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GLOSSARY & ABBREVIATIONS

3G Rubber Crumb Pitch	Third generation (artificial grass pitch)
AGP	Artificial grass pitch
CC	Cricket Club
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CFA	County Football Association
CSP	County Sports Partnership
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FE	Further Education
FF	Football Foundation
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HC	Hockey Club
HE	Higher Education
JFC	Junior Football Club
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
LMS	Last Man Stands
NGB	National Governing Body
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PF	Playing Field
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFC	Rugby Football Club
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106

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TGR	Team Generation Rate
Secured Community Use	For pitches that are available to the community the degree of certainty that this availability will continue needs to be recorded (i.e. how secure is the availability to the community?). Unless local information suggests otherwise it can be assumed that the availability of all pitches in Local Authority, town and parish council and sports club ownership will be secure.
Unsecured Community Use	<p>Mainly educational sites where the following should be in place to ensure certainty of secured community use: if not in place then the site provides unsecured community use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A formal community use agreement • A leasing or management agreement requiring pitches to be available to the community/a community club • A formal policy for community use adopted by the owner and or educational establishment • Written confirmation from the owner and or educational establishment.
Match Equivalent Sessions	Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is likely to be for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions.

Note on definitions of artificial pitch surfaces.

Sport England has produced guidance on “Selecting the Right Artificial Surface for Hockey, Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union” This guidance can be referred to when selecting an artificial surface, but it is worth noting that this is now superseded by new and updated National Governing Body (NGB) technical guidance and you should make contact with the relevant NGB. The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.sportengland.org/media/4275/selecting-the-right-artificial-surface-rev2-2010.pdf>

Throughout the PPS the following abbreviations are used to describe specific types of playing pitch facility that has an artificial surface rather than natural grass.

NTP or non-turf pitch refers to an artificial turf sports surface designed specifically for cricket.

3 G - Third generation pitch. This pitch type comprises blades of polypropylene supported by a thin base layer of sand and by an infill of rubber crumb. 3G pitches must meet the FIFA Quality Performance Standard up to Step 3 (FA National League System) or the FIFA Quality Pro Performance Standards for Step 1 & 2 level football as well as higher level FA competitions

AGP - stands for an England Hockey recognised artificial pitch which is either sand based/dressed or water playing surface

World Rugby Regulation 22 IRB Compliant stands for a long pile FTP 3G with an engineered sub base system (of stone base, porous tarmac layer and shock pad) and are accepted by the rugby governing bodies (RFU and RFL).

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils and its partners. The PPS builds upon the preceding Assessment Report (Stage C) and provides a framework for future provision and management of sports pitches to serve existing and new communities across South Bucks and Chiltern.
- 1.2. The aim of the PPS is:
- ‘to provide an assessment of the “fit for purpose” of the sports pitches and facilities, whilst identifying opportunities for retaining, reducing or removing this provision and prospects for new provision and partnerships. The assessment should identify specific needs and quantitative and/or qualitative deficits or spare capacity of sports pitches and facilities in South Bucks and Chiltern District’s.’***
- 1.3. The PPS will provide the evidence base for the following:
- **The Council’s New Joint Local Plan, 2036.**
 - **Identification of projects for which contributions can be sought as part of new development.**
 - **Funding bids from National Sports bodies like Sport England and the National Governing Bodies (NGB’s) of sport, additionally, the PPS will focus on revenue and capital spending in the medium term.**
- 1.4. Chiltern and South Bucks District Council’s wish to understand current needs for their playing pitch and playing pitch ancillary facilities across both council areas, and future need for provision, driven by increased population, and identification of any gaps in the existing facility network.
- 1.5. The development of this new PPS will enable South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils and other local providers to shape their future playing pitch facilities offer; this may comprise direct Council provision and that undertaken by education, voluntary, community, private sectors and National Governing Bodies of Sport (Football Association, Football Foundation, Rugby Football Union, England & Wales Cricket Board and England Hockey).
- 1.6. The development of the PPS is an opportunity to set out a strategic vision for future provision of playing pitch facilities, based on robust evidence and a needs assessment.
- 1.7. The PPS will help to protect playing fields from loss and make sure the right type, and quantity, of new pitches and ancillary provision are provided as part of new developments and future growth sites.
- 1.8. The PPS will underpin the contribution that sport makes to South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils’ and will also help provide a rationale to enable National Governing Bodies to further invest and deliver their working outcomes as outlined in their Whole Sport Plans. The PPS will also provide evidence to support funding bids from other funders, whilst also supporting requests for S106 developer contributions following building developments. Additionally, the PPS will help focus internal revenue and capital spending in the medium term.
- 1.9. In accordance with Sport England recommendations the PPS will run to 2022 and will be reviewed annually to keep it up-to-date and robust. Future demand is taken into account to 2036 (in line with the draft new Local Plan) and should be reviewed in accordance with Stage E of the Sport England PPS guidance.

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- 1.10. Recommendations arising from the strategy come from a supply and demand assessment of playing pitch facilities in accordance with Sport England's PPS Guidance: An Approach to Developing and Delivering a PPS 2013: <http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-andguidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>
- 1.11. The PPS has been developed by a steering group consisting of South Bucks District Council, Chiltern District Council, Sport England, sport's National Governing bodies including football, cricket, rugby union and hockey.
- 1.12. The Steering Group to continue to operate once the PPS has been adopted by Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils.
- **To implement the PPS recommendations and action plan.**
 - **Monitor and evaluate the outcomes of the PPS.**
 - **Ensure that the PPS is kept up to date.**
- 1.13. The PPS covers playing fields across both Council District areas and not just the playing fields in the Councils' ownership. However, both Councils have a lead role to play.

SOUTH BUCKS AND CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER

- 1.14. A single joint Local Plan ("Joint Plan") is being produced covering the two areas of Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council. This was agreed by Chiltern District Council on 3 November 2015 and South Bucks District Council on 10 November 2015.
- 1.15. The Councils have a common Business Planning Framework and the two Councils have published a joint Business Plan.
- 1.16. The Joint Business Plan sets out Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils' strategy to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Districts. This plan is reviewed regularly to make sure it remains focused on the needs of the community, new government initiatives and targets and ongoing improvements and innovation.

PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

- 1.17. The PPS Objectives adhere to the following three principles:
- **Protect:** The strategy seeks to make sure that the right amount of playing pitches and ancillary facilities of the right quality are in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision and recognises the benefits of multi-pitch sites by:
 - Highlighting sites which have a particular significance for sport and seeks to protect them as a local recreational space through the Development Plan process (see NPPF paragraphs 76 and 77).
 - Securing tenure and access for development minded clubs, through a range of solutions and partnerships.
 - Seeking formal community use agreements with schools where there is a need.

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- **Enhance:** Key partners such as South Bucks District Council, Chiltern District Council, Voluntary sector sports clubs and NGBs will work together to maximise the full potential of playing pitch assets and the long-term sustainability of these assets. The strategy will do this by setting out where improvements to the quality of playing pitches and ancillary facilities are required. The PPS looks at:
 - Improving quality
 - Working in partnership with stakeholders to provide funding
 - Securing developer contributions or CIL Funding
- **Provide:** In times of public sector austerity, investment needs to be directed at sites which will provide the best impact and highest increase in participation. It is the policy of Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils to support projects and sports clubs that are able to; demonstrate sustainable long-term development, increase participation and have achieved the appropriate accreditations e.g. Clubmark and / or Charter Standard providing player and sports development pathways. The strategy looks at:
 - Addressing capacity in youth, junior and mini football by improving quality and developing 3G rubber crumb pitches and natural grass pitches at hub sites.
 - Addressing the need for artificial grass pitches to meet increasing and changing demand for AGP surfaces for both training and competition in football, hockey and rugby and other pitch sports.
 - Providing the required number and type of pitches on-site or appropriate provision off-site, to meet the specific needs of residential development proposals.

1.18. The Councils' shared objectives are:

- **Delivering cost- effective, customer- focused services**
- **Working towards safe and healthier local communities**
- **Striving to conserve the environment and promote sustainability.**

1.19. Under objective 2. Working towards safe and healthier local communities, one of the aims is to promote healthier communities and a commitment to plan for leisure facilities.

1.20. Understanding the needs of different pitch sports at a local level enables Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils to provide appropriately, to meet the needs of its communities. It is inevitable that the needs of communities change over time, just as the playing and participative requirements of individual sports change. The demand for these at a local level need to be assessed and modelled to understand what this means in terms of actual pitch provision, otherwise the Council could be providing too much or too little, thinking they are addressing local needs, but in fact they are not.

1.21. The very fact that the requirements of sports change is one of the several justifications for undertaking the PPS at a local level and critically for updating this analysis every five, if not three years. However, it must also be understood that the PPS represents a 'snap-shot' in time based upon the anticipated level of growth planned for Chiltern and South Bucks.

1.22. This means there may well be proposals that come forward for the new Local Plan such as large residential development that the PPS has not taken into consideration.

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PPS HEADLINE FINDINGS CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1.23. Table 1.1 shows the quantitative findings from the PPS Stage C Assessment Report.

Table: 1.1: Headline Findings Football Grass Pitches, 3G Rubber Crumb pitches, Cricket, Hockey & Rugby Union

SPORT	CURRENT DEMAND SHORTFALL 2017	FUTURE DEMAND SHORTFALL 2036 USING ONS SUB NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS 2017 -2036
FOOTBALL 3G RUBBER CRUMB PITCHES	After taking into account existing 3G rubber crumb provision there is a current shortfall of 5 full size 3 G rubber crumb pitches based upon the FA training model.	After taking into account existing 3G rubber crumb provision there is a shortfall of 1 full size 3 G rubber crumb pitch on top of the current shortfall of 5 based upon the FA training model. The need by 2036 will be 6 full size rubber crumb pitches.
FOOTBALL (GRASS PITCHES)	<p>Adult 11 v 11 - Demand is being met for adult match equivalent sessions. 16 spare match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Junior 11 v 11 – Shortfall 22 match equivalent sessions based on home and away play each week.</p> <p>Junior 9 v 9 – Currently Shortfall 8 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Mini Soccer 7 v 7 – Current Demand is being met for mini 7 v 7 matches</p> <p>Mini Soccer 5 v 5 – Current Demand is being met for mini 5 v 5 match</p>	<p>Adult 11 v 11 – Demand can be met from existing supply.</p> <p>Junior 11 v 11 shortfall of 23 junior 11 v 11 match sessions based on home and away play each week.</p> <p>Junior 9 v 9 – Shortfall 14 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Mini Soccer 7 v 7 – Demand can be met from current supply.</p> <p>Mini soccer 5 v 5 – Demand can be met from current supply.</p>
CRICKET	Current demand is being met with over play at Ballinger Waggoner's CC (16 match equivalent sessions), Chalfont St Peter CC (18 match equivalent sessions), Chesham CC (1 match equivalent session), Chartridge Playing Field's (6 match equivalent sessions), Holmer Green CC (9 match equivalent session) and Sprinters Leisure Centre (5 match equivalent session).	Future demand can be met with current capacity. Additional non-turf pitches will assist with meeting demand from junior cricket teams.
HOCKEY	Current demand is being met	Future demand can be met from existing facilities.
RUGBY UNION	Current short fall of 11.5 match and training equivalent sessions weekly.	Future shortfall of 19 match and training equivalent sessions weekly.

CHILTERN FOOTBALL – HEADLINES

3G RUBBER CRUMB HEADLINES

- 1.24. The PPS has identified there are 0 full size floodlit 3G rubber crumb pitches available for community use.
- 1.25. Based upon the FA training model for 3G rubber crumb pitches of 42 teams to 1 3G pitch there is a current shortfall of 5 full size 3 G rubber crumb pitches. This shortfall rises to 6 in 2036 an additional 3G pitch will be required on top of the 5 currently required.

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- 1.26. If 50% of mini soccer and junior 9 v 9 football played on natural grass pitches moved to 3G rubber crumb the need would be a need for 4 x 3G rubber crumb pitches.
- 1.27. If 100% of matches for teams currently playing competitive 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 football on natural grass pitches moved to 3G rubber crumb there would be a need for 7 full size 3G rubber crumb pitches. This is an additional 3 more 3G pitches than that required for only 50% of mini soccer and junior 9 v 9 moving to 3G rubber crumb.

ADULT 11 v 11

- 1.28. The adult 11 v 11 current demand can be met from existing match equivalent sessions. The assessment has identified that currently there are 16 match equivalent sessions spare at peak time of play.
- 1.10 There are currently 31 match equivalent sessions in secured community use at peak time of play. There are 42 teams at peak time of play requiring 21 match equivalent sessions. There are 5 match equivalent sessions played at unsecured community use sites. These unsecured community use sites will require formal community use agreements to be put in place. The secured and unsecured match equivalent sessions provide 15 spare match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. An additional match equivalent session available at peak time of play at The Playing Field Chartridge makes 16 spare adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions.
- 1.11 In 2036 the PPS identifies a need for 26 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. This will require 26 pitches. With the existing 31 adult 11 v 11 pitches in secured community use providing 31 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play, there are 5 spare adult match equivalent sessions. With the 5 unsecured community use match equivalent sessions having formal community use agreements in place and the Playing Field at Chartridge there would be 11 spare adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions in 2036.
- 1.12 Table 1.1 identifies a need for 6 3G rubber crumb pitches by 2036 to meet football team training requirements. These pitches with FA 3G pitch registration could be used for adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. With these added to spare match equivalent sessions at peak time, this equates to 17 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions spare.

YOUTH 11 v 11

- 1.13 The current shortfall of 22 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions is based on teams playing home and away at peak time of play. The figure also incorporates 6.5 match equivalent requirements from exported teams (teams based in Chiltern District but play home games in neighbouring authorities) and 7.5 match equivalent sessions for youth overplay on adult pitches.
- 1.14 If match equivalent sessions are played on a home and away basis the demand in 2036 is for 36 match equivalent sessions to be played on 36 pitches. There are currently 13 match equivalent sessions available. This means there will be a need for 23 additional pitches in 2036. 17 adult 11 v 11 pitches that are spare could be reconfigured to youth 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the need for additional youth 11 v 11 pitches to 6.
- 1.15 5 pitches are required because of population increases and these should be provided by developer contributions. The remaining 1 youth 11 v 11 pitches could be provided through reconfiguring 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 grass pitches that become redundant once teams move onto 3G rubber crumb for training and competitive games.
- 1.16 There are currently 3 youth 11 v 11 pitches that have unsecured community use. There is a need for formal community use agreements to be put in place for these 3 youth 11 v 11 pitches.

