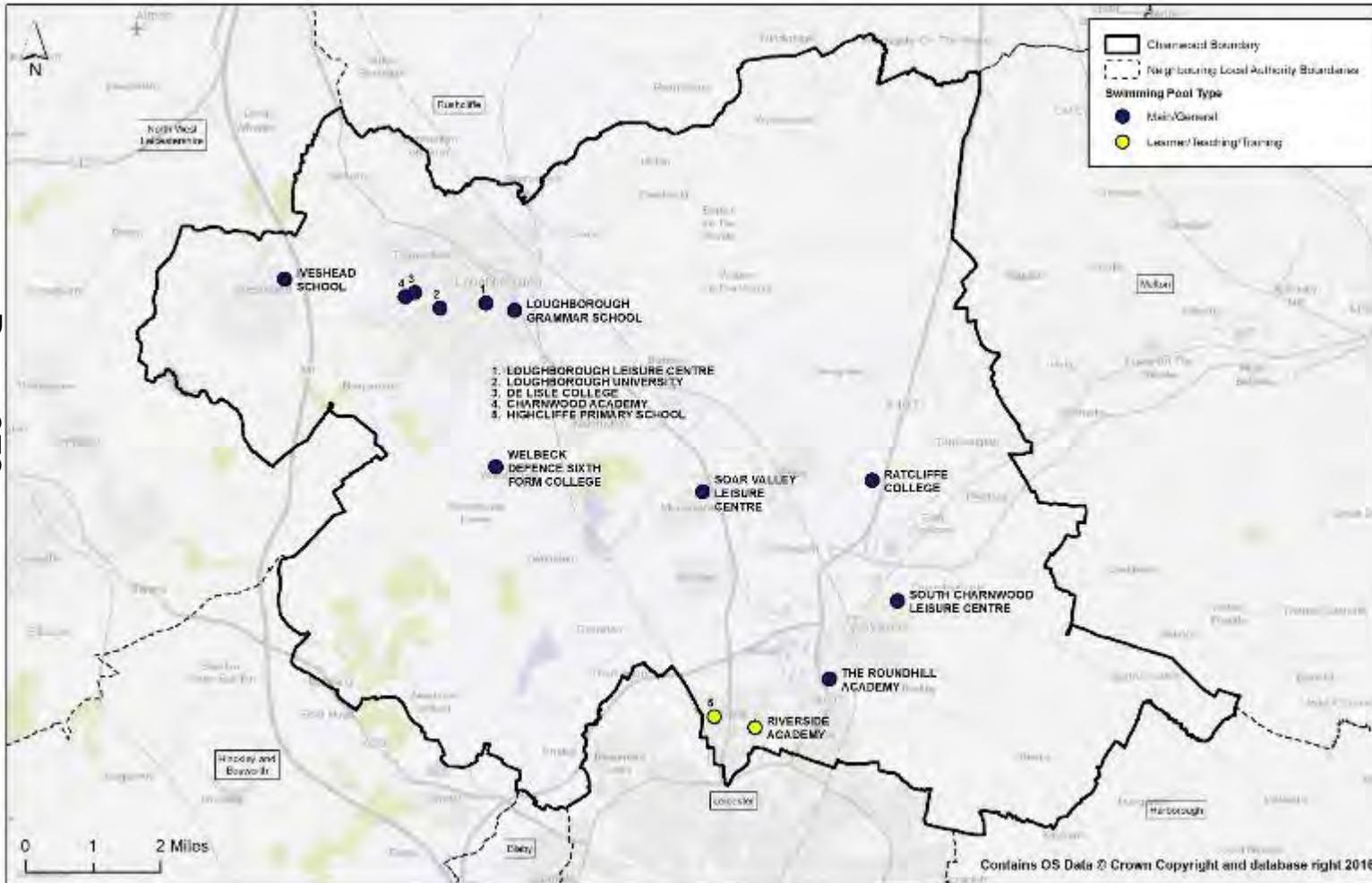




Table 4.9: All Swimming Pools in Charnwood

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	LE11 4SQ	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Trust	School/College/University (in house)	1952	1993
DE LISLE COLLEGE	LE11 4SQ	Main/General	Lanes	4	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1959	n/a
HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL	LE4 3DL	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LE12 9DB	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	LE11 2DU	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Main/General	Lanes	6	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2013
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Main/General	Lanes	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2013
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Main/General	Lanes	8	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions	School/College / University (in house)	2002	n/a
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	LE7 4SG	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1975	2002



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	LE4 4JU	Learner/Teaching /Training	Lanes	0	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	LE12 7FG	Main/General	Lanes	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2004	n/a
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	LE7 1LY	Main/General	Lanes	5	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1987	n/a
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	LE4 8GQ	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2005
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	LE12 8WD	Main/General	Lanes	6	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a



4.72 The analysis of the overall swimming pool supply in Charnwood, is as follows:

**Table 4.10: Analysis of Swimming Pool Supply in Charnwood**

	No of Pools	No of Sites
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF POOLS</b>	14	13
<b>COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE SWIMMING POOLS (PAY AND PLAY AND SPORTS CLUBS/COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS)</b>	12	11
<b>PAY AND PLAY COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE SWIMMING POOLS</b>	5	4
<b>MAIN POOLS</b>	13	12
<b>LEARNER POOLS</b>	1	1
<b>LEISURE</b>	0	0
<b>LIDOS</b>	0	0
<b>EDUCATION SECTOR (SPORTS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS)</b>	10	10
<b>NON-COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE POOLS</b>	2	2
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR/OTHER</b>	0	0

4.73 It is clear from Tables 4.9 and 4.10 that there is one swimming pool with 8 lanes in the Borough. There are two pools of 6 lanes; one pool of 5 lanes and nine 4 lane pools. There is one small pool based at the Riverside Academy with no lane classification due to size.

4.74 86% of the pools provide community access i.e. 12 of the 14; there are 10 education pools. There are also 2 pools on education sites which only provide for private use. 35.7% of the pools provide pay and play community access.



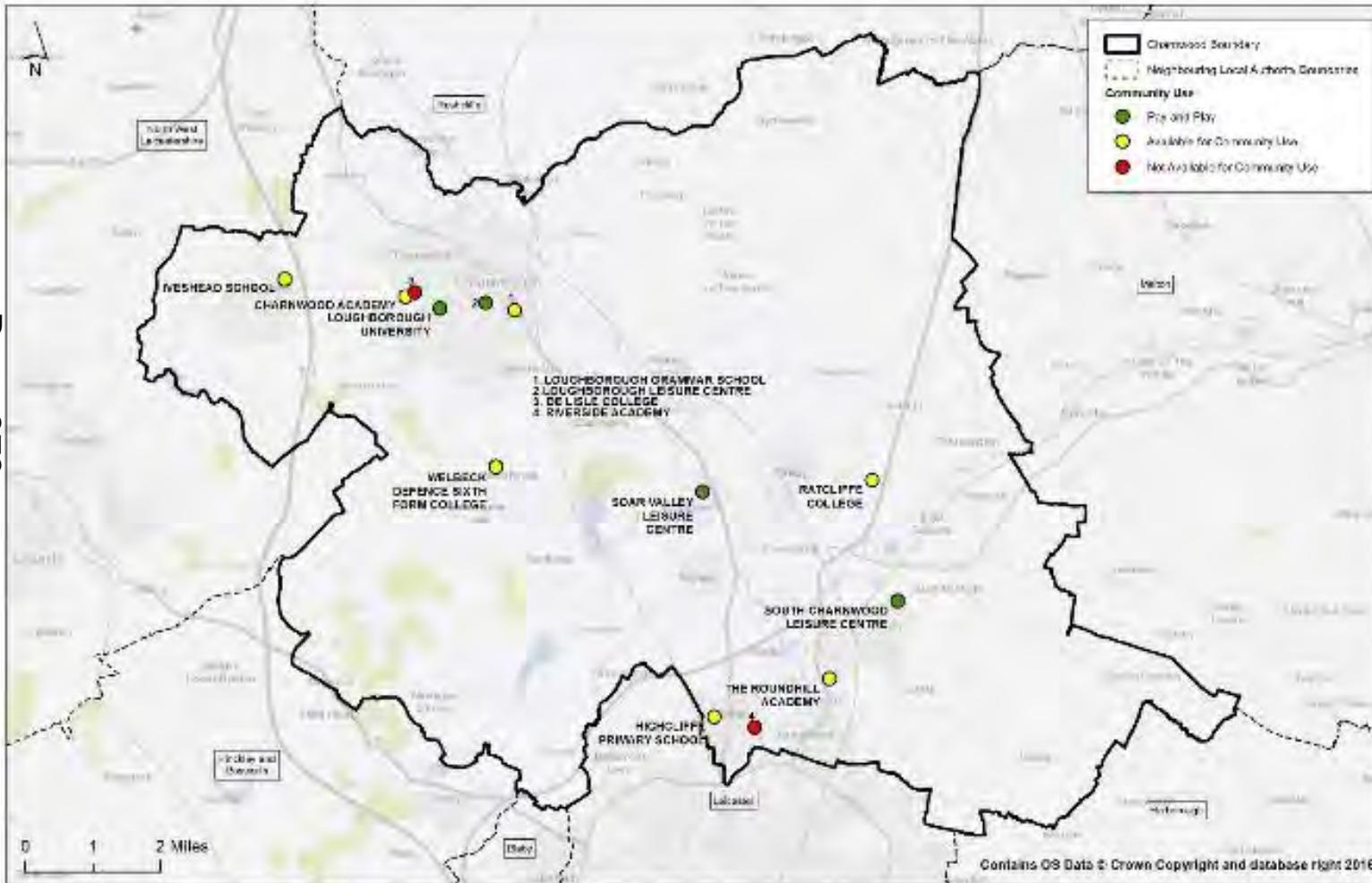
Table 4.11: Community Accessible Pay and Play Swimming Pools in Charnwood

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Main/General	Lanes	6	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2013
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Main/General	Lanes	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2013
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Main/General	Lanes	8	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2002	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	LE12 7FG	Main/General	Lanes	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2004	n/a
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	LE7 1LY	Main/General	Lanes	5	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1987	n/a



- 4.75 Map 4.6 shows all the community accessible swimming pools in Charnwood. The University of Loughborough pool is available for community use on a limited basis so is shown as a green dot on Map 4.6. The green dots are those facilities providing for pay and play access. The red dots are those facilities which do not provide community access. The yellow dots are facilities providing community access, but not pay and play access.
- 4.76 Further to the swimming pools identified above, it became apparent as a result of a planning application for changing rooms and roofing improvements that there is potentially another small pool in the Borough which could potentially be made available for public or club use. The pool measuring 6m by 12m is located at Church Hill Infant / Primary School, Thurmaston. The pool has been closed for two years but the proposed works may lead to it being made available in the future.

Map 4.6: Community Accessible Swimming Pools in Charnwood



Swimming Pools by community use availability in Charnwood



### QUALITY- SWIMMING POOLS IN CHARNWOOD

4.77 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken on all Charnwood Borough Council pools, plus a number of other key facilities. These are provided in Appendices 2a – 2aa and are summarised in Appendix 2 and Table 4.12.

**Table 4.12: Summary Qualitative Assessments- Swimming Pools**

FACILITY	QUANTITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	QUALITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	NEED FOR INVESTMENT	COMMENTS
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	71%	Good	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for some investment; ageing facility</li> </ul>
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	57%	Average	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for some investment; ageing facility</li> </ul>
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	85%	Excellent	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good quality facility</li> </ul>
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE (TRAINING POOL)	79%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good quality facility</li> </ul>
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	96%	Excellent	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility only available for limited community use</li> </ul>
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	75%	Good	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very good quality facilities overall, but unavailable for community use.</li> </ul>
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	82%	Excellent	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High demand for swimming therefore investment needed to increase pool capacity</li> </ul>
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	79%	Good	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good quality facility</li> </ul>
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	38%	Good	Significant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Old pool in need of significant capital investment</li> <li>There is the possibility this pool will close if the school is rebuilt in the NE Leicester SUE area</li> </ul>
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	N/A	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access not available</li> </ul>

4.78 Charnwood Borough Council’s swimming pools are of good quality. The majority of the education facilities, although offering a good level of provision, are ageing facilities, with the majority of pools built in 1976 or earlier.

4.79 The oldest swimming pool in the Borough is at Charnwood Academy, built in 1952; this was refurbished in 1993. The pool at De Lisle College was built in 1959 and has not yet been refurbished.

4.80 Loughborough Leisure Centre was built in 1975 and refurbished in 2013; South Charnwood Leisure Centre was built 30 years ago but has had extensive investment in changing rooms, pool plant and machinery; effectively everything apart from the pool tank. Both facilities are of good quality but given the age of the original buildings in the longer-term consideration will need to be given to further refurbishment/eventual replacement.

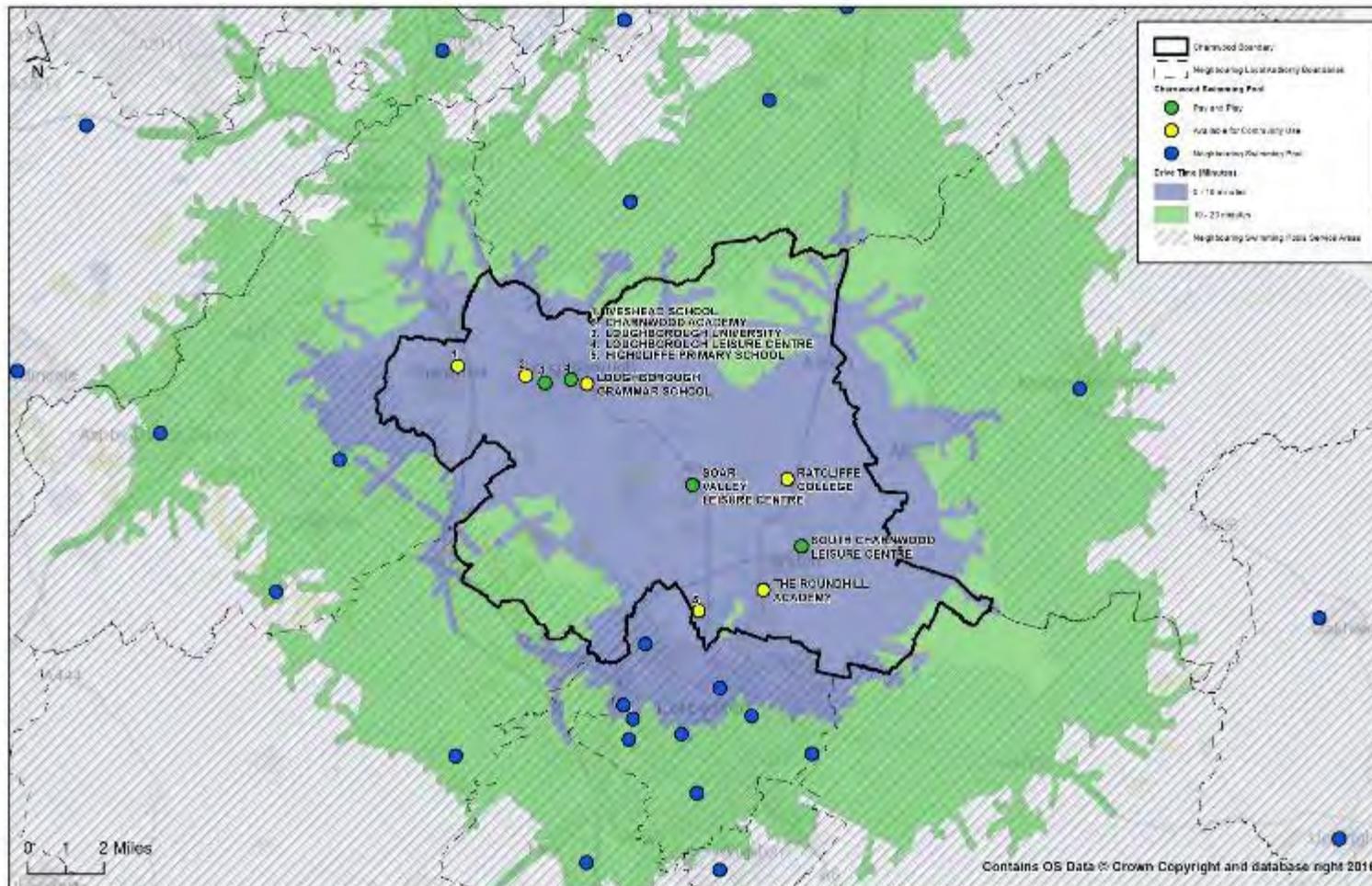


4.81 The newest public swimming pool is that at Soar Valley Leisure Centre, built in 2004. The pool at Welbeck Defence College was built in 2005.

#### ACCESSIBILITY- SWIMMING POOLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.82 The five community accessible pools are located across the Borough as shown in Map 4.7 (green dots are the pay and play community accessible pools (Loughborough University, Soar Valley Leisure Centre, Loughborough Leisure Centre and South Charnwood leisure Centre, 4 sites, 5 pools), and yellow dots are the pools available for use by sports clubs/associations). This shows that all of the Borough has access to the five pay and play swimming pools (4 sites) within a 20-minute drivetime, and some residents can access the pools in a 10 -minute drivetime. Areas outside this 10 -minute catchment area include the South West along the borders with Hinckley and Bosworth, and Blaby and to the South, Leicester. Residents in these areas may have easier access to pools in neighbouring districts e.g. Beaumont Leys. Similarly, residents in the North/North East, along the borders with Rushcliffe may have easier access to the pool at East Leake. A new pool in Coalville, North West Leicestershire would provide access to those in the West of Charnwood, outside the catchment area of an existing swimming pool.
- 4.83 17.4% of the Charnwood population does not have access to a car. It is therefore important to ensure that pools are as accessible as possible to those walking or using public transport.
- 4.84 Existing pay and play community accessible swimming pools are well-located in the Borough; all are on public transport routes, and their catchment areas provide access to virtually all residents. In addition to these pay and play community accessible pools, there are other facilities which are also used by residents, so over all there is a good stock of provision in the Borough.

Map 4.7: Community Accessible Swimming Pools in Charnwood with a 20-minute drive-time catchment area



Swimming Pools with community use availability catchment areas in Charnwood (10 and 20 minute drive times)





#### AVAILABILITY – SWIMMING POOLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.85 Map 4.6 highlights the locations of the 5 pay and play accessible swimming pools.
- 4.86 All the pay and play community accessible pools are 25m in length, so are of strategic size, and are of 4 lanes or more.
- 4.87 In terms of increasing pay and play access to pools in the Borough, there are limited options, with all pools, except those identified as providing for pay and play access, being on education sites.
- 4.88 There are small pools at Highcliffe Primary School, Roundhill Academy and Riverside Academy; these are already used by local clubs and sports associations and are too small for practical pay and play community use.
- 4.89 There is also a pool at The Cedars Academy; this is closed but has the potential to be re-opened. Consultation with the School identified that they would be supportive of this, but have no resources to enable, or deliver this themselves, and also have some concerns about issues such as access and car parking. As on an education site, it would be difficult to secure long term availability of this facility for community access and use. The existing pool is old, and there could be challenges with the operational management of it, given its location. It could not provide the same level and nature of aquatics provision as could a new learner pool at Soar Valley Leisure Centre.

#### HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES

##### QUANTITY - HEALTH AND FITNESS SUITES IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.90 The supply analysis identifies that overall there are 47 health and fitness facilities (39 sites) (26 fitness suites and 22 studios) in Charnwood. In total, the fitness suites provide 1537 stations. All facilities require some form of payment/membership payment before use, and an induction is required. However, Charnwood Borough Council facilities also offer community pay and play access. The rest of the fitness facilities operate on a commercial basis and require membership or provide for sports club/association use. All fitness facilities are shown in Table 4.13. The pay and play community accessible fitness suites are highlighted in grey in Table 4.13. Map 4.8 shows all fitness facilities in Charnwood (fitness suites and studios). The blue dots are fitness suites; the yellow dots are studios; where a dot is both colours, this highlights that there is both a fitness suite and studio on site. Further details are included in Appendix 7.



Table 4.13: Summary of overall Fitness Provision in Charnwood

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
ANYTIME FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	LE11 5BE	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	50	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	n/a	n/a
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	LE11 4SQ	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	11	Sports Club / Community Association	Trust	School/College/University (in house)	1995	n/a
DYNAMITE GYM LTD	LE11 2PY	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	46	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1995	n/a
FIT4LESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	LE11 2TZ	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	150	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
FOSSE FITNESS	LE7 1NE	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	115	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	n/a
FOSSE FITNESS	LE7 1NE	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	30	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	LE11 3TT	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	150	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
JIM PLAY	LE11 2PZ	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	19	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2014	n/a
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	LE11 1BE	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	18	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	n/a



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SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	LE11 2DU	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	10	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1978	2005
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	89	Pay & Play / Membership	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (GYM 1)	LE11 3TU	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	100	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (GYM 2)	LE11 3TU	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	100	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2007	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	LE11 3TU	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	125	Sports Club / Community Association	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	LE12 8QY	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	9	Private Use	Community Special School	School/College/University (in house)	2000	n/a
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE (CENTRAL RD)	LE11 1RW	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	35	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	2014
PURE GYM (LOUGHBOROUGH)	LE11 5BG	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	200	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2004	2014
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	LE7 4SG	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	10	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2012	n/a

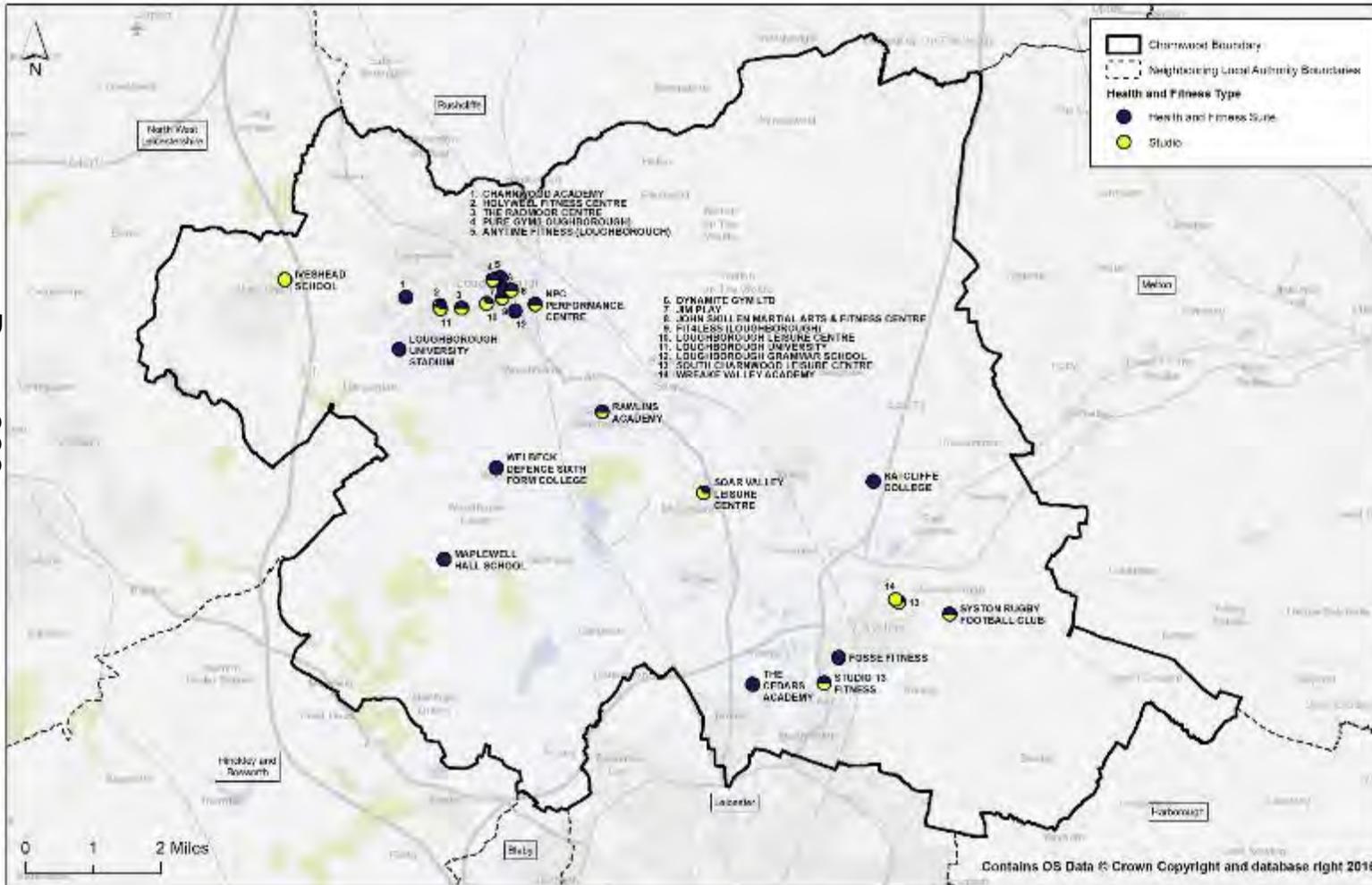


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SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
RAWLINS ACADEMY	LE12 8DY	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	17	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2009	2014
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	LE12 7FG	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	60	Pay & Play / Membership	Local Authority	Trust	2004	2007
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	LE7 1LY	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	50	Pay & Play / Membership	Local Authority	Trust	2009	n/a
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	LE4 8GR	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	40	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2000	2012
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	LE7 3FE	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	1999	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	LE4 4GH	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	23	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2003	2009
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	LE11 3BT	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	50	Registered Membership use	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2004	2015
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	LE12 8WD	Health & Fitness Suite	Health & Fitness Suite	Stations	26	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a

Map 4.8: Fitness Facilities in Charnwood (fitness suites and studios)



Health and Fitness facilities by type in Charnwood



- 4.91 All 3 community pay and play accessible fitness suites are Charnwood Borough Council facilities, operated by Fusion (199 stations, 13.1% of overall supply in the Borough).
- 4.92 There are 7 fitness suites with 100 stations or more. The largest fitness sites are at Holywell Fitness Centre (150 stations) and Loughborough University (2 x 100 stations). One of the University fitness suites is a very specialist strength and conditioning facility, aimed at performance athletes. None of the University fitness suite facilities are open to the community; all are exclusively for University student use.
- 4.93 Commercially operated fitness suites require registered membership. Some indicate they provide an element of pay and play access but in reality, all operate pre-registered, pre-paid/DD membership schemes.
- 4.94 The commercial fitness sector in Charnwood (10 operators) predominantly comprises small, independent fitness suites as opposed to large commercial brands. The largest commercial fitness suite has 200 stations – Pure Gym, with the next largest being Fit4Less with 150 stations.
- 4.95 Analysis of the overall supply of fitness suites summarised in Table 4.14, and highlights the following:

**Table 4.14: Analysis of overall Fitness Suite Provision in Charnwood**

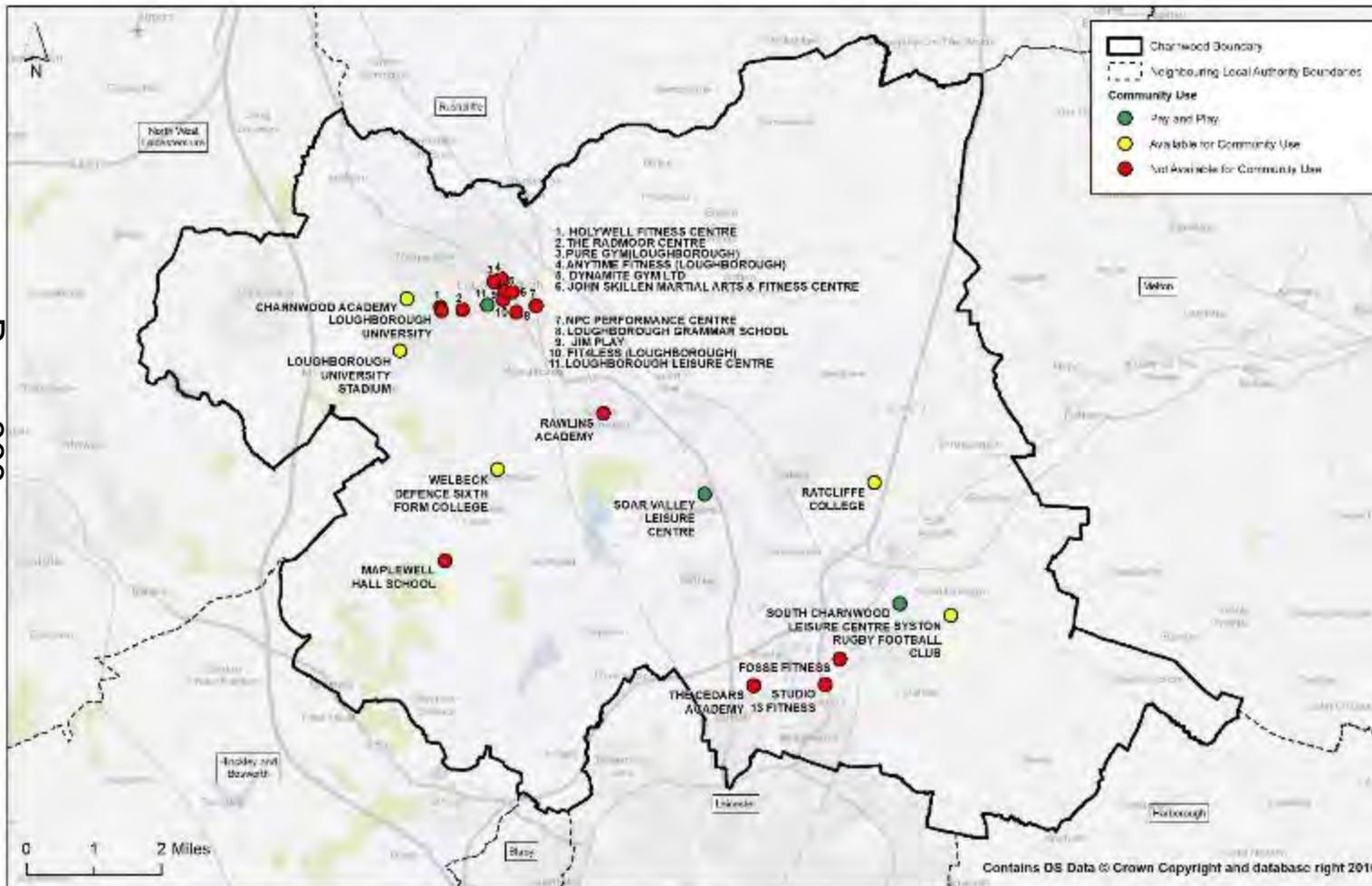
TOTAL FITNESS SUITES	26
TOTAL FITNESS STATIONS	1537
COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE FITNESS SUITES	6
COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE FITNESS STATIONS	623
PAY AND PLAY COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE FITNESS SUITES (All require some form of prior payment/membership Ownership Local Authority/ Sports Club /Community Organisation)	3
PAY AND PLAY COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE FITNESS STATIONS	199
COMMERCIAL SECTOR FITNESS SUITES	10
COMMERCIAL SECTOR FITNESS STATIONS	703
EDUCATION SECTOR FITNESS SUITES (PRIVATE USE))	7
EDUCATION SECTOR FITNESS STATIONS (PRIVATE USE)	409

**Table 4.15: Summary of Fitness Suite Size**

NUMBER OF FITNESS STATIONS	NO. FITNESS SUITES
150+	3
100 - 149	4
50 - 99	5
30-49	4
29 OR LESS	10

- 4.96 The supply of community accessible fitness suites is shown on Map 4.9. The green dots are those facilities providing pay and play community access; the yellow dots are facilities which provide community access, but only to sports clubs/community organisations. The red dots are facilities which do not provide any form of community access.

Map 4.9: Community Accessible Fitness Suites in Charnwood



Health and Fitness Suites by community use availability in Charnwood

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QUALITY – HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

4.97 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken at all Charnwood Borough Council sports facilities. These are provided in Appendix 2a – 2aa and are summarised in Appendix 2 and Table 4.16. Although commercial facilities have been visited, it was not possible to undertake detailed quality audits as commercial operators do not want these to be undertaken. Overall, the quality of the commercial facilities is very good; in general, they are also newer than other facilities e.g. on education sites.

**Table 4.16: Summary Qualitative Assessments – Health and Fitness Facilities (fitness suites and studios)**

FACILITY	QUANTITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	QUALITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	NEED FOR INVESTMENT	COMMENTS
ANYTIME FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	71%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Older facility but good quality</li> </ul>
DYNAMITE GYM LTD	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
FIT4LESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
FOSSE FITNESS	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
FOSSE FITNESS	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
JIM PLAY	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	71%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Older facility; small; overall good quality</li> </ul>
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	89%	Excellent	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demand for provision driving opportunity for investment to increase fitness suite capacity</li> </ul>
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	96%	Excellent	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High performance facility not open for community use</li> </ul>
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
PURE GYM (LOUGHBOROUGH)	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	76%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality facility</li> </ul>



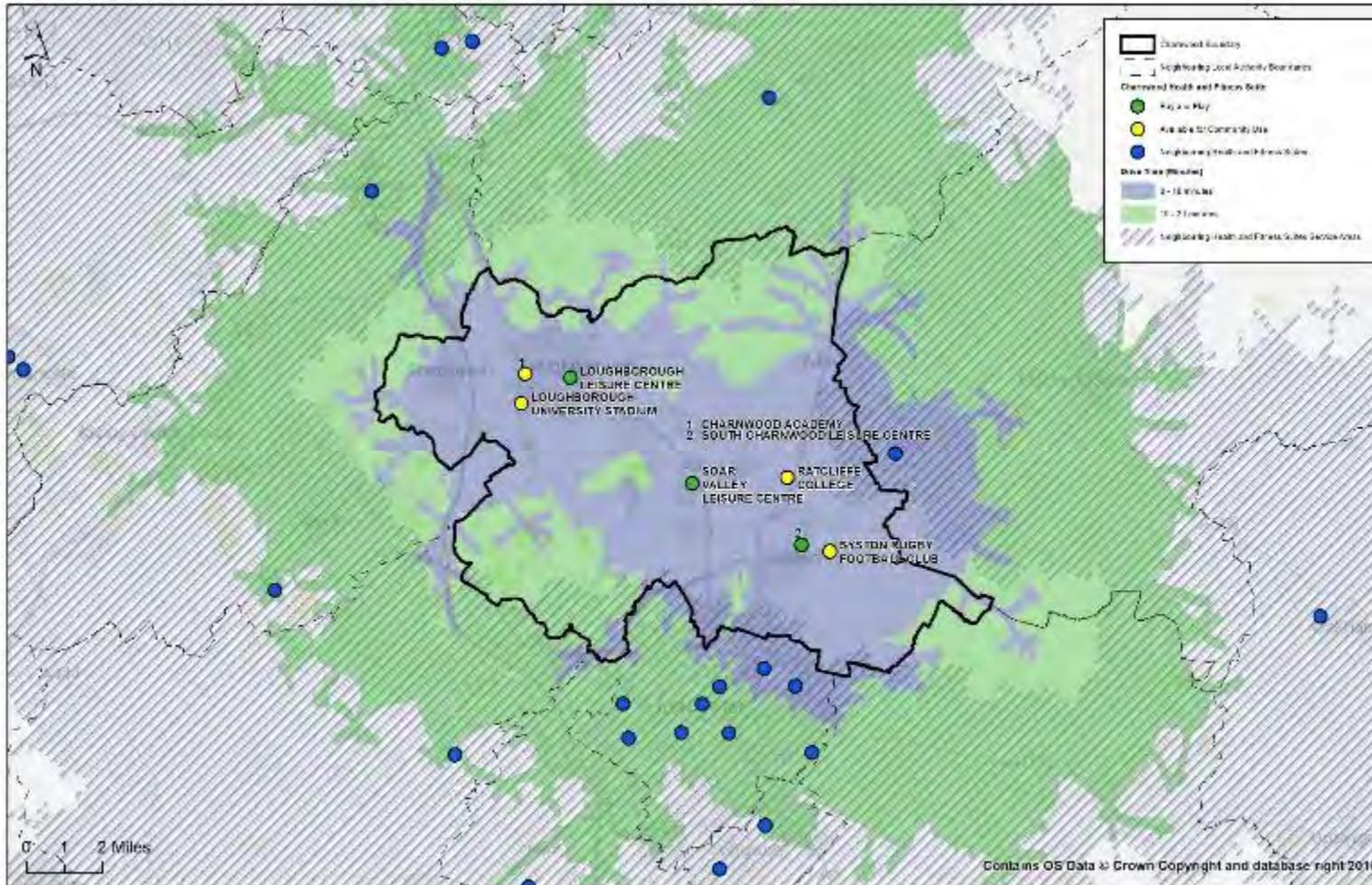
FACILITY	QUANTITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	QUALITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	NEED FOR INVESTMENT	COMMENTS
RAWLINS ACADEMY	69%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall Facility quality could improve</li> </ul>
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	80%	Good	Significant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to extend fitness suite if additional pools space developed</li> </ul>
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	79%	Good	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some investment beneficial – potential to increase fitness suite capacity</li> </ul>
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	N/A	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to undertake audit; visual quality assessment only</li> </ul>
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	70%	Good	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good quality, modern facilities</li> </ul>
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	54%	Average	Significant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility quality could be improved</li> </ul>
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	89%	Excellent	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent quality facility</li> </ul>
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	N/A	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access unavailable</li> </ul>

- 4.98 The oldest fitness suite in the Borough is at Loughborough Leisure Centre (built 1975); this was refurbished in 2012. The newest fitness suite in the Borough, built in 2015 is at Fit4Less; John Skillen Martial Arts and Fitness Centre is also a new facility but is housed in an old pub building.
- 4.99 The quality of the community accessible pay and play health and fitness facilities is generally good with 18 facilities either having been built or refurbished since 2000.
- 4.100 The commercial facilities have predominantly been provided since 2012.

#### ACCESSIBILITY- HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.101 Map 4.10 illustrates that all Borough residents are within a 20-minute drive time catchment of a community accessible fitness suite (green dots are the pay and play community accessible fitness suites, and yellow dots are the fitness suites available for use by sports clubs/associations). Map 4.10 also shows that most of the Borough has access to the three pay and play fitness suites (3 sites) within a 10-minute drivetime, and all residents can access pay and play community fitness facilities in a 20-minute drivetime.
- 4.102 Areas outside the 10-minute catchment area include the South West along the borders with Hinckley and Bosworth, and Blaby and to the South, Leicester. Residents in these areas may have easier access to fitness suites in neighbouring districts e.g. Beaumont Leys in Leicester. Similarly, residents in the North/North East, along the borders with Rushcliffe may have easier access to a fitness suite at East Leake. A new leisure centre in Coalville, North West Leicestershire would provide access to those in the West of Charnwood, outside the catchment area of an existing fitness suite. It should also be recognised that there are budget and other commercial fitness facilities in the Borough, which are used by some residents, as shown on Map 4.9.

Map 4.10: Community Accessible Fitness Suites in Charnwood with a 10 and 20-minute drive-time catchment area



Health and Fitness Suites with community use availability catchment areas in Charnwood (10 and 20 minute drive times)





#### AVAILABILITY – HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.103 A significant amount of the existing fitness provision in the Borough is through the commercial sector (703 out of 1537 stations – 46%). There is just one small sports club-based facility; this has 4 fitness stations.
- 4.104 It is important to highlight that the existing commercial sector fitness suite provision in the Borough will be used by some residents. None of the commercial fitness suites are high end fitness companies, so membership cost is comparable with the Charnwood Borough Council facilities. The commercial provision presents a significant level of competition to the Charnwood Borough Council facilities. There are two budget gyms in the Borough, Fit4less, and Pure Gym. These companies target university cities and towns.
- 4.105 On this basis, the assessment of the current and future need for fitness facilities reflects the fact that Borough residents are likely to use those facilities which offer provision and a membership rate comparable to public sector facilities. The assessment of need (See Appendix 6) therefore includes the following commercial facilities, as ‘pay and play’ on the basis of ‘affordability’:
- **Pure Gym**                      **200 fitness stations**
  - **Anytime Fitness**            **50 fitness stations**
  - **Energie Fitness** **150 fitness stations**
- 4.106 These commercial facilities have membership rates comparable to the Charnwood Borough Council fitness facilities and are affordable to many in the wider community for pay and play use.
- 4.107 The fitness suites on education sites are available in the main for sports club/association use, and do not provide pay and play access.

#### STUDIOS

##### QUANTITY - STUDIOS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.108 There are 22 studios (multi-purpose space, not fixed equipment) in the Borough; the majority are provided as part of a health and fitness offer within facilities. Studios provide a space in which a range of aerobic, fitness and dance classes plus activities such as yoga and Pilates, can take place as well as martial arts, and boxing. Although requiring some specialist equipment for martial arts and boxing, it is also possible to do a form of these activities in an informal space such as a community hall. Informal halls can also accommodate a range of fitness and dance classes. There is also a dedicated spinning studio in Loughborough Leisure Centre (Studio 3, built in 2012/2013).
- 4.109 Many village and community hall facilities are used by dance schools, and the smaller halls often available on education sites have significant potential to be used for fitness classes.
- 4.110 Map 4.8 shows studios as part of the overall health and fitness offer in Charnwood. Map 4.11 shows the locations of individual community accessible pay and play studios.
- 4.111 The overall provision of studios in Charnwood is summarised in Table 4.17, with community accessible pay and play facilities highlighted in grey.



Table 4.17: Community Accessible Studios in Charnwood (these are multi-purpose studios)

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	LE11 4SQ	Studio	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Trust	School/College/University (in house)	1995	n/a
FIT4LESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	LE11 2TZ	Studio	Studio	1	Registered Membership	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LE12 9DB	Studio	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	LE11 3TT	Studio	Studio	1	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	LE11 3TT	Studio	Studio	1	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	LE11 1BE	Studio	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Studio	Studio	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2000
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Studio	Studio	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2012 / 2013	n/a



SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Studio	Studio	1	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	1980	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Studio	Studio	1	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2013	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Studio	Studio	1	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2013	n/a
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE (CENTRAL ROAD)	LE11 1RW	Studio	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	2014
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	LE11 5BG	Studio	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2004	2011
RAWLINS ACADEMY	LE12 8DY	Studio	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2008	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	LE12 7FG	Studio	Studio	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2012/2013	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	LE12 7FG	Studio	Studio	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2012/2013	n/a
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	LE7 1LY	Studio	Studio	1	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2009	n/a



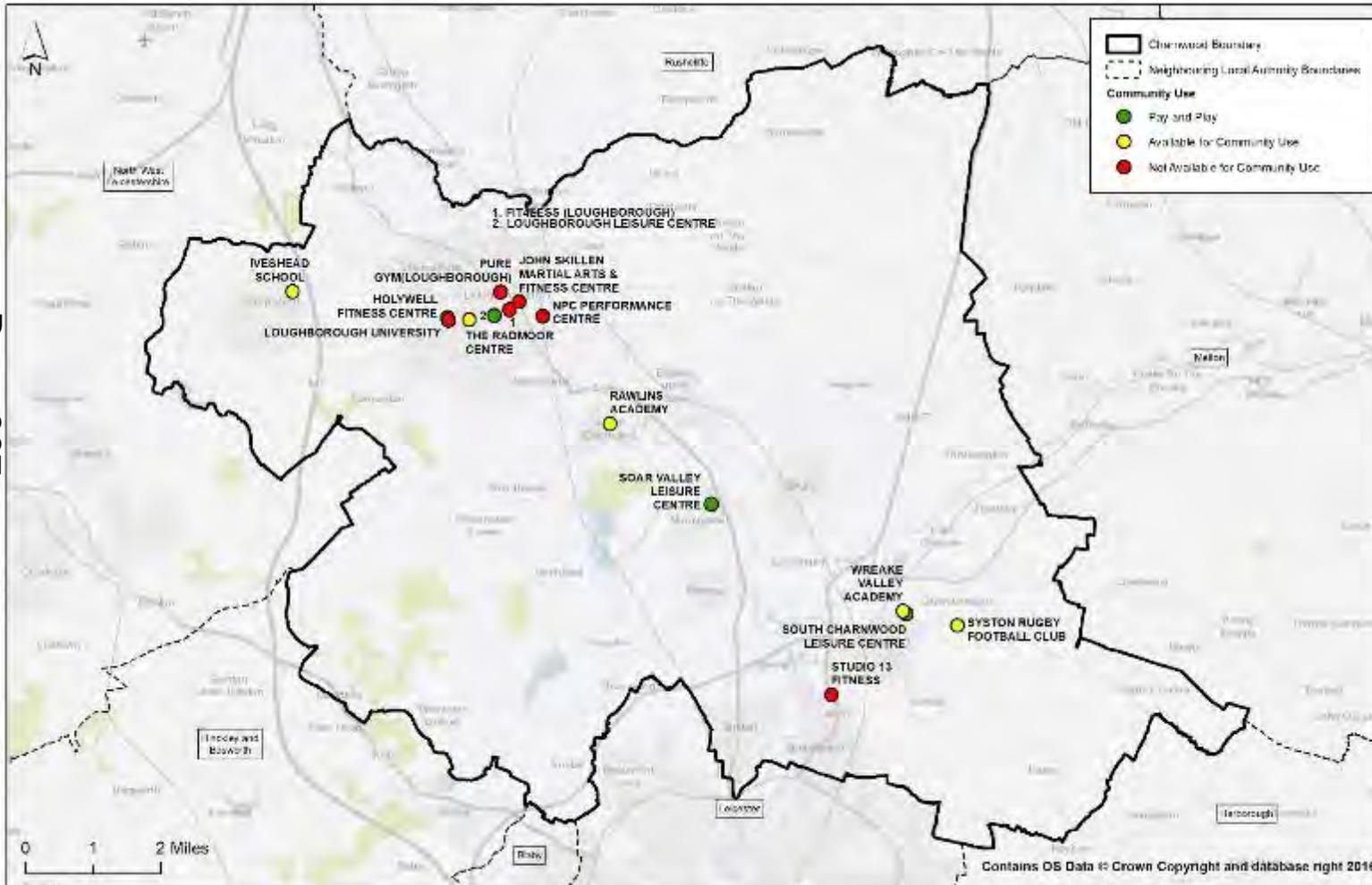
SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	LE4 8GR	Studio	Studio	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2008	2012
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	LE7 3FE	Studio	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	1999	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	LE11 3BT	Studio	Studio	1	Pay and Play	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	LE7 1LY	Studio	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972	2004

N.B.: Studio 3 in Loughborough Leisure Centre is not included in the above text as it is a designated spinning studio, not multi-purpose. It is referred to in paragraph 4.113 below.



- 4.112 6 studio facilities are provided through commercial facilities, and 5 are on education sites, providing access to community sports clubs. All commercial facilities require membership prior to use.
- 4.113 The 5 studios in the Loughborough University facilities are only available for use by the students and University staff.
- 4.114 There are 6 pay and play community accessible studios in Charnwood Borough Council leisure centres (including the spin studio at Loughborough Leisure Centre – Loughborough Leisure Centre Studio 3, Soar Valley Leisure Centre 2, South Charnwood Leisure Centre 1).

Map 4.11: Community Accessible Studios in Charnwood



Studios by community use availability in Charnwood





4.115 The analysis of the overall studio supply in Charnwood is as follows:

**Table 4.18: Analysis of overall Studio Supply – Charnwood**

TOTAL STUDIOS	20
COMMUNITY ACCESSIBLE STUDIOS	10
PAY AND PLAY ACCESSIBLE STUDIOS	5
COMMERCIAL SECTOR STUDIOS	6
EDUCATION SECTOR STUDIOS	10

### QUALITY - STUDIOS IN CHARNWOOD

4.116 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken on all Charnwood Borough Council sports facilities in the Borough. These are provided in Appendix 2a – 2aa and summarised in Appendix 2 and Table 4.16 above.

4.117 The quality of studios is generally good with a number of facilities having been built recently. The oldest studio in the Borough is at Wreake Academy, built in 1972, and refurbished in 2004. The two newest studios at Fit4Less and John Skillen Martial Arts and Fitness centre were built in 2015.

### ACCESSIBILITY - STUDIOS IN CHARNWOOD

4.118 Health and fitness facilities are located across the Borough, in areas of highest population, given that the majority of potential users will be resident in these areas. Most studios are part of an overall fitness offer, although there is one stand-alone facility on a sports club site.

4.119 The pay and play accessible studios are in the same facilities as the pay and play fitness suites, therefore accessibility for studios is the same as shown on Map 4.10.

4.120 Map 4.10 illustrates that all Borough residents are within a 20-minute drive time catchment of a community accessible fitness suite (green dots are the pay and play community accessible fitness suites, and yellow dots are the fitness suites available for use by sports clubs/associations). Map 4.10 also shows that most of the Borough has access to the six pay and play fitness suites (3 sites) within a 10-minute drivetime, and all residents can access pay and play community accessible studios in a 20-minute drivetime.

4.121 Areas outside the 10-minute catchment area include the South West along the borders with Hinckley and Bosworth, and Blaby and to the South, Leicester. Residents in these areas may have easier access to fitness suites in neighbouring districts e.g. Beaumont Leys in Leicester. Similarly, residents in the North/North East, along the borders with Rushcliffe may have easier access to a fitness suite at East Leake.

4.122 A new leisure centre in Coalville, North West Leicestershire, which is being considered, would provide access to those in the West of Charnwood, outside the catchment area of an existing fitness suite. It should also be recognised that there are budget and other commercial fitness facilities in the Borough, which are used by some residents, as shown on Map 4.9.



#### AVAILABILITY - STUDIOS IN CHARNWOOD

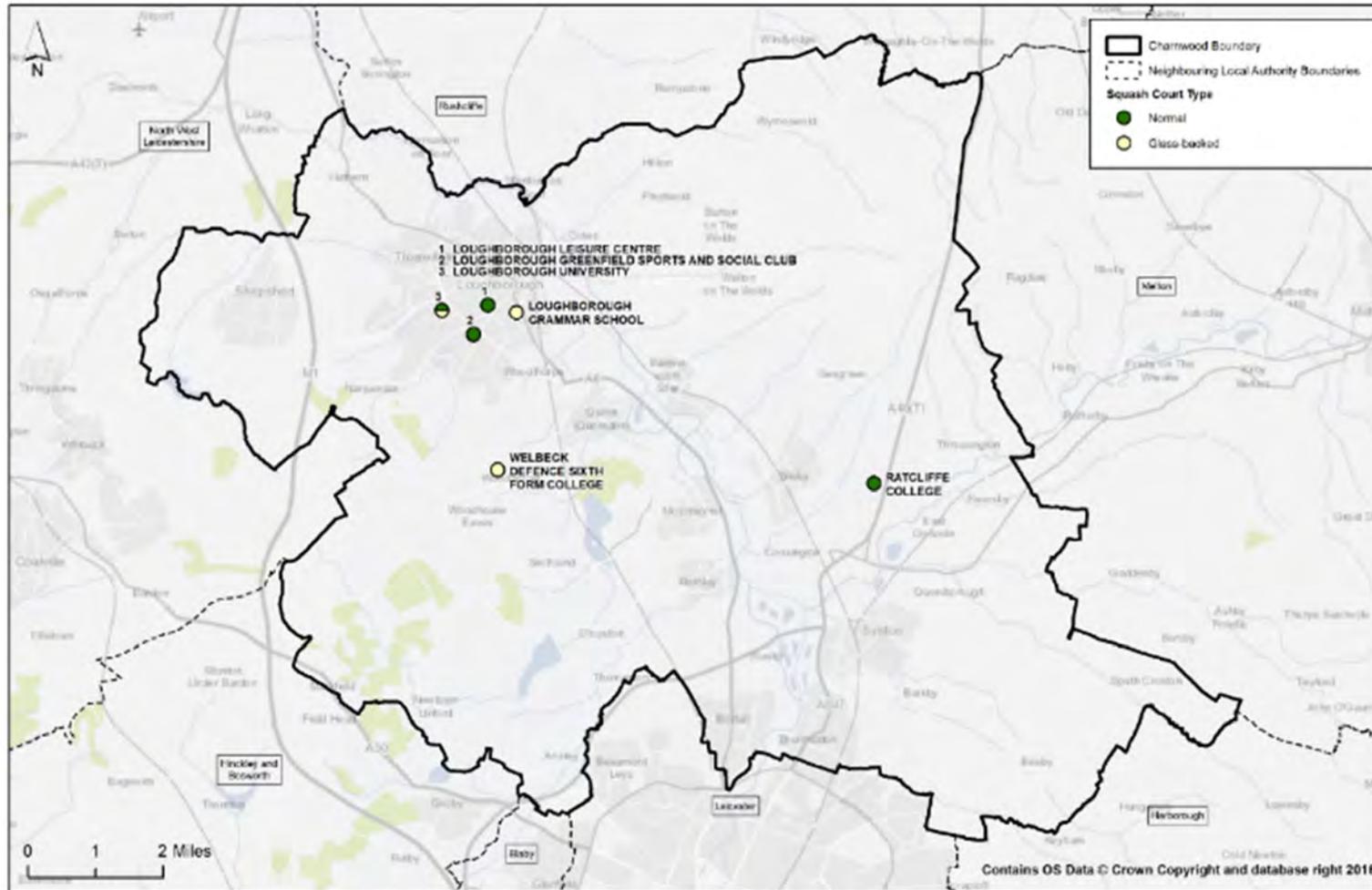
- 4.123 A comprehensive programme of fitness classes, and other sporting activities is offered at the pay and play facilities. Of the 22 studios in the Borough 11 are accessible for community use.
- 4.124 22.7% of all studios are provided by commercial operators as part of an overall fitness offer; these providers are the same as those operating commercial fitness suites.
- 4.125 Some commercial operators have membership rates comparable to those at Charnwood Borough Council leisure facilities. The studios in these budget gyms are used by local residents, as are the fitness suites.
- 4.126 In addition to the purpose -built studio facilities in the Borough, there are a number of multi-purpose halls located around the Borough, in community centres/halls; these are also used for activities which could also take place in a studio e.g. aerobics, dance, etc.

#### SQUASH

##### QUANTITY - SQUASH COURTS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.127 There are 16 squash courts (6 facilities) in Charnwood. Of these 16 courts, 7 are glass backed courts (Loughborough Grammar School, Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College, Loughborough University). Squash courts in Charnwood are shown on Map 4.12.

Map 4.12: Squash Courts in Charnwood



Squash Courts by type in Charnwood



4.128 The overall supply of squash courts is summarised in Table 4.19. Community accessible courts are highlighted in grey.

**Table 4.19: Squash Courts in Charnwood**

SITE NAME	POST CODE	FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY SUB TYPE	UNIT	NUMBER	ACCESS TYPE	OWNERSHIP TYPE	MANAGEMENT TYPE	YEAR BUILT	YEAR REFURBISHED
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	LE11 2DU	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1978	2005
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	LE11 3HZ	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	n/a	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	LE11 3HE	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts	3	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2000
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts	4	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	LE11 3TU	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts	1	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	LE7 4SG	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1985	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	LE12 8WD	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a



### QUALITY - SQUASH COURTS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.129 Detailed quality assessments have been undertaken for sports facilities in Charnwood. These are provided in Appendix 2a-2aa and are summarised in Appendix 2.
- 4.130 The quality of existing squash courts is generally of a reasonable to good standard; however, all courts are now ageing. All courts were built before 2005. Two of the oldest courts built in the 1970's have been refurbished since 2000.
- 4.131 A summary of squash court quality is provided in Table 4.20.

**Table 4.20: Summary of Qualitative Assessments – Squash Courts**

FACILITY	QUANTITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	QUALITATIVE AUDIT SCORE	NEED FOR INVESTMENT	COMMENTS
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	72%	Good	Minimal	• Good quality facility
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	14%	Poor	Significant	• Very poor-quality facility
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	89%	Excellent	Minimal	• Squash courts are average to good quality
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	95%	Excellent	Minimal	• Squash courts are good quality
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	76%	Good	Minimal	• Courts are good quality.
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	N/A	N/A	N/A	• Access unavailable

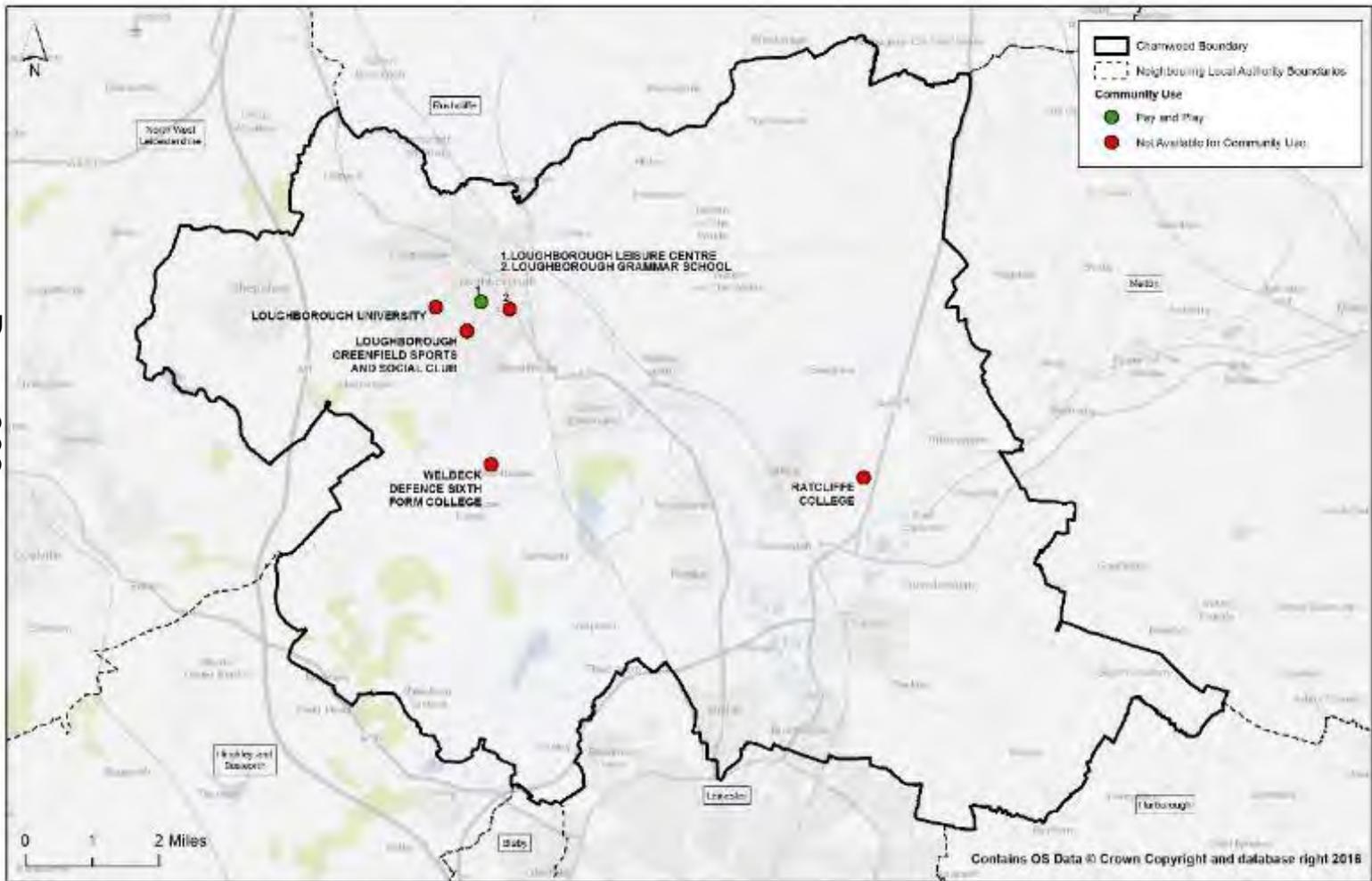
### ACCESSIBILITY - SQUASH COURTS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.132 Squash courts are more specialist facilities, so there are generally fewer of them in any one area. The majority of squash courts are now provided through clubs, as opposed to leisure centres.
- 4.133 Squash clubs use the existing courts; casual squash is played at Loughborough Leisure Centre.
- 4.134 Geographical distribution of squash courts in Charnwood is summarised in Map 4.14; this illustrates that the majority of the existing squash courts are located in and around the main areas of population in the Borough. Courts are distributed reasonably evenly throughout the Borough. There are some courts in neighbouring local authorities which may be more accessible to Borough residents.

### AVAILABILITY - SQUASH COURTS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.135 There are 3 pay and play community accessible squash courts (3 facilities) at Loughborough Leisure Centre. Five courts on the University campus are for the use of students and staff only. The rest of the courts are provided on education sites or through a sports club; these are all available for use by sports clubs/community associations.
- 4.136 There are no commercially operated squash courts, nor any pay and play community accessible glass-back squash courts.
- 4.137 Map 4.13 shows the community accessible squash courts in the Borough, including those with pay and play use.

Map 4.13: Community accessible Squash Courts in Loughborough



Squash Courts by community use availability in Charnwood





### GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING

- 4.138 There are 3 purpose-built Gymnastics and Trampolining facilities in the Borough at Loughborough University Gymnastics Centre, at Loughborough Gymnastics Academy, and at Unit 4 Viking Court, Loughborough (Upstarts Gymnastics Club)
- 4.139 The Loughborough University Gymnastics Centre is a world-class, located in the Powerhouse building, offered as part of the University Performance Sport facilities. It provides facilities for University student use, and principally for the Loughborough Students Gymnastics Club, the most successful sports club in the University (in terms of competitive achievements). The Gymnastic team is currently champion of both the British Universities and Colleges men's and women's competitions.
- 4.140 Loughborough Gymnastics Academy is an industrial unit, which has been equipped for gymnastics, in Loughborough.
- 4.141 Loughborough Gymnastics Academy is home to both the Loughborough Gymnastics Academy, and Loughborough Acrobatics; the latter is a charitable company, offering gymnastics for all in the local community.
- 4.142 Loughborough Gymnastics Academy offers a range of pre-school classes and development squads. Its competitive focus is on Women's Artistic Gymnastics. There is a waiting list to join the Academy's classes.
- 4.143 Loughborough Acrobatics offers a range of classes and gymnastics disciplines, including general gymnastics, competitive acrobatics and tumbling, freestyle/parkour, pre-school (under 5's) and adult classes (18+). The Club has over 300 members, 10 qualified coaches and judges; it operates 6 times a week, offering classes termly, and yearly as well as open pay as you go sessions (selected sessions only).
- 4.144 Loughborough Upstarts Gymnastics Club offers a wide range of classes and squads, focussing on artistic gymnastics.
- 4.145 Opportunities to participate in Gymnastics and Trampolining are also provided within a number of sports halls in the Borough. These are not purpose built for gymnastics.
- 4.146 Charnwood Academy, based from Loughborough Leisure Centre (sports hall) runs a weekly Gymnastics Club for young people, which provides both recreational and competitive opportunities.
- 4.147 There are also a number of other local gymnastics clubs operating out of various sports hall facilities in Coalville and Ibstock, which are both adjacent to Charnwood.

### QUALITY- GYMNASTICS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.148 Loughborough Gymnastics Academy, and Loughborough University Gymnastics Centre all provide excellent quality facilities (Quality score equating to 60%+), i.e. for local clubs and performance gymnasts. These facilities are specialist and reflect the specific focus of the gymnastics club/participants using them.
- 4.149 Upstarts Gymnastics Club has very good quality facilities (Quality score equating to 60%).



#### ACCESSIBILITY – GYMNASTICS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.150 The gymnastics facilities in Charnwood are used by the clubs based in each facility and are also accessible to other local gymnastics clubs by arrangement. These facilities are not accessible to individuals other than club members or those in a gymnastic class, given the nature of the sport.
- 4.151 The location of the Loughborough Gymnastic Academy is predominantly due to the site being available for purchase and conversion.
- 4.152 Loughborough University Gymnastics Academy is part of the University Performance Sports Campus.

#### AVAILABILITY – GYMNASTICS FACILITIES IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.153 The Loughborough Academy gymnastics facilities are used by the Academy and Loughborough Acrobatics squads and classes.
- 4.154 Loughborough University Gymnastics Academy is available for student use only, the Gymnastics team and other student clubs.

#### INDOOR BOWLS

##### QUANTITY - INDOOR BOWLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.155 There is one indoor bowls facility in Charnwood. This is the Charnwood Indoor Bowls Club, which is located in the centre of Loughborough, adjacent to Loughborough Leisure Centre.
- 4.156 The Indoor Bowls facility has 8 rinks, plus a social area, changing and toilets, and a meeting area. The facility is served by a large car park, shared with Loughborough Leisure Centre.
- 4.157 The Indoor Bowls Centre is owned by Charnwood Borough Council and leased to Charnwood Indoor Bowls Club.

##### QUALITY- INDOOR BOWLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.158 Quality audits were undertaken on identified facilities in Charnwood. These are summarised in Appendices 2a-2aa, and in Appendix 2. Charnwood Indoor Bowls Club is of a good quality, is well maintained and in addition to the bowls rink, offers a venue for a variety of medium size social events.

##### ACCESSIBILITY - INDOOR BOWLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.159 Map 4.14 shows the location of the indoor bowls facility in Charnwood.





#### ACCESSIBILITY - INDOOR BOWLS IN CHARNWOOD

- 4.160 The indoor bowls facility is operated by Charnwood Indoor Bowls Club. Although membership is required to use the facility, it is reasonably priced and based on 'the more you pay the more you play', making the facility affordable to a large percentage of the population.
- 4.161 There are also pay and play opportunities available at certain times at the facility.



## 5. STAGE C - SUMMARY FACILITY CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 Stage C of ANOG brings together all the data detailed in Stage B i.e. sections 1- 4 of the Evidence base; based on the analysis undertaken, the summary conclusion for current and future provision of each facility type assessed in the Borough is set out below. This analysis also takes into account the Facility Planning Model (FPM) data provided by Sport England; this data is checked and challenged through the analysis process, based on local knowledge and research. A summary of the FPM analysis reflected in the analysis is set out below.

### NEIGHBOURING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- 5.2 In determining the nature, level and location of sports facility provision required for the future in Charnwood, it is also important to be aware of how neighbouring local authorities are planning for the future. Given that communities use sports facilities in areas other than where they live, the development of new or improved provision can impact significantly on both participation levels and capacity cross-boundary. Consultation with neighbouring local authorities is summarised in Appendix 3.
- 5.3 Neighbouring local authorities provide sport and leisure facilities, and, given the geography of the local area in and around Charnwood, it is important to recognise that facilities outside the Borough may be easily accessible to Borough residents. The fact that there is some exported demand to neighbouring local authorities for use of pools (28.8%) and sports halls (20%) would appear to underpin this position.

### SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS – FACILITY TYPES

#### SPORTS HALLS

#### CONSULTATION

#### SCHOOLS

- 5.4 All schools (primary (61), secondary (17), including Special and Independent schools in Charnwood were contacted and asked to complete a survey about their existing sports facilities, their plans/aspirations for future provision, and the extent and nature of community use of the facilities. 68 (87%) of the 78 schools responded to the survey; a summary of the total responses is included in Appendix 3.
- 5.5 Of the 68 schools responding to the survey, 33 have on-site sports facilities available to the community. All schools responding to the survey, except one (De Lisle College) would like to increase community use of their on-site facilities. The majority of these schools provide for at least some use by community sports clubs. It is important to note that the feedback provided by the schools accords with the findings of the supply and demand analysis and the Facility Planning Model (FPM); schools provide for community use by clubs and groups, not individuals on a pay and play basis.
- 5.6 Whilst the majority of any increased usage would be for sports activities, wider community use would also be welcomed. Some schools believe there is no demand for their facilities; this may be true of small, or non-purpose-built sports facilities, but in general, education facilities can provide a useful resource for the local community for both sport and community activities.
- 5.7 In addition to this survey, the majority of secondary schools with on-site sports facilities available for community use, were visited and allocated a quality score, see Appendix 2. Schools were contacted to inform the analysis and offered a meeting as part of the qualitative site visit. All site visits therefore involved on-site consultation with a member of staff.