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JUNIOR 9 v 9

- 1.17 There are currently 11 available match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. 7 match equivalent sessions provide secured community use. There is a need to put in place formal community use agreements to secure the remaining 4 match equivalent sessions. The current shortfall is caused by exported teams 3.5 match equivalent sessions and overplay of adult pitches by 4.5 match equivalent sessions.
- 1.18 In 2036 the PPS identifies a need for 25 pitches providing 25 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There are currently 7 secured community use pitches providing 7 match equivalent sessions and 4 unsecured community use match equivalent sessions that will require formal community use agreements. This leaves a shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.
- 1.19 Population growth identifies 3 new junior 9 v 9 pitches, providing 3 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play, to be provided from new housing development. This leaves a shortfall of 11 match equivalent sessions.
- 1.20 These 11 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions should be accommodated on new 3G rubber crumb pitches by moving 50% of 9 v 9 match play.

MINI SOCCER 7 v 7

- 1.21 Overall demand is currently being met for 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions across Chiltern District. The demand in 2036 is 24 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 10 mini soccer pitches in secured community use that provide a weekly capacity for 42 match equivalent sessions. There are sufficient 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand. Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions.

MINI SOCCER 5 v 5

- 1.22 Overall demand is currently being met for 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions across Chiltern District. The demand in 2036 is for 19 match equivalent sessions. There is a current weekly capacity for 30 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions with secured community use. There are sufficient 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand. Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions.

CHILTERN CRICKET HEADLINES

- 1.23 The total capacity for natural grass cricket pitches across Chiltern District is 1,008 match equivalents per season. The demand is 849 match equivalents per season. This leaves a theoretical underplay of 239 match equivalent sessions.
- 1.24 Current demand is being met with over play at Ballinger Waggoner's CC (16 match equivalent sessions), Chalfont St Peter CC (18 match equivalent sessions), Chesham CC (1 match equivalent session), Chartridge Playing Field's (6 match equivalent sessions), Holmer Green CC (9 match equivalent sessions) and Sprinters Leisure Centre (5 match equivalent sessions).
- 1.25 Peak demand is on a Saturday and this needs to be considered as only one game can be played on 1 square. Some clubs have to play at other sites other than their home ground.
- 1.26 In 2036 the current population projections suggest there will be an additional adult team. On top of this the number of junior participants will be progressing through to adult teams and there is likely to be an increase in girls and women's cricket.

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- 1.27 In addition, there will be an impact on participation from the increasing South Asian community.
- 1.28 The ECB All Stars Cricket Initiative for 2017 aimed at 5 – 8-year old's, proved to be very successful nationally and attracted 37,000 children and the target number for 2018 has been raised considerably. The aim is for this initiative to remain in place and when children are too old for All Stars a large percentage will then join traditional junior cricket and over time result in an increase in the number of adult players as they transition into traditional cricket – which could lead to a greater demand for cricket than under the current PPS methodology.
- 1.29 With this in mind there will be an additional increase in 1 adult team and 1 junior team increasing additional match equivalents per season to 76.
- 1.30 Additional non-turf pitches should be considered to reduce play of existing grass pitches by junior teams.

CHILTERN HOCKEY HEADLINES

- 1.31 The current and future demand for hockey teams can be met by existing hockey AGP pitches. However, this will be dependent on sink funds being in place to refurbish carpets at existing sites and the protection of the hockey AGP's across Chiltern and South Bucks in the Local Plan
- 1.32 The current and future demand for hockey teams can be met by existing hockey AGP pitches. However, this will be dependent on funding being in place to refurbish carpets (sink funds) at Dr. Challoners Grammar School and Amersham and Wycombe College. It is important that fit for purpose ancillary provision (changing and social facilities) are provided. There is a need to ensure that existing facilities (changing rooms etc) are not placed under undue pressure and that if ancillary facilities are lost or removed, then either equivalent or better ones are replaced.
- 1.33 In addition, it is important that any change of use of AGPs to 3G rubber crumb is first discussed at the PPS steering group before any decisions are made.

CHILTERN RUGBY UNION HEADLINES

- 1.34 There is a current shortfall of 11.5 match and training equivalent sessions. This increases to 19 match and training equivalent sessions in 2036.
- 1.35 Both Rugby Clubs requires either access to additional floodlighting, improved maintenance of pitches and or a World 22 Rugby Compliant 3G pitch. The overcapacity of grass pitches is due to training and the addition of this type of pitch would reduce the overcapacity.

PPS HEADLINE FINDINGS SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 1.36 Table 1.2 shows the quantitative findings from the PPS Stage C Assessment Report.

Table: 1.2: Headline Findings Football Grass Pitches, 3G Rubber Crumb pitches, Cricket, Hockey & Rugby Union.

SPORT	CURRENT DEMAND SHORTFALL 2017	FUTURE DEMAND SHORTFALL 2036 USING ONS SUB NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS 2017 -2036
FOOTBALL 3G RUBBER CRUMB PITCHES	After taking into account current existing 3G rubber crumb provision there is a shortfall of 3 full size 3 G rubber crumb pitches based upon the FA training model.	After taking into account current existing 3G rubber crumb provision there is a shortfall of 1 additional full size 3G rubber crumb pitch based upon the FA training model by 2036. There will be a need for 4 3G rubber crumb pitches by 2036.

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SPORT	CURRENT DEMAND SHORTFALL 2017	FUTURE DEMAND SHORTFALL 2036 USING ONS SUB NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS 2017 -2036
FOOTBALL (GRASS PITCHES)	<p>Adult 11 v 11 - Demand is being met for adult match equivalent sessions. When removing the junior 11 v 11 overplay on adult pitches there are 18 spare match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Junior 11 v 11 – Shortfall 12 match equivalent sessions based on home and away play each week.</p> <p>Junior 9 v 9 – Currently Shortfall 5 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Mini Soccer 7 v 7 – Current Demand is being met for mini 7 v 7 matches</p> <p>Mini Soccer 5 v 5 – Current Demand is being met for mini 5 v 5 match</p>	<p>Adult 11 v 11 – Demand can be met from existing secured community use pitches. Spare capacity at peak time of play – 13 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Junior 11 v 11 shortfall of 22 junior 11 v 11 match sessions based on home and away play each week.</p> <p>Junior 9 v 9 – Shortfall 14 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Mini Soccer 7 v 7 – Demand can be met from current supply.</p> <p>Mini soccer 5 v 5 – Demand can be met from current supply.</p>
CRICKET	Current demand is being met with over play at Farnham Royal CC (14 match equivalent sessions),	Future demand can be met with current capacity. Additional non-turf pitches will assist with meeting demand from junior cricket teams.
HOCKEY	Current demand is being met	Future demand can be met from existing facilities.
RUGBY UNION	Current short fall of 8 match and training equivalent sessions weekly.	Future shortfall of 11 match and training equivalent sessions weekly.

SOUTH BUCKS FOOTBALL – HEADLINES

3G RUBBER CRUMB HEADLINES

- 1.37 The PPS has identified there is 1 full size floodlit 3G rubber crumb pitch available for community use at Burnham grammar School and it is FA registered. There are 2 smaller ones 1 at Burnham Park Academy 60m x 40m and 1 at Evreham Sports Centre 60m x 35m.
- 1.38 Based upon the FA training model for 3G rubber crumb pitches of 42 teams to 1 3G pitch there is a current shortfall of 3 full size 3 G rubber crumb pitches. This shortfall rises to 4 in 2036.
- 1.39 If all matches for teams currently playing competitive 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 football on natural grass pitches moved to 3G rubber crumb there would be a need for 7 full size 3G rubber crumb pitches for these typologies of the game at their respective peak time.
- 1.40 If 50% of mini soccer and junior 9 v 9 football played on natural grass pitches moved to 3G rubber crumb the need would 4 x 3G rubber crumb pitches.

ADULT 11 v 11

- 1.41 Peak time of play includes junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions on adult 11 v 11 pitches. If you looked at adult 11 v 11 play only then peak time of play is Saturday afternoon requiring 14 match equivalent sessions.

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- 1.42 There are currently 28 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and 4 match equivalent sessions provided by unsecured community use.
- 1.43 A total of 32 match equivalent sessions available at peak time of use. With 14 match equivalent sessions required, this leaves 18 adult match equivalent sessions spare.
- 1.44 There is a projected need for 19 match equivalent sessions in 2036.
- 1.45 There are currently 28 match equivalent sessions in secured community use and 4 match equivalent sessions in unsecured use. The unsecured community use match equivalent sessions will require formal community use agreements to be put in place. The secured and unsecured match equivalent sessions provide 32 match equivalent sessions. This means with 19 match equivalent sessions required there are 13 match equivalent sessions spare at peak time of play in 2036.

YOUTH 11 v 11

- 1.46 There is a current shortfall of 12 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions based on teams playing home and away at peak time of play.
- 1.47 If match equivalent sessions are played on a home and away basis the demand in 2036 is for 25 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 3 match equivalent sessions available 2 in secure community use and 1 unsecured community use. A formal community use agreement will need to be put in place. This means there will be a need for 22 additional youth 11 v 11 pitches in 2036. The 13 adult 11 v 11 pitches that are spare could be reconfigured to youth 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the need for additional youth 11 v 11 pitches to 9.
- 1.48 5 youth 11 v 11 pitches are required because of population increases and these should be provided by developer contributions. The remaining 4 junior 11 v 11 pitches could be provided through reconfiguring 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 grass pitches that become redundant once teams move onto 3G rubber crumb for training and competitive games.

JUNIOR 9 v 9

- 1.49 There is a current shortfall of 5 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 10 available match equivalent sessions. 8 match equivalent sessions provide secured community use. There is a need to put in place formal community use agreements to secure the remaining 2 match equivalent sessions.
- 1.50 In 2036 the PPS identifies a need for 24 pitches providing 24 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There are currently 8 secured community use pitches providing 8 match equivalent sessions and 2 unsecured match equivalent sessions requiring formal community use agreements. This leaves a shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.
- 1.51 Population growth identifies 4 new junior 9 v 9 pitches, providing 4 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play, to be provided from new housing development. This leaves a shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions.
- 1.52 These 10 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions should be accommodated on new 3G rubber crumb pitches by moving 50% of 9 v 9 match play.

MINI SOCCER 7 v 7

- 1.53 There is a current supply of 18 match equivalent sessions that can meet current demand of 12 match equivalent sessions. Overall demand is currently being met for 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions across South Bucks District.

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- 1.54 The demand in 2036 is 16 match equivalent sessions. The current supply of 18 match equivalent sessions is sufficient to meet future demand.

MINI SOCCER 5 v 5

- 1.55 Overall demand is currently being met for 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions across South Bucks District. The demand in 2036 is for 13 match equivalent sessions. There is a current weekly capacity for 38 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions with secured community use. There are sufficient 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand. Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions.

SOUTH BUCKS CRICKET HEADLINES

- 1.56 The total capacity for natural grass cricket pitches across South Bucks District is 720 match equivalents per season. The demand is 441 match equivalents per season. This leaves a theoretical underplay of 279 match equivalent sessions.
- 1.57 Current demand is being met with over play at Farnham Royal CC (14 match equivalent sessions).
- 1.58 Peak demand is on a Saturday and this needs to be considered as only one game can be played on 1 square. Some clubs have to play at other sites other than their home ground. These are: Stoke Green Cricket Club 3rd X1 play at Sefton Park, Farnham Common Cricket Club 3rd X1 are currently looking to find a home ground due to issues with Farnham Common Junior School and cricket balls hitting adjacent residential property. Gerard's Cross 3rd X1 play at Beaconsfield Cricket club on a Saturday.
- 1.59 In 2036, the current population projections and latent demand suggest there will be additional 133 match equivalent session requirements, per season. There is likely to be an increase in participation from the South Asian community.
- 1.60 The ECB All Stars Cricket Initiative for 2017 aimed at 5 – 8-year olds, proved to be very successful nationally and attracted 37,000 children and the target number for 2018 has been raised considerably. The aim is for this initiative to remain in place and when children are too old for All Stars a large percentage will then join traditional junior cricket and over time result in an increase in the number of adult players as they transition into traditional cricket – which could lead to a greater demand for cricket than under the current PPS methodology.
- 1.61 With the All Stars Cricket Initiative and South Asian community developing cricket there is an assumed additional increase in 2 adult teams and 2 junior teams increasing additional match equivalents per season by 56 adult and 54 juniors'.
- 1.62 The total increase will be 243 match equivalent sessions per season. This increase can be met from the current spare capacity of 279 match equivalent sessions per season and an increase in the use of non-turf pitches for juniors under 11 years.
- 1.63 Additional non-turf pitches should be considered to reduce overplay of existing grass pitches by junior teams.

SOUTH BUCKS HOCKEY HEADLINES

- 1.64 The current and future demand for hockey teams can be met by existing hockey AGP pitches. However, this will be dependent on sink funds being in place to refurbish carpets at existing sites and the protection of the hockey AGP's across Chiltern and South Bucks in the Local Plan

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- 1.65 The current and future demand for hockey teams can be met by existing hockey AGP pitches. However, this will be dependent on sink funds being in place to refurbish carpets.
- 1.66 In addition, it is important that any change of use of AGPs to 3G rubber crumb is first discussed at the PPS steering group before any decisions are made.

SOUTH BUCKS RUGBY UNION HEADLINES

- 1.67 There is a current shortfall of 8 match and training equivalent sessions. This increases to 11 match and training equivalent sessions in 2036.
- 1.68 Rugby Clubs require either access to additional floodlighting, improved maintenance of pitches and or a World 22 Rugby Compliant 3G pitch. Over use of grass pitches is due to training needs and the addition of this type of pitch would reduce the over use.

LOCAL PLAN AND GROWTH – SOUTH BUCKS AND CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCILS

- 1.69 A single joint Local Plan (“Joint Plan”) is being produced covering the two areas of Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council. This was agreed by Chiltern District Council on 3 November 2015 and South Bucks District Council on 10 November 2015. Work has started on the Joint Plan for Chiltern and South Bucks.
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- 1.75 Chiltern District Council highest levels of demand for housing are likely to be in the proposed new settlement areas – Amersham, Chalfont St Giles, Chalfont St Peter, Chesham, Holmer Green and Little Chalfont.
- 1.76 Increased demand for community facility provision as a result of population growth will need to be addressed across the area.

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- 1.77 Key housing development opportunities in South Bucks District which could contribute to increased and enhanced playing pitch provision are:
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- 1.79 Car parking for the sports pitches will be available adjacent to the community hub.
- 1.80 Proposals demonstrating that the pitches will be retained in perpetuity for the use of local clubs will need to be submitted by the developer as part of the planning application for the site.
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MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE STRATEGY

- 1.84 It is important that regular monitoring and review occurs through meetings of the Steering Group following sign off by the National Governing Bodies and Sport England and adoption of the Strategy and Action Plan by South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils.
- 1.85 The Steering Group should be led by South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils. As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the Steering Group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS to be out of date.