- 5.8 Cedars Academy specifically requested a sit-down meeting with two staff members, because the Academy is pro-actively trying to develop increased community use of its facilities and wanted to make this clear in relation to this study. This Academy facilitates use of its sports halls and community halls by sports clubs/community groups and would like to increase usage. The on-site swimming pool is closed.

#### NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES (NGB'S)

- 5.9 Consultation was undertaken with National Governing Bodies (NGB's), to identify their views on the need for sports hall provision in Charnwood. The views of NGBs who responded are included below.



Table 5.1: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – Sports Hall Sports

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES																		
<b>BADMINTON ENGLAND</b>	<p>The Whole Sport Plan (WSP) 2013-2017:</p> <p>The WSP vision: <b>Consistently develop Champions, get the nation playing badminton and create a buzz around the sport.</b></p> <p>Priorities were the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Grow and improve the talent segment</b></li> <li>2. <b>Significantly grow the 12 - 25 informal organised and club member markets</b></li> <li>3. <b>Significantly grow the informal organised 26+ participation segment</b></li> <li>4. <b>Stabilise and incrementally grow the 26+ casual participation segment</b></li> <li>5. <b>Prepare the 26+ club member market for growth</b></li> </ol> <p>Badminton England National Facilities Strategy, 2012-2016. "Facilities are crucial to playing badminton, both for participants wanting to find a court at a time that suits them and to talented performers needing to do the requisite level of training.</p> <p>The quality of the design and the layout of a badminton facility has a big impact on a player's enjoyment of the game and their progress in the sport".</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>AFFILIATED CLUBS</th> <th>FACILITY/ADDRESS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sheshed Badminton Club</td> <td>Iveshead School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough College Badminton Club</td> <td>Loughborough College</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Leys Badminton Club</td> <td>Loughborough University Badminton Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Leys Junior Badminton Club</td> <td>Loughborough University Badminton Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Students Badminton Club</td> <td>Loughborough University Badminton Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Leys PC (Team Leicester)</td> <td>Loughborough University</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Badminton Club</td> <td>Loughborough Grammar School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quorn Badminton Club</td> <td>Rawlins Academy</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	AFFILIATED CLUBS	FACILITY/ADDRESS	Sheshed Badminton Club	Iveshead School	Loughborough College Badminton Club	Loughborough College	Loughborough Leys Badminton Club	Loughborough University Badminton Centre	Loughborough Leys Junior Badminton Club	Loughborough University Badminton Centre	Loughborough Students Badminton Club	Loughborough University Badminton Centre	Loughborough Leys PC (Team Leicester)	Loughborough University	Loughborough Badminton Club	Loughborough Grammar School	Quorn Badminton Club	Rawlins Academy	<p>Badminton England has restructured and is in the process of filling a post which will cover the East Midlands.</p>
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Astrazeneca Badminton Club	Loughborough Leisure Centre							
BASKETBALL ENGLAND	<p>Basketball England’s Strategy launched in 2016 states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The aim is to create a single unifying vision for the sport in Britain underpinned by clear strategic objectives and accountabilities between the three home country associations, the BBF and their delivery partners.</b></li> <li>• <b>To improve basketball from grassroots to GB teams, by adopting a whole sport approach and working closely with the basketball communities.</b></li> <li>• <b>To create a collaborative culture with all partners to provide the environment required to achieve the vision.</b></li> </ul> <p>Leadership and culture - be recognised and respected both on and off the court, with independent and effective leadership and the right balance of skills, experience and diversity</p>	No feedback received						



NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
	<p>Awareness and profile - raise basketball's profile and increase public interest to attract a sustainable flow of income from a portfolio of commercial, broadcast and public-sector partners who provide funding for investment into the sport.</p> <p>Opportunities to play the game - become the second largest and fastest growing team sport in Britain for both men and women, by strengthening the links between clubs, schools and local basketball programmes and promoting basketball's value in increasing the health and wellbeing of the nation.</p> <p>Talent development pathways - support effective investment in a 'whole sport' talent development system such that each generation of male and female players is better than its predecessors, supported by well-managed player pathways integrating home nation and GB programmes.</p> <p>Quality leagues and clubs - build sustainable, high-quality leagues with vibrant arenas and regular, professional media coverage that support the development of future senior GB players, drive commercial income and engage their communities.</p> <p>Successful GB Teams - Develop men's and women's GB teams, from under 16 to senior, qualifying for, and being competitive in, the final stages of FIBA international competitions</p>	
ENGLAND CRICKET BOARD (ECB)	<p>There already are strategic priorities within the Charnwood area are to support clubs with the new entry level programme, All Stars Cricket (aimed at 5 - 8-year olds), ensure the clubs are meeting minimum criteria through the Clubmark process and continue school provision through the Chance to Shine programme. The England Cricket Board also supports a number of competitions which are played within the area. The England Cricket Board's current understanding is that there are no organised indoor leagues in the area.</p> <p>The England Cricket Board's strategic facility priorities are not development of indoor facilities. However, any enquiry to develop indoor cricket facilities is supported, as such facilities would support clubs within the area with regards to winter practice. There already a number of indoor facilities which have cricket provision ranging from excellent to poor (based on internal knowledge). The England Cricket Board is aware of a few clubs moving out of the district to find good practice facilities, which is an issue to be considered in programming of sports halls.</p>	The England Cricket Board's future plans align to the national strategy for cricket; they are to 'Inspire Fans', promote 'Great Teams' and facilitate 'More Play'. This will be achieved through the delivery of a number of programmes.
ENGLAND NETBALL	England Netball has maintained the '10-1-1' mantra as the key element of their vision for the sport both internationally and domestically. This aspiration remains fundamental to the organisation's strategic planning.	There is sufficient access for high performance clubs to indoor training and competition facilities.



NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
	<p><b>Vision, Mission and values</b></p> <p>The 10-1-1 policy refers to three key targets for the sport:</p> <p>10 - Aspire to establish netball as a top 10 participation sport in England</p> <p>1 - Aspire to establish netball as the first-choice team sport for women and girls</p> <p>1 - Aspire to achieve and maintain Number 1 World ranking status</p> <p><b>Strategic goals</b></p> <p>In achieving these 3 central aspirations, England Netball has established 4 strategic goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Grow Participation in the netball by an average of 10,000 participants per year</b></li> <li>● <b>Deliver a 1st class member and participant experience</b></li> <li>● <b>Establish the national team as number 1 in the world by winning the World Netball Championships</b></li> <li>● <b>Lead an effective and progressive infrastructure enabling all involved in the netball experience to collaborate as one team aligned behind one dream.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Guiding Principles:</b></p> <p>Finally, England Netball has identified 9 guiding principles to help shape decision making within the organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>We are a customer-focused sport business. We will always place the participant at the heart of everything we do and provide the best quality service we can, but we will balance that with the need to grow and manage a sustainable business.</b></li> <li>● <b>We will value and respect the contribution and needs of our volunteer workforce who are integral to our success.</b></li> </ul>	<p>The future priorities are to improve access to indoor training facilities and the quality of outdoor surfaces used by grassroots netball clubs for both training and competition.</p> <p>Demand for indoor courts at Loughborough University means it is difficult to put on 'Back to Netball' Courses, or netball Now (turn up, pay and play opportunities).</p> <p>It is also difficult in Charnwood to get access to courts for health-related provision such as Walking Netball, which is a specific offer for older people</p>



NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will centrally coordinate and locally deliver our portfolio of programmes and products targeting resources at the point of need (one size does not fit all), by ensuring pathways are integrated and securing a return to on our investment (financially or socially) creating capacity to reinvest in the business and deliver long-term sustainability.</li> <li>• We will be innovative and progressive in our thinking, always connecting short-term actions to medium-term strategies and long-term goals, while striving to improve the quality and standard of what we do and how we do it.</li> <li>• We will work as ‘one team aligned to one dream’ for the benefit of netball in England and as such we will succeed or fail together.</li> <li>• We will work in partnership and collaboration where there is a mutual benefit in terms of operational effectiveness and efficiency, value for money and added value for participants in netball.</li> <li>• We will develop, enable and encourage programmes and activities that have a positive and beneficial impact on the lives of netball participants.</li> <li>• We will establish integrated planning and process pathways that enable rather than constrain service excellence, making England Netball easy to do business with and add value to the participant.</li> <li>• We will recognise and celebrate individual and collective contributions and success.</li> </ul> <p><b>Delivery Methods</b></p> <p>In order to deliver the strategic goals of netball, England Netball has established multiple participation programmes. programmes are detailed below:</p> <p>Traditional 7-aside: 7 aside is the longstanding format of the game that most girls are introduced to at school. The game is played to a professional level as part of the Netball Superleague to regional amateur leagues around the country.</p> <p>Back to Netball: A key participation programme for netball, Back to Netball sessions are run nationally with the intention of reintroducing women back into the sport.</p>	



NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
	<p>Netball England report that over 60,000 women have taken part in these sessions since 2010.</p> <p>Netball Now: A turn up and play session of netball with an emphasis on low organisation for the player, with no assigned teams or organised leagues. Netball Now targeted at 16 - 21-year olds and is seen as a partner to the Back to Netball programme.</p> <p>High 5: The entry game for netball targeted at children aged 9-11. The game can be mixed or single sex and is designed to get children playing the game in an active and enjoyable way.</p> <p>I Heart Leagues: Designed to provide a social and gentle introduction into match play. The leagues are designed for players who have participated in the Back to Netball program or Social Players looking for a weekly, light but competitive game.</p> <p>Netball in the City: An annual competition that targets corporate teams based around central venues in large cities. The closest league to Charnwood is in Nottingham.</p> <p>Nets: A fast, tactical variant of 7 aside netball, Nets is a high impact version of netball played exclusively indoors in high tensions cages. The closest Nets venue to Charnwood is Leicester Sports Centre.</p> <p>Walking Netball: A slower version of the 7 aside game played only at walking pace. The programme is targeted at older demographics with a key focus on sociability and enjoyment</p> <p>Charnwood, and specifically Loughborough is a key area of delivery for netball in the East Midlands with several regional leagues based at Loughborough Leisure Centre and across two venues at Loughborough University. In addition to this, one of the sport's professional Vitality Netball Super League teams, Loughborough Lightning is based in the borough and plays out of Loughborough University. Loughborough University is also the current base for England Netball's administrative Headquarters and World Class Performance Programmes.</p> <p>In terms of outdoor netball, there is little community demand that is considered to be a part of the 'netball' family' (netball that falls under the umbrella of the programmes run by or affiliated to England Netball). However, the outdoor courts are vital for school netball. Outdoor courts are occasionally utilised for outdoor tournaments. To operate, these tournaments require facilities with a minimum of 6 courts to operate.</p>	



NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
	<p>There is also an interest in multi-use sand dressed artificial surfaces to enable grass roots and recreational netball in partnership with hockey and tennis. Such a facility could form an alternative offer to 3G surfaces but would be subject to appropriate slip resistance levels being met.</p> <p>There are a number of affiliated Clubs that use Loughborough Leisure Centre - located in the town centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Charnwood Rutland Netball Club</b></li> <li>● <b>Hinckley Hurricanes</b></li> <li>● <b>Moll Buzzers</b></li> <li>● <b>Nottingham City Netball Club</b></li> <li>● <b>Papura</b></li> <li>● <b>Phoenix Loughborough</b></li> <li>● <b>Scorpions</b></li> <li>● <b>Sence Valley</b></li> <li>● <b>Sutton Bonnington Netball Club</b></li> <li>● <b>The Dragons</b></li> </ul> <p>Moll Buzzers and Scorpions are the only Clubs that use the Centre for training. All listed use the Centre for fixtures as the it is the base for the Loughborough Town district League.</p> <p>Based on the League’s website (<a href="http://www.ltnl.co.uk/">http://www.ltnl.co.uk/</a>) the fixtures take place September to June, 2 indoor courts, midday to 6pm on Saturdays.</p> <p>These facilities are also used on selected Sundays for Cup and Plate competitions.</p> <p>The University facilities – all three courts at Sir David Wallace Sports Hall (main 12 court hall), and the 2 courts at the Netball Centre are used on Saturday mornings for the East Midlands Regional League Fixtures. This venue is also home of the Loughborough Lightning Super League Franchise and is the base for England Netball’s National training programmes.</p> <p>According to England Netball records, there are a couple of other indoor venues that Clubs use for training within Charnwood.</p>	



NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
	<p>These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Charnwood Rutland Netball Club - Charnwood Academy, Thorpe Hill (School)</b></li> <li>● <b>Scorpions - Loughborough College, Radmoor Road</b></li> <li>● <b>Soar Valley Allsorts - Rawlins Academy, Loughborough Road, Quorn</b></li> </ul> <p>There is a need for increased netball access to sports hall space.</p>	
TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND	<p>Previously, TTE has worked in 'priority zones' which were defined as local authority areas with significant potential to grow our sport. With the shift towards the 'core market' we will be looking to work with proactive and developing clubs and leagues to improve retention rates and table tennis experience to ensure our members become more resilient.</p>	No response received despite chasing
VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND	<p>Facility needs in Charnwood District are currently being met.</p> <p>Currently club/academy delivery takes place across Loughborough University, Loughborough College and Limehurst School.</p>	

N.B. All NGBs were contacted several times and asked for their input to this strategy.



- 5.10 In relation to sports hall sports, no response has been received from Basketball England, despite several requests for them to feed back.
- 5.11 Based on the above feedback, it is clear there is further potential to develop participation in badminton, given the NGB priorities and views on current provision.

**SUMMARY OF SPORTS HALL SPORTS CLUB VIEWS**

5.12 A questionnaire was sent to all indoor sports clubs in the Borough; this was supplemented with follow up telephone consultations wherever possible, to ensure a representative response was received. Despite contacting clubs individually, a low response was received. However, 4 of the priority indoor sports clubs (two sports hall sports and two swimming clubs) identified by Charnwood Borough Council eventually responded. A full summary of the Sports Club Survey is included at Appendix 3. All additional feedback is summarised in the relevant sports section of this Section 5.

**Table 5.2: Summary of Sports Club Consultation – Sports Hall Sports**

CLUB	KEY ISSUE FOR CLUB
<b>CHARNWOOD NETBALL CLUB</b>  Charnwood Academy, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 4SQ	The club identified the following issue with the venue it uses (Charnwood Academy): "Floor slippery for top standard of netball, extremely expensive".  As the Club develops and membership grows, it will need a minimum of two courts and more court time (Charnwood Academy)  Increased membership will result from more Coaches and Funding
<b>LOUGHBOROUGH TECH BADMINTON CLUB</b>	Play at Loughborough College. Facilities good, have access to times and space they need. Membership 12 – 15 adults



## SPORT ENGLAND FACILITY PLANNING MODEL (FPM)

Strategic Leisure was provided with Sport England's Facilities Planning Model National Run (July 2017 report, based on January 2017 National Run data) for sports hall provision in Charnwood.

The FPM reports were derived from a local run; whilst the national run information is the baseline. For all of the runs undertaken for Charnwood the national run picture was adjusted as agreed to reflect local circumstances including the run scenarios and population change, plus the facility audit and consultation work identifying that a number of sports halls do not actually provide for any community access. The FPM analysis and the overall supply and demand analysis are based on the same number of existing and planned sports hall facilities.

The FPM modelling runs are:

- **Run 1** - Supply, demand and access to sports halls based on the population in Charnwood Borough and the neighbouring authorities in 2017, with the changed hours for community use at the University of Loughborough and the Welbeck 6th Form Defence College and excluding the Holywell Fitness Centre
- **Run 2** - Supply, demand and access to sports halls in 2036, based on the projected change in population 2017 – 2036 in Charnwood Borough and applying bespoke population projections. ONS population projections are applied to the neighbouring local authorities and including the facility changes in Run 1
- **Run 2 also tests**
  - a) the impact of the closure of the Hermitage Leisure Centre in NW Leicestershire and opening a new 8 badminton court sports hall in Coalville in 2022; and
  - b) the impact of proposals for two additional sports halls within Charnwood, as part of strategic urban extensions, at West of Loughborough, with a 3-badminton court size sports hall planned to open in 2025. Plus, the inclusion for a 4-badminton court size sports hall at the strategic urban extension North East of Leicester planned to open in 2023.

The differences between the two FPM Runs are:

- **The year being considered**
- **Run 1 looks at changed operating hours in identified facilities to reflect the current level of provision and access**
- **Run 2 uses the same data as Run 1, but looks at the impact of a new 8 badminton court hall opening in Coalville and two new sports halls opening in Charnwood**

## SPORTS HALLS

The Sport England FPM report sets out an assessment of the current situation regarding sports hall supply, based on a 2017 population of 180,286 people, and 212,306 people by 2036, a 17.7% increase between the two years. The key findings are summarised below. The full report and summary analysis can be accessed at Appendix 6. This includes all details of the FPM parameters and assumptions/exclusions.

The FPM modelling is based on the current position in 2017 and then how this changes based on projected population growth up to 2036 and changes in sports hall supply. It includes in Run 2 the proposed addition of two new sports halls in Charnwood and the increase in demand for sports halls from population growth and residential development.

**The headline conclusions of the FPM assessment and findings, based on the modelling undertaken, and reflecting actual patterns of use and accessibility on the ground, is the extensive supply of sports halls in Charnwood (including the two new sports halls in the SUEs) can meet the demand for sports halls in both 2016 and 2036. There is a Borough wide uplift in used capacity of sports halls of 5% between the two years.**



5.13 Table 5.3 summarises the overall supply and demand analysis for sports halls in the Borough.

**Table 5.3: Summary Analysis – Sports Hall Supply and Demand**

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
<b>SPORTS HALLS</b>	
<b>QUANTITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 41 halls in the Borough, over 29 sites (sports halls and activity halls)</li> <li>24 of these are strategic sized sports halls i.e. 3 courts +; 20 offer community access, and 3 offer pay and play community access</li> <li>NGBs and local sports clubs do not raise any specific needs, other than increased capacity for netball.</li> <li>All schools which have on-site sports facilities (except 3) have an ambition to increase access for community use</li> <li>There is already some sport and physical activity being delivered in village and community halls across the Borough; there is opportunity to increase awareness of this and to extend it, particularly where there are halls available, but no pay and play community access</li> <li>Loughborough Leisure Centre has an average used capacity of 94% and Soar Valley Leisure Centre 100% at peak times. The average across the education sports halls available for community use (sports clubs/associations) is 35%-55% in the weekly peak period; there is therefore, some potential to increase use at these sites.</li> </ul> <p><b>FUTURE DEMAND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The FPM identifies that there is a supply and demand balance by 2036, as there are already proposals for two new sports halls in the SUEs to the West of Loughborough, and the North East of Leicester. The total of 7 new badminton courts is justified.</li> <li>It is important to highlight that given the supply/demand balance none of the existing provision should be lost; it could be replaced/re-located, but not reduced, given that there are only 3 community accessible sports halls (pay and play) in Charnwood.</li> <li>Existing community access at education sites needs to be maintained as a minimum and secured wherever possible with a formal CUA.</li> <li>Any new sports halls developed on education sites should provide community access as a result of a planning condition; this should wherever possible include pay and play access.</li> </ul>
<b>QUALITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The average age of sports halls in Charnwood is 25 years old.</li> <li>Quality varies across the facilities, but the majority are in good condition.</li> <li>Charnwood Borough Council provides two sports halls. One at Loughborough Leisure Centre, built in 1975 and refurbished in 2012, and Soar Valley Leisure Centre built in 2004.</li> </ul>
<b>ACCESSIBILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geographically, strategic size sports halls are well distributed across the Borough,</li> <li>The majority of the Borough is within a 10-minute drivetime catchment of a sports hall (green area on Map 4.4). All residents in the Borough are within a 20-minute drivetime of a sports hall.</li> </ul>



FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall, there is low unmet demand across the Borough for sports halls</li> <li>However, the two planned new sports halls (total 7 new courts) in the two SUEs are justified (one West of Loughborough 3 badminton courts, and one North East of Leicester 4 badminton courts)</li> </ul>
AVAILABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Charnwood there is a very high level of sports hall and Activity Hall provision. However, the majority provides for sports club/association use.</li> <li>Two sports halls – Loughborough Leisure Centre and Soar Valley Leisure Centre, both provided by Charnwood Borough Council, and managed by Fusion, provide for pay and play access i.e. 12 badminton courts from a total of 132 (9%). These are also the only two sports halls providing daytime access to the community.</li> <li>The majority of the strategic size halls are on education sites with limited daytime access; there are no formal CUAs in place</li> <li>The limited daytime access to sports hall provision highlights the importance of the community and activity halls which are available during the day, particularly for the older population, or those without private transport</li> <li>There are 18 Activity Halls, and 15 of these provide for community access (sports clubs/associations). None of the Activity Halls provide pay and play access.</li> <li>There are also a large number of informal community centres/halls which provide for a wide range of activities, including sport and physical activity, at local level.</li> </ul>



SWIMMING POOLS

CONSULTATION

SCHOOLS' SURVEY

5.14 Full details of the school survey are given at paragraphs 5.4-5.7 and in Appendix 3. There were no issues raised by schools regarding swimming pool provision.

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES (NGBS)

5.15 Consultation was undertaken with National Governing Bodies (NGB's), to identify their views on the need for swimming pool provision in Charnwood. The views of Swim England are summarised in Table 5.4.

**Table 5.4: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – Aquatic Activities**

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY	CURRENT FOCUS/PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS/PRIORITIES
SWIM ENGLAND	<p>The swimming pool provision in Charnwood DC is exemplary with a very large surplus of water space; however, this is mainly due to the provision of the 50m pool on Loughborough University campus, which actually has limited community use, but its scale tends to skew the data.</p> <p>Regardless the community provision is very well distributed across the District serving the principal population bases. The quality and size of the community use pools is good with one 25m x 6 lane pool at Loughborough Leisure Centre.</p> <p>The community pools support swimming clubs of reasonable size but with room for increase</p>	<p>Growth and stability</p> <p>Maintain the status quo across the Borough</p>

SUMMARY OF AQUATIC SPORTS CLUB VIEWS

5.16 Three Aquatic Clubs responded to the consultation. Their key issues are summarised in Table 5.5.

**Table 5.5: Summary of Sports Club Consultation – Aquatic Sports**

CLUB	KEY ISSUE FOR CLUB
LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN SC	<p>The swimming club is based at Loughborough Leisure Centre.</p> <p>The Club is not keen for other clubs to access the available water space; the swimming club state that “We wouldn’t recommend it as we struggle to find enough pool time for our own swimmers without having this reduced for use by a similar organisation”</p> <p>As membership continues to grow, the Club needs access to more water space: “Lanes (not whole pool) for a morning session, potential increase or additional days whilst still keeping costs down”</p> <p>The rationale for growing membership is to: “Strengthen clubs’ teams and increase swimmer participation in the area”</p> <p>As the Club develops, it needs support as follows: <b>“Learn to swim club links, work around finances and support to access grants”</b></p>



CLUB	KEY ISSUE FOR CLUB
<p><b>SHEPSHED DOLPHINS (DISABILITY SWIMMING)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disabled, Recovery and rehabilitation.</li> <li>• 50 members from 6 months to 80 years of age.</li> <li>• Have a programme of activities between 10.30-12.30 at Iveshead School– lane swim, fitness class, free time (shedsheddolphins.org.uk)</li> <li>• 2no. disabled change rooms, main change rooms, pool hoist.</li> <li>• Swimming pool committee works with school to look at ways to keep improving the pool.</li> <li>• Club needs more volunteers for the welcome desk and to lead sessions, need 3 people at each weekly session.</li> </ul> <p>A core group of members keeps the club funded; there is also a relationship with respite centre Glebe House who access sessions.</p>
<p><b>SHEPSHED SWIMMING CLUB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership decreased over last 3 years but is projected to grow by 20 over the next 3; use Iveshead School for all training and swimming.</li> <li>• The facility is adequate to poor – priority areas for the Club are facility maintenance, value for money and improved changing rooms.</li> <li>• Shepshed Swimming Club can only access 1 pool; this is the school pool at Iveshead School. Due to this the pool suffers from a lack of investment as funding comes out of the school budget. This also means the long-term viability of this pool is under threat. The loss of this pool would be the end of our club and the end of all swimming facilities in Shepshed.</li> <li>• Shepshed is in desperate need of investment into swimming facilities before it is too late, and we lose all access to swimming in the town.</li> <li>• Better links to local schools and Swimming lesson programmes are needed to achieve club’s potential.</li> <li>• The Club draws members from Shepshed and surrounding villages; the Club would not recommend the facility to other users.</li> </ul>



## SPORT ENGLAND FACILITY PLANNING MODEL

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The FPM analysis and the overall supply and demand analysis are based on the same number of existing and planned swimming facilities.

The FPM modelling runs are:

- **Run 1**  
Supply, demand and access to swimming pools based on the population in Charnwood Borough and the neighbouring authorities in 2017
- **Run 2**  
Supply, demand and access to swimming pools in 2036, based on the projected change in population 2017 – 2036 in Charnwood Borough and applying bespoke population projections. ONS population projections are applied to the neighbouring local authorities.
- **Run 2 also tests**  
The impact of the closure of the Hermitage Leisure Centre swimming pool in NW Leicestershire and opening a new 25m x 8 lane swimming pool in Coalville in 2022
- **Run 3**  
Supply, demand and access to swimming pools, as in run 2, but also including the impact of the potential closure of two swimming pools on education sites: these being Charnwood Academy a 25m x 4 lane pool; and Iveshead School also a 25m x 4 lane pool but of smaller lane width

## SWIMMING POOLS

The Sport England FPM report sets out an assessment of the current situation regarding swimming pool supply, based on a 2017 population of 180,286 people, and 212,306 people by 2036, a 17.7% increase between the two years. The key findings are summarised below. The full report can be accessed at Appendix 6. This includes all details of the FPM parameters and assumptions/exclusions.

The FPM modelling is based on the current position in 2017 and then how this position changes based on projected population growth up to 2036 and changes in swimming pool supply. It includes in Run 2 the proposed addition of a new swimming pool in North West Leicestershire to replace the Hermitage Centre.

In Run 2 the potential future closure of two school pools (Charnwood Academy and Iveshead School) by 2036 is considered; this is purely a possible scenario given the age and condition of the pool facilities and the current trends on education sites of closing swimming pools.



This scenario is modelled simply to illustrate the impact of two school pools closing, to ensure the planning for future provision is resilient to this kind of eventuality, and importantly protects community and pay and play access to water space.

**The headline conclusions of the FPM assessment and findings, is that there is unmet demand for swimming in 2017; this would increase if two education pools were to close by 2036 (Run 3).**

Based on the FPM assessment and findings, the demand for swimming pools does exceed supply – in both 2017 and 2036, when simply looking and comparing the Charnwood demand with the Charnwood supply of pools. However, over 90% of the Charnwood demand for swimming pools in both years can be met.

The impact of a potential closure of two education pool sites is to increase unmet demand to 6% of total demand and 129 sqm of water. In 2017 unmet demand equates to 74 sqm of water, by 2036 it is 104 sqm of water space. If up to two education pools were to close by 2036 then the unmet demand could increase to 129 sqm of water space. (For context, a 4-lane x 25m pool is circa 212 sqm of water space, depending on lane width).

Whilst unmet demand is low the pools are estimated to have a high level of pool capacity used, especially the public leisure centre pools in both 2017 and up to 2036. Consequently, reducing the supply of pools, albeit by two quite small pools on education sites, does exacerbate the overall supply and demand balance.

However, the impact of the potential closure of two education pools is to make the public leisure centre pools even more full.

On grounds of reducing the used capacity of the public swimming pools and re-distributing demand, so as to create some headroom of capacity at the public pools, there could be negotiated access to more community use of the pools on the remaining education sites. However, the core business case for the public swimming pools may very well preclude sharing of pool use with other pool sites. In which case the FPM assessment is that the public swimming pools will continue to operate at a very high level of use.

- 5.17 The Thurmaston Primary School Swimming Pool (small pool) facility has been closed for the last 2 years and is not included in Active Places nor the Facility Planning Model runs (see Section 5 above). The total sqm of this pool is 72 sqm i.e. smaller than the strategic size of 160 sqm which is the minimum size considered to be viable for public pay and play access.
- 5.18 There are proposals, supported by Thurmaston Parish Council to re-open the pool; this proposal was not highlighted in any response by the Parish Council to the Indoor Facility Strategy consultation. Although located in the South of Charnwood, and close to the North East of Leicester SUE, it is unlikely, given its size and location on a primary school site, to offer significant pay and play swimming opportunities. Whilst there may be an opportunity to offer swimming lessons/use for groups/organisations, none of this is as yet clear. Additional water space is beneficial for young people in an education setting in terms of learn to swim, but this amount of water space would not on its own mitigate the identified current and future under-supply of provision.



5.19 Table 5.6 summarises the overall supply and demand analysis for swimming pools in the Borough.

**Table 5.6: Summary Analysis – Swimming Pool Supply and Demand**

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS																					
<b>SWIMMING POOLS</b>																						
<b>QUANTITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 14 swimming pools in the Borough, over 13 sites (main pools, learner pools)</li> <li>5 pools are strategic sized swimming pools i.e. 160 sqm +</li> <li>5 pools (main), provide community pay and play access; 10 pools are on education sites, providing for club /community group access</li> <li>The FPM identifies unmet demand for swimming of 3.9% in 2017 and 6% by 2036 <b>(Run 3)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>FUTURE DEMAND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The FPM analysis highlights that there is current and future unmet demand for water space (Run 3); the potential closure of two ageing education pools in poor condition, and population growth will further increase demand levels; this will mean that the existing Charnwood Borough Council pools become uncomfortably full.</li> <li>Given all the issues surrounding supply and demand for water space, one option to address them is to take the whole negative supply/demand balance and provide for this in the area of highest unmet demand for swimming. The FPM highlights this as being in the south of the Borough, and specifically around the Birstall area.</li> <li>The current and future level of unmet demand in the Borough suggests there is an opportunity to consider additional provision of swimming pools.</li> <li>There are significant capacity issues relating to high levels of demand for swimming lessons at both South Charnwood Leisure Centre and Soar Valley Leisure Centre which further evidence that there is insufficient current provision to accommodate demand within existing swimming pools.</li> <li>Fusion, Charnwood’s leisure facility operator has identified the throughput of users attending swim schools:</li> </ul> <p><b>Table 7: Fusion data - Swim Schools</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Soar Valley</th> <th>South Charnwood</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total number in swim school</td> <td>1226</td> <td>923</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total number of places available in swim school</td> <td>1539</td> <td>1007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Occupancy (%)</td> <td>79.66%</td> <td>91.66%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vacant (%)</td> <td>20.34%</td> <td>8.34%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group waiting List</td> <td>38</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-2-1 waiting list</td> <td>91</td> <td>39</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Source: Fusion, (Charnwood Borough Council, Broadnook Swim Assessment), 2016</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiting list for groups are related to the swimming ability of each child, and the capacity in the relevant classes. Parent and toddler and level 1 are the main areas where there is currently insufficient capacity to meet demand.</li> </ul>		Soar Valley	South Charnwood	Total number in swim school	1226	923	Total number of places available in swim school	1539	1007	Occupancy (%)	79.66%	91.66%	Vacant (%)	20.34%	8.34%	Group waiting List	38	8	1-2-1 waiting list	91	39
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Total number of places available in swim school	1539	1007																				
Occupancy (%)	79.66%	91.66%																				
Vacant (%)	20.34%	8.34%																				
Group waiting List	38	8																				
1-2-1 waiting list	91	39																				



FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
SWIMMING POOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting lists for 1-2-1s is due to time and pool space.</li> <li>• The data shows that Soar Valley is operating at circa 80% occupancy and South Charnwood at circa 92% during swim lessons within the peak period. Sport England recommends that a comfort level for swimming pools should be 80%, which means that Soar Valley is operating at capacity and South Charnwood is operating 12% over capacity for swim lessons during the peak period. These capacity issues are further intensified by the 'Group waiting lists' and '1-2-1 waiting lists', particularly at Soar Valley. Significantly, the lack of capacity is impacting on those at an early stage in participation in sport and physical activity, where it is so important to establish a lifestyle behavior, and well as acquire a vital life skill. To meet the existing demand, never mind that which will result from population growth, there is a need to provide additional water space capacity.</li> <li>• Addressing the area of highest unmet demand would mean developing new provision in the south of the Borough.</li> <li>• There is potential to develop a learner pool at Soar Valley Leisure Centre, where there is already significant latent demand for swimming lessons, and where there is the smallest main pool in the Borough. The south, and specifically Birstall is also the area where there is highest current unmet demand for swimming, and where there is new housing development underway.</li> </ul>
QUALITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charnwood Borough Council's swimming pools are of good quality.</li> <li>• The majority of the education facilities, although offering a good level of provision, are ageing facilities, with the majority of pools built in 1976 or earlier</li> </ul>
ACCESSIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of the Borough's residents have access to the five pay and play swimming pools (4 sites) within a 20-minute drivetime, and some residents can access the pools in a 10-minute drivetime.</li> <li>• There is a level of exported use to neighbouring pools (19% of satisfied demand is at pools outside the Borough).</li> </ul>
AVAILABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 pools are accessible for daytime use (Loughborough Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre and South Charnwood Leisure Centre). Of the 14 pools, 5 main pools (1 large learner pool plus 4 main pools) are community pay and play accessible facilities, during operating hours.</li> <li>• Both Loughborough and Soar Valley Leisure Centre pools are operating at very high levels of use.</li> <li>• There is potentially some existing capacity at some of the pools on education sites, but this will not address unmet demand for public swimming.</li> <li>• Future unmet demand for swimming pools as a result of population growth cannot be accommodated in the existing swimming pool stock.</li> </ul>



HEALTH AND FITNESS FACILITIES

CONSULTATION

5.20 Consultation did not identify any specific issues or needs for future provision of health and fitness facilities from schools, sports clubs or NGBs.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS

**Table 5.7: Summary Analysis – Health and Fitness Supply and Demand**

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
<b>HEALTH AND FITNESS (FITNESS SUITES AND STUDIOS)</b>	
<b>QUANTITY</b>	<p>There are 26 fitness suites in the Borough, with a total of 1540 fitness stations. Charnwood Borough Council facilities provide 13.1% of all fitness stations in the Borough.</p> <p>There are 22 studios in the Borough, 7 of which are pay and play community accessible.</p> <p><b>SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS</b></p> <p>The existing commercial sector fitness suite provision in the Borough is used by some residents. None of the commercial fitness suites are high end fitness companies, so membership cost is comparable with the Charnwood Borough Council facilities.</p> <p>On this basis, the assessment of the current and future need for fitness facilities reflects the fact that Borough residents are likely to use those facilities which offer provision and a membership rate comparable to public sector facilities. The assessment of need (See Appendices 9 and 10) therefore includes the following commercial facilities, as ‘pay and play ‘on the basis of ‘affordability’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pure Gym – 200 fitness stations</b></li> <li>• <b>Anytime Fitness - 50 fitness stations</b></li> <li>• <b>Energie Fitness 150 fitness stations</b></li> </ul> <p><b>CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND</b></p> <p>Based on there being 623 pay and play community accessible and affordable fitness stations in Charnwood (all Charnwood Borough Council facilities, other pay and play facilities and the three-identified commercial affordable fitness facilities), there is a current over-supply of +104 stations, given demand is for 519 fitness stations (See Appendix 9).</p> <p>There is a need to retain pay and play community accessible and affordable fitness stations in the Borough, to facilitate existing levels of participation.</p>

**FACILITY TYPE**      **ASSESSMENT FINDINGS**

Map 5.1 illustrates the latent demand analysis for fitness stations in the Borough. Latent demand is the demand that exists in an area for a specific facility, that is not currently met.

Although this map is predicated on slightly different assumptions to those used in Appendices 9 and 10 (these use the 15+ population of the Borough, whereas this map uses the overall Borough population), essentially the same picture emerges i.e. there is some latent demand for fitness provision across the Borough, where there is dark green on Map 5.1 e.g. the north, North East and in and around Loughborough.

**FUTURE DEMAND**

Future demand for pay and play community accessible fitness stations is calculated at 615 fitness stations (See Appendix 8).

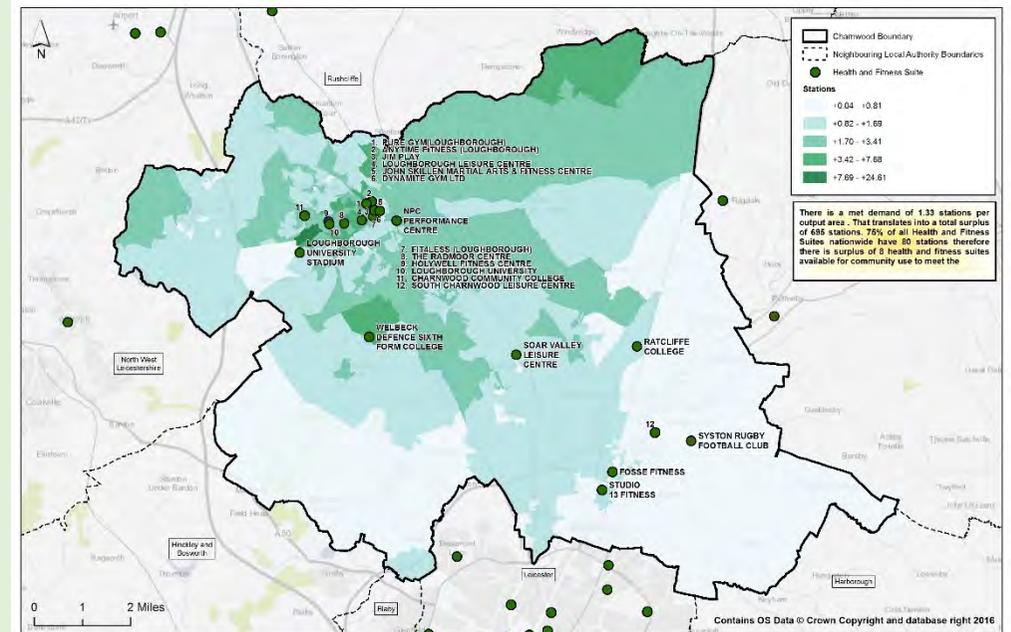
Based on current provision of 623 pay and play community accessible and affordable fitness stations this means there would be an over-supply of +8 stations by 2036, assuming no new facilities are opened, and no facilities close.

Given the identified latent demand, and the low over-supply by 2036, there is potential to look at addressing the need for additional fitness stations in a number of ways.

These could include:

- **Extension of existing fitness facilities**
- **Development of new facilities**
- **Providing fitness equipment (circa 5-6 stations) in a number of community centres/halls to provide more local participative opportunities i.e. community gyms. Users would need to undergo an induction, as with any fitness facilities, but could then use provision at a very local level.**

**Map 5.1: Latent Demand for Fitness Stations in Charnwood**



Health and Fitness Suites latent demand in stations per output area in Charnwood



FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
QUALITY	<p>The quality of studios is generally good with a number of facilities having been built recently. Generally, fitness suites are more modern than other elements in the existing facilities.</p> <p>Studios are also good quality.</p>
ACCESSIBILITY	<p>Fitness Suites are located across the Borough; all Borough residents are within a 20-minute drive time catchment of a community accessible fitness suite. Most of the Borough has access to the three pay and play fitness suites (3 sites) within a 10-minute drivetime, and all residents can access pay and play community fitness facilities in a 20-minute drivetime. There are also fitness facilities in neighbouring local authority areas which are as accessible to residents living close to the Charnwood boundary.</p>
AVAILABILITY	<p>46% of the existing fitness provision in the Borough is provided through the commercial sector (703 out of 1537 stations). There is 1 small sports club-based facility with 4 fitness stations.</p> <p>The fitness suites on education sites are available in the main for sports club/association use, and do not provide pay and play access.</p> <p>There is community pay and play access to fitness suites during the day, as well as evenings and weekends, at Charnwood Borough Council facilities.</p> <p>Of the 22 studios in the Borough 10 are accessible for community use, and 7 offer pay and play usage.</p> <p>28% of all studios are provided by commercial operators as part of an overall fitness offer; these providers are the same as those operating commercial fitness suites.</p>



SQUASH

CONSULTATION

SCHOOLS' CONSULTATION

5.21 Consultation undertaken with schools did not identify any specific needs for/comments on, squash court provision.

NGB CONSULTATION

**Table 5.8: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation - England Squash and Racketball**

NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
ENGLAND SQUASH AND RACKETBALL	<p>The Active People Survey (APS) has shown an increase of 15,200 on 2015 figures ES is investigating how squash can be played in different venues on single walls (such as in a tennis court). ES has developed a participation programmes using Apps to show activity content and monitor data.</p> <p>ES is currently undergoing some work on a facilities strategy which will help identify the best way forward for squash facilities across the country. This could include looking at programming and protecting facilities.</p>	No feedback received from England Squash and Racketball despite several requests for a response to contact made.

SPORTS CLUB CONSULTATION

5.22 Charnwood Squash Club and Squash Skills responded to the Club survey, but did not raise any specific issues, needs or comments on current and future provision of squash courts in the Borough.

**Table 5.9: Summary Analysis – Squash Courts Supply and Demand**

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
SQUASH COURTS	
QUANTITY	<p>There are 16 squash courts in the Borough, at 6 facilities. There are 7 glass-back courts.</p> <p><b>FUTURE DEMAND</b></p> <p>There is no specific methodology for assessing the current and future need for squash courts. Overall participation in squash is increasing at national level, and this is now being seen at local level. Squash is a high-profile sport at Loughborough University, and this may also impact at local level with students playing for local teams and clubs.</p> <p>Competitive squash is predominantly now played in clubs, from a club facility.</p> <p>No demand has been identified for additional squash courts in the Borough, by clubs or the NGB.</p> <p>There is significant junior squash development provided for in Leicester and Nottingham.</p>



FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
QUALITY	The quality of existing squash courts is generally of a reasonable to good standard; however, all courts were built pre - 2005, and are now ageing. Some thought will need to be given to their replacement in the longer term.
ACCESSIBILITY	The majority of the existing squash courts are located in and around the main areas of population in the Borough. Courts are distributed reasonably evenly throughout the Borough.
AVAILABILITY	There are 3 pay and play community accessible squash courts in the Borough, none of which are glass-back courts.



GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING

- 5.23 There are three dedicated gymnastics facilities in the Borough, one at Loughborough University, Performance Sport Centre, and two in industrial units (8 Weldon Road, and Unit 4, Viking Court, Loughborough). Gymnastics and trampolining are also offered in a number of sports hall venues.
- 5.24 The three purpose-built facilities are excellent quality.
- 5.25 Consultation with British Gymnastics and Trampolining is summarised in Table 5.10.

**Table 5.10: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation - British Gymnastics and Trampolining**

NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
<p><b>BRITISH GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING</b></p>	<p>British Gymnastics facility development priorities (for the period 2017 - 2021) outlined are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support increased capacity within gymnastics through clubs, leisure providers and other delivery providers</li> <li>• Guide funding investment through the United Kingdom from British Gymnastics, Home Country Sports Councils, Local Authorities and other potential funders</li> <li>• Maintain and improve the quality of facilities and equipment within existing delivery partners.</li> <li>• Develop insight, understanding and direction of how Facility Developments can contribute towards other BG Strategic Priorities</li> </ul> <p>There is no geographic focus to the British Gymnastics Facility Strategy. Focus is based on need, suitability and partners' ability to support a project to successful completion.</p> <p>There is limited provision of access to facilities within Charnwood with all clubs having membership waiting lists; this situation restricts access to gymnastic activities due to the lack of time within both dedicated, and non-dedicated, facilities.</p> <p>Charnwood Trampoline Club and Kingston Vale Trampoline Club are both actively looking at Facility development projects.</p>	<p>British Gymnastics strategic priorities are outlined in the Strategic Framework (2017 - 2021)</p> <p>British Gymnastics priorities (for the period 2017 - 2021) outlined are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diversify sources of revenue to develop and grow the provision of gymnastics</b></li> <li>• <b>Build the capacity and grow the demand in gymnastics</b></li> <li>• <b>Raise the profile and increase the appeal of gymnastics</b></li> </ul>



NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES																														
	<p>Charnwood Trampoline Club has put in a Community Activation Fund (CAF) application. Kingston Vale Trampoline Club is working closely with the local authority exploring the options of a multi-sport site.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #92d050;">CLUBS</th> <th style="background-color: #92d050;">PARTICIPANTS</th> <th style="background-color: #92d050;">CLUB VENUE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Charnwood TC</td> <td>40</td> <td>Loughborough and Leys Leisure Centres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kingston Vale GC</td> <td>180</td> <td>East Leake Leisure centre and Loughborough Gymnastics Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Students GC</td> <td>220</td> <td>Loughborough University Gymnastics Centre (part of Performance Sports facilities)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Acro GC</td> <td>231</td> <td>Dedicated centre – Unit 8 Weldon Road, Loughborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough GA</td> <td>520</td> <td>Dedicated centre – Unit 8 Weldon Road, Loughborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greenbank GC</td> <td>59</td> <td>Burleigh Community College and Upstarts GC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Springers GC</td> <td>424</td> <td>Humphrey Parkins School (Beaumont Leys Leisure Centre) Loughborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upstarts GC</td> <td>454</td> <td>Dedicated centre – Unit 4 Viking Court, Loughborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KV Boys</td> <td>41</td> <td>East Leake Leisure centre</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There is a demand for more gymnastics opportunities and Clubs all report large waiting lists.</p>	CLUBS	PARTICIPANTS	CLUB VENUE	Charnwood TC	40	Loughborough and Leys Leisure Centres	Kingston Vale GC	180	East Leake Leisure centre and Loughborough Gymnastics Centre	Loughborough Students GC	220	Loughborough University Gymnastics Centre (part of Performance Sports facilities)	Loughborough Acro GC	231	Dedicated centre – Unit 8 Weldon Road, Loughborough	Loughborough GA	520	Dedicated centre – Unit 8 Weldon Road, Loughborough	Greenbank GC	59	Burleigh Community College and Upstarts GC	Little Springers GC	424	Humphrey Parkins School (Beaumont Leys Leisure Centre) Loughborough	Upstarts GC	454	Dedicated centre – Unit 4 Viking Court, Loughborough	KV Boys	41	East Leake Leisure centre	
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5.26 There is already a large participation base for gymnastics and trampolining in the Borough.

5.27 On the basis that at least two local clubs are developing facility projects, it appears there is a need for additional provision at local level.



INDOOR BOWLS

CONSULTATION

SCHOOLS' CONSULTATION

5.28 Consultation undertaken with schools did not identify any specific needs for/comments on, indoor bowling facilities.

NGB CONSULTATION

ENGLAND INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION (EIBA)

Table 5.11: Summary of National Governing Body Consultation – England Indoor Bowls Association

NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES	
ENGLAND INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION (EIBA)	There is one EIBA Affiliated Club in Loughborough, with a declared membership in 2014 – 493, 2015 - 457, 2016 -454. The EIBA confirmed the nearest facilities to that in Charnwood are those below, which illustrates the importance of the existing Charnwood indoor bowls facility, given the travel distances involved to alternative provision. The nearest clubs outside of the borough are:	All of our Clubs are encouraged to undertake work which complements our Vision.	
		<b>RINKS</b>	<b>TRAVEL TIME &amp; MILEAGE LE11 3HE</b>
	Charnwood – LE11 3HE	8	
	Erewash IBC, Long Eaton NG19 2EE	9	71 mins (44 miles)
	Nottingham NG8 3FH	8	36 mins (18 miles)
	Rushcliffe NG2 7HY	6	28 mins (14 miles)
	Gedling IBC, Carlton NG4 1RL	6	44 mins (19 miles)
	Grantham NG31 7XQ	6	48 mins (28 miles)
	Melton & District LE13 0LR	8	29 mins (20 miles)
	Uppingham LE15 9QL Size of Green does not comply with Laws of the Sport	2	
	Leicester LE3 5AS	9	23 mins (14 miles)
	Carlton IBC, Enderby LE19 4LX	6	29 mins (18 miles)
	Barwell LE9 8FQ	6	35 mins (19 Miles)
Tamworth B77 4EG	6	43 mins (25 miles)	
9 – Church Gresley DE11 9QW	8	37 mins (18 miles)	
		The 2017-2021 EIBA Vision can be downloaded from website <a href="http://www.eiba.co.uk/about/vision2017-2021.pdf">www.eiba.co.uk/about/vision2017-2021.pdf</a>  The EIBA plan covers the following areas:	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruit and Retain 45+; Recruit and Retain 70+ - two different markets which requires us to find a way to grow both specific groups.</li> <li>The 45+ requiring new versions/formats – the 70+ wishing to keep the current formats.</li> <li>Facilities – Build, Improve, Retain</li> </ul>	



NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth and the Family</li> <li>• Women – increased participation and retention</li> <li>• Disability</li> <li>• Competitions</li> <li>• Internationals</li> <li>• Promotion of our Sport</li> <li>• Commercial partnerships</li> </ul> <p>EIBA Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A growth in participation across the adult population in local Communities. Targeted work to increase Female participation</li> <li>• A growth in participation in the 12-18 age range as part of the “EIBA Development Pathway”</li> <li>• The provision of an excellent sporting experience for new and existing participants</li> <li>• A growth in Indoor Bowls participation by people who have disabilities</li> </ul> <p>Running alongside our work is the Sport England Funded Development work provided jointly by the Indoor NGB (EIBA); Outdoor NGB (Bowls England) and the “Bowls Development Alliance” (BDA). Each NGB has two Directors on the Board of BDA.</p>



NGB	CURRENT FOCUS / PRIORITIES	FUTURE FOCUS / PRIORITIES
		<p>Like all Sports NGB's, the two Bowls NGB's and BDA have been in discussion with Sport England with regards to Funding for 2017 till 2021.</p> <p>Sport England has just advised that "Bowls" will receive £1,628,512 for the next four years to help us to keep more people playing the sport well into later life.</p>



SPORTS CLUB CONSULTATION

5.29 Despite a number of attempts to contact indoor bowling clubs in the Borough, there was no response to the consultation.

**Table 5.12: Summary Analysis – Indoor Bowling Supply and Demand**

FACILITY TYPE	ASSESSMENT FINDINGS
<b>INDOOR BOWLING FACILITIES</b>	
<b>QUANTITY</b>	<p>There is one 8 rink indoor bowls centre in the Borough. Nearest facilities are a minimum of 14 miles away.</p> <p>There is no identified demand for additional bowls facilities in the Borough.</p> <p>However, the Sports Facilities Calculator (SFC) identified that there will be a need to provide an additional 2.56 rinks for indoor bowling by 2036; this equates to use by an additional 399 people per week in the peak period.</p> <p>The additional need identified will need to be considered as part of future planning for provision, given that the nearest alternative centre to that in Loughborough is 14 miles away. The growing population of older people in the Borough will need participation opportunities to keep active, and bowls provides this – both physical and social.</p> <p>The need for additional indoor bowls provision will need to be considered in the longer term, particularly given that some older people do not have access to private transport and therefore would be unable to travel to alternative indoor bowls facilities.</p>
<b>QUALITY</b>	Charnwood Indoor Bowls Centre is of a good quality, is well maintained and in addition to the bowls rink, offers a venue for a variety of medium size social events.
<b>ACCESSIBILITY</b>	The Indoor Bowls Centre is located in the centre of Loughborough, adjacent to Loughborough Leisure Centre, so is on public transport routes. It is within a 20-minute drivetime of much of the Borough.
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	Membership is required to use the facility, but the Club allows for some limited pay and play access.



## 6. PENULTIMATE STAGE - APPLYING THE ASSESSMENT ANALYSIS

### FACILITY SPECIFIC ANALYSIS

6.1 The demographic profile of Charnwood, and the population growth for the Borough, summarised in Section 3, provides an important context for future provision of indoor sports facilities in the Borough, as does the research, consultation, and supply and demand analysis, undertaken to inform this Indoor Sports Facility Strategy. Highlighted below are the key factors and issues taken into account in planning for future facility provision.

- **Population Growth** - Clearly, increased population will result in increased demand for sports facilities; in Charnwood, there will be a need for increased provision of swimming pools. Increased demand for indoor bowls, gymnastics, and trampolining, health and fitness and cycling will also need to be carefully considered.
- **Housing Development**- one of the principal justifications for additional community sports facilities because additional residents increase demand for sports facilities. The population of Charnwood is set to grow significantly by 2036, and there will be a need to ensure good quality community sport and leisure facilities are available to meet existing and future demand. The potential for investment in additional provision of formal sports facilities and community halls, secured through S106 contributions should be explored, given the housing growth planned to 2036. However, it must also be remembered that some of this has already been, or is in the process of being, delivered. Linked to housing development is the potential for other infrastructure development e.g. schools, health facilities, which could also link into future provision of sports facilities.
- **Reduction in Health Inequalities** – more active lifestyles will continue to benefit both individual and community health; although the health of Charnwood’s communities is generally better than that of the region and England as a whole, there are some very specific factors to which the provision of quality, affordable and accessible sports facilities can contribute.
  - **Maintenance of active lifestyles**
  - **Improved mental health**
  - **Reduced levels of smoking**
- **Maintaining and growing participation levels** in sport and physical activity to contribute to more active lifestyles; facilitating more regular activity for the most inactive 17.5% of the Charnwood community (Active Lives March 2017) is a priority.
- **Addressing the existing under-supply of swimming pool provision** – there is a small under-supply of swimming pool provision, (reflecting unmet demand in the Borough) to meet the needs of the existing Charnwood population. Demand for swimming pool provision increases by 2036 as a result of population growth and could be impacted if any existing facilities e.g. school pools close.
- **Planning to replace ageing facilities** – Older facilities are not as operationally efficient, and also tend to be poorer quality. Evidence shows people are more likely to participate in modern, fit for purpose provision. Older sports halls on education sites, and ageing squash courts, will need to be replaced, or as a minimum be extensively refurbished, in the future. Whilst not a current priority, Charnwood Borough Council will also need to give some thought to long term replacement/refurbishment of Loughborough Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre and South Charnwood Leisure Centre.



- **The need to retain and grow participation in physical activity for community health benefits**
- **The need to invest in active environments, where physical activity is the norm**
- **The need to improve accessibility to provision at local level, particularly for the fifth of the population without access to private transport**
- **There is already some sport and physical activity being delivered in community centres/halls across the Borough; there is opportunity to increase awareness of this and to extend it, particularly where there are halls available with pay and play access**
- **The opportunity for investment in ‘active’ infrastructure to facilitate increased provision of cycling, jogging and walking routes in the Borough, connecting new and existing settlements, education and leisure sites**

6.2 Analysis of the specific factors relating to current provision of each facility type is summarised in Table 6.1. The key issues and impacts identified are the priorities to address, and inform the details actions to be taken, partnerships and stakeholders to be developed/worked with; these are detailed in the investment priorities and the subsequent Action Plan.



**Table 6.1: Key Issues, Impacts and Implications by Facility Type**

FACILITY TYPE	KEY ISSUE	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS
SPORTS HALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only 2 sports halls in the Borough provide pay and play and daytime community access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to ensure other informal halls provide daytime opportunities for sport and physical activity, to meet needs of e.g. older people not in work, women looking after young children not in work, shift workers</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majority of sports halls are on education sites; no daytime access; no secured community use agreements (CUAs), so access for sports clubs/associations could be withdrawn at any time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential for sports halls to be taken out of use at any time; need to secure community access arrangements wherever possible, and definitely on new sports halls on education sites, to ensure protection of community access.</li> <li>Where possible, ability to offer pay and play access should be designed into new sports halls</li> <li>CUAs should be considered for all new sports halls, with a specific emphasis on pay and play accessibility</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several ageing facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Longer term need for investment and/or replacement</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor netball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main need is for increased access to courts for training and competition</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highest unmet demand is in the south of the Borough, to the north and north east of Birstall (1 court)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will be mitigated by the planned development of the new sports hall in the SUE to the North East of Leicester (4 badminton courts)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply and demand analysis identifies that there is no need to build new sports halls now, as existing supply can meet demand. However, 2036, there would be an under-supply of sports halls, based on retaining current levels of provision; the FPM Run 2 models the impact of developing a total of two new sports halls (7 badminton courts) in the two SUEs; this additional provision means that a supply/demand balance could be achieved by 2036, as long as all other existing supply is retained, alongside this new provision.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to maintain existing levels of community access</li> <li>Need to prioritise pay and play use at Charnwood Borough Council sports halls</li> <li>Need to optimise use of existing informal community hall/centres for physical activity</li> <li>Opportunity to consider improvement/extension to the multi-purpose hall at South Charnwood Leisure Centre</li> </ul>



FACILITY TYPE	KEY ISSUE	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS
SWIMMING POOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Charnwood Borough Council swimming pools providing community pay and play access (2 pools at Loughborough Leisure Centre (including 1 very large learner pool), 1 pool each at Soar Valley and South Charnwood Leisure Centres)</li> <li>Charnwood Borough Council pools provide the only day time access to swimming pools in the Borough, given all other pools are on education sites</li> <li>Based on the FPM analysis that there is current and future unmet demand for water space, the closure of two education sites and population growth will increase demand levels will mean that the existing Charnwood Borough Council pools become uncomfortably full.</li> <li>There is therefore the opportunity to consider additional provision of swimming pools in the Borough.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demand for pay and play access will increase as population grows</li> <li>The potential to develop a learner pool at Soar Valley Leisure Centre, where there is already significant latent demand for swimming lessons, and where there is the smallest main pool in the Borough. This is also the area where there is highest current unmet demand.</li> <li>Meeting latent demand for swimming will increase revenue generation</li> </ul>
HEALTH AND FITNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charnwood Borough Council facilities provide 9% of current fitness suite offer in the Borough</li> <li>Commercial fitness suites are mid to low end of market so compete directly with Charnwood Borough Council facilities</li> <li>Charnwood Borough Council provides only pay and play accessible studio provision</li> <li>Over supply of pay and play fitness stations in 2017 = +104</li> <li>Over supply of pay and play accessible fitness stations by 2036 = +8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilities provided by Charnwood Borough Council are the only ones providing pay and play accessible facilities; however, there is also other affordable and accessible health and fitness provision in the Borough, and particularly in and around Loughborough, given the student market.</li> <li>Charnwood Borough Council fitness offer needs to compete with this and offer a USP</li> <li>Opportunity for really innovative programming to attract participants</li> <li>This level of over supply is likely to be more as some Charnwood residents will be using the budget and other commercial fitness offers.</li> </ul>



FACILITY TYPE	KEY ISSUE	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latent demand for fitness stations is apparent across the Borough (see Map 5.1, Supply and Demand analysis, dark green areas), including in and around Loughborough</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The slight over- supply by 2036 does suggest there maybe scope to look at increasing Charnwood Borough Council fitness provision, in all three facilities e.g. Loughborough Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre and South Charnwood Leisure Centre. The rationale for this is that if any of the budget gyms were to close, without others opening, there could be an under-supply of affordable pay and play access facilities. The other reason is that the existing fitness suites in Charnwood Borough Council leisure centres will need continual updating to remain competitive with the mid-range commercial offer, and the existing operator is keen to extend fitness provision where possible to increase both participation opportunities and revenue generation.</li> <li>Potential to increase Charnwood Borough Council fitness provision</li> <li>Opportunities could include extending the existing fitness suite at Soar Valley Leisure Centre as part of any new pool development; putting in a mezzanine floor in Loughborough Leisure Centre in the existing fitness suite to create more capacity, and possibly some form of extension of the fitness facility at South Charnwood Leisure Centre.</li> </ul>
SQUASH COURTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charnwood Borough Council provides the only pay and play community accessible squash courts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No need for additional provision</li> <li>Need to retain existing level of courts, and replace ageing facilities in the long term</li> </ul>
INDOOR BOWLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One indoor bowls facility in the Borough, club-operated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to consider increased future demand for this type of provision, based on population growth, and the fact that people are living longer</li> </ul>
GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three purpose-built facilities in the Borough</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to consider further club-led development. Two clubs are interested in developing facilities.</li> </ul>
COMMUNITY HALLS/FACILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Important role for informal halls in providing for day time access to sport and physical activity opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to optimise use of existing informal community hall/centres for physical activity</li> </ul>



FACILITY TYPE	KEY ISSUE	IMPACT/IMPLICATIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anstey PC has an aspiration for a multi-purpose hall in the village</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Given the development of the two new facilities in the SUE, there is no unmet demand by 2036</li><li>If the Parish Council decided to progress development of this facility, it would need to be a shared facility with education to be sustainable, given the above</li></ul>



- 6.3 Based on the supply and demand analysis summarised in Table 6.1, there is clearly a need for:
- **The development of the two new sports halls in the two new SUEs (as planned)**
  - **Additional swimming pool provision**
  - **Retaining existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports halls, health and fitness and swimming pools as a minimum**
  - **Increased provision of indoor bowls facilities**
- 6.4 The future provision of cycling, gymnastics and trampolining also need to be considered, given there is increasing demand for these facility types.
- 6.5 There is also an identified need for increased access to sports halls for netball – training and competition.
- 6.6 Retaining and improving the quality of provision is important in Charnwood to ensure that participation levels are retained and wherever possible increased. Active Lives highlights that 23.9% of the Charnwood community is inactive enough to have any health benefit.
- 6.7 The provision of good quality, local community facilities, accessible and affordable to meet identified need, is key to facilitating participation growth, and contributing to a reduction in the health inequalities in the Borough. This reflects Public Health and Charnwood Borough Council’s health and well-being priorities, to facilitate sustained behaviour change to reduce obesity, improve health, contribute to addressing address mental health issues and increase participation.
- 6.8 Based on the quality audits and assessments, and the supply and demand analysis, the priorities for future investment in facility provision are:



**Table 6.2: Summary of Facility Priorities**

FACILITY TYPE	PRIORITY FOR FUTURE PROVISION	LOCATION
SPORTS HALLS	Long term replacement / refurbishment of ageing facilities	Loughborough Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre (long term)
SWIMMING POOLS	Increased pay and play accessible water space, equivalent to a learner pool by 2036	Soar Valley Leisure Centre (will address unmet demand in and around Birstall)
	Replacement / refurbishment of ageing facilities	Loughborough Leisure Centre, South Charnwood Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre (long term)
HEALTH AND FITNESS	Retain provision of existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness facilities as a minimum  Potentially, increase number of fitness stations at Charnwood Borough Council facilities	Boroughwide
GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	Potential to explore further club-led provision/partnership provision given high numbers on waiting lists	No specific location
INDOOR BOWLS	Potential opportunity to consider club-led provision of indoor bowls facilities (increased demand for additional 2.56 rinks by 2036)	No specific location
GENERAL PROVISION	Overall, and specifically through the housing growth agenda, provision of more active environments, reflecting active travel, safe cycle routes to school, the need to link existing and new communities with walking/cycling/jogging routes	Boroughwide
OTHER INDOOR PROVISION	Indoor hall space – multi-purpose – these have been identified as local as opposed to strategic priorities, as the development of the two new facilities in the SUEs will mean there is a supply/demand balance of formal sports halls across the Borough	Aspiration for multi-purpose indoor space has been identified in Quorn, Anstey, Rothley, Thurmaston, and East Goscote parishes



- 6.9 Other future facility provision, linked particularly to long term population growth and housing development, is the development of new and improved walking, jogging and cycling routes/connectivity, to encourage active travel, and provide an environment in which physical activity can be easily integrated into daily life.
- 6.10 There is a need to identify and provide safe places for running, jogging, and cycling, to support the growth of activities such as triathlon. These can also be used by local communities, just to be outside and active, more frequently.
- 6.11 There is a need to invest in appropriate infrastructure to support running/jogging both at club level but also in the local community, with toilets, changing facilities and safe, marked routes.

### ADDRESSING UNMET DEMAND FOR SWIMMING POOLS

- 6.12 The FPM and Sports Facility Calculator (SFC) analysis identifies a current and future under-supply in swimming pool provision in the Borough. Clubs responding to the consultation survey also highlight the challenges faced in accessing additional water space.
- 6.13 In 2017 unmet demand equates to 74 sqm of water, by 2036 this is 104 sqm of water space. If up to two education pools were to close by 2036 then the unmet demand could increase to 129 sqm of water space. (For context, a 4-lane x 25m pool is circa 212 sqm of water space, depending on lane width).
- 6.14 The level of unmet demand in terms of water space effectively equates to a learner pool in terms of the scale of provision, circa 15m x 6m or 8m. Given that this amount of provision is not large scale, it would be beneficial if it could be provided as part of an existing operation; strategically, this co-locates operational management without significantly increasing costs, and would aggregate demand in one location.
- 6.15 The highest level of unmet demand for swimming in the Borough is in Birstall; the closest existing community accessible pay and play facility to this area is at Soar Valley Leisure Centre. There is an existing main pool at the leisure centre (20m x 4 lane), but no learner pool. Developing additional water space on this site would both address identified unmet demand and enable a re-programming of the existing water space, so it could be used more effectively, and some elements e.g. swimming lessons could be moved to the new learner pool, thereby freeing up the main pool for community swimming programmes and use.
- 6.16 There may be opportunity to secure developer contributions to new water space at Soar Valley Leisure Centre. The rationale for this is that there is a new housing development planned for north of Birstall – Broadnook, although this does not yet have planning permission and so developer contributions from the site have not yet been confirmed. It may be that an off-site contribution to additional swimming provision could be secured through this development; the new water space would be directly providing for demand generated from new residents in the Borough, both located in this new housing development, and wider afield.



## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION PLAN

### OVERVIEW

- 7.1. Charnwood's population will grow significantly over the coming years to 2036, so there is a particular need to ensure sufficient provision of accessible, quality and affordable facilities – formal and informal, and multi-purpose spaces to meet local need.
- 7.2. Equally, given that 61.1% of the population achieves the Chief Medical Officer's target of 150 minutes of physical activity per week (Source: Charnwood Public Health Report – 2015), it is clear there is work to do to increase levels of regular participation amongst the remaining 38.9%, many of whom will be living in the more deprived, and rural areas of the Borough.
- 7.3. In Charnwood, this means ensuring geographical distribution of facilities and physical activity opportunities across the Borough to enable more people to access facilities in the urban area by walking, and/or cycling. In the rural areas, where there are fewer people, and less formal provision, it means better use of existing community places and spaces for sport and physical activity i.e. more use of community centres/halls for badminton, fitness classes etc.
- 7.4. More, and better, access to physical activity at local level is important for residents, particularly those who are currently inactive, and those without access to private transport, to participate, and become physically active. Linking facility provision, informal and formal, to opportunities for active travel, and informal places will help to facilitate more active lifestyles for more people.
- 7.5. This is very important given the need to retain and continue to grow existing levels of physical activity in the Borough, and address the high level of adult obesity, plus the health inequalities across the Borough.
- 7.6. Overall, Charnwood has a good range of existing sport and leisure facilities across the area; however, some existing facilities on education sites are now ageing, some are of a poorer quality than others, and some will require replacement /refurbishment long term. This is particularly true of education sports halls, squash courts and in the very long term, Charnwood Borough Council facilities at Loughborough, Soar Valley and South Charnwood Leisure Centres. In Charnwood, there is insufficient pay and play accessible swimming pool provision to meet current and future demand. There is also a need to retain existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness facilities into the future.
- 7.7. Although increased demand for sports halls to 2036 can be met within the existing supply, this is volatile, given 20 of the 24 strategic sized sports halls are on education sites, provide for sports club, not pay and play use and there are no CUAs in place securing community access.
- 7.8. It is therefore very important that the potential to utilise community centres/halls, and other informal places and spaces better for sports hall activities, which could provide at a more local level, and therefore facilitate participation by those who are elderly, do not have access to a car, have young children, or have a disability, is fully explored, developed and implemented.