2. SOUTH BUCKS AND CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCILS PPS INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils commissioned a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS), which has been developed for natural grass and all-weather pitches. The PPS will guide future provision and management of sports pitches, to serve existing and new communities across South Bucks and Chiltern.
- 2.2. In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, the PPS sets out to assess existing Playing Pitches, the future need for Playing Pitches, and opportunities for new provision. The key factors for South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils are:

- **The requirements of the 2012 NPPF and specifically paragraph 73**

'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 spare capacity 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'

(Source: NPPF 2012 Paragraph 73)

- **and additionally, paragraph 74 of the NPPF** emphasise that existing open space, sports and recreational facilities 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
 - Any loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
 - The development is for alternative recreation or open space facilities, the need for which clearly outweighs the loss.

AIM OF DEVELOPING A PPS

- 2.3. The aim of developing the PPS is to:

'to provide an assessment of the "fit for purpose" of the sports pitches and facilities, whilst identifying opportunities for retaining, reducing or removing this provision and prospects for new provision and partnerships. The assessment should identify specific needs and quantitative and/or qualitative deficits or spare capacity of sports pitches and facilities in South Bucks and Chiltern.'

- 2.4. The Strategy will provide evidence to support:

- **The Councils emerging new Local Plan**
- **Identification of projects for which contributions can be sought as part of new development.**
- **Funding bids from National Sports bodies like Sport England and the National Governing Bodies (NGB's) of sport,**
- **Additionally, the Strategy will focus on revenue and capital spending in the medium term.**

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- 2.5. This work will ensure that a planned approach to playing pitch facilities takes place across South Bucks and Chiltern District over the medium term, ensuring that the Districts communities have access to high quality facilities, helping communities improve their health and remain cohesive.
- 2.6. It is imperative that where South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils, provide facilities, they are as efficient and effective as possible due to continuing financial pressures.

STRATEGY SCOPE

- 2.7. The project scope for the PPS includes:
- **Football**
 - **Rugby Union**
 - **Cricket**
 - **Hockey**
 - **Golf**
- 2.8. The Strategy addresses facilities provided by the following sectors:
- **Local Authority**
 - **Education, (school based), Higher and Further education.**
 - **Voluntary and private sectors**

RATIONALE FOR DEVELOPING A PPS STRATEGY

- 2.9. South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils wish to understand both the needs of its playing pitch and playing pitch ancillary facilities portfolio, and future need for provision, driven by increased population, and identification of any gaps in the existing facility network.
- 2.10. The development of this new PPS will enable South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils and other local providers to shape their future playing pitch facilities offer; this may comprise direct provision and that undertaken by education, voluntary, community, private sectors and sport's National Governing Body's.
- 2.11. The PPS will help provide a rationale to enable sport's National Governing Bodies to further invest and deliver their working outcomes as outlined in their various strategic development documents.
- 2.12. The development of the PPS is an opportunity to set out a strategic Vision for future provision of playing pitch facilities, based on robust evidence and a needs assessment.
- 2.13. This will guide and inform future investment and partnerships, influence the new Local Plan, future proof and increase participation opportunities to 2036.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PPS

- 2.14. The detailed requirements of each element of the study are set out below; these reflect the requirements and structure of the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy guidance:

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- 2.15. The strategy has been developed in line with guidance by Sport England (Playing Pitch Guidance, An approach to Developing and Delivering a PPS).
- 1. Stage A: (Step 1) – of the methodology is to prepare and tailor the approach.**
 - 2. Stage B: (Steps 2 & 3) - Gather supply and demand information and views. Information was gathered on both the supply of pitches and the demand for these pitches, specifically:**
 - Supply
 - Demand
 - Details of potential changes to the future pitch stock, as well as projected and aspirational increases in participation
 - 3. Stage C: (Steps 4, 5 & 6) – Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views. The supply and demand information collated has been used to:**
 - Understand the situation at individual sites.
 - Develop the current and projected future pictures of provision.
 - Identify the key findings and issues that need to be addressed.
 - 4. Stage D: Steps 7 & 8 – Developing the recommendations for an action plan and writing and adopting the strategy.**
- 2.16. This document continues on from the needs assessment (Stage A, B & C) and aims to:
- 1. Summarise the key strategic findings of the individual sport assessments and sets out the main issues to be addressed in the strategy.**
 - 2. Provides specific proposals for each sport.**
 - 3. Takes into consideration the current and future needs of the individual playing pitch sites.**
 - 4. Provides a guide to monitoring and reviewing the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS).**

BACKGROUND CONTEXT - THE STUDY AREA

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 2.17. South Bucks is one of four local government districts in the non-metropolitan county of Buckinghamshire.
- 2.18. South Bucks is relatively small at 141 square kilometers and lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt area, with 87% of the land designated as green belt. There are many small towns and villages, with the largest being Beaconsfield, Burnham and Gerrard's Cross. These three towns have the best infrastructure and facilities.
- 2.19. Most of the towns and villages have historical roots which are preserved through the use of conservation areas and listed buildings. The larger towns of High Wycombe, London (Hillingdon), Maidenhead and Slough border the District. These centres provide shopping facilities and services not available within the District as well as some jobs for residents. In return, South Bucks provides the open spaces which help meet the recreational needs of these larger centres. There are good links to London via the Chiltern Railway, M40 and M4.

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- 2.20. Chiltern District is 196 square kilometres, with 72% of the land lying within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty within the Chiltern Hills and 88% falling within the Metropolitan Green Belt. Whilst there are many picturesque villages dotted around a mainly rural landscape, a majority of residents live in the settlements of Amersham, Chesham and Chalfont St Peter.
- 2.21. Most of the towns and villages have historical roots which are preserved through the use of conservation areas and listed buildings. The area borders South Bucks to the South, Wycombe District to the west, Aylesbury Vale to the north and North West London to the east. There are good links with London via Transport for London's Metropolitan line and the Chiltern Railway.
- 2.22. The population of South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils will grow significantly over the next few years, so there is a need to ensure sufficient provision of accessible, quality and affordable facilities to meet local need.
- 2.23. ONS Mid-Year 2014 population projections for South Bucks show a population in 2017 of 70,428 and in 2036 a population of 81,807. This is an increase of 11,379 increase of 16.16%.
- 2.24. ONS Mid-Year 2014 population projections for Chiltern District show a population in 2017 of 94,584 and in 2036 a population of 102,643. This is an increase of 8,059 increase of 8.52%.
- 2.25. Jointly the increase in population from 2017- 2036 is 19,438.
- 2.26. Understanding the needs of different pitch sports at a local level enables South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils to provide appropriately, to meet the needs of their communities. It is inevitable that the needs of communities change over time, just as the playing and participative requirements of individual sports change. The demand for these at a local level need to be assessed and modelled to understand what this means in terms of actual pitch provision, otherwise the Councils could be providing too much or too little, thinking they are addressing local needs, but in fact they are not.
- 2.27. The very fact that the requirements of sports change is one of the several justifications for undertaking the PPS at a local level and critically for updating this analysis every 3 years. However, it must also be understood that the PPS represents a 'snap-shot' in time based upon the anticipated level of growth planned for South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils. It is critical that annual reviews of the PPS are undertaken by the PPS Steering Group.
- 2.28. This means there will be proposals that come forward for the new Local Plan such as large residential development that the PPS has not taken into consideration.

OTHER LOCAL FACTORS

- 2.29. The Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2015 shows Chiltern District as the third least deprived local authority in England (behind Hart in Hampshire and Wokingham) and the least deprived in Buckinghamshire, ahead of South Bucks (25th least deprived). Chiltern's most deprived LLSOAs fall in the third decile, while South Bucks' falls in the fifth.
- 2.30. Although Chiltern and South Bucks are one of the 20% least deprived districts in England, however about 10% (1,100) of children live in low income families in South Bucks and about 8% (1,500) of children live in low income families in Chiltern District.
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2.32. In South Bucks child health In Year 6, 17.2% (100) of children are classified as obese. In Chiltern child health In Year 6, 11.1% (112) of children are classified as obese.

2.33. Local key health priorities in South Bucks and Chiltern are the same for Buckinghamshire, these are:

- **Give every child the best start in life.**
- **Keep people healthier for longer and reduce the impact of long term conditions.**
- **Promote good mental health and wellbeing for everyone.**
- **Protect residents from harm.**
- **Support communities to enable people to achieve their potential and ensure Buckinghamshire is a great place to live**

2.34. There is a high car ownership in South Bucks 89.8% and Chiltern 89.1% of households have access to a car or van (Source: Census 2011). This means that playing pitch sites will be accessible to both District's households.

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SPORTS PARTICIPATION

- 2.48. The Sport England Active People Survey (APS) for Chiltern District shows a steady increase in participation with some minor fluctuations since 2005/06 APS for once a week participation in sport for adult's age 16+ years. Participation rose from 39.5% in 2005/06 to 46.3% in 2013/14 and dropped back to 44.6% in 2015/16. South Bucks District shows a steady increase in participation with some minor fluctuations since 2005/06 APS for once a week participation in sport for adult's age 16+ years. Participation rose from 40.8% in 2005/06 to 48.2% in 2013/14 and dropped back to 40.4% in 2015/16.

Table 2.1: APS Participation Rates in Chiltern and South Bucks, the South East and Nationally - Adult (16+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week), by year

YEAR	CHILTERN	SOUTH BUCKS	SOUTH EAST	ENGLAND
2005/06	39.5 %	40.8 %	37.1 %	34.6 %
2007/08	38.1 %	40.8 %	39.0 %	36.6 %
2008/09	44.5 %	40.1 %	37.9 %	36.5 %

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YEAR	CHILTERN	SOUTH BUCKS	SOUTH EAST	ENGLAND
2009/10	39.6 %	40.9 %	37.9 %	36.2 %
2010/11	39.3 %	37.8 %	36.8 %	35.6 %
2011/12	43.4 %	41.8 %	38.4 %	36.9 %
2012/13	41.5 %	42.1 %	38.1 %	36.6 %
2013/14	46.3 %	48.2 %	37.6 %	36.1 %
2014/15	40.4 %	41.6 %	37.7 %	35.8 %
2015/16	44.6 %	40.3 %	38.7 %	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

- 2.49. Chiltern District participation rates for 3 x 30 minutes per week (formally NI18) have risen 2005/06 24.6% to 2014/16 at 28.8%. Male participation has increased from 26.1% to 28.8% in this period, and female participation has increased from 27.0% to 28.2%. South Bucks District participation rates for 3 x 30 minutes per week (formally NI18) have risen 2005/06 24.3% to 2014/16 at 26.2%. Male participation has increased from 25.5% to 29.6% in this period, and female participation has slightly decrease from 23.3% to 23.0%.
- 2.50. The number of adults wanting to do more sport in Chiltern is 56.6% which is marginally below the regional (57.7%) and national figures (58%). The number of adults wanting to do more sport in South Bucks is 57.4% which is marginally below the regional (57.7%) and national figures (58%).
- 2.51. Chiltern District club membership has fluctuated between 26.6% and 34.9%, and currently stands at 26.6% higher than both the regional and national averages. Participation in Tuition and coaching (23.8%) is higher than both the regional and the national levels. Participation in competition (16.8%) is higher than both regional and national averages.
- 2.52. South Bucks District club membership has fluctuated between 25.5% and 32.8%, and currently stands at 32.8% higher than both the regional and national averages. Participation in Tuition and coaching (25.4%) is higher than both the regional and the national levels. Participation in competition (16.9%) is higher than both regional and national averages.
- 2.53. Satisfaction levels in Chiltern District with local sports provision has declined from 67.7% to 59.9% from 2013/14 to 2015/16 and is below the regional (64.6%) and national averages (62.1%). In south Bucks satisfaction levels with local sports provision has declined from 61.7% to 50.8% from 2013/14 to 2015/16 and is below the regional (64.6%) and national averages (62.1%) (Source: Sport England Local Profiles).

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Table 2.2: Participation Frequency in Physical Activity - Comparison with Sport England KPIs

INDICATOR	CHILTERN				SOUTH BUCKS				SOUTH EAST				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	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
KPI3 - CLUB MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS	28.0 %	28.7 %	34.9 %	26.6 %	25.5 %	31.2 %	27.5 %	32.8 %	24.3 %	24.2 %	23.7 %	24.1 %	21.0 %	21.6 %	21.8 %	22.0 %
KPI4 - RECEIVED TUITION OR COACHING IN LAST 12 MONTHS	27.5 %	21.9 %	30.2 %	23.8 %	20.4 %	27.2 %	16.6 %	25.4 %	18.1 %	19.0 %	18.0 %	18.5 %	15.8 %	16.4 %	15.6 %	15.8 %
KPI5 - TOOK PART IN ORGANISED COMPETITION IN LAST 12 MONTHS	11.6 %	14.7 %	21.9 %	12.9 %	14.6 %	15.6 %	19.8 %	16.8 %	14.2 %	15.0 %	14.7 %	15.2 %	11.2 %	13.3 %	13.3 %	13.3 %
KPI6 - VERY/FAIRLY SATISFIED WITH LOCAL SPORTS PROVISION	67.7 %	64.1 %	65.7 %	59.9 %	61.7 %	59.6 %	60.7 %	50.8 %	63.7 %	63.8 %	63.6 %	64.3 %	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

SPORT ENGLAND MARKET SEGMENTATION

- 2.54. 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 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.
- 2.55. Segmentation provides information on who participates in sport and what they want in terms of sport and active recreation provision. In total there are nineteen segments.
- 2.56. In Chiltern and South Bucks, the top 5 dominant segments are the same and are; Tim, Ralph and Phyllis, Chloe, Philip and Ben. The dominant segments are shown in Table 2.3 below.

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Table 2.3: Summary of Market Segmentation for Chiltern and South Bucks District

MARKET SEGMENT	KEY CHARACTERISTICS	% OF POPULATION		ACTIVITIES / SPORTS THAT APPEAL TO SEGMENT
		CHILTERN	SOUTH BUCKS	
TIM (6) SETTLING DOWN MALES	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.	15%	15.2%	
RALPH & PHYLLIS (17) COMFORTABLE RETIRED COUPLES	Retired couples, enjoying active and comfortable lifestyles Ralph and Phyllis are in their late 60s and have been retired for some time now. Their children are grown up and have moved out of the family home. They enjoy playing golf together, and Ralph competes at weekends sometimes. Phyllis likes to go for the occasional swim while Ralph is out trout fishing, and they also love to go for long walks together.	12.4%	11.9%	Keep fit / gym, Swimming, Golf and Bowls
CHLOE (3) FITNESS CLASS FRIENDS	Young image-conscious females keeping fit and trim Chloe and her housemates go to classes at their local gym a couple of times a week and like to swim afterwards.	9.8%	10.4%	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Athletics or Running
PHILIP (11) COMFORTABLE MID- LIFE MALES	Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children and more time to themselves. 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.	9.7%	9.6%	Cycling, Keep fit / Gym, Swimming, Football, Golf, Athletics or Running
BEN (1) COMPETITIVE MALE URBANITES	Male, recent graduates, with a 'work-hard, play-hard' His 'work-hard, play-hard' attitude to life sees him putting in long hours at the office, doing a lot of sport and enjoying plenty of socialising with friends.	8.4%	9.1%	Football, Keep fit and gym, Cycling, Athletics

2.57. The market segments with the highest participation rates and which are most likely to play pitch sports are aged from 16 – 34 (segments 1-7 in the scale). Tim, Chloe and Ben are in this age group. This suggests that a proportion of the population will be keen to play outdoor sports.