### VISION

- 7.9. As a minimum, Charnwood Borough Council wishes to see accessible community sport and leisure facilities, places and spaces for swimming, fitness and sports hall sports/activities available for all residents. This includes both formal and informal spaces e.g. community halls in which to play sport and be physically active.



- 7.10. Facilitating opportunities to be more physically active, more often is also important, to contribute to a reduction in the health inequalities in and across Charnwood, to help people to live and age better.
- 7.11. The provision of high quality and accessible facilities, and where appropriate the opening up of other informal places, and spaces, as well as the development of new provision, will contribute to the future overall priority for the development of healthier lifestyles in Charnwood, across all age groups.
- 7.12. The suggested Vision for future provision of sport and leisure in Charnwood is:

**‘to ensure that there is an adequate supply of good quality facilities to accommodate a range of sports / physical activities in order to meet current and future levels of demand and to provide enhanced opportunities so as to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activity’.**

- 7.13. Sustainable, high quality, and critically, accessible facility provision is key to maintaining these opportunities; Charnwood Borough Council needs to plan for the investment requirements of its existing facilities, and work in partnership with other providers and stakeholders to address the other priorities identified through this Strategy.

#### AIMS

- 7.14. The aim of providing sufficient high quality, fit for purpose and accessible provision, places and spaces is to:

- **Maintain and grow the regular amount of physical activity undertaken by individuals, and particularly by those who are currently inactive**
- **Develop additional facility provision where need is evidenced e.g. as a result of population growth**
- **Design in flexibility; future facility provision may need to be more multi-purpose in nature, reflecting changing participation trends and opportunities**
- **Encourage new participants to start taking part in physical activity**
- **Enable opportunities for participation to be provided in a wider range of places and spaces, and particularly at a very local level, using e.g. community centres/halls,**
- **Facilitate the continued development of healthier lifestyles across Charnwood’s communities**
- **Contribute to a reduction in health inequalities, and specifically obesity, reduced inactivity, across Charnwood**
- **Create active environments where the opportunity to be more physically active is an integral part of everyday life**
- **Support and provide opportunities for local community groups**



## PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE PROVISION

7.15. The principles that should guide all future sport and leisure facility development in Charnwood are:

- **Ensure residents in all areas of Charnwood have pay and play access to good quality, local, accessible and affordable provision, whether it is a formal sports hall or a community hall, or other informal provision**
- **Aim to ensure that any new, sports facilities on education sites provide a balance of opportunities (through a formal agreement) for community access – both pay and play and club use**
- **Replace / refurbish ageing facilities where new provision is needed; all new and refurbished provision should be designed and developed based on Sport England and (National Governing Body) NGB guidance, and be fully inclusive**
- **Rationalise existing provision where new fit for purpose facilities can replace/improve existing buildings (but existing levels of provision need to be maintained as a minimum, given the levels of existing facility under-supply)**
- **Invest in existing formal and informal provision to improve quality**
- **Invest strategically to ensure economic viability and sustainability of provision**



### PRIORITY INVESTMENT NEEDS

- 7.16. Although Charnwood has good sports facilities there are some ageing facilities, which will require replacement / refurbishment in the medium-long term. Charnwood Borough Council’s swimming pools are already very full; there is insufficient swimming pool provision to meet both current and future demand; additional water space is needed by 2036.
- 7.17. There is also a need to consider future need for the provision of cycling, indoor bowls, fitness facilities, gymnastics and trampolining. The assessment of Indoor tennis is covered in the 2018 Charnwood Borough Playing Pitch Strategy
- 7.18. The identified priorities for future investment in facility provision are:

**Table 7.1: Summary of Facility Investment Priorities**

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HEALTH AND FITNESS	Retain provision of existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness facilities as a minimum. Potentially, increase number of fitness stations at Charnwood Borough Council facilities	Loughborough Leisure Centre, Soar Valley Leisure Centre, South Charnwood Leisure Centre
GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	Potential to explore further club-led provision/partnership provision given high numbers of young people on waiting lists to join gymnastics clubs	Boroughwide, but would need to be linked to specific club(s) and their locations
INDOOR BOWLS	Potential opportunity to consider long term club-led provision of indoor bowls facilities (increased demand for additional 2.56 rinks by 2036)	No specific location identified as yet
GENERAL PROVISION	Overall, and specifically through the housing growth agenda, provision of more active environments, reflecting active travel, safe cycle routes to school, the need to link existing and new communities with walking/cycling/jogging routes	Boroughwide
OTHER INDOOR PROVISION	Indoor hall space – multi-purpose – these have been identified as local as opposed to strategic priorities, as the development of the two new facilities in the SUEs will mean there is a supply/demand balance of formal sports halls across the Borough	Aspiration for multi-purpose indoor space has been identified in Quorn, Anstey, Rothley, Thurmaston, and East Goscote parishes



## OTHER PRIORITIES AND NEEDS

### CAPITAL INVESTMENT

- 7.19. It is clear from the strategy analysis that there is a need for some capital investment in Charnwood, to address future needs. Whilst some of this investment may relate to additional facility provision, there is also a need to start planning for the replacement/refurbishment of ageing stock; increased participation is more likely to be achieved if the environment in which people take part is good quality and fit for purpose
- 7.20. It is also clear that delivery of the levels of investment required will only result from a local partnership approach. The development of improved sports facilities, and physical activity environments, will facilitate increased participation, which in turn will benefit individual and community health. The challenge is that the greatest health benefit will be gained by encouraging the inactive, to become active.

### CONTINUED LOCAL PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH EDUCATION SITES

- 7.21. In order to deliver the identified Strategy needs, and the key outcome of increased participation to address health inequalities, plus meet demands from increased population, there is an opportunity for some changes in approach to delivery. The development of new/replacement facilities, increasing and optimising the available capacity in existing education facilities, and asset transferring some existing provision, provides a mechanism to deliver these outcomes.
- 7.22. The really key issue to address initially is that of future partnership with education sites, to retain community access for clubs and groups as a minimum, and where possible CUAs which provide balanced access for the community on a pay and play basis. Increasing capacity to offer and deliver increased participative opportunities, particularly for those who are currently inactive, could contribute significantly to improved health in the borough.

### PLANNING POLICY, SECURING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS, PLANNING OBLIGATIONS, S106 OBLIGATIONS AND THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – AN OVERVIEW

- 7.23. In order to implement the Strategy recommendations and address identified needs for improved and additional facility provision, Charnwood Borough Council will need to identify and secure capital funding from a range of sources. Developer contributions through CIL/S106 have the potential to form part of this funding moving forward.
- 7.24. The facility investment needs identified in the Strategy and set out in Table 7.1, and paragraph 7.14 provide the definitive investment priorities and locations for this investment to 2036. This should inform Local Plan policy, and specifically the priorities against which to secure developer contributions moving forward.
- 7.25. In some cases, new residential developments will not generate the need for a new sports facility. However, where developments are located in areas where additional pressure will be placed on existing sports facilities by the development, Charnwood Borough Council should seek contributions, for the enhancement and extension of existing sports in the vicinity of the development.
- 7.26. If larger developments generate a need for and/or located suitable community provision a new or improved community hall, then these will be considered on a site by site basis having regard to the development proposal, the characteristics of the site and the capacity and condition of existing infrastructure. Off-site contributions may be sought to support nearby existing or new sites, and/or for identified, more strategic sites (such as larger, high quality, leisure facilities serving more than the local need).



7.27. It is also important to highlight that the National planning guidance allows for cross boundary and pooled Developers' Contributions, although the latter are severely restricted.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### RECOMMENDATION 1 (R1)

The existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports hall, swimming pool and fitness provision in the Borough are retained as a minimum, but these need not necessarily be the same facilities as at present.

(PROTECT)

### RECOMMENDATION 2 (R2)

Charnwood Borough Council promotes investment into additional swimming pool provision. The priority is a new learner pool at Soar Valley Leisure Centre.

(PROVIDE)

### RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3)

Existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness suite provision in the Borough should be retained as a minimum, and where appropriate, opportunities for investment in additional health and fitness provision where there is an identified need/business case justification should be considered by all providers.

(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)

### RECOMMENDATION 4 (R4)

Opportunities to increase access to sports halls for indoor netball – training and competitive play. Should be considered by all relevant stakeholders – Charnwood Borough Council, facility operators local netball clubs, England Netball and the East Midlands Netball League.

(PROVIDE)

### RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5)

Charnwood Borough Council seek to ensure that any new educational involving new or enhanced sports facility has a CUA as part of the planning consent so as to secure pay and play opportunities for clubs and groups.

(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)



**RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6)**

Consider the opportunity for Charnwood Borough Council to work with partners in education to increase community access to existing education sports facilities where community access is currently provided, and where it is not; where possible, seek enhanced provision through a CUA.

**(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)**

**RECOMMENDATION 7 (R7)**

Public and voluntary sector partners facilitate, where possible, increased access to pay and play community centres/halls to maintain and grow participation in physical activity.

**(PROTECT AND ENHANCE)**

**RECOMMENDATION 8 (R8)**

Dialogue is established with English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) and local bowling clubs to further explore the potential of facilitating club – led development of additional indoor bowling facilities by 2036.

**(PROVIDE)**

**RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9)**

Future need for purpose-built gymnastics/trampolining facilities in the Borough, to meet latent demand, is explored further by British Gymnastics and Trampolining, local clubs/partners, and Charnwood Borough Council.

**(PROVIDE)**

**RECOMMENDATION 10 (R10)**

Where appropriate, Charnwood Borough Council and its partners seek to secure S106 contributions that could contribute towards the development of additional and safe walking, running and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active.

**(PROVIDE, AND PROTECT)**



**RECOMMENDATION 11 (R11)**

Charnwood Borough Council and all its partners identify the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs for sports facilities, and investigate all available sources for capital funding, on a partnership basis.

**(PROVIDE)**

**RECOMMENDATION 12 (R12)**

Charnwood Borough Council and its partners prioritise investment in the development of high quality community sports facilities/spaces, with local partners. Increasing available capacity and therefore opportunities to take part in regular physical activity, in the local community, will contribute to reduced health inequalities, increased participation better community cohesion.

**(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)**

**RECOMMENDATION 13 (R13)**

There should be on-going monitoring of this Strategy through its implementation, but as a minimum, progress should be reviewed and refreshed every five years. On-going monitoring should include partnership working with neighbouring local authorities to keep aware of facility changes and developments.

**(PROTECT)**

**N.B.** It is recognised that any new schools (Recommendations 5, and 6) are likely to be Academies and therefore outside the direct control of Leicestershire County Council. This should not, however, prevent local partnerships for community access.



**ACTION PLAN**

7.28. In order to realise the above Vision and Aims for sport and leisure facility provision in Charnwood there are key priorities that need to be addressed and implemented. These are set out below in the Action Plan, based on the recommendations for future provision. The investment costs quoted are based on a combination of our knowledge of new build schemes, industry norms, and Sport England cost guidelines. These are based on sqm construction costs.

**Table 7.2: Strategy Action Plan**

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE		RESOURCES / PARTNERS
			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
			MEDIUM	= 5 – 10 YEARS	
			LONG TERM	= 10+ YEARS	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 1 (R1)</b></p> <p>The existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports hall, swimming pool and fitness provision in the Borough are retained as a minimum, but these need not necessarily be the same facilities as at present.</p> <p><b>(PROTECT)</b></p>	<p>Ensure existing levels of provision are maintained by investing in maintenance and planning for future replacement of / refurbishment of Charnwood Borough Council's three leisure centres.</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council - leisure officers, planning officers, Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Facility operators through long term contract</p> <p>Capital investment over life cycle agreed through long term contract</p> <p>Refurbishment/Replacement costs per leisure centre will vary depending on scale and nature of works if a refurbishment, and the location if a new build facility); in broad terms circa £6m (minimum refurbishment) - £15m (new leisure centre, pool and dryside facilities).</p>	



RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE		RESOURCES / PARTNERS
			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
			MEDIUM	= 5 – 10 YEARS	
			LONG TERM	= 10+ YEARS	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 2 (R2)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council promotes investment into additional swimming pool provision. The priority is a new learner pool at Soar Valley Leisure Centre.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Confirm support for the development of additional water space</p> <p>Undertake a feasibility study, architect-led, on Soar Valley Leisure Centre, to assess the options for pool development, the optimum location and design and the consequent capital costs</p>	Charnwood Borough Council	SHORT TO MEDIUM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>External consultants</p> <p>External funding agencies</p> <p>Feasibility study costs approx. £10k-£15k (leisure consultant, some architectural input; quantity surveyor)</p> <p>New learner pool circa £2-£3m (depending on scale, construction approach, etc)</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 3 (R3)</b></p> <p>Existing levels of community accessible and affordable fitness suite provision in the Borough should be retained as a minimum, and where appropriate, opportunities for investment in additional health and fitness provision where there is an identified need/business case justification should be considered by all providers.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council retain existing levels of fitness stations in their three leisure centres as a minimum</p> <p>Explore the practical feasibility of extending existing fitness provision at Loughborough, South Charnwood and Soar Valley Leisure Centres</p> <p>Facilitate continued provision of the same level of affordable commercial fitness provision in the Borough through the planning process</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local providers</p>	ONGOING		<p>Charnwood Borough Council- leisure officers, planning officers,</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Facility operators through long term contract</p> <p>Capital investment over life cycle agreed through long term contract</p> <p>Potential feasibility work circa £2k-3k per facility (this would look at where an extension could be located, its size, scale and design, and cost)</p> <p>Extension/refurbishment works costs dependent on location, scale etc, but could vary between £250k - £1.5m total, depending on size, design etc</p>



RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE		RESOURCES / PARTNERS
			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
			MEDIUM	= 5 – 10 YEARS	
			LONG TERM	= 10+ YEARS	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 4 (R4)</b></p> <p>Opportunities to increase access to sports halls for indoor netball – training and competitive play. Should be considered by all relevant stakeholders – Charnwood Borough Council, facility operators local netball clubs, England Netball and the East Midlands Netball League.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Facilitate dialogue between local netball clubs and facility operators, plus all schools with appropriate sports facilities who want to increase community use, to try and identify suitable venues for netball in the Borough</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Facility operators Local netball clubs</p> <p>England Netball</p>	SHORT TERM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council- leisure officers</p> <p>Facility operators</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Local schools</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 5 (R5)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council seek to ensure that any new educational involving new or enhanced sports facility has a CUA as part of the planning consent so as to secure play and play opportunities for clubs and groups.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)</b></p>	<p>Ensure dialogue between Charnwood Borough Council Departments and Leicestershire County Council over any proposals for new schools, so optimum benefits can be obtained through any new developments</p> <p>Ensure development of a CUA is a planning condition required of all new schools</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Sport England</p> <p>Individual schools</p>	ONGOING		<p>Charnwood Borough Council as appropriate through the planning process</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Sport England</p> <p>Individual schools/Academies</p>



RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE		RESOURCES / PARTNERS
			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
			MEDIUM	= 5 – 10 YEARS	
			LONG TERM	= 10+ YEARS	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 6 (R6)</b></p> <p>Consider the opportunity for Charnwood Borough Council to work with partners in education to increase community access to existing education sports facilities where community access is currently provided, and where it is not; where possible, formal CUAs should be developed.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council work with Leicestershire County Council and all schools identifying an aspiration to secure increased on-site community use, to promote availability of education facilities within the wider community, and ‘match’ those requiring space with available provision.</p> <p>Work towards developing formal CUAs wherever possible to secure and protect community access long term.</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Sport England</p> <p>Individual schools</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council as appropriate through the planning process</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>Sport England</p> <p>Individual schools/Academies</p> <p>Community organisations and groups</p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 7 (R7)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council and its public and voluntary sector partners facilitate, where possible, increased access to pay and play community centres/halls to maintain and grow participation in physical activity</p> <p><b>(PROTECT AND ENHANCE)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council work with its public and voluntary sector partners to ensure maximum use is made of all community halls for sports activities</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Parish/Town Councils</p> <p>Other informal hall providers- public and voluntary sectors</p>	



RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE		RESOURCES / PARTNERS
			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
			MEDIUM	= 5 – 10 YEARS	
			LONG TERM	= 10+ YEARS	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 8 (R8)</b></p> <p>Dialogue is established with English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) and local bowling clubs to further explore the potential of facilitating club – led development of additional indoor bowling facilities by 2036.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council works with the English Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) on facility development to review and monitor identified need for additional indoor bowling facilities</p> <p>Establish regular dialogue with local indoor bowling clubs to monitor increases in participation and demand for facilities</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>EIBA</p> <p>Local clubs</p>	SHORT – MEDIUM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local clubs</p> <p>NGBs</p> <p>Possible capital investment in an additional facility in the long term; circa £2m (for a purpose built indoor bowls hall 4- 6 rinks)</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 9 (R9)</b></p> <p>Future need for purpose-built gymnastics / trampolining facilities in the Borough, to meet latent demand, is explored further by British Gymnastics and Trampolining, local clubs / partners, and Charnwood Borough Council.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council works with British Gymnastics and Trampolining on facility development to review and monitor identified need for additional gymnastics/trampolining facilities</p> <p>Establish regular dialogue with local gymnastics/trampolining clubs to monitor increases in participation and demand for facilities</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>British Gymnastics and Trampolining</p> <p>Local gymnastics and trampolining clubs</p>	SHORT – MEDIUM		<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local clubs</p> <p>British Gymnastics and Trampolining</p> <p>Capital investment requirements likely to vary depending on whether additional facilities are new build or conversion of an existing building; potentially £1.5m per purpose built/refurbished facility</p>



RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE		RESOURCES / PARTNERS
			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
			MEDIUM	= 5 – 10 YEARS	
			LONG TERM	= 10+ YEARS	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 10 (R10)</b></p> <p>Where appropriate, Charnwood Borough Council and its partners seek to secure S106 contributions that could contribute towards the development of additional and safe walking, running and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE, AND PROTECT)</b></p>	<p>Ensure all investment priorities are included in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Secure all available funding through Developer Contributions</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council-planning and leisure officers</p>	<p>SHORT TO MEDIUM</p>		<p>Charnwood Borough Council-planning and leisure officers</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 11 (R11)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council and all its partners identify the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs for sports facilities, and investigate all available sources for capital funding, on a partnership basis.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE)</b></p>	<p>Confirm investment priorities and obtain capital costs.</p> <p>Assess funding options</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p>	<p>SHORT TO MEDIUM</p>		<p>Charnwood Borough Council-planning and leisure officers</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Identified investment needs estimated at a total of circa £27m to 2036, based on 2017 costs</p> <p>Revenue to support feasibility studies (as set out above) circa £20k</p>



RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE		RESOURCES / PARTNERS
			SHORT	= 1 – 5 YEARS	
			MEDIUM	= 5 – 10 YEARS	
			LONG TERM	= 10+ YEARS	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 12 (R12)</b></p> <p>Charnwood Borough Council and its partners prioritise investment in the development of high quality community sports facilities / spaces, with other local partners. Increasing available capacity and therefore opportunities to take part in regular physical activity, in the local community, will contribute to reduced health inequalities, increased participation better community cohesion.</p> <p><b>(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)</b></p>	<p>Continue to work with a range of relevant partners to facilitate provision of high quality accessible and sustainable community sports facilities</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local partners</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>Local partners- public, education, private and voluntary sectors</p> <p>Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Capital investment could range from extension of an existing hall to a new community hall from circa £0.4m - £2.5m, depending on scale and nature</p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION 13 (R13)</b></p> <p>There should be on-going monitoring of this Strategy through its implementation, but as a minimum, progress should be reviewed and refreshed every five years. On-going monitoring should include partnership working with neighbouring local authorities to keep aware of facility changes and developments.</p> <p><b>(PROTECT)</b></p>	<p>Review the Strategy on a 5-year basis, to update/revise as appropriate, to ensure Local Plan Evidence Base is robust.</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Charnwood Borough Council</p> <p>External consultants</p> <p>Cost – dependent on extent of review but likely to be circa £12k - £15k (not included in capital costs), to review, update and undertake new analysis as required</p>	

**N.B. It is recognised that any new schools (Recommendations 5, and 6) are likely to be Academies and therefore outside the direct control of Leicestershire County Council. This should not, however, prevent local partnerships for community access**



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## APPENDIX 1

### NATIONAL CONTEXT



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STRATEGIC DOCUMENT	SUMMARY KEY POINTS
NATIONAL CONTEXT	
<p>A NEW STRATEGY FOR SPORT – DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT</p>	<p>The Department for Culture, Media and Sport released a new strategy for Sport in December 2015 - the government’s sport strategy Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation.</p> <p>Public investment into community sport is to reach children as young as five. The move will see Sport England’s remit changed from investing in sport for those aged 14 and over to supporting people from five years old right through to pensioners, in a bid to create a more active nation.</p> <p>Investment will be targeted at sport projects that have a meaningful, measurable impact on how they are improving people’s lives – from helping young people gain skills to get into work, to tackling social inclusion and improving physical and mental health.</p> <p>Funding will also be targeted at groups who have low participation rates to encourage those who do not take part in sport and physical activity to get involved. This includes supporting women, disabled people, those in lower socio-economic groups and older people. Sport England will set up a new fund in 2016 to get inactive people physically active and will support and measure participation in sport and wider physical activity going forward.</p> <p>At the elite end of sport, government is supporting our Olympic and Paralympic athletes beyond Rio 2016 through to Tokyo 2020 with increased exchequer funding.</p> <p>The key driver for the strategy is to increase participation in sport and physical activity and to make activity an integral part of everyday life in the UK, for everyone.</p>
<p>SPORT ENGLAND STRATEGY 2016- ‘TOWARDS AN ACTIVE NATION’</p>	<p>The Vision for this Strategy is:</p> <p><b>‘We want everyone in England regardless of age, background or level of ability to feel able to engage in sport and physical activity. Some will be young, fit and talented, but most will not. We need a sport sector that welcomes everyone – meets their needs, treats them as individuals and values them as customers’.</b></p>



STRATEGIC DOCUMENT	SUMMARY KEY POINTS
	<p>The Sport England Strategy 'Towards an Active Nation' puts the policies set out in 'A new Strategy for an Active Nation' into practice. This will mean significant change for Sport England and for their partners. This strategy sets out Sport England will deliver this task. The key changes Sport England will make are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focusing more money and resources on <b>tackling inactivity</b> because this is where the gains for the individual and <b>for</b> society are greatest</li> <li>• Investing more in <b>children and young people from the age of five</b> to build positive attitudes to sport and activity as the foundations of an active life</li> <li>• <b>Helping those who are active now to carry on, but at lower cost to the public purse over time.</b> Sport England will work with those parts of the sector that serve the core market to help them identify ways in which they can become more sustainable and self-sufficient</li> <li>• <b>Putting customers at the heart</b> of what we do, responding to how they organise their lives and helping the sector to be more <b>welcoming and inclusive, especially of those groups currently under-represented in sport</b></li> <li>• Helping sport to keep pace with the <b>digital expectations</b> of customers</li> <li>• Working nationally where it makes sense to do so (for example on infrastructure and workforce) but <b>encouraging stronger local collaboration</b> to deliver a more joined-up experience of sport and activity for customers</li> <li>• Working with a <b>wider range of partners</b>, including the private sector, using our expertise as well as our investment to help others align their resources</li> <li>• Working with the sector to encourage innovation and share best practice particularly through applying the principles and practical learning of <b>behaviour change</b></li> </ul>
<p>PUBLIC HEALTH REFORMS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES 2013</p>	<p><b>Public Health White Paper (2013)</b></p> <p>The White Paper outlines the Government's plans for funding of 'public health' to be decentralised and controlled at a local authority level from 2013 onwards. £4bn will be ring-fenced for local authorities to spend on areas within the definition of 'public health'</p>



STRATEGIC DOCUMENT	SUMMARY KEY POINTS
	<p><b>Background</b> This paper forms part of the wider Government plans to reform the NHS. The Coalition's ambition is to reform the NHS by devolving power from the centre and commissioning GPs to run their own practices.</p> <p>Key announcements include the introduction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>'Public Health England' - a 'dedicated new public health service' sitting within the Department of Health</b></li><li>• <b>Directors of Public Health, who will work at a local authority level and lead on the public health offer</b></li><li>• <b>A health premium, to reward local authorities for progress against a new outcomes framework. This will take into account health inequalities</b></li></ul> <p>Statutory health and well-being boards, bringing together local authorities and health officials.</p> <p><b>Relevance to sport</b> The White Paper contains a number of key themes. These range from mental health, tobacco control, pandemic flu and social marketing through to sexual health and pregnancy.</p> <p>Of direct relevance to sport are the areas focussing on physical activity and obesity. While there is little detail in the paper at this stage, sport and physical activity are referenced throughout the document as examples of how to improve public health from a health and well-being perspective.</p> <p>The paper specifically references physical activity initiatives, noting the mass participation legacy, as one part of the public health drive. The Olympic and Paralympic style sports competition is also referenced.</p> <p>While both of these initiatives are already in the public domain, it is welcome that sport and physical activity feature so predominantly in the paper.</p> <p>Given the ring-fenced nature of the £4bn budget, sport needs to be included within the definition of 'public health' in order to benefit from funding at a local level. While the definition has not been set, the frequent mentions of sport and physical activity demonstrate that they are on the public health agenda.</p>



STRATEGIC DOCUMENT	SUMMARY KEY POINTS
<p><b>THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDELINES – START ACTIVE, STAY ACTIVE – JULY 2011</b></p>	<p>A report from the Chief Medical Officer presents guidance on the volume, duration, frequency and type of physical activity across the full age ranges to achieve general health benefits. It is aimed at all authorities and organisations developing services to promote physical activity, and it is aimed at professionals, practitioners and policymakers concerned with planning and implementing policies and programmes that use the promotion of physical activity, sport, exercise and active travel to achieve health gains.</p> <p>The report covers early years, children and young people, adults and older adults; there are specific recommendations for each sector, with a succinct fact sheet setting out recommendations for each age group.</p>
<p><b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE REFORM ACT (2012)</b></p>	<p>The Act was passed in Parliament in March 2012 as part of the Government’s vision to modernise the NHS. The bill moves commissioning responsibilities to both the GP consortia and also to Local Authorities for public health. These will come together in health and wellbeing boards.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK 2013-2016</b></p>	<p>Published in January 2012, the Public Health Framework identifies two overall outcomes to be achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Increased healthy life expectancy</b></li> <li>● <b>Reduced differences in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy between communities</b></li> </ul> <p>Public health will be measured against 66 health measures, including a physical activity indicator.</p>



## APPENDIX 2

### EXISTING BUILT FACILITIES - QUALITY AUDITS

## **Appendix 2a - 2aa**

### **Quality Audits**

The approach to the Quality Audits, and explanation of their scoring is included in the Evidence Base, paragraphs 4.20-4.22

Name of facility  
Address  
QUALITY RATING

**Humphrey Perkins**  
74-78, Cotes Road, Loughborough, LE12 8JU  
54%

General Condition	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x	Very Poor	
Need for capital investment	Minimal		Moderate	X	Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Changing/toilets</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										2

Disability Access	Full	X	Partial		No			
Served by Public Transport	Yes*	X	No					* a short walk away
Good Natural Presence	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor	
Well Signposted	Good		Some	X	Poor			
Car Parking	Good		Some	X	Poor			
Development Potential	Lots		Some	X	No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

54%

**Name of facility** Loughborough Grammar School  
**Address** Burton Walks, Loughborough, LW11 2DU  
**QUALITY RATING** 71%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	X	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Swimming Pool (20m x 5 lane)</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Changing/toilets</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!!</b> TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED										3

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	X	Partial		No		
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	X	No				* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor		
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	X	No potential		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

71%

Sports hall has cricket nets  
 Changing rooms only suitable for boys

**Name of facility** Loughborough Leisure Centre  
**Address** Browns Lane, Loughborough, LW11 3HE

**QUALITY RATING** 85%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	X	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Sports Hall - 8 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Fitness Suite - 130 station</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Swimming Pool 25m x 6 lane</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Swimming pool 20 x 10 (training)</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Squash Court</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Studio 1 (50 person capacity)</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Studio 2 (30 person capacity)</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Spin Studio (20 person capacity)</i>	Excellent	X	Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Changing/toilets</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										9

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	X	Partial		No		
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	X	No				* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good	X	Some		Poor		
<b>Car Parking*</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor		
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some		No potential		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

85%

**Notes**  
 \*Pay and display car park  
 Charnwood indoor bowls centre next to facility

Name of facility **Loughborough University**  
 Address Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU

QUALITY RATING 96%

General Condition	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Need for capital investment	Minimal	X	Moderate		Significant					

Facility Quality	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Sports Hall - 8 Badminton courts with additional centre court</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Indoor Badminton Court (4)</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Fitness Suite - 300 station (not open to public)</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Swimming Pool - 50m x 8 lane</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Indoor Tennis Centre (8 court)</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Indoor Netball Centre (2 courts)</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Studio</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Spin Studio</i>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Changing/toilets</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										9

Disability Access	Full	X	Partial		No			
Served by Public Transport	Yes*	X	No					* a short walk away
Good Natural Presence	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor	
Well Signposted	Good		Some	X	Poor			
Car Parking	Good	X	Some		Poor			
Development Potential	Lots	X	Some		No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

96%

**Name of facility** **Soar Valley Leisure Centre**  
**Address** Off Kingfisher Road, Loughborough, LE12 7FG  
**QUALITY RATING** 82%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal		Moderate		Significant	X				
<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Sports Hall - 4 Badminton Court</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Fitness Suite - 70 Station</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Swimming Pool - 20m x 4 lane</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Studio 1</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Studio 2</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Changing/toilets</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										6

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	X	Partial		No		
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	X	No				* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good	X	Some		Poor		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good	X	Some		Poor		
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots	X	Some		No potential		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

82%

**Notes**  
 Full size sand dressed ATP - Predominantly hockey  
 Parish Council Cricket Pitch Adjacent  
 Discussion around centre extension for training pool  
 30 members per studio session

Need for investment is due to demand, not quality of facility

**Name of facility** South Charnwood Leisure Centre  
**Address** Parkstone Road, Leicester, LE7 1LY

**QUALITY RATING** 79%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal		Moderate	X	Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Fitness Suite - 60 Station</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Studio 1</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Swimming Pool - 20m x 5 lane</i>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Changing/toilets</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										4

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	X	Partial		No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	X	No					* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good	X	Some		Poor			
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	X	No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

79%

**Notes:**  
 Grass Area Adjacent  
 Centre Redeveloped in 2010  
 Home of Leicester Penguins - Swimming  
 Wreake Valley Academy next door with full size 3G ATP & Sports Hall

Investment due to demand, not facility quality

Name of facility **Charnwood Indoor Bowls Club**  
 Address Browns Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3HE

QUALITY RATING 79%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	x	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Reception</i>	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Indoor Bowls Hall - 8 rink</i>	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Bar/Function Room</i>	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										3

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	x	Partial		No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	x	No					* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some		Poor	x		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	x	Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some		No potential	x		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

79%

Name of facility **Loughborough Greenfield Sports and Social**  
 Address Holt Drive, Loughborough, LE11 3HZ

QUALITY RATING 14%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x	Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal		Moderate		Significant	x				

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Squash - 1 court</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x	Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										1

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full		Partial		No	x				
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*		No	x	* a short walk away					
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x		
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some		Poor	x				
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	x	Poor					
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some		No potential	x				

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

14%

Name of facility  
Address

**Rawlins Academy**  
Loughborough Road, Loughborough, LE12 8DY

QUALITY RATING

69%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	x	Moderate		Significant					

Facility Quality	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Fitness Suite - Approx. 15 station (not open to public)</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Studio</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Old gym</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Deep end activity space</i>	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>(old pool recently filled in and converted into large activity space with sprung floor)</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>SE &amp; 106 funded</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										5

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	x	Partial		No		
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*		No	x			* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good	x	Some		Poor		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good	x	Some		Poor		
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some		No potential	x	

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

69%

Name of facility **The Roundhill Academy**  
 Address 997 Melton Road, Leicester LE4 8GQ

QUALITY RATING 61%

General Condition	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
Need for capital investment	Minimal		Moderate		Significant	x				

Facility Quality										
Swimming Pool - 20m x 3 lane	Excellent		Good	X	Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										2

Disability Access	Full		Partial	x	No					
Served by Public Transport	Yes*	x	No							* a short walk away
Good Natural Presence	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor			
Well Signposted	Good	x	Some		Poor					
Car Parking	Good		Some	x	Poor					
Development Potential	Lots		Some		No potential	x				

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

61%

Name of facility **Iveshead School**  
 Address Forest Street, Loughborough, LE12 9DA

QUALITY RATING 69%

General Condition	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Need for capital investment	Minimal	x	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
Swimming pool - 25m x 4 lane	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Dining Hall (used for classes and martial arts)	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Youth club	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										4

Disability Access	Full		Partial	x	No			
Served by Public Transport	Yes*		No	x				* a short walk away
Good Natural Presence	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor	
Well Signposted	Good	x	Some		Poor			
Car Parking	Good	x	Some		Poor			
Development Potential	Lots		Some	x	No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

69%

Name of facility **The Radmoor Centre (Loughborough College)**  
 Address Radmoor Road, Loughborough, LE11 3BT

QUALITY RATING 89%

General Condition	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Need for capital investment	Minimal	x	Moderate		Significant					

Facility Quality	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Reception	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Sports Hall - 1 - 4 Badminton courts (higher ceiling)	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Sports Hall - 2 - 4 Badminton courts (lower ceiling)	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Health Suite (Sauna, Steam & Spa)	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Fitness Suite - Approx.30 stations	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Studio (20 people)	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Spinning Studio (18 bikes)	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
S & C Area	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Rehabilitation studio	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										9

Disability Access	Full	x	Partial		No				
Served by Public Transport	Yes*	x	No						* a short walk away
Good Natural Presence	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		
Well Signposted	Good		Some	x	Poor				
Car Parking	Good	x	Some		Poor				
Development Potential	Lots		Some	x	No potential				Previously tried to gain planning for a pool

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

89%

Name of facility **Wreake Valley Academy**  
 Address Parkstone Road, Leicester, LE7 1LY

QUALITY RATING 29%

General Condition	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x	Very Poor	
Need for capital investment	Minimal		Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Sports Hall 1 - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x	Very Poor	
<i>Sports Hall 2 - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x	Very Poor	
<i>Old identical halls built mid 70's - granwood floors roofs replaced recently</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Dance Studio</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x	Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										<b>3</b>

Disability Access	Full		Partial	x	No			
Served by Public Transport	Yes*		No	x				* a short walk away
Good Natural Presence	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor	
Well Signposted	Good		Some	x	Poor			
Car Parking	Good	x	Some		Poor			
Development Potential	Lots		Some		No potential	x		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

29%

**Name of facility** **The Cedars Academy**  
**Address** Wanlip Lane, Leicester, LE4 4GH

**QUALITY RATING** 53%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal		Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<b>Sports Hall 2 ct</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Sports Hall 4 ct</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Activity Hall x 2</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										4

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	x	Partial		No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	x	No					* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some	x	Poor			
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good	x	Some		Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	x	No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

**53%**

Community use - pre -booked clubs only  
 Site only open when supervisor on site  
 Swimming Pool closed on site  
 Outdoor tennis courts

Name of facility **Charnwood Academy**  
 Address Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, LE11 4SQ

QUALITY RATING 66%

General Condition	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Need for capital investment	Minimal		Moderate	x	Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Changing/toilets</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Swimming Pool (4 lane)</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Fitness Suite (11 stations)</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										5

Disability Access	Full	X	Partial		No			
Served by Public Transport	Yes*	X	No					* a short walk away
Good Natural Presence	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor	
Well Signposted	Good		Some	X	Poor			
Car Parking	Good		Some	X	Poor			
Development Potential	Lots		Some	X	No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

66%

Name of facility **Shepshed Skate Park**  
 Address Oakley Road, Shepshed, LW12 9AU

QUALITY RATING 59%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	x	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Skate Park</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<i>BMX track - 4 straight circuit</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										2

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full		Partial	x	No		
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*		No	x			* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some		Poor	x	
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	x	Poor		
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	x	No potential		

Key	Rating	59%
>80%	Excellent	
60% - 80%	Good	
40% - 59%	Average	
20%-39%	Poor	
<20%	Very Poor	

Name of facility **Syston Rugby Football Club**  
 Address Barkby Road, Leicester, LE7 3FE

QUALITY RATING 70%

General Condition	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Need for capital investment	Minimal	x	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
Reception/Bar area	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Sprung floor studio area (downstairs)	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Studio area (upstairs)	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
Health/Rehabilitation/Fitness Suite - 4 station	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										4

Disability Access	Full		Partial	x	No					
Served by Public Transport	Yes*		No	x						* a short walk away
Good Natural Presence	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor			
Well Signposted	Good		Some	x	Poor					
Car Parking	Good	x	Some		Poor					
Development Potential	Lots		Some		No potential		x			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

70%

Name of facility  
Address

**Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club**  
Off Forest Road, Loughborough, LE11 3NW

QUALITY RATING

64%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	x	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>5 tennis courts outdoor (2 courts floodlit)</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Tennis airdome (2 courts floodlit)</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										2

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	x	Partial		No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	x	No					* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some		Poor	x		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	x	Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some		No potential	x		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

64%

**Name of facility** Iveshead School  
**Address** Forest Street, Loughborough, LE12 9DB  
**QUALITY RATING** 44%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal		Moderate		Significant	x				
<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Studio</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Climbing wall</i>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	x	Very Poor	
<i>Swimming Pool</i>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										4

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full		Partial	x	No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*		No	x				* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	x	Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good	x	Some		Poor			
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good	x	Some		Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some		No potential	x		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

44%

Name of facility **Shelthorpe Golf Club**  
 Address Poplar Road, Loughborough, LE11 2JS

QUALITY RATING 62%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	X	Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal		Moderate	X	Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<b>Course Quality</b>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	X	Very Poor	
<b>Pro Shop</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Membership cost</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Membership availability</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pay and Play cost</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Practice Area</b>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	X	Very Poor	
<b>Function Room</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										7

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full		Partial	X	No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	X	No					* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor	X		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots	X	Some		No potential			

Key	Rating	62%
>80%	Excellent	
60% - 80%	Good	
40% - 59%	Average	
20%-39%	Poor	
<20%	Very Poor	

**Notes:**  
 Par 3 course  
 £8.88 18 hole cost/ £6.72 9 hole cost  
 Pro lessons - £25 for 30 mins  
 No joining fee  
 Membership cost - £156 per annum  
 short walk from bus station  
 Club hire available

Name of facility **Ratcliffe College**  
 Address Ratcliffe College, Fosse Way, LE7 4SG

QUALITY RATING 76%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	x	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<i>Sports Hall - 4 Badminton courts</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Changing/toilets</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Swimming Pool (4 lane)</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Fitness Suite (10 stations)</i>	Excellent		Good	x	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<i>Athletics Track</i>	Excellent	x	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										5

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	X	Partial		No		
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*	X	No				* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor		
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	X	No potential		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

76%

Name of facility **Beadles Lake Golf Club**  
 Address Broome Lane, Leicester, LE7 3WQ

QUALITY RATING 78%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	X	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<b>Course Quality</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pro Shop</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Membership cost</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Membership availability</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pay and Play cost</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Driving Range/Practice Area</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Function Room</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pro Lessons</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										8

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full		Partial	X	No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*		No	X				* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good	X	Some		Poor			
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good	X	Some		Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	X	No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

78%

**Notes:**  
 £7.50 PAY AND PLAY PAR 3  
 £21 - £25 PAY AND PLAY 18  
 Pro lessons - £25 for 30 mins  
 £715 7 day membership cost

**Name of facility** **Charnwood Forest**  
**Address** Breakback Road, Loughborough, LE12 8TA

**QUALITY RATING** 49%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal		Moderate		Significant	X				

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<b>Course Quality</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pro Shop</b>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	X
<b>Membership cost</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Membership availability</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pay and Play cost</b>	Excellent		Good		Average	X	Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Driving Range/Practice Area</b>	Excellent		Good		Average		Poor	X	Very Poor	
<b>Function Room</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pro Lessons</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										8

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full		Partial	X	No		
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*		No	X			* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some		Poor	X	
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor		
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	X	No potential		

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

49%

**Notes:**  
 £25 PAY AND PLAY 18  
 Pro lessons - £20 for 30 mins  
 Oldest course in Charnwood  
 No professionals shop  
 Membership prices - £780 per annum

Name of facility **Lingdale Golf Club**  
 Address Joe Moores Lane, Loughborough, LE12 8TF

QUALITY RATING 70%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	X	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
<b>Course Quality</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pro Shop</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Membership cost</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Membership availability</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pay and Play cost</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Driving Range/Practice Area</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Function Room</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Pro Lessons</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										<b>8</b>

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full		Partial	X	No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*		No	X				* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some		Poor	X		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	X	No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
60% - 80%	Good
40% - 59%	Average
20%-39%	Poor
<20%	Very Poor

70%

**Notes:**  
 £20 - 25 PAY AND PLAY 18  
 Pro lessons - £20 for 30 mins  
 Overall Course condition - Excellent  
 Club is 50 years old  
 No driving range, 200 year practice area  
 Membership cost - £650 per annum

Name of facility **Longcliffe Golf Club**  
 Address Snells Nook Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3YA

QUALITY RATING 76%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	X	Moderate		Significant					

<b>Facility Quality</b>										
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<b>Pro Shop</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
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<b>NB: MUST BE FILLED IN!! TOTAL NUMBER OF FACILITIES RATED</b>										8

<b>Disability Access</b>	Full	X	Partial		No			
<b>Served by Public Transport</b>	Yes*		No	X				* a short walk away
<b>Good Natural Presence</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor	
<b>Well Signposted</b>	Good		Some		Poor	X		
<b>Car Parking</b>	Good		Some	X	Poor			
<b>Development Potential</b>	Lots		Some	X	No potential			

Key	Rating
>80%	Excellent
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40% - 59%	Average
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<20%	Very Poor

76%

**Notes:**  
 £20 - 25 PAY AND PLAY 18  
 Pro lessons - £25 for 45 mins  
 Capital investment - practice area improvemetn  
 £1000 membership per annum  
 Full disability access

Name of facility  
Address

**Park Hill Golf Club**  
Park Hill, Park Hill Lane, Seagrave, Loughborough, LE12 7NG

**QUALITY RATING**

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent		Good	X	Average		Poor		Very Poor	
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**Notes:**

£5 PAY AND PLAY PAR 3  
 £10 - £15 PAY AND PLAY 18  
 Pro lessons - £25 for 30 mins  
 £750 per annum golf membership  
 Par 3 course is 3 years old  
 24 Bay floodlight driving range, small practice area  
 Lack of space for development potential - course improvements to commence over the next three years

**Name of facility** Rothley Park  
**Address** Westfield Lane, Leicester, LE7 7LH

**QUALITY RATING** 69%

<b>General Condition</b>	Excellent	X	Good		Average		Poor		Very Poor	
<b>Need for capital investment</b>	Minimal	X	Moderate		Significant					

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**69%**

£30 - 40 PAY AND PLAY 18  
 Pro lessons - £25 for 30 mins  
 Joining fee - £400  
 Membership cost - £990 per annum  
 development potential - Improvement to practice area  
 Expensive for pay and play



### APPENDIX 3

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National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGB's) have been consulted regarding facility requirements. These comments are contained in the table below. Many NGB's are currently planning, with Sport England, new priorities for the next funding cycle 2017 – 2021. Sport England and many NGB's will hope that Rio 2016 inspired people enough to consider playing sport as a way of engaging in physical activity.

NGB	CONTACT	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
ENGLAND ATHLETICS	Heidi Bradley Club Support Manager (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Nottinghamshire and the Humber)	Clubs in the Borough; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barrow Runners, Charnwood AC, Loughborough Students, Poplar Running Club, Shepshed Running Club, Team Ansty Amblers and Runners, Wreake and Soar Valley Runners, Wreake Runners, Wymeswold Running Club</b></li> </ul> Facilities used by clubs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Martin School- Team Anstey</b></li> <li>• <b>Wreake Academy Grass Track – Wear &amp; Soar Valley</b></li> <li>• <b>Loughborough University – Loughborough Students, Charnwood AC</b></li> </ul>	England Athletics is currently in process of writing a facilities strategy. The focus will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Preserving and improving existing assets.</b></li> <li>• <b>Supporting development of compact athletics facilities e.g 40m straights, areas for jumping /throwing events.</b></li> <li>• <b>Support will not be in the form of direct funding.</b></li> </ul> Run Together will be developed as an online app to upload routes and will incorporate the existing 3,2,1 routes.



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BADMINTON ENGLAND	Nick Barr Senior Relationship Manager Badminton England	<b>AFFILIATED CLUBS</b>		Badminton England has restructured and is in the process of filling a post which will cover the East Midlands.
		Shepshed Badminton Club	Shepshed High School	
		Loughborough Technical College	Loughborough Technical College	
		Loughborough Leys Badminton Club	Badminton Centre	
		Loughborough Leys Junior Badminton Club	Badminton Centre	
		Loughborough Students Badminton Club	Badminton Centre	
		Loughborough Leys PC (Team Leicester)	Loughborough University	
		Loughborough Badminton Club	Loughborough Grammar School	
		Quorn Badminton Club	Rawlings Community College	
		<b>UNAFFILIATED CLUBS</b>		
		Radmoor Badminton Club	Loughborough Technical College	
		Astrazeneca Badminton Club	Browns Lane	
		<p>The following schools are signed up to the Smash Up programme: Hind Leys College Rawlins Academy Limehurst Academy</p> <p>The performance centre for Leicestershire, takes place at Babington Community College, Beaumont Leys, Leicester.</p>		



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BRITISH CYCLING	<p>Steve Johnson East Midlands Regional Development Officer</p> <p>William Wallace Senior facility development officer</p>	<p>There is a closed road circuit due to open at New College Leicester (Outside of the Borough) in spring 2017. Charnwood Cycling Club has expressed interest in using the facility. However, they would still continue to use Charnwood College hard courts and grass areas for their Go Ride Junior and Youth programmes.</p> <p>Aware of the pump track for BMX in Shepshed. Regional BMX track is located outside of the borough at Huncote.</p> <p>There are discussions underway about a new regional cycle track league for next year, currently venues are being identified. A venue in Charnwood would be of interest.</p>	<p>BC has identified a need to develop an outdoor velodrome with 250m track and consider Loughborough a potential location (in terms of the University site). The university has an infrastructure in place; co-location compared to a stand-alone facility is more economic. Similar model at York University.</p> <p>As yet no conversations have been undertaken with the University. Likely, timescale to take forward is late summer 2017.</p> <p>Estimate build cost in the region of £1.5M. The nearest existing facilities are the indoor velodrome at Derby and two outdoor velodromes in Scunthorpe and Mansfield, both built pre-1970's.</p> <p>BC currently working with Sport England on updating technical and operational guidance. Will have funds to invest as a result of the legacy work linked to World Championships, of £15m.</p>



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ENGLAND CRICKET BOARD (ECB)	<p>Andy Hibberd Cricket Development Officer – Clubs and Leagues</p> <p>(Leicestershire County Cricket Club)</p>	<p>Our current strategic priorities within the Charnwood area are to support clubs with the new entry level programme, All Stars Cricket (aimed at 5-8 year olds), ensure the clubs are meeting minimum criteria through the Clubmark process and continue our school provision through the Chance to Shine programme. We also support a number of competitions which are played within the area. Our current understanding is that there is no organised indoor leagues in the area.</p> <p>Our strategic priorities for facilities does not lie within developing indoor facilities. However, we would certainly support any enquiry to develop indoor cricket facilities as these would support clubs within the area with regards to winter practice. There already a number of indoor facilities which have cricket provision ranging from excellent to poor (based on conversations with colleagues in the office). I know of a few clubs moving out of the district to find good practice facilities, although the clubs don't see this as a massive issue.</p>	<p>Our future plans align to the national strategy for cricket, they are to 'Inspire Fans', promote 'Great Teams' and facilitate 'More Play'. This will be achieved through the delivery of a number of programme (some have already been mentioned).</p>
BRITISH GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING	<p>Natalie Laws Business Support Officer – Facilities</p>	<p>British Gymnastics Facility Development Priorities (for the period 2017 - 2021) outlined are:</p> <p>Support increased capacity within gymnastics through clubs, leisure providers and other delivery providers</p> <p>Guide funding investment through the United Kingdom from British Gymnastics, Home Country Sports Councils, Local Authorities and other potential funders</p> <p>Maintain and improve the quality of facilities and equipment within existing delivery partners.</p> <p>Develop insight, understanding and direction of how Facility Developments can contribute towards other BG Strategic Priorities</p> <p>There is no geographic focus to the British Gymnastics Facility Strategy. Focus is based on need, suitability and partners' ability to support a project to successful completion.</p> <p>There is a large demand for more gymnastics opportunities and clubs all report large waiting lists. The total number of people estimated to be on waiting lists for gymnastics is 1.6 million (Freshminds Latent Demand Research, 2016).</p>	<p>British Gymnastics Strategies are outlined in the Strategic Framework (2017 - 2021)</p>



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BRITISH GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING (CONT.)		<p>There is limited provision of access to facilities within Charnwood with all clubs having waiting lists restricting access to gymnastic activities due to the lack of time within both dedicated and non-dedicated facilities.</p> <p>Charnwood TC and Kingston Vale are both actively looking at Facility projects. Charnwood TC have put in a CAF application although this is something we have not been involved in. Kingston Vale are working closely with the local authority exploring the options of a multi sport site.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLUBS</th> <th>PARTICIPANTS</th> <th>CLUB VENUE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Charnwood TC</td> <td>40</td> <td>Loughborough and Leys Leisure Centre's</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kingston Vale GC</td> <td>180</td> <td>East Leake Leisure centre and Loughborough Gymnastics Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Students GC</td> <td>220</td> <td>Loughborough University Gymnastics Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough Acro GC</td> <td>231</td> <td>Dedicated centre – Unit 8 Weldon Road, Loughborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loughborough GA</td> <td>520</td> <td>Dedicated centre – Unit 8 Weldon Road, Loughborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greenbank GC</td> <td>59</td> <td>Burleigh Community College and Upstarts GC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Springers GC</td> <td>424</td> <td>Humphrey Parkins School Loughborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upstarts GC</td> <td>454</td> <td>Dedicated centre – Unit 4 Viking Court, Loughborough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KV Boys</td> <td>41</td> <td>East Leake Leisure centre</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There is a large demand for more gymnastics opportunities and Clubs all report large waiting lists.</p>	CLUBS	PARTICIPANTS	CLUB VENUE	Charnwood TC	40	Loughborough and Leys Leisure Centre's	Kingston Vale GC	180	East Leake Leisure centre and Loughborough Gymnastics Centre	Loughborough Students GC	220	Loughborough University Gymnastics Centre	Loughborough Acro GC	231	Dedicated centre – Unit 8 Weldon Road, Loughborough	Loughborough GA	520	Dedicated centre – Unit 8 Weldon Road, Loughborough	Greenbank GC	59	Burleigh Community College and Upstarts GC	Little Springers GC	424	Humphrey Parkins School Loughborough	Upstarts GC	454	Dedicated centre – Unit 4 Viking Court, Loughborough	KV Boys	41	East Leake Leisure centre	<p>British Gymnastics Priorities (for the period 2017 - 2021) outlined are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diversify sources of revenue to develop and grow the provision of gymnastics</b></li> <li>• <b>Build the capacity and grow the demand in gymnastics</b></li> <li>• <b>Raise the profile and increase the appeal of gymnastics</b></li> </ul>
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NGB	CONTACT	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
ENGLAND NETBALL (CONT)		<p><b>Additional information</b></p> <p><b>Wreak Valley</b> - Looking for junior /adult activity; unable to use as outside court not safe</p> <p><b>Roundhill</b> - Looking for junior/ adult activity; unable to use outside courts not safe</p> <p><b>Cedars</b> - Running Back to Netball using indoor /outside courts not safe. .(School uses for junior tournaments)</p> <p><b>The Martin School</b> - clubs used to train indoors/ outdoors condition of courts not known (junior schools' competition)</p> <p><b>Garendon School</b> - merged with Burleigh now called Charnwood College</p> <p><b>Ratcliffe College</b> (Private school) - Club uses but competition is played at another league / courts not seen for a while but were in reasonable condition</p> <p><b>Limehurst Academy</b> - facilities condition not known.(part of the schools' competition</p> <p><b>Welbeck College</b> - Indoor courts used by performance/ outdoor good condition used for schools' competition</p>	
SWIM ENGLAND		<p>The swimming pool provision in Charnwood DC is exemplary with a very large surplus of water space; however, this is mainly due to the provision of the 50m pool on Loughborough University campus, which has a limited community use and tends to skew the data.</p> <p>Regardless the community provision is very well distributed across the District serving the principal population bases. The quality and size of the community use pools is good with one district sized pool at Charnwood Leisure.</p> <p>The community pools support swimming clubs of reasonable size but with room for increase</p>	<p>Growth and stability</p> <p>Maintain the status Quo</p>



NGB	CONTACT	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES	FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PRIORITIES
BRITISH TAEKWONDO	Margaret Nolan Director of Development	NGB does not have a facility strategy. NGB restructuring to have membership team without development role	
VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND	Samantha Jamieson  England Volleyball	To my knowledge our facility needs in Charnwood District are currently being met.  Our currently club/academy delivery takes place across Loughborough University, Loughborough College and Limehurst school.	



## SPORTS CLUB SURVEY RESULTS ANALYSIS

### INTRODUCTION

To gain an understanding of the facility provision and sufficiency for non- pitch sports, a survey was undertaken across all sports organisations in Charnwood. The objective of the survey was to gain further information on the quality of indoor and outdoor facility provision and whether this satisfies the demands of the individual organisations.

### EXEC SUMMARY

The survey highlights that membership rates have increased in recent years and the clubs project a further increase in the future; this indicates that clubs are developing and growing, based on participation demands.

However, clubs need support with more space in facilities, promotion and marketing, and affordable fees.

### REVIEW OF SELECTED RESPONSES (TOP 3)

1. The average likelihood of recommending facilities to other similar organisations was 5/10 (Question 19)
2. 63.6% of clubs highlight their membership rates have increased in the past 3 years (Question 14)
3. 66.7% clubs project an increase in their membership numbers over the next 3 years (Question 21)



OVERALL RESPONSE SUMMARY

Response Data:

COMPLETION STAGE	NUMBER OF SPORTS CLUBS
FULLY COMPLETED RESPONSES	11
PARTIALLY COMPLETED RESPONSES	2
NUMBER OF UNIQUE SPORTS	10

In addition, 3 clubs responded to targeted telephone calls; their feedback is summarised in the relevant sports section, Section 5.  
Responding Organisations:

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SPORTS ORGANISATIONS
Shepshed Town Bowls Club
Squash Skills
Wreake and Soar Valley AC
Tora Judo Kai
Sibleby Boxing Academy
Simon Coope Karate School
Loughborough International Jiu-Jitsu Club
Charnwood Netball Club
James Freer's School of Taekwondo
Charnwood Squash
Loughborough Town SC
Shepshed Cycling Club
Leicestershire Road Club

\*Due to a low level of response, several phone calls were undertaken with the remaining clubs in order to obtain additional information. Further details can be found in Appendix A – Charnwood Sports Clubs Consultations.



**Question 1**

Question (Q): “What is the name of your Sports club?”

Answer (A): As above, 13 responses were received, of which all 13 were fully completed, with 10 unique sports responses.

**Question 2**

Question (Q): “Please provide the following contact information, in case we need to contact you for clarification on any responses.

Answer (A): All 13 clubs provided their name, email and contact number.

**Question 3**

Q: “Which sport does your club participate in?”

A: Athletics, Bowls, Boxing, Netball, Cycling, Gymnastics, Swimming and Karate all received 1 vote, Squash received 2 and Martial Arts received 3 votes.

**Question 4**

Q: “Is your organisation affiliated to a national governing body or association?”

A: 11 respondents answered YES, with the remaining 2 answering NO. The following NGBs were mentioned: Bowls England, England Athletics, British Judo Association (BJA), England Boxing, England Karate Federation, World Elite Black Belt Society, Taekwondo Association of Great Britain (TAGB), Swim England and British Cycling was mentioned twice.

**Question 5**

Q: “Please select the facility type your club uses most frequently”

A: Sports hall, roads and trails and squash courts received two votes each, while another 9 different types of facilities received one vote each: Bowling Green, Boxing Gym, Martial Arts Hall, Swimming Pool, Dance Studio, Youth Centre Hall, School Field and Velodromes.



### **Question 6**

Q: "Please name the facility your organisation uses most frequently."

A: 12 clubs responded to this question (1 skipped), all providing different answers except for Loughborough Leisure Centre which received 3 mentions. 2 clubs did not mention a facility as they use roads and trails. The facilities with 1 mention are:

- **Charnwood College**
- **John Skillen Martial Arts and Fitness Centre**
- **Shepshed High School**
- **The Radmoor Centre**
- **Wreake Valley Academy**
- **William Davis Squash Courts**
- **Sileby Boxing Academy**

### **Question 7**

Q: "Is this your preferred facility?"

A: 7 out of 11 clubs responded YES, and 4 responded NO, with 2 choosing to skip this question. Out of these 4 negative responses, 3 of them provided alternative facilities they would prefer to use. These included: Loughborough University Netball Centre, Martial Arts Centre and Ratcliffe College.

### **Question 8**

Q: "Do you use any other facilities for training or competition?"

A: 75% (9) of replies were YES and 25% (3) were NO, with 1 club skipping the question. This indicates the majority of clubs use multiple venues. Other facilities used by these clubs include: Welbeck College, Loughborough High School, Regent College Leicester, Loughborough Baptist Church, Prestwold Airfield and St Barts School.

**Question 9**

Q: "How many hours per week does your club utilise this facility?"

A: A total of 11 respondents answered this question, the majority (63.64%, 7 votes) stated that they use their facility 1-4 hours weekly. The 11 answers for this question are split as follows:

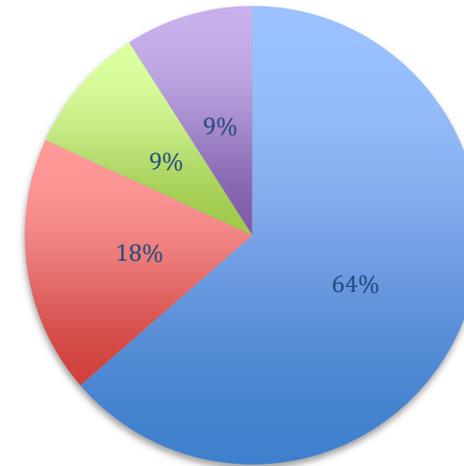
- **1-4 hours (7): Squash Skills, Wreake and Soar Valley AC, Tora Judo Kai, Simon Coope Karate School, Loughborough International Jiu-Jitsu Club, Leicestershire Road Club and Charnwood Squash**
- **5-8 hours (2): James Freer's School of Taekwondo and Loughborough Town SC**
- **9-12 hours (1): Sileby Boxing Academy,**
- **More than 12 hours (1): Charnwood Netball Club**

**Question 10**

Q: "How many active members does your club have?"

A: The highest response rate came in the over 75 category, with 6 / 12 responses (50%), followed by 11-25 category (25%). The 26-50 age category received 2 replies, with the 51-75 category receiving 1 reply, and with 0-10 receiving none. These figures indicate that some clubs in the area are fairly large.

**How many hours per week does your club utilise this facility?**



■ 1-4 hours ■ 5-8 hours ■ 9-12 hours ■ 12+ hours



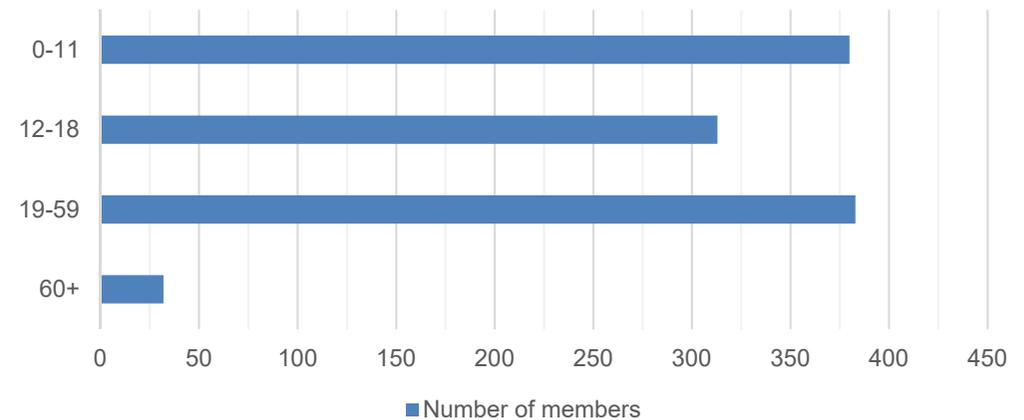
**Question 11**

Q: “Approximately what number of active members fall into the categories; Children (0-11), Youth (12-18), Adult (19-59) and Senior (60+)”

A: In total, there are approximately 1,108 members within the 11 clubs that responded to this question. The lowest response rate was senior (60+) with 32 members.

The second lowest group was youth (12-18), with 313 members estimated to be within this group, 100 of which are members from Wreake and Soar Valley AC. The second highest group was Children (0-11); with an estimated 380 members, Simon Coope Karate School has a high number of members in this age group, (estimated 200) indicating they are a very large group for the area. This is closely followed by the adult (19-59) category, in which there are a total of 383 members across the 11 clubs.

What number of active members fall into the following age categories?



**Question 12**

Q: “How do the majority of your organisation’s members travel to this facility?”

A: 80% of the 10 respondents (3 skipped) identified the car as the mode of transport most of their members use to travel to facilities, with 2 identifying bike (20%). This feedback reflects the high level of car ownership in the area.

**Question 13**

Q: “Please specify up to 3 main geographical areas from which your organisation draws members?”

A: Most respondents indicated their main area is Loughborough and surrounding areas, including: Shepshed, Melton Mowbray, Sileby, Syston, Thurmaston, Rothley, Groby and Hinckley.

**Question 14**

Q: “How has the number of club members changed over the last 3 years?”

A: Of the 11 respondents, 63.64% (7responses) indicated an increase in their membership, and 2 responses each (18.18%) highlighted that membership numbers had fallen and had not increased.



**Question 15**

Q: "Please provide the main reason for the above answer"

A: The main reason for the increases to membership is attributed to club/organisation recruitment (44.44% of votes). Other reasons mentioned for the responses to Q14 include: volunteer availability, cost of access, participant's available leisure time, trends in demand for sport and quality of facilities and lack of advertising.

**Question 16**

Q: "On behalf of your organisation, how would you rate your facility in the following areas? (Appendix A)

A: Through further analysing the data presented in Appendix A, the results show that overall clubs are happy with the 'capacity of venues' and 'suitable facility dimensions'. Poorer areas of the facilities were identified as 'childcare facilities', 'clubhouse facilities' and 'customer service'.

**Question 17**

Q: "If applicable, please prioritise 3 areas for investment in your main sports facility?"

A: The highest level of responses are: sports equipment, availability (suitable time periods for organisation) and sport surfaces. Accessibility and value for money are also top priorities amongst the clubs.

**Question 18**

Q: "Please provide reasons for the above list of priorities"

A: The open-ended question only received 7 responses, however, it did produce some useful results. We have included some full answers from those respondents who noted accessibility and sports surfaces as their improvement priorities.

***Charnwood Netball Club- "Floor slippery for top standard of netball, extremely expensive"***

***Simon Coope Karate School - "The room we occupy is not big enough, we provide our own mats but need more to fully equip the space. The wooden floor in the gym is beginning to break down, it replaced a fantastic wooden floor with a poor quality laminate and its now showing.***

***Sileby Boxing Academy - "There are no changing facilities for participants, toilets are not very good. Equipment is starting to become worn."***

***Leicestershire Road Club – "The facility presents an unsustainable financial burden on the club"***

**Question 19**

Q: “How likely is it that you would recommend this facility to other sports clubs? (1-very unlikely; 10 – very likely)

A: 10 clubs responded to this question; the overall average recommendation score was 5.40/10, which represents a fairly average view on facilities in the area. However, interestingly, the majority of votes (30%, 3 votes) was for 4, a below average score.

**Question 20**

Q: “If you have any further comments regarding your organisation’s main facility”

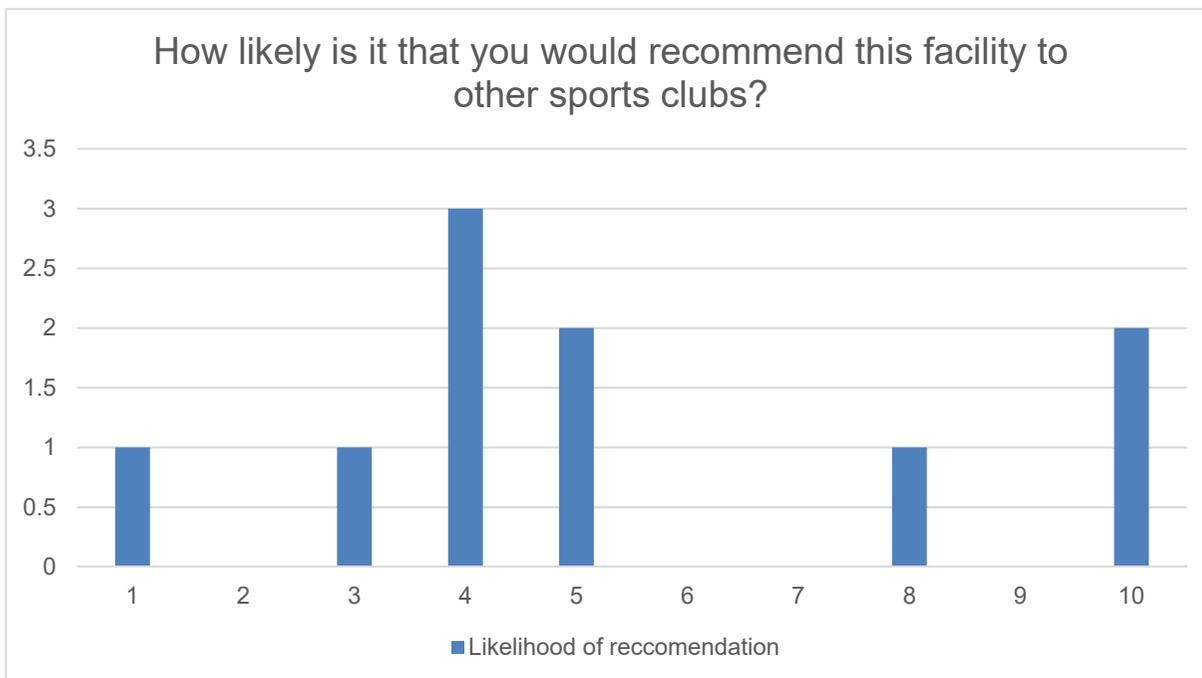
A: There were 7 responses to this question; these are the main points to take from their comments:

*Simon Coope Karate School - “Its really disappointing that sport and leisure management refuse to work with the clubs who use their facilities. The removal of club notice boards a typical example, the refusal to include external club on their web site another kick in the face. The new terms and conditions have also caused major financial difficulties. Having to pay for a facility 5 weeks before you use it is a major problem for any club. This from a company who boast of a £28 million reserve and 7 members of staff earning over £200,000 but that’s ok because they are “NOT FOR PROFIT”.*

*James Freer’s School of Taekwondo - “Not big enough for us to put on competitions”.*

*Loughborough Town SC - “We wouldn’t recommend it as we struggle to find enough pool time for our own swimmers without having this reduced for use by a similar organisation”*

*Leicestershire Road Club - “It is based at Leicester Outdoor Pursuit Centre. The car park area, which members have to cross to reach our clubroom, is often flooded during autumn, winter and spring. This deters members using the facility.”*





**Question 21**

Q: “How is the number of club members project to change over the next 3 years?”

A: Of the 12 respondents, 66.67% (8) indicate a projected increase in members over the next 3 years, with 33.33% (4) projecting no change and 1 club skipping the question. Overall this indicates a positive trend for membership numbers, as the majority project an increase in members over the next 3 years. Note: This question refers only to membership numbers. While there is likely to be correlation between increased membership volumes and rising overall participation, it is not guaranteed.

**Question 22**

Q: “How many new members/teams are you projecting to join your club in the next 3 years?”

A: Following on from Question 21, of those who provided a quantitative answer, the average increase was around 44 more members. The exception is Simon Coope Karate School, who project a large increase of approximately 100 members over the next 3 years.

**Question 23**

Q: “What would this change mean in terms of your requirements for facility space?”

A: There were 5 responses to this section and as expected, 60% of responses highlighte the need for increased court time/space to facilitate their projected growth:

*Charnwood Netball Club - “Two courts, more time”*

*Simon Coope Karate School - “Would like to open two more evenings in Loughborough but can’t get facilities”*

*Wreake and Soar Valley AC - “Our secondary venue, Ratcliffe, would require an extra weekly session”*

*Loughborough Town SC - “Lanes (not whole pool) for a morning session, potential increase or additional days whilst still keeping costs down”*

*Leicestershire Road Club - “Alternative club room facility with changing and shower facilities plus café / bar availability”*



**Question 24**

Q: "Please provide the main drivers for any increase expected in participation"

A: There were 7 responses to this section:

*Charnwood Netball Club- "Coaches"*

*Loughborough International Jiu-Jitsu Club - "Club advertising and word of mouth"*

*Simon Coope Karate School - "Increased advertising through Facebook and Google. Can't enter schools anymore and have no local support from the leisure centre. Karate is in the Olympics in 2020 and we may have one of the team in the club!"*

*Tora Judo Kai - "Word of mouth"*

*Wreake and Soar Valley AC – "Ethos and word of mouth"*

*Loughborough Town SC – "Strengthen clubs' teams and increase swimmer participation in the area"*

*Leicestershire Road Club – "Recruitment of new youth group"*

**Question 25**

Q: "In order to achieve your aspirations (potential) of your organisation, what partner support will you require over the next 3 years?"

A: Of the 11 comments received, key points regarding partner support are as follows:

*Simon Coope Karate School- "Notice board in the Leisure Centre! Entry on the Leisure centre web site (on the page for external clubs which isn't used!)! Help gaining access to Schools, Help delivering leaflets into schools, many who will not distribute now!"*

*Tora Judo Kai- "Support from our national body re advertising posters and handouts"*

*Charnwood Netball Club- "Funding"*

*James Freer's School of Taekwondo- "I teach coach taekwondo full time so don't get much help but I still offer a service to the public I have students that have been picked for the national squad who need help with funding"*

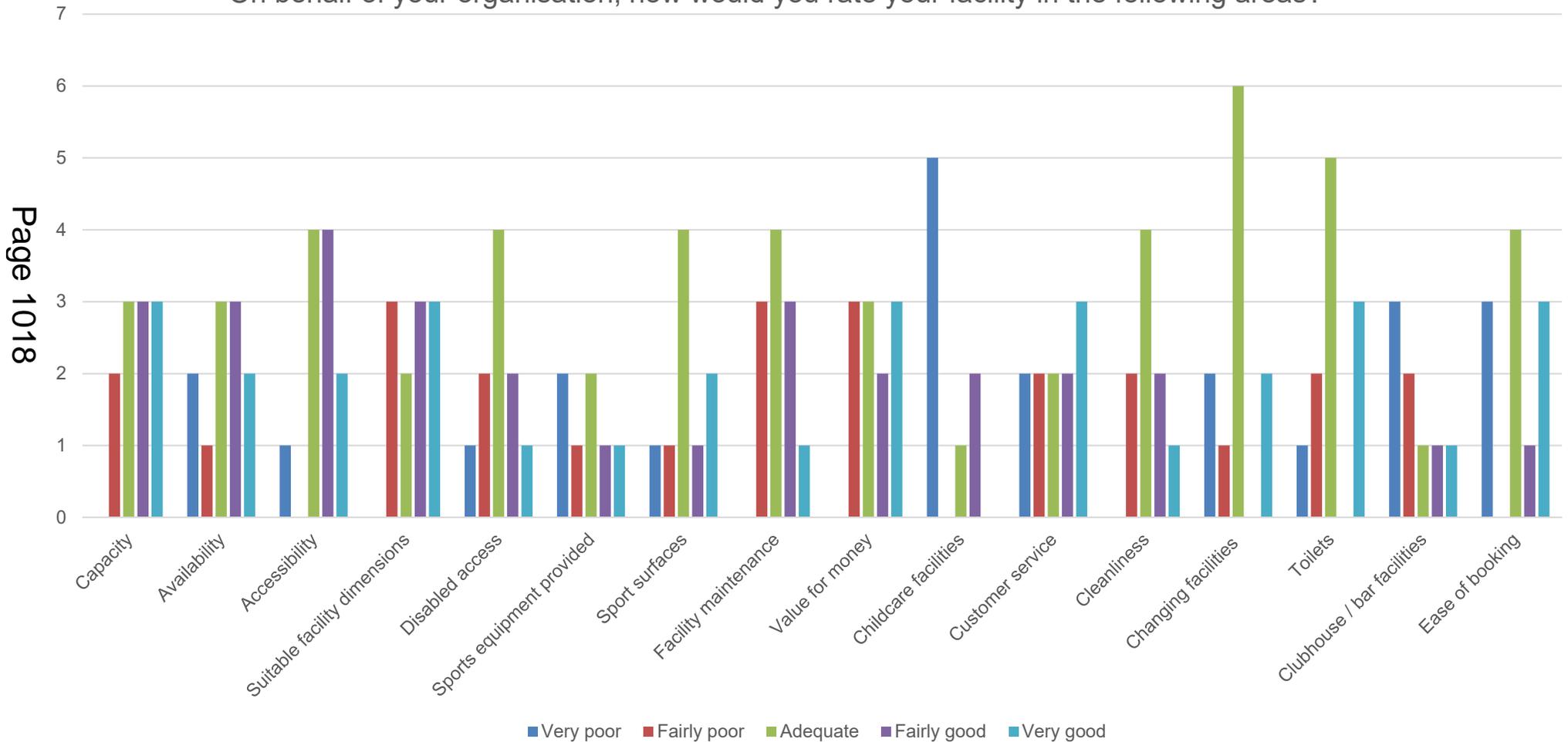
*Loughborough Town SC – "Learn to swim club links, work around finances and support to access grants"*

*Leicestershire Road Club – "Training and development in club management"*



APPENDIX: A

On behalf of your organisation, how would you rate your facility in the following areas?



SCHOOL SURVEY SUMMARY

SCHOOL	FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY?	FORMAL COMMUNITY USE AGREEMENT?	INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY ON SITE	WEEKDAY HOURS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE	WEEKEND HOURS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE	OCTOBER-MARCH		APRIL-SEPTEMBER		CLUBS ON SITE	AMBITION TO INCREASE COMMUNITY USE	MOST POPULAR SPORTS ON SITE	PLANS TO DEVELOP CURRENT FACILITIES	IS FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR INCREASED HOURS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS?	
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ASHMOUNT SPECIAL SCHOOL	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	School Hall (no community access)	N/A											
			Hydrotherapy pool (access to community)	3 hours	Consideration upon request	40%	100%	40%	100%	Baby Swim School	Yes	Swimming	No	Yes-consideration upon request	
BEACON ACADEMY	Yes	No	Swimming Pool	4:30pm-6:30pm onwards	9am-4pm	21%	21%	21%	21%	Water Babies	Yes - looking at another booking currently for one evening and Saturday morning booking	Swimming	Yes - we would like to put in a disabled toilet and showers into the pool area - this is funding depending	Yes	
BELTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	School Hall	5pm onwards	Consideration upon request	10%	100%	10%	100%	None	Yes- they have little to no demand on the hall at the moment however are open for community access.	N/A	No	Yes	
BISHOP ELLIS	No														N/A
BOOTH WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	No														N/A
BROOMFIELD	No														N/A



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CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Yes	No	Basketball Court							Charnwood College Riders	Yes, we are always promoting our venues	Basketball Netball Badminton	Yes, changes to sports centre to include a reception/cafe	Yes - consideration on request
			Sports Hall	4pm-10pm	8am-6pm	85%	N/A	85%	N/A					
			Sports Centre	4pm-10pm	8am-6pm	85%	N/A	85%	N/A					
			Gymnasium	4pm-10pm	8am-6pm	40%	N/A	40%	N/A					
CEDARS ACADEMY	Yes	No	Sports Hall	4 hours	Dependent upon demand		100%		100%	Thurmaston Magpies FC	Yes- the facility is not in demand at the moment	Karate Football	No	Yes
CHURCHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL	No		N/A											
COBDEN	No		N/A											
COSSINGTON	No		N/A											
DE LISLE CATHOLIC SCIENCE COLLEGE	Yes	No	Swimming pool	6 hours	3 hours	N/A				No	Swimming	No	No	
			Gym	Not available	Not available	N/A								
			Hall	Not available	Not available	N/A								
			Multigym	Not available	Not available	N/A								
DISEWORTH SCHOOL			No sports facilities on site											
EASTFIELD	No		N/A											

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GLENFIELD	Yes	No	School Hall	Dependent upon demand	Dependent upon demand	<10%	100%	<10%	100%	None	Yes- utilisation from community clubs is limited at the moment and the school would like to improve this.	None	No	Yes
HALL ORCHARD SCHOOL	Yes	No	School Hall	3 hours	Dependent upon demand	<10%	100%	<10%	100%	None	Yes- they are open for community access it is just that there is no demand	N/A	No	Yes
HATHERN PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	Sports Hall	Dependent upon demand	Dependent upon demand	60%	100%	60%	100%	Dance Group Pilates	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Dance Pilates	No	Yes
HEMINGTON PRIMARY	No sports facilities on site													
HIGHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	School Hall	Dependent upon demand	3 hours	20%	100%	20%	100%	None	Yes- they only have one regular booking on a Saturday at the moment.	N/A	No	Yes
HIGHCLIFFE	No	N/A												
HOLYWELL SCHOOL	No	N/A												



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HOLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	School Hall	Dependent upon demand	Dependent upon demand	<10%	100%	<10%	100%	None	Yes- they only have one regular booking at the site and that is Brownies and Guides.	N/A	No	Yes
HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL	Yes	No	Sports Hall	3.5 hours	None- no ball sports at weekend due to noise. Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays also.	50%	100%	50%	100%	Dance Group	Yes- they would like to carry out indoor sport at the weekend however this is an issue due to noise, consequently it reduces capacity for community availability.	Dance	No	Yes
KEGWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	School Hall	Dependent upon demand	Dependent upon demand	Respondent unable to provide this information	100%	Respondent unable to provide this information	100%	None	The school uses most of its hours for afterschool clubs, therefore they were unsure if they could expand their offer.	N/A	No	Yes
LATIMER	No	No	School Hall	N/A										
	Yes	No	Dance Studio	4 hours	Dependent upon demand	70%	100%	70%	100%	Local Dance Groups	Yes	Dance	No	Yes

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LIMEHURST HIGH SCHOOL	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Sports Hall	4 hours	Consideration upon request	Respondent unable to provide this information	100%	Respondent unable to provide this information	100%	None	Yes- always open to new access channels due to only having one regular booking at the moment.	Gym Classes	No	Yes- consideration on request
LOUGHBOROUGH CE	No	N/A												
LOUGHBOROUGH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	No	N/A												
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Sports Hall	6/7pm-9pm	Consideration on request	60%	100%	60%	100%	Gymnastics	Yes- however it is dependent upon the school's timetable	Gymnastics Basketball	No	Yes
			Indoor Stadium	6/7pm-9pm	Consideration on request	60%	100%	60%	100%	Respondent unable to provide this information	Yes- however it is dependent upon the school's timetable	Respondent unable to provide this information	No	Yes
MOUNTFIELDS LODGE SCHOOL	No	N/A												
NEWCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL	No	N/A												
OUR LADY CONVENT	No	No	Gymnasium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			Gymnasium	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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OUTWOODS EDGE SCHOOL	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	School Hall	3 hours	Consideration on request	0%	100%	0%	100%	None	Yes- currently the school has no sport club long term bookings. They have brownies etc booked in.	N/A	No	Yes
OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	Multifunctional Hall	3 hours	Consideration on request	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	100%	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	100%	None	Yes- the bookings are dominated by the schools own after school clubs. They would like to increase capacity but this is reliant on premises officer availability	N/A	No	Yes
RAWLINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Yes	N/A	Sports Hall	4 hours	8 hours on both days	80%	100%	20%	100%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rawlins Basketball</li> <li>Sour Valley Netball</li> <li>Mount Sorrel Juniors</li> <li>Quorn Badminton</li> <li>Quorn Judo</li> </ol>	Yes – through advertisement, we hope to attract new clubs to use our facilities	Football Dance Gymnastics	Yes – With funding, we would love to develop our 3G pitch, grass pitches and sports hall	Yes- however the school is closed for 2 weeks at Christmas and a week at Easter.
			Old Gym	4 hours	8 hours on both days	50%	100%	50%	100%					
			3G pitches	4 hours	Saturday: 8 hours Sunday: 4 hours	100%	100%	60%	80%					
			Grass pitches	4 hours	8 hours on both days	50%	90%	20%	50%					
			Deep end activity centre	4 hours	8 hours on both days	50%	90%	50%	90%					
RENDELL PRIMARY SCHOOL	No sports facilities on site													

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						CURRENT USAGE OF FACILITY DURING COMMUNITY HOURS (ESTIMATED %)	BLOCK BOOKING OF FACILITY (ESTIMATED % AGAINST CASUAL PAY AND PLAY US)	CURRENT USAGE OF FACILITY DURING COMMUNITY HOURS (ESTIMATED %)	BLOCK BOOKING OF FACILITY (ESTIMATED % AGAINST CASUAL PAY AND PLAY US)					
RICHARD HILL C OF E	Yes	No	School Hall	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	N/A	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	Yes- there are very rarely bookings at this venue consequently percentages etc cannot be obtained	N/A	No	Yes- dependent upon the demand of the hall
RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	School Hall	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	N/A	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	Yes- booking is irregular and not frequent.	N/A	No	Yes- dependent upon demand
ROBERT BAKEWELL	No	N/A												
ROTHLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	Sports Hall	5:30pm-9pm	Closed	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	100%	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	100%	None	Yes- The sports hall is rented well however in order to increase community use the school would need to have a fulltime keyholder, and until this is achieved then there will be no more community availability.	N/A	No- just more line markings	Yes- only open if there is a booking
ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Sports Hall	4 hours	Consideration on request	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	No	Yes

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL	No													
SAINT WINEFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	School Hall	Roughly 3 hours a night	Consideration on request	40%	100%	40%	100%	Dance Group	Yes- Dance is the only block booking that they have, therefore they would like to open it out.	Dance	No	Yes
SEAGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL	No sport facilities on site													
SILEBY REDLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	School Hall	Dependant upon demand	Consideration on request	40%	100%	40%	100%	Dance Group	Yes- however the reason why they have so few bookings is due to a lack of caretaker availability	Dance	No	Yes
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S	No													
ST BOTOLPH'S	No sports facilities on site													
ST MARYS LOUGHBOROUGH	No sports facilities on site													
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	No sports facilities on site													
ST PAULS	No													N/A
ST PETERS AND ST PAULS	No													N/A
STONEBOW	No													N/A

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SWITHLAND ST. LEONARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	Yes	No	School Hall	Dependent upon demand	Consideration on request	<10%	100%	<10%	100%	None	Yes- however the school hall isn't big enough to allow this to happen. There are currently extra-curricular classes that go on here however they can only hold a maximum of 10 people.	None	No- no plans but would certainly like to expand the hall.	Yes
THE HALL	No									N/A				
THE MERTON										No sports facilities on site				
THE POCHIN	No									N/A				
THORPE ACRE INFANTS SCHOOL	No									N/A				
THORPE ACRE JUNIOR SCHOOL	No									N/A				
THURSSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	No									N/A				
WOOLDEN HILL PRIMARY	No									N/A				
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Yes	Yes	Sports Hall x2 Badminton courts x8 Basketball court	5pm-9pm 5pm-9pm 5pm-9pm	9am-6pm 9am-6pm 9am-6pm	Sports halls – 25%	Sports halls – 100%	Sports halls – 75%	Sports halls – 25%	1. Gymnastics 2. Roller Derby 3. Rugby 4. Futsal	Yes, in all sports that are played inside	Gymnastics Roller Derby	Funding applicable then yes	All facilities are open during school holidays



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BURTON ON THE WOLDS SCHOOL	No	No	School Hall			N/A				Adult keep fit – Fridays 8.50 to 9.50 (term time only)	No	N/A	No	No
LONG WHATTON SCHOOL	No	No	School Hall			N/A								
QUENILBOROUGH	Yes	Respondent unable to provide us with this information	School Hall	Dependent upon demand	Dependent upon demand	N/A	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	Yes- The sports hall can be let out for sports clubs however due to the shape and size of it, it is not used.	N/A	No	Yes
			Swimming Pool	Wednesday am- 3 hours Friday am-3 hours	Saturday am- 3 hours	70%	100%	70%	100%	Mother and Baby Groups	Yes- The swimming pool has recently re-opened after being shut. The pool was popular before closing. It is mainly used for mother and babies due to the depth of the pool only being 0.8m deep.	N/A	No	Yes

CONSULTATION WITH NEIGHBOURING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The table below summarises the consultation undertaken with neighbouring local authorities to inform this Strategy. All neighbouring local authorities were contacted and sent a short survey; follow up contact was made twice to encourage responses, but few direct responses were received, despite chasing. Information summarised below is therefore based on SLL’s own local knowledge, and research.

LOCAL AUTHORITY	COMMENTS
BLABY DISTRICT	<p>Blaby District developed an Indoor Facilities Strategy in 2016/17.</p> <p>The Strategy identifies the need for investment in existing facilities to improve quality and increase fitness capacity. No new facility developments are identified.</p>
LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL	<p>Leicester City Council is developing a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for the City.</p> <p>Following investment in a number of indoor facilities (new build and refurbishment) the future strategic direction for provision is being reviewed.</p>
NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE COUNCIL	<p>NWLDC does not have an Indoor Facility Strategy but we have recently commissioned a Facilities Framework through Leicestershire &amp; Rutland Sport.</p> <p>We are currently investigating the potential for a new build leisure centre in Coalville to replace the ageing Hermitage Leisure Centre, the new centre would be larger to accommodate the future predicted population growth in and around Coalville.</p> <p>We are at the very early stages of considering the feasibility of a new Sportshall to serve Ivanhoe College and Hood Park Leisure Centre, it is likely this will be 3 or 4 courts.</p> <p>We are supporting Newbridge High School in investigating the feasibility of an athletics track on their school site.</p>
RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL	<p>Rushcliffe Borough Council is currently in the process of finalising the new Leisure Strategy 2017 – 2027 – we are hoping the final strategy will be published in July once it has been approved and adopted by Council.</p> <p>The proposed vision of the new strategy is:</p> <p><b>‘To provide high quality, cost-effective leisure facilities to support Rushcliffe residents to enjoy healthy, active lifestyles’</b></p> <p>We have identified a need to focus on and improve the leisure facilities in Bingham, which sits East of the borough and would not have a direct impact on the Charnwood Community.</p> <p>The strategy identifies the strategic objective to retain the current five indoor leisure facilities and ensure they are fit for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bingham Leisure Centre – identified need to improve the facilities</b></li> <li>• <b>Cotgrave Leisure Centre</b></li> <li>• <b>East Leake Leisure Centre</b></li> <li>• <b>Keyworth Leisure Centre</b></li> <li>• <b>Rushcliffe Arena (major development in 2016, opened new centre in January 2017)</b></li> </ul> <p>As part of the consultation for the new Leisure Strategy, we spoke with secondary schools regarding plans for any future developments – of the 6 schools that responded, 2 stated potential developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Toot Hill School in Bingham is a dual use site with Bingham Leisure Centre and have been in discussion with the leisure centre regarding a 4G pitch</b></li> <li>• <b>South Wolds School in Keyworth stated they have plans to get new flooring in the sports hall and gymnasium</b></li> </ul> <p>In 2016 South Nottinghamshire Academy in Radcliffe-on-Trent had a new school build and as part of that now have a new fitness suite, dance/drama studio and main sports hall.</p>
HARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL	<p>The Council is currently developing its own Facilities Strategy but it is not anticipated this will impact on Charnwood.</p>
HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL	<p>The Council developed a major replacement leisure centre in Hinckley around 4/5 years ago. There are no proposals for additional provision at the moment.</p>



APPENDIX 4  
STRATEGY CONSULTEES



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NAME OF FACILITY OR STAKEHOLDER	ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTCODE	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.
Soar Valley Leisure Centre (Operated by Fusion Lifestyle)	Off Kingfisher Road, Mountsorrel, Leicester, LE12 7FG	Matthew Smith	<a href="mailto:matthew.smith@fusion-lifestyle.com">matthew.smith@fusion-lifestyle.com</a>	-
Loughborough Leisure Centre (Operated by Fusion Lifestyle)	Browns Lane, Loughborough, LE11 3HE	Matthew Smith	<a href="mailto:matthew.smith@fusion-lifestyle.com">matthew.smith@fusion-lifestyle.com</a>	-
South Charnwood Leisure Centre (Operated by Fusion Lifestyle)	Parkstone Road Syston, Leicestershire, LE7 1LY	Matthew Smith	<a href="mailto:matthew.smith@fusion-lifestyle.com">matthew.smith@fusion-lifestyle.com</a>	-
Leicestershire and Rutland Sport (Facilities Planning)	Sport Park, Loughborough University, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough Leicestershire, LE11 3QF	Harry Venning	<a href="mailto:h.venning@lrsport.org">h.venning@lrsport.org</a>	01509 564861
Leicestershire and Rutland Sport (Sports Participation)	Sport Park, Loughborough University, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough Leicestershire, LE11 3QF	John Byrne	<a href="mailto:j.byrne@lrsport.org">j.byrne@lrsport.org</a>	
Football Association		Matt Bartle	<a href="mailto:Matt.Bartle@thefa.com">Matt.Bartle@thefa.com</a>	-
Rugby Football Association		Peter Shaw	<a href="mailto:Peter.shaw@rfu.com">Peter.shaw@rfu.com</a>	-
idVerde	Derby Road Playing Fields, Cotton Way, Loughborough LE11 5FJ	Tony Jones	<a href="mailto:tony.jones@idverde.co.uk">tony.jones@idverde.co.uk</a>	01509 271567 07815828141
Friends of Charnwood Forest	251 Bradgate Road , Anstey LE7 7FX .	Paul Day (Chairman)	<a href="mailto:chairman@focf.org.uk">chairman@focf.org.uk</a>	0116 236 4376



NAME OF FACILITY OR STAKEHOLDER	ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTCODE	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.
Charnwood Water	Tuckers Road, Loughborough Leicestershire, LE11 2PH	The Ranger		01509 263 976
Friends of Queens Park, Loughborough	35 Arthur Street Leicestershire LE11 3AY	Keith Clarke		01509 261477
Bradgate Park	Estate Office, Deer Barn Buildings, Bradgate Park, Newtown Linford, Leicester LE6 OHE	Peter Tyldesley		0116 236 2713.

CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL CONTACTS

NAME OF FACILITY OR STAKEHOLDER	ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTCODE	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.
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Head of Neighbourhood Services		Julie Robinson	<a href="mailto:julie.robinson@charnwood.gov.uk">julie.robinson@charnwood.gov.uk</a>	01509 634590
Head of Leisure and Culture		Sylvia Wright	<a href="mailto:Sylvia.wright@charnwood.gov.uk">Sylvia.wright@charnwood.gov.uk</a>	01509 634658
Leisure Centre and Contracts Business Manager		Kevin Stanley	<a href="mailto:Kevin.stanley@charnwood.gov.uk">Kevin.stanley@charnwood.gov.uk</a>	01509 634593
Charnwood Ranger Service				07890999176



## APPENDIX 5

### SUMMARY OF LOCAL CONTEXT AND MARKET SEGMENTATION PROFILES



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SUMMARY OF LOCAL CONTEXT

STRATEGY	SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES/PRIORITIES
<p>CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2016-2020</p>	<p>The corporate plan has three themes; People, Place and Service with the aim to make Charnwood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>A safer, more secure and caring environment</b></li> <li>● <b>A borough with a strong, diverse economy</b></li> <li>● <b>and a place served by a council which puts customers at the heart of everything it does.</b></li> </ul> <p>In relation to this study the most relevant aims under each theme are:</p> <p><b>Strong Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New businesses, new homes and improved infrastructure will be key features in the next four years, with a range of affordable homes, new schools, shops and leisure facilities being planned to accommodate growth.</li> <li>● Ensure that a growth in homes and infrastructure benefits residents through improved community facilities, affordable housing and superfast broadband</li> <li>● Promote the Borough to increase tourism and support initiatives to help our towns and villages to thrive.</li> <li>● Develop new and revitalised Town Centre Masterplans for Loughborough and Shepshed</li> </ul> <p><b>Every Resident Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We will provide opportunities to participate in social, leisure and cultural activities and in community life.</li> <li>● Make Charnwood an attractive place for all, through investment in our housing stock, funding community groups and providing a range of diverse opportunities and events.</li> <li>● Encourage healthy lifestyles for all our residents through physical activity programmes and the provision of sports facilities and green spaces</li> <li>● We will provide high quality, affordable and responsive services and improve online access to them.</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Delivering Excellent Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put customers at the heart of everything we do and provide strong community leadership</li> <li>Improve the ways in which customers can access our services</li> <li>Continuously look for ways to deliver services more efficiently</li> </ul>
<p>THE CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN 2011-2028 (ADOPTED 2015)</p>	<p><b>The Vision includes the following:</b></p> <p>In 2028 Charnwood will be one of the most desirable places to live, work and visit in the East Midlands.</p> <p>Development will have been managed to improve the economy, quality of life and the environment.</p> <p>Charnwood will be recognised for the role Loughborough plays in the region’s knowledge-based economy.</p> <p>Our community will have access to a range of green spaces, leisure and recreational facilities across Charnwood and new parkland in Loughborough and Thurmaston will be provided. The Charnwood Forest will be recognised as a Regional Park. The River Soar and Wreake will be improved for wild life and people.</p> <p>Charnwood will be recognised for delivering growth to a high design quality that benefits the community.</p> <p>The demand for housing will be focused on Loughborough and the edge of Leicester City. New sustainable urban extensions at West Loughborough and Thurmaston, as well as other planned areas of growth, will incorporate good quality design and reflect our strong local distinctiveness.</p> <p>Loughborough will continue to be the main economic, social and cultural heart of the Borough. It will be an attractive, compact and ‘walkable’ destination for shopping, leisure, entertainment and culture. Our other settlements, including a regenerated Shepshed, will have an attractive provision of local shops, culture and leisure facilities.</p> <p>Our community will have better access to jobs and services, with a choice to walk or cycle.</p>



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	<p><b>The challenges facing Charnwood include:</b></p> <p><b>A growing population:</b> set to be 194,600 by 2028 (2012 ONS Population Projections) with a need for 13,940 additional homes (2014 SHMA). There will be a need for jobs, shops, leisure and culture opportunities, community services and facilities and infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Deprived communities:</b> five of Leicestershire’s ten most deprived neighbourhoods fall within Charnwood, with pockets of deprivation in Loughborough, Thurmaston, Syston and Mountsorrel. This is reflected in lower than average incomes, poor health and lower levels of educational attainment.</p> <p><b>Shopping and leisure improvements:</b> competition from the shopping and leisure offers at Leicester, Derby and Nottingham as well as increases in online shopping means improvements are needed in Loughborough, Shepshed and our other centres to secure their long term vitality and viability.</p> <p><b>A lack of green space and leisure facilities:</b> there is a need for a variety of green spaces and leisure facilities across the Borough, including parks, natural open space, amenity green space, outdoor sport, facilities for children and young people, outdoor and indoor sport facilities and allotments.</p> <p>The relevant strategic objectives within the Local Plan which have ben identified to realise the vision and address the challenges include:</p> <p><b>SO1:</b> to reduce the need to, and distance of, travel by car and increase use of walking, cycling and public transport</p> <p><b>SO2:</b> to secure the provision of accessible facilities and services to meet the needs of all local people, having regard to the particular needs of the young, old and “hard to reach”</p> <p><b>SO3:</b> to promote health and well being, for example by ensuring that residents have access to health care, local parks, greenspaces and natural environment, the countryside and facilities for sport and recreation, creative and community activities.</p> <p><b>SO6:</b> to promote stronger, cohesive and balanced communities having regard to changes in demographics, for example influencing the type of housing provision;</p>



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	<p><b>SO14:</b> to sustain and enhance Loughborough town centre as a prosperous, attractive and vibrant destination for shopping, entertainment and leisure as well as a place to live;</p> <p><b>SO15:</b> to capitalise on the benefits of Loughborough University, especially those associated with its reputation as a centre of sporting excellence, research into innovation, new technologies and sustainability;</p> <p><b>SO16:</b> to ensure that there is a network of vibrant ‘local’ centres so residents have access to a range of shops, services and facilities;</p> <p>Key policy which will shape the delivery of the Local Plan include:</p> <p><b>Policy CS01 -Development Strategy</b> We will make provision for at least 13,940 new homes between 2011 and 2028. Leicester Principal Urban Area. Our priority location for growth will be the Leicester Principal Urban Area, where provision will be made for at least 5,500 new homes and up to 46 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2028.</p> <p>We will do this by planning positively for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a sustainable urban extension of approximately 4,500 homes to the north east of Leicester, delivering approximately 3,250 homes and up to 13 hectares of employment land by 2028 and the remaining homes beyond the plan period as part of a comprehensive and integrated development;</li> <li>• a direction of growth for approximately 1,500 homes as part of a sustainable urban extension to the north of Birstall, delivering approximately 1,345 homes and up to 15 hectares of employment land by 2028 and the remaining homes beyond the plan period as part of a comprehensive development;</li> <li>• a direction of growth for up to 8,750 sqm of offices and up to 16 hectares of general employment land within the Watermead Regeneration corridor; and sustainable development which contributes towards meeting our remaining</li> <li>• development needs, supports our strategic vision, makes effective use of land and is in accordance with the policies in this strategy.</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Loughborough and Shepshed</b></p> <p>The majority of our remaining growth will be met at Loughborough and Shepshed where provision will be made for at least 5,000 new homes and up to 22 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2028.</p> <p>We will do this by planning positively for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>a sustainable urban extension of approximately 3,000 homes to the west of</b></li> <li>• <b>Loughborough, delivering approximately 2,440 homes and up to 16 hectares of employment land by 2028 and the remaining homes beyond the plan period as part of a comprehensive and integrated development;</b></li> <li>• <b>approximately 1,200 homes within and adjoining Shepshed to support its regeneration;</b></li> <li>• <b>up to 6 hectares of employment land within and adjoining Loughborough/Shepshed; and</b></li> <li>• <b>sustainable development which contributes towards meeting our remaining</b></li> <li>• <b>development needs, supports our strategic vision, makes effective use of land and is in accordance with the policies in this strategy.</b></li> </ul> <p>We will also plan positively for up to a 77 hectare expansion of Science and Enterprise Park to the West of Loughborough University.</p> <p><b>Service Centres</b></p> <p>We will plan positively for the role of Service Centres (Anstey, Barrow Upon Soar, Mountsorrel, Quorn, Rothley, Sileby and Syston).</p> <p>We will do this by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>providing for at least 3,000 new homes and approximately 7 hectares of employment land within and adjoining our Service Centres between 2011 and 2028;</b></li> <li>• <b>safeguarding services and facilities; and</b></li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>responding positively to sustainable development which contributes towards meeting our development needs, supports our strategic vision, makes effective use of land and is in accordance with the policies in this strategy.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Other Settlements</b></p> <p>We will meet the local social and economic need for development in other settlements (Barkby, Burton on the Wolds, Cossington, East Goscote, Hathern, Newtown Linford, Queniborough, Rearsby, Thrussington, Thurcaston, Woodhouse Eaves and Wymeswold). We will do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>providing for at least 500 new homes within settlement boundaries identified in our Site Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document between 2011 and 2028;</b></li> <li>• <b>responding positively to small-scale opportunities within defined limits to development;</b></li> <li>• <b>responding positively to affordable housing developments in accordance with Policy CS3;</b></li> <li>• <b>safeguarding services and facilities; and responding positively to development which contributes to local priorities as identified in Neighbourhood Plans.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Small Villages and Hamlets</b></p> <p>We will safeguard services and facilities and respond positively to development that meets a specific local social or economic need in our smallest settlements (Barkby Thorpe, Beeby, Cotes, Cropston, Hoton, Prestwold, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Ridgeway</p> <p><b>Policy CS 8 Regeneration of Shepshed</b></p> <p>We will make a significant contribution to the regeneration of Shepshed by 2028 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>supporting developments which contribute to the vitality and viability of Shepshed in accordance with Policy CS9;</b></li> <li>• <b>supporting developments that improve access to community facilities.</b></li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Policy CS 9 Town Centres and Shops</b></p> <p><b>Loughborough Town Centre</b> We will make a significant contribution to the regeneration and the continued vitality of Loughborough Town Centre by supporting major retail, leisure and other ‘town centre’ developments.</p> <p>We will also support commercial leisure uses, including restaurants that support activity throughout the day and night for a range of age groups and which support the main retail attraction of the Town Centre.</p> <p>We expect around 70% of all additional floorspace for main town centre uses to be provided in Loughborough Town Centre between 2011 and 2028.</p> <p>Up to 2021 we will focus all new convenience and the majority of new comparison retail floorspace to the southeast of Loughborough Town Centre and Devonshire Square.</p> <p>We support proposals for retail, leisure and other ‘town centre’ developments to the northwest of the town centre where, the amount and type of retail floorspace does not compromise the redevelopment of regeneration areas in Devonshire Square and to the southeast of Loughborough Town Centre; and ‘Town Centre’ Uses are located and pedestrian links are designed to support the compact and walkable character of Loughborough Town Centre.</p> <p><b>Shepshed District Centre</b> We will make a significant contribution to the regeneration of Shepshed by 2028 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>supporting ‘town centre’ development that is physically well integrated within and contributes to the vitality and viability of the District Centre and increases economic and community activity;</b></li> <li>• <b>supporting new developments that improve accessibility to the District Centre through signage, pedestrian and cycle routes, enhanced public transport and highway improvements and traffic management and parking initiatives; improving the pedestrian environment, and public realm;</b></li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Policy CS 10 Rural Economic Development</b> Supporting tourism and leisure facilities, particularly developments that benefit the Great Central Railway, the River Soar and Grand Union Canal and the National Forest Strategy.</p> <p><b>Policy CS 12 Green Infrastructure</b> We will protect and enhance our green infrastructure assets for their community, economic and environmental values. We will work with our partners to define, protect and enhance the Charnwood Forest Regional Park and support the aims of the National Forest Strategy.</p> <p>We will support proposals that relate to the River Soar and Grand Union Canal Corridor which: provide high quality walking and cycling links between the corridor and our towns and villages; deliver hubs and other high quality tourism opportunities linked to the River Soar at Loughborough, Barrow upon Soar and Thurmaston; and protect and enhance water bodies and resources.</p> <p>We will protect and enhance our Urban Fringe Green Infrastructure Enhancement Areas by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>enhancing our network of green infrastructure assets through strategic developments in accordance with Policies CS19, CS20, CS21, CS22 and CS23; addressing the identified needs in open space provision; and supporting development in Green Wedges that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ retains the open and undeveloped character of the Green Wedge;</li> <li>■ retains and creates green networks between the countryside and open spaces within the urban areas; and</li> <li>■ retains and enhances public access to the Green Wedge, especially for recreation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Policy CS 15 Open Spaces, Sports and Recreation</b> We will work with our partners to meet the strategic open space needs of our community by 2028. We will do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>requiring new developments to meet the standards set out in our Open Spaces Strategy, having regard to local provision and viability;</b></li> <li>● <b>requiring masterplans for our sustainable urban extensions that deliver quality open spaces;</b></li> <li>● <b>retaining open space, sport and recreation facilities unless they are clearly surplus to requirements or replacement provision of at least equal quantity and quality will be made in a suitable location;</b></li> </ul>



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	<p><b>South Charnwood Growth</b></p> <p>The southern part of Charnwood sits on the edge of Leicester and forms an integral part of the way the City functions and grows. The villages and towns on the edge of Leicester, including Birstall and Thurmaston, play a significant role in Leicester’s economy.</p> <p>The people that live in these communities very often work in the City and also benefit from good access to, and support, the City’s shops, services and leisure facilities.</p> <p>Leicester City has expanded to its limits. We recognise the economic and social relationship between our community and the City. We want to contribute to the future prosperity of the City whilst protecting our communities’ identity.</p> <p>Our priority location for growth is within and adjoining the Leicester Principal Urban Area. We will provide for the majority of this growth in two sustainable urban extensions, providing homes and jobs with facilities and services, and an employment focused Regeneration Corridor.</p> <p>The north east of Leicester, the area north of Birstall and the Watermead Corridor are the most appropriate locations to meet our Vision and objectives and those of our partners.</p> <p>Our strategy also identifies our plans for the Watermead Regeneration Corridor including new employment and leisure development, the renewal of the waterfront and regeneration of the village centre at Thurmaston</p> <p>We have prepared a Vision for the <b>North East of Leicester Sustainable Urban Extension</b> in partnership with the developers, Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council.</p> <p>We want this new community to benefit from access to a wide range of services and facilities including schools, shops, new or expanded health facilities and community facilities such as a place of worship and a community hall. We expect new facilities to be delivered as part of centres within the development.</p> <p>The sustainable urban extension should include three primary schools and a secondary school.</p> <p>We want the sustainable urban extension to connect new residents to employment, schools, shops, leisure facilities, open spaces and other community facilities both within the development and beyond. The development should make the most of the opportunities for high quality walking and cycling routes and high frequency bus services.</p>



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	<p>We expect biodiversity, walking and cycling routes, open space and climate change to be considered and planned in an integrated manner.</p> <p>Development will provide an extension of the Leicester Hamilton Green Wedge including access to and long term management of a formal parkland as part of an accessible, comprehensive and high quality network of multi-functional green spaces in accordance with our open space standards in accordance with Policies CS15 and CS12.</p> <p>The package of green space should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>parks totalling around 3.6 hectares;</b></li> <li>● <b>around 23 hectares of natural and semi-natural green space; around 5 hectares of amenity green space</b></li> <li>● <b>around 22 sites providing facilities for children; around 22 sites providing facilities for young people;</b></li> <li>● <b>around 29 hectares of outdoor sports provision including around 13 hectares of playing pitches and around 5 tennis courts;</b></li> <li>● <b>around 4 indoor courts;</b></li> <li>● <b>around 4 hectares of allotments</b></li> </ul> <p><b>North of Birstall Direction of Growth</b></p> <p>We have identified a direction of growth for our second sustainable urban extension adjacent to the Leicester Principal Urban Area at Birstall.</p> <p>In 2028 the North Birstall Sustainable Urban Extension will be known for its reputation as a Garden Suburb. It will combine the benefits of excellent access to the City for work and leisure with the benefits of the countryside such as green open space, fresh air, tranquillity and beautiful character.</p> <p>The sustainable urban extension should include a primary school and contribute to the extension or adaption of local secondary schools.</p>



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	<p>We will expect the development to make the most of opportunities for high quality walking and cycling routes and high frequency bus services. We want the new development to be accessible and connect the community to services and facilities, National Cycle Route 6 and the Park and Ride facility in Birstall</p> <p><b>Watermead Regeneration Corridor Direction of Growth</b></p> <p>The Watermead Corridor is located on the edge of the Leicester Principal Urban Area and follows the Soar Valley. It begins just over 2 miles from Leicester City Centre and runs along the River Soar to Wanlip.</p> <p>At its centre is the Watermead Country Park, a network of old mineral workings and artificial lakes that run north to south along the path of the river. The Grand Union Canal also runs through the valley providing a direct access to the waterfront at Thurmaston. The Country Park is used for watersports and informal recreation and is a Local Wildlife Site.</p> <p>Thurmaston is home to some of the most deprived households in the Borough. Part of Thurmaston borders the Country Park and is within the South Charnwood Priority Neighbourhood. Our evidence shows pockets of deprivation where there are low levels of income among older people, low levels of education, skills and training and a poor quality living environment. Community cohesion is also restricted by the physical barriers of the A607 and Midland Mainline railway. The opportunity to benefit the community by linking Thurmaston to the Watermead Corridor has not been taken in the past.</p> <p>We have worked with our partners, including Sustrans, to improved walking and cycling links between the Country Park and Thurmaston. The creation of links to overcome severance from the village centre caused by the road and rail corridors has been considered through a master planning exercise.</p> <p><b>North Charnwood: Loughborough and Shepshed Growth</b></p> <p>Our <b>West of Loughborough Growth Area</b> provides the focus for new homes, jobs and places for leisure for the north of Charnwood. The Loughborough Science and Enterprise Park will be extended to complement the sustainable urban extension to the west of Loughborough at this important entrance into the town.</p> <p>The new community will be well connected to the town's employment, shops, leisure and services.</p>



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	<p>The West Loughborough Growth Area will also see Garendon Registered Park and Gardens restored and opened up for public access for the first time, providing a new recreational resource for the people of Loughborough, Shepshed, Hathern and other communities.</p> <p>There will be a network of walking and cycling routes and bus services providing excellent connectivity to facilities, services and open spaces.</p> <p>The development of community facilities will include <b>providing two primary schools as appropriate</b> to meet the need for school places, as focal points within the new community; providing one accessible Local Centre, delivered as part of an early phase of development, including as a minimum, local shops and a small supermarket, small scale employment and a range of non-retail and community facilities and services in accordance with Policy CS9;</p> <p>Development requiring the retention of walking, cycling and road connections with Loughborough and Shepshed and where possible the creation of new links in accordance with Policy CS17;</p> <p>provide an accessible, comprehensive and high quality network of multi-functional green spaces in accordance with our open space standards in accordance with CS15 and CS12. The package of green space should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>parks totalling around 1.5 hectares;</b></li> <li>● <b>around 3.4 hectares of amenity green spaces; around 14 sites providing facilities for children; around 14 sites providing facilities for young people;</b></li> <li>● <b>around 22.8 hectares of outdoor sports provision including around 9 hectares of playing pitches and around 4 tennis courts;</b></li> <li>● <b>around 3 indoor courts; and around 2.5 hectares of allotments</b></li> </ul> <p>By 2028 the Science and Enterprise Park will deliver at least 111,000 sqm of space in a landscaped campus that, provides for uses that directly relate to the University's own operational activities including teaching, research and development, administration, student accommodation and sports facilities.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure and Delivery</b></p>



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	<p>We expect all of our communities to benefit from a wide range of infrastructure, at the right time and in the right place. We want developments to create places that residents can be proud of.</p> <p>By 2028 there will be significant progress towards the delivery of essential infrastructure set out in our Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the direct, local impacts of developments on existing infrastructure and our community will have been reasonably managed and mitigated.</p> <p>We will do this by:</p> <p>ensuring that development contributes to the reasonable costs of on site, and where appropriate off site, infrastructure, arising from the proposal through the use of Section 106 and Section 278 Agreements; giving consideration to the implementation of a Community Infrastructure Levy; entering into planning performance agreements with promoters on all our major proposals with 3 year review processes to consider viability and infrastructure delivery.</p>																		
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<p>LEICESTERSHIRE JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY</p> <p>2017-2022</p>	<p>Leicestershire’s Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2015) provides the detailed information and evidence which forms the basis for the priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017 – 22.</p> <p>VISION</p> <p><b><i>“We will improve health outcomes for the local population, manage future demand on services and create a strong and sustainable health and care system by making the best use of the available resources.”</i></b></p> <p>The following outcomes reflect the health and wellbeing conditions that we want to achieve in Leicestershire over the next five years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The people of Leicestershire are enabled to take control of their own health and wellbeing;</b></li> <li><b>2. The gap between health outcomes for different people and places has reduced;</b></li> <li><b>3. Children and young people in Leicestershire are safe and living in families where they can achieve their full potential and have good health and wellbeing;</b></li> <li><b>4. People plan ahead to stay healthy and age well and older people feel they have a good quality of life;</b></li> <li><b>5. People give equal priority to their mental health and wellbeing and can access the right support throughout their life course</b></li> </ol> <p>To deliver the outcomes priorities relevant to this study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>● Use our influence to advocate the importance of all public policy making in improving the external factors that affect people’s health and wellbeing.</b></li> <li><b>● Use evidence to improve the targeting of activity to reduce health inequality between people and places based on local need.</b></li> <li><b>● Work in partnership to improve outcomes for people with disabilities throughout their lives.</b></li> </ul>



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<p>LEICESTERSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2015</p>	<p>Within the JSNA we are using the term health in its widest sense, as defined by the World Health Organisation:</p> <p><b><i>“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”</i></b></p> <p>The most significant driver of health needs for the Leicestershire population is the growing older population. Our population is living longer than ever before.</p> <p>Health needs increase with age. The 2011 Census data for Leicestershire shows us that for people aged 85 years and over, only 15% of the population do not have their activities of daily living limited (ADL) by a long term health problem or disability.</p> <p>The evidence identifies a need to focus on increasing healthy life expectancy. The emphasis must be to prevent the development of long term conditions and disabilities in working age adults – those adults who are 40-50 years old now but who will be 60-85 years old in 25 years’ time.</p> <p>We need to make the most of opportunities to identify and intervene early with population groups at risk, through strong partnership working and community involvement.</p> <p>JSNA Priorities relevant to this study are:</p> <p>Getting it right from childhood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Investing in improving the health and wellbeing of children gives greatest overall return across the life course;</b></li> <li>● <b>Development of the healthy child programme for 0-19s;</b></li> </ul> <p>Improving the health and wellbeing of working age adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Prevention in this population is essential for a healthy older population;</b></li> <li>● <b>Reduce inequalities in health across the social gradient;</b></li> <li>● <b>Reduce the preventable risks to health through people’s lifestyle choices</b></li> </ul>



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<p>LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN (DRAFT) PUBLIC SUMMARY JANUARY 2017</p>	<p>In 2015, NHS England produced a national plan called the Five Year Forward View. It explains the challenges facing our health service in England, and what we need to do to overcome them to provide a service that meets the needs of people by 2021. STPs are being produced by every health and care system in England.</p> <p>In terms of the challenges being faced, this study can contribute to Health and wellbeing – focusing on preventing people getting ill and taking greater responsibility for their good health; ensuring recovery from illnesses is not determined by where someone lives, or which part of the community they come from.</p> <p>Also important is ensuring mental health services are as much of a priority, and are treated as equally as physical health services.</p> <p>The STP 5 Priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>New ways of caring for patients that concentrate on preventing people from becoming unwell and avoiding hospital admissions.</b></li> <li>● <b>Improving the way we structure services so that we can provide the best possible medical services with the resources (money, staff and buildings) we have.</b></li> <li>● <b>Re-designing our current care services and treatment pathways for patients so that we can deliver consistently high-quality services that provide for equal access to everyone.</b></li> <li>● <b>Getting ‘behind the scenes right’. Getting more efficient to avoid waste in our support functions.</b></li> <li>● <b>Making sure we have what we need to make our health and care system work now and in the future. For example, making sure our staff are trained and supported to deliver the best possible care</b></li> </ul>



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<p>WEST LEICESTERSHIRE CCG OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014/15 AND 2015/16</p>	<p>The operational plan identified the 8 priority programmes with the aim to deliver 'People powered health: empowering our patients to shape services and the care they receive' The programmes are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Support our members to deliver excellent primary medical care</b></li> <li>● <b>Reducing pressure on emergency services</b></li> <li>● <b>Integrating discharge and reablement support</b></li> <li>● <b>Managing complex and multiple long term conditions</b></li> <li>● <b>Improving mental health services - delivery parity of esteem</b></li> <li>● <b>Delivering planned care in primary and community settings</b></li> <li>● <b>Ensuring our providers deliver high quality, great value care</b></li> <li>● <b>Empowering patients to shape services and their care</b></li> </ul>
<p>CHARNWOOD CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES STRATEGY 2015- 2018</p>	<p>Across Leicestershire, Charnwood is the largest locality with 26% of the 0-4 population, with 9,325 0 – 4 year old children residing in Charnwood. 2011 figures show there are 8,295 5-9 year olds, 8,908 10-14 year olds and 12,901 15-19 year olds.</p> <p>Leicestershire Public Health Outcomes Framework 2014 also shows that excess weight in 4-5 and 10-11 year olds and GCSE achievement (5 A* - C incl English and Maths) is significantly worse in Charnwood than the national average.</p> <p>Need analysis from local needs analysis the following areas have been identified as requiring support towards achieving better outcomes for children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Intervention within the first years of children's lives, promoting good outcomes for 0-4 year olds and school readiness.</b></li> <li>● <b>Co-ordination of an offer of positive activities to young people across the borough</b></li> <li>● <b>Support in delivering programmes that promote improved health and wellbeing for children and young people and their families</b></li> </ul>



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	<p>The vision for children and young people in the Borough is that they have “Voice, choice, safety and fulfilment”. Three strategic objectives have been identified</p> <p>Objective 1: Keeping children and young people safe Objective 2: Integrated working and early intervention Objective 3: Children and family voice</p> <p>Key priorities identified to deliver the objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Co-ordinate and develop, in consultation with young people, an offer of positive activities to young people across the borough.</b></li> <li>● <b>Assist partners, particularly the voluntary and community sector, to adapt to a changing funding landscape and to ensure continued delivery of a range of provision to children and young people.</b></li> <li>● <b>Provide an opportunity for children and young people to have a voice and be involved in service</b></li> <li>● <b>design through delivery of engagement events in partnership with groups including the Youth Council and young tenants</b></li> <li>● <b>Implement the feedback from the Face2Facebook young people’s communications consultation</b></li> <li>● <b>Deliver initiatives such as awards ceremonies and celebratory events to ensure that children and young people’s contribution to our local community is recognised</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP3) 2011-2026</b></p>	<p>The Local Transport Plans (LTPs) for Leicestershire hopes to reduce traffic problems in sustainable ways, by developing transport measures, such as facilities for public transport, walking and cycling and necessary highway schemes.</p> <p>There are 6 goals identified in the plan of which the most relevant to this study in respect of encouraging active and sustainable travel are:</p> <p><b>Goal 3: A transport system that helps to reduce the carbon footprint of Leicestershire</b></p>



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	<p><b>Outcome:</b> The negative impact of our transport system on the environment and individuals is reduced More people walk, cycle and use public transport as part of their daily journeys, including to access key services</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Work through the planning system to seek to reduce the need to travel</b></li> <li>● <b>Improve the quality of the walking, cycling and public transport services, facilities and infrastructure on offer across the County</b></li> <li>● <b>Increase our efforts to influence travel choices and raise the awareness of residents and businesses about the impacts of their travel behaviour on their environment, their health and their quality of life</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4: An accessible and integrated transport system that helps promote equality of opportunity for all our residents. Improving the connectivity and accessibility of our transport system</b></p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> More people walk, cycle and use public transport as part of their daily journeys, including to access key services. Effective and integrated public and community transport provision, including targeted and innovative travel solutions that meet the essential transport needs of Leicestershire residents.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Continue to improve the overall accessibility and connectivity of our existing transport system</b></li> <li>● <b>Continue to try and increase resident and business awareness, and use, of other alternative modes of transport to help solve accessibility and connectivity problems</b></li> <li>● <b>Work through the planning system to co-ordinate land use and transportation planning with the aim that development is located in accessible locations with appropriate improvements for walking, cycling and public transport</b></li> <li>● <b>Address issues associated with the fear of crime that may prevent people from walking, cycling and using public transport more</b></li> </ul> <p>Issues to be considered in Charnwood include;</p>



STRATEGY	SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES/PRIORITIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Congestion on key routes into Leicester and Loughborough, with focus on completing the cycle route network and better bus stops on main routes.</b></li> <li>● <b>A 16% increase in cycling trips. Despite these increases above targets significant barriers remain with busy roads, poor surfaces, bad weather and a perception other road users do not give adequate consideration to cyclists.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SPORT STRATEGY FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2017-21</b></p>	<p>At County level this Strategy identifies one headline vision- 'Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland the most sporting and physically active place in England by 2025'.</p> <p>Leicester-Shire and Rutland Sport (LRS) is currently refreshing its Physical Activity and Sport Strategy (2017-2021) and the emerging ambitions for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Start Active: Everyone across the lifecourse has an Active Start to participation in physical activity and sport</b></li> <li>● <b>Stay Active: Support people to have resilient habits towards physical activity and sport, to ensuring lifelong participation</b></li> <li>● <b>Active Places: Our urban and rural environment, leisure settings and home environments become enablers of an active lifestyle and provide a quality experience for all</b></li> <li>● <b>Active Economy: LLR to be the premier high performing location for the business of physical activity and sport</b></li> </ul>



## MARKET SEGMENTATION PROFILES

Sport England has developed nineteen sporting segments to provide a better understanding of people's attitudes to sport, their motivations and barriers. The key data sources were the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), 'Taking Part' survey and Active People. Further data was added from Experian Mosaic databases. Population data is used for people aged 18 and over.

The segmentation model consists of 19 segments – each has a distinct sporting behaviour and attitude. A summary of each market segment is provided below.

### Sport England Market Segmentations (19 Segments)

NAME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TOP THREE PARTICIPATING SPORTS NATIONALLY
BEN	Competitive Male Urbanites	Male (aged 18-25), recent graduates, with a 'work-hard, play-hard' attitude.  Most sporty of 19 segments.	Football, Cricket Keep fit/gym, Cycling
JAMIE	Sports Team Drinkers	Young blokes (aged 18-25) enjoying football, pints and pool.	Football, Cricket Keep fit/gym, Athletics
CHLOE	Fitness Class Friends	Young (aged 18-25) image-conscious females keeping fit and trim.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Athletics
LEANNE	Supportive Singles	Young (aged 18-25) busy mums and their supportive college mates. Least active segment of her age group.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Athletics
HELENA	Career Focused Females	Single professional women, enjoying life in the fast lane (aged 26-45).	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling



NAME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TOP THREE PARTICIPATING SPORTS NATIONALLY
TIM	Settling Down Males	Sporty male professionals (aged 26-45), buying a house and settling down with partner.	Cycling, keep fit/ gym, swimming, football, athletics and golf.  Club member and competitive sport. Cycling, keep fit/ gym, swimming, football, golf.
ALISON	Stay at Home Mums	Mums with a comfortable, but busy, lifestyle (aged 36-45).	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
JACKIE	Middle England Mums	Mums (aged 36-45) juggling work, family and finance.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
KEV	Pub League Team Mates	Blokes (aged 36-45) who enjoy pub league games and watching live sport.	Keep fit/gym, Football , Cycling
PAULA	Stretched Single Mums	Single mum (aged 26-45) with financial pressures, childcare issues and little time for pleasure.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
PHILIP	Comfortable Mid Life Males	Mid-life professional (aged 46-55), sporty males with older children and more time for themselves.	Cycling, keep fit/ gym, swimming, football, golf.
ELAINE	Empty Nest Career Ladies	Mid-life professionals who have more time for themselves since their children left home (aged 46-55).	Keep fit/gym, swimming, cycling, athletics or running, tennis and badminton.
ROGER & JOY	Early Retirement Couples	Free-time couples nearing the end of their careers (aged 56-65).	Keep fit/gym, swimming, cycling, golf and angling



NAME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TOP THREE PARTICIPATING SPORTS NATIONALLY
BRENDA	Older Working Women	Middle aged ladies (aged 46-65), working to make ends meet.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
TERRY	Local 'Old Boys'	Generally inactive older men (aged 56-65), low income and little provision for retirement.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
NORMA	Later Life Ladies	Older ladies (aged 56-65), recently retired, with a basic income to enjoy their lifestyles.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
RALPH & PHYLLIS	Comfortable Retired Couples	Retired couples (aged 66+), enjoying active and comfortable lifestyles.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Golf
FRANK	Twilight Year Gents	Retired men (aged 66+) with some pension provision and limited sporting opportunities.	Golf, Keep fit/gym, Bowls
ELSIE & ARNOLD	Retirement Home Singles	Retired singles or widowers (aged 66+), predominantly female, living in sheltered accommodation.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Bowls



## APPENDIX 6

### SPORT ENGLAND FACILITY PLANNING MODEL (FPM) ANALYSIS SPORTS HALLS AND SWIMMING POOLS



APPENDIX 6: SPORT ENGLAND FACILITY PLANNING MODEL (FPM) ANALYSIS SWIMMING  
POOLS AND SPORTS HALLS, AND OVERALL SUMMARY



# Strategic Assessment of Provision for Swimming Pools for Charnwood Borough Council

Sport England's Facilities Planning Model Report

Date of report  
April 2017



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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Charnwood Borough Council is developing an evidence base for indoor sports facilities. The Council has decided to apply the Sport England facility planning model (fpm) to develop an evidence base for the supply, demand and access to swimming pools in 2017 and projected forward to 2036.
- 1.2 This assessment includes the projected growth in population up to 2036 in the Borough based on bespoke population projection data produced by the Council. For the surrounding local authorities which make up the study area ONS population projections have been applied.
- 1.3 The fpm evidence base will be applied by the Council in the strategic planning of provision for swimming pools across the Borough. It will also be used in the Council's Local Plan, for the development of planning policy for swimming pools. Plus helping to secure contributions to part fund the future requirements for swimming pools. The fpm evidence base will also be used to help shape and inform the emerging Charnwood Borough Council Leisure Facilities Strategy.
- 1.4 In the fpm work there are three assessments (known as runs) and these also include committed changes in swimming pools provision in the neighbouring authorities, which have been notified to Charnwood Council, and which will impact on the supply, demand and access to swimming pools in the Borough.
- 1.5 This report sets out the findings from this fpm assessment. The fpm modelling runs are:
  - Run 1 – supply, demand and access to swimming pools based on the population in Charnwood Borough and the neighbouring authorities in 2017
  - Run 2 – supply, demand and access to swimming pools in 2036, based on the projected change in population 2017 – 2036 in Charnwood Borough and applying bespoke population projections. ONS population projections are applied to the neighbouring local authorities.
  - Run 2 also tests
    - a. the impact of the closure of the Hermitage Leisure Centre swimming pool in NW Leicestershire and opening a new 25m x 8 lane swimming pool in Coalville in 2022
  - Run 3 – supply, demand and access to swimming pools, as in run 2, but also including the closure of two swimming pools on education sites: these being Charnwood Community College a 25m x 4 lane pool; and Hind Leys Specialist College also a 25m x 4 lane pool but of smaller lane width

### The study area

- 1.6 Customers of swimming pools, do not constrain their usage to particular local authorities and whilst there are management and pricing incentives for customers to use sports facilities located in the area in which they live, there are some big determinants as to which swimming pools people will choose to use.

- 1.7 These are based on: the age and the quality of the swimming pool. A modern pool with modern changing accommodation and possibly a health suite, will have more appeal than an older single swimming pool site. The quality of the pool is of increasing importance to customers. Other draw factors are other facilities on the pool site, such as a gym and or studios which means participants can also undertake other activities.
- 1.8 Given these reasons which influence which pools people chose to use, it is important to assess the supply, demand and access to swimming pools based on their locations and catchment area. This includes pools across Charnwood and in the neighbouring local authorities to Charnwood Borough.
- 1.9 The nearest facility for some Charnwood residents may be outside the authority (known as exported demand) and for some residents of neighbouring authorities their nearest swimming pool could be in Charnwood (known as imported demand).
- 1.10 To take account of these impacts a study area is established which places Charnwood at the centre of the study and includes all the neighbouring authorities to Charnwood Borough. The study assesses the impact of the catchment area of the swimming pools in this study area and how demand is distributed across the study area and across boundaries. A map of the study area is set out below. (Note: there are no swimming pools in Blaby District where the catchment area extends into Charnwood)

**Map 1.1: Study area map for the Charnwood Borough Council swimming pools study**





### **Report structure, content and sequence**

- 1.11 The findings for Charnwood for runs 1 - 3 for 2017 and 2036 are set out in a series of tables this allows a “read across” to see the changes that occur for each entry in the tables. The headings for each table are: total supply; total demand; supply and demand balance; satisfied demand; unmet demand; used capacity (how full the facilities are); and local share. A definition of each heading is set out at the start of the reporting.
- 1.12 Following each table is a commentary on the key findings. Where valid to do so, comparisons are made on the findings in the neighbouring authorities. Maps to support the findings on, swimming pool locations, total demand, unmet demand, drive time and walking catchment areas, imported and exported demand and local share of swimming pools are also included.
- 1.13 A summary of key findings and conclusions are set out at the end of the main report.
- 1.14 Appendix 1 lists the swimming pools included in the assessment. Appendix 2 is a description of the facility planning model and its parameters.



## 2. Swimming Pools Supply

### Total Supply

**Table 2.1: Swimming Pools Supply Charnwood 2017 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Number of pools	10.	10.	8.
Number of pool sites	9.	9.	7.
Supply of total water space in sq m	2,323.	2,323.	1,860.
Supply of water space in sq m, scaled by hours available in the pp	1,696.	1,696.	1,424.
Supply of total water space in visits per week peak period	14,706.	14,706.	12,350.
Water space per 1,000 population	13.	11.	9.

- 2.1 Definition of supply – this is the supply or capacity of the swimming pools which are available for public and club use in the weekly peak period. The supply is expressed in number of visits that a swimming pool can accommodate in the weekly peak period and in sq metres of water.
- 2.2 In runs 1 and 2 there are 10 swimming pools on 9 pool sites in Charnwood. In terms of sq metres of water, this equates to a total supply of 2,323 sq metres of water. The supply available for community use is 1,696 sq metres of water. The difference between the total supply and the effective supply for community use of 627 sq metres of water, is because of the variable amount of hours for community use at the education swimming pool sites. The impact of this difference is reviewed under the used capacity heading.
- 2.3 In run 3, the closure of the Charnwood Community College swimming pool and the Hind Leys College pool site means there are 8 swimming pools on 7 pool sites in Charnwood in 2036. A list of the swimming pools included in runs 1 – 3 and with the changes in NW Leicestershire is set out in Table 2.2. Appendix 1 contains a list of all the swimming pools included in the study area.

**Table 2.2: Runs 1 – 3 Swimming Pool Supply Charnwood and NW Leicestershire Changes**

Name of Site	Type	Area	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car % Demand	Public Tran % Demand	Walk % Demand
<b>CHARNWOOD RUNS 1 &amp; 2</b>					<b>78%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>16%</b>
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Main/General	250	1952	1993	60%	5%	35%
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	Main/General	213	1976		67%	4%	28%
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Main/General	204	1955		71%	6%	22%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	313	1975	2013	74%	7%	20%



Name of Site	Type	Area	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car % Demand	Public Tran % Demand	Walk % Demand
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Teaching/Learner	170					
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Main/General	250	2002		73%	6%	21%
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Main/General	200	1975	2015	91%	7%	2%
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	213	2004		84%	7%	9%
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	263	1987	2009	85%	6%	9%
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Main/General	250	2005		91%	7%	2%
<b>NW LEICESTERSHIRE RUN 1</b>							
HERMITAGE LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	313	1981		84%	8%	8%
<b>NW LEICESTERSHIRE RUN 2 POOL CHANGE</b>							
COALVILLE POOL	Main/General	425	2022		85%	15%	89%
<b>CHARNWOOD RUN 3</b>							
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Main/General	204	1955		73%	7%	20%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	313	1975	2013	74%	7%	18%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Teaching/Learner	170					
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Main/General	250	2002		75%	7%	17%
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Main/General	200	1975	2015	90%	7%	3%
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	213	2004		86%	7%	6%
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	263	1987	2009	85%	7%	8%
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Main/General	250	2005		91%	8%	1%

- 2.4 All the swimming pool sites have a main pool and there is an extensive teaching/learner pool at Loughborough Leisure Centre. There is a 25m x 6 lane pool at Loughborough Leisure Centre and there are then 5 swimming pool sites which have a 25m x 4 lane pool. There are also 2 further sites which have a main pool of 204 sq metres of water at Loughborough Grammar School and 200 sq metres of water at Ratcliff College. (Note: for context a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 – 250 sq metres of water, depending on lane width). The Loughborough University swimming pool of 50m x 8 lanes has been reduced in scale to a 25m x 4 lane pool to reflect the level of access for community use.
- 2.5 In run 3 in 2036 the supply is reduced to the eight pools on seven sites with the omission of the Charnwood Community College pool 25m x 4 lanes and the Hind Leys College pool also 25m x 4 lanes.



- 2.6 Excluding Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College pools, the average age of the Charnwood swimming pool sites is 31 years. The oldest pool is Loughborough Grammar School pool which opened in 1955. The next pools to open were both in 1975 at Loughborough Leisure Centre (modernised in 2013) and Ratcliff College (modernised in 2015). South Charnwood Leisure Centre opened in 1987 (modernised in 2009) and there were no pool openings in the 1990's. In the 2000 decade three pools opened, the Loughborough University pool in 2002, Soar Valley Leisure Centre in 2004 and Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College pool in 2005, which is the most recent swimming pool in Charnwood. The three venues which opened in the 1970's -1980's have been modernised.
- 2.7 Based on a measure of water space per 1,000 population, Charnwood has 12.9 sq metres of water per 1,000 population in 2017. Based on the projected growth in population to 2036 there is 10.9 sq metres of water per 1,000 population in 2036.
- 2.8 The impact of the option to close the Charnwood Community College pool and the Hind Leys College pool is to reduce water space per 1,000 population to 8.8 sq metres of water in 2036.
- 2.9 Charnwood is mid table in relation to water space per 1,000 population in the neighbouring authorities. The highest supply in 2017 is in Rushcliffe – who opened the new Rushcliffe Arena pool site in 2017 – with 20 sq metres of water per 1,000 population. North West Leicestershire has 19.8 sq metres of water per 1,000 population in 2017 and Melton has 14.1 sq metres of water per 1,000 population.
- 2.10 Supply is lower than Charnwood in Hinckley and Bosworth with 9.1 sq metres of water per 1,000 population, Harborough with 10.4 sq metres of water and Leicester City with 10.8 sq metres of water per 1,000 population.
- 2.11 The supply for East Midlands Region and England wide in 2017 is 12 sq metres of water per 1,000 population.
- 2.12 The purpose of setting these findings out is to simply provide a measure of provision which can be compared with the neighbouring authorities, based on current population. The required provision of swimming pools in Charnwood will be based on the supply and demand assessment.

**Table 2.3: Water space per 1,000 population for all authorities in the study area 2017 and 2036**

Water space per 1,000 population	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
Study Area	2017	2036	2036
Charnwood	12.9	10.9	8.8
Leicester	10.8	9.5	9.5
Harborough	10.4	9.1	9.1
Hinckley & Bosworth	9.1	8.2	8.2
Melton	14.1	12.7	12.7
North West Leicestershire	19.8	18.9	18.9
Rushcliffe	20.0	17.7	17.7



***Swimming pool locations***

- 2.13 Map 2.1 overleaf shows the location of the swimming pools in Charnwood in run 1 for 2017, so the current provision, before the option to close Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College pools.
- 2.14 The swimming pool locations and catchment areas are important in determining the amount of demand which is inside and outside the catchment area of each site. If there is significant unmet demand outside catchment it is important to identify the scale and location. (Set out under the satisfied and unmet demand headings).
- 2.15 Of note is the absence of swimming pool sites close to the Charnwood boundary in 4 of the neighbouring authorities. Only in Leicester and to a lesser extent in NW Leicestershire are there pools located close to the Charnwood boundary. This suggest that apart from Leicester, there may not be a lot of export of the Charnwood demand to pools in neighbouring authorities, or, vice versa import of swimming demand from neighbouring authorities into Charnwood.