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FOOTBALL SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND

- 3.1. There are 167 teams playing football in South Bucks. These teams include 53 men's adult 11 v 11 and 2 women's teams, 39 youth 11 v 11 teams and 1 youth 11 v 11 girls' team, 29 junior 9 v 9 boy's teams and 1 junior 9 v 9 girls' team, 23 mini soccer 7 v 7 teams and 19 mini 5 v 5 teams.
- 3.2. There are 15 secured community use playing pitch sites in South Bucks providing community use football pitches for the adult 11 v 11 game, providing 32 pitches with capacity for 63 match equivalent sessions weekly. There are 3 unsecured community use sites providing 4 pitches with capacity for 8 match equivalent sessions weekly.
- 3.3. There are 3 sites providing youth 11 v 11 pitches there are 2 secured community use pitches and 1 unsecured community use pitch. There is demand on adult 11 v 11 pitches by youth teams and this demand equates to 18.5 youth match equivalent sessions.
- 3.4. There are currently 9 sites providing 8 secured community use pitches for junior 9 v 9 and 2 unsecured community use junior 9 v 9 pitches. There are 11 x 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions overplayed on adult 11 v 11 pitches.
- 3.5. There are currently 4 sites providing 6 secured community use pitches for 7 v 7 mini soccer and 1 unsecured community use mini soccer 7 v 7 pitch. The 6 secured community use pitches provide capacity for 18 match equivalent sessions weekly.
- 3.6. There are currently 7 sites providing 8 secured community use pitches for 5 v 5 mini soccer and 2 unsecured community use 5 v 5 mini soccer pitches. The 8 secured community use pitches provide capacity for 38 match equivalent sessions weekly.
- 3.7. There are 2 adult sites with good quality pitches that are at capacity and need to transfer teams to other pitches.
- 3.8. In 2036 there will be a need at peak time for 19 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions, 25 (24.5 rounded up) youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions, 24 (23.5 rounded up) junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions, 16 (15.5 rounded up) mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions and 13 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions.
- 3.9. The Football Association has identified that for a full size 3G rubber crumb pitch to be sustainable, there are 42 teams required to use the pitch for training purposes. On this basis, South Bucks currently requires 4 x 3G rubber crumb full size pitches. When considering latent demand and future population growth to 2036 this requires 5 x 3G full size rubber crumb pitches in the future.

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IMPROVING PITCH QUALITY

- 3.10. Improving pitch quality on pitches means increased maintenance or pitch drainage improvements. This is to raise the quality standard from poor to either standard or good quality.
- 3.11. By raising the quality of pitches at some sites will increase pitch capacity and therefore help to accommodate overplay. In other situations, it might be best to move teams overplaying a pitch to the correct size pitch for the appropriate age group.
- 3.12. There are 4 adult 11 v 11 sites with 4 weekly match equivalent session overplay. 2 adult sites George Pitcher Memorial Ground and Stanley Jones are of good quality with 2 weekly match equivalent sessions overplayed and teams need to be moved elsewhere to play on correct size pitch for their age group and reduce overplay and maintain pitch quality.
- 3.13. 2 adult sites are of standard quality, Evreham Sports Centre and King George Field, Fulmer with 2 weekly match equivalent sessions overplayed. If the standard quality pitch sites were raised to good quality, this would provide 4 additional match equivalent sessions weekly. By raising the quality of the standard adult pitches to good this would address overplay of adult pitches weekly. Both pitches are overplayed by youth 11 v 11 teams. These teams should be playing on the correct size pitch for their age.
- 3.14. There are no youth 11 v 11 pitches currently overplayed.
- 3.15. There are 4 Junior 9 v 9 sites with 10.5 weekly match equivalent sessions overplayed. 1 site George Pitcher Memorial Ground is of good quality with 2.5 match equivalent sessions overplayed and teams need to be moved elsewhere. 3 sites are of standard quality. King Georges Field, Fulmer is overplayed by 3 weekly match equivalent sessions. Richlings Park is overplayed by 2 weekly match equivalent sessions and Wilton Park by 4 weekly match equivalent sessions. If the 3 sites were raised from standard to good quality, this would provide a further 3 match equivalent sessions weekly. The pitches are overplayed by 7 v 7 teams and the answer is to ensure all teams play on the correct size pitches for their age group.
- 3.16. There is no overplay of mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches. There is overplay of 0.5 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play for mini soccer 5 v 5 at George Pitcher Memorial Ground. This is a club ground where 1 team every other week should be moved to another site.
- 3.17. In the age of austerity and Local Authority budget constraints alternatives to improving pitch quality need to be looked at. The alternative to natural grass pitches is the provision of 3G rubber crumb pitches for training and competitive matches.

SCENARIO 3G RUBBER CRUMB - SOUTH BUCKS

- 3.18. The PPS has identified 1 full size 3G rubber crumb pitch at Burnham Grammar School with floodlights and the pitch holds FA registration status. There are 2 smaller sized 3G rubber crumb pitches at Burnham Park Academy 60m x 40m and Evreham Sports Centre 60m x 35m. These 2 3G pitches are not registered with the FA.
- 3.19. All School 3G rubber crumb pitches must be registered with the FA if they are to be used for any affiliated match games. If not registered the pitch can only be used for training purposes. This includes school affiliated matches.

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- 3.20. The Evreham Sports Centre 3G pitch is dated and may be closed in 2021. There is a need to replace this 3G pitch elsewhere in the future. The ideal scenario would be to replace the current pitch with a full size 3G pitch at Farnham Park. Along with mitigation of a 3G pitch to replace the loss of adult football pitches at Evreham Sports Centre there is a possibility of providing 2 new 3G pitches at Farnham Park.
- 3.21. Based upon the FA training model for 3G rubber crumb pitches of 42 teams to 1 3G pitch there is a current shortfall of 3 full size 3G rubber crumb pitches. This shortfall rises to 4 in 2036.
- 3.22. If all competitive matches for teams currently playing 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 football on natural grass pitches moved to 3G rubber crumb there would be a need for 7 full size 3G rubber crumb pitches for these typologies of the game at their respective peak time.
- 3.23. If 50% of mini soccer and junior 9 v 9 football played on natural grass pitches moved to 3G rubber crumb the need would be 4 x 3G rubber crumb pitches.
- 3.24. Future 3G pitches should be considered at Farnham Park, Stanley Jones Playing Field, George Pitcher Memorial Ground and or Wilton Park.

IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION CURRENTLY AND IN THE FUTURE

- 3.25. For adult 11 v 11 there are currently 32 pitches providing 32 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. 28 of these match equivalent sessions are in secured community use and 4 match equivalent sessions provide unsecured community use.
- 3.26. Disregarding youth 11 v 11 competitive play over adult 11 v 11 pitches, there is a current requirement for 14 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. With a total of 32 match equivalent sessions. Currently this leaves 18 adult match equivalent sessions spare at peak time of play.
- 3.27. There is a projected need for 19 match equivalent sessions in 2036.
- 3.28. The secured and unsecured match equivalent sessions provide 32 match equivalent sessions. This means with 19 match equivalent sessions required in 2036 there are 13 match equivalent sessions spare at peak time of play in 2036.
- 3.29. The following unsecured community use sites will require formal community use agreements to be in place to safeguard future community use:
- **Wilton Park – Former MoD land providing for housing development. Plan is to replace pitches on the development site. Facility currently provides 2 adult pitches.**
 - **Burnham Grammar School – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 1 adult pitch.**
 - **Beaconsfield High School – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 1 adult pitch.**
- 3.30. There may well be a loss of 2 adult grass pitches at Evreham Sports Centre in the future (2021) this should be mitigated by providing a minimum of 1 full size 3G pitch at Farnham Park.
- 3.31. The loss of the 2 adult grass pitches at Evreham Sports Centre will be covered by 2 x 3G pitches at Farnham Park (1 to replace the 2 adult pitches and 1 to replace the loss of the 60m x 40m 3G pitch at Evreham Sports Centre).

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- 3.32. This would still mean there are 13 spare adult match equivalent sessions (11 grass pitch match equivalent sessions and 2 3G match equivalent sessions).
- 3.33. Youth 11 v 11 matches are consistently played over adult pitches. Currently there are 40 youth boy and girls' teams and there is a requirement to ensure that youth 11 v 11 teams play on the correct size pitch. Peak time of play is difficult to establish as 1 league allows peak time to be a Sunday AM or PM and 1 league plays on a Saturday AM with 50% of teams participating. The PPS has made an assumption that peak time of play provides for 30 youth teams and requires 15 match equivalent sessions.
- 3.34. At peak time of play there is a current shortfall of 12 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions based on teams playing home and away at peak time of play.
- 3.35. The demand in 2036 is for 50 teams at peak time of play requiring 25 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 3 match equivalent sessions available 2 in secure community use and 1 unsecured community use. A formal community use agreement will need to be put in place with Burnham Park Academy to safeguard community use in the future. This means there will be a need for 22 additional youth 11 v 11 pitches in 2036.
- 3.36. The 13 adult 11 v 11 pitches that are spare could be reconfigured to youth 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the need for additional youth 11 v 11 pitches to 8.
- 3.37. 5 youth 11 v 11 pitches are required because of population increases and these should be provided by developer contributions. The remaining 3 junior 11 v 11 pitches could be provided through reconfiguring 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 grass pitches that become redundant once teams move onto 3G rubber crumb for training and competitive games.
- 3.38. There are currently 30 junior 9 v 9 teams requiring 15 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There are currently 10 available match equivalent sessions. 8 match equivalent sessions provide secured community use. There is a need to put in place formal community use agreements to secure the remaining 2 match equivalent sessions these are Wilton Park 1 match equivalent session and Gerrards Cross Church of England School 1 match equivalent session. This leaves a shortfall of 5 match equivalent sessions.
- 3.39. In 2036 the PPS identifies a need for 48 teams and 24 pitches providing 24 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. With the current 8 secured community use pitches providing 8 match equivalent sessions and 2 unsecured match equivalent sessions requiring formal community use agreements. This leaves a shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.
- 3.40. Population growth identifies a need for 4 new junior 9 v 9 pitches, providing 4 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play, to be provided from new housing development. This leaves a shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions.
- 3.41. These 10 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions should be accommodated on new 3G rubber crumb pitches by moving 50% of 9 v 9 match play.
- 3.42. There are a number of 7 v 7 teams that overplay other pitch typologies. Currently there are 23 teams that require 11.5 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.
- 3.43. There are 6 secured community use pitches providing capacity of 18 match equivalent sessions per week.
- 3.44. If staggered kick of times were allowed, then the current 18 weekly match equivalent sessions could be used with back to back play to meet the requirements of the 23 7 v 7 teams needing 11.5 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.

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- 3.45. The demand in 2036 is 32 teams and 16 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. The current supply of 18 match equivalent sessions weekly with staggered kick off times is sufficient to meet future demand.
- 3.46. There are 19 mini soccer 5 v 5 teams across South Bucks with a current demand for 9.5 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions per week. There is a current weekly capacity of 38 mini 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions.
- 3.47. Overall demand is currently being met for 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions across South Bucks District. The demand in 2036 is 26 teams requiring 13 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There is a current weekly capacity for 38 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions with secured community use. There are sufficient 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand. Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions.

IS PROVISION ACCESSIBLE AND OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?

- 3.48. The site assessments carried out determine the 'Carrying Capacity' of a football pitch. This capacity determines the number of matches a pitch can take per week without having a detrimental effect on the quality. A pitch receives a score identified through the assessment that determines the quality as 'good', 'standard' or 'poor'. The effect this has on carrying capacity for adult pitches is as follows:
- **Poor = 1 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
 - **Standard = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
 - **Good = 3 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- 3.49. For Youth Football 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 pitches, carrying capacity is affected differently due to the difference in nature and length of play. The effect of the quality scores on these pitches is as follows:
- **Poor = 1 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
 - **Standard = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
 - **Good = 4 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- 3.50. For Mini soccer 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 pitches, the quality score affects carrying capacity as follows:
- **Poor = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
 - **Standard = 4 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
 - **Good = 6 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- 3.51. The quality of pitches across South Bucks is assessed below. There are 5 football pitch sites audited as good quality pitches these are shown in table 3.1 below.

Table 3.1: South Bucks wide 'Good' Quality Football Pitches

PITCH PROVISION – SITE	PITCH QUALITY RATING
George Pitcher Memorial Ground	Good
Holloways Park Adult 11 v 11 pitches	Good
Polish Association	Good
Stanley Jones Field	Good
The Gore	Good

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3.52. All of the good quality pitch sites are in secured community use. George Pitcher Memorial Ground adult, junior 9 v 9 and mini soccer 5 v 5 are overplayed. Stanley Jones adult 11 v 11 pitches are overplayed. Either these sites need 3G rubber crumb pitch support or teams need to use alternative sites.

3.53. Table 3.2 below identifies the 16 football sites audited as 'Standard' quality.

Table 3.2: South Bucks wide 'Standard' Quality Football Pitches

PROVISION – SITE	PITCH QUALITY RATING
Beaconsfield High School	Standard
Bells Hill Recreation Ground	Standard
Burnham Grammar School	Standard
Burnham Park Academy	Standard
Dorney Village Hall	Standard
Evreham Sports Centre	Standard
Farnham Park	Standard
Iver Heath Recreation Ground	Standard
Iver Recreation Ground	Standard
King Georges Field, Fulmer	Standard
Martin Baker Sports & Social Club	Standard
Richlings Park sports club	Standard
St Peters C of E School	Standard
Stoke Park Trust	Standard
Wilton Park (East)	Standard
Wooburn Green Lane Field	Standard

3.54. Beaconsfield High School, Burnham Grammar School, Burnham Park Academy and St Peter C of E School all require formal community use agreements to be in place. Quality improvements to all 16 sites would increase capacity of play.

3.55. Table 3.3 shows the 'poor' quality football pitches across South Bucks. There are 4 sites with poor quality pitches.

Table 3.3: South Bucks wide 'Poor' Quality Football Pitches

PITCH PROVISION – SITE	PITCH RATING
Gerrards Cross Common	Poor
Higher Denham Community Hall	Poor
Holloways Park 7 v 7 pitch	Poor

3.56. Poor natural drainage and compaction of the ground are issues at several of the grass football pitch sites and these are rated as 'Poor' quality.

3.57. Berks and Bucks FA should consider looking at the poor and standard sites as part of the Pitch Improvement Plan when the Local Facility plans are developed.

3.58. Some clubs have expressed their concerns with regards to pitches Beaconsfield Town FC would like to have a single home ground and have suggested redevelopment works to expand Wilton Park in order to allow this.

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- 3.59. They stated that the club would definitely have more teams if there were more pitches and better facilities available in the area. They have also identified a need for additional training facilities (3G pitch).
- 3.60. Burnham Juniors FC football teams are currently oversubscribed. Major problem is the lack of pitches in the study area. The club are based at George Pitcher and have issues with the costs of maintaining and providing pitches on the site, inadequate parking and struggle with provision of training in poor weather and night training, they would like to build an AGP provision.
- 3.61. Gerrards Cross & Fulmer FC main development plans revolve around gaining access to more training facilities (particularly ones with floodlighting). The sand dressed AGP pitch at King George's Field is currently not floodlit so this is an aim for the future. There is a need for more all-weather pitches to be available in the area.
- 3.62. **Iver Heath Recreation Ground:** The site is very restricted in the flexibility of how it is used due to a MUGA being installed in the middle of the space that could provide for a second pitch. The design of this space makes it impossible to add mini or youth pitches. This is now much needed as this site could provide greater flexibility between Iver Recreation Ground and Iver Heath Recreation Ground in terms of the distribution of matches and training sessions.
- 3.63. **Martin Baker Sports & Social Club:** There is a lot of litter and debris on the site, which makes it extremely unappealing. Martin Baker do contract a groundsman to cut and mark the field but nothing more. The site has just one pitch but does have room for more.
- 3.64. It is important that fit for purpose ancillary provision (changing and social facilities) are provided. There is a need to ensure that existing facilities (changing rooms etc) are not placed under undue pressure by the provision of new pitches and that ancillary facilities must provide for the maximum number of sports teams able to play at the site at peak time and be either equivalent or better.
- 3.65. There are a number of sites where new changing rooms or improvements are required. The number of changing rooms that require renewing or refurbishing identifies the need to rationalise adult football to key sites and improve the ancillary facilities on these key sites. The identified sites are listed below but priority needs to be given to multi-pitch sites as they deliver more outcomes and enable more cost-effective maintenance – not all sites can be improved.
- **Beaconsfield Town FC** – The club wants to refurbish the second clubhouse to incorporate squash into their facilities for an extra revenue stream. The current main pavilion also needs a bigger kitchen, as struggling with space and ability to cater for a large amount of people at once.
 - **Gerrards Cross & Fulmer FC** - There is also a need to improve the changing facilities at King Georges Field Fulmer.
 - **Farnham Park Complex:** A huge site, with space for a lot of sports provision. The site has opportunities to provide for a community sports hub and a master planning exercise is due to be undertaken to look at what the site can provide for in the future. The master planning exercise will also consider the loss of the Evreham Sports Centre. It is considered that the Playing pitch strategy will feed into this work going forward. There are possibilities that the various clubs' ancillary facilities could be brought into one central building and provide a sports hub to enable shared usage throughout, and better utilisation of space and resources. There is an unused tarmac fenced MUGA area, which could be developed into either sports provision, or parking etc.
 - **Gerrards Cross Common:** has no changing facilities.
 - **Holloways Park:** The club would like to convert the pitch into a 3G as a long-term aim. However, there is a need to extend the current lease with 10 years remaining.

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- **Iver Heath Recreation Ground:** Site has a changing facility that is 20 years old and showing significant signs of aging. The parish is looking to do an extensive internal refurbishment in the near future. The provision also struggles for storage facilities.
- **Martin Baker Sports & Social Club:** Company Sports and Social club site the changing facility has been deteriorating since 2010 when the club was folded.
- **Polish Association Slough:** The changing rooms for the pitches are a 50's build and in need of improvement.
- **Richlings Park Sports Club:** The changing facilities are set up to service the gym on site rather than the pitches and therefore are very small.
- **Stanley Jones Field:** The 1950's build clubhouse is of very poor quality and in need of improvements. Taplow United FC would ideally like to knock the current build down and completely rebuild, which they have some plans drawn up and have some cash reserves although struggling to generate enough to fund a whole clubhouse build.
- **The Gore:** The car park is of poor quality and in need of relaying.
- **Wooburn Green Lane Field:** The ancillary facilities are poor, due to low levels of maintenance and vandalism.

CRICKET SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS SOUTH BUCKS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.66. There are 9 cricket clubs with 68 teams across South Bucks. There are 28 adult men's teams, 1 women's team and 39 junior teams.
- 3.67. In the 2017 season, there is capacity for 720 match equivalents per season and the demand is 441 match equivalents per season, with a theoretical underplay of 279 match equivalents per season across the whole of South Bucks.
- 3.68. Peak demand is on a Saturday and this needs to be considered as only one game can be played on 1 square. Some clubs have to play at other sites other than their home ground. These clubs are Stoke Green Cricket Club 3rd X1 play at Sefton Park, Farnham Common Cricket Club 3rd X1 play at Farnham Common Junior School and Gerrards Cross 3rd X1 play at Beaconsfield Cricket club on a Saturday.
- 3.69. There is 1 ground with over play Rectory Field home to Farnham Royal Cricket Club. This site is overplayed by 14 match equivalent sessions per season.
- 3.70. Farnham Common Junior School is the only unsecured community use facility used by South Bucks Cricket Clubs. Farnham Common Cricket Club 3rd X1 use this ground on a Saturday. The Club are considering moving due to safety issues with cricket balls hitting neighbours windows.
- 3.71. **Farnham Common Cricket Club:** The club would like to remove the current container area and moving the containers all together, and to purchase a new roller as the current one is 80 years old.
- 3.72. **Farnham Royal Cricket Club:** Has problems acquiring the current leasehold agreement. The club plays a key role integrating kids in the surrounding area. In the long term they would like to relocate the ancillary facilities away from the houses, and into a two-tier building. But their main development plans would be renovating the current scoring hut.

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- 3.73. **Gerrards Cross Sports Club:** the club would like to relay patio and replace furniture as they have a lot of spectators. Club also need a new mower for the outfield. They share the pavilion with a tennis club.
- 3.74. **Stoke Green Cricket Club:** Would like a new roller, new sightscreen and new nets. Also looking to develop a games hall.
- 3.75. **Beaconsfield Cricket Club - Wilton Park:** A very large well-maintained site, with clear development priorities set out. The club wants to refurbish the second clubhouse to incorporate squash into their facilities for an extra revenue stream. Currently 250+ colts, with a waiting list for new players and a new ladies team. Due to such high traffic the club also wants to change the current nets and the direction they face, as current provision means some usage issues on the 2nd team pitch. The site itself is used throughout the year for non-cricket activities i.e. fireworks display etc. The current main pavilion also needs a bigger kitchen, as struggling with space and ability to cater for a large amount of people at once. The site has suffered from vandalism in the past including damage to the sight screen and the building and a tractor theft.
- 3.76. **Denham Cricket Club:** require a non-turf pitch.
- 3.77. **Taplow Cricket Club:** require a new score board.
- 3.78. **Burnham Cricket Club:** require new nets and are looking at providing a non-turf pitch in the future to help with junior training and matches.

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- 3.79. In the 2017 season, there is capacity for 720 match equivalents per season and the demand is 441 match equivalents per season, with a theoretical underplay of 279 match equivalents per season across the whole of South Bucks. There is one cricket square at Farnham Common Junior School that is not in secured community use and a formal community use agreement should be put in place.
- 3.80. Overall across South Bucks there is sufficient current supply to meet current demand for cricket. There is 1 site where there is over play e.g. Farnham Royal Cricket Ground 14 match equivalent sessions.
- 3.81. The scenario is that if Farnham Junior School was not used the current underplay 279 match equivalent sessions would decrease to 264 match equivalent sessions per season.

CRICKET PITCHES ARE THEY ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED

- 3.82. The cricket pitches at the club-operated sites are good and all the sites are club operated.
- 3.83. There are improvements required to clubhouse facilities and, provision of equipment and practice facilities. It is important that ancillary facilities and equipment are fit for purpose.
- 3.84. The club and ECB consultation has reported:
- **Farnham Common Cricket Club:** The club would like to remove the current container area and moving the containers all together, and to purchase a new roller as the current one is 80 years old.
 - **Farnham Royal Cricket Club:** In the long term they would like to relocate the ancillary facilities away from the houses, and into a two-tier building. But their main development plans would be renovating the current scoring hut.

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- **Gerrards Cross Sports Club:** the club would like to relay patio and replace furniture as they have a large number of spectators. The club also need a new mower for the outfield.
- **Stoke Green Cricket Club:** Would like a new roller, new sightscreen and new nets and are also looking to develop a games hall.
- **Beaconsfield Cricket Club - Wilton Park:** The club wants to refurbish the second clubhouse to incorporate squash into their facilities for an extra revenue stream. Due to such high traffic the club also wants to change the current nets and the direction they face, as current provision means some usage issues on the 2nd team pitch. The current main pavilion needs a bigger kitchen, as struggling with space and ability to cater for a large amount of people at once. The site has suffered from vandalism and theft of equipment in the past.
- **Denham Cricket Club:** require a non-turf pitch.
- **Taplow Cricket Club:** require a new score board.
- **Burnham Cricket Club:** require new nets and are looking at providing a non-turf pitch in the future to help with junior training and matches.

FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

3.85. The future match equivalent session requirements for latent demand per season equate to:

- **2 adult teams – 26 match equivalent sessions.**
- **4 junior teams – 24 match equivalent sessions.**

3.86. Future population growth requirements equate to:

- **2 adult teams – 26 match equivalent sessions per season.**
- **7 junior teams – 42 match equivalent sessions per season.**

3.87. The total additional match equivalent sessions per season for latent demand and future population growth would be 118 games.

3.88. Due to a high South Asian community in South Bucks and the known fact that 35% of the playing population comes from the South Asian Community and that statistically they are 5 times more likely to play cricket than anybody else. The overall South Bucks South Asian population in 2011 was 7,533. If the South Asian community increases in line with population projections of 16% by 2036 the figure would be 8,738. An increase of 1,205. The likelihood is that teams will increase more than the team generation rates suggest by a further 2 adult teams and 2 junior teams.

3.89. The ECB All Stars Cricket Initiative for 2017 aimed at 5 – 8-year olds, proved to be very successful nationally and attracted 37,000 children and the target number for 2018 has been raised considerably. The aim is for this initiative to remain in place and when children are too old for All Stars a large percentage will then join traditional junior cricket and over time result in an increase in the number of adult players as they transition into traditional cricket – which could lead to a greater demand for cricket than under the current PPS methodology.

3.90. The older population is also increasing midweek cricket and more 55+ teams are beginning to participate.

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- 3.91. With the All Stars Cricket Initiative, over 55 development of teams and the South Asian community developing cricket the PPS has made the following assumptions:
- **South Asian Cricket Initiative 2 adult teams = 26 match equivalent sessions per year**
 - **South Asian Cricket Initiative 2 junior teams = 12 match equivalent sessions per year.**
 - **All Stars cricket 2 junior teams = 12 match equivalent sessions per year.**
 - **Over 55's 2 adult teams = 26 match equivalent sessions per year.**
- 3.92. The total additional match equivalent sessions per season for latent demand and future population growth would be 118 and the three cricket development initiatives 64 match equivalent sessions per year. Overall total of 182 match equivalent sessions per year. This is within the current theoretical underplay of 279 match equivalent sessions per year.
- 3.93. The use of non-turf pitches by under 11 teams will assist in reducing the overall 182 grass match equivalent sessions additionally required.
- 3.94. South Bucks District Council needs to protect all secured and unsecured community use and non-available education cricket pitches across South Bucks in the Local Plan.
- 3.95. It is important that South Bucks District Council works with the ECB and Farnham Royal Cricket Club to ensure the clubs long term security of tenure through a secure lease.
- 3.96. There is also a need to ensure that there are sufficient quality non-turf pitches that are accessible for all clubs and in particular for use by midweek teams and junior U11s. The ECB recognise that research will need to be undertaken to identify the best sites and the preferences of potential and new players (paradoxically players often prefer 'traditional' turf facilities even if a non-turf pitch provides a better-quality playing surface).

HOCKEY KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.97. There is 1 hockey AGP in South Bucks which is Beaconsfield High School and is an unsecured community use site in the ownership of Education. The hockey pitch is sand filled and is showing signs of wear and tear and requires replacement in the next 1 – 3 years (estimated).
- 3.98. There is 1 hockey club that plays competitive fixtures in South Bucks - Gerrards Cross Hockey Club and fields the following teams:
- **3 men's teams,**
 - **2 women's teams**
 - **10 junior teams between 6 – 18 years.**
- 3.99. Gerrards Cross Hockey Club men's and women's teams train at the Beaconsfield High School pitch on Thursday evenings 8.00pm – 9.30pm and the juniors train on Friday evenings between 5.15pm and 8.15pm. Adult matches are played on Saturdays and junior matches played on Sundays.
- 3.100. There are 20 available training slots during the week and 4.5 match slots are used by Gerrards Cross Hockey Club. There are currently 2.5 match slots used per week on a Saturday and 4 are available.

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- 3.101. If every junior team had a home game every week there would be a need for 5 match slots on a Sunday this would be achievable with a 9.00am start time but currently isn't necessary as the junior teams do not play every week. There is spare capacity for training and match play currently.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

- 3.102. The use of Beaconsfield High School is not a secured community use site and requires a formal community use agreement.
- 3.103. In planning for the future, opportunities should be pursued to deliver community hockey clubs with secure access to playing, training and ancillary facilities for longer than a single season. With this in mind formal community use agreements need to be discussed with the management of Beaconsfield High School.

ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED

- 3.104. It is important that ancillary and pitch facilities are fit for purpose. The current pitch at Beaconsfield High School is ageing and needs replacing. Beaconsfield High School are aware of this and made an application to England Hockey for a grant. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful due to the large number of applications.
- 3.105. The school are however, committed to undertaking this project and plan to put funds in themselves and fund raise for an additional £150,000 required.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.106. Gerrards Cross Hockey club have identified latent demand to be 1 men's team and 1 women's team. Any increase in junior teams the club has said would require additional coaches and the club has stated this is not possible at the moment. Population growth to 2036 identifies an additional girl's junior team.
- 3.107. Since 2012 Hockey has seen a 65% increase of U16 players taking up Hockey within the club environment. This increase across all age groups is expected to continue especially with the success of the Rio Olympics and a home Women's World Cup during the summer of 2018. Unlike some sports, hockey can only be played competitively on sand or water based Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs). Water based AGPs are not common and only found at elite sites, whereas sand based/sand dressed AGPs can be found on secondary school site, leisure centres and higher education establishments.
- 3.108. Due to the impact on hockey, it is appropriate to ensure that sufficient sand based AGPs are retained for the playing development of hockey within the local authority administrative area. To that end, a change of an Artificial Grass Pitch's surface or carpet may require a planning application, and as part of it the applicants will have to show that there is sufficient AGP provision available for hockey in the locality if the surface is changed. Otherwise planning permission will not be granted. Advice from Sport England and England Hockey should be sought prior to any planning application being submitted. (Sport England are currently taking legal advice on the matter of submission of planning applications for change of AGP surface).
- 3.109. It should also be noted that if the surface is changed, it could require the existing floodlights to be changed and in some instances noise attenuation measures may need to be put in place.
- 3.110. As part of the new England Hockey Strategy 'A Nation where Hockey matters' 2017-2021 a long-term aspiration is to double the number of people playing hockey in clubs by 2028."

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- 3.111. The current supply of hockey facilities in South Bucks will be sufficient to meet future demand. However, this is dependent on the protection of the main hockey pitch AGP at Beaconsfield High School and protection of the pitch in the Local Plan and a formal community use agreement in place. Sink funds will need to be in place to refurbish the carpet once this current carpet has been renewed.
- 3.112. Sport England consider that planning permission is required for a change of surface on artificial pitches and are currently seeking legal advice on this matter.

RUGBY SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS**MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION**

- 3.113. The audit of rugby pitches across South Bucks identifies that there are 9 sites with rugby pitches but only 5 sites stating they offer secure community use. The secured community use sites are:
- **Cottage Park Road, Hedgerley (not currently used by a rugby club),**
 - **Cross Lane (Beaconsfield Rugby Club),**
 - **Farnham Common Sports Club (Drifters Rugby Club),**
 - **Farnham Park Baseball & Softball Complex (Farnham Royal Rugby Club) and**
 - **Sports Field (Phoenix Rugby Club).**
- 3.114. Burnham Grammar School has a world Rugby 22 IRB compliant 3G rubber crumb pitch 119m x 73m floodlit that failed its quality accreditation test and can no longer be used for contact rugby.
- 3.115. There are rugby pitches provided at 4 other sites. 3 sites have stated that their rugby facilities are not available for community use these are:
- **Beaconsfield High School Sports Facilities**
 - **Caldicote Preparatory School**
 - **Davenies School**
- 3.116. One other site Burnham Grammar School has stated that its 2 junior rugby pitches are available for community use. There is currently no identified community use of these rugby pitches.
- 3.117. **Beaconsfield Rugby Club** lease the land on which their pavilion at Cross Lane sits from Beaconsfield Town Council on a 15-year lease. The club also has access to a field owned by Hall Barn Estates. This land is adjacent to the main pitch sites on the other side of Cross Lane. The land has no formal markings for rugby but is used for training their 600+ minis and juniors. The loss of this site (which is technically unsecure) would be disastrous for the club.
- 3.118. **Drifters Rugby Club Farnham Common Sports Club:** The club would struggle if they lost the use of the adjacent junior school playing fields for its mini programme on Sundays. There are no junior pitches marked out on the junior school site.
- 3.119. **Farnham Royals Rugby Club:** Pitches are maintained by the District Council.
- 3.120. **Phoenix Rugby Club:** current lease expires 2029 but set to be renewed.

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3.121. Beaconsfield Rugby Club has the most number of teams 18, followed by Drifters Rugby Club 14 teams, Farnham Royals Rugby Club 5 teams and Phoenix Rugby Club 5 teams.

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3.122. All community use and non-community use rugby pitches require protection in the Local Plan. Although not formally marked out for rugby areas such as Farnham Common Junior School Playing Fields and the field opposite Crossways owned by Hall Barn Estates need protecting in the Local Plan.

3.123. Clubs such as Beaconsfield and Phoenix Rugby Club need to address their leases and be able to be in a position to apply for additional funding to improve facilities.

3.124. There is a current shortfall of 5.25 match and training equivalent sessions. This increases to 8.75 match and training equivalent sessions in 2036 (Includes latent demand and future population growth).

3.125. The peak period of demand for rugby is a Saturday. Excluding Cottage Park Road, Hedgerley, there are currently 9 Senior Rugby Union pitches available providing secured community use across South Bucks and there is demand for 6 rugby match equivalent sessions on a Saturday afternoon. At peak time of play there is an under play of 3 match equivalent sessions.

3.126. All clubs have sufficient pitches at peak match times on a Saturday, but the pitches are over used for training.

3.127. Beaconsfield Rugby Club and Drifters Rugby Club Farnham Common Sports Club would benefit from additional pitches with floodlights or access to a rugby world 22 compliant 3G rubber crumb pitch.

3.128. There is a need to protect the unsecured World rugby compliant 22 3G pitch and grass pitches at Burnham Grammar School.

ACCESSIBLE SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED

3.129. It is important that ancillary and pitch facilities are fit for purpose. The following quality issues have been raised as part of the consultation:

- **Beaconsfield Rugby Club Cross Lane:** The clubhouse is in good condition, but the club has a requirement to undertake several projects to enable the building to cater for the demand from junior rugby.
- **Drifters Rugby Club Farnham Common Sports Club:** A good site, with large ancillary facilities that are in good condition. Recently re roofed the clubhouse. Containers need reorganising on site.
- **Farnham Royals Rugby Club:** Clubhouse has been refurbished to meet criteria regarding safeguarding etc. Currently lost a pitch because of poor quality.
- **Phoenix Rugby Club:** Need additional coaches to increase junior and min participation

WHAT IS THE OVERALL QUALITY LEVEL?

- 3.130. Future investment in quality enhancement is required to sustain and grow the clubs based in South Bucks, floodlights and improvements to pitch drainage and access to a 3G world rugby regulation 22 compliant rubber crumb pitch are required.

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FOOTBALL SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND

- 4.1 There are 235 teams playing football in Chiltern District. These teams include 43 adult 11 v 11 men's teams, 2 exported men's teams and 4 women's teams, 48 boy's youth 11 v 11 teams and 8 youth 11 v 11 girls' teams and 13 exported youth teams, 30 junior 9 v 9 boy's teams and 3 junior 9 v 9 girls' team, 6 exported junior boy's teams and 1 exported girls team, 42 mini soccer 7 v 7 teams 3 exported mini soccer 7 v 7 teams, 29 mini 5 v 5 teams and 3 exported mini 5 v 5 teams.
- 4.2 There are 20 secured community use playing pitch sites in Chiltern District providing community use football pitches for the adult 11 v 11 game, they provide 31 pitches with capacity for 67 match equivalent sessions weekly. There are 3 unsecured community use sites providing 5 pitches with capacity for 10 match equivalent sessions weekly.
- 4.3 There are 9 secured community use sites providing youth 11 v 11 pitches they provide 10 pitches and 18 match equivalent sessions weekly. There are 3 unsecured community use sites providing 3 pitches and 7 match equivalent sessions weekly. There is demand on adult 11 v 11 pitches by youth teams and this demand equates to 7.5 youth match equivalent sessions.
- 4.4 There are currently 5 sites providing 7 secured community use pitches for junior 9 v 9 and 15 match equivalent sessions weekly. There are 4 unsecured community use sites providing 4 pitches and 8 match equivalent sessions weekly. There are 4.5 x 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions overplayed on adult 11 v 11 pitches.
- 4.5 There are currently 8 sites providing 10 secured community use pitches providing 42 match equivalent sessions weekly for 7 v 7 mini soccer and 7 unsecured community use sites providing 10 mini pitches and 46 match equivalent sessions weekly.
- 4.6 There are currently 6 sites providing 8 secured community use pitches providing 30 match equivalent sessions weekly for 5 v 5 mini soccer and 3 unsecured community use sites providing 4 pitches providing 16 match equivalent sessions for 5 v 5 mini soccer.
- 4.7 There is 1 adult site with a standard quality pitch that is over played against its weekly capacity and none overplayed peak time of play. There are 3 youth 11 v 11 sites overplayed against their weekly capacity and 7 sites overplayed at peak time. There is 1 junior 9 v 9 site overplayed against its weekly capacity and 3 sites overplayed at peak time.
- 4.8 In 2036 there will be a need at peak time for 26 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions, 36 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions, 25 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions, 24 mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions and 19 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions.
- 4.9 The Football Association has identified that for a full size 3G rubber crumb pitch to be sustainable, there are 42 teams required to use the pitch for training purposes. On this basis, Chiltern District currently has 235 football teams and requires 5.5 x 3G rubber crumb full size pitches. When considering latent demand and future population growth to 2036 there are 270 teams this requires 6.4 x 3G full size rubber crumb pitches in the future.
- 4.10 There is 1 adult poor-quality pitch at risk to development. Windsor Road Recreation Ground.

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IMPROVING PITCH QUALITY

- 4.11 Improving pitch quality on pitches means increased maintenance or pitch drainage improvements. This is to raise the quality standard from poor to either standard or good quality.
- 4.12 By raising the quality of pitches at some sites will increase pitch capacity and therefore help to accommodate overplay. In other situations, it might be best to move teams overplaying a pitch to the correct size pitch for the appropriate age group.
- 4.13 There is 1 adult 11 v 11 site Barn Meadow with 2 weekly match equivalent session overplay. The site is of standard quality and is over played by 2.5 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions. The junior 9 v 9 teams should transfer to the correct size pitch. There is no overplay of adult pitches at peak time of play.
- 4.14 There are 7 youth 11 v 11 sites that have over play at peak time of play. These are:
- **Mill Meadow – 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality peak time play would be balanced play.**
 - **The Moor – 2 standard quality pitches if raised to good quality, peak time play would provide 1 spare match equivalent session.**
 - **Chiltern Hills Academy – 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality, peak time play would provide 1 spare match equivalent session every other week.**
 - **The National Epilepsy Centre – 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality, peak time play would still provide overplay of 2 match equivalent sessions per week. Teams should consider transferring to other pitches.**
 - **The Playing Field Chalfont St Giles - 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality peak time play would provide 1 spare match equivalent session every other week.**
 - **Barn Meadow - 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality peak time play would be balanced play.**
 - **Prestwood Common - 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality, peak time play would still provide overplay of 1 match equivalent session per week. Teams should consider transferring to other pitches.**
- 4.15 There are 3 Junior 9 v 9 sites that have overplay at peak time of play. These are:
- **National Epilepsy Centre - 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality peak time play would be balanced play.**
 - **Westwood Park - 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality peak time play would be balanced play.**
 - **Thorpe House School - 1 standard quality pitch if raised to good quality peak time play would provide 1 spare match equivalent session every other week**

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- 4.16 There is no overplay of mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches. These teams tend to play at staggered kick off times at peak time of play and the match equivalent sessions can be met within the weekly capacity. Weekly capacity is 88 match equivalent sessions and weekly demand including peak time is 69 match equivalent sessions. There are 19 match equivalent sessions used at peak time of play and 20 match equivalent sessions available leaving 1 match equivalent session spare.
- 4.17 There is no overplay of mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches. These teams tend to play at staggered kick off times at peak time of play and the match equivalent sessions can be met within the weekly capacity. Weekly capacity is 46 match equivalent sessions and weekly demand including peak time is 12 match equivalent sessions. There are 12 match equivalent sessions used at peak time of play and 12 match equivalent sessions available leaving balanced play.
- 4.18 There are poor quality pitches at Windsor Road 1 adult pitch (this pitch may be lost to development), Amersham and Wycombe College (Chesham Athletic) 1 adult pitch currently under played at peak time. Bellingdon Village Hall 1 adult pitch underplayed at peak time. Codmore Field 1 adult pitch underplayed at peak time. Marston Field 1 youth 11 v 11 underplayed at peak time and Ashley Drive Recreation Ground underplayed at peak time.
- 4.19 In the age of austerity and Local Authority budget constraints alternatives to improving pitch quality need to be looked at. The alternative to natural grass pitches is the provision of 3G rubber crumb pitches for training and competitive matches.

SCENARIO 3G RUBBER CRUMB - CHILTERN DISTRICT

- 4.20 The PPS has not identified any 3G rubber crumb pitches across Chiltern District.
- 4.21 Based upon the FA training model for 3G rubber crumb pitches of 42 teams to 1 3G pitch there is a current shortfall of 5 full size 3G rubber crumb pitches. This shortfall rises to 6 in 2036.
- 4.22 If all competitive matches for teams currently playing 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 football on natural grass pitches moved to 3G rubber crumb there would be a need for 7 full size 3G rubber crumb pitches for these typologies of the game at their respective peak time.
- 4.23 If 50% of mini soccer and junior 9 v 9 football played on natural grass pitches moved to 3G rubber crumb the need would be 4 x 3G rubber crumb pitches.
- 4.24 Chesham United FC would like to change their stadia pitch to 3G rubber crumb and provide a 3G surface on their tarmac training are confirming they are also looking at potential new ground facilities within Chesham which would be built and provide training and playing facilities for not only the first team but also the ladies, youth and junior sides and if an agreed site is given the go ahead, it is hoped that this can be in place for 2020.
- 4.25 Misbourne School has raised 50% of the funds required for a 3G pitch and is continuing to raise funds.
- 4.26 Chalfonts Community College have a hard-court tennis site they would like to transform into a 3G rubber crumb pitch.
- 4.27 Chiltern Hills Academy are working towards delivering a 3G rubber crumb pitch.

IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION CURRENTLY AND IN THE FUTURE

- 4.28 For adult 11 v 11 there are currently 31 pitches providing 31 match equivalent sessions in secured community use at peak time of play. Disregarding youth 11 v 11 play over adult 11 v 11 pitches, there are 42 teams at peak time of play requiring 21 match equivalent sessions. This provides spare capacity of 10 match equivalent sessions. There are 5 pitches providing 5 match equivalent sessions played at unsecured community use sites. These unsecured community use sites will require formal community use agreements to be put in place. The secured and unsecured match equivalent sessions provide 15 spare match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.
- 4.29 The secured match equivalent sessions provide 31 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. This means with 26 match equivalent sessions required in 2036 there are 5 match equivalent sessions spare at peak time of play in 2036.
- 4.30 The following unsecured community use sites will require formal community use agreements to be in place to safeguard future community use:
- **Misbourne School – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 3 adult pitches.**
 - **Chalfont Community College – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 1 adult pitch.**
 - **Chiltern Hills Academy – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 1 adult pitch.**
- 4.31 The above 3 sites add 5 match equivalent sessions to peak time spare capacity. With the Playing Field of Chartridge an additional 1 match equivalent session if required. It is currently not used but available for use. The total spare adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions in 2036 equates to 11.
- 4.32 There are currently 69 youth 11 v 11 teams including girls and exported teams. At peak time of play there is a current shortfall of 22 Youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions. The 22 match equivalent sessions include 6.5 match equivalent sessions exported, 7.5 match equivalent sessions overplayed on adult 11 v 11 pitches and overplay of 8 match equivalent sessions currently at peak time of play. There is a requirement to ensure that youth 11 v 11 teams play on the correct size pitches.
- 4.33 The demand in 2036 is for 72 teams at peak time of play and requires 36 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 13 match equivalent sessions available 10 in secure community use and 3 in unsecured community use. A formal community use agreement will need to be put in place with Brushwood Junior School, Chiltern Hills Academy and Dr Challoners Grammar School to safeguard community use in the future. This means there will be a need for 23 additional youth 11 v 11 pitches in 2036.
- 4.34 The 10 adult 11 v 11 pitches that are spare could be reconfigured to youth 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the need for additional youth 11 v 11 pitches to 13.
- 4.35 5 youth 11 v 11 pitches are required because of population increases and these should be provided by developer contributions. The remaining 8 junior 11 v 11 pitches could be provided through reconfiguring 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 grass pitches that become redundant once teams move onto 3G rubber crumb for training and competitive games.
- 4.36 There are currently 33 junior 9 v 9 teams, 7 exported teams and 9 teams overplaying adult pitches. There is a current demand for 11 match equivalent sessions (10.5 rounded up) at peak time of play and there are currently 11 match equivalent sessions available at peak time of play. 7 of the 11 match

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equivalent sessions are provided for with secured community use and 4 are provided for with unsecured community use. There is a need to put in place formal community use agreements to secure the 4 unsecured community use match equivalent sessions. These are Brushwood Junior School - 1 match equivalent session, Thorpe House School - 1 match equivalent session, Misbourne School - 1 match equivalent session and Seer Green Church of England School - 1 match equivalent session.

- 4.37 In 2036 the PPS identifies a need for 50 junior 9 v 9 teams and 25 pitches providing 25 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. With the current 7 secured community use pitches providing 7 match equivalent sessions and 4 unsecured match equivalent sessions requiring formal community use agreements. This leaves a shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.
- 4.38 Population growth identifies a need for 3 new junior 9 v 9 pitches, providing 3 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play, to be provided from new housing development. This leaves a shortfall of 13 match equivalent sessions.
- 4.39 These 13 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions should be accommodated on new 3G rubber crumb pitches by moving 50% of 9 v 9 match play.
- 4.40 There are currently 42 mini soccer 7 v 7 teams and 3 exported teams totalling 45 mini soccer 7 v 7 teams. The current peak time demand is for 19 match equivalent sessions and there are 20 match equivalent sessions available.
- 4.41 Of the 20 match equivalent sessions available, 10 are in secured community use provided on 10 pitches and 10 are in unsecured community use provided on 10 pitches. The 10 pitches in unsecured community use are: Brushwood Junior School - 1 pitch, Little Kingshill Combined School - 1 pitch, Misbourne School - 1 pitch, Robertswood School – 1 pitch, St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School – 2 pitches, Thorpe House School – 1 pitch, The National Centre for Epilepsy – 3 pitches.
- 4.42 The 7 sites providing unsecured community use require formal community use agreements to be put in place.
- 4.43 The demand in 2036 at peak time of play is for 48 mini soccer 7 v 7 teams requiring 24 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 10 mini soccer pitches in secured community use that provide a weekly capacity for 42 match equivalent sessions. With the 10 unsecured community use pitches providing a further 46 weekly match equivalent sessions and provision of staggered kick off times, there are sufficient 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand.
- 4.44 Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions.
- 4.45 There are 32 5 v 5 mini soccer teams across Chiltern District and 3 are exported. Peak time play requires 12 match equivalent sessions and there are 12 available match equivalent sessions. There are 8 secured community use pitches providing weekly capacity for 30 match equivalent sessions and 4 unsecured community use pitches providing weekly capacity for 16 match equivalent sessions.
- 4.46 The unsecured community use pitches are: Misbourne School – 1 pitch, St Joseph’s catholic School – 2 pitches and Robertswood School – 1 pitch. These 3 sites require formal community use agreements to be put in place.
- 4.47 The demand in 2036 is for 38 teams and 19 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There is a current weekly capacity for 30 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions with secured community use. With staggered kick of times on the peak day of play there are sufficient 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand.
- 4.48 Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions.

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IS PROVISION ACCESSIBLE AND OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?

4.49 The site assessments carried out determine the 'Carrying Capacity' of a football pitch. This capacity determines the number of matches a pitch can take per week without having a detrimental effect on the quality. A pitch receives a score identified through the assessment that determines the quality as 'good', 'standard' or 'poor'. The effect this has on carrying capacity for adult pitches is as follows:

- **Poor = 1 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Standard = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Good = 3 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**

4.50 For Youth Football 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 pitches, carrying capacity is affected differently due to the difference in nature and length of play. The effect of the quality scores on these pitches is as follows:

- **Poor = 1 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Standard = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Good = 4 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**

4.51 For Mini soccer 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 pitches, the quality score affects carrying capacity as follows:

- **Poor = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Standard = 4 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Good = 6 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**

4.52 The quality of pitches across Chiltern District is assessed below. There are 6 football pitch sites audited as good quality pitches these are shown in table 4.1 below.

Table 4.1: Chiltern District wide 'Good' Quality Football Pitches

PITCH PROVISION – SITE	PITCH QUALITY RATING
Spratley Meadow – Adult Pitches	Good
Holmer Green Sports Association – Adult Pitches	Good
Penn and Tylers Green Sports Association – Adult Pitches	Good
The Playing Fields Chalfont St Giles – Adult pitches	Good
Mill Meadow Playing Fields – Adult Pitches	Good
The Meadow Amey lane – Adult Pitches	Good
Dr Challoners School – Youth 11 v 11	Good
National Centre for Epilepsy – Mini 7 v 7	Good

4.53 All of the good quality pitch sites are in secured community use. Holmer Green Sports Association 2 adult pitches are overplayed by 2 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions. Mill Meadows 1 adult pitch is overplayed by 1 junior 9 v 9. None of these pitches are overplayed at peak time of play.

4.54 Table 4.2 below identifies the 16 football sites audited as 'Standard' quality.

Table 4.2: Chiltern District wide 'Standard' Quality Football Pitches

PROVISION – SITE	PITCH QUALITY RATING
Misbourne School	Standard

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PROVISION – SITE	PITCH QUALITY RATING
Westwood Park	Standard
National Centre for Epilepsy - Youth 11 v 11, 5 v 5 pitches	Standard
Barn Meadow	Standard
Hervines Park	Standard
Gold Hill Common	Standard
Buryfield Recreation Ground	Standard
Seer Green Recreation Ground	Standard
Sprinter Leisure Centre	Standard
Prestwood Common	Standard
Chalfont Community College	Standard
Chiltern Hills Academy	Standard
Mill Meadow – Youth 11 v 11 pitches, 5 v 5 pitches	Standard
The Moor	Standard
Brushwood Junior School	Standard
The Playing Field Chalfont St Giles – Youth 11 v 11	Standard
Thorpe House School	Standard
Seer Green Church of England School	Standard
Chesham Cricket Club	Standard
Little Kingshill Combined School	Standard
Robertswood School	Standard
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School	Standard

- 4.55 Adult pitches at Misbourne School are overplayed by youth 11 v 11 1.5 match equivalent sessions, Barn Meadow is overplayed by 2.5 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions, Hervines Park 2 adult pitches are over played by 2 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions, Chalfont Community College 1 adult pitch is overplayed by 1 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent session. None of these adult pitches are overplayed at peak time.
- 4.56 The following youth 11 v 11 standard quality pitches are all overplayed at peak time. This is because there are staggered kick off times in place. Two sites Mill Meadow and Prestwood Common – 1 youth 11 v 11 pitch each. The weekly capacity is 2 match equivalent sessions and there is overplay of 1 weekly match equivalent session. Improving the quality of the pitches to good would provide weekly balanced play and improve capacity for peak time play with staggered kick off times.
- 4.57 The other youth 11 v 11 sites with peak period overplay are The Moor (Chesham Athletic), Chiltern Hills Academy, The Playing Field Chalfont St Giles, and Barn Meadow.
- 4.58 The National Epilepsy Centre has 1 standard quality youth 11 v 11 pitch with weekly overplay of 2.5 match equivalent sessions and peak time over play of 3 match equivalent sessions. Teams should be moved to other sites.
- 4.59 There are 3 junior 9 v 9 sites with overplay at peak time due to staggered kick off times. If the pitches were improved to good quality at the National Epilepsy Centre, Westwood Park and Thorpe House School then there would be sufficient weekly match equivalent capacity to meet peak time play with staggered start times.

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4.60 Table 4.3 shows the 'poor' quality football pitches across Chiltern District. There are 4 sites with poor quality pitches.

Table 4.3: Chiltern District wide 'Poor' Quality Football Pitches

PITCH PROVISION – SITE	PITCH RATING
Ashley Drive Recreation Ground – 5 v 5 1 pitch	Poor
Marston Field – youth 11 v 11 1 pitch	Poor
Codmore Field – Adult 11 v 11 2 pitches	Poor
Bellingdon Village Hall Adult 11 v 11 1 pitch	Poor
Windsor Road Recreation Ground 1 adult pitch	Poor
Chesham Athletic Amersham & Wycombe College 1 adult 11 v 11 pitch	Poor

4.61 Poor natural drainage and compaction of the ground are issues at several of the grass football pitch sites and these are rated as 'Poor' quality.

4.62 Berks and Bucks FA should consider looking at the poor and standard sites as part of the Pitch Improvement Plan when the Local Facility plans are developed.

4.63 Some clubs have expressed their concerns with regards to pitches. Barn Meadow a multi-pitch site, is key for youth football in the town.

4.64 Codmore Field: One pitch is heavily sloped and requires some levelling to improve the pitch.

4.65 Hervines Park: Site is very sloping.

4.66 Marston Field: The pitches are severely sloped and have poor access down a single-track lane.

4.67 Mill Meadow: An enclosed pitch with a seated stand, with a good quality pitch, although Chesham United are looking at changing this to a 3G surface and would allow external bookings to enable a revenue stream in the future. There is also a tarmac area that used to be used for small sided training games, which the club would also like to change to an AGP surface. The club are also looking at new sites to bring the club closer together (ladies and youth teams).

4.68 The Playing Fields: A standard quality site that is maintained by the club and the parish council. The football club have reached a standard where specific requirements are made on their ground. This entails taking the perimeter fencing up and down every season.

4.69 It is important that fit for purpose ancillary provision (changing and social facilities) are provided. There is a need to ensure that existing facilities (changing rooms etc) are not placed under undue pressure by the provision of new pitches and that ancillary facilities must provide for the maximum number of sports teams able to play at the site at peak time and be either equivalent or better.

4.70 There are a number of sites where new changing rooms or improvements are required. The number of changing rooms that require renewing or refurbishing identifies the need to rationalise adult football to key sites and improve the ancillary facilities on these key sites. The identified sites are listed below but priority needs to be given to multi-pitch sites as they deliver more outcomes and enable more cost-effective maintenance – not all sites can be improved.

- **Barn Meadow:** The ancillary facilities are old and require new modern facilities.
- **Codmore Field:** The ancillary facilities need to be refurbished.
- **Hervines Park:** A relatively poor ancillary facility that requires replacing.

- **Marston Field:** the site's ancillary burnt down several years ago and requires replacement.
- **Mill Meadow:** The changing room facilities are of very poor quality and are in need of improvements. The club would also like to add provision for women's football.
- **Prestwood Recreation Ground:** Poor ancillary facilities that require upgrading

SCENARIO WINDSOR RECREATION GROUND LOSS OF SITE TO DEVELOPMENT

- 4.71 The site is owned by Chiltern District Council. There is one adult football pitch and a children's play area. The Belmont Sports and Social Club building is South of the play area to the right of the circle. This is owned by Chiltern District Council and leased to the Belmont Club.
- 4.72 In the 2016/17 season the adult pitch was played on by Old Belmont Pugilists a Chesham Sunday League team. The Chesham Sunday League has reduced in team numbers in the past few years and Old Belmont Pugisists FC have since folded.
- 4.73 The 1 adult pitch has been audited as a 'Poor' quality pitch with maximum capacity of 1 match equivalent session per week (1 game per week).
- 4.74 There is a need to protect all-natural grass football pitches due to the shortfall in youth 11 v 11 pitches and junior 9 v 9 pitches.
- 4.75 There is also a need to consider Chesham Utd Youth, who have to currently travel outside of Chesham to access junior football. Chesham Utd Youth U13 – U16 currently play games at Barn Meadow Amersham. 4 teams 2 match equivalents. Chesham Utd U12, U11 & U10 currently play at Barn Meadow Amersham = 1.5 match equivalents.
- 4.76 The PPS Assessment shows that all currently used playing field sites require protection and therefore cannot be deemed spare to requirements because of shortfalls now and in the future. Therefore, based on the outcomes of the PPS, local planning policy should reflect this situation.
- 4.77 Lapsed, disused, underused and poor-quality sites should also be protected from development or replaced as there is a requirement for playing field land to accommodate more pitches to meet the identified shortfalls.
- 4.78 Any proposed development at Windsor Road will need to meet Sport England's Policy Exemption 4 below:
- **Policy Exemption E4:**
 - 'The playing field or playing fields, which would be lost as a result of the proposed development, would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development'.
 - **Possible Solutions**
 1. Existing adult spare capacity to be reconfigured to junior 11 v 11.
 2. Developer contributions to provide funding towards a new 3G pitch.