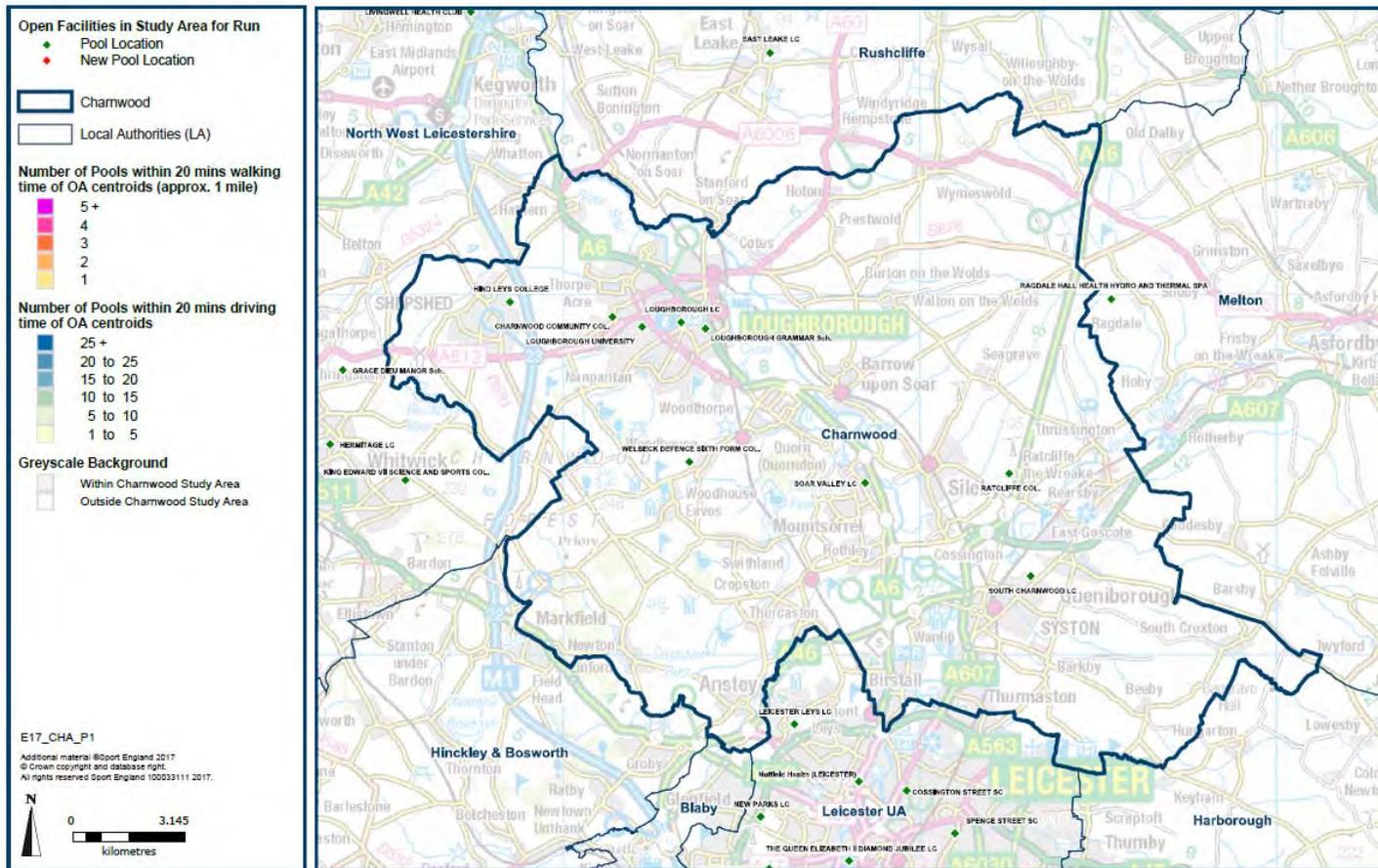


Map 2.1: Run 1 Location of swimming pools in Charnwood 2017



Facility Planning Model - Pools Catchments for Charnwood  
Run 1: Baseline Position (2017 Demand)

Catchments shown thematically (colours) at output area level expressed as the number of Pools within 20 minutes travel time of output area centroid.





### 3. Demand for Swimming Pools

**Table 3.1: Demand for swimming pools Charnwood 2017 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Population	180,286.	212,306.	212,306.
Swims demanded – visits per week peak period	11,493.	13,076.	13,076.
Equivalent in water space – with comfort factor included	1,907.	2,170.	2,170.
% of population without access to a car	17.4	17.4	17.4

- 3.1 Definition of total demand – it represents the total demand for swimming pools by both genders and for 14 five-year age bands from 0 to 65+. This is calculated as the percentage of each age band/gender that participates. This is added to the frequency of participation in each age band/gender, so as to arrive at a total demand figure, which is expressed in visits in the weekly peak period. Total demand is also expressed in sq metres of water.
- 3.2 The population in Charnwood in 2017 is 180,286 people and is projected to be 212,306 people in 2036, a 17.7% increase between the two years. The total demand for swimming by Charnwood residents in 2017 is 11,493 visits in the weekly peak period of weekday evenings and weekend days. This demand equates to 1,907 sq metres of water in the same weekly peak period.
- 3.3 The total demand for swimming is projected to increase to 13,076 visits in the weekly peak period by 2036 in both runs 2 and 3. This is a 13.7% increase in demand for swimming between the two years.
- 3.4 So the 17.7% increase in the population between 2017 – 2036 is generating a 13.7% increase in demand for swimming pools between 2017 -2036. (Appendix 2 sets out the details of the participation rates and frequencies of participation for swimming for both genders and for each age range).
- 3.5 The findings on the percentage of the population who do not have access to a car is set out under total demand and this is 17.4% of the Charnwood population in 2017 and projected to be unchanged in 2036. The East Midlands Region figure is 21.3% and for England it is 24.9% of the population who do not have access to a car, again in both years.
- 3.6 The Charnwood finding illustrates that around a sixth of residents will find it difficult to access a swimming pool, if there is not a venue they can access, within the 15 minute public transport catchment area of a swimming pool, or, the even smaller 20 minutes/1 mile walk to catchment area of a swimming pool.



- 3.7 The data is identifying that in 2017 just under 80% of all visits to swimming pools are by car (20 minutes' drive time catchment) and 81.3% in 2036. Some 13.5% of visits in 2017 are by walkers and 12% in 2036 (20 minutes/1mile walk to catchment area) and just over 6% of visits in both years by public transport (15 minutes catchment area).
- 3.8 The impact of the option to close the Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College pools does change travel patterns to pools slightly. Travel by car increases by 2.1% to 83.4 % of all visits to pools. Travel by walkers decreases by 2.6% to 9.4% of all visits and travel by public transport increases by 0.5% to 7.3% of all visits to pools.
- 3.9 The run 2 location and scale of demand for swimming pools for the forward projection to 2036 is set out in Map 3.1 overleaf. The amount of demand is set out in 1 kilometre grid squares and is colour coded. Purples squares have values of between 0 – 10 sq metres of water, mid blue is 10 - 20 sq metres of water, light blue is 20 – 30 sq metres of water, green squares are 30 – 40 sq metres of water, sage green squares are 40 – 50 sq metres of water and yellow squares are 50 – 75 sq metres of water..
- 3.10 Most of the squares are-shaded purple or light blue so low values of swimming demand. Also most of the demand not surprisingly is clustered around the swimming pool locations, especially in Loughborough.

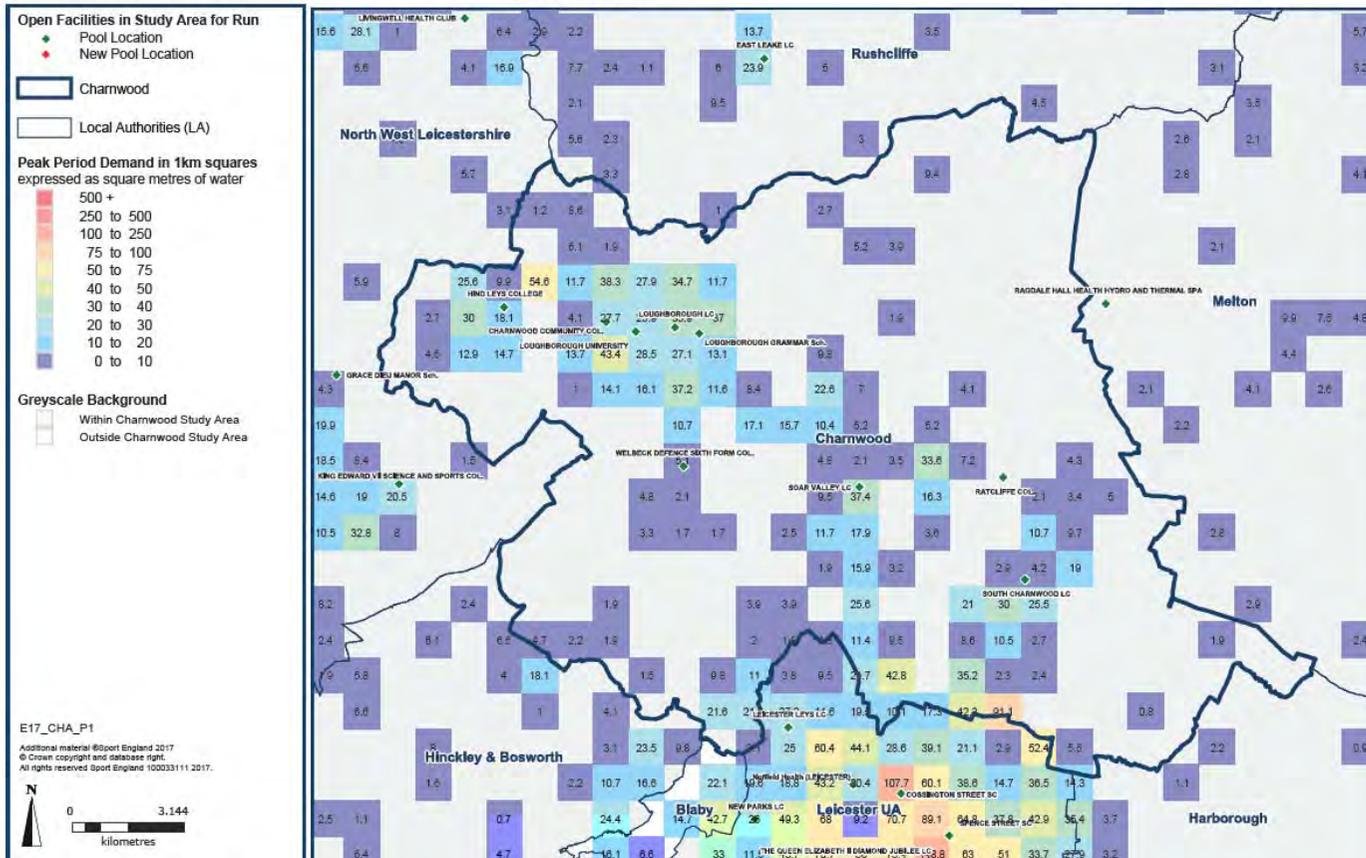


Map 3.1: Run 2 location and scale of demand for swimming pools Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Pools Demand for Charnwood  
Run 2: Scenario 1 (2036 Population)

Peak period demand aggregated at 1km square grid (figure labels) and shown thematically (colours). Peak period demand at 1km square grid level expressed as square metres of water.





## 4. Supply and Demand Balance for Swimming Pools

Table 4.1: Supply and Demand Balance Charnwood 2017 - 2036

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
Supply/Demand Balance	2017	2036	2036
Supply - Swimming pool provision (sq m) scaled to take account of hours available for community use	1,696.	1,696.	1,424.
Demand - Swimming pool provision (sq m) taking into account a 'comfort' factor	1,907.	2,170.	2,170.
Supply / Demand balance - Variation in sq m of provision available compared to minimum required to meet demand.	-211.	-474.	-746.

- 4.1 Definition of supply and demand balance – supply and demand balance compares total demand generated within Charnwood for swimming pools with the total supply of swimming pools within Charnwood. It therefore represents an assumption that ALL the demand for swimming pools in Charnwood is met by ALL the supply of swimming pool in Charnwood (Note: it does exactly the same for the other local authorities in the study area).
- 4.2 In short, supply and demand balance is NOT based on the swimming pools locations and catchment areas extending into other authorities. Nor, the catchment areas of swimming pools in neighbouring authorities extending into Charnwood. Most importantly supply and demand balance does NOT take into account the propensity/reasons for residents using facilities outside their own authority.
- 4.3 The more detailed modelling based on the CATCHMENT AREAS of swimming pools across local authority boundaries is set out under the Satisfied Demand, Unmet Demand and Used Capacity headings.
- 4.4 The reason for presenting the supply and demand balance is because some local authorities like to see how THEIR total supply of swimming pools compares with THEIR total demand for swimming pools. Supply and demand balance presents this comparison.
- 4.5 When looking at this closed assessment, the Charnwood supply of swimming pools in 2017 for community use is 1,696 sq metres of water. This is unchanged in run 2 for 2036 and in run 3 with the option to close the Charnwood Community College Pool and the Hind Leys College pool then the supply is reduced to 1,424 sq metres of water in 2036.
- 4.6 The Charnwood demand for swimming pools is for 1,907 sq metres of water in 2017. This increases to 2,170 sq metres by 2036 in both runs 2 and 3, resulting from the increase in demand from population growth.



- 4.7 So there is a negative supply and demand balance of demand exceeding supply in all three runs. This is by 211 sq metres of water in 2017, increasing to 474 sq metres of water in run 2 in 2036. It increases further to 746 sq metres of water in run 3 with the option to close the Charnwood Community College and the Hind Leys College pools. (For context a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 – 250 sq metres of water, depending on lane width).
- 4.8 To repeat however, this is the closed assessment and the findings for the interaction of supply, demand and access to swimming pools halls inside and outside Charnwood and based on the catchment areas of swimming pools needs to be set out. This will establish how much of the Charnwood demand for swimming can be met, how much unmet demand there is and where it is located.
- 4.9 The supply and demand balance findings for Charnwood and the neighbouring authorities is set out in Table 4.2 below. There are negative balances in three of the neighbouring authorities in both years, with Leicester having the highest negative balance at 430 sq metres of water in 2017 and 868 sq metres of water in 2036.
- 4.10 There are positive supply and demand balances in three authorities, with a very high positive balance of 905 sq metres of water in Rushcliffe in 2017 but reducing to 654 sq metres of water in 2036.

**Table 4.2: Runs 1 - 3 Supply and demand balance for all authorities in the study area 2017 and 2036.**

Supply / Demand balance - Variation in sq m of provision available compared to the minimum required to meet demand.	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
	2017	2036	2036
<b>Study area</b>			
Charnwood	-211.2	-474.0	-745.7
Leicester	-430.4	-868.1	-868.1
Harborough	-184.7	-256.9	-256.9
Hinckley & Bosworth	-301.9	-378.7	-378.7
Melton	149.8	122.8	122.8
North West Leicestershire	597.0	654.1	654.1
Rushcliffe	905.5	804.0	804.0



## 5. Satisfied Demand for Swimming Pools

**Table 5.1: Satisfied demand for swimming pools Charnwood 2017 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Satisfied Demand</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits which are met visits per week peak period	11,048.	12,448.	12,296.
% of total demand satisfied	96.1	95.2	94.
% of demand satisfied who travelled by car	79.9	81.3	83.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by foot	13.5	12.	9.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by public transport	6.5	6.8	7.3
Demand Retained visits per week peak period	8,024.	8,870.	8,303.
Demand Retained -as a % of Satisfied Demand	72.6	71.3	67.5
Demand Exported visits per week peak period	3,023.	3,579.	3,994.
Demand Exported -as a % of Satisfied Demand	27.4	28.8	32.5

- 5.1 Definition of satisfied demand – it represents the proportion of total demand that is met by the capacity at the swimming pools from residents who live within the driving, walking or public transport catchment area of a swimming pool.
- 5.2 The level of satisfied demand is very high in all three runs. The finding is that 96.1% of the Charnwood total demand for swimming pools can be met in 2017. The impact of the increase in demand for swimming from population growth, is to reduce satisfied demand by less than 1% to 95.2% of total demand for swimming in run 2 in 2036.
- 5.3 The option to close the Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College swimming pools is limited on its satisfied demand impact. It is to reduce satisfied demand by a further 1.2% to 94% of total demand for swimming being met in 2036.
- 5.4 However in all three runs over 90% of the Charnwood total demand for swimming pools is located inside the catchment area of a pool site. Plus there is enough capacity at the swimming pools to meet this very high level of satisfied demand.
- 5.5 The level of satisfied demand for the other authorities in the study area is set out in Table 5.2 overleaf. All authorities except Melton have a total satisfied demand level of over 90% of total demand being met in both years. Whilst in Melton it is 89% of total demand being satisfied demand.
- 5.6 As in Charnwood, the impact of population growth and increases in demand for swimming between 2017 and 2036 is reducing the level of satisfied demand by around 1% or less. So across the whole of the study area, the swimming pool supply is extensive and the capacity is such that over nine out of ten visits to a pool can be met in both years.



**Table 5.2: Runs 1 – 3 satisfied demand for swimming pools for all authorities in the study area 2017 and 2036**

% of total demand satisfied	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Study Area</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Charnwood	96.1	95.2	94.0
Leicester UA	95.2	94.3	94.3
Harborough	92.0	91.8	91.8
Hinckley & Bosworth	92.9	92.4	92.4
Melton	89.8	89.8	89.8
North West Leicestershire	93.2	93.4	93.3
Rushcliffe	95.4	95.4	95.4

- 5.7 Car travel is the dominate travel mode to swimming pools by Charnwood residents (20 minutes' drive time catchment area), with just under 80% of all visits in 2017 and projected to be 81.3 in 2036 and then 83.4% with the option to close Charnwood Community College pool and Hind Leys College pool.
- 5.8 The percentage of visits to sports halls by walkers (20 minutes/1mile catchment area) is 13.5% in 2017 and 12% in 2036 for run 2 and then 9.4% in run 3. So the closure option of the 2 pools does reduce by 2.6% the percentage of Charnwood residents who walk to access a pool.
- 5.9 The percentage of visits by public transport (15 minutes catchment area), is 6.5% of all visits in 2017 and projected to be 6.8% in run 2 in 2036 and 7.3% in run 3.

**Retained demand**

- 5.10 There is a sub set of the satisfied demand findings which are about how much of the Charnwood demand for swimming pools is retained within the Borough. This is based on the catchment area of swimming pools and residents using the nearest pool to where they live - known as retained demand.
- 5.11 Retained demand is 72.6% of the Charnwood total satisfied demand in 2017. It is projected to be 71.3% in run 2 in 2036 and then decreasing to 67.5% in run 3 with the 2 pool closure option.
- 5.12 So a high level of retained demand at over seven out of ten visits to a pool by Charnwood residents being met at a pool located in the Borough. The scale of retained demand is reduced by 3.8% in run 3 with the option to close the two pools.
- 5.13 Overall, the increase in demand from population growth between 2017 and 2036 and the location of the residential development, only creates a very small fall in the Charnwood demand for swimming pools which is retained within the Borough.



### Exported demand

- 5.14 The residual of satisfied demand, after retained demand is exported demand. In run 1 the finding is that 27.4% of the Charnwood satisfied demand is being exported. It increases slightly to 28.8% of the Charnwood demand being exported and met outside the authority by 2036. The 2 pool closure option as already set out, does reduce accessibility to pools for Charnwood residents and exported demand in run 3 increases to 32.5% of the total Charnwood satisfied demand for swimming.
- 5.15 The destination and scale of the Charnwood exported demand for 2036 is set out in Map 5.1 below and this is for run 2 in 2036. The yellow chevron represents the number of visits which are exported and met in neighbouring authorities.
- 5.16 The vast majority of the exported demand goes to Leicester City at 2,483 visits or 76.3% of the total Charnwood demand for swimming pools which is exported. This is not a surprising finding given the pools location map (Map 2.1) which shows six pools located close to the Charnwood boundary. The catchment area of many of these venues will extend into Charnwood and the pools will be accessible to Charnwood residents.
- 5.17 After Leicester, there are 446 visits exported to NW Leicestershire in 2036, which is 13.7% of the total Charnwood demand for swimming pools which is exported in 2036. There are then very small amounts of exported demand at 154 visits (4.7%) to Melton, followed by 152 visits exported to Rushcliffe (4.6%) and just 11 visits and 8 visits exported to Hinckley and Bosworth and Harborough respectively in 2036.
- 5.18 In run 2 in 2036, Charnwood is retaining 8,870 visits in the weekly peak period at swimming pools located in the Borough.

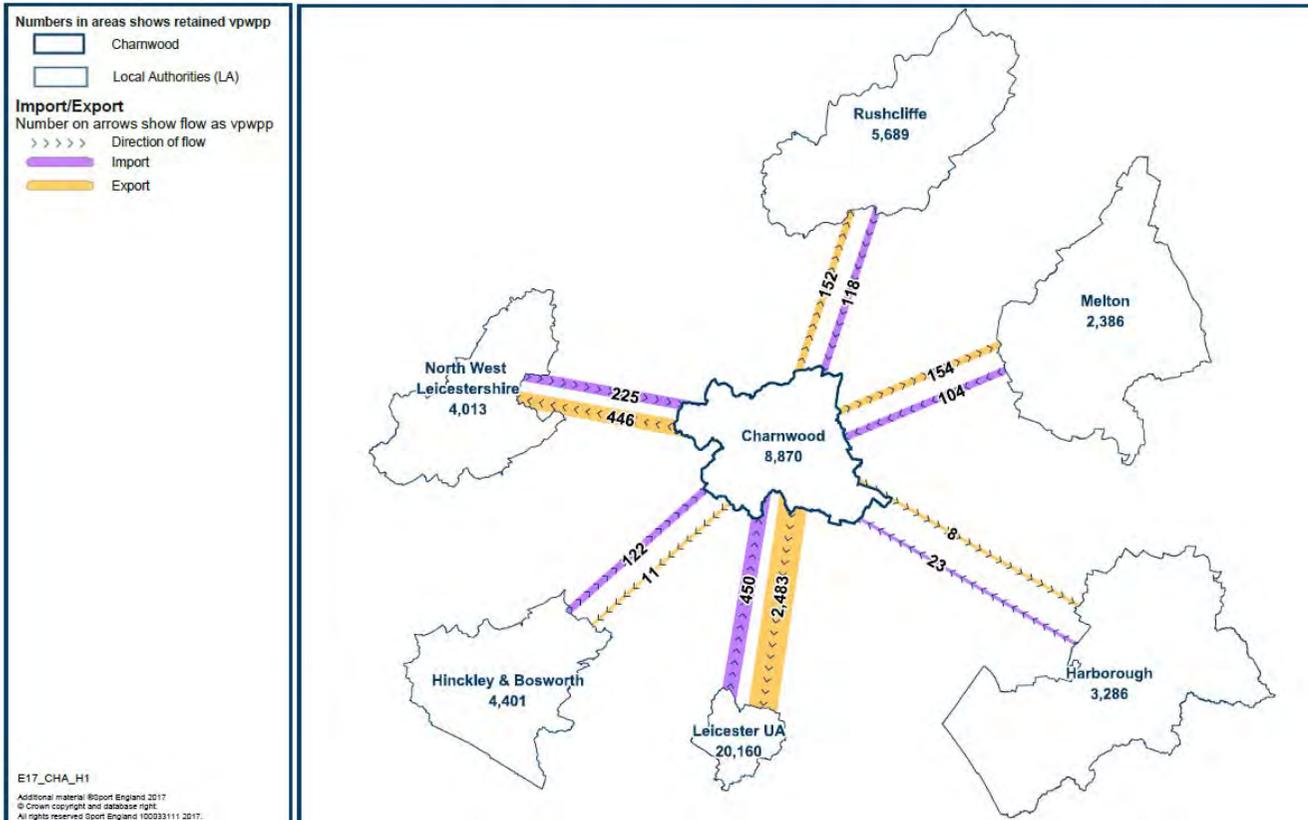


Map 5.1: Run 2 Export of Charnwood satisfied demand for swimming pools 2036



Facility Planning Model - Pools Import/Export for Charnwood  
Run 2: Scenario 1 (2036 Population)

Imported and exported demand between study area and surrounding local authorities shown thematically (size of lines) as visits per week in the peak period.





## 6. Unmet Demand for Swimming Pools

**Table 6.1: Unmet demand for swimming pools Charnwood 2017 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Unmet Demand</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits in the peak, not currently being met visits per week peak period	445.	628.	780.
Unmet demand as a % of total demand	3.9	4.8	6.
Equivalent in Water space m2 - with comfort factor	74.	104.	129.
% of Unmet Demand due to:			
Lack of Capacity -	1.2	5.7	7.5
Outside Catchment -	98.9	94.3	92.5
Outside Catchment:	98.9	94.3	92.5
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	85.3	82.	80.9
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	13.6	12.4	11.7
Lack of Capacity:	1.2	5.7	7.5
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	0.9	4.1	5.7
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	0.3	1.5	1.8

- 6.1 The unmet demand definition has two parts to it - demand for swimming pools which cannot be met because (1) there is too much demand for any particular pool within its catchment area; or (2) the demand is located outside the catchment area of a pool and is then classified as unmet demand.
- 6.2 Unmet demand in run 1 for 2017 is just 3.9% of total demand and which equates to just over 74 sq metres of water – so a very low level of unmet demand in Charnwood in 2017.
- 6.3 Unmet demand in run 2 for 2036 is only slightly higher, at 4.8% of total demand and 104 sq metres of water. The 2 pool closure option is to increase unmet demand to 6% of total demand and which represents 129 sq metres of water.
- 6.4 In terms of the types of unmet demand, 99% in 2017 is from definition 2, demand located outside the catchment area of a pool. This decreases slightly to 94% in 2036 and to 92.5% in run 3, with the option to close the two pools.
- 6.5 Unmet demand outside catchment will always exist because it is not possible to get complete geographic coverage, whereby all areas of an authority are inside the catchment area of a swimming pool.
- 6.6 In summary, unmet demand increases only very slightly between the two years. In large part this is because the number, location and catchment area of the pools both inside and outside Charnwood is providing very good access to pools for Charnwood residents.



- 6.7 The findings on unmet demand can be set out by what is termed aggregated unmet demand for swimming pools. This assessment identifies the total unmet demand in one kilometre grid squares across Charnwood in units of sq metres of water. It aggregates the total unmet demand in each one kilometre grid square.
- 6.8 This process allows identification of how unmet demand varies across Charnwood and if there are any clusters of unmet demand. This is set out in Map 6.1 for run 2. In this run the total unmet demand is only 104 sq metres of water.
- 6.9 The amount of unmet demand in each square is colour coded. Purple squares have aggregated unmet demand of between 0 – 10 sq metres of water, Light blue squares are 10 – 20 sq metres of water, turquoise squares have a value of between 20 – 30 sq metres of water, green squares are 30 – 40 sq metres of water, whilst lime green squares are 40 – 50 sq metres of water, and yellow squares are 50 – 75 sq metres of water.
- 6.10 Aggregated unmet demand is highest in the south of the Borough in the Birstall area where aggregated unmet demand is between 40 – 49 sq metres of water. Then in and around Loughborough where there is aggregated unmet demand of between 30 – 47 sq metres of water.
- 6.11 It may appear contradictory to say there is unmet demand from lack of access where there are the most pool locations. The model does not however have the detailed data on walking routes to pools and maps the walk to catchment area of pools based on the output areas of the pool locations. It then plots the unmet demand in each output area that is outside the walking catchment area of pools.
- 6.12 The key finding is that aggregated unmet demand from lack of access to pools is in low values across the Borough. It is insufficient to consider additional swimming pools provision based on trying to increase access to pools.
- 6.13 Unmet demand in the neighbouring authorities is also quite low and is lowest in Charnwood in 2017. It ranges from 4.6% of total demand in Rushcliffe in 2017 and is unchanged in 2036, to 10.2% in Melton and which is also unchanged between the years. The findings for all the authorities is set out in Table 6.2 below.

**Table 6.2: Unmet demand for swimming pools for all authorities in the study areas 2017 – 2036.**

Unmet demand as a % of total demand	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
Study Area	2017	2036	2036
Charnwood	3.9	4.8	6.0
Leicester UA	4.8	5.7	5.8
Harborough	8.0	8.2	8.2
Hinckley & Bosworth	7.1	7.6	7.6
Melton	10.2	10.2	10.2
North West Leicestershire	6.8	6.6	6.7
Rushcliffe	4.6	4.6	4.6





- 6.14 To provide context for how accessible the Charnwood swimming pools are to residents, Map 6.2 below illustrates the number of swimming pools Charnwood residents can access based on the 20 minutes' drive time catchment area of the pool locations for pools in run 2 for 2036.
- 6.15 It is followed by Map 6.3 which shows the slight changes in accessibility from the option to close Charnwood Community College pool and Hind Leys College pool. The maps include swimming pools located both inside and outside the authority and which Charnwood residents can access based on where they live and the drive time catchment area of pool locations.
- 6.16 In the area shaded cream (area in the SE of the Borough), residents have access to between 1 – 5 swimming pools based on the location and drive time catchment area of the pool locations. In the light green areas (NE and SW of the Borough) residents have access to between 5 – 10 pools.
- 6.17 In the darker green areas (centre and SW of the Borough) residents have access to between 10 – 15 swimming pools. Finally access to pools based on the car drive time catchment area is highest in the south of the Borough, shaded blue. Residents in this area have access to between 15 – 20 swimming pools. Access is highest in this area because of the extensive supply of pools in Leicester City and the catchment area of these pools extending into Charnwood.
- 6.18 To repeat, all levels of accessibility are based on where residents live and the 20 minute drive time catchment area of the pool locations. Around 70% of the land area of Charnwood is inside the drive time catchment area of between 10 – 15 swimming pools. This provides good levels of accessibility for residents who travel to pools by car and which is 80% of all visits in 2017, 81% in run 2 and 83.4% in run 3.
- 6.19 Map 6.3 is for run 3 and shows how accessibility changes with the option to close the Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College pools. In effect, there is an increase in the area shaded light green (access to between 5 – 10 pools) to the North and SW of the Borough, when compared to run 2.
- 6.20 Map 6.4 illustrates the areas of the Borough which are inside the 20 minutes/1mile walking catchment area of the swimming pool locations, this is for run 2 in 2036. In the areas shaded cream residents have access to 1 swimming pool. In the area around Loughborough, shaded orange, residents have access to 2 swimming pools based on the walking catchments of the pool locations.

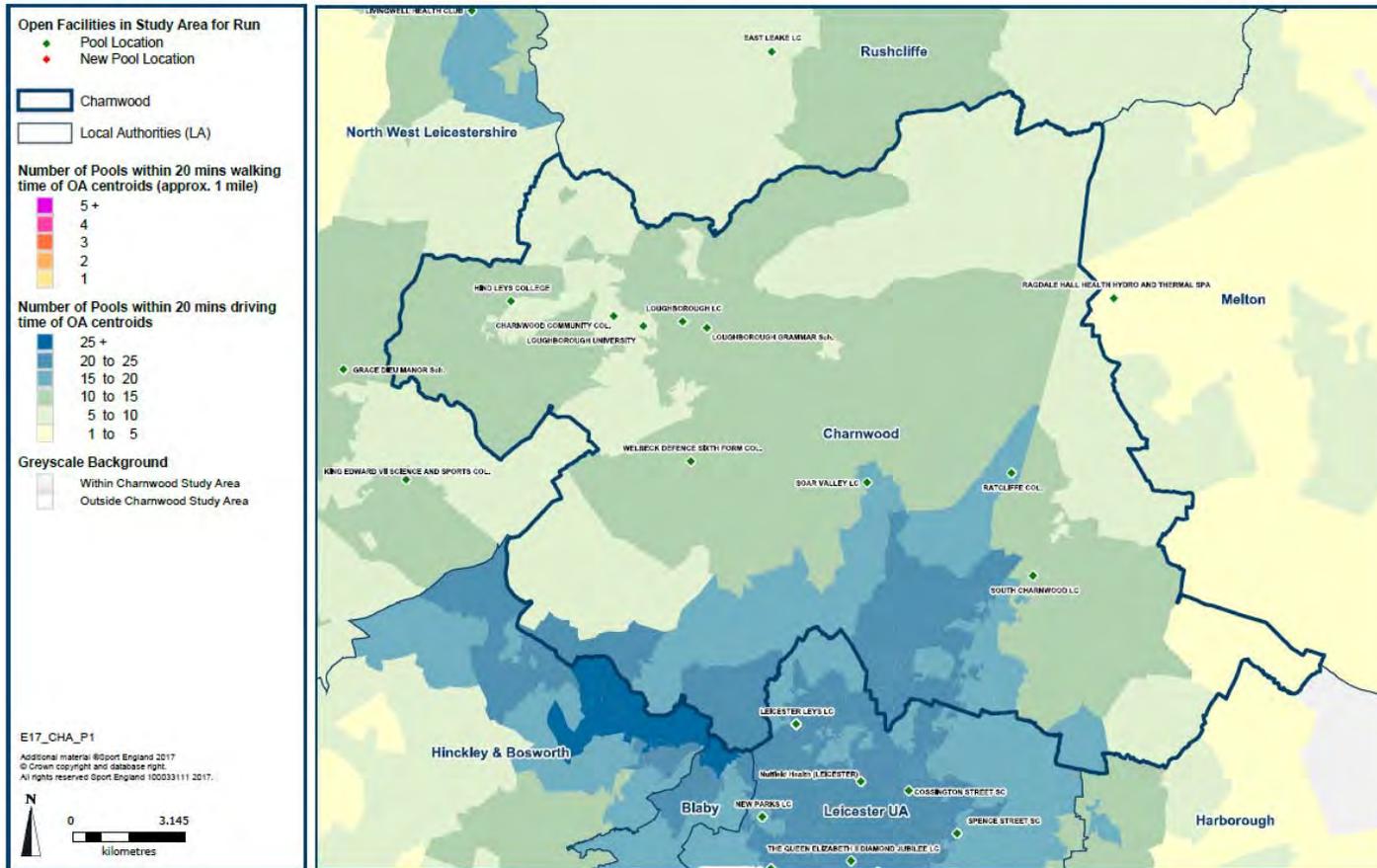


Map 6.2: Run 2 access to swimming pools based on the car travel catchment area of swimming pools Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Pools Catchments for Charnwood  
Run 2: Scenario 1 (2036 Population)

Catchments shown thematically (colours) at output area level expressed as the number of Pools within 20 minutes travel time of output area centroid.



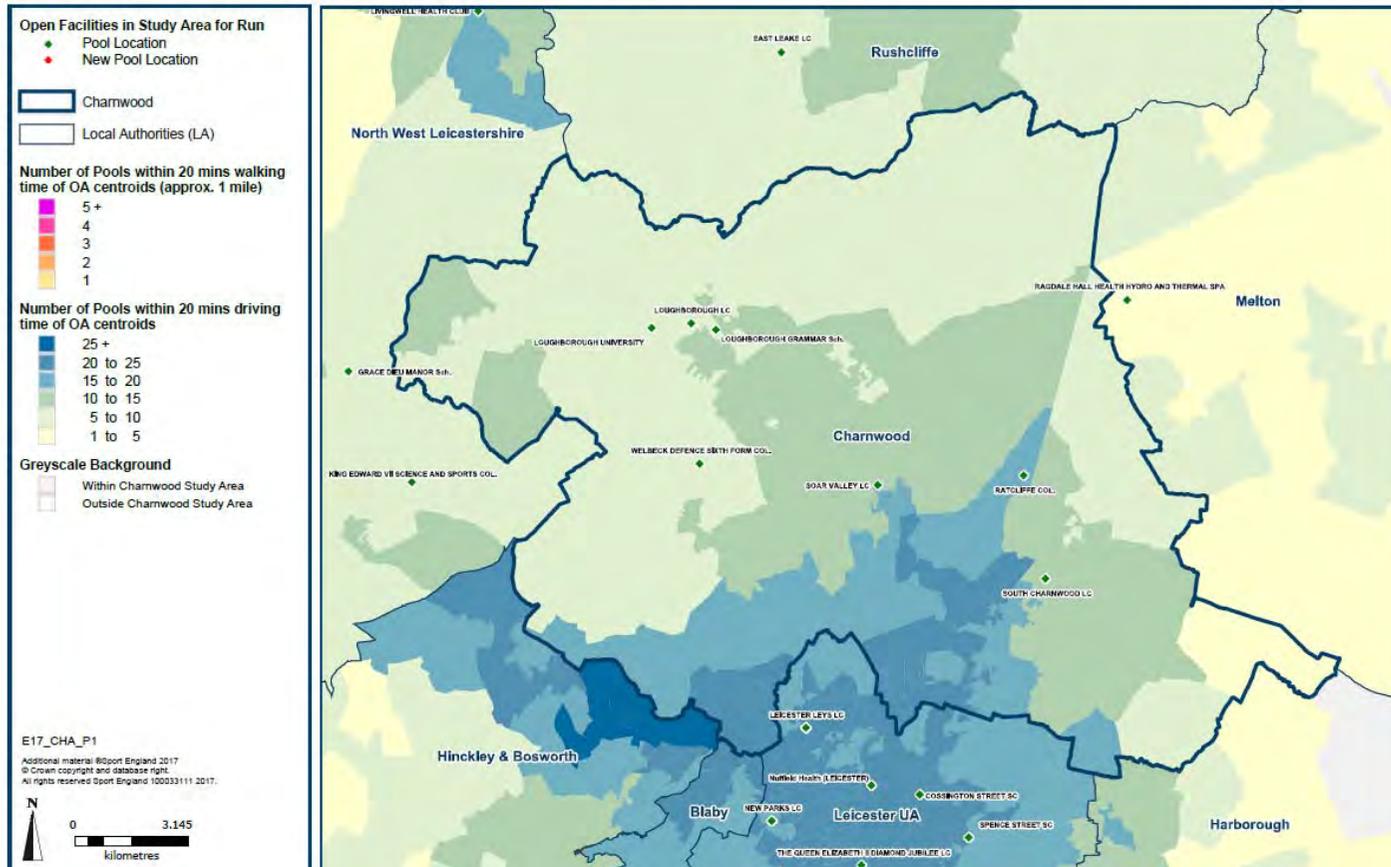


Map 6.3: Run 3 (option to close Charnwood Community College pool and Hind Leys College pool) access to swimming pools based on the car travel catchment area of sports halls Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Pools Catchments for Charnwood  
Run 3: Scenario 2 (2036 Population)

Catchments shown thematically (colours) at output area level expressed as the number of Pools within 20 minutes travel time of output area centroid.

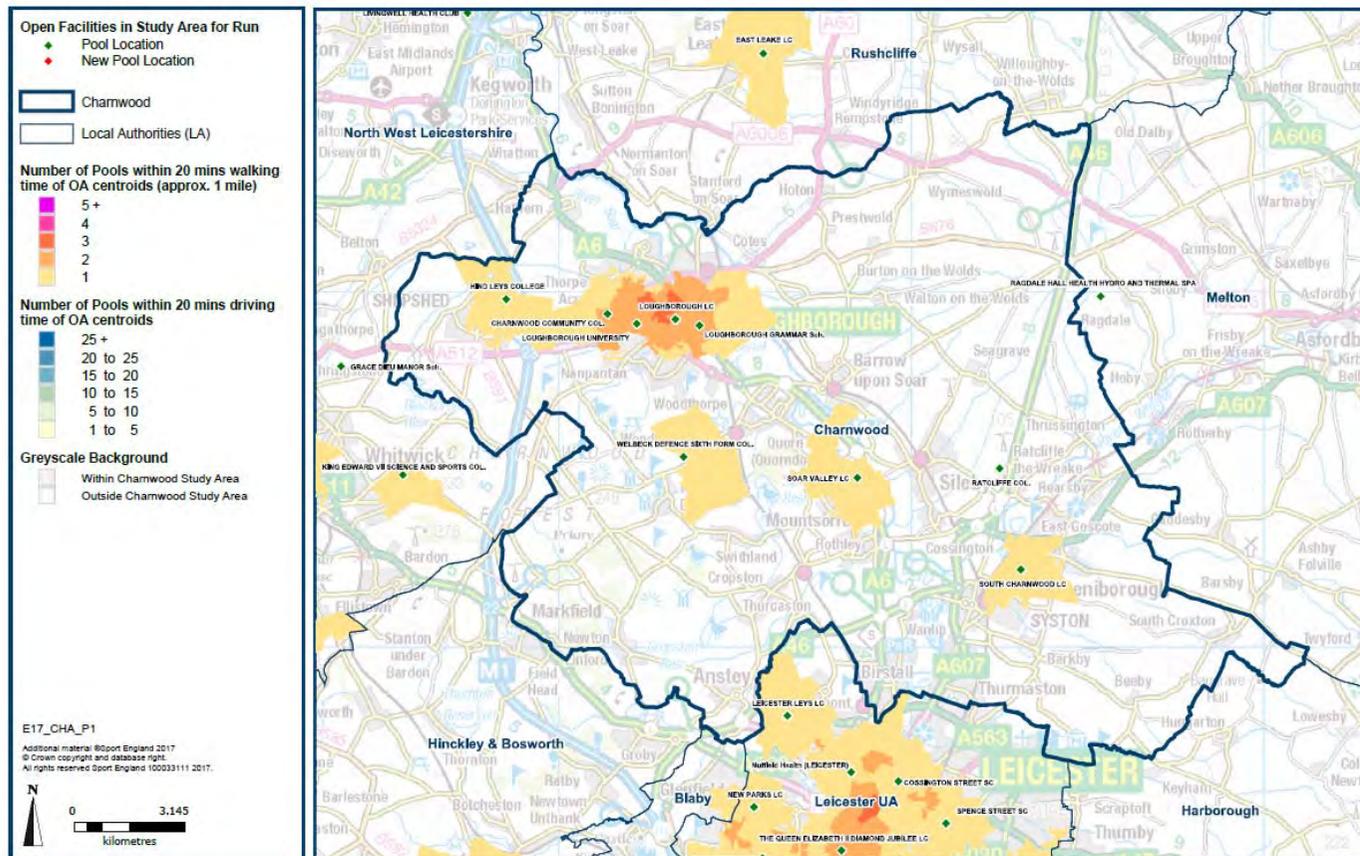


Map 6.4: Run 2 access to swimming pools based on the walking catchment area of swimming pools Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Pools Catchments for Charnwood  
Run 2: Scenario 1 (2036 Population)

Catchments shown thematically (colours) at output area level expressed as the number of Pools within 20 minutes travel time of output area centroid.





## 7. Used Capacity (how full are the swimming pools?)

Used Capacity - How full and well used are the swimming pools?

**Table 7.1: Used capacity of swimming pools Charnwood 2016 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
Used Capacity	2017	2036	2036
Total number of visits used of current capacity visits per week peak period	9,129.	10,034.	9,282.
% of overall capacity of pools used	62.1	68.2	75.2
% of visits made to pools by walkers	16.2	14.6	12.2
% of visits made to pools by road	83.8	85.4	87.8
Visits Imported;			
Number of visits imported visits per week peak period	1,105.	1,165.	979.
As a % of used capacity	12.1	11.6	10.5
Visits Retained:			
Number of Visits retained visits per week peak period	8,024.	8,870.	8,303.
As a % of used capacity	87.9	88.4	89.5

- 7.1 Definition of used capacity - is a measure of usage at swimming pools and estimates how well used/how full facilities are. The facilities planning model is designed to include a 'comfort factor', beyond which, in the case of swimming pools, the venues are too full. The model assumes that usage over 70% of capacity is busy and the pool is operating at an uncomfortable level above that percentage. The pool itself becomes too busy to swim and the changing areas also become too full.
- 7.2 In 2017 the Borough wide average for used capacity is 62.1% of pool capacity used at peak times. This increases to 68.2% by 2036, based on the projected population growth and the increase in demand for swimming pools up to 2036. In run 3, the impact of the two pool closure option is to increase the used capacity of the remaining pools to a Borough wide average of 75.2% of pool capacity used.
- 7.3 So, in effect, in run 3, the finding is that as a Borough wide average, the used capacity of the pools in the weekly peak period is 5% above the Sport England pools full comfort level.
- 7.4 The authority wide average used capacity for both years for all authorities is set out in Table 7.2 overleaf.
- 7.5 In 2017 only Leicester with an authority wide average used capacity of 86.6% is above the Sport England, pools full comfort level of 70% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period. By 2036 this also applies to Hinckley and Bosworth with 77.2% of pool capacity used. Three authorities have an estimated used capacity in 2017 of between 40.5% in Rushcliffe (46.7% in 2036), to 43.1% in Melton (44.8% in 2036) and 43.5% in NW Leicestershire (48.8% in 2036). So in these three authorities the finding is that there an extensive supply of swimming pools to meet the demand in both years.

**Table 7.2: Percentage of swimming pool capacity used for each authority 2017 and 2036**

% of overall capacity of pools used	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Study Area</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Charnwood	62.1	68.2	75.2
Leicester UA	86.6	88.5	88.7
Harborough	60.8	69.2	69.2
Hinckley & Bosworth	68.4	77.2	77.3
Melton	43.1	44.8	44.8
North West Leicestershire	43.5	48.8	51.1
Rushcliffe	40.5	46.7	47.1

7.6 Returning to Charnwood, it is important to set out these are the Borough wide averages for used capacity and the estimated used capacity at individual pool sites will vary from this average. The findings for each of the swimming pool sites is set out in Table 7.3 and this is for both 2017 and 2036.

**Table 7.3: Runs 1 and 2 used capacity of the Charnwood swimming pools 2017 and 2036**

STUDY AREA	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Individual Sites Utilised Capacity</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
<b>Charnwood</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	28	58	0
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	42	58	0
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	22	51	58
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	86	93	97
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	58	62	69
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	51	42	43
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	80	100	100
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	60	65	65
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	39	58	65

7.7 As Table 7.3 shows the used capacity of the individual swimming pools sites does vary. At the public leisure centres, the Loughborough Leisure Centre has an estimated 86% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period, in 2017, then 93% in run 2 for 2036 and 97% in run 3, when there is the option to close the two education pool sites. Whilst the Soar Valley Leisure Centre has an estimated 80% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period in 2017 and then increasing to 100% for both the 2036 runs. For South Charnwood Leisure Centre, the findings are an estimated 60% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period in 2017 and increasing to 65% in both the 2036 runs.



- 7.8 So the public leisure centre swimming pools have the highest estimated used capacity of the swimming pools. There are a number of reasons as to why this is the finding. As public leisure centre swimming pools they will provide for the full range of swimming activities: of learn to swim; public recreational swimming; lane and fitness swimming activities and swimming development through clubs.
- 7.9 Also they will provide and be accessible for public pay and swim sessions as well as for club swimming sessions. They will have the most extensive opening hours of the pool sites and not be constrained by having to provide for education use only during the day but be able to schedule learn to swim programmes for schools use with public recreational swimming. Finally, the pools will be proactively managed to develop swimming participation and swimming as an activity to increase physical activity by residents.
- 7.10 So for all these reasons, the public leisure centres swimming pools have a draw effect and will provide the most comprehensive access and programmes for community use. The swimming pools on education sites which provide for community use, do so predominantly for club use and possibly learn to swim programmes. Their hours for community use are much more limited than at the public leisure centres.
- 7.11 The impact of the option to close Charnwood Community College pool and Hind Leys College pool by 2036 does lead to a re-distribution of the demand for these pools to other pool sites. The used capacity of the other three pool sites in and around Loughborough increases by around 5% in run 3, when these two pools are assumed to be closed. The Charnwood Community College pool and the Hind Leys pools are both 25m x 4 lane pools. The other pools in Loughborough are larger and so there is more scope to absorb the demand displaced.
- 7.12 For Charnwood Community College pool and Hind Leys College pool, the estimated used capacity of the pools in 2017 are 28% and 42% respectively. In run 2 for 2036 they are estimated to be 58% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period. So quite full by 2036 and the increase maybe because these pool sites are close to the location of planned residential development. The reasons for the increase in used capacity is on the demand side, as there are no changes in pool supply in run 2.
- 7.13 Loughborough Grammar School has an estimated used capacity of 22% in the weekly peak period in 2017 and increasing to 51% in 2036 and then to 58% in run 3 with the 2 pool closure option. Whilst Ratcliff College pool has 52% of pool capacity used in 2017 and this decreases to 42% and 43% in runs 2 and 3 respectively. This pool site does have quite an isolated catchment and it maybe the used capacity is projected to decrease because there is an older population in this area and there is a decreasing rate of swimming participation by an older age group in 2036, when compared with 2017.
- 7.14 The Loughborough University swimming pool has 52% of swimming pool capacity used in 2017, increasing to 62% in run 2 and 69% in run 3. The scale of the pool has been reduced to a 25m x 4 lane pool in the fpm assessment and the assessment is based on the hours for community use of the pool.



- 7.15 It is also important to consider the size of any swimming pool site when considering the used capacity findings and not just view the percentage. The Loughborough Leisure Centre has 2 pools and a total water area of 483 sq metres of water. So its usage in terms of the visits it can accommodate is much higher, than a pool of say 25m x 4 lanes and between 210 – 250 sq metres of water. As with the sports halls findings, this makes the percentage for used capacity at the Loughborough Leisure Centre even more impressive. To repeat, it is important to consider the size of a swimming pool site when considering used capacity and not just look at the percentage in isolation.
- 7.16 There are several other reasons as to why the percentage of used capacity can vary and these are:
- The amount of demand located in the catchment area of a pool will vary and impact on the used capacity. A venue with few other pools in its catchment will retain more of the demand and higher usage, than a pool site which has several pools (as in Loughborough) competing in the same catchment area and for the same level of demand. This may explain the used capacity findings for South Charnwood Leisure Centre and Soar Valley Leisure Centre pools.
  - The age and quality of the pool. The public leisure centre pools in Charnwood have been modernised, or, in the case of Soar Valley it is quite a recent swimming pool, so they will retain usage. Older unmodernised pools Hind Leys (opened in 1976) and Loughborough Grammar School (1955) have lower used capacities and this may reflect the age and condition of these pools. Increasingly participants are placing a higher value on the quality of a venue and prepared to travel further to access more modern pools.
  - Other facilities on the same site, such as a gym or studios. This provides for a greater range of activities and creates more critical mass, so there can be a draw effect and the opportunity to do more than one activity at the same venue. As with sports halls, the findings for the used capacity of the pools are for the pools – not the venue. However, the benefit of providing for a range of activities at one venue does benefit the pool.

### **Imported demand**

- 7.17 Imported demand is reported under used capacity because it measures the demand from residents who live outside Charnwood but the nearest swimming pool to where they live is inside the Borough. So if they use the venue nearest to where they live, this becomes part of the used capacity of the Charnwood swimming pools.
- 7.18 Imported demand is quite low at 12.1% in 2017 of the Borough wide average used capacity for pools in 2017. It is then projected to be 11.6% in run 2 and with the closure of the 2 pools option in run 3 it is 10.5% of the Borough wide average for pool used capacity. So quite a low level of imported demand at around one in ten visits.
- 7.19 The findings for imported demand are set out in Map 7.1 and are for run 2 in 2036. The purple chevron line is the amount of demand imported into Charnwood from each neighbouring authority.



- 7.20 The highest imported demand is from Leicester City at 450 visits per week in the peak period (43.1% of the total imported demand). Then 225 visits are imported from NW Leicestershire (21.5% of the imported demand), 122 visits are imported from Hinckley & Bosworth (11.7% of the imported demand). After that 1118 visits are imported from Rushcliffe (11.3% of the imported demand), with 104 visits imported from Melton (9.9% of the imported demand) and finally 23 visits are imported from Harborough (2.2% of the total imported demand).
- 7.21 The Charnwood used capacity of the swimming pools is 8,870 visits in the weekly peak period in 2036.

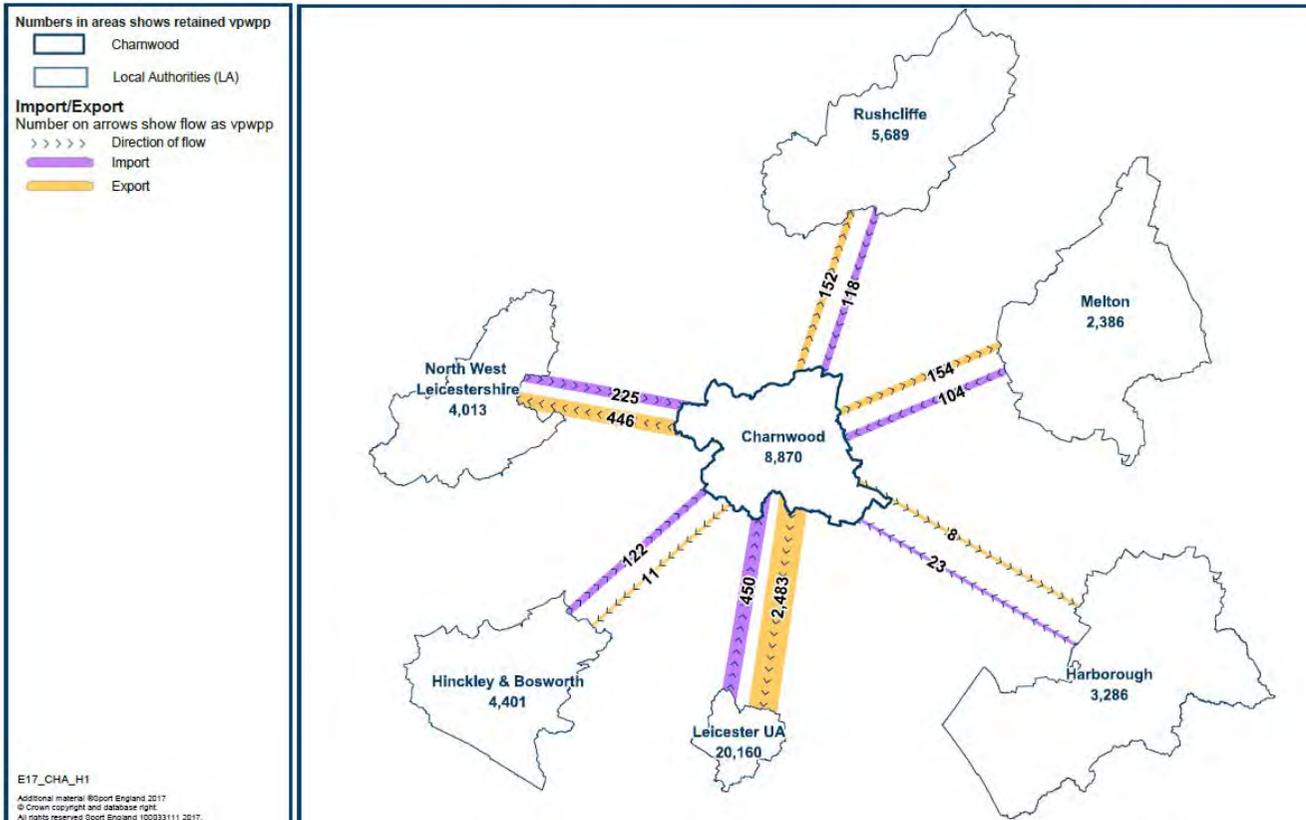


Map 7.1: Run 2 Import of demand for swimming pools Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Pools Import/Export for Charnwood  
Run 2: Scenario 1 (2036 Population)

Imported and exported demand between study area and surrounding local authorities shown thematically (size of lines) as visits per week in the peak period.





## 8. Local Share of Facilities

**Table 8.1: Local share of swimming pools Charnwood 2016 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Local Share</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Local Share: <1 capacity less than demand, >1 capacity greater than demand	1.2	0.5	0.4

- 8.1 Local share has quite a complicated definition - it helps to show which areas have a better or worse share of facility provision. It takes into account the size and availability of facilities as well as travel modes. Local share is useful at looking at 'equity' of provision. Local Share is the available capacity that can be reached in an area divided by the demand for that capacity in the same area. A value of 1 means that the level of supply just matches demand while a value of less than 1 indicates a shortage of supply and a value greater than 1 indicates a surplus.
- 8.2 In 2017 Charnwood has a local share of 1.2 and so supply is slightly greater than demand in terms of local share of access to swimming pools. In 2036 local share is 0.5 across the borough. So the impact of the increased demand for swimming pools from population growth 2017 – 2036, with supply unchanged, means demand is greater than the supply of swimming pools. In run 3 with the 2 pool closure option local share reduces to 0.4.
- 8.3 The distribution of local share and how it varies across the Borough is set out in Map 8.1 below. This is for run 2 with the 2036 population.
- 8.4 Local share in the areas coloured light and dark cream is where local share is highest, with values of 1. – 0.8 (light cream) and 0.8 -0.6 (darker cream). So just south of the location of the Welbeck Defence 6<sup>th</sup> Form College pool. The areas of lowest share of swimming pools are shaded pink with values of between 0.6 – 0.4 and this is the majority of the Borough.
- 8.5 This ends the reporting of the detailed findings for swimming pools under each of the seven facility planning model assessment headings. The summary of main findings and conclusions follows.





## 9. Summary of key findings and conclusions

- 9.1 In the facilities planning model study it sets out to assess the current and future supply, demand and access to swimming pools across Charnwood Borough and a wider study area which includes all the neighbouring local authorities to Charnwood.
- 9.2 This assessment includes the projected growth in population up to 2036 in Charnwood Borough based on bespoke population projection data produced by the Council. For the surrounding local authorities which make up the study area, ONS population projections to 2036 have been applied.
- 9.3 The fpm evidence base will be applied by the Council in the strategic planning of provision for swimming pools across the Borough. It will also be used in the Council's Local Plan, for the development of planning policy for swimming pools and helping to secure contributions to part fund the future requirements for pools. Finally the fpm evidence base will be used to help shape and inform the emerging Charnwood Borough Council Leisure Facilities Strategy.
- 9.4 In the fpm work there are three assessments and these also include committed changes in swimming pools provision in the neighbouring authorities, which have been notified to Charnwood Council, and which will impact on the supply, demand and access to pools in the Borough.
- 9.5 The fpm modelling runs are:
- Run 1 – supply, demand and access to swimming pools based on the population in Charnwood Borough and the neighbouring authorities in 2017
  - Run 2 – supply, demand and access to swimming pools in 2036, based on the projected change in population 2017 – 2036 in Charnwood Borough and applying bespoke population projections. ONS population projections are applied to the neighbouring local authorities
  - Run 2 also tests  
  
the impact of the closure of the Hermitage Leisure Centre swimming pool in NW Leicestershire and opening a new 25m x 8 lane swimming pool in Coalville in 2022
  - Run 3 – supply, demand and access to swimming pools, as in run 2, but also including the option to close two swimming pools on education sites: these being Charnwood Community College a 25m x 4 lane pool; and Hind Leys Specialist College also a 25m x 4 lane pool but of smaller lane width.
- 9.6 To try and summarise the extensive findings from the fpm assessment, Table 9.1 sets out the key findings under the headings analysed in the three fpm runs. This provides a “read across” to see what changes between 2017 and 2036 and in particular the impact of the option to close the 2 pools which is set out under run 3. A question and answer approach tries to draw out the key findings, with the typeface is in red.
- 9.7 Table 9.1 is followed by a description of the main findings and overall conclusions.



**Table 9.1: Swimming pools runs 1 – 2 summary of key findings for Charnwood Borough 2017 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
Total Supply	2017	2036	2036
Number of pools	10.	10.	8.
Number of pool sites	9.	9.	7.
What is the supply of pools in sq metres of water and by how much does supply change by closing the 2 pools in run 3			
Supply of total water space in sq m	2,323.	2,323.	1,860.
Supply of water space in sq m, scaled by hours available in the peak period	1,696.	1,696.	1,424.
Supply of total water space in visits per week peak period	14,706.	14,706.	12,350.
Water space per 1,000 population	13.	11.	9.

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
Total Demand	2017	2036	2036
Population	180,286.	212,306.	212,306.
Swims demanded – visits per week peak period	11,493.	13,076.	13,076.
What is the total demand for swimming pools in sq metres of water and by how much does this increase from 2017 to 2036?			
Equivalent in water space – with comfort factor included	1,907.	2,170.	2,170.
% of population without access to a car	17.4	17.4	17.4

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
Supply/Demand Balance	2017	2036	2036
Supply - Swimming pool provision (sq m) scaled to take account of hours available for community use	1,696.	1,696.	1,424.
Demand - Swimming pool provision (sq m) taking into account a 'comfort' factor	1,907.	2,170.	2,170.
How does the Charnwood supply and demand balance differ between 2017 – 2036 (ie positive balance where supply is greater than demand (= +) and a negative balance, demand greater than supply (= -) in sq metres of water			
What is the impact in supply and demand balance from closure of the 2 education pools?			
Supply / Demand balance - Variation in sq m of provision available compared to minimum required to meet demand.	-211.	-474.	-746.



Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Satisfied Demand</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits which are met visits per week peak period	11,048.	12,448.	12,296.
<b>What % of the Charnwood total demand is satisfied (met) demand</b>			
% of total demand satisfied	96.1%	95.2%	94%.
Total Annual Throughput (visits per year)	684,207.4	729,387.4	696,114.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by car	79.9	81.3	83.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by foot	13.5	12.	9.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by public transport	6.5	6.8	7.3
Demand Retained visits per week peak period	8,024.	8,870.	8,303.
<b>What % of the satisfied demand is retained within Charnwood?</b>			
Demand Retained -as a % of Satisfied Demand	72.6%	71.3%	67.5%
Demand Exported visits per week peak period	3,023.	3,579.	3,994.
<b>What % of Charnwood's satisfied demand is exported</b>			
Demand Exported -as a % of Satisfied Demand	27.4%	28.8%	32.5%

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Unmet Demand</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits in the peak, not currently being met visits per week peak period	445.	628.	780.
<b>How much unmet demand is there as a % of total demand</b>			
Unmet demand as a % of total demand	3.9%	4.8%	6%.
<b>How much unmet demand is there in sq metres of water?</b>			
Equivalent in Water space m2 - with comfort factor	74.	104.	129.
<b>How much unmet demand is there due to:</b>			
Lack of Capacity (%)	1.2	5.7	7.5
Outside Catchment (%)	98.9	94.3	92.5
Outside Catchment:	98.9	94.3	92.5
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	85.3	82.	80.9
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	13.6	12.4	11.7
Lack of Capacity:	1.2	5.7	7.5
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	0.9	4.1	5.7
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	0.3	1.5	1.8



Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>Used Capacity</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits used of current capacity visits per week peak period	9,129.	10,034.	9,282.
<b>How full are the Charnwood pools as a Borough average (%)?</b>			
% of overall capacity of pools used	62.1%	68.2%	75.2%
% of visits made to pools by walkers	16.2	14.6	12.2
% of visits made to pools by road	83.8	85.4	87.8
<b>How much of the usage of the Charnwood pools is imported (%)?</b>			
Number of visits imported visits per week peak period	1,105.	1,165.	979.
<b>As a % of used capacity</b>	12.1%	11.6%	10.5%
Visits Retained:			
Number of Visits retained visits per week peak period	8,024.	8,870.	8,303.
As a % of used capacity	87.9	88.4	89.5

9.8 There are some evident trends that emerge from the findings for runs 1 – 3

- The total supply of water space available for community use in 2036 is reduced by 19.9% from the option to close the two education pool sites.
- Total demand for swimming increases by 13.7%, or, 263 sq metres of water across Charnwood between 2017 – 2036, resulting from the projected growth in population and residential development (Note a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 – 250 sq metres of water, depending on lane width).
- When looking at a closed assessment of simply comparing the Charnwood demand for swimming with the available supply in Charnwood for community use, demand exceeds supply by 211 sq metres of water in 2017, then 474 sq metres of water in 2036 and 746 sq metres of water, with the option to close the two education pool sites. It has to be stressed this is simply comparing the Charnwood demand with the Charnwood supply, it is NOT based on the catchment area of swimming pools and across local authority boundaries.
- Over 90% of the Charnwood total demand for swimming in 2017 and in 2036, with and without the pool closure options can be met. This is based on pools located in Charnwood and pools in neighbouring authorities, where the catchment area extends into Charnwood and these pools are accessible to Charnwood residents.
- Over 70% of the Charnwood demand for swimming is met at pools located in the Borough in both 2017 and in 2036. The option to close the two education pool sites reduces this to 67% of the Charnwood demand for swimming being met in the Borough. This assessment is based on residents travelling to the nearest pool to where they live and to pools which provide for community use.



- The total unmet demand for swimming pools is low – because Charnwood pools are meeting around 70% of the Charnwood demand for swimming pools and around 28% of the Charnwood demand for swimming can be met at accessible pools in neighbouring authorities.
- Unmet demand is 3.9% of total demand in 2017, which is 74 sq metres of water. It then increases to 4.8% of total demand and 104 sq metres of water in 2036. The impact of the option to close the two education pool sites is to increase unmet demand to 6% of total demand and 129 sq metres of water. So the option to close these two pool sites does create a slight increase in unmet demand for swimming pools.
- The swimming pools as a Borough average are estimated to be quite full in 2017 with 62% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period. This increases to 68.2% in 2036 and the option to close the two education pool sites increases the Borough average pool used capacity to 75.2% in the weekly peak period.

9.9 These are the headline trends from Table 9.1 and all three swimming pool runs that have been modelled. Some more detailed findings are set out under the headings applied in the fpm assessment.

### ***Swimming pools supply***

9.10 In runs 1 and 2 there are 10 swimming pools on 9 pool sites in Charnwood. In run 3, the closure of the Charnwood Community College swimming pool and the Hind Leys College pool site, means there are 8 swimming pools on 7 pool sites in Charnwood in 2036.

9.11 All the swimming pool sites have a main pool and there is an extensive teaching/learner pool at Loughborough Leisure Centre. There is a 25m x 6 lane pool at Loughborough Leisure Centre and there are then 5 swimming pool sites which have a 25m x 4 lane pool. There are also 2 further sites which have a main pool of 204 sq metres of water at Loughborough Grammar School and 200 sq metres of water at Ratcliff College. The Loughborough University swimming pool of 50m x 8 lanes has been reduced in scale to a 25m x 4 lane pool to reflect the level of access for community use.

9.12 Excluding Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College pools, the average age of the Charnwood swimming pool sites is 31 years. The oldest pool is Loughborough Grammar School pool which opened in 1955. The next pools to open were both in 1975 at Loughborough Leisure Centre (modernised in 2013) and Ratcliff College (modernised in 2015). South Charnwood Leisure Centre opened in 1987 (modernised in 2009) and there were no pool openings in the 1990's. In the 2000 decade three pools opened, the Loughborough University pool in 2002, Soar Valley Leisure Centre in 2004 and Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College pool in 2005, which is the most recent swimming pool in Charnwood. The three venues which opened in the 1970's -1980's have been modernised.

### ***Measure of provision***

9.13 Based on a measure of water space per 1,000 population, Charnwood has 12.9 sq metres of water per 1,000 population in 2017. Based on the projected growth in population to 2036 there is 109 sq metres of water per 1,000 population in 2036.



- 9.14 The impact of the option to close the Charnwood Community College pool and the Hind Leys College pool is to reduce water space per 1,000 population to 8.8 sq metres of water in 2036.
- 9.15 Charnwood is mid table in relation to water space per 1,000 population in the neighbouring authorities. The highest supply in 2017 is in Rushcliffe (the Borough having opened the new Rushcliffe Arena pool site in 2017) – with 20 sq metres of water per 1,000 population. North West Leicestershire has 19.8 sq metres of water per 1,000 population in 2017 and Melton has 14.1 sq metres of water per 1,000 population.
- 9.16 Supply is lower than Charnwood in Hinckley and Bosworth with 9.1 sq metres of water per 1,000 population, Harborough with 10.4 sq metres of water and Leicester City with 10.8 sq metres of water per 1,000 population. The supply for East Midlands Region and England wide in 2017 is 12 sq metres of water per 1,000 population.

***Charnwood supply and demand for swimming pools 2017 and 2036***

- 9.17 When looking at a closed assessment, the Charnwood supply of swimming pools in 2017 for community use is 1,696 sq metres of water. This is unchanged in run 2 for 2036, whilst in run 3 with the option to close the Charnwood Community College Pool and the Hind Leys College pool, the supply is then reduced to 1,424 sq metres of water in 2036.
- 9.18 The Charnwood demand for swimming pools is for 1,907 sq metres of water in 2017. This increases to 2,170 sq metres by 2036 in both runs 2 and 3, resulting from the increase in demand from population growth.
- 9.19 So there is a negative supply and demand balance of demand exceeding supply in all three runs. This is by 211 sq metres of water in 2017, increasing to 474 sq metres of water in run 2 in 2036. It increases further to 746 sq metres of water in run 3. (For context a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 – 250 sq metres of water, depending on lane width).
- 9.20 To repeat however, this is the closed assessment and the findings for the interaction of supply, demand and access to swimming pools halls inside and outside Charnwood and based on the catchment areas of swimming pools needs to be set out (next set of headings). This will establish how much of the Charnwood demand for swimming can be met, how much unmet demand there is and where it is located.

***How much of the Charnwood demand for swimming pools can be met?***

- 9.21 The level of satisfied demand is very high in all three runs. The finding is that 96% of the Charnwood total demand for swimming pools can be met in 2017. The impact of the increase in demand for swimming from population growth, is to reduce satisfied demand by less than 1% to 95.2% of total demand for swimming in run 2 in 2036.
- 9.22 The impact of the option to close the Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College swimming pools is limited on the satisfied demand impact. It reduces satisfied demand by a further 1.2% to 94% of total demand for swimming being met in 2036.



9.23 So in all three runs, over 90% of the Charnwood total demand for swimming pools is located inside the catchment area of a pool site. Plus there is enough capacity at the swimming pools to meet this very high level of satisfied demand. This includes pools in neighbouring authorities where the catchment area extends into Charnwood and means they are accessible to Charnwood residents.

***How much unmet demand for swimming pools is there?***

9.24 The unmet demand definition has two parts to it - demand for swimming pools which cannot be met because (1) there is too much demand for any particular pool within its catchment area; or (2) the demand is located outside the catchment area of a pool and is then classified as unmet demand.

9.25 Unmet demand in run 1 for 2017 is just 3.9% of total demand and which equates to just over 74 sq metres of water – so a very low level of unmet demand in Charnwood in 2017.

9.26 Unmet demand in run 2 for 2036 is only slightly higher, at 4.8% of total demand and 104 sq metres of water. The 2 pool closure option is to increase unmet demand to 6% of total demand and which represents 129 sq metres of water.

9.27 In terms of the types of unmet demand, 99% in 2017 is from definition 2, demand located outside the catchment area of a pool. This decreases slightly to 94% in 2036 and to 92.5% in run 3, with the option to close the two pools.

9.28 Unmet demand outside catchment will always exist because it is not possible to get complete geographic coverage, whereby all areas of an authority are inside the catchment area of a swimming pool.

9.29 Unmet demand is highest in the south of the Borough in the Birstall area where it is between 40 – 45 sq metres of water. Then in and around Loughborough where there is unmet demand of between 30 – 47 sq metres of water.

9.30 It may appear contradictory to say there is unmet demand from lack of access where there are the most pool locations. The model does not however have the detailed data on walking routes to pools and maps the walk to catchment area of pools based on the output areas of the pool locations. It then plots the unmet demand in each output area that is outside the walking catchment area of pools.

9.31 The key finding is that unmet demand from lack of access to pools has low values across the Borough. It is insufficient to consider additional swimming pools provision based on trying to increase access to pools.



***How full are the swimming pools?***

- 9.32 The facilities planning model is designed to include a 'comfort factor' and the Sport England benchmark is that a swimming pool is comfortably full when it reaches 70% of capacity used at peak times.
- 9.33 In 2017 the Borough wide average for used capacity is 62.1% of pool capacity used at peak times. This increases to 68.2% by 2036, based on the projected population growth and the increase in demand for swimming pools. In run 3, the impact of the two pool closure option is to increase the used capacity of the remaining pools to a Borough wide average of 75.2% of pool capacity used.
- 9.34 So, in effect, in run 3, the finding is that as a Borough wide average, the used capacity of the pools in the weekly peak period is 5% above the Sport England pools full comfort level.
- 9.35 The used capacity of the individual swimming pools sites does vary from the Borough wide average. At the public leisure centres, the Loughborough Leisure Centre has an estimated 86% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period, in 2017, then 93% in run 2 for 2036 and 97% in run 3 with the option to close the two education pool sites.
- 9.36 Whilst the Soar Valley Leisure Centre has an estimated 80% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period in 2017 and increasing to 100% for both the 2036 runs. For South Charnwood Leisure Centre, the findings are an estimated 60% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period in 2017 and increasing to 65% in both the 2036 runs.
- 9.37 So the public leisure centre swimming pools have the highest estimated used capacity of the swimming pools. There are a number of reasons as to why this is the finding. As public leisure centre swimming pools they will provide for the full range of swimming activities: of learn to swim; public recreational swimming; lane and fitness swimming activities and swimming development through clubs.
- 9.38 Also they will be accessible for public pay and swim sessions as well as for club swimming sessions. They will have the most extensive opening hours of the pool sites and not be constrained by having to provide for education use only during the day but be able to schedule learn to swim programmes for schools use with public recreational swimming. Finally the pools will be proactively managed to develop swimming participation and swimming as an activity to increase physical activity by residents.
- 9.39 So for all these reasons, the public leisure centres swimming pools have a draw effect and will provide the most comprehensive access and programmes for community use. The swimming pools on education sites which provide for community use, do so predominantly for club use and possibly learn to swim programmes. Their hours for community use are much more limited than at the public leisure centres.
- 9.40 Loughborough Grammar School has an estimated used capacity of 22% in the weekly peak period in 2017 and increasing to 51% in 2036 and then to 58% in run 3 with the 2 pool closure option. Whilst Ratcliff College pool has 52% of pool capacity used in 2017 and this decreases to 42% and 43% in runs 2 and 3 respectively. This pool site does have quite an isolated catchment and it maybe there is an older population in this area and there is a decreasing rate of swimming participation in 2036, when compared with 2017.



- 9.41 The Loughborough University swimming pool has 52% of swimming pool capacity used in 2017, increasing to 62% in run 2 and 69% in run 3. The scale of the pool has been reduced to a 25m x 4 lane pool in the fpm assessment and the assessment is based on the hours for community use of the pool.
- 9.42 It is also important to consider the size of any swimming pool site when considering the used capacity findings and not just view the percentage. The Loughborough Leisure Centre has 2 pools and a total water area of 483 sq metres of water. So its usage in terms of the visits it can accommodate is much higher, than a pool of say 25m x 4 lanes and between 210 – 250 sq metres of water. As with the sports halls findings, this makes the percentage for used capacity at the Loughborough Leisure Centre even more impressive. To repeat, it is important to consider the size of a swimming pool site when considering used capacity and not just look at the percentage in isolation.

***How much demand for swimming pools is imported into Charnwood?***

- 9.43 Imported demand is reported under used capacity because it measures the demand from residents who live outside Charnwood but the nearest swimming pool to where they live is inside the Borough. So if they use the venue nearest to where they live, this becomes part of the used capacity of the Charnwood pools.
- 9.44 Imported demand is quite low in 2017 at 12% of the Borough wide average used capacity for pools. It is projected to be 11.6% in run 2 and with the closure of the 2 pools option in run 3 it is 10.5% of the Borough wide average for pool used capacity.
- 9.45 The highest imported demand is from Leicester City at 43% of the total imported demand. Then (21.5% of the imported demand is from NW Leicestershire, 11.8% of the imported demand is from Hinckley & Bosworth. After that 11.3% of the imported demand is from Rushcliffe, with 9.9% of the imported demand from Melton and finally 2.2% imported from Harborough.

***Conclusions***

- 9.46 The facilities planning model assessment has set out the supply, demand and access to swimming pools across Charnwood Borough and the wider study area. This is based on the current position in 2017 and then in 2036 based on the projected increase in demand for swimming pools from population growth and residential development. The forward projection also includes the option to close two swimming pools in education sites at Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College.
- 9.47 Based on the fpm assessment and findings, the demand for swimming pools does exceed supply – in both 2017 and 2036, when simply looking and comparing the Charnwood demand with the Charnwood supply of pools. However when assessing the location and catchment area of the Charnwood pools and swimming pools in neighbouring authorities and which extend into Charnwood it means that over 90% of the Charnwood demand for swimming pools in both years can be met.
- 9.48 The level of unmet demand for swimming pools is low at 4% of total demand in 2017, which is 74 sq metres of water. It then increases to 4.8% of total demand and 104 sq metres of water in 2036. The



impact of the option to close the two education pool sites is to increase unmet demand to 6% of total demand and 129 sq metres of water. So the option to close these two pool sites does create a slight increase in unmet demand for swimming pools.

- 9.49 However whilst unmet demand is low the pools are estimated to have a high level of pool capacity used, especially the public leisure centre pools in both 2017 and up to 2036. Consequently, reducing the supply of pools, albeit they are two quite small pools and they are pools on education sites, does exacerbate the overall supply and demand balance.
- 9.50 Based on the fpm assessment the unmet demand arising from the projected growth to 2036 and closure of the two education pools, is small scale. However, the impact of closure of the education pools is to make the public leisure centre pools even more full.
- 9.51 So on grounds of reducing the used capacity of the public swimming pools and re-distributing demand, so as to create some headroom of capacity at the public pools, there could be negotiated access to more community use of the pools on the remaining education sites. This suggestion is set out based on the supply and demand findings. However, the core business case for the public swimming pools may very well preclude sharing of pool use with other pool sites. In which case the fpm assessment is that the public swimming pools will continue to operate at a very high level of usage.



Appendix 1: Swimming pools in Charnwood included in the assessment.

Name of Site	Type	Area	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car % Demand	Public Tran % Demand	Walk % Demand
<b>CHARNWOOD RUNS 1 &amp; 2</b>							
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Main/General	250	1952	1993	60%	5%	35%
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	Main/General	213	1976		67%	4%	28%
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Main/General	204	1955		71%	6%	22%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	313	1975	2013	74%	7%	20%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Teaching/Learner	170					
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Main/General	250	2002		73%	6%	21%
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Main/General	200	1975	2015	91%	7%	2%
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	213	2004		84%	7%	9%
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	263	1987	2009	85%	6%	9%
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Main/General	250	2005		91%	7%	2%
<b>CHARNWOOD RUN 3</b>							
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Main/General	204	1955		73%	7%	20%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	313	1975	2013	74%	7%	18%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	170					
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Main/General	250	2002		75%	7%	17%
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Main/General	200	1975	2015	90%	7%	3%
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	213	2004		86%	7%	6%
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	263	1987	2009	85%	7%	8%
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Main/General	250	2005		91%	8%	1%



Appendix 1: Swimming pools in the rest of the study area included in the assessment

Name of Site	Type	Area	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car % Demand	Public Tran % Demand	Walk % Demand
<b>LEICESTER</b>					<b>65%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>24%</b>
AYLESTONE LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	225	1988	2009	65%	11%	24%
AYLESTONE LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	90					
BANNATYNES HEALTH CLUB (LEICESTER)	Main/General	176	1998	2010	86%	7%	7%
BRAUNSTONE LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	450	2004		75%	12%	13%
BRAUNSTONE LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	188					
COSSINGTON STREET SPORTS CENTRE	Main/General	435	1879	2011	57%	9%	33%
EVINGTON LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	225	1975	2005	75%	10%	14%
EVINGTON LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	90					
LEICESTER LEYS LEISURE CENTRE	Leisure Pool	390	1985	2008	75%	10%	15%
LEICESTER LEYS LEISURE CENTRE	Learner/Teaching/Training	36					
LEICESTER LEYS LEISURE CENTRE	Leisure Pool	25					
LEICESTER LEYS LEISURE CENTRE	Learner/Teaching/Training	20					
NEW PARKS LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	250	1975	2014	69%	10%	21%
NEW PARKS LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	90					
NUFFIELD HEALTH (LEICESTER)	Main/General	225	2002		72%	11%	17%
SPENCE STREET SPORTS CENTRE	Main/General	250	1982		50%	8%	42%
SPENCE STREET SPORTS CENTRE	Main/General	90					
THE DANIELLE BROWN SPORTS CENTRE	Main/General	200	1999		55%	11%	35%
THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	325	2012		53%	10%	37%
<b>HARBOROUGH</b>					<b>89%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>
HARBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	338	1991		88%	5%	6%
HARBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Learner/Teaching/Training	20					
LEICESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Main/General	250	2008		92%	6%	2%
LUTTERWORTH SPORTS CENTRE	Main/General	325	2004		89%	3%	8%
HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH			1986		87%	6%	7%
BOSWORTH ACADEMY	Main/General	250	1969	2000	87%	5%	8%
HINCKLEY ACADEMY AND JOHN CLEVELAND SIXTH FORM CENTRE	Main/General	200	1974	2012	90%	6%	5%
HINCKLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	425	2016		87%	6%	7%
HINCKLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	128					



Name of Site	Type	Area	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car % Demand	Public Tran % Demand	Walk % Demand
<b>MELTON</b>					<b>85%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>
RAGDALE HALL HEALTH HYDRO AND THERMAL SPA	Main/General	225	1990	1998	96%	4%	0%
STAPLEFORD LIFESTYLE CLUB	Main/General	132	1998		97%	3%	0%
WATERFIELD LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	268	1965	2014	83%	5%	12%
WATERFIELD LEISURE CENTRE	Learner/Teaching/Training	103					
<b>NW LEICESTERSHIRE</b>			<b>1996</b>		<b>87%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>
ASHBY SCHOOL	Main/General	213	0	2016	87%	5%	8%
CHAMPNEYS SPRINGS	Leisure Pool	225	2001		96%	4%	0%
COALVILLE POOL	Main/General	425	2022		89%	8%	3%
GRACE DIEU MANOR SCHOOL	Main/General	170	1980	2003	87%	7%	6%
HOOD PARK LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	250	2002		86%	5%	8%
HOOD PARK LEISURE CENTRE	Learner/Teaching/Training	98					
IBSTOCK LEISURE COMPLEX	Main/General	250	1982		80%	4%	16%
KING EDWARD VII SCIENCE AND SPORTS COLLEGE	Main/General	250	1995	2011	80%	7%	13%
LIVINGWELL HEALTH CLUB (EAST MIDLANDS)	Main/General	160	1989		89%	6%	5%
<b>RUSHCLIFFE</b>			<b>1991</b>		<b>82%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10%</b>
BINGHAM LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	323	1969	2012	90%	3%	7%
BINGHAM LEISURE CENTRE	Learner/Teaching/Training	69					
COTGRAVE LEISURE CENTRE	Leisure Pool	250	1998	2013	82%	3%	15%
DAVID LLOYD CLUB (WEST BRIDGFORD)	Main/General	350	1997		85%	7%	8%
DAVID LLOYD CLUB (WEST BRIDGFORD)	Leisure Pool	98					
EAST LEAKE LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	200	2003		86%	5%	9%
KEYWORTH LEISURE CENTRE	Main/General	120	1976	1995	69%	3%	28%
KEYWORTH LEISURE CENTRE	Learner/Teaching/Training	56					
ROKO HEALTH CLUB (NOTTINGHAM)	Main/General	160	2003		82%	8%	11%
ROKO HEALTH CLUB (NOTTINGHAM)	Learner/Teaching/Training	64					
RUSHCLIFFE ARENA	Main/General	313	2016		80%	12%	8%
RUSHCLIFFE ARENA	Learner/Teaching/Training	130					



## Appendix 2 – Model description, Inclusion Criteria and Model Parameters

Included within this appendix are the following:

- Model description
- Facility Inclusion Criteria
- Model Parameters

### Model Description

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Facilities Planning Model (FPM) is a computer-based supply/demand model, which has been developed by Edinburgh University in conjunction with sportscotland and Sport England since the 1980s.
- 1.2 The model is a tool to help to assess the strategic provision of community sports facilities in an area. It is currently applicable for use in assessing the provision of sports halls, swimming pools, indoor bowls centres and artificial grass pitches.

#### 2. Use of FPM

- 2.1 Sport England uses the FPM as one of its principal tools in helping to assess the strategic need for certain community sports facilities. The FPM has been developed as a means of:
  - assessing requirements for different types of community sports facilities on a local, regional or national scale;
  - helping local authorities to determine an adequate level of sports facility provision to meet their local needs;
  - helping to identify strategic gaps in the provision of sports facilities; and
  - comparing alternative options for planned provision, taking account of changes in demand and supply. This includes testing the impact of opening, relocating and closing facilities, and the likely impact of population changes on the needs for sports facilities.
- 2.2 Its current use is limited to those sports facility types for which Sport England holds substantial demand data, i.e. swimming pools, sports halls, indoor bowls and artificial grass pitches.



2.3 The FPM has been used in the assessment of Lottery funding bids for community facilities, and as a principal planning tool to assist local authorities in planning for the provision of community sports facilities. For example, the FPM was used to help assess the impact of a 50m swimming pool development in the London Borough of Hillingdon. The Council invested £22 million in the sports and leisure complex around this pool and received funding of £2,025,000 from the London Development Agency and £1,500,000 from Sport England<sup>1</sup>.

### 3. How the model works

3.1 In its simplest form, the model seeks to assess whether the capacity of existing facilities for a particular sport is capable of meeting local demand for that sport, taking into account how far people are prepared to travel to such a facility.

3.2 In order to do this, the model compares the number of facilities (supply) within an area, against the demand for that facility (demand) that the local population will produce, similar to other social gravity models.

3.3 To do this, the FPM works by converting both demand (in terms of people), and supply (facilities), into a single comparable unit. This unit is 'visits per week in the peak period' (VPWPP). Once converted, demand and supply can be compared.

3.4 The FPM uses a set of parameters to define how facilities are used and by whom. These parameters are primarily derived from a combination of data including actual user surveys from a range of sites across the country in areas of good supply, together with participation survey data. These surveys provide core information on the profile of users, such as, the age and gender of users, how often they visit, the distance travelled, duration of stay, and on the facilities themselves, such as, programming, peak times of use, and capacity of facilities.

3.5 This survey information is combined with other sources of data to provide a set of model parameters for each facility type. The original core user data for halls and pools comes from the National Halls and Pools survey undertaken in 1996. This data formed the basis for the National Benchmarking Service (NBS). For AGPs, the core data used comes from the user survey of AGPs carried out in 2005/6 jointly with SportScotland.

3.6 User survey data from the NBS and other appropriate sources are used to update the models parameters on a regular basis. The parameters are set out at the end of the document, and the range of the main source data used by the model includes:

- National Halls & Pools survey data –Sport England
- Benchmarking Service User Survey data –Sport England
- UK 2000 Time Use Survey – ONS
- General Household Survey – ONS
- Scottish Omnibus Surveys – Sport Scotland

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<sup>1</sup> Award made in 2007/08 year.



- Active People Survey - Sport England
- STP User Survey - Sport England & Sportscotland
- Football participation - The FA
- Young People & Sport in England – Sport England
- Hockey Fixture data - Fixtures Live
- Taking Part Survey - DCMS

#### 4. Calculating Demand

- 4.1 This is calculated by applying the user information from the parameters, as referred to above, to the population<sup>2</sup>. This produces the number of visits for that facility that will be demanded by the population.
- 4.2 Depending on the age and gender make-up of the population, this will affect the number of visits an area will generate. In order to reflect the different population make-up of the country, the FPM calculates demand based on the smallest census groupings. These are Output Areas (OA)<sup>3</sup>.
- 4.3 The use of OAs in the calculation of demand ensures that the FPM is able to reflect and portray differences in demand in areas at the most sensitive level based on available census information. Each OA used is given a demand value in VPWPP by the FPM.

#### 5. Calculating Supply Capacity

- 5.1 A facility's capacity varies depending on its size (i.e. size of pool, hall, pitch number), and how many hours the facility is available for use by the community.
- 5.2 The FPM calculates a facility's capacity by applying each of the capacity factors taken from the model parameters, such as the assumptions made as to how many 'visits' can be accommodated by the particular facility at any one time. Each facility is then given a capacity figure in VPWPP. (See parameters in Section C).
- 5.3 Based on travel time information<sup>4</sup> taken from the user survey, the FPM then calculates how much demand would be met by the particular facility having regard to its capacity and how much demand is within the facility's catchment. The FPM includes an important feature of spatial interaction. This feature takes account of the location and capacity of all the facilities, having regard to their location and the size of demand and assesses whether the facilities are in the right place to meet the demand.

<sup>2</sup> For example, it is estimated that 7.72% of 16-24 year old males will demand to use an AGP, 1.67 times a week. This calculation is done separately for the 12 age/gender groupings.

<sup>3</sup> Census Output Areas (OA) are the smallest grouping of census population data, and provides the population information on which the FPM's demand parameters are applied. A demand figure can then be calculated for each OA based on the population profile. There are over 171,300 OAs in England. An OA has a target value of 125 households per OA.

<sup>4</sup> To reflect the fact that as distance to a facility increases, fewer visits are made, the FPM uses a travel time distance decay curve, where the majority of users travel up to 20 minutes. The FPM also takes account of the road network when calculating travel times. Car ownership levels, taken from Census data, are also taken into account when calculating how people will travel to facilities.



- 5.4 It is important to note that the FPM does not simply add up the total demand within an area, and compare that to the total supply within the same area. This approach would not take account of the spatial aspect of supply against demand in a particular area. For example, if an area had a total demand for 5 facilities, and there were currently 6 facilities within the area, it would be too simplistic to conclude that there was an oversupply of 1 facility, as this approach would not take account of whether the 5 facilities are in the correct location for local people to use them within that area. It might be that all the facilities were in one part of the borough, leaving other areas under provided. An assessment of this kind would not reflect the true picture of provision. The FPM is able to assess supply and demand within an area based on the needs of the population within that area.
- 5.5 In making calculations as to supply and demand, visits made to sports facilities are not artificially restricted or calculated by reference to administrative boundaries, such as local authority areas. Users are generally expected to use their closest facility. The FPM reflects this through analysing the location of demand against the location of facilities, allowing for cross boundary movement of visits. For example, if a facility is on the boundary of a local authority, users will generally be expected to come from the population living close to the facility, but who may be in an adjoining authority.

## 6. Facility Attractiveness – for halls and pools only

- 6.1 Not all facilities are the same and users will find certain facilities more attractive to use than others. The model attempts to reflect this by introducing an attractiveness weighting factor, which effects the way visits are distributed between facilities. Attractiveness however, is very subjective. Currently weightings are only used for hall and pool modelling, with a similar approach for AGPs is being developed.
- 6.2 Attractiveness weightings are based on the following:
- Age/refurbishment weighting – pools & halls - the older a facility is, the less attractive it will be to users. It is recognised that this is a general assumption and that there may be examples where older facilities are more attractive than newly built ones due to excellent local management, programming and sports development. Additionally, the date of any significant refurbishment is also included within the weighting factor; however, the attractiveness is set lower than a new build of the same year. It is assumed that a refurbishment that is older than 20 years will have a minimal impact on the facilities attractiveness. The information on year built/refurbished is taken from Active Places. A graduated curve is used to allocate the attractiveness weighting by year. This curve levels off at around 1920 with a 20% weighting. The refurbishment weighting is slightly lower than the new built year equivalent.
  - Management & ownership weighting – halls only - due to the large number of halls being provided by the education sector, an assumption is made that in general, these halls will not provide as balanced a program than halls run by LAs, trusts, etc, with school halls more likely to be used by teams and groups through block booking. A less balanced programme is assumed to be less attractive to a general, pay & play user, than a standard local authority leisure centre sports hall, with a wider range of activities on offer.



6.3 To reflect this, two weightings curves are used for education and non-education halls, a high weighted curve, and a lower weighted curve;

- High weighted curve - includes Non education management - better balanced programme, more attractive.
- Lower weighted curve - includes Educational owned & managed halls, less attractive.

6.4 Commercial facilities – halls and pools - whilst there are relatively few sports halls provided by the commercial sector, an additional weighing factor is incorporated within the model to reflect the cost element often associated with commercial facilities. For each population output area the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) score is used to limit whether people will use commercial facilities. The assumption is that the higher the IMD score (less affluence) the less likely the population of the OA would choose to go to a commercial facility.

## 7. Comfort Factor – halls and pools

7.1 As part of the modelling process, each facility is given a maximum number of visits it can accommodate, based on its size, the number of hours it's available for community use and the 'at one time capacity' figure ( pools =1 user /6m<sup>2</sup> , halls = 6 users /court). This gives each facility a "theoretical capacity".

7.2 If the facilities were full to their theoretical capacity then there would simply not be the space to undertake the activity comfortably. In addition, there is a need to take account of a range of activities taking place which have different numbers of users, for example, aqua aerobics will have significantly more participants, than lane swimming sessions. Additionally, there may be times and sessions that, whilst being within the peak period, are less busy and so will have fewer users.

7.3 To account of these factors the notion of a 'comfort factor' is applied within the model. For swimming pools 70%, and for sports halls 80%, of its theoretical capacity is considered as being the limit where the facility starts to become uncomfortably busy. (Currently, the comfort factor is NOT applied to AGPs due to the fact they are predominantly used by teams, which have a set number of players and so the notion of having 'less busy' pitch is not applicable).

7.4 The comfort factor is used in two ways;

- Utilised Capacity - How well used is a facility? 'Utilised capacity' figures for facilities are often seen as being very low, 50-60%, however, this needs to be put into context with 70-80% comfort factor levels for pools and halls. The closer utilised capacity gets to the comfort factor level, the busier the facilities are becoming. You should not aim to have facilities operating at 100% of their theoretical capacity, as this would mean that every session throughout the peak period would be being used to its maximum capacity. This would be both unrealistic in operational terms and unattractive to users.
- Adequately meeting Unmet Demand – the comfort factor is also used to increase the amount of facilities that are needed to comfortably meet the unmet demand. If this comfort factor is not added, then any facilities provided will be operating at its maximum theoretical capacity, which is not desirable as a set out above.



## 8. Utilised Capacity (used capacity)

8.1 Following on from Comfort Factor section, here is more guidance on Utilised Capacity.

8.2 Utilised capacity refers to how much of facilities theoretical capacity is being used. This can, at first, appear to be unrealistically low, with area figures being in the 50-60% region. Without any further explanation, it would appear that facilities are half empty. The key point is not to see a facilities theoretical maximum capacity (100%) as being an optimum position. This, in practise, would mean that a facility would need to be completely full every hour it was open in the peak period. This would be both unrealistic from an operational perspective and undesirable from a user's perspective, as the facility would completely full.

8.3 For example:

A 25m, 4 lane pool has Theoretical capacity of 2260 per week, during 52 hour peak period.

	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm	7-8pm	8-9pm	9-10pm	Total Visits for the evening
Theoretical max capacity	44	44	44	44	44	44	264
Actual Usage	8	30	35	50	15	5	143

8.4 Usage of a pool will vary throughout the evening, with some sessions being busier than others though programming, such as, an aqua-aerobics session between 7-8pm, lane swimming between 8-9pm. Other sessions will be quieter, such as between 9-10pm. This pattern of use would give a total of 143 swims taking place. However, the pool's maximum capacity is 264 visits throughout the evening. In this instance the pools utilised capacity for the evening would be 54%.

8.5 As a guide, 70% utilised capacity is used to indicate that pools are becoming busy, and 80% for sports halls. This should be seen only as a guide to help flag up when facilities are becoming busier, rather than a 'hard threshold'.

## 9. Travel times Catchments

9.1 The model uses travel times to define facility catchments in terms of driving and walking.

9.2 The Ordnance Survey (OS) Integrated Transport Network (ITN) for roads has been used to calculate the off-peak drive times between facilities and the population, observing one-way and turn restrictions which apply, and taking into account delays at junctions and car parking. Each street in the network is assigned a speed for car travel based on the attributes of the road, such as the width of the road, and geographical location of the road, for example the density of properties along the street. These travel times have been derived through national survey work, and so are based on actual travel patterns of users. The road speeds used for Inner & Outer London Boroughs have been further enhanced by data from the Department of Transport.

9.3 The walking catchment uses the OS Urban Path Network to calculate travel times along paths and roads, excluding motorways and trunk roads. A standard walking speed of 3 mph is used for all journeys



- 9.4 The model includes three different modes of travel, by car, public transport & walking. Car access is also taken into account, in areas of lower access to a car, the model reduces the number of visits made by car, and increases those made on foot.
- 9.5 Overall, surveys have shown that the majority of visits made to swimming pools, sports halls and AGPs are made by car, with a significant minority of visits to pools and sports halls being made on foot.

Facility	Car	Walking	Public transport
Swimming Pool	76%	15%	9%
Sports Hall	77%	15%	8%
AGP			
Combined	83%	14%	3%
Football	79%	17%	3%
Hockey	96%	2%	2%

- 9.6 The model includes a distance decay function; where the further a user is from a facility, the less likely they will travel. The set out below is the survey data with the % of visits made within each of the travel times, which shows that almost 90% of all visits, both car borne or walking, are made within 20 minutes. Hence, 20 minutes is often used as a rule of thumb for catchments for sports halls and pools.

Minutes	Sport halls		Swimming Pools	
	Car	Walk	Car	Walk
0-10	62%	61%	58%	57%
10-20	29%	26%	32%	31%
20 -40	8%	11%	9%	11%



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Sport England's Facilities Planning Model Report

Date of report  
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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Charnwood Borough Council is developing an evidence base for indoor sports facilities. The Council has decided to apply the Sport England facility planning model (fpm) to develop an evidence base for the supply, demand and access to sports halls in 2017 and projected forward to 2036.
- 1.2 In April 2017, a report was produced setting out the findings from the fpm assessment. On reviewing the report the Council decided it wished to re run the model with a set of reduced hours for community use for the sports hall facilities at the University of Loughborough and the Wellbeck 6<sup>th</sup> Form Defence College. Also to exclude the Holywell Fitness Centre from the assessment. This updated report sets out the findings, including these changes.
- 1.3 The fpm evidence base will be applied by the Council in the strategic planning of provision for sports halls across the Borough. It will also be used in the Council's Local Plan, for the development of planning policy for sports halls. Plus helping to secure contributions to part fund the future requirements for sports halls. Finally, the fpm evidence base will also be used to help shape and inform the emerging Charnwood Borough Council Leisure Facilities Strategy.
- 1.4 In the fpm work there are two assessments (known as runs) and these also include committed changes in sports halls provision in the neighbouring authorities, which have been notified to Charnwood Council, and which will impact on the supply, demand and access to sports halls in the Borough.
- 1.5 This updated report sets out the findings from this fpm assessment. The fpm modelling runs are:
  - Run 1 – supply, demand and access to sports halls based on the population in Charnwood Borough and the neighbouring authorities in 2017, with the changed hours for community use at the University of Loughborough and the Wellbeck 6<sup>th</sup> Form Defence College and excluding the Holywell Fitness Centre
  - Run 2 – supply, demand and access to sports halls in 2036, based on the projected change in population 2017 – 2036 in Charnwood Borough and applying bespoke population projections. ONS population projections are applied to the neighbouring local authorities and including the facility changes in run 1
  - Run 2 also tests
    - a. the impact of the closure of the Hermitage Leisure Centre in NW Leicestershire and opening a new 8 badminton court sports hall in Coalville in 2022; and
    - b. the impact of proposals for two additional sports halls within Charnwood, as part of strategic urban extensions, at West of Loughborough, with a 3 badminton court size sports hall opening in 2025. Plus the inclusion for a 4 badminton court size sports hall at the strategic urban extension North East of Leicester opening in 2023.

### The study area

- 1.6 Customers of sports halls, do not reflect local authority boundaries and whilst there are management and pricing incentives for customers to use sports facilities located in the area in which they live, there are some big determinants as to which sports halls people will choose to use.
- 1.7 These are based on: other facilities on the same site, such as a studio which means participants can also undertake exercise and dance classes, or, perhaps more importantly a gym; the programming of the sports halls and with activities that are available at times which fit with the lifestyle of residents; and most importantly the age and condition of the sports hall and inherently its attractiveness. If there are two or more sports halls in the same area residents may choose to use a more modern venue. This is even if it means a longer journey, if, the alternative sports hall has modern changing accommodation, a sprung timber floor and a good quality lighting system in the main hall.
- 1.8 For all these reasons influencing choice, it is important to assess the supply, demand and access to sports halls based on their locations and catchment area. This includes sports halls across Charnwood and in the neighbouring local authorities to Charnwood.
- 1.9 The nearest facility for some Charnwood residents may be outside the authority (known as exported demand) and for some residents of neighbouring authorities their nearest sports hall could be in Charnwood (known as imported demand).
- 1.10 To take account of these impacts a study area is established which places Charnwood at the centre of the study and includes all the neighbouring authorities to Charnwood Borough. The study assesses the impact of the catchment area of the sports halls in this study area and how demand is distributed across the study area and across boundaries. A map of the study area is set out below. (Note: there are no sports halls in Blaby District where the catchment area extends into Charnwood).

**Map 1.1: Study area map for the Charnwood Borough Council sports halls study**





### **Report structure, content and sequence**

- 1.11 The findings for Charnwood for runs 1 - 2 for 2017 and 2036 are set out in a series of tables this allows a “read across” to see the changes that occur for each entry in the tables. The headings for each table are: total supply; total demand; supply and demand balance; satisfied demand; unmet demand; used capacity (how full the facilities are); and local share. A definition of each heading is set out at the start of the reporting.
- 1.12 Following each table is a commentary on the key findings. Where valid to do so, comparisons are made on the findings in the neighbouring authorities. Maps to support the findings on, sports hall locations, total demand, unmet demand, drive time and walking catchment areas, imported and exported demand and local share of sports halls are also included.
- 1.13 A summary of key findings and conclusions are set out at the end of the main report.
- 1.14 Appendix 1 lists the sports halls included in the assessment. Appendix 2 is a description of the facility planning model and its parameters.



## 2. Sports Halls Supply

### Total Supply

**Table 2.1: Sports Hall Supply Charnwood 2017 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
Total Supply	2017	2036
Number of halls	20	22
Number of hall sites	16	18
Supply of total hall space expressed as main court equivalents	81.7	88.7
Supply of hall space in courts, scaled by hours available in the peak period	55.7	62.6
Supply of total hall space in	15,194	17,102
Courts per 10,000 population	4.5	4.2

- 2.1 Definition of supply – this is the supply or capacity of the sports halls which are available for public and club use in the weekly peak period. The supply is expressed in number of visits that a sports hall can accommodate in the weekly peak period and in numbers of badminton courts.
- 2.2 There are 20 sports halls on 16 sites in Charnwood in 2017. In terms of total numbers of badminton courts, there is a supply of just fewer than 82 badminton courts. The supply available for community use is just fewer than 56 badminton courts. The difference between the total supply of badminton courts and the effective supply of courts for community use of 26 badminton courts (rounded) is because of the variable amount of hours for community use at the education sites. The impact of this difference is reviewed under the unmet demand and used capacity headings.
- 2.3 In 2036, the inclusion of the 2 new sports hall sites titled North East of Leicester and West of Loughborough, means there are 22 sports halls on 18 sites in Charnwood Borough. A list of the sports halls included in runs 1 and 2 and with the two new sports hall sites, is set out in Table 2.2. The new Coalville Leisure Centre in NW Leicestershire is also included in Table 2.2. Appendix 1 contains a list of all the sports halls included in the assessment across the whole study area.



**Table 2.2: Runs 1 and 2 Sports hall Supply Charnwood 2017 and 2036**

Name of Site	Type	Dim'ons	Area	No of court	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car % Demand	Public Tran % Demand	Walk % Demand
<b>Charnwood</b>					<b>1986</b>		<b>76%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>17%</b>
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690	4	1955		67%	7%	27%
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Main	33 x 15	495						
HIND COLLEGE LEYS	Main	33 x 18	594	4	1976		72%	5%	23%
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2006		57%	3%	39%
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	Main	33 x 20	660	4	2001		70%	8%	22%
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4	1978		74%	8%	18%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main	40 x 34	1380	8	1975	2012	75%	8%	18%
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Main	33 x 18	594	4	1996		68%	7%	25%
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Main	35 x 18	630	4	1975		91%	6%	3%
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Main	30 x 16	480	3	1987		81%	6%	14%
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180						
SHEPshed HIGH SCHOOL	Main	26 x 22	572	4	1975	2007	73%	5%	22%
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2004		86%	6%	7%
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Main	30 x 16	480	4	1977		72%	7%	21%
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2004		75%	8%	17%
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Main	30 x 15	464						
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2007	78%	8%	14%
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2005		81%	5%	14%
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Main	35 x 20	700	4	1972		84%	6%	10%
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Main	35 x 20	700						
<b>RUN 2 ADDITIONS</b>									
NORTH EAST OF LEICESTER SUE	Main	34 x 20	690	4	2023		87%	10%	3%
WEST OF L'BORO SUE	Main	27 x 18	486	3	2025		87%	7%	6%
<b>RUN 2 NW LEICESTERHIRE</b>									
COALVILLE LEISURE CENTRE	Main	37 x 33	1221	8	2022		90%	6%	4%



- 2.4 The provision of sports halls in Charnwood is extensive in scale in 2017. There is an eight badminton court, so a double sports hall site at Loughborough Leisure Centre. All the remaining sports halls sites bar one is a four badminton court size sports hall. This size of sports hall can accommodate the full range of indoor hall sports at the community level of activity. There is also a 3 badminton court size sports hall located at Rawlins Academy.
- 2.5 In 2036, the supply is increased by two sites in Charnwood, with a four badminton court size sports hall at the North East of Leicester site and a three badminton court size sports hall at the West of Loughborough site. There is also the eight court Coalville Leisure Centre, located in NW Leicestershire.
- 2.6 The average age of the Charnwood sports hall sites in 2017 is 25 years. This excludes Charnwood College sports hall which opened in 1955. The next sports hall did not open in Charnwood until 1972 and is the Wreake Valley Academy sports hall.
- 2.7 Nine of the sites opened before 2000 and the decade for sports halls provision was the 1970's when seven venues opened. One venue opened in each of the 1980's and 1990's. Then five venues opened in the 2000 – 2010 decade, the most recent sports hall is the Humphrey Perkins High School which opened in 2006.
- 2.8 Of the venues which opened in the 1970's two have been modernised. According to the data the Charnwood College venue has not had a major modernisation. Modernisation is defined as any or all of, replacement of the sports hall flooring, installation of high quality lighting and modernisation of the changing accommodation.
- 2.9 Facilities are only part of an explanation or influence on hall sports participation. However, Sport England research shows, as with swimming pools, provision of modern sports halls with proactive development programmes does increase participation.
- 2.10 Based on a measure of badminton courts per 10,000 population, Charnwood has 4.5 courts per 10,000 population in 2017. Based on the projected growth in population to 2036 there are 4.2 badminton courts per 10,000 population.
- 2.11 Charnwood has the second highest supply by this measure in 2017 and the joint highest with Rushcliffe in 2036. The highest provision in 2017 is in Rushcliffe at 4.7 badminton courts per 10,000 population. The lowest provision is in Hinckley and Bosworth at 3.5 badminton courts per 10,000 population in 2017 and 3.1 courts in 2036, the same as for Leicester City.
- 2.12 In NW Leicestershire, the impact of the projected increase in demand from population growth and the new 8 badminton court size sports hall at Coalville, due to open in 2022 is to reduce the badminton courts per 10,000 population by only 0.1 court to 3.6 courts in 2036.
- 2.13 The supply for East Midlands Region and England wide in 2016 is 4.3 badminton courts per 10,000 population in 2017. In 2036 it is projected to be 3.9 badminton courts per 10,000 population in East Midlands Region and 3.8 courts for England wide.



2.14 The required provision in Charnwood will be based on the supply and demand assessment. Table 2.3 is simply providing the comparative local authority findings based on this measure of badminton courts per 10,000 population.

**Table 2.3: Badminton courts per 10,000 population for all authorities in the study area 2017 and 2036**

Courts per 10,000 population	RUN 1	RUN 2
	2017	2036
Charnwood	4.5	4.2
Leicester UA	3.6	3.1
Harborough	4.5	3.9
Hinckley & Bosworth	3.5	3.1
Melton	4.4	4.0
North West Leicestershire	3.7	3.6
Rushcliffe	4.7	4.2

***Sports hall locations***

2.15 Map 2.1 overleaf shows the location of the sports halls in Charnwood in run 2 for 2036. The sports hall locations and catchment areas are important in determining the amount of demand which is inside and outside the catchment area of each site. If there is significant unmet demand outside catchment it is important to identify the scale and location. (Set out under the satisfied and unmet demand headings).

2.16 The location of the two new sports halls located in the NW of the Borough, with the West of Loughborough sports hall site and the SE of the Borough, with the North East of Leicester site, are shown with red diamonds for their locations.

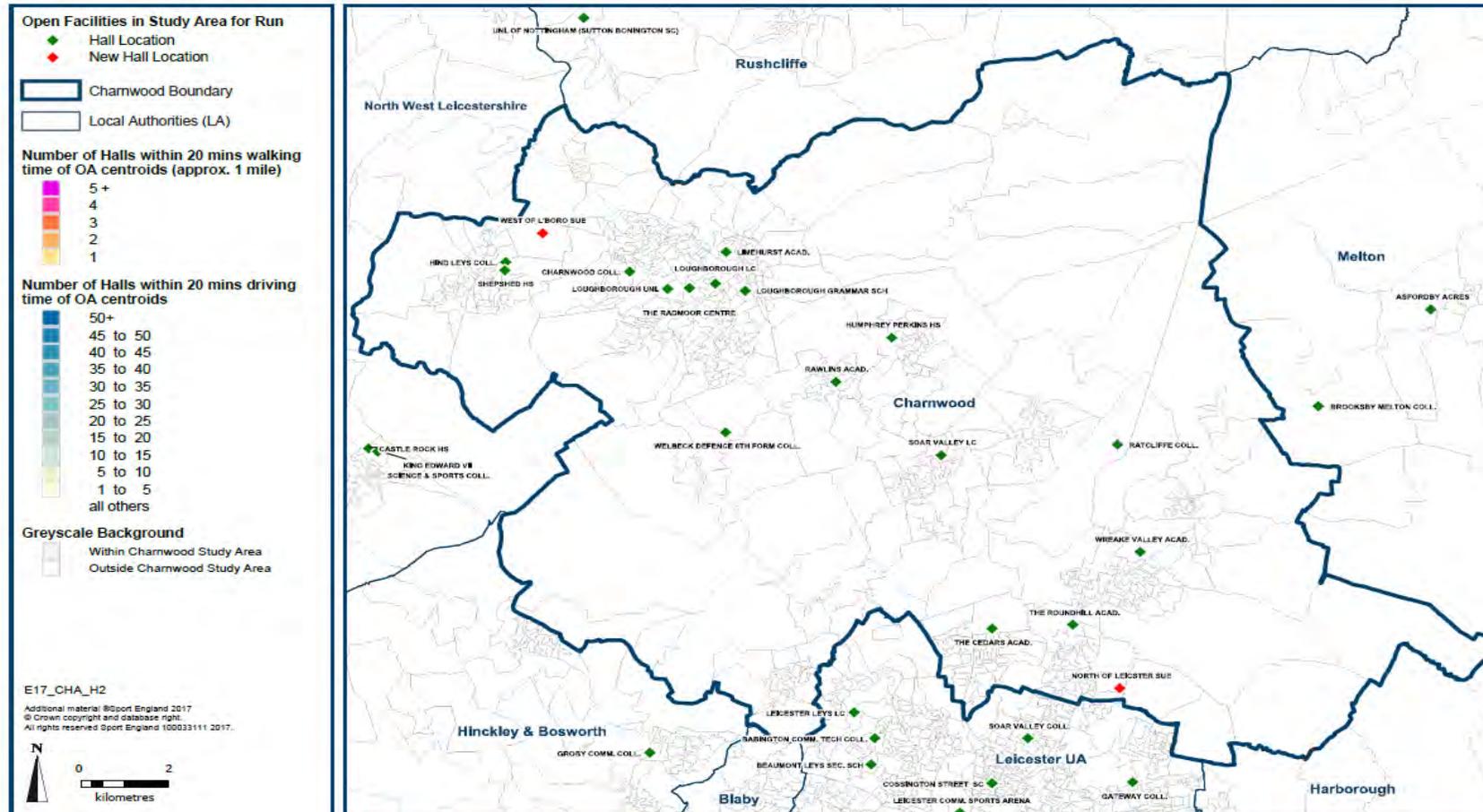


Map 2.1: Run 2 Location of sports hall in Charnwood 2036



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RUN 2: 2036 with bespoke population projections for Charnwood

Catchments shown thematically (colours) at output area level expressed as the number of Halls within 20 minutes travel time of output area centroid.





### 3. Demand for Sports Halls

**Table 3.1: Demand for sports halls Charnwood 2017 – 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
Total Demand	2017	2036
Population	180,286.	212,306.
Visits demand – visits per week peak period	11,402.	13,209.
Equivalent in courts – with comfort factor included	52.2	60.5
% of population without access to a car	17.4	17.4

- 3.1 Definition of total demand – it represents the total demand for sports halls by both genders and for 14 five-year age bands from 0 to 65+. This is calculated as the percentage of each age band/gender that participates. This is added to the frequency of participation in each age band/gender, so as to arrive at a total demand figure, which is expressed in visits in the weekly peak period. Total demand is also expressed in numbers of badminton courts.
- 3.2 The population in Charnwood in 2017 is 180,286 people and is projected to be 212,306 people in 2036, a 17.7% increase between the two years. The total demand for sports halls by Charnwood residents in 2017 is 11,402 visits in the weekly peak period of weekday evenings and weekend days. This demand equates to just over 52 badminton courts.
- 3.3 The total demand for sports halls is projected to increase to 13,209 visits in the weekly peak period by 2036. This is a 15.8% increase in demand for sports halls between the two years. This demand equates to 60.5 badminton courts for community use in 2036.
- 3.4 So the 17.7% increase in the population is generating a 15.8% increase in demand for sports halls between 2017 -2036. (Appendix 2 sets out the details of the participation rates and frequencies of participation for hall sports for both genders and for each age range).
- 3.5 The findings on the percentage of the population who do not have access to a car is set out under total demand and this is 17.4% of the Charnwood population in 2017 and projected to be unchanged in 2036. The East Midlands Region figure is 21.3% and for England it is 24.9% of the population who do not have access to a car, again in both years.
- 3.6 The Charnwood finding illustrates that around a sixth of residents will find it difficult to access a sports hall, if there is not a venue within the 15 minute public transport catchment area of a sports hall, or, the even smaller 20 minutes/1 mile walk to catchment area of a sports hall.
- 3.7 The data is identifying that in 2017 just under 78% of all visits to sports halls are by car (20 minutes' drive time catchment) and just under 80% in 2036. Some 15.7% of visits in 2017 are by walkers and 13.9% in 2036 (20 minutes/1mile walk to catchment area) and just over 6% of visits in both years by public transport (15 minutes catchment area).



- 3.8 The location and scale of demand for sports halls for the forward projection in 2036 in run 2 is set out in Map 3.1 overleaf. The amount of demand is set out in 1 kilometre grid squares and is colour coded. Purples squares have values of between 0 – 0.2 of one badminton court, light blue is 0.2 – 0.4 of one badminton court, turquoise is 0.4 – 0.6 of one badminton court, light green is 0.6 – 0.8 of one badminton court, lime green is 0.8 - 1 badminton court, cream is 1 – 2 badminton courts and salmon pink is 2-4 badminton courts.
- 3.9 Most of the squares are shaded purple or light blue and most of the demand not surprisingly is clustered around the sports hall locations, especially in Loughborough.

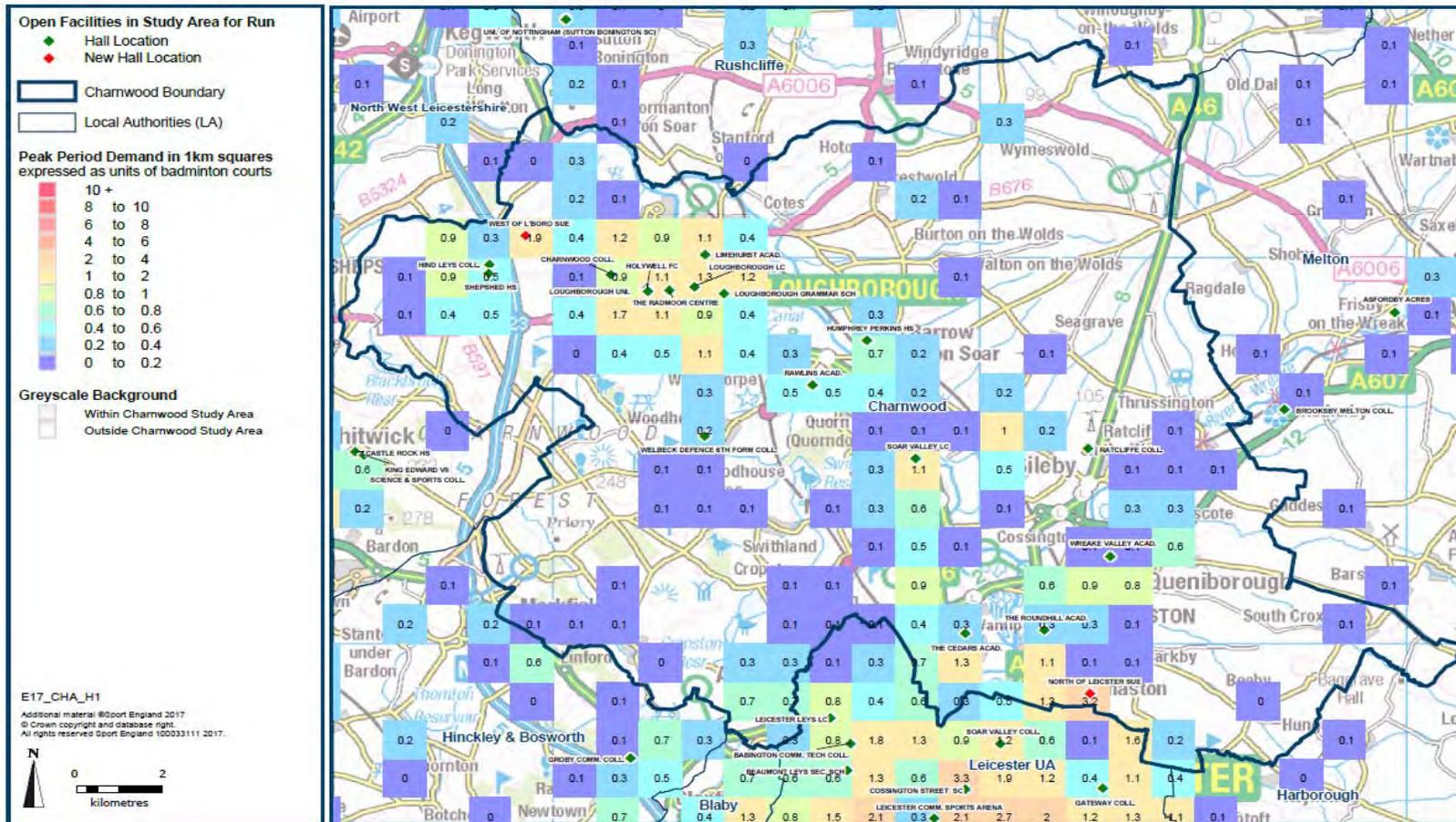


Map 3.1: Run 2 location and scale of demand for sports halls Charnwood 2036



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RUN 2: 2036 with bespoke population projections for Charnwood

Peak period demand aggregated at 1km square grid (figure labels) and shown thematically (colours). Peak period demand at 1km square grid level expressed as units of badminton courts.





## 4. Supply and Demand Balance for Sports Halls

**Table 4.1: Supply and Demand Balance Charnwood 2017 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
Supply/Demand Balance	2017	2036
Supply - Hall provision (courts) scaled to take account of hours available for community use	55.7	62.6
Demand - Hall provision (courts) taking into account a 'comfort' factor	52.2	60.5
Supply / Demand balance - Variation in courts provision available compared to the minimum required to meet demand.	3.5	2.1

- 4.1 Definition of supply and demand balance – supply and demand balance compares total demand generated within Charnwood for sports halls with the total supply of sports halls within Charnwood. It therefore represents an assumption that ALL the demand for sports halls in Charnwood is met by ALL the supply of sports halls in Charnwood (Note: it does exactly the same for the other local authorities in the study area).
- 4.2 In short, supply and demand balance is NOT based on where the sports halls are located and their catchment area extending into other authorities. Nor, the catchment areas of sports halls in neighbouring authorities extending into Charnwood. Most importantly supply and demand balance does NOT take into account the propensity/reasons for residents using facilities outside their own authority.
- 4.3 The more detailed modelling based on the CATCHMENT AREAS of sports halls across local authority boundaries is set out under the Satisfied Demand, Unmet Demand and Used Capacity headings.
- 4.4 The reason for presenting the supply and demand balance is because some local authorities like to see how THEIR total supply of sports halls compares with THEIR total demand for sports halls. Supply and demand balance presents this comparison.
- 4.5 When looking at this closed assessment, the Charnwood supply of sports halls in 2017 for community use is 55.7 badminton courts. This increases to 62.6 badminton courts in 2036 when the 4 court sports hall at the North East of Leicester site and the 3 badminton court sports hall at the West of Loughborough site are included.
- 4.6 The Charnwood demand for sports halls is for 52.2 badminton courts in 2017 and projected to be 60.5 badminton courts in 2036.
- 4.7 So there is near supply and demand balance, with a positive balance 3.5 badminton courts in 2017 and reducing to 2.1 badminton courts by 2036.



- 4.8 To repeat however, this is the closed assessment and the findings for the interaction of supply, demand and access to sports halls inside and outside Charnwood and based on the catchment areas of sports halls needs to be set out. This will establish how much of the Charnwood demand for sports halls can be met, how much unmet demand there is and where it is located.
- 4.9 The supply and demand balance findings for Charnwood and the neighbouring authorities is set out in Table 4.2 below. Rushcliffe has a positive balance of 13.7 badminton courts in 2017 and then 9.9 badminton courts in 2036. Whilst Harborough has a positive balance of 7.3 badminton courts in 2017 and 5.6 badminton courts in 2036. Melton is just in balance, with a positive balance of 1.3 badminton courts in 2017 and then 0.6 of a court in 2036.
- 4.10 NW Leicestershire has a positive balance of 2.7 courts in 2017 and this increases to 3.3 courts by 2036 because of the provision of the 8 badminton court size sports hall, located in Coalville and due to open in 2022.
- 4.11 Leicester City has a negative balance of 6.2 badminton courts in 2017 and increasing to 18.2 badminton courts by 2036. Whilst Hinckley and Bosworth goes from balance in 2017 to a small negative balance of 1.8 badminton courts by 2036.
- 4.12 Overall across the study area there is a positive balance of 22.3 badminton courts in 2017 and just 1.5 badminton courts in 2036. This suggests that the deficit in Leicester will mean their sports halls are likely to be close to full and there will be quite a high export of the Leicester demand, where its residents are within the catchment area of a sports hall in a neighbouring authority.

**Table 4.2: Runs 1 and 2 supply and demand balances for all authorities in the study area 2017 and 2036.**

Supply / Demand balance - Variation in courts provision available compared to the minimum required to meet demand	RUN 1	RUN 2
	2017	2036
Charnwood	3.5	2.1
Leicester UA	-6.2	-18.3
Harborough	7.3	5.6
Hinckley & Bosworth	0.1	-1.8
Melton	1.3	0.6
North West Leicestershire	2.7	3.3
Rushcliffe	13.7	9.9



## 5. Satisfied Demand for Sports Halls

**Table 5.1: Satisfied demand for sports halls Charnwood 2017 – 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
Satisfied Demand	2017	2036
Total number of visits which are met visits per week peak period	10,841.	12,473.
% of total demand satisfied	95.1	94.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by car	78.2	79.7
% of demand satisfied who travelled by foot	15.2	13.6
% of demand satisfied who travelled by public transport	6.5	6.8
Demand Retained visits per week peak period	8,606.	9,884.
Demand Retained -as a % of Satisfied Demand	79.4	79.2
Demand Exported visits per week peak period	2,235.	2,589.
Demand Exported -as a % of Satisfied Demand	20.6	20.8

- 5.1 Definition of satisfied demand – it represents the proportion of total demand that is met by the capacity at the sports halls from residents who live within the driving, walking or public transport catchment area of a sports hall.
- 5.2 The finding is that 95.1% of the Charnwood total demand for sports halls can be met in 2017. This only decreases very slightly to 2036, when 94.4% of the Charnwood total demand for sports halls is projected to be met.
- 5.3 So well over 90% of the Charnwood total demand for sports halls in both years is located inside the catchment area of a sports hall. Plus there is enough capacity at the sports halls to absorb this level of demand. Overall a very high level of the Charnwood demand for sports halls is met.
- 5.4 The level of satisfied demand for the other authorities in the study area is set out in Table 5.2 below. All authorities have a total satisfied demand level of over 90% of total demand being met in both years, except Leicester in 2036, where it is 89.5% of total demand which is satisfied in 2036.

**Table 5.2: Runs 1 and 2 satisfied demand for sports halls for all authorities in the study area 2017 and 2036**

% of total demand satisfied	RUN 1	RUN 2
	2017	2036
Charnwood	95.1	94.4
Leicester UA	90.1	89.5
Harborough	94.8	94.7
Hinckley & Bosworth	93.1	92.7
Melton	91.5	91.5
North West Leicestershire	92.3	92.2
Rushcliffe	92.6	92.5



- 5.5 Car travel is the dominate travel mode to sports halls by Charnwood residents (20 minutes' drive time catchment area), with just over 78% of all visits in 2017 and projected to be just under 80% in 2036. The percentage of visits to sports halls by walkers (20 minutes/1mile catchment area) is 15.2% in 2017 and 13.6% in 2036.
- 5.6 The percentage of visits by public transport (15 minutes catchment area), is 6.5% of all visits in 2017 and projected to be virtually unchanged in 2036 at 6.8% of all visits.

### **Retained demand**

- 5.7 There is a sub set of the satisfied demand findings which are about how much of the Charnwood demand is retained at the Charnwood sports halls. This is based on the catchment area of sports halls and residents using the nearest sports hall to where they live - known as retained demand.
- 5.8 Retained demand is 79.4% of the Charnwood total satisfied demand in 2017 and it is projected to be 79.2% in 2036. The impact of the increase in demand from population growth between 2017 and 2036 and the location of the residential development, does not create a change in retained demand.
- 5.9 So it would appear, the location and catchment area of the proposed two new sports halls, and the existing sports hall venues, are very well located in relation to the location of the Charnwood demand for sports halls in 2036. In short, the nearest sports halls for a Charnwood resident for nearly eight out of ten visits, is a sports hall located within the Borough.

### **Exported demand**

- 5.10 The residual of satisfied demand, after retained demand is exported demand. In run 1 the finding is that 20.6% of the Charnwood satisfied demand is being exported. It increases very slightly to 20.8% of the Charnwood demand being exported and met outside the authority by 2036.
- 5.11 The destination and scale of the Charnwood exported demand for 2036 is set out in Map 5.1 below. The yellow chevron represents the number of visits which are exported and met in neighbouring authorities.
- 5.12 The vast majority of the exported demand goes to Leicester City at 1,983 visits or 80.5% of the total Charnwood demand for sports halls which is exported. This is not a surprising finding given Leicester has 30 sports halls on 23 sites. Plus as map 2.1 illustrates there are quite a few sports hall sites close to the Charnwood boundary. The catchment area of many of these venues will extend into Charnwood and be accessible to Charnwood residents.
- 5.13 After Leicester, there are 229 visits exported to NW Leicestershire in 2036, which is 9.3% of the total Charnwood demand for sports halls which is exported in 2036. This is followed by 100 visits exported to Rushcliffe, which is 4% of the total Charnwood demand exported in 2036. Then just 87 visits exported to Melton, 3.5% of the total exported demand, then 61 visits are exported to Hinckley and Bosworth, which is 2.4% of the total exported demand in 2036.
- 5.14 For context, Charnwood is retaining 9,884 visits in the weekly peak period at sports halls located in the Borough in 2036.

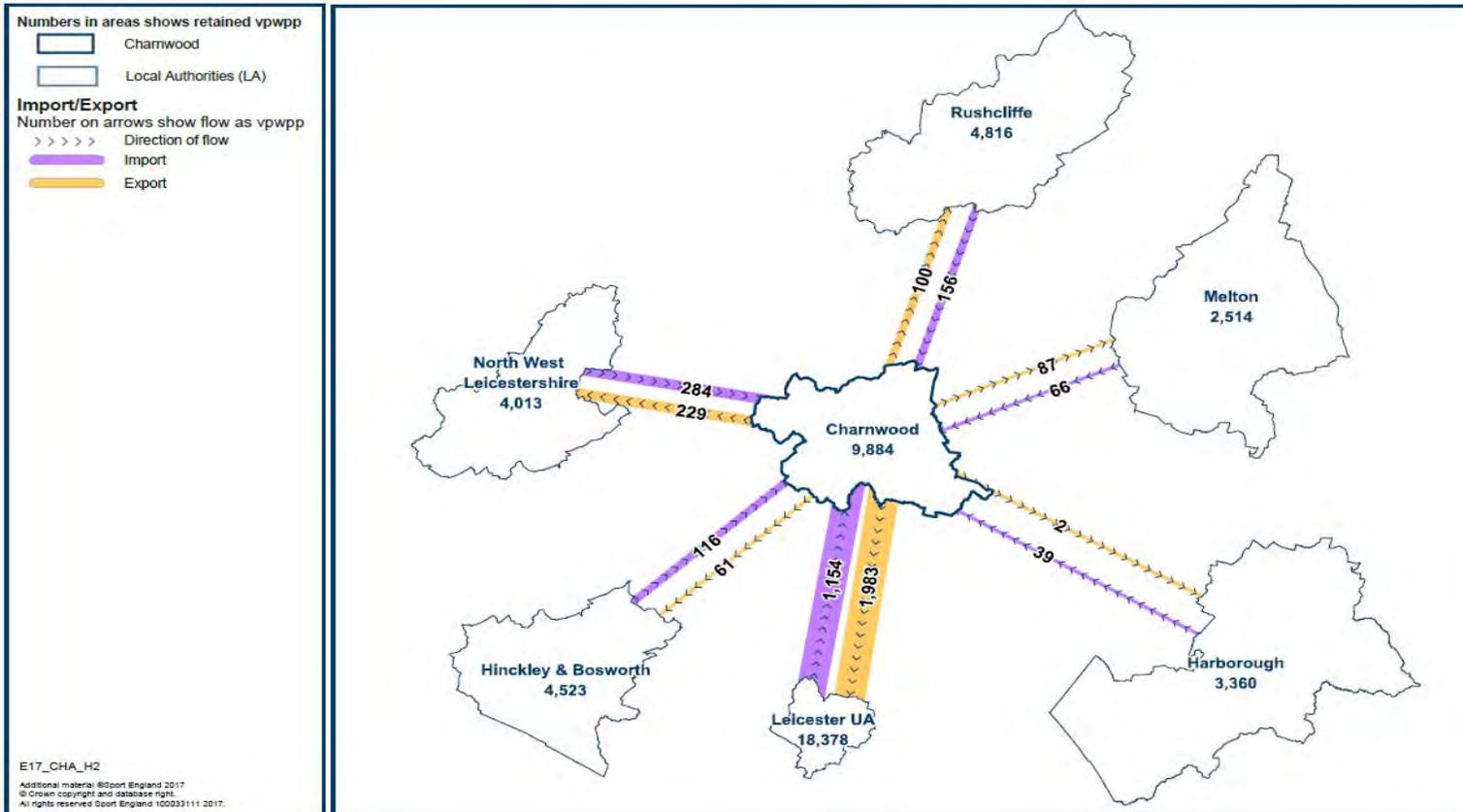


Map 5.1: Run 2 Export of Charnwood satisfied demand for sports halls 2036



Facility Planning Model - Halls Import/Export for Charnwood  
RUN 2: 2036 with bespoke population projections for Charnwood

Imported and exported demand between study area and surrounding local authorities shown thematically (size of lines) as visits per week in the peak period.





## 6. Unmet Demand for Sports Halls

**Table 6.1: Unmet demand for sports halls Charnwood 2017 – 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
Unmet Demand	2017	2036
Total number of visits in the peak, not currently being met visits per week peak period	560.	736.
Unmet demand as a % of total demand	4.9	5.6
Equivalent in Courts - with comfort factor	2.6	3.4
% of Unmet Demand due to:		
Lack of Capacity -	5.5	6.3
Outside Catchment -	94.6	93.6

- 6.1 The unmet demand definition has two parts to it - demand for sports halls which cannot be met because (1) there is too much demand for any particular sports hall within its catchment area; or (2) the demand is located outside the catchment area of any sports hall and is then classified as unmet demand.
- 6.2 Unmet demand in run 1 for 2017 is just 4.9% of total demand and which equates to 2.6 badminton courts – so a very low level of unmet demand in Charnwood in 2017.
- 6.3 Unmet demand in run 2 for 2036 is only slightly higher, at 5.6% of total demand, and 3.4 badminton courts.
- 6.4 In summary, unmet demand increases only very slightly between the two years. In large part this is because the 15.8% increase in demand for sports halls can be met by a lot of the existing and accessible supply. Plus there is the increased provision of two new sports halls at the West of Loughborough site in 2023 and the North East of Leicester site in 2025.
- 6.5 Supply in NW Leicestershire also changes, resulting from the closure of the Hermitage Leisure Centre and the opening of the Coalville new 8 badminton court size sports hall in NW Leicestershire in 2022.
- 6.6 Of the total Charnwood unmet demand, 94.6% in 2017 and 93.6% in 2036 is from definition 2 and is locational unmet demand. With just 5.5% of the total unmet demand in 2017 and 6.3% in 2036 from lack of sports hall capacity.
- 6.7 Unmet demand outside catchment will always exist because it is not possible to get complete geographic coverage, whereby all areas of an authority are inside the catchment area of a sports hall. The public transport catchment area is 15 minutes and most importantly for walking, it is only 20 minutes/1mile.



- 6.8 The findings on unmet demand can be set out by reference to what is termed aggregated unmet demand for sports halls. This assessment identifies the total unmet demand in one kilometre grid squares across Charnwood in units of badminton courts. It aggregates the total unmet demand in each one kilometre grid square.
- 6.9 This process allows identification of how unmet demand varies across Charnwood and if there are any clusters of unmet demand. This is set out in map 6.1 for run 2. It has to be remembered that across Charnwood, unmet demand only totals 2.6 badminton courts in 2017 and 3.4 badminton courts in 2036 and so the values in the squares are quite low.
- 6.10 The amount of unmet demand in each square is colour coded. Light blue squares have aggregated unmet demand of between 0.2 – 0.4 of one badminton court, turquoise squares have a value of between 0.4 – 0.6 of one court, light green squares 0.6 – 0.8 of one court, lime green squares 0.8 – 1 badminton court and cream squares have a value of between 1 – 2 courts.
- 6.11 Aggregated unmet demand is highest in the south of the Borough in the Birstall area and north and east of Birstall. However aggregated unmet demand is only just over one badminton court in the highest value square in this area. It is also the location of the new 4 badminton court size sports hall for the North East of Leicester site in 2025. There is most likely unmet demand in this area because some residents live outside the walking catchment area of the sports halls.
- 6.12 The majority of the remainder of the Borough is coloured light and dark blue with very low values of aggregated unmet demand.
- 6.13 It is not a surprise to find that there are no hot spots of aggregated unmet demand, given the total amount outside the catchment area of a sports hall across Charnwood in 2036 is just over 3 badminton courts.

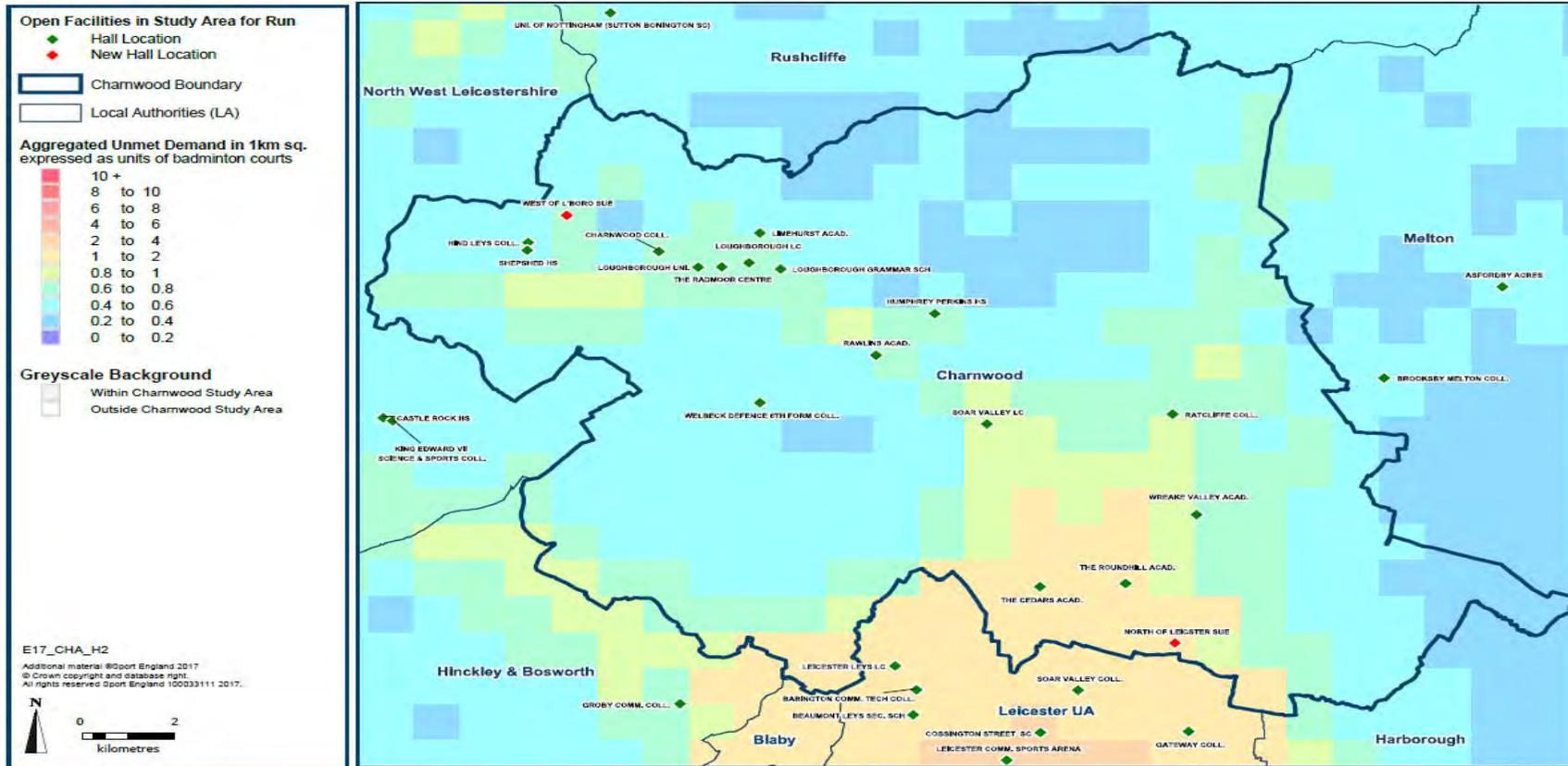


Map 6.1: Run 2 aggregated unmet demand for sports halls Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Halls Aggregated Unmet Demand for Charnwood  
RUN 2: 2036 with bespoke population projections for Charnwood

Aggregated unmet demand aggregated at 1km square grid (figure labels) and shown thematically (colours). Aggregated unmet demand at 1km square grid level expressed as units of badminton courts.





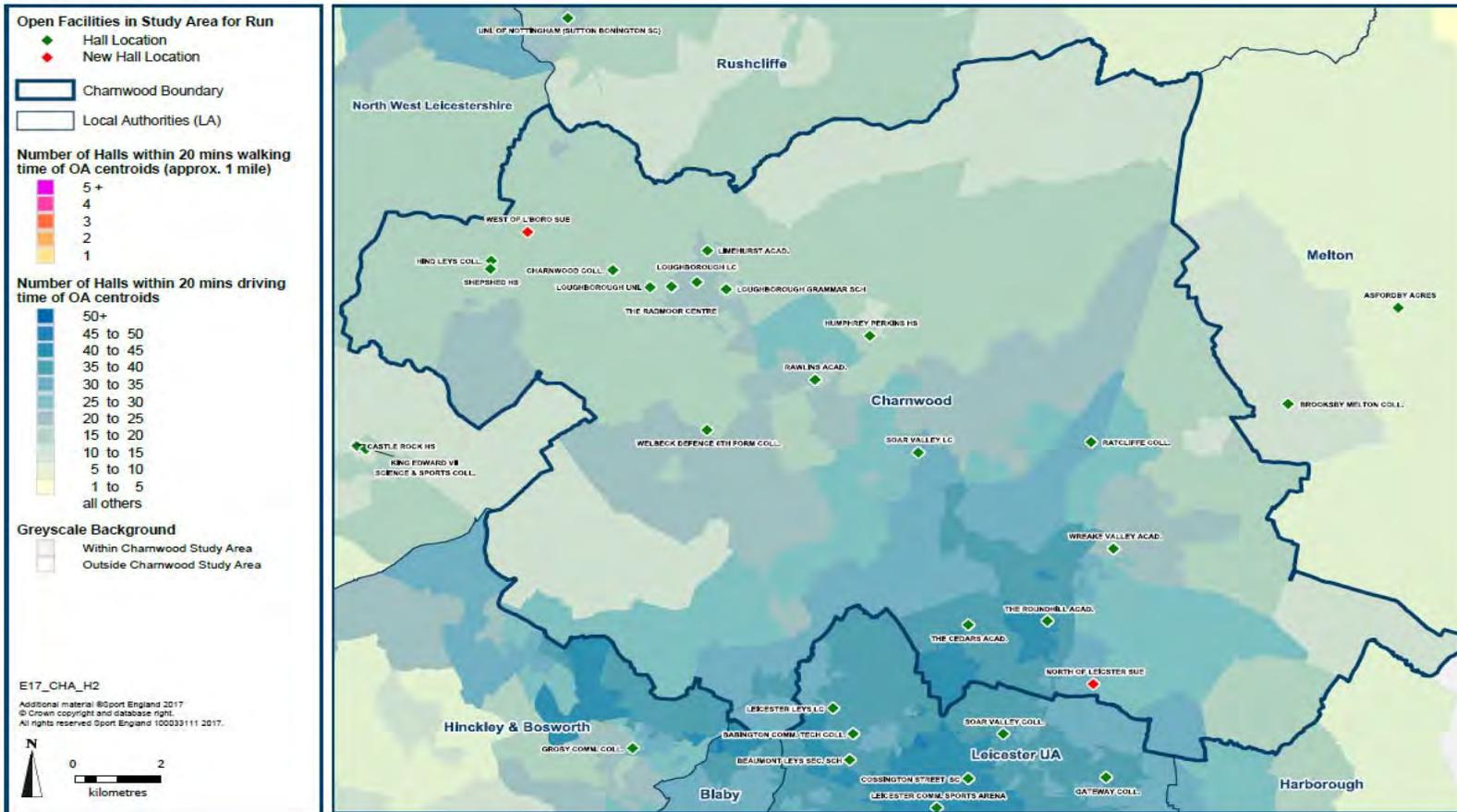
- 6.14 As mentioned unmet demand outside catchment will always exist because it is not possible to get complete geographic coverage where all demand is inside catchment. The unmet demand is most likely by residents who do not have access to a car and live outside the walking catchment area of a sports hall.
- 6.15 To provide context for how accessible the Charnwood sports halls are to residents, Map 6.2 below illustrates the number of sports halls Charnwood residents can access based on the 20 minutes' drive time catchment area of the sports hall locations (this is sports halls located both inside and outside the authority), this is for run 2 in 2036.
- 6.16 In the areas shaded light grey (area in the SE and N of the Borough), residents have access to between 5 – 10 sports halls based on the location and drive time catchment area of sports halls. In the darker grey areas (across the centre of the Borough) residents have access to between 10 - 15 sports halls. Whilst in the light green areas (northern half of the Borough) residents have access to between 15 – 20 sports halls. In the darker green areas (areas in the south and centre of the Borough) residents have access to between 20 – 25 sports halls. In the areas shaded blue residents have access to between 25 – 30 sports halls and finally in the darker blue areas it is access to between 30 -35 sports halls.
- 6.17 All levels of accessibility are based on where residents live and the 20 minute drive time catchment area of the sports hall locations. Around 80% of the land area of Charnwood is inside the drive time catchment area of between 10 – 15 sports halls. This provides good levels of accessibility for residents who travel to sports halls by car and which is 78% of all visits in 2017 and 79% in 2036.
- 6.18 Map 6.3 overleaf illustrates the areas of the Borough which are inside the 20 minutes/1mile walking catchment area of the sports hall locations, again this is for 2036. In the areas shaded cream residents have access to 1 sports hall. In the area around Loughborough, shaded two shades of orange and also pink and where there is a cluster of sports halls, residents have access to between 2 – 4 sports halls.

Map 6.2: Run 2 access to sports halls based on the car travel catchment area of sports halls Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Halls Catchments for Charnwood  
RUN 2: 2036 with bespoke population projections for Charnwood

Catchments shown thematically (colours) at output area level expressed as the number of Halls within 20 minutes travel time of output area centroid.

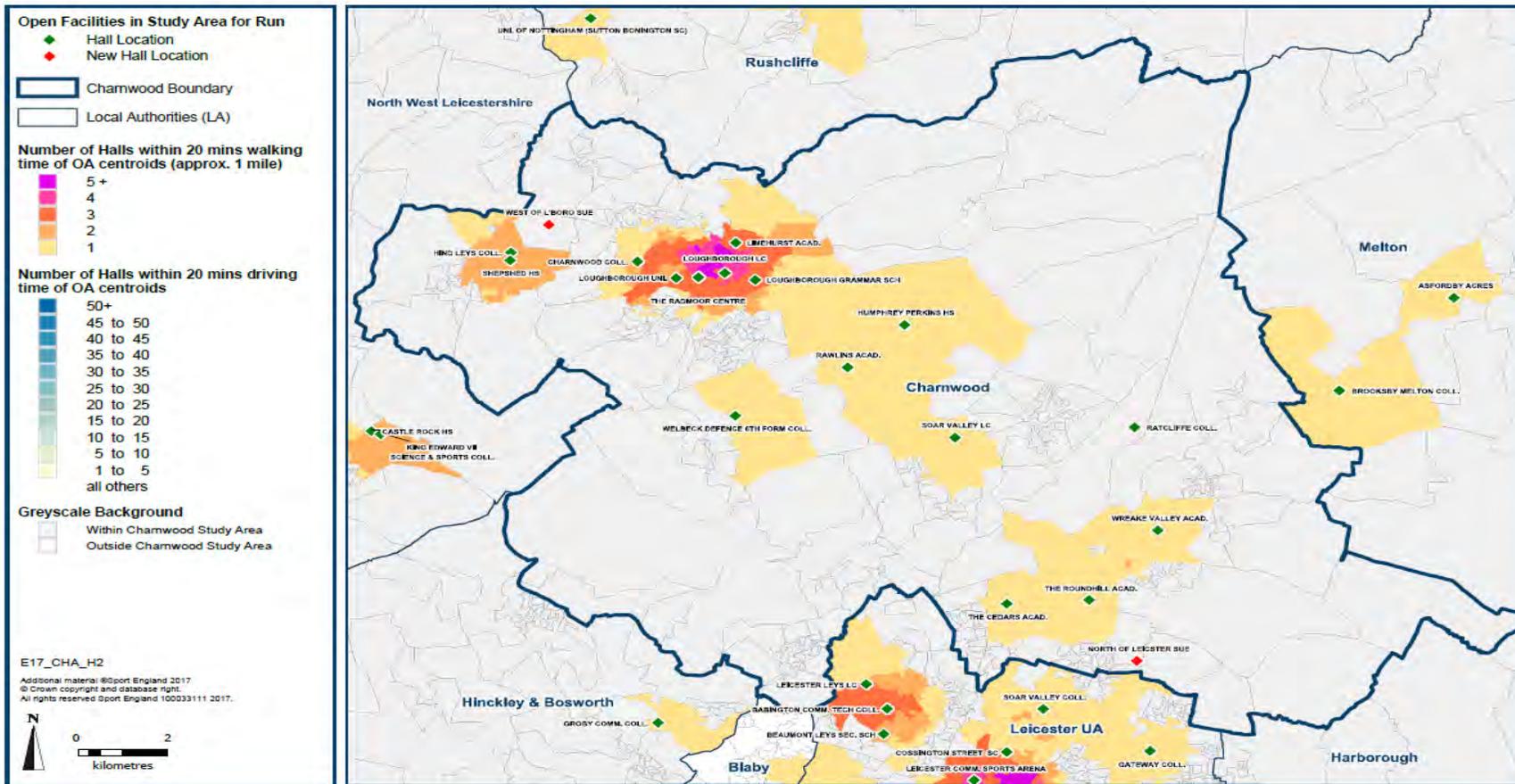


Map 6.3: Run 2 access to sports halls based on the walking catchment area of sports halls Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Halls Catchments for Charnwood  
RUN 2: 2036 with bespoke population projections for Charnwood

Catchments shown thematically (colours) at output area level expressed as the number of Halls within 20 minutes travel time of output area centroid.





## 7. Used Capacity (how full are the sports halls?)

Used Capacity - How full and well used are the sports halls?

Table 7.1: Used capacity of sports halls Charnwood 2016 – 2036

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
Used Capacity	2017	2036
Total number of visits used of current capacity visits per week peak period	9,708	11,802
% of overall capacity of halls used	63.9	69
% of visits made to halls by walkers	16.9	14.3
% of visits made to halls by road	83.1	85.7
Visits Imported;		
Number of visits imported visits per week peak period	1,102	1,917
As a % of used capacity	11.4	16.2

- 7.1 Definition of used capacity - is a measure of usage at sports halls and estimates how well used/how full facilities are. The facilities planning model is designed to include a 'comfort factor', beyond which, in the case of sports halls, the venues are too full. The model assumes that usage over 80% of capacity is busy and the sports hall is operating at an uncomfortable level above that percentage.
- 7.2 In 2017 the authority wide average for used capacity is 63.9% of sports hall capacity used at peak times. This increases to 69% by 2036, based on the projected population growth and the increase in demand for sports halls up to 2036. There is also the provision of the West of Loughborough and North East of Leicester sports halls options. So supply is increased by 7 badminton courts by 2036, and this increase in supply will influence the level of used capacity.
- 7.3 In NW Leicestershire the Hermitage Leisure Centre is replaced by the Coalville new 8 badminton court size sports hall in 2022. So this will influence the used capacity in that authority.
- 7.4 The authority wide average used capacity for both years for all authorities is set out in Table 7.2 overleaf.
- 7.5 Leicester has an authority wide average used capacity which is above the Sport England, halls full comfort level of 80% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period at 83.3% in 2017 and 88.4% in 2036. Charnwood has the second highest level of sports hall capacity used after Leicester in 2036, and is third highest after Leicester and Hinckley and Bosworth in 2017.

**Table 7.2: Percentage of sports hall capacity used for each authority 2017 and 2036**

% of overall capacity of halls used	RUN 1	RUN 2
	2017	2036
Charnwood	63.9	69.0
Leicester UA	83.3	88.4
Harborough	44.2	47.9
Hinckley & Bosworth	64.8	67.8
Melton	60.8	65.2
North West Leicestershire	61.3	63.5
Rushcliffe	51.1	56.6

7.6 Returning to Charnwood, these are the authority wide findings and it is misleading to assume all the sports halls in the Borough reflect the Borough wide average. The Borough wide average for used capacity will vary at individual sports hall sites. The findings for each sports hall site is set out in Table 7.3 and this is for both 2017 and 2036.

**Table 7.3: Runs 1 and 2 used capacity of the Charnwood sports halls 2017 and 2036**

Individual Sites Utilised Capacity	RUN 1	RUN 2
	2017	2036
<b>Charnwood</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>69</b>
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	38	49
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	41	46
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	68	71
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	51	70
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	48	55
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	100	83
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	77	79
NORTH OF LEICSTER SUE	0	100
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	40	47
RAWLINS ACADEMY	36	40
SHEPSHED HIGH SCHOOL	50	41
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	100	100
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	63	74
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	79	91
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	100	100
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	43	49
WEST OF L'BORO SUE	0	100
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	36	43



- 7.7 As Table 7.3 shows the used capacity of the individual sports hall sites does vary. At the public leisure centres, the Loughborough Leisure Centre has an estimated 100% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period, in 2017 and 83% in 2036. Whilst the Soar Valley Leisure Centre have an estimated 100% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period in both years.
- 7.8 The two new sports halls at North of Leicester and West of Loughborough are also projected to be at 100% of capacity used at peak times in 2036. This is because they are the most modern sports halls and will have a draw effect. It also reflects that they are located in areas of new development and there is an increase in demand to reflect the projected growth.
- 7.9 It is also important to consider the size of any sports hall site when considering the used capacity findings and not just view the percentage. The Loughborough Leisure Centre is an eight court main hall. So its usage in terms of the visits it can accommodate is much higher, than a centre of a four badminton court size sports hall. This makes the percentage for used capacity at the Loughborough Centre even more impressive.
- 7.10 Also public leisure centres, provide for the full range of indoor hall sports and can provide a sports hall venue for exercise and fitness classes. They will provide for public recreational use as well as provide for sports club use. They will have extensive opening hours and not be constrained by education use limiting public use during the day in term times. Finally, they will be proactively managed to develop sports participation and physical activity. Also as the Loughborough Centre is an eight court main sports hall, it will be able to provide for several sports activities at the same time.
- 7.11 In short, these centres will provide the most comprehensive access and programmes for community use and will have a draw effect over other sports halls. The sports halls on education sites and which are available for community use, provide in the main for club use and their hours of use are much more limited than for public leisure centres. Most of the education venues are in the range of 38% - 60% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period. although the Roundhill Academy is projected to have 100% used capacity in both years.
- 7.12 There are several other reasons as to why the percentage of used capacity can vary and it is important to set these out. The reasons are:
- The amount of demand located in the catchment area of a sports hall will vary and impact on the used capacity of any particular sports hall. A sports hall site with few other sports halls in its catchment will retain more of the demand and higher usage, than a centre which has several sports halls competing in the same catchment area and for the same level of demand
  - The age and quality of a venue. An older sports hall with a solid floor, older changing accommodation and lower lighting levels, will be less attractive to customers than a venue which has a sprung timber floor, modern changing and high quality lighting. Increasingly participants are placing a higher value on the quality of a venue and prepared to travel further to access more modern sports halls



- Other facilities on the same site, such as a gym or studios. This provides for a greater range of activities and create more critical mass. The findings for the used capacity of the sports halls are for the sports halls – not the venue. However, the benefit of providing for a range of activities at one venue does benefit the sports hall, especially if dance, exercise and fitness classes/circuit training are programmed for the sports hall.

### **Imported demand**

- 7.13 Imported demand is reported under used capacity because it measures the demand from residents who live outside Charnwood but the nearest sports hall to where they live is inside the Borough. So if they use the venue nearest to where they live, this becomes part of the used capacity of the Charnwood sports halls.
- 7.14 Imported demand is quite low at 11.4% in 2017 and 16.2% of the used capacity of the Charnwood sports halls in 2036. The findings for imported demand are set out in map 7.1 and are for 2036. The purple chevron line is the amount of demand imported into Charnwood from each neighbouring authority.
- 7.15 The highest imported demand is from Leicester City at 1,204 visits per week in the peak period (59.1% of the total imported demand). Then 376 visits are imported from NW Leicestershire (18.4% of the imported demand), 186 visits are imported from Rushcliffe (9.1% of the imported demand). After that, 167 visits are imported from Hinckley and Bosworth (8.2% of the imported demand), with 63 visits imported from Melton (3% of the imported demand) and finally just 40 visits are imported from Harborough (1.9% of the total imported demand).
- 7.16 As context, the Charnwood used capacity of the sports halls is 10,105 visits in the weekly peak period in 2036.

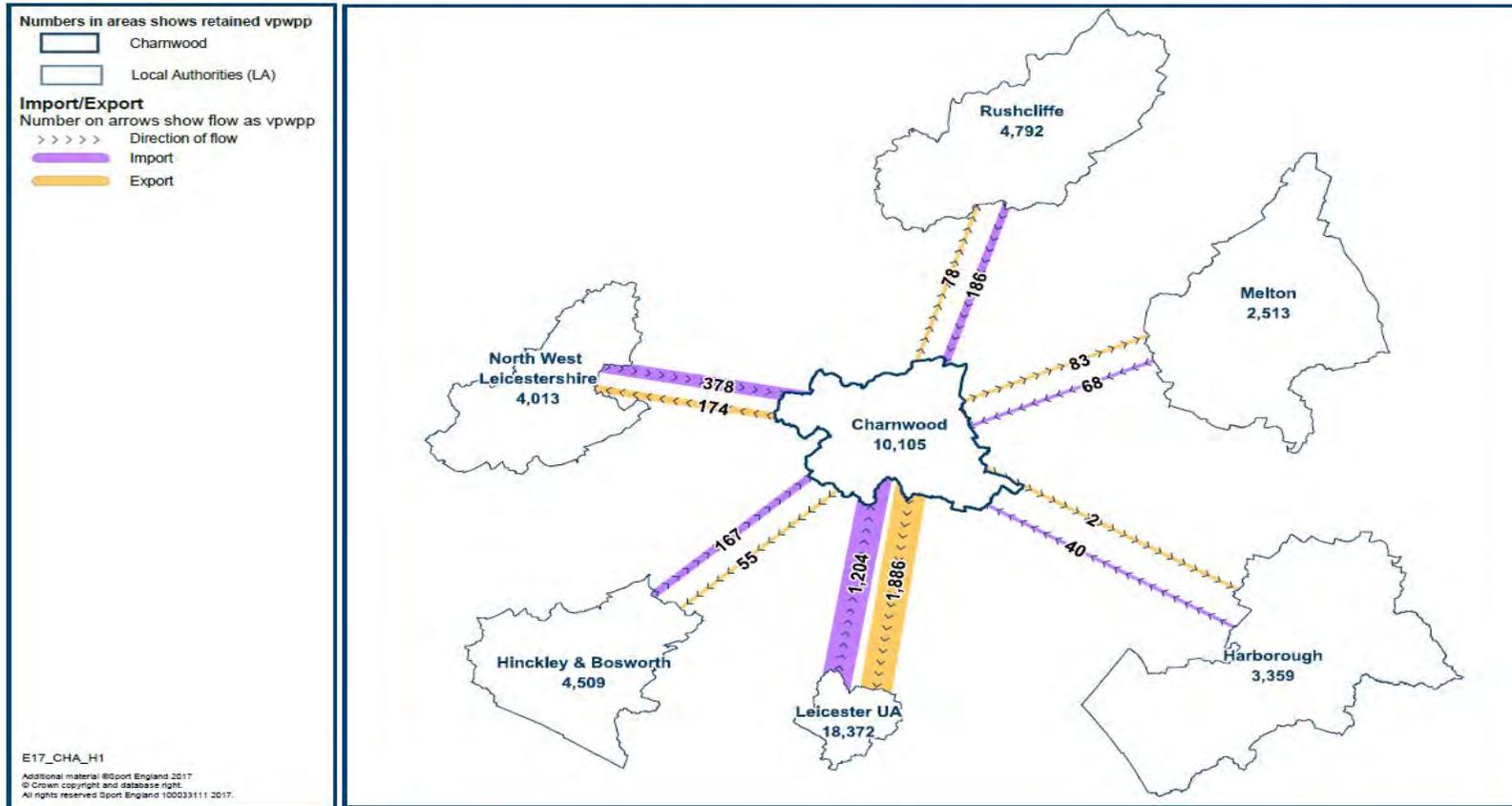


Map 7.1: Run 2 Import of demand for sports halls Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Halls Import/Export for Charnwood  
RUN 2: 2036 with bespoke population projections for Charnwood

Imported and exported demand between study area and surrounding local authorities shown thematically (size of lines) as visits per week in the peak period.





## 8. Local Share of Facilities

Table 8.1: Local share of sports halls Charnwood 2016 - 2036

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
Local Share	2017	2036
Local Share: <1 capacity less than demand, >1 capacity greater than demand	0.76	0.52

- 8.1 Local share has quite a complicated definition - it helps to show which areas have a better or worse share of facility provision. It takes into account the size and availability of facilities as well as travel modes. Local share is useful at looking at 'equity' of provision. Local Share is the available capacity that can be reached in an area divided by the demand for that capacity in the same area. A value of 1 means that the level of supply just matches demand while a value of less than 1 indicates a shortage of supply and a value greater than 1 indicates a surplus.
- 8.2 In 2017 Charnwood has a local share of 0.76 and so demand is greater than supply in terms of local share of access to sports halls. In 2036 local share is 0.52 across the Borough. So the impact of the increased demand for sports halls from population growth 2017 – 2036, is greater than the increased supply of sports halls, so the local share is lower.
- 8.3 The distribution of local share and how it varies across the Borough is set out in Map 8.1 below. This is for run 2 with the 2036 population.
- 8.4 Local share is highest in the very few areas with a cream shading, with values of 0.8 – 0.6. The vast majority of the Borough has pink shares and where local share is 0.6 – 0.4.

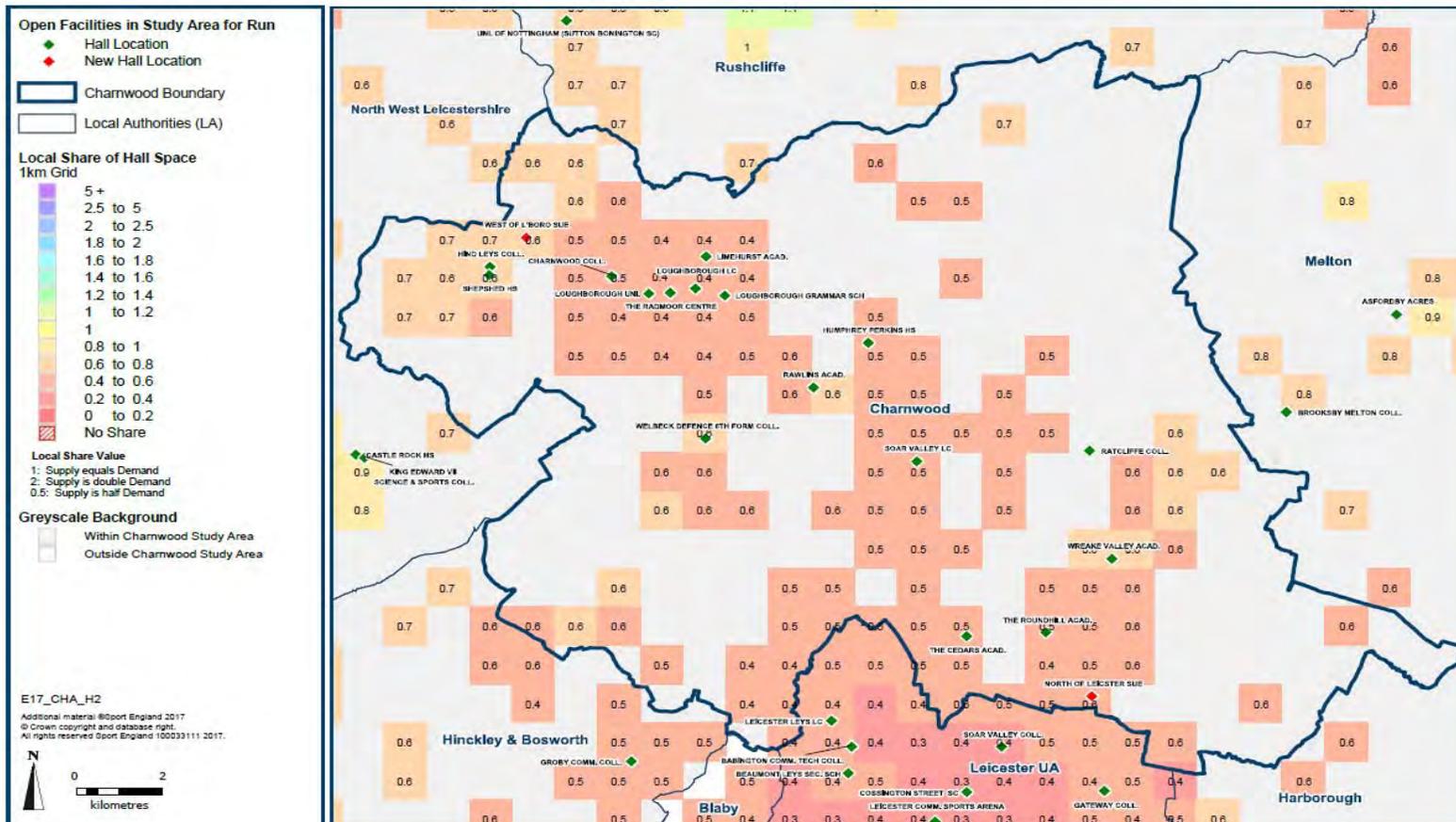


Map 8.1: Run 2 Local share of sports halls Charnwood 2036



Facility Planning Model - Halls Local Share for Charnwood  
RUN 2: 2036 with bespoke population projections for Charnwood

Share of badminton courts divided by demand. Data outputs shown thematically (colours) and aggregated at 1km square (figure labels).





## 9. Summary of key findings and conclusions

- 9.1 The fpm study sets out to assess the current and future supply, demand and access to sports halls across Charnwood Borough and a wider study area which includes all the neighbouring local authorities to Charnwood Borough.
- 9.2 In April 2017, a report was produced setting out the findings from the fpm assessment. On reviewing the report, the Council decided it wished to re run the model with a set of reduced hours for community use for the sports hall facilities at the University of Loughborough and the Wellbeck 6<sup>th</sup> Form Defence College and exclude the Holywell Fitness Centre.
- 9.3 This updated report sets out the findings on the fpm sports halls assessment, with these changes.
- 9.4 The fpm evidence base will be applied by the Council in the strategic planning of provision for sports halls across the Borough. It will also be used in the Council's Local Plan, for the development of planning policy for sports halls and helping to secure contributions to part fund the future requirements for sports halls. Finally, it will also be used to help shape and inform the Charnwood Borough Council emerging Leisure Facilities Strategy.
- 9.5 In the fpm work there are two assessments (known as runs) and these also include committed changes in sports halls provision in the neighbouring authorities, which have been notified to Charnwood Council, and which will impact on the supply, demand and access to sports halls in the Borough.
- 9.6 The fpm modelling runs are:
- Run 1 – supply, demand and access to sports halls based on the population in Charnwood Borough and the neighbouring authorities in 2017, with the changed hours for community use at the University of Loughborough and the Wellbeck 6<sup>th</sup> Form Defence College and excluding the Holywell Fitness Centre
  - Run 2 – supply, demand and access to sports halls in 2036, based on the projected change in population 2017 – 2036 in Charnwood Borough and applying bespoke population projections. ONS population projections are applied in the neighbouring local authorities
  - Run 2 also tests;
    - a. the impact of the closure of the Hermitage Leisure Centre in NW Leicestershire and opening a new 8 badminton court sports hall in Coalville in 2022; and
    - b. the impact of proposals for two additional sports halls within Charnwood, as part of strategic urban extensions. These are West of Loughborough, with a 3 badminton court size sports hall opening in 2025. Plus a 4 badminton court #

size sports hall at the strategic urban extension North East of Leicester and opening in 2023.



- 9.7 To try and summarise the extensive findings from the fpm assessment, Table 9.1 sets out the key findings under the headings analysed in the two fpm runs. This provides a read across to see what changes between 2017 and 2036. A question and answer approach tries to draw out the key findings, with the typeface is in red.
- 9.8 Table 9.1 is followed by a description of the main findings and overall conclusions.

**Table 9.1: Sports halls runs 1 – 2 summary of key findings for Charnwood Borough 2017 - 2036**

Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Number of halls	20.	22.
Number of hall sites	16.	18.
Supply of total hall space expressed as main court equivalents	81.7	88.7
<b>What is the supply of sports halls in 2017 and 2036 (in badminton courts)</b>		
Supply of hall space in courts, scaled by hours available in the peak period for community use	55.7	62.6
Supply of total hall space in	15,194.	17,102.
Courts per 10,000 population	4.5	4.2
Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Population	180,286.	212,306.
Visits demand – visits per week peak period	11,402.	13,209.
<b>By how much does the total demand for sports halls increase between 2017 – 2036 (in badminton courts)</b>		
Equivalent in courts – with comfort factor included	52.2	60.5
% of population without access to a car	17.4	17.4
Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2
<b>Supply/Demand Balance</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Supply - Hall provision (courts) scaled to take account of hours available for community use	55.7	62.6
Demand - Hall provision (courts) taking into account a 'comfort' factor	52.2	60.5
<b>How does the Charnwood supply and demand balance differ between 2017 – 2036 (ie positive balance where supply is greater than demand (= +) and a negative balance, demand greater than supply (= -)</b>		
Supply / Demand balance - Variation in courts provision available compared to the minimum required to meet demand.	+ 3.5	+ 2.1
Charnwood	RUN 1	RUN 2



<b>Satisfied Demand</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits which are met visits per week peak period	10,841.	12,473.
<b>What % of the Charnwood total demand is satisfied (met) demand</b>		
% of total demand satisfied	<b>95.1</b>	<b>94.4</b>
% of demand satisfied who travelled by car	78.2	79.7
% of demand satisfied who travelled by foot	15.2	13.6
% of demand satisfied who travelled by public transport	6.5	6.8
Demand Retained visits per week peak period	8,606.	9,884.
<b>What % of the satisfied demand is retained within Charnwood?</b>		
Demand Retained -as a % of Satisfied Demand	<b>79.4</b>	<b>79.2</b>
Demand Exported visits per week peak period	2,235.	2,589.
<b>What % of Charnwood's satisfied demand is exported</b>		
Demand Exported -as a % of Satisfied Demand	<b>20.6</b>	<b>20.8</b>
<b>Charnwood</b>	<b>RUN 1</b>	<b>RUN 2</b>
<b>Unmet Demand</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits in the peak, not currently being met visits per week peak period	560.	736.
Unmet demand as a % of total demand	4.9	5.6
<b>How much unmet demand is there in badminton courts?</b>		
Equivalent in Courts - with comfort factor	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>How much unmet demand is there due to :</b>		
<b>Lack of Capacity -</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Outside Catchment -</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>93.6</b>
Outside Catchment:	94.6	93.6
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	88.8	88.4
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	5.8	5.2
Lack of Capacity:	5.5	6.3
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	4.9	5.5
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	0.6	0.8
<b>Charnwood</b>	<b>RUN 1</b>	<b>RUN 2</b>
<b>Used Capacity</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits used of current capacity visits per week peak period	9,708.	11,802.
<b>How full are the Charnwood sports halls as a Borough average? (%)</b>		
% of overall capacity of halls used	<b>63.9</b>	<b>69.</b>
% of visits made to halls by walkers	16.9	14.3
% of visits made to halls by road	83.1	85.7
<b>How much of the usage of the Charnwood sports halls is imported? (%)</b>		
Number of visits imported visits per week peak period	1,102.	1,917.
<b>As a % of used capacity</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>16.2</b>

9.9 The headline findings in Table 9.1 are now described, so as to draw out the substantive findings.



### ***Sports halls supply***

- 9.10 There are 20 sports halls on 16 sites in Charnwood in 2017. In total numbers of badminton courts, there is a supply of just fewer than 82 badminton courts. The supply available for community use is just fewer than 56 badminton courts. The difference between the total supply of badminton courts and the effective supply is because of the variable amount of hours for community use at the education sites.
- 9.11 The inclusion of the 2 new sports hall sites, North East of Leicester and West of Loughborough, in run 2 means there are 22 sports halls on 18 sites in Charnwood Borough. There is also the new 8 badminton court sports hall in Coalville in NW Leicestershire (2022), which replaces the Hermitage Leisure Centre (Table 2.2 in the main report provides details of the sports halls supply).
- 9.12 The scale of the sports hall provision across the Borough is extensive in scale. There is an eight badminton court double sports hall site at Loughborough Leisure Centre. All the remaining sports halls sites, except one, are a four badminton court size sports hall. This size of sports hall can accommodate the full range of indoor hall sports at the community level of activity. There is also a 3 badminton court size sports hall located at Rawlins Academy.
- 9.13 In run 2, the supply is increased by two sites in Charnwood, with a four badminton court size sports hall at the North East of Leicester site and a three badminton court size sports hall at the West of Loughborough site.
- 9.14 The average age of the Charnwood sports hall sites in 2017 is 25 years. This excludes Charnwood College sports hall which opened in 1955. The next sports hall opened in Charnwood in 1972, which was the Wreake Valley Academy sports hall.
- 9.15 Nine of the sites opened before 2000 and the decade for sports halls provision was the 1970's, when seven venues opened. One venue opened in each of the 1980's and 1990's. Then five venues opened in the 2000 – 2010 decade and the most recent sports hall is the Humphrey Perkins High School, which opened in 2006.
- 9.16 Of the venues which opened in the 1970's two have been modernised. According to the data the Charnwood College venue has not had a major modernisation. Modernisation is defined as any or all of, replacement of the sports hall flooring, installation of high quality lighting and modernisation of the changing accommodation.
- 9.17 Facilities are only part of an explanation or influence on hall sports participation. However, Sport England research shows, as with swimming pools, provision of modern sports halls with proactive development programmes does increase participation.

### ***Measure of provision***

- 9.18 Based on a measure of badminton courts per 10,000 population, Charnwood has 4.5 courts per 10,000 population in 2017. Based on the projected growth in population to 2036 there are 4.2 badminton courts per 10,000 population.



- 9.19 Charnwood has the second highest supply by this measure in 2017 and the joint highest with Rushcliffe in 2036. The highest provision in 2017 is in Rushcliffe at 4.7 badminton courts per 10,000 population. The lowest provision is in Hinckley and Bosworth at 3.5 badminton courts per 10,000 population in 2017 and 3.1 courts in 2036, the same as for Leicester City.
- 9.20 In NW Leicestershire, the impact of the projected increase in demand from population growth and the new 8 badminton court size sports hall at Coalville, due to open in 2022, is to reduce the badminton courts per 10,000 population by only 0.1 court to 3.6 courts in 2036.
- 9.21 The supply for East Midlands Region and England wide in 2016 is 4.3 badminton courts per 10,000 population in 2017. In 2036 it is projected to be 3.9 badminton courts per 10,000 population in the Region and 3.8 courts for England wide.
- 9.22 The required provision in Charnwood will be based on the supply and demand assessment. The reason for setting out this quantitative comparative measure is because some local authorities like to have a comparable measurement of supply.

***Charnwood supply and demand for sports halls 2017 and 2036***

- 9.23 The Charnwood supply of sports halls in 2017 for community use is 55.7 badminton courts. This increases to 62.6 badminton courts in run 2 because the 4 court sports hall at the North East of Leicester site and the 3 badminton court sports hall at the West of Loughborough site are included.
- 9.24 The Charnwood demand for sports halls is for 52.2 badminton courts in 2017 and projected to be 60.5 badminton courts in 2036. So there is near supply and demand balance, with a positive balance 3.5 badminton courts in 2017 and reducing to 2.1 badminton courts by 2036. Supply and demand balance is set out because some local authorities like to see how THEIR total supply of sports halls compares with THEIR total demand for sports halls.
- 9.25 This is the closed assessment and the findings for the interaction of supply, demand and access to sports halls inside and outside Charnwood and based on the catchment areas of sports halls needs to be set out. This will establish how much of the Charnwood demand for sports halls can be met, how much unmet demand there is and where it is located.
- 9.26 NW Leicestershire has a positive balance of 2.7 courts in 2017 and this increases to 3.3 courts by 2036 because of the provision of the 8 badminton court size sports hall located in Coalville, due to open in 2022.
- 9.27 Leicester City has a negative balance of 6.2 badminton courts in 2017 and increasing to 18.2 badminton courts by 2036. Whilst Hinckley and Bosworth goes from balance in 2017 to a small negative balance of 1.8 badminton courts by 2036.
- 9.28 Overall across the study area there is a positive balance of 22.3 badminton courts in 2017 and just 1.5 badminton courts in 2036. Given the high imbalance of sports halls in Leicester city, it is likely that the City will export more of its demand in 2036, where Leicester City residents are within the catchment area of sports halls in neighbouring authorities.



***How much of the Charnwood demand for sports halls can be met?***

- 9.29 The finding is that 95% of the Charnwood total demand for sports halls can be met in 2017. This decreases very slightly to 94% of the Charnwood total demand for sports halls projected to be met in 2036. Overall a very high level of the Charnwood demand for sports halls is met.
- 9.30 All the neighbouring authorities have a total satisfied demand level of over 90% of total demand, except Leicester in 2036, where it is 89.5% in 2036.

***How much of the Charnwood demand for sports halls is retained in Charnwood?***

- 9.31 Based on the location and catchment area of sports halls located in Charnwood, and Charnwood residents using the nearest sports hall to where they live - known as retained demand – Charnwood is retaining is 79% of the Charnwood total satisfied demand in 2017 and it is projected to be 79.2% in 2036. The impact of the increase in demand from population growth between 2017 and 2036 and the location of the residential development, does not create changes.
- 9.32 This finding suggests the location and catchment area of the proposed two new sports halls, are very well sited to retain the Charnwood demand. Perhaps self-evident as they are located in urban extension areas. Overall, for just under eight out of ten visits to a sports hall in both years and by a Charnwood resident is to a sports hall located within the Borough.

***How much of Charnwood demand for sports halls is exported?***

- 9.33 Again, based on Charnwood residents using the nearest sports hall to where they live and this being a sports hall in a neighbouring authority. The finding is that 20% of the Charnwood satisfied demand is being exported in both years.
- 9.34 The majority of the exported demand goes to Leicester City at 80.5% of the total Charnwood demand for sports halls which is exported. Leicester has 30 sports halls on 23 sites and as map 2.1 illustrates, there are quite a few sports hall sites close to the Charnwood boundary. The catchment area of many of these venues will extend into Charnwood and be accessible to Charnwood residents.
- 9.35 After Leicester, 9.3% of the Charnwood met demand is exported to NW Leicestershire, then just 4% to Rushcliffe, 3.5% to Melton, and 2.4% to Hinckley and Bosworth.

***How much unmet demand for sports halls is there?***

- 9.36 Unmet demand has two definitions, demand for sports halls which cannot be met because (1) there is too much demand for any particular sports hall within its catchment area; or (2) the demand is located outside the catchment area of any sports hall and is then classified as unmet demand.
- 9.37 Unmet demand in 2017 is just 4.9% of total demand and which equates to 2.6 badminton courts and increases to 5.6% of total demand in 2036 and 3.4 badminton courts– so low levels of unmet demand.



- 9.38 In summary, unmet demand increases only very slightly between the two years. In large part this is because a lot of the 15.8% increase in demand for sports halls can be met by the existing and accessible supply. Plus there is the increased provision of two new sports halls at the West of Loughborough site in 2023 and the North East of Leicester site in 2025.
- 9.39 Of the total Charnwood unmet demand, 94% in 2017 and 93% in 2036 is from definition 2 and is locational unmet demand. With just 6% of the total unmet demand in 2017 and 7% in 2036 from lack of sports hall capacity.
- 9.40 Unmet demand outside catchment will always exist because it is not possible to get complete geographic coverage, whereby all areas of an authority are inside the catchment area of a sports hall. The public transport catchment area is 15 minutes and most importantly for walking, it is only 20 minutes/1mile.
- 9.41 The findings on unmet demand can be set out by reference to what is termed aggregated unmet demand for sports halls. This assessment identifies the total unmet demand in one kilometre grid squares across Charnwood and in units of badminton courts. It aggregates the total unmet demand in each one kilometre grid square (Map 6.1 in the main report).
- 9.42 Aggregated unmet demand is highest in the south of the Borough in the Birstall area and north and east of Birstall. However aggregated unmet demand is only just over one badminton court. It is not a surprise to find that there are no hot spots of aggregated unmet demand, given the total unmet demand, across Charnwood in 2036 is just over 3 badminton courts.

### ***How full are the sports halls?***

- 9.43 The facilities planning model is designed to include a 'comfort factor' and the Sport England benchmark is that a sports hall is comfortably full when it reaches 80% of capacity used at peak times.
- 9.44 The authority wide average for used capacity is 50.6% of sports hall capacity used at peak times in 2017. This increases to 55.4% by 2036, based on the projected population growth and the increase in demand for sports halls up to 2036.
- 9.45 These are the authority wide findings and it is misleading to assume all the sports halls in the Borough reflect the Borough wide average and that there is quite a lot of unused capacity at all venues. The borough wide average for used capacity will vary at individual sports hall sites. (Table 7.2 in the main report).
- 9.46 Loughborough Leisure Centre has an estimated 94% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period, in 2017 and 88% in 2036. Whilst the Soar Valley Leisure Centre have an estimated 100% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period, in both years.



- 9.47 As public leisure centres they will provide for the full range of indoor hall sports and provide for exercise and fitness classes. They will provide for public recreational use as well as provide for sports club use. They will have extensive opening hours and not be constrained by education use limiting public use during the day in term times. Finally, they will be proactively managed to develop sports participation and physical activity. Also the Loughborough Centre because it has an eight court main sports hall will be able to provide for several sports activities at the same time.
- 9.48 In short, these centres will provide the most comprehensive access and programmes for community use and will have a draw effect over other sports halls.
- 9.49 The North East of Leicester sports hall is estimated to have 100% of its capacity used in the weekly peak period, and the West of Loughborough sports hall 92%. The reasons being for those set out already. Plus, they will be modern sports halls and so will have a draw effect.
- 9.50 It is noticeable that in run 2 the level of imported demand into Charnwood increases by 4% over the 2016 figure. It is estimated to be nearly 18% of the used capacity of the Charnwood sports halls. The location of the two new sports halls does mean they will be accessible to residents in neighbouring authorities and this is contributing to the increase in imported demand for sports halls.
- 9.51 The access for sports halls on education sites is predominantly for club use and their total hours of community use are much more limited than for public leisure centres. The estimated used capacity of the education sites for community is in the range of 23% in 2017 and 32% in 2036 at Charnwood College. Then up to 64% in 2017 and 71% in 2036 of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period at Humphrey Perkins School. However, most of the education venues are in the range of 35% - 55% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period.
- 9.52 It is also important to consider the size of any sports hall site when considering the used capacity findings and not just view the percentage.
- 9.53 The Loughborough Leisure Centre is an eight court main hall. So its usage in terms of the visits it can accommodate is much higher, than a centre of a four badminton court size sports hall. This makes the percentage for used capacity at the Loughborough Centre even more impressive.

***How much demand for sports halls is imported into Charnwood?***

- 9.54 Imported demand is reported under used capacity because it measures the demand from residents who live outside Charnwood but the nearest sports hall to where they live is inside the Borough. So if they use the venue nearest to where they live, this becomes part of the used capacity of the Charnwood sports halls.
- 9.55 As already mentioned, imported demand is just under 14% of the used capacity of the Charnwood sports halls in 2017 and increasing to just under 18% in 2036. The highest imported demand in 2036 is from Leicester City at 59% of the total imported demand. Then 18% of the imported demand is from NW Leicestershire, 9% from Rushcliffe, 7% from Hinckley and Bosworth 4% from Melton and 3% from Harborough.



### **Conclusions**

- 9.56 The purposes of this fpm assessment has been to set out the supply, demand and access to sports halls across Charnwood Borough and the wider study area. This is based on the current position in 2016 and then how this changes based on projected population growth up to 2036 and changes in sports hall supply. It also includes the proposed addition of two new sports halls in Charnwood and the increase in demand for sports halls from population growth and residential development.
- 9.57 Based on the fpm assessment and findings, the extensive supply of sports halls in Charnwood can meet the demand for sports halls in both 2016 and 2036. There is a Borough wide uplift in used capacity of sports halls of 5% between the two years.
- 9.58 However based on simply comparing the Charnwood demand for sports halls with the Charnwood supply – so not based on catchment, supply exceeds demand by 3.5 badminton courts in 2017 and reducing to 2 courts by 2031.
- 9.59 The public sports halls provide the most extensive programmes of community use, for recreational play and club development. They have a far greater draw and access than sports halls on education sites, which have more limited access in terms of hours and types of use, predominately club use.
- 9.60 So the public leisure centres are estimated to be very full in both years. The proposed two new sports halls are located in areas of high demand for sports halls and have high estimated used capacity, their provision is justified.
- 9.61 The network, location and catchment area of the Charnwood sports halls are providing very good access to sports halls for Charnwood residents. So much so, that the nearest sports halls for nearly eight out of ten visits by a Charnwood resident to a sports hall is a venue located in the Borough. There is no need to consider re-locating sports halls to increase access to sports halls for Charnwood residents, they are in the right locations. This assessment includes the proposed new residential development planned for the Borough.
- 9.62 The public leisure centres have been modernised and this will need to continue. Given the high level of provision of sports halls on education sites, then securing community use access to venues will be needed to maintain the overall balance in supply and demand for sports halls.



Appendix 1: Sports halls in Charnwood Borough included in the assessment.

Name of Site	Type	Dim'ons	Area	No of courts	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car Demand %	Public Tran Demand %	Walk Demand %
<b>Charnwood</b>					<b>1986</b>		<b>76%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>17%</b>
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690	4	1955		67%	7%	27%
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Main	33 x 15	495						
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	1976		72%	5%	23%
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2006		57%	3%	39%
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	Main	33 x 20	660	4	2001		70%	8%	22%
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4	1978		74%	8%	18%
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main	40 x 34	1380	8	1975	2012	75%	8%	18%
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Main	33 x 18	594	4	1996		68%	7%	25%
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Main	35 x 18	630	4	1975		91%	6%	3%
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Main	30 x 16	480	3	1987		81%	6%	14%
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180						
SHEPSHED HIGH SCHOOL	Main	26 x 22	572	4	1975	2007	73%	5%	22%
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2004		86%	6%	7%
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Main	30 x 16	480	4	1977		72%	7%	21%
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2004		75%	8%	17%
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Main	30 x 15	464						
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2007	78%	8%	14%
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2005		81%	5%	14%
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Main	35 x 20	700	4	1972		84%	6%	10%
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Main	35 x 20	700						
<b>RUN 2 ADDITIONS</b>									
NORTH EAST OF LEICESTER SUE	Main	34 x 20	690	4	2023		87%	10%	3%
WEST OF L'BORO SUE	Main	27 x 18	486	3	2025		87%	7%	6%
<b>RUN 2 NW LEICESTERHIRE</b>									
COALVILLE LEISURE CENTRE	Main	37 x 33	1221	8	2022		90%	6%	4%



Appendix 1: Sports halls in the rest of the study area included in the assessment 2036

Name of Site	Type	Dimensions	Area	No of courts	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car Demand %	Public Transport % Demand	Walk % Demand
<b>LEICESTER CITY</b>							<b>67%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>22%</b>
AYLESTONE LEISURE CENTRE	Main	32 x 27	864	5	1988	2005	66%	13%	22%
BABINGTON COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690	4	1981		74%	11%	15%
BABINGTON COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690						
BEAUMONT LEYS SECONDARY SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2009		75%	12%	13%
BRAUNSTONE LEISURE CENTRE	Main	51 x 18	918	6	2004		70%	13%	17%
COSSINGTON STREET SPORTS CENTRE	Main	27 x 18	486	3	1981	2006	40%	8%	52%
CROWN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Main	40 x 34	1380	8	2013		68%	12%	20%
EVINGTON LEISURE CENTRE	Main	34 x 20	690	4	2006		80%	11%	9%
FULLHURST SPORTS CENTRE	Main	34 x 22	762	4	2003		57%	11%	32%
GATEWAY COLLEGE	Main		594	4	2008		73%	11%	16%
HIGHFIELDS CENTRE	Main	32 x 17	544	4	2004		86%	7%	7%
JUDGEMEADOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2009		81%	12%	7%
JUDGEMEADOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Activity Hall	17 x 9	153						
LEICESTER COMMUNITY SPORTS ARENA	Main	40 x 34	1380	8	2016		91%	7%	2%
LEICESTER LEYS LEISURE CENTRE	Main	34 x 27	932	6	1985	2008	79%	11%	10%
MOAT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690	4	1979	2011	44%	10%	46%
MOAT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Activity Hall	17 x 9	153						
NEW COLLEGE LEICESTER	Main	34 x 20	690	4	2004	2012	69%	12%	20%
NEW COLLEGE LEICESTER	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180						
REGENT COLLEGE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	2012		51%	12%	37%
S & S FITNESS	Main	34 x 20	690	4	2010	2015	86%	7%	8%
SIR JONATHAN NORTH COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690	4	1996		65%	12%	23%
SIR JONATHAN NORTH COLLEGE	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180						
SOAR VALLEY COLLEGE	Main	40 x 20	800	4	2009		68%	10%	21%
ST MATTHEWS CENTRE	Main	37 x 18	666	4	1972	2009	50%	11%	39%
ST MATTHEWS CENTRE	Activity Hall	17 x 7	119						
THE DANIELLE BROWN SPORTS CENTRE	Main	33 x 18	594	4	1999		58%	13%	29%
THE LANCASTER SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE	Main		486	3	1979	2000	71%	13%	16%
THE LANCASTER SCHOOL AND SPORTS COLLEGE	Activity Hall		180						



Name of Site	Type	Dimensions	Area	No courts	of	Site Built	Year	Site Year Refurb	Car Demand %	Public Transport % Demand	Walk % Demand
THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE LEISURE CENTRE	Main	40 x 34	1380	8		2012			53%	12%	35%
<b>HARBOROUGH</b>									<b>83%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>13%</b>
HARBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Main	32 x 18	576	4		1991	2010		84%	5%	11%
KIBWORTH SPORTS CENTRE	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2000			84%	3%	13%
LEICESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Main	32 x 24	768	5		2008			90%	6%	4%
LUTTERWORTH COLLEGE	Main	33 x 18	594	4		1965			87%	3%	10%
LUTTERWORTH COLLEGE	Activity Hall	17 x 9	153								
LUTTERWORTH HIGH SCHOOL	Main	27 x 18	486	3		1940	2009		87%	3%	11%
LUTTERWORTH SPORTS CENTRE	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2004			88%	3%	9%
MEADOWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	3		2015			82%	4%	13%
ROBERT SMYTH SPORTS CENTRE	Main	32 x 18	576	4		1978	2007		76%	5%	19%
ROBERT SMYTH SPORTS CENTRE	Main	27 x 18	486								
WELLAND PARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690	4		1965			69%	4%	27%
<b>HINCKLEY &amp; BOSWORTH</b>									<b>85%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>
BOSWORTH ACADEMY	Main	34 x 20	690	4		1969	2001		92%	5%	4%
BOSWORTH ACADEMY	Activity Hall	18 x 18	324								
BOSWORTH ACADEMY	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180								
GROBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690	4		1977			79%	6%	15%
HINCKLEY ACADEMY AND JOHN CLEVELAND SIXTH FORM CENTRE	Main	30 x 20	600	4		1974	2012		90%	5%	5%
HINCKLEY ACADEMY AND JOHN CLEVELAND SIXTH FORM CENTRE	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180								
HINCKLEY CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2010			82%	5%	13%
HINCKLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Main	37 x 33	1221	8		2016			85%	5%	9%
WILLIAM BRADFORD ACADEMY	Main	34 x 20	690	4		1998	2004		81%	5%	14%
<b>MELTON</b>									<b>84%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>10%</b>
ASFORDBY ACRES	Main	27 x 18	486	3		1988			93%	4%	3%
BELVOIR HIGH SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4		1973	2004		87%	2%	11%
BROOKSBY MELTON COLLEGE	Main	34 x 20	690	4					87%	4%	9%
JOHN FERNELEY COLLEGE	Main		594	4		2010			84%	6%	10%
LONG FIELD ACADEMY	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2010			81%	7%	12%
MELTON SPORTS VILLAGE	Main	33 x 17	561	4		1965			82%	6%	12%



Name of Site	Type	Dimensions	Area	No courts	of	Site Year Built	Site Year Refurb	Car Demand %	Public Transport % Demand	Walk % Demand
<b>NW LEICESTERSHIRE</b>								<b>86%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>
ASHBY SCHOOL	Main	34 x 20	690	4				87%	4%	8%
ASHBY SCHOOL	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180							
CASTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2006		82%	7%	11%
COALVILLE SPORTS HALL	Main	37 x 33	1221	8		2022		90%	6%	4%
HOOD PARK LEISURE CENTRE	Main	32 x 18	576	4		1985		85%	4%	11%
IBSTOCK LEISURE COMPLEX	Main	41 x 21	867	5		1982		84%	4%	12%
KING EDWARD VII SCIENCE AND SPORTS COLLEGE	Main	33 x 18	594	4		1995		78%	6%	15%
NEWBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY	Main	34 x 20	690	4		2010		78%	6%	17%
NEWBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180							
<b>RUSHCLIFFE</b>								<b>84%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>
BINGHAM LEISURE CENTRE	Main	32 x 25	800	5		1969	2010	92%	3%	5%
BINGHAM LEISURE CENTRE	Activity Hall	20 x 15	300							
BINGHAM LEISURE CENTRE	Activity Hall	20 x 15	300							
DAVID LLOYD CLUB (WEST BRIDGFORD)	Main	34 x 20	690	4		1997		83%	7%	10%
EAST LEAKE LEISURE CENTRE	Main	30 x 18	540	3		2003		88%	5%	8%
EAST LEAKE LEISURE CENTRE	Activity Hall	17 x 9	153							
RUSHCLIFFE SCHOOL	Main	28 x 18	520	3		1976	2002	79%	9%	12%
RUSHCLIFFE SCHOOL	Activity Hall	28 x 12	330							
RUSHCLIFFE SECONDARY SCHOOL	Main	34 x 20	690	4				81%	9%	10%
SOUTH NOTTINGHAM ACADEMY AND SIXTH FORM	Main	33 x 18	594	4		1973		80%	5%	15%
THE BECKET SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2009		80%	13%	7%
THE BECKET SCHOOL	Activity Hall	18 x 10	180							
THE NOTTINGHAM EMMANUEL C OF E SCHOOL	Main	33 x 18	594	4		2008		79%	14%	7%
THE NOTTINGHAM EMMANUEL C OF E SCHOOL	Activity Hall	13 x 6	78							
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM (SUTTON BONINGTON SPORTS CENTRE)	Main	35 x 19	665	4		2008		86%	4%	10%



## Appendix 2 – Model description, Inclusion Criteria and Model Parameters

Included within this appendix are the following:

- Model description
- Facility Inclusion Criteria
- Model Parameters

### Model Description

#### 1. Background

- 1.3 The Facilities Planning Model (FPM) is a computer-based supply/demand model, which has been developed by Edinburgh University in conjunction with sportscotland and Sport England since the 1980s.
- 1.4 The model is a tool to help to assess the strategic provision of community sports facilities in an area. It is currently applicable for use in assessing the provision of sports halls, swimming pools, indoor bowls centres and artificial grass pitches.

#### 2. Use of FPM

- 2.4 Sport England uses the FPM as one of its principal tools in helping to assess the strategic need for certain community sports facilities. The FPM has been developed as a means of:
  - assessing requirements for different types of community sports facilities on a local, regional or national scale;
  - helping local authorities to determine an adequate level of sports facility provision to meet their local needs;
  - helping to identify strategic gaps in the provision of sports facilities; and
  - comparing alternative options for planned provision, taking account of changes in demand and supply. This includes testing the impact of opening, relocating and closing facilities, and the likely impact of population changes on the needs for sports facilities.
- 2.5 Its current use is limited to those sports facility types for which Sport England holds substantial demand data, i.e. swimming pools, sports halls, indoor bowls and artificial grass pitches.
- 2.6 The FPM has been used in the assessment of Lottery funding bids for community facilities, and as a principal planning tool to assist local authorities in planning for the provision of community sports facilities. For example, the FPM was used to help assess the impact of a 50m swimming pool development in the London Borough of Hillingdon. The Council invested £22 million in the sports and



leisure complex around this pool and received funding of £2,025,000 from the London Development Agency and £1,500,000 from Sport England<sup>5</sup>.

### 3. How the model works

- 3.7 In its simplest form, the model seeks to assess whether the capacity of existing facilities for a particular sport is capable of meeting local demand for that sport, taking into account how far people are prepared to travel to such a facility.
- 3.8 In order to do this, the model compares the number of facilities (supply) within an area, against the demand for that facility (demand) that the local population will produce, similar to other social gravity models.
- 3.9 To do this, the FPM works by converting both demand (in terms of people), and supply (facilities), into a single comparable unit. This unit is 'visits per week in the peak period' (VPWPP). Once converted, demand and supply can be compared.
- 3.10 The FPM uses a set of parameters to define how facilities are used and by whom. These parameters are primarily derived from a combination of data including actual user surveys from a range of sites across the country in areas of good supply, together with participation survey data. These surveys provide core information on the profile of users, such as, the age and gender of users, how often they visit, the distance travelled, duration of stay, and on the facilities themselves, such as, programming, peak times of use, and capacity of facilities.
- 3.11 This survey information is combined with other sources of data to provide a set of model parameters for each facility type. The original core user data for halls and pools comes from the National Halls and Pools survey undertaken in 1996. This data formed the basis for the National Benchmarking Service (NBS). For AGPs, the core data used comes from the user survey of AGPs carried out in 2005/6 jointly with Sportscotland.
- 3.12 User survey data from the NBS and other appropriate sources are used to update the models parameters on a regular basis. The parameters are set out at the end of the document, and the range of the main source data used by the model includes:
- National Halls & Pools survey data –Sport England
  - Benchmarking Service User Survey data –Sport England
  - UK 2000 Time Use Survey – ONS
  - General Household Survey – ONS
  - Scottish Omnibus Surveys – Sport Scotland
  - Active People Survey - Sport England
  - STP User Survey - Sport England & Sportscotland
  - Football participation - The FA

<sup>5</sup> Award made in 2007/08 year.



- Young People & Sport in England – Sport England
- Hockey Fixture data - Fixtures Live
- Taking Part Survey - DCMS

#### 4. Calculating Demand

- 4.4 This is calculated by applying the user information from the parameters, as referred to above, to the population<sup>6</sup>. This produces the number of visits for that facility that will be demanded by the population.
- 4.5 Depending on the age and gender make-up of the population, this will affect the number of visits an area will generate. In order to reflect the different population make-up of the country, the FPM calculates demand based on the smallest census groupings. These are Output Areas (OA)<sup>7</sup>.
- 4.6 The use of OAs in the calculation of demand ensures that the FPM is able to reflect and portray differences in demand in areas at the most sensitive level based on available census information. Each OA used is given a demand value in VPWPP by the FPM.

#### 5. Calculating Supply Capacity

- 5.6 A facility's capacity varies depending on its size (i.e. size of pool, hall, pitch number), and how many hours the facility is available for use by the community.
- 5.7 The FPM calculates a facility's capacity by applying each of the capacity factors taken from the model parameters, such as the assumptions made as to how many 'visits' can be accommodated by the particular facility at any one time. Each facility is then given a capacity figure in VPWPP. (See parameters in Section C).
- 5.8 Based on travel time information<sup>8</sup> taken from the user survey, the FPM then calculates how much demand would be met by the particular facility having regard to its capacity and how much demand is within the facility's catchment. The FPM includes an important feature of spatial interaction. This feature takes account of the location and capacity of all the facilities, having regard to their location and the size of demand and assesses whether the facilities are in the right place to meet the demand.
- 5.9 It is important to note that the FPM does not simply add up the total demand within an area, and compare that to the total supply within the same area. This approach would not take account of the spatial aspect of supply against demand in a particular area. For example, if an area had a total demand for 5 facilities, and there were currently 6 facilities within the area, it would be too simplistic to conclude that there was an oversupply of 1 facility, as this approach would not take account of whether the 5 facilities are in the correct location for local people to use them within that area. It might be that all the facilities were in one part of the borough, leaving other areas under provided. An

<sup>6</sup> For example, it is estimated that 7.72% of 16-24 year old males will demand to use an AGP, 1.67 times a week. This calculation is done separately for the 12 age/gender groupings.

<sup>7</sup> Census Output Areas (OA) are the smallest grouping of census population data, and provides the population information on which the FPM's demand parameters are applied. A demand figure can then be calculated for each OA based on the population profile. There are over 171,300 OAs in England. An OA has a target value of 125 households per OA.

<sup>8</sup> To reflect the fact that as distance to a facility increases, fewer visits are made, the FPM uses a travel time distance decay curve, where the majority of users travel up to 20 minutes. The FPM also takes account of the road network when calculating travel times. Car ownership levels, taken from Census data, are also taken into account when calculating how people will travel to facilities.



assessment of this kind would not reflect the true picture of provision. The FPM is able to assess supply and demand within an area based on the needs of the population within that area.

5.10 In making calculations as to supply and demand, visits made to sports facilities are not artificially restricted or calculated by reference to administrative boundaries, such as local authority areas. Users are generally expected to use their closest facility. The FPM reflects this through analysing the location of demand against the location of facilities, allowing for cross boundary movement of visits. For example, if a facility is on the boundary of a local authority, users will generally be expected to come from the population living close to the facility, but who may be in an adjoining authority.

## 6. Facility Attractiveness – for halls and pools only

6.5 Not all facilities are the same and users will find certain facilities more attractive to use than others. The model attempts to reflect this by introducing an attractiveness weighting factor, which effects the way visits are distributed between facilities. Attractiveness however, is very subjective. Currently weightings are only used for hall and pool modelling, with a similar approach for AGPs is being developed.

6.6 Attractiveness weightings are based on the following:

- Age/refurbishment weighting – pools & halls - the older a facility is, the less attractive it will be to users. It is recognised that this is a general assumption and that there may be examples where older facilities are more attractive than newly built ones due to excellent local management, programming and sports development. Additionally, the date of any significant refurbishment is also included within the weighting factor; however, the attractiveness is set lower than a new build of the same year. It is assumed that a refurbishment that is older than 20 years will have a minimal impact on the facilities attractiveness. The information on year built/refurbished is taken from Active Places. A graduated curve is used to allocate the attractiveness weighting by year. This curve levels off at around 1920 with a 20% weighting. The refurbishment weighting is slightly lower than the new built year equivalent.
- Management & ownership weighting – halls only - due to the large number of halls being provided by the education sector, an assumption is made that in general, these halls will not provide as balanced a program than halls run by LAs, trusts, etc, with school halls more likely to be used by teams and groups through block booking. A less balanced programme is assumed to be less attractive to a general, pay & play user, than a standard local authority leisure centre sports hall, with a wider range of activities on offer.

6.7 To reflect this, two weightings curves are used for education and non-education halls, a high weighted curve, and a lower weighted curve;

- High weighted curve - includes Non education management - better balanced programme, more attractive
- Lower weighted curve - includes Educational owned & managed halls, less attractive.



6.8 Commercial facilities – halls and pools - whilst there are relatively few sports halls provided by the commercial sector, an additional weighing factor is incorporated within the model to reflect the cost element often associated with commercial facilities. For each population output area the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) score is used to limit whether people will use commercial facilities. The assumption is that the higher the IMD score (less affluence) the less likely the population of the OA would choose to go to a commercial facility.

## 7. Comfort Factor – halls and pools

7.5 As part of the modelling process, each facility is given a maximum number of visits it can accommodate, based on its size, the number of hours it's available for community use and the 'at one time capacity' figure ( pools =1 user /6m<sup>2</sup> , halls = 6 users /court). This gives each facility a "theoretical capacity".

7.6 If the facilities were full to their theoretical capacity then there would simply not be the space to undertake the activity comfortably. In addition, there is a need to take account of a range of activities taking place which have different numbers of users, for example, aqua aerobics will have significantly more participants, than lane swimming sessions. Additionally, there may be times and sessions that, whilst being within the peak period, are less busy and so will have fewer users.

7.7 To account of these factors the notion of a 'comfort factor' is applied within the model. For swimming pools 70%, and for sports halls 80%, of its theoretical capacity is considered as being the limit where the facility starts to become uncomfortably busy. (Currently, the comfort factor is NOT applied to AGPs due to the fact they are predominantly used by teams, which have a set number of players and so the notion of having 'less busy' pitch is not applicable).

7.8 The comfort factor is used in two ways;

- Utilised Capacity - How well used is a facility? 'Utilised capacity' figures for facilities are often seen as being very low, 50-60%, however, this needs to be put into context with 70-80% comfort factor levels for pools and halls. The closer utilised capacity gets to the comfort factor level, the busier the facilities are becoming. You should not aim to have facilities operating at 100% of their theoretical capacity, as this would mean that every session throughout the peak period would be being used to its maximum capacity. This would be both unrealistic in operational terms and unattractive to users.
- Adequately meeting Unmet Demand – the comfort factor is also used to increase the amount of facilities that are needed to comfortably meet the unmet demand. If this comfort factor is not added, then any facilities provided will be operating at its maximum theoretical capacity, which is not desirable as a set out above.

## 8. Utilised Capacity (used capacity)

8.6 Following on from Comfort Factor section, here is more guidance on Utilised Capacity.



8.7 Utilised capacity refers to how much of facilities theoretical capacity is being used. This can, at first, appear to be unrealistically low, with area figures being in the 50-60% region. Without any further explanation, it would appear that facilities are half empty. The key point is not to see a facilities theoretical maximum capacity (100%) as being an optimum position. This, in practise, would mean that a facility would need to be completely full every hour it was open in the peak period. This would be both unrealistic from an operational perspective and undesirable from a user's perspective, as the facility would completely full.

8.8 For example:

A 25m, 4 lane pool has Theoretical capacity of 2260 per week, during 52 hour peak period.

	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm	7-8pm	8-9pm	9-10pm	Total Visits for the evening
Theoretical max capacity	44	44	44	44	44	44	264
Actual Usage	8	30	35	50	15	5	143

8.9 Usage of a pool will vary throughout the evening, with some sessions being busier than others though programming, such as, an aqua-aerobics session between 7-8pm, lane swimming between 8-9pm. Other sessions will be quieter, such as between 9-10pm. This pattern of use would give a total of 143 swims taking place. However, the pool's maximum capacity is 264 visits throughout the evening. In this instance the pools utilised capacity for the evening would be 54%.

8.10 As a guide, 70% utilised capacity is used to indicate that pools are becoming busy, and 80% for sports halls. This should be seen only as a guide to help flag up when facilities are becoming busier, rather than a 'hard threshold'.

## 9. Travel times Catchments

9.7 The model uses travel times to define facility catchments in terms of driving and walking.

9.8 The Ordnance Survey (OS) Integrated Transport Network (ITN) for roads has been used to calculate the off-peak drive times between facilities and the population, observing one-way and turn restrictions which apply, and taking into account delays at junctions and car parking. Each street in the network is assigned a speed for car travel based on the attributes of the road, such as the width of the road, and geographical location of the road, for example the density of properties along the street. These travel times have been derived through national survey work, and so are based on actual travel patterns of users. The road speeds used for Inner & Outer London Boroughs have been further enhanced by data from the Department of Transport.

9.9 The walking catchment uses the OS Urban Path Network to calculate travel times along paths and roads, excluding motorways and trunk roads. A standard walking speed of 3 mph is used for all journeys.



9.10 The model includes three different modes of travel, by car, public transport & walking. Car access is also taken into account, in areas of lower access to a car, the model reduces the number of visits made by car, and increases those made on foot.

9.11 Overall, surveys have shown that the majority of visits made to swimming pools, sports halls and AGPs are made by car, with a significant minority of visits to pools and sports halls being made on foot.

Facility	Car	Walking	Public transport
Swimming Pool	76%	15%	9%
Sports Hall	77%	15%	8%
AGP			
Combined	83%	14%	3%
Football	79%	17%	3%
Hockey	96%	2%	2%

9.12 The model includes a distance decay function; where the further a user is from a facility, the less likely they will travel. The set out below is the survey data with the % of visits made within each of the travel times, which shows that almost 90% of all visits, both car borne or walking, are made within 20 minutes. Hence, 20 minutes is often used as a rule of thumb for catchments for sports halls and pools.

Minutes	Sport Halls		Swimming Pools	
	Car	Walk	Car	Walk
0-10	62%	61%	58%	57%
10-20	29%	26%	32%	31%
20 -40	8%	11%	9%	11%



## SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF THE SPORT ENGLAND FACILITY PLANNING MODELS FOR SPORTS HALLS AND POOLS

### SPORTS HALLS

#### SUMMARY FPM ASSESSMENT

Given the complexity of the FPM report analysis, the summary findings are reflected below (taken largely from the FPM report May 2017), with some explanatory text.

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2
<b>TOTAL SUPPLY</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Number of halls	20.	22.
Number of hall sites	16.	18.
Supply of total hall space expressed as main court equivalents	81.7	88.7
<b>WHAT IS THE SUPPLY OF SPORTS HALLS IN 2017 AND 2036 (IN BADMINTON COURTS)</b>		
Supply of hall space in courts, scaled by hours available in the peak period for community use	55.7	62.6
Supply of total hall space in	15,194.	17,102.
Courts per 10,000 population	4.5	4.2

#### SPORTS HALLS SUPPLY

There are 20 sports halls on 16 sites in Charnwood in 2017, with an overall supply of just fewer than 82 badminton courts. The supply available for community use is just fewer than 56 badminton courts. (The difference between the total supply of badminton courts and the effective supply is because of the variable number of hours for community use at the education sites).

The inclusion of the 2 new sports hall sites, North East of Leicester (4 courts) and West of Loughborough (3 courts), in run 2 means there are 22 sports halls on 18 sites in Charnwood Borough. There is also the new 8 badminton court sports hall in Coalville in NW Leicestershire (2022), which replaces the Hermitage Leisure Centre.

Based on a measure of badminton courts per 10,000 population, Charnwood has 4.5 courts per 10,000 population in 2017. Based on the projected growth in population to 2036 there are 4.2 badminton courts per 10,000 population.

Charnwood has the second highest supply by this measure in 2017 and the joint highest with Rushcliffe in 2036. The highest provision in 2017 is in Rushcliffe at 4.7 badminton courts per 10,000 population. The lowest provision is in Hinckley and Bosworth at 3.5 badminton courts per 10,000 population in 2017 and 3.1 courts in 2036, the same as for Leicester City.

The supply for East Midlands Region and England wide in 2016 is 4.3 badminton courts per 10,000 population in 2017. In 2036 it is projected to be 3.9 badminton courts per 10,000 population in the Region and 3.8 courts for England wide.



CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2
<b>TOTAL DEMAND</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Population	180,286.	212,306.
Visits demand – visits per week peak period	11,402.	13,209.
<b>BY HOW MUCH DOES THE TOTAL DEMAND FOR SPORTS HALLS INCREASE BETWEEN 2017 – 2036 (IN BADMINTON COURTS)</b>		
Equivalent in courts – with comfort factor included	52.2	60.5
% of population without access to a car	17.4	17.4

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2
<b>SUPPLY/DEMAND BALANCE</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>
Supply - Hall provision (courts) scaled to take account of hours available for community use	55.7	62.6
Demand - Hall provision (courts) taking into account a 'comfort' factor	52.2	60.5
<b>HOW DOES THE CHARNWOOD SUPPLY &amp; DEMAND BALANCE DIFFER BETWEEN 2017 -2036 (IE POSITIVE BALANCE WHERE SUPPLY IS GREATER THAN DEMAND (= +) AND A NEGATIVE BALANCE, DEMAND GREATER THAN SUPPLY (= - )</b>		
Supply / Demand balance - Variation in courts provision available compared to the minimum required to meet demand.	+ 3.5	+ 2.1



## CHARNWOOD SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR SPORTS HALLS 2017 AND 2036

The Charnwood supply of sports halls in 2017 for community use is 55.7 badminton courts. This increases to 62.6 badminton courts in run 2 because the 4 court sports hall at the North East of Leicester site and the 3 badminton court sports hall at the West of Loughborough site are included.

The Charnwood demand for sports halls is for 52.2 badminton courts in 2017 and projected to be 60.5 badminton courts in 2036. So there is near supply and demand balance, with a positive balance 3.5 badminton courts in 2017 and reducing to 2.1 badminton courts by 2036.

Overall across the study area there is a positive balance of 22.3 badminton courts in 2017 and just 1.5 badminton courts in 2036. Given the high imbalance of sports halls in Leicester City, it is likely that the City will export more of its demand in 2036, where Leicester City residents are within the catchment area of sports halls in neighbouring authorities.

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2
SATISFIED DEMAND	2017	2036
Total number of visits which are met visits per week peak period	10,841.	12,473.
WHAT % OF THE CHARNWOOD TOTAL DEMAND IS SATISFIED (MET) DEMAND		
% of total demand satisfied	95.1	94.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by car	78.2	79.7
% of demand satisfied who travelled by foot	15.2	13.6
% of demand satisfied who travelled by public transport	6.5	6.8
Demand Retained visits per week peak period	8,606.	9,884.
What % of the satisfied demand is retained within Charnwood?		
Demand Retained -as a % of Satisfied Demand	79.4	79.2
Demand Exported visits per week peak period	2,235.	2,589.
What % of Charnwood's satisfied demand is exported		
Demand Exported -as a % of Satisfied Demand	20.6	20.8

### HOW MUCH OF THE CHARNWOOD DEMAND FOR SPORTS HALLS CAN BE MET?

95% of the Charnwood total demand for sports halls can be met in 2017. This decreases very slightly to 94% of the Charnwood total demand for sports halls projected to be met in 2036. Overall a very high level of the Charnwood demand for sports halls is met.

### HOW MUCH OF THE CHARNWOOD DEMAND FOR SPORTS HALLS IS RETAINED IN CHARNWOOD?

Based on the location and catchment area of sports halls located in Charnwood, and Charnwood residents using the nearest sports hall to where they live - known as retained demand – Charnwood is retaining is 79% of the Charnwood total satisfied demand in 2017 and it is projected to be 79.2% in 2036. The impact of the increase in demand from population growth between 2017 and 2036 and the location of the residential development, does not create changes.

This finding suggests the location and catchment area of the proposed two new sports halls, are very well located to retain the Charnwood demand, as they are located in urban extension areas.



Overall, for just under eight out of ten visits by a Charnwood resident to a sports hall in both years is to a sports hall located within the Borough.

### HOW MUCH OF CHARNWOOD DEMAND FOR SPORTS HALLS IS EXPORTED?

Based on Charnwood residents using the nearest sports hall to where they live and this being a sports hall in a neighbouring authority, 20% of the Charnwood satisfied demand is being exported in both years.

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2
UNMET DEMAND	2017	2036
TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS IN THE PEAK, NOT CURRENTLY BEING MET VISITS PER WEEK PEAK PERIOD	560.	736.
Unmet demand as a % of total demand	4.9	5.6
HOW MUCH UNMET DEMAND IS THERE IN BADMINTON COURTS?		
Equivalent in Courts - with comfort factor	2.6	3.4
HOW MUCH UNMET DEMAND IS THERE DUE TO:		
Lack of Capacity -	5.5	6.3
Outside Catchment -	94.6	93.6
Outside Catchment:	94.6	93.6
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	88.8	88.4
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	5.8	5.2
Lack of Capacity:	5.5	6.3
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	4.9	5.5
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	0.6	0.8

### HOW MUCH UNMET DEMAND FOR SPORTS HALLS IS THERE?

Unmet demand has two definitions, demand for sports halls which cannot be met because (1) there is too much demand for any particular sports hall within its catchment area; or (2) the demand is located outside the catchment area of any sports hall and is then classified as unmet demand.

Unmet demand in 2017 is just 4.9% of total demand and which equates to 2.6 badminton courts and increases to 5.6% of total demand in 2036 and 3.4 badminton courts– so low levels of unmet demand.

Unmet demand increases only very slightly between the two years. In large part this is because a lot of the 15.8% increase in demand for sports halls can be met by the existing and accessible supply, plus there is the increased provision of two new sports halls at the West of Loughborough site in 2023 and the North East of Leicester site in 2025.

Of the total Charnwood unmet demand, 94% in 2017 and 93% in 2036 is from definition 2 and is locational unmet demand; just 6% of the total unmet demand in 2017 and 7% in 2036 is from lack of sports hall capacity.

Aggregated unmet demand is highest in the south of the Borough in the Birstall area and north and east of Birstall. However, aggregated unmet demand is only just over one badminton court. It is not a surprise to find that there are no hot spots of aggregated unmet demand, given the total unmet demand, across Charnwood in 2036 is just over 3 badminton courts.



CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2
USED CAPACITY	2017	2036
TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS USED OF CURRENT CAPACITY VISITS PER WEEK PEAK PERIOD	9,708.	11,802.
<b>HOW FULL ARE THE CHARNWOOD SPORTS HALLS AS A BOROUGH AVERAGE? (%)</b>		
% of overall capacity of halls used	63.9	69.
% of visits made to halls by walkers	16.9	14.3
% of visits made to halls by road	83.1	85.7
<b>HOW MUCH OF THE USAGE OF THE CHARNWOOD SPORTS HALLS IS IMPORTED? (%)</b>		
Number of visits imported visits per week peak period	1,102.	1,917.
As a % of used capacity	11.4	16.2

### HOW FULL ARE THE SPORTS HALLS?

The Sport England benchmark is that a sports hall is comfortably full when it reaches 80% of capacity used at peak times.

The authority wide average for used capacity is 50.6% of sports hall capacity used at peak times in 2017. This increases to 55.4% by 2036, based on the projected population growth and the increase in demand for sports halls up to 2036.

Loughborough Leisure Centre has an estimated 94% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period, in 2017 and 88% in 2036. Soar Valley Valley Leisure Centre has an estimated 100% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period, in both years. These centres will provide the most comprehensive access and programmes for community use and will have a draw effect over other sports halls.

The North East of Leicester sports hall is estimated to have 100% of its capacity used in the weekly peak period, and the West of Loughborough sports hall 92%. Plus, they will be modern sports halls and so will have a draw effect.

In run 2 the level of imported demand into Charnwood increases by 4% over the 2016 figure. It is estimated to be nearly 18% of the used capacity of the Charnwood sports halls. The location of the two new sports halls means they will be accessible to residents in neighbouring authorities and this contributes to the increase in imported demand for sports halls.

The access for sports halls on education sites is predominantly for club use and their total hours of community use are much more limited than for public leisure centres. The estimated used capacity of the education sites for community is in the range of 23% in 2017 and 32% in 2036 at Charnwood College. Then up to 64% in 2017 and 71% in 2036 of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period at Humphrey Perkins School. However, most of the education venues are in the range of 35% - 55% of sports hall capacity used in the weekly peak period.

### HOW MUCH DEMAND FOR SPORTS HALLS IS IMPORTED INTO CHARNWOOD?

Imported demand is just under 14% of the used capacity of the Charnwood sports halls in 2017 and increasing to just under 18% in 2036. The highest imported demand in 2036 is from Leicester City at 59% of the total imported demand. Then 18% of the imported demand is from NW Leicestershire, 9% from Rushcliffe, 7% from Hinckley and Bosworth 4% from Melton and 3% from Harborough.



## SWIMMING POOLS

### SUMMARY FPM ASSESSMENT

Given the complexity of the FPM report analysis, the summary findings are reflected below (taken largely from the FPM report May 2017), with some explanatory text.

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
TOTAL SUPPLY	2017	2036	2036
Number of pools	10.	10.	8.
Number of pool sites	9.	9.	7.
<b>WHAT IS THE SUPPLY OF POOLS IN SQM OF WATER AND BY HOW MUCH DOES SUPPLY CHANGE BY CLOSING THE 2 POOLS IN RUN 3</b>			
Supply of total water space in sqm	2,323.	2,323.	1,860.
Supply of water space in sqm, scaled by hours available in the peak period	1,696.	1,696.	1,424.
Supply of total water space in visits per week peak period	14,706.	14,706.	12,350.
Water space per 1,000 population	13.	11.	9.

### SWIMMING POOLS SUPPLY

In runs 1 and 2 there are 10 swimming pools on 9 pool sites in Charnwood. In run 3, the closure of the Charnwood Community College swimming pool and the Hind Leys College pool site, means there are 8 swimming pools on 7 pool sites in Charnwood in 2036.

All the swimming pool sites have a main pool and there is an extensive teaching/learner pool at Loughborough Leisure Centre.

### MEASURE OF PROVISION

Based on a measure of water space per 1,000 population, Charnwood has 12.9 sqm of water per 1,000 population in 2017. Based on the projected growth in population to 2036 there is 10.9 sqm of water per 1,000 population in 2036.

The impact of the option to close the Charnwood Community College pool and the Hind Leys College pool is to reduce water space per 1,000 population to 8.8 sqm of water in 2036.

Charnwood is mid table in relation to water space per 1,000 population in the neighbouring authorities. The highest supply in 2017 is in Rushcliffe (the Borough having opened the new Rushcliffe Arena pool site in 2017) – with 20 sqm of water per 1,000 population. North West Leicestershire has 19.8 sqm of water per 1,000 population in 2017 and Melton has 14.1 sqm of water per 1,000 population.

Supply is lower than Charnwood in Hinckley and Bosworth with 9.1 sqm of water per 1,000 population, Harborough with 10.4 sqm of water and Leicester City with 10.8 sqm of water per 1,000 population. The supply for East Midlands Region and England wide in 2017 is 12 sqm of water per 1,000 population.



CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>TOTAL DEMAND</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Population	180,286.	212,306.	212,306.
Swims demanded – visits per week peak period	11,493.	13,076.	13,076.
<b>WHAT IS THE TOTAL DEMAND FOR SWIMMING POOLS IN SQM OF WATER AND BY HOW MUCH DOES THIS INCREASE FROM 2017 TO 2036?</b>			
Equivalent in water space – with comfort factor included	1,907.	2,170.	2,170.
% of population without access to a car	17.4	17.4	17.4

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>SUPPLY/DEMAND BALANCE</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Supply - Swimming pool provision (sqm) scaled to take account of hours available for community use	1,696.	1,696.	1,424.
Demand - Swimming pool provision (sqm) taking into account a 'comfort' factor	1,907.	2,170.	2,170.
<b>HOW DOES THE CHARNWOOD SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE DIFFER BETWEEN 2017 – 2036 (IE POSITIVE BALANCE WHERE SUPPLY IS GREATER THAN DEMAND (= +) AND A NEGATIVE BALANCE, DEMAND GREATER THAN SUPPLY (= -) IN SQM OF WATER</b>			
<b>WHAT IS THE IMPACT IN SUPPLY AND DEMAND BALANCE FROM CLOSURE OF THE 2 EDUCATION POOLS?</b>			
Supply / Demand balance - Variation in sqm of provision available compared to minimum required to meet demand.	-211.	-474.	-746.

### CHARNWOOD SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR SWIMMING POOLS 2017 AND 2036

The Charnwood supply of swimming pools in 2017 for community use is 1,696 sqm of water. This is unchanged in run 2 for 2036, whilst in run 3 with the option to close the Charnwood Community College Pool and the Hind Leys College pool, the supply is then reduced to 1,424 sqm of water in 2036.

The Charnwood demand for swimming pools is for 1,907 sqm of water in 2017. This increases to 2,170 sqm by 2036 in both runs 2 and 3, resulting from the increase in demand from population growth.

So there is a negative supply and demand balance of demand exceeding supply in all three runs. This is by 211 sqm of water in 2017, increasing to 474 sqm of water in run 2 in 2036. It increases further to 746 sqm of water in run 3. (For context a 25m x 4 lane pool is between 210 – 250 sqm of water, depending on lane width).

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
<b>SATISFIED DEMAND</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2036</b>	<b>2036</b>
Total number of visits which are met visits per week peak period	11,048.	12,448.	12,296.
<b>WHAT % OF THE CHARNWOOD TOTAL DEMAND IS SATISFIED (MET) DEMAND</b>			
% of total demand satisfied	96.1%	95.2%	94%.
Total Annual Throughput (visits per year)	684,207.4	729,387.4	696,114.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by car	79.9	81.3	83.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by foot	13.5	12.	9.4
% of demand satisfied who travelled by public transport	6.5	6.8	7.3



CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
SATISFIED DEMAND	2017	2036	2036
Demand Retained visits per week peak period	8,024.	8,870.	8,303.
<b>What % of the satisfied demand is retained within Charnwood?</b>			
Demand Retained -as a % of Satisfied Demand	72.6%	71.3%	67.5%
Demand Exported visits per week peak period	3,023.	3,579.	3,994.
<b>What % of Charnwood's satisfied demand is exported</b>			
Demand Exported -as a % of Satisfied Demand	27.4%	28.8%	32.5%

### HOW MUCH OF THE CHARNWOOD DEMAND FOR SWIMMING POOLS CAN BE MET?

The level of satisfied demand is very high in all three runs. The finding is that 96% of the Charnwood total demand for swimming pools can be met in 2017. The impact of the increase in demand for swimming from population growth reduces satisfied demand by less than 1% to 95.2% of total demand for swimming in run 2 in 2036.

The impact of the option to close the Charnwood Community College and Hind Leys College swimming pools reduces satisfied demand by a further 1.2% to 94% of total demand for swimming being met in 2036.

So in all three runs, over 90% of the Charnwood total demand for swimming pools is located inside the catchment area of a pool site, and there is enough capacity at the swimming pools to meet this very high level of satisfied demand. This includes pools in neighbouring authorities where the catchment area extends into Charnwood and means they are accessible to Charnwood residents.

### HOW MUCH DEMAND FOR SWIMMING POOLS IS IMPORTED INTO CHARNWOOD?

Imported demand is reported under used capacity because it measures the demand from residents who live outside Charnwood but the nearest swimming pool to where they live is inside the Borough. So if they use the venue nearest to where they live, this becomes part of the used capacity of the Charnwood pools.

Imported demand is quite low in 2017 at 12% of the Borough wide average used capacity for pools. It is projected to be 11.6% in run 2 and with the closure of the 2 pools option in run 3 it is 10.5% of the Borough wide average for pool used capacity.

The highest imported demand is from Leicester City at 43% of the total imported demand.

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
UNMET DEMAND	2017	2036	2036
Total number of visits in the peak, not currently being met visits per week peak period	445.	628.	780.
<b>HOW MUCH UNMET DEMAND IS THERE AS A % OF TOTAL DEMAND</b>			
Unmet demand as a % of total demand	3.9%	4.8%	6%.
<b>HOW MUCH UNMET DEMAND IS THERE IN SQM OF WATER?</b>			
Equivalent in Water space m <sup>2</sup> - with comfort factor	74.	104.	129.
<b>HOW MUCH UNMET DEMAND IS THERE DUE TO:</b>			



CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
UNMET DEMAND	2017	2036	2036
Lack of Capacity (%)	1.2	5.7	7.5
Outside Catchment (%)	98.9	94.3	92.5
Outside Catchment:	98.9	94.3	92.5
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	85.3	82.	80.9
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	13.6	12.4	11.7
Lack of Capacity:	1.2	5.7	7.5
% of Unmet demand who do not have access to a car	0.9	4.1	5.7
% of Unmet demand who have access to a car	0.3	1.5	1.8

### HOW MUCH UNMET DEMAND FOR SWIMMING POOLS IS THERE?

The unmet demand definition has two parts to it - demand for swimming pools which cannot be met because (1) there is too much demand for any particular pool within its catchment area; or (2) the demand is located outside the catchment area of a pool and is then classified as unmet demand.

Unmet demand in run 1 for 2017 is just 3.9% of total demand and which equates to just over 74 sqm of water – so a very low level of unmet demand in Charnwood in 2017.

Unmet demand in run 2 for 2036 is only slightly higher, at 4.8% of total demand and 104 sqm of water. The 2 pool closure option is to increase unmet demand to 6% of total demand and which represents 129 sqm of water.

In terms of the types of unmet demand, 99% in 2017 is from definition 2, demand located outside the catchment area of a pool. This decreases slightly to 94% in 2036 and to 92.5% in run 3, with the option to close the two pools.

Unmet demand is highest in the south of the Borough in the Birstall area where it is between 40 – 45 sqm of water. Then in and around Loughborough where there is unmet demand of between 30 – 47 sqm of water.

The key finding is that unmet demand from lack of access to pools is insufficient to consider additional swimming pools provision based on trying to increase access to pools.

CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
USED CAPACITY	2017	2036	2036
Total number of visits used of current capacity visits per week peak period	9,129.	10,034.	9,282
<b>HOW FULL ARE THE CHARNWOOD POOLS AS A BOROUGH AVERAGE (%)?</b>			
% of overall capacity of pools used	62.1%	68.2%	75.2%
% of visits made to pools by walkers	16.2	14.6	12.2
% of visits made to pools by road	83.8	85.4	87.8
<b>HOW MUCH OF THE USAGE OF THE CHARNWOOD POOLS IS IMPORTED (%)?</b>			
Number of visits imported visits per week peak period	1,105.	1,165.	979.
As a % of used capacity	12.1%	11.6%	10.5%



CHARNWOOD	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
USED CAPACITY	2017	2036	2036
<b>VISITS RETAINED:</b>			
Number of Visits retained visits per week peak period	8,024.	8,870.	8,303.
As a % of used capacity	87.9	88.4	89.5

## HOW FULL ARE THE SWIMMING POOLS?

The Sport England benchmark is that a swimming pool is comfortably full when it reaches 70% of capacity used at peak times.

In 2017 the Borough wide average for used capacity is 62.1% of pool capacity used at peak times. This increases to 68.2% by 2036, based on the projected population growth and the increase in demand for swimming pools.

In run 3, the impact of the two pool closure option is to increase the used capacity of the remaining pools to a Borough wide average of 75.2% of pool capacity used.

In run 3, the finding is that as a Borough wide average, the used capacity of the pools in the weekly peak period is 5% above the Sport England pools full comfort level.

The used capacity of the individual swimming pools sites does vary from the Borough wide average At the public leisure centres, the Loughborough Leisure Centre has an estimated 86% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period, in 2017, then 93% in run 2 for 2036 and 97% in run 3 with the option to close the two education pool sites.

Whilst the Soar Valley Valley Leisure Centre has an estimated 80% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period in 2017 and increasing to 100% for both the 2036 runs. For South Charnwood Leisure Centre, the findings are an estimated 60% of pool capacity used in the weekly peak period in 2017 and increasing to 65% in both the 2036 runs.

The public leisure centre swimming pools have the highest estimated used capacity of the swimming pools. They are accessible for public pay and swim sessions as well as for club swimming sessions. They will have the most extensive opening hours of the pool sites and not be constrained by having to provide for education use only during the day but be able to schedule learn to swim programmes for schools use with public recreational swimming. The pools are proactively managed to develop swimming participation and swimming as an activity to increase physical activity by residents.

The public leisure centres swimming pools have a draw effect and will provide the most comprehensive access and programmes for community use.

Loughborough Grammar School has an estimated used capacity of 22% in the weekly peak period in 2017 and increasing to 51% in 2036 and then to 58% in run 3 with the 2 pool closure option. Whilst Ratcliff College pool has 52% of pool capacity used in 2017 and this decreases to 42% and 43% in runs 2 and 3 respectively. This pool site does have quite an isolated catchment and it maybe there is an older population in this area and there is a decreasing rate of swimming participation in 2036, when compared with 2017.

The Loughborough University swimming pool has 52% of swimming pool capacity used in 2017, increasing to 62% in run 2 and 69% in run 3.



APPENDIX 7  
DETAILED FACILITIES REPORT

--- Search Terms ---									
Facility Type	Athletics Tracks	Facility Sub Type	Cinder	Permanent Grass	Synthetic				
Facility Type	Cycling	Facility Sub Type	BMX - Pump Track	BMX - Race Track	Cycle Speedway - Track	Mountain Bike - Trails	Road - Closed Road Cycling Circuit	Track - Indoor Velodrome	Track - Outdoor Velodrome
Facility Type	Golf	Facility Sub Type	Driving Range	Par 3	Standard				
Facility Type	Health and Fitness Suite	Facility Sub Type	Health and Fitness Suite						
Facility Type	Ice Rinks	Facility Sub Type	Ice Rinks						
Facility Type	Indoor Bowls	Facility Sub Type	Indoor Bowls						
Facility Type	Indoor Tennis Centre	Facility Sub Type	Airhall	Airhall (seasonal)	Framed Fabric	Traditional			
Facility Type	Ski Slopes	Facility Sub Type	Indoor	Outdoor Artificial	Outdoor Natural				
Facility Type	Sports Hall	Facility Sub Type	Activity Hall	Barns	Main				
Facility Type	Squash Courts	Facility Sub Type	Glass-backed	Normal					
Facility Type	Studio	Facility Sub Type	Studio						
Facility Type	Swimming Pool	Facility Sub Type	Diving	Learner/Teaching/Training	Leisure Pool	Lido	Main/General		
Facility Status	Under Construction;Operational;Temporarily Closed								
Area of interest	Charnwood District								

APPENDIX 8: REPORT SUMMARY

--- Report Summary ---			
Facility Type	Sub Facility Type	Charnwood District	Total
Athletics Tracks	Cinder	1	1
Athletics Tracks	Permanent Grass	0	0
Athletics Tracks	Synthetic	1	1
Cycling	BMX - Pump Track	0	0
Cycling	BMX - Race Track	1	1
Cycling	Cycle Speedway - Track	0	0
Cycling	Mountain Bike - Trails	0	0
Cycling	Road - Closed Road Cycling Circuit	0	0
Cycling	Track - Indoor Velodrome	0	0
Cycling	Track - Outdoor Velodrome	0	0
Golf	Driving Range	3	3
Golf	Par 3	2	2
Golf	Standard	6	6
Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	26	26
Ice Rinks	Ice Rinks	0	0
Indoor Bowls	Indoor Bowls	1	1
Indoor Tennis Centre	Airhall	0	0
Indoor Tennis Centre	Airhall (seasonal)	1	1
Indoor Tennis Centre	Framed Fabric	0	0
Indoor Tennis Centre	Traditional	1	1
Ski Slopes	Indoor	0	0
Ski Slopes	Outdoor Artificial	0	0
Ski Slopes	Outdoor Natural	0	0
Sports Hall	Activity Hall	18	18
Sports Hall	Barns	0	0
Sports Hall	Main	27	27
Squash Courts	Glass-backed	7	7
Squash Courts	Normal	9	9
Studio	Studio	20	20
Swimming Pool	Diving	0	0
Swimming Pool	Learner/Teaching/Training	2	2
Swimming Pool	Leisure Pool	0	0
Swimming Pool	Lido	0	0
Swimming Pool	Main/General	12	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>138</b>	<b>138</b>

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APPENDIX 8: DETAILED FACILITIES REPORT

--- Main Report ---					
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit
ANYTIME FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	LOUGHBOROUGH	LE11 5BE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 3WQ	Golf	Standard	Holes
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 3WQ	Golf	Driving Range	Bays
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 3WQ	Golf	Par 3	Holes
BIRSTALL SOCIAL CLUB	Leicester	LE4 4JS	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
CHARNWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 8TA	Golf	Standard	Holes
CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	Loughborough	LE11 5AD	Golf	Driving Range	Bays
CHARNWOOD INDOOR BOWLS CLUB	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Indoor Bowls	Indoor Bowls	Rinks
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
DYNAMITE GYM LTD	Loughborough	LE11 2PY	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	LEICESTER	LE4 8FP	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	Leicester	LE4 8FN	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Loughborough	LE11 2TZ	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Loughborough	LE11 2TZ	Studio	Studio	Studios
FOSSE FITNESS	Leicester	LE7 1NE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
FOSSE FITNESS	Leicester	LE7 1NE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL	LEICESTER	LE4 3DL	Swimming Pool	Learner/Teaching/Training	Lanes
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 9DB	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 9DB	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 9DB	Studio	Studio	Studios
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3TT	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3TT	Studio	Studio	Studios
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3TT	Studio	Studio	Studios
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3TT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
HOTON VILLAGE HALL	Loughborough	LE12 5SF	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 8JU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
JIM PLAY	Loughborough	LE11 2PZ	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 1BE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 1BE	Studio	Studio	Studios

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Site Name	Number	Access Type	Ownership Type
ANYTIME FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	50	Registered Membership use	Commercial
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	18	Pay and Play	Commercial
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	17	Pay and Play	Commercial
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	9	Pay and Play	Commercial
BIRSTALL SOCIAL CLUB	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	11	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
CHARNWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB	9	Pay and Play	Sports Club
CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	20	Pay and Play	Commercial
CHARNWOOD INDOOR BOWLS CLUB	8	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club
DE LISLE COLLEGE	1	Private Use	Academies
DE LISLE COLLEGE	4	Private Use	Academies
DYNAMITE GYM LTD	46	Registered Membership use	Commercial
EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	2	Private Use	Community school
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	150	Pay and Play	Commercial
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	1	Pay and Play	Commercial
FOSSE FITNESS	115	Registered Membership use	Commercial
FOSSE FITNESS	30	Registered Membership use	Commercial
HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	150	Registered Membership use	Higher Education Institutions
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	0	Registered Membership use	Higher Education Institutions
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	0	Registered Membership use	Higher Education Institutions
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	4	Registered Membership use	Higher Education Institutions
HOTON VILLAGE HALL	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
JIM PLAY	19	Registered Membership use	Commercial
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	18	Registered Membership use	Commercial
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	0	Registered Membership use	Commercial

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Site Name	Management Type	Year Built	Year Refurbished
ANYTIME FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Commercial Management	n/a	n/a
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Commercial Management	1993	2015
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Commercial Management	1995	2015
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Commercial Management	n/a	2015
BIRSTALL SOCIAL CLUB	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1952	2007
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1999	n/a
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1952	1993
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1995	n/a
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1952	n/a
CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1999	n/a
CHARNWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB	Sport Club	1890	n/a
CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	Commercial Management	1995	2015
CHARNWOOD INDOOR BOWLS CLUB	Sport Club	1990	2013
DE LISLE COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1959	n/a
DE LISLE COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1959	n/a
DYNAMITE GYM LTD	Commercial Management	1995	n/a
EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	Local Authority (in house)	1996	2011
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
FOSSE FITNESS	Commercial Management	2012	n/a
FOSSE FITNESS	Commercial Management	2012	n/a
HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
HIND LEYS COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
HOTON VILLAGE HALL	Community Organisation	1908	2009
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
JIM PLAY	Commercial Management	2014	n/a
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	Commercial Management	2015	n/a

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LIMEHURST ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 1NH	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
LINGDALE GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 8TF	Golf	Standard	Holes
LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE11 3YA	Golf	Standard	Holes
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH	LE11 3HZ	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB	Loughborough	LE11 3NW	Indoor Tennis Centre	Airhall (seasonal)	Courts
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Studio	Studio	Studios
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Studio	Studio	Studios
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Athletics Tracks	Synthetic	Lanes
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Indoor Tennis Centre	Traditional	Courts
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Studio	Studio	Studios
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Studio	Studio	Studios
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Studio	Studio	Studios
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	LOUGHBOROUGH	LE11 3TU	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	LOUGHBOROUGH	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 8QY	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 8QY	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 1RW	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 1RW	Studio	Studio	Studios
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 7NG	Golf	Standard	Holes

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LIMEHURST ACADEMY	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
LINGDALE GOLF CLUB	18	Pay and Play	Sports Club
LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB	18	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	10	Private Use	Other Independent School
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	4	Pay and Play	Other Independent School
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	4	Pay and Play	Other Independent School
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	2	Pay and Play	Other Independent School
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School
LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	8	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	6	Pay and Play	Local Authority
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	62	Registered Membership use	Local Authority
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	1	Registered Membership use	Local Authority
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	3	Pay and Play	Local Authority
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	1	Registered Membership use	Local Authority
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	12	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	4	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	8	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	8	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	8	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	0	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	4	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	1	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	0	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	0	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	100	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	100	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	5	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	4	Pay and Play	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	125	Sports Club / Community Association	Higher Education Institutions
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	5	Sports Club / Community Association	Higher Education Institutions
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	1	Private Use	Community Special School
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	9	Private Use	Community Special School
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	35	Registered Membership use	Commercial
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	18	Sports Club / Community Association	Commercial

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Site Name	Management Type	Year Built	Year Refurbished
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	2001	n/a
LINGDALE GOLF CLUB	Sport Club	1967	2015
LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB	Sport Club	1906	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1978	2005
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1978	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1978	2005
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Sport Club	n/a	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1950	2016
LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB	Sport Club	n/a	2010
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	1975	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	1975	2013
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	1975	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	1975	2013
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	1975	2000
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	1975	2000
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Sport Club	1980	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	1996	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	2003	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2009
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	2002	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	1995	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	1980	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	2013	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	2013	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	2007	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1955	2008
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	2000	n/a
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	Commercial Management	2012	2014
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	Commercial Management	2012	2014
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Commercial Management	1994	n/a

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Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 7NG	Golf	Driving Range	Bays
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 7NG	Golf	Par 3	Holes
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	Loughborough	LE11 5BG	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	Loughborough	LE11 5BG	Studio	Studio	Studios
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Athletics Tracks	Cinder	Lanes
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE12 8DY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE12 8DY	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE12 8DY	Studio	Studio	Studios
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE12 8DY	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	LEICESTER	LE4 4JU	Swimming Pool	Learner/Teaching/Training	Lanes
ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB	Leicester	LE7 7LH	Golf	Standard	Holes
SHEPSHED BMX TRACK	SHEPSHED	LE12 9AU	Cycling	BMX - Race Track	n/a
SHEPSHED HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 9DA	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Studio	Studio	Studios
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Studio	Studio	Studios
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Studio	Studio	Studios
ST PETERS COMMUNITY CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 5EQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	Leicester	LE4 8GR	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	Leicester	LE4 8GR	Studio	Studio	Studios
SYSTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB	Leicester	LE7 1GP	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Leicester	LE7 3FE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Leicester	LE7 3FE	Studio	Studio	Studios
The cedars academy	Leicester	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts
The cedars academy	Leicester	LE4 4GH	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	Leicester	LE7 7EB	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	Leicester	LE7 7EB	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3BT	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations

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Site Name	Number	Access Type	Ownership Type
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	20	Pay and Play	Commercial
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	9	Sports Club / Community Association	Commercial
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	200	Registered Membership use	Commercial
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	1	Registered Membership use	Commercial
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	6	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	10	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School
RAWLINS ACADEMY	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
RAWLINS ACADEMY	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
RAWLINS ACADEMY	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
RAWLINS ACADEMY	17	Private Use	Academies
RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	0	Private Use	Community school
ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB	18	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club
SHEPSHED BMX TRACK	n/a	Free Public Access	Local Authority
SHEPSHED HIGH SCHOOL	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	60	Registered Membership use	Local Authority
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	0	Registered Membership use	Local Authority
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	0	Registered Membership use	Local Authority
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	5	Pay and Play	Local Authority
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	80	Registered Membership use	Local Authority
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	0	Registered Membership use	Local Authority
ST PETERS COMMUNITY CENTRE	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	40	Registered Membership use	Commercial
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	0	Registered Membership use	Commercial
SYSTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club
The cedars academy	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
The cedars academy	23	Private Use	Community school
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Community school
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	50	Registered Membership use	Further Education

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Site Name	Management Type	Year Built	Year Refurbished
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Commercial Management	1994	n/a
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Commercial Management	2010	n/a
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	Commercial Management	2004	2014
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	Commercial Management	2004	2011
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1985	2016
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1975	n/a
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1975	2002
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	1985	n/a
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	2012	n/a
RAWLINS ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	1987	n/a
RAWLINS ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	1987	n/a
RAWLINS ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	2008	n/a
RAWLINS ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	2009	2014
RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB	Sport Club	1912	n/a
SHEPSHED BMX TRACK	Local Authority (in house)	n/a	n/a
SHEPSHED HIGH SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1975	2007
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	2004	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	2004	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	2004	2007
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	2004	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	n/a	n/a
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	1987	n/a
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	2009	n/a
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Trust	2009	n/a
ST PETERS COMMUNITY CENTRE	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	Commercial Management	2000	2012
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	Commercial Management	2008	2012
SYSTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Sport Club	1999	n/a
SYSTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Sport Club	1999	n/a
The cedars academy	School/College/University (in house)	1977	n/a
The cedars academy	School/College/University (in house)	2003	2009
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	1956	2008
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	1956	n/a
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	School/College/University (in house)	2004	2015

APPENDIX 8: DETAILED FACILITIES REPORT

--- Main Report ---						
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit	
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3BT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3BT	Studio	Studio	Studios	
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3BT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 8GQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 8GQ	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	
THURMASTON WORKING MENS PROGRESSIVE CLUB	Leicester	LE4 8EE	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 8WD	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 8WD	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 8WD	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 8WD	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts	
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2ST	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2ST	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Studio	Studio	Studios	

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APPENDIX 8: DETAILED FACILITIES REPORT

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Site Name	Number	Access Type	Ownership Type
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	4	Pay and Play	Further Education
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	0	Pay and Play	Further Education
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	4	Pay and Play	Further Education
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
THURMASTON WORKING MENS PROGRESSIVE CLUB	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	26	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	6	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	3	Not Known	Academies
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies

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--- Main Report ---			
Site Name	Management Type	Year Built	Year Refurbished
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	School/College/University (in house)	2004	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	School/College/University (in house)	1990	2011
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2007
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2005
THURMASTON WORKING MENS PROGRESSIVE CLUB	Community Organisation	n/a	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	1982	2005
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	School/College/University (in house)	2015	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	1972	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	1972	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	School/College/University (in house)	1972	2004

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APPENDIX 8: SPORTS HALLS

Sports Halls										
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit	Number	Access Type	Ownership Type	Management Type	Year Built
BIRSTALL SOCIAL CLUB	Leicester	LE4 4JS	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a
BURTON VILLAGE HALL			Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish Council	Community Organisation	
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1952
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1999
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1952
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1999
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1959
EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	LEICESTER	LE4 8FP	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	2	Private Use	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	n/a
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	Leicester	LE4 8FN	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1996
FAIRFIELD PREP SCHOOL				Not known						
HATHERN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL				Activity Hall						
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 9DB	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1976
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 9DA	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1975
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3TT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2014
HOTON VILLAGE HALL	Loughborough	LE12 5SF	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish Council	Parish Council	1908
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 8JU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2006
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 1NH	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2001
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1978
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1950
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	8	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	12	Limited pay and play (based on 4 courts)	University	School/College/University (in house)	1996
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (badminton centre)	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	University Use	University	School/College/University (in house)	2003
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (netball centre)	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	5	University Use	University	School/College/University (in house)	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	University Use	University	School/College/University (in house)	n/a
MARLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 8QY	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Private Use	Community Special School	School/College/University (in house)	1955
MAR LADY'S CONVENT SCHOOL							Private Use			
MATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1975
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE12 8DY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1987
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE12 8DY	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1987
SEABY COMMUNITY CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7RX	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	2	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish Council	Parish Council	
SEABY COMMUNITY CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7RX	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Parish Council	Parish Council	
SEAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Charitable Company	2004
SOPETERS COMMUNITY CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 5EQ	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Charitable Company	Diocese	n/a
SYSTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB	Leicester	LE7 1GP	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1977
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1956
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 4GH	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1956
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	Leicester	LE7 7EB	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1955
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	Leicester	LE7 7EB	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1955
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3BT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2004
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3BT	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	1990
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 8GQ	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a
THURMASTON WORKING MENS PROGRESSIVE CLUB	Leicester	LE4 8EE	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	0	Sports Club / Community Association	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 8WD	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2005
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2ST	Sports Hall	Activity Hall	Badminton courts	1	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1982
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2ST	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	3	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2015
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Sports Hall	Main	Badminton courts	4	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972

NOTE TWO NEW SPORTS HALLS PLANNED - West of Loughborough SUE (3 COURTS), and North of Leicester SUE (4 COURTS)

APPENDIX 8: SPORTS HALLS

Sports Halls	
Site Name	Year Refurbished
BIRSTALL SOCIAL CLUB	n/a
BURTON VILLAGE HALL	
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	2007
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	n/a
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	n/a
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	n/a
DE LISLE COLLEGE	n/a
EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	n/a
ELIZABETH PARK SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE	2011
FAIRFIELD PREP SCHOOL	
HATHERN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	2007
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	n/a
HOTON VILLAGE HALL	2009
HUMPHREY PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL	n/a
LIMEHURST ACADEMY	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL	2016
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (badminton centre)	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY (netball centre)	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	2012
M <del>AN</del> LEWELL HALL SCHOOL	2008
M <del>AN</del> LADY'S CONVENT SCHOOL	
M <del>AN</del> ATCLIFFE COLLEGE	n/a
M <del>AN</del> AWLINS ACADEMY	n/a
M <del>AN</del> AWLINS ACADEMY	n/a
M <del>AN</del> EBY COMMUNITY CENTRE	
M <del>AN</del> EBY COMMUNITY CENTRE	
M <del>AN</del> OR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	n/a
M <del>AN</del> PETERS COMMUNITY CENTRE	n/a
SYSTON & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	2008
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	n/a
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	n/a
THE MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	2011
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	2007
THURMASTON WORKING MENS PROGRESSIVE CLUB	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	n/a
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	2005
WOODBROOK VALE HIGH SCHOOL	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	n/a

NOTE TWO NEW SPORTS HALLS PLANNED - West of Lough

APPENDIX 8: SWIMMING POOLS

Swimming Pools							
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit	Number	Access Type
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	4	Private Use
HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL	LEICESTER	LE4 3DL	Swimming Pool	Learner/Teaching/Training	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 9DB	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	4	Private Use
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	6	Pay and Play
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	4	Pay and Play
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	8	Pay and Play- limited
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association
RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	LEICESTER	LE4 4JU	Swimming Pool	Learner/Teaching/Training	Lanes	0	Private Use
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	4	Pay and Play
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	5	Pay and Play
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 8GQ	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	4	Sports Club / Community Association
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 8WD	Swimming Pool	Main/General	Lanes	6	Sports Club / Community Association

APPENDIX 8: SWIMMING POOLS

<b>Swimming Pools</b>				
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Ownership Type</b>	<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Refurbished</b>
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1952	1993
DE LISLE COLLEGE	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1959	n/a
HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	1976	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1955	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2013
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2013
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2002	n/a
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1975	2002
RIVERSIDE ACADEMY	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Trust	2004	n/a
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Trust	1987	n/a
THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2005
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2005	n/a

APPENDIX 8: HEALTH FITNESS SUITES

<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>						
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Post Town</b>	<b>Post Code</b>	<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Facility Sub Type</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Number</b>
ANYTIME FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	LOUGHBOROUGH	LE11 5BE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	50
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	11
DYNAMITE GYM LTD	Loughborough	LE11 2PY	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	46
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Loughborough	LE11 2TZ	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	150
FOSSE FITNESS	Leicester	LE7 1NE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	115
FOSSE FITNESS	Leicester	LE7 1NE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	30
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3TT	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	150
JIM PLAY	Loughborough	LE11 2PZ	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	19
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 1BE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	18
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	10
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	89
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	100
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	100
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	LOUGHBOROUGH	LE11 3TU	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	125
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 8QY	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	9
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 1RW	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	35
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	Loughborough	LE11 5BG	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	200
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	10
SAWLINS ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE12 8DY	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	17
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	60
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	50
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	Leicester	LE4 8GR	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	40
WILKINSON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Leicester	LE7 3FE	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	4
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Leicester	LE4 4GH	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	23
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3BT	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	50
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 8WD	Health and Fitness Suite	Health and Fitness Suite	Stations	26
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APPENDIX 8: HEALTH FITNESS SUITES

<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>					
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Access Type</b>	<b>Ownership Type</b>	<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	
ANYTIME FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	n/a	
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Sports Club / Community Association	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1995	
DYNAMITE GYM LTD	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	1995	
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	
FOSSE FITNESS	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	
FOSSE FITNESS	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2014	
JIM PLAY	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2014	
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Private Use	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1978	
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	1975	
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2007	
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	Sports Club / Community Association	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	Private Use	Community Special School	School/College/University (in house)	2000	
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2004	
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	2012	
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2009	
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2004	
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust	2009	
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	Registered Membership use	Commercial	Commercial Management	2000	
STON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club	1999	
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	Private Use	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2003	
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Registered Membership use	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2004	
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2005	

APPENDIX 8: HEALTH FITNESS SUITES

Health & Fitness	
Site Name	Year Refurbished
ANYTIME FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	n/a
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	n/a
DYNAMITE GYM LTD	n/a
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	n/a
FOSSE FITNESS	n/a
FOSSE FITNESS	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	n/a
JIM PLAY	n/a
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	2005
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	2012
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY STADIUM	n/a
MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL	n/a
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	2014
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	2014
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	n/a
SAWLINS ACADEMY	2014
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	2007
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	n/a
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	2012
WILKINSON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	n/a
THE CEDARS ACADEMY	2009
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	2015
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	n/a

APPENDIX 8: STUDIOS

<b>Studios</b>					
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Post Town</b>	<b>Post Code</b>	<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Access Type</b>
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE11 4SQ	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Loughborough	LE11 2TZ	Studio	1	Registered Membership use
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE12 9DB	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3TT	Studio	1	University Use
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3TT	Studio	1	University Use
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 1BE	Studio	1	Registered Membership use
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Studio	1	Pay and Play
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Studio	2	Pay and Play
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Studio	1	University Use
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Studio	1	University Use
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Studio	1	University Use
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 1RW	Studio	1	Registered Membership use
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	Loughborough	LE11 5BG	Studio	1	Registered Membership use
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Loughborough	LE12 8DY	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Studio	1	Pay and Play
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE12 7FG	Studio	1	Pay and Play
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Studio	1	Pay and Play
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	Leicester	LE4 8GR	Studio	1	Registered Membership use
STON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Leicester	LE7 3FE	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3BT	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Leicester	LE7 1LY	Studio	1	Sports Club / Community Association
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APPENDIX 8: STUDIOS

<b>Studios</b>				
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Ownership Type</b>	<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Refurbished</b>
CHARNWOOD ACADEMY	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1995	n/a
ENERGIE FITNESS (LOUGHBOROUGH)	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
IVESHEAD SCHOOL	LEA	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
HOLYWELL FITNESS CENTRE	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2014	n/a
JOHN SKILLEN MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS CENTRE	Commercial	Commercial Management	2015	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Trust	1975	2000
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Sport Club	1980	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	1980	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2013	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	2013	n/a
NPC PERFORMANCE CENTRE	Commercial	Commercial Management	2012	2014
PURE GYM(LOUGHBOROUGH)	Commercial	Commercial Management	2004	2011
RAWLINS ACADEMY	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	2008	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Trust	2004	n/a
SOAR VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Trust	n/a	n/a
SOUTH CHARNWOOD LEISURE CENTRE	Local Authority	Trust	2009	n/a
STUDIO 13 FITNESS	Commercial	Commercial Management	2008	2012
STON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	Sports Club	Sport Club	1999	n/a
THE RADMOOR CENTRE	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)	2006	n/a
WREAKE VALLEY ACADEMY	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	1972	2004

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## APPENDIX 8: GOLF

<b>Golf</b>							
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Post Town</b>	<b>Post Code</b>	<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Facility Sub Type</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Access Type</b>
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 3WQ	Golf	Standard	Holes	18	Pay and Play
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 3WQ	Golf	Driving Range	Bays	17	Pay and Play
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Leicester	LE7 3WQ	Golf	Par 3	Holes	9	Pay and Play
CHARNWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 8TA	Golf	Standard	Holes	9	Pay and Play
CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	Loughborough	LE11 5AD	Golf	Driving Range	Bays	20	Pay and Play
LINGDALE GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 8TF	Golf	Standard	Holes	18	Pay and Play
LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE11 3YA	Golf	Standard	Holes	18	Sports Club / Community Association
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 7NG	Golf	Standard	Holes	18	Sports Club / Community Association
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 7NG	Golf	Driving Range	Bays	20	Pay and Play
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Loughborough	LE12 7NG	Golf	Par 3	Holes	9	Sports Club / Community Association
ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB	Leicester	LE7 7LH	Golf	Standard	Holes	18	Sports Club / Community Association
SHELTHORPE GOLF COURSE	Loughborough	LE11 2JS	Golf	Standard	Holes	18	Sports Club / Community Association

APPENDIX 8: GOLF

<b>Golf</b>				
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Ownership Type</b>	<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Refurbished</b>
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Commercial	Commercial Management	1993	2015
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Commercial	Commercial Management	1995	2015
BEEDLES LAKE GOLF CENTRE	Commercial	Commercial Management	n/a	2015
CHARNWOOD FOREST GOLF CLUB	Sports Club	Sport Club	1890	n/a
CHARNWOOD GOLF COMPLEX	Commercial	Commercial Management	1995	2015
LINGDALE GOLF CLUB	Sports Club	Sport Club	1967	2015
LONGCLIFFE GOLF CLUB	Sports Club	Sport Club	1906	n/a
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Commercial	Commercial Management	1994	n/a
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Commercial	Commercial Management	1994	n/a
PARK HILL GOLF CLUB	Commercial	Commercial Management	2010	n/a
ROTHLEY PARK GOLF CLUB	Sports Club	Sport Club	1912	n/a
SHELTHORPE GOLF COURSE	Sports Club	Sport Club	n/a	n/a

APPENDIX 8: SQUASH COURTS

<b>Squash Courts</b>						
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Post Town</b>	<b>Post Code</b>	<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Facility Sub Type</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Number</b>
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Loughborough	LE11 2DU	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts	2
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	LOUGHBOROUGH	LE11 3HZ	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts	1
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts	3
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts	4
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts	1
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Squash Courts	Normal	Courts	1
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Loughborough	LE12 8WD	Squash Courts	Glass-backed	Courts	4

APPENDIX 8: SQUASH COURTS

<b>Squash Courts</b>			
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Access Type</b>	<b>Ownership Type</b>	<b>Management Type</b>
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Sports Club / Community Association	Sports Club	Sport Club
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	Pay and Play	Local Authority	Trust
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	University Use	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Sports Club / Community Association	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	Sports Club / Community Association	Further Education	School/College/University (in house)

APPENDIX 8: SQUASH COURTS

<b>Squash Courts</b>		
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Refurbished</b>
LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL	1978	2005
LOUGHBOROUGH GREENFIELD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	n/a	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE	1975	2000
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	n/a	n/a
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	n/a	n/a
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	1985	n/a
WELBECK DEFENCE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE	2005	n/a

APPENDIX 8: INDOOR BOWLS

Indoor Bowls							
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit	Number	Access Type
CHARNWOOD INDOOR BOWLS CLUB	Loughborough	LE11 3HE	Indoor Bowls	Indoor Bowls	Rinks	8	Sports Club / Community Association

APPENDIX 8: INDOOR BOWLS

<b>Indoor Bowls</b>				
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Ownership Type</b>	<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Refurbished</b>
CHARNWOOD INDOOR BOWLS CLUB	Sports Club	Sport Club	1990	2013

APPENDIX 8: CYCLING

Cycling								
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit	Number	Access Type	Ownership Type
SHEPSHED BMX TRACK	SHEPSHED	LE12 9AU	Cycling	BMX - Race Track	n/a	n/a	Free Public Access	Local Authority
KING GEORGES PLAYING FELDS	BARROW UPON SOAR		Cycling	BMX - Race Track	n/a	n/a	Free Public Access	Parish Council
DEVILLE PARK	SYSTON	N/A	Cycling	BMX - Race Track	n/a	n/a	Free Public Access	Parish Council

<b>Cycling</b>			
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Refurbished</b>
SHEPSHED BMX TRACK	Local Authority (in house)	n/a	n/a
KING GEORGES PLAYING FELDS	Local Authority (in house)	n/a	n/a
DEVILLE PARK	Local Authority (in house)	n/a	n/a

APPENDIX 8: ATHLETICS TRACKS

Athletics Track							
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit	Number	Access Type
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Athletics Tracks	Synthetic	Lanes	8	University Use
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Leicester	LE7 4SG	Athletics Tracks	Cinder	Lanes	6	Sports Club / Community Association

APPENDIX 8: ATHLETICS TRACKS

<b>Athletics Track</b>				
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Ownership Type</b>	<b>Management Type</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Refurbished</b>
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	n/a	2009
RATCLIFFE COLLEGE	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	1985	2016

APPENDIX 8: INDOOR TENNIS

Indoor Tennis							
Site Name	Post Town	Post Code	Facility Type	Facility Sub Type	Unit	Number	Access Type
LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB	Loughborough	LE11 3NW	Indoor Tennis Centre	Airhall (seasonal)	Courts	2	Sports Club / Community Association
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Loughborough	LE11 3TU	Indoor Tennis Centre	Traditional	Courts	8	Sports Club / Community Association

APPENDIX 8: INDOOR TENNIS

Indoor Tennis				
Site Name	Ownership Type	Management Type	Year Built	Year Refurbished
LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB	Sports Club	Sport Club	n/a	2010
LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY	Higher Education Institutions	School/College/University (in house)	1995	n/a



## APPENDIX 8

### DEMAND FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS 2018 AND 2036

APPENDIX 8: DEMAND FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS 2017

**Demand Assessment Table - Health and Fitness Facilities (Charnwood Borough Council )**  
**2017 Source: ONS 2014 mid year estimates population projections**

Calculation used to calculate demand

1 Total population 15+	<b>2017</b>
	149,661
2 Number of potential members/users of health and fitness clubs	
3 2 above shown as % of total adult population 1. above	
4 Average user attends 1.5 times per week or six times per month number of visits per week	
5 Number of visits per week in peak times = 65% of total number of visits	
6 Number of visits in one hour of peak time = total visits during peak time /34	

<b>2017</b>
12.1%
18,109

<b>2017</b>
27,163
17,656.26
519

2017 demand for Health and Fitness Facilities

<b>519</b>
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**Current Supply**

<b>623</b>
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**Current Surplus / Deficit in supply**

<b>104</b> Surplus
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The model is based on the premise that for the supply to be sufficient, it must be large enough to cater for the maximum demand at any one time. Maximum demand is described as the demand during a peak hour session

Penetration of fitness users is defined using the FIA 2012 Parameters

The average health and fitness session is one hour  
 65% of use is during peak times

APPENDIX 8: DEMAND FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS 2036

**Demand Assessment Table - Health and Fitness Facilities (Charnwood Borough Council )**

**Source: ONS 2014 mid year population projections**

Calculation used to calculate demand

	<b>2036</b>		<b>2036</b>
1 Total population 15+	177,280		12.1%
2 Number of potential members/users of health and fitness clubs			21,451
3 2 above shown as % of total adult population 1. above			
4 Average user attends 1.5 times per week or six times per month number of visits per week			
5 Number of visits per week in peak times = 65% of total number of visits			
6 Number of visits in one hour of peak time = total visits during peak time /34			

<b>2036</b>
32,176
20,914.61
615

2032 demand for Health and Fitness Facilities 615

**Current Supply** 623

**Current Surplus / Deficit in supply** 8 Surplus

The model is based on the premise that for the supply to be sufficient, it must be large enough to cater for the maximum demand at any one time. Maximum demand is described as the demand during a peak hour session

Penetration of fitness users is defined using the FIA 2012 Parameters

The average health and fitness session is one hour  
65% of use is during peak times

## Charnwood Borough Council

### Equality Impact Assessment 'Knowing the needs of your customers and employees'

#### ■ Background

An Equality Impact Assessment is an improvement tool. It will assist you in ensuring that you have thought about the needs and impacts of your service/policy/function in relation to the protected characteristics. It enables a systematic approach to identifying and recording gaps and actions.

#### ■ Legislation- Equality Duty

As a local authority that provides services to the public, Charnwood Borough Council has a legal responsibility to ensure that we can demonstrate having paid due regard to the need to:

- ✓ Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- ✓ Advance Equality of Opportunity
- ✓ Foster good relations

For the following protected characteristics:

1. Age
2. Disability
3. Gender reassignment
4. Marriage and civil partnership
5. Pregnancy and maternity
6. Race
7. Religion and belief
8. Sex (Gender)
9. Sexual orientation

What is prohibited?

1. Direct Discrimination
2. Indirect Discrimination
3. Harassment
4. Victimisation
5. Discrimination by association
6. Discrimination by perception
7. Pregnancy and maternity discrimination
8. Discrimination arising from disability
9. Failing to make reasonable adjustments

**Note: Complete the action plan as you go through the questions**

**Step 1 – Introductory information**

Title of the policy	Open Spaces, Playing Pitch and Indoor Built Facilities Strategies
Name of lead officer and others undertaking this assessment	Matt Bradford (Head of Service)
Date EIA started	21/12/2018
Date EIA completed	21/12/2018

**Step 2 – Overview of policy/function being assessed:**

Outline: What is the purpose of this policy? (Specify aims and objectives)
<p>The assessments and strategies will form part of the supporting evidence for the forthcoming Local Plan that will consider strategic spatial planning with the borough until 2036. The strategies account for the growth in population throughout the period.</p> <p>The three strategies have been written following a baseline assessment of existing facilities within the borough. Baseline assessments looked at the quantity, quality and accessibility of green spaces, sports pitches / outdoor sports facilities and indoor sports facilities throughout the borough.</p> <p>The baseline assessments, and resulting strategies assess local provision by sub-dividing the borough into sub areas. This allows local accessibility to be determined and ensures that reasonable travel times are taken into account.</p> <p>The assessments and strategies take into account the spectrum of facility providers throughout the borough and recognise that the Council is not the sole provider of community infrastructure for green spaces, sport pitches / outdoor sport provision and indoor sports facilities.</p> <p>As part of the assessment and strategy development, community consultation took place with a wide range of stakeholders including parish / town councils, education establishments, sports clubs, Sport England and the National Governing Bodies representing individual sports. Individual residents were also invited to submit their views through surveys.</p> <p>The assessment for each of the individual surveys adopted a recognised methodology that is understood nationally. The surveys were conducted by independent consultants following the agreed methodology.</p>
What specific group/s is the policy designed to affect/impact and what is the intended change or outcome for them?
<p>The Strategies will impact on all residents within the Borough by seeking to provide good quality, accessible open spaces, outdoor and indoor sports facilities.</p>
Which groups have been consulted as part of the creation or review of the policy?
<p>Consultation has taken place with the general public, Parish Councils, local sports clubs, national sports governing bodies, Leicestershire and Rutland Sport and Sport England</p>

**Step 3 – What we already know and where there are gaps**

List any existing information/data do you have/monitor about different diverse groups in relation to this policy? Such as in relation to age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation etc.

Data/information such as:

- Consultation
- Previous Equality Impact Assessments
- Demographic information
- Anecdotal and other evidence

Further information on strategic context:

- Charnwood Borough Council Equality Strategy 2016-2020

[https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/equality\\_strategy\\_and\\_action\\_plan\\_2016/Draft+Equality+Strategy+2016-2020+FINAL+0.2+%282%29.pdf](https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/documents/equality_strategy_and_action_plan_2016/Draft+Equality+Strategy+2016-2020+FINAL+0.2+%282%29.pdf)

What does this information / data tell you about diverse group? If you do not hold or have access to any data/information on diverse groups, what do you need to begin collating / monitoring? (Please list)

The Strategies contain information on diverse groups within the Borough and considers access to open space, outdoor and indoor sport for communities that score highly on the indices of deprivation. Healthy inequalities are also fundamental to the assessment carried out in support of the strategies.

Sites have been assessed for accessibility for users with limited mobility.

Age and gender information has also been considered.

**Step 4 – Do we need to seek the views of others? If so, who?**

In light of the answers you have given in Step 2, do you need to consult with specific groups to identify needs / issues? If not please explain why.

The consultation has already taken place to inform the three strategies.

**Step 5 – Assessing the impact**

In light of any data/consultation/information and your own knowledge and awareness, please identify whether the policy has a positive or negative impact on the individuals or community groups (including what barriers these individuals or groups may face) who identify with any 'protected characteristics' and provide an explanation for your decision (please refer to the general duties on the front page).

	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Age</b>	The specific needs have been identified for different age groups and the Action Plans seek to address any shortfalls in facilities.
<b>Disability (Physical, visual, hearing, learning disabilities, mental health)</b>	All sites have been assessed for accessibility. Action Plans seek to improve access to recreation to help people lead healthier lifestyles.  Access to open space, sport and recreation is known to

	improve participants mental health.
<b>Gender Reassignment (Transgender)</b>	Neutral Impact
<b>Race</b>	Neutral Impact
<b>Religion or Belief (Includes no belief)</b>	Neutral Impact
<b>Sex (Gender)</b>	There are some recommendations that seek to improve the access to facilities for female participants. E.g. improvements to changing facilities to allow male and female changing areas.
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	Neutral Impact
<b>Other protected groups (Pregnancy &amp; maternity, marriage &amp; civil partnership)</b>	Neutral Impact
<b>Other socially excluded groups (Carers, low literacy, priority neighbourhoods, health inequalities, rural isolation, asylum seeker and refugee communities etc.)</b>	Neutral Impact

Where there are potential barriers, negative impacts identified and/ or barriers or impacts are unknown, please outline how you propose to minimise all negative impact or discrimination.

Please note:

- a) If you have identified adverse impact or discrimination that is illegal, you are required to take action to remedy this immediately.
- b) Additionally, if you have identified adverse impact that is justifiable or legitimate, you will need to consider what actions can be taken to mitigate its effect on those groups of people.

None identified

Summarise your findings and give an overview as to whether the policy will meet Charnwood Borough Council's responsibilities in relation to equality and diversity (please refer to the general duties on the front page).

The strategies seek to improve the accessibility, quantity and quality of open spaces, outdoor and indoor sport facilities. A number of recommendations are made within the Action Plans that seek to improve access to protected grounds. E.g. Improved changing facilities for female outdoor sports participants.

#### ■ **Step 6- Monitoring, evaluation and review**

Are there processes in place to review the findings of this Assessment and make appropriate changes? In particular, how will you monitor potential barriers and any positive/ negative impact?

This EIA will be reviewed as the individual actions progress to ensure compliance.

How will the recommendations of this assessment be built into wider planning and review processes?  
E.g. policy reviews, annual plans and use of performance management systems.

Actions from within the Action Plans will form part of the Council's corporate business planning through inclusion in the Corporate Plan and within Team Plans.

**Step 7- Action Plan**

**Please include any identified concerns/actions/issues in this action plan:**

The issues identified should inform your Service Plan and, if appropriate, your Consultation Plan

Reference Number	Action	Responsible Officer	Target Date
1			
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**Step 8- Who needs to know about the outcomes of this assessment and how will they be informed?**

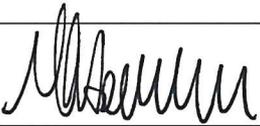
	Who needs to know (Please tick)	How they will be informed (we have a legal duty to publish EIA's)
<b>Employees</b>	√	Published on intranet
<b>Service users</b>	√	Published with Cabinet report
<b>Partners and stakeholders</b>	√	Published with Cabinet report
<b>Others</b>	√	Published with Cabinet report
<b>To ensure ease of access, what other communication needs/concerns are there?</b>	√	Include in paper format in areas where controls will be renewed or altered.

Please delete as appropriate

I agree with this assessment plan

If *disagree*, state action/s required, reasons and details of who is to carry them out with timescales:

Signed (Service Head):

 - MATT BRADFORD  
HEAD OF CLEANING AND OPEN SPACES

Date:

2.12.18.

Please send completed & signed assessment to Suzanne Kinder for publishing.

- Step 9- Conclusion (to be completed and signed by the Service Head)