CRICKET SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS CHILTERN DISTRICT

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 4.79 There are 24 cricket clubs providing 58 adult men's teams, 2 women's team, 94 junior boys' teams and 3 junior girl's teams.
- 4.80 In the 2017 season, there is capacity for 1088 match equivalents per season and the demand is 849 match equivalents per season, with a theoretical underplay of 239 match equivalent games per season across the whole of Chiltern District.
- 4.81 Peak demand is on a Saturday and this needs to be considered as only one game can be played on 1 square. Some clubs have to play at other sites other than their home ground.
- 4.82 There are 6 grounds with over play of annual match equivalent sessions. These are: Ballinger Waggoner's CC (16 match equivalent sessions), Chalfont St Peter's CC (18 match equivalent sessions), Chesham CC the Meadows (1 match equivalent session), Chesham CC Chartridge Playing Fields (6 match equivalent sessions), Holmer Green CC (9 match equivalent sessions) and Sprinters Leisure Centre (5 match equivalent sessions). 1 ground has balanced play Hawridge and Cholsbury CC.
- 4.83 There are no unsecured community use sites used by cricket clubs in Chiltern District.
- 4.84 There are a number of clubs that require improvements.
- **Amersham Cricket Club:** The site has two pitches but only two sets of changing rooms, meaning senior matches cannot be held at the same time comfortably. The club has strong links with the local community and has set up a shared social membership arrangement with the local rugby club.
 - **Barn Meadow:** The club would like covers if possible, but the site is a public area so may be difficult. Site is used on most days of the week by school teams and Old Challoners (local side). The ancillary is old and needs replacing.
 - **Chalfont Park:** Chalfont St Peter's Cricket Club has ever since the storm of 2013 suffered without any Pavilion other than a marquee, which is very poor. The pavilion is currently undergoing building work and hope to finish this for next season 2018. The club would like to develop disability cricket at the site and would like some support with this. Other priorities they have are to weed the outfield and add an additional net to help with junior training.
 - **Chesham Cricket Club:** The cricket club has some of the best facilities in the county. Chesham CC is a large club with circa 15 junior teams, 7 senior teams, 2 girls' teams and one ladies team. The pitch is very well maintained by the club. The major issue with the pitch is the poor quality non-turf pitch, which is nearly 20 years old and clearly in need of being replaced. The clubs main issue with the site is the cost of maintaining the surrounding trees, which they feel that they require some financial support to maintain. The club have recently spent £36,000 on new nets. The pavilion on site has recently been refurbished and is in good condition. The club received a loan from the ECB for this; however, they are now struggling to pay this back. The club still feel the pavilion is unfinished and need approx. £50,000 to complete the project.
 - **Cholesbury Common:** Hawridge and Cholesbury Cricket Club. The club have a growing junior section and want to expand this further by providing a non-turf pitch and they have a relatively new ECB-approved two-lane net.

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- **Coleshill Cricket Club:** good quality village cricket provision, with a well-maintained outfield and square protected by a secure surrounding fence. The ancillary facility is also in adequate condition but beginning to show signs of age. The club have installed their own practice net facility, which showed some safety concerns, specifically bubbling in the surface.
- **Holmer Green Sports Association:** large sports association site with standard quality cricket facilities. Ancillary facilities are in need of improvement, with the changing rooms specifically being in poor condition. The site is currently charged significant rent by the Parish Council, which restrict the clubs' possibility to develop the current facilities, including enhancing the level of maintenance and improving training and coaching programs for children. Holmer Green Cricket Club are looking to purchase two new sight screens for the ground and are in a position where they can purchase one of the sight screens from club funds, however they require a sight screen at each end of the pitch and would like to try and raise £1,300 to be able to purchase the second sight screen.
- **Knotty Green Cricket Club:** A club with a large and growing junior section, with good pitches and several qualified coaches within the club. Although to expand this they require a new non-turf pitch and sight screens.
- **Ley Hill Cricket Club:** a rural site based in the grounds of a country estate. The field is surrounded by trees, which can cause debris on the field. The Pavilion has recently undergone a substantial refurbishment. During consultation, the club reported having suffered several thefts and being victims of minor petty crime, as a precaution they have installed security shutters to deter future criminal activity. The ground itself is quite small and, although the club has good relationships with its neighbours, there is a slight issue with balls being lost into gardens.
- **Little Missenden Cricket Club:** They highlighted the need for a new roller, as the current one is old and of poor quality. Used for games on a Sunday, also hosts some of the Lee CC junior games, and junior county games. The nets are old, and need replacing as does the net matting. The club have recently refurbished the clubhouse through a grant and club funds.
- **Manor Park:** Previously built new nets without planning permission, which was challenged by local community, so they had to take them down. So currently have no proper nets, which is now a priority for the site.
- **Penn & Tylers Green Cricket Club:** The club wish to open up an old pavilion for community use. They also stated that they need new nets, a new roller, and replacement windows and door of the pavilion.
- **Penn Street Cricket Club:** Nets are in very poor condition, they looked into improving these but would likely need more land from the surrounding woods to allow this
- **Playing Fields of Chartridge:** The site is maintained but in a lower standard condition - equivalent to other village recreation grounds
- **The Common:** Chesham Bois CC a small club that is at the heart of the village. The pitch is of standard quality, however the groundsman mentioned that he would like some support with maintenance of the pitch. The priority for the club is to update the changing rooms.
- **Chalfont St Giles The Playing Fields:** A standard quality site that is maintained by the club and the parish council. The club have just received club mark, which they hope will help them over the next few years in regards to grant applications. They have a thriving youth section; however, they are currently struggling for senior playing members. The main priority for the club is to update the changing facilities and obtain better maintenance equipment. The changing and bar facilities are not in good condition and should be replaced/refurbished imminently.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND

- 4.85 In the 2017 season, there is capacity for 1088 match equivalents per season and the demand is 849 match equivalents per season, with a theoretical underplay of 239 match equivalent games per season across the whole of Chiltern District. There are no community use cricket clubs playing on unsecured cricket facilities across Chiltern District.
- 4.86 Overall across Chiltern District there is sufficient current supply to meet current demand for cricket. There are 6 sites where there is over play. Ballinger Waggoners is overplayed due to junior cricket, Chalfont St Peter Cricket Club and Holmer Green Cricket Club is because of junior use and overplay could be reduced by providing a non-turf pitch. Chesham Cricket Club both grounds are slightly over played by 1 and 6 match equivalent sessions per season. Sprinters Leisure Centre is also slightly overplayed. All overplay could be distributed to cricket facilities with spare match equivalent sessions.

CRICKET PITCHES ARE THEY ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED

- 4.87 The cricket pitches at the club-operated sites are good and all but 2 sites Barn Meadow and Sprinters Leisure Centre are club operated. Sprinters Leisure Centre has a slight overplay of 6 match equivalent sessions which could be improved if an improvement in quality was to raise the 3 match equivalent sessions per season to 5. This would resolve the overplay issue.
- 4.88 There are improvements required to clubhouse facilities and, provision of equipment and practice facilities. It is important that ancillary facilities and equipment are fit for purpose.
- 4.89 The club and ECB consultation has reported:
- **Amersham Cricket Club:** The site has two pitches but only two sets of changing rooms, meaning senior matches cannot be held at the same time comfortably.
 - **Barn Meadow:** The club would like covers if possible, but the site is a public area so may be difficult. The changing facilities are need replacing.
 - **Chalfont Park:** Chalfont St Peter's Cricket Club Priorities are to complete pavilion rebuild by 2018 season, weed the outfield and add an additional net to help with junior training.
 - **Chesham Cricket Club:** The major issue with the pitch is the poor quality non-turf pitch, which is nearly 20 years old and clearly in need of being replaced and the cost of maintaining the surrounding trees, The club have had a loan from the ECB and are struggling to pay this back and still feel the pavilion is unfinished and need approx. £50,000 to complete the project.
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FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 4.90 The future match equivalent session requirements for latent demand per season equate to 44 games per season and future population growth requirements equate to 13 games per season. The total additional games per season would be 57 games per season. Theoretically this can be met from the theoretical underplay of 239 match equivalent sessions.
- 4.91 Despite what the team generation rates tell us there is demand for cricket nationally from women and girl's. The Sport England Active Lives Survey 2016, 9.2% of players that had played twice in the last 28 days were female. There is likely to be an increase in girl's and women's cricket. 1 women's team and 1 girl's junior team.
- 4.92 The future ethnic make-up of the projected population increase in Chiltern District will have an effect on the Team Generation Rates for cricket since we know that 35% of the playing population comes from the South Asian Community and that statistically they are 5 times more likely to play cricket than anybody else. The overall Chiltern District South Asian population in 2011 was 5,046. If the South Asian community increases in line with population projections of 8.5% by 2036 the figure would be 5,474. An increase of 428. The likelihood is that teams will increase more than the team generation rates suggest by a further 1 adult team and 1 junior team.
- 4.93 The ECB All Stars Cricket Initiative for 2017 aimed at 5 – 8-year olds, proved to be very successful nationally and attracted 37,000 children and the target number for 2018 has been raised considerably. The aim is for this initiative to remain in place and when children are too old for All Stars a large percentage will then join traditional junior cricket and over time result in an increase in the number of adult players as they transition into traditional cricket – which could lead to a greater demand for cricket than under the current PPS methodology.

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- 4.94 The older population is also increasing midweek cricket and more 55+ teams are beginning to participate.
- 4.95 With the All Stars Cricket Initiative, over 55 development of teams and the South Asian community developing cricket the PPS has made the following assumptions:
- **South Asian Cricket Initiative 2 adult teams = 26 match equivalent sessions per year**
 - **South Asian Cricket Initiative 2 junior teams = 12 match equivalent sessions per year.**
 - **All Stars cricket 2 junior teams = 12 match equivalent sessions per year.**
 - **Over 55's 2 adult teams = 26 match equivalent sessions per year.**
- 4.96 The total additional match equivalent sessions per season for latent demand and future population growth would be 57 match equivalent sessions and the 4 cricket development initiatives 76 match equivalent sessions per year. Overall total of 133 match equivalent sessions per year. This is within the current theoretical underplay of 239 match equivalent sessions per year.
- 4.97 The use of non-turf pitches by under 11 teams will assist in reducing the overall 133 grass match equivalent sessions additionally required.
- 4.98 Chiltern District Council needs to protect all secured and unsecured community use and non-available education cricket pitches across Chiltern District in the Local Plan.
- 4.99 There is also a need to ensure that there are sufficient quality non-turf pitches that are accessible for all clubs and in particular for use by midweek teams and junior U11s. The ECB recognise that research will need to be undertaken to identify the best sites and the preferences of potential and new players (paradoxically players often prefer 'traditional' turf facilities even if a non-turf pitch provides a better-quality playing surface).

HOCKEY KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 4.100 There are 2 hockey AGPs in Chiltern District. **Amersham and Wycombe College:** The site is leased to Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club. The club has raised funds for a new clubhouse and pitch, which was officially opened in September 2017. The club have been using the AGP since January 2017. The second pitch is **Dr Challoners Grammar School:** The 11-year-old pavilion was refurbished this year and more than adequate for current provision. The AGP was resurfaced in August 2017. This was funded from the school's own resources and they have received planning permission for 3rd party out of hours use.
- 4.101 There is 1 hockey club that plays competitive fixtures in Chiltern District:
- **Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club** – Established in 2001 through the merger of Amersham and Chalfont St. Peter hockey clubs, the club is one of the largest adult hockey clubs in Bucks with a total of 12 adult Saturday teams. Plus, over 450 junior players, making the club the 8th biggest junior section in England. **There are 6 men's teams (including a Vintage over 50s X1), 6 women's teams, Sunday mixed, and national cup competition team and 24 junior teams aged between 6 – 18 years.**
 - The U6s (Mixed) have informal games amongst themselves in most sessions and sometimes able to get fixtures with other clubs depending on how many players the club have.

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- The U8's and U10's (Mixed) get a chance to play in the local 5 a side league. There are 2 under 10 boy's teams and 1 under 10 girls team and 1 under 8's team.
- The top U10s (separate Boys & Girls) play in the Chiltern In2Hockey (U12's) League and also in the County round of the England Hockey Club Championships.
- The U12s (Boys & Girls) play in the Chiltern U12's League and also in the County round of the England Hockey Club Championships. There are 4 boy's teams and 4 girl's teams.
- The U14 girls play in the Home Counties Girls League. There are three U14 girls' squads, two squads play in the development league and one squad plays in the senior league. The top side also plays in the England Hockey U14 Club Competition.
- The U14 Boys senior side plays in the Mercian Boys League, plus an A&C team in the development league. The top side is entered in the England Hockey U14 Club Competition.
- The U16 girls play in the Home Counties Girls League. There are two U16 girls' squads; one squad plays in the development league and one squad plays in the senior league. The top side plays in the England Hockey U16 Club Competition.
- There are two U16 boys' sides. The top team plays in the Mercian Boys League and will also take part in the England Hockey U16 outdoor and indoor hockey competitions. The second team plays in the Mercian Challenge League.
- The U18 girls play in the Home Counties Girls League and also in the England Hockey Board U18 Club Competition.
- The U18 boys are a joint team with Gerrards Cross HC and have entered the 2nd tier Mercian league and have also entered the EHB Indoor competition.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

- 4.102 Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club currently use 19.25 hrs per week for training slots Monday – Friday evenings and Sundays on their pitch at Amersham and Wycombe College. This use is secured community use. Demand for match slots currently outstrips supply of available match slots on the AGP at Amersham and Wycombe College. The club does use Dr Challoner Grammar School. The junior teams under 6's, 8's and 10's do not play every week. There is a need for a formal community use agreement to be put in place at Dr Challoners School.

ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED

- 4.103 It is important that ancillary and pitch facilities are fit for purpose. The current AGPs at Amersham and Wycombe College and Dr Challoners School have new carpets (2017) and new or refurbished changing facilities.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 4.104 There are no teams identified under latent demand and population growth projects 1 additional junior boys and 1 additional girls teams. As part of the new England Hockey Strategy 'A Nation where Hockey matters' 2017-2021 a long-term aspiration is to double the number of people playing hockey in clubs by 2028."
- 4.105 Since 2012 Hockey has seen a 65% increase of U16 players taking up Hockey within the club environment. This increase across all age groups is expected to continue especially with the success of the Rio Olympics and a home Women's World Cup during the summer of 2018.

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- 4.106 Unlike some sports, hockey can only be played competitively on sand or water based Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs). Water based AGPs are not common and only found at elite sites, whereas sand based/sand dressed AGPs can be found on secondary school sites, leisure centres and higher education establishments.
- 4.107 Due to the impact on hockey, it is appropriate to ensure that sufficient sand based AGPs are retained for the playing development of hockey within the local authority administrative area. To that end, a change of an Artificial Grass Pitch's surface or carpet may require a planning application, and as part of it the applicants will have to show that there is sufficient AGP provision available for hockey in the locality if the surface is changed. Otherwise planning permission will not be granted. Advice from Sport England and England Hockey should be sought prior to any planning application being submitted. (Sport England are currently taking legal advice on the matter of submission of planning applications for change of AGP surface).
- 4.108 It should also be noted that if the surface is changed, it could require the existing floodlights to be changed and in some instances noise attenuation measures may need to be put in place.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND

- 4.109 The current supply of hockey facilities in Chiltern District will be sufficient to meet future demand. Sink funds will need to be in place to refurbish the carpets at the 2 sites.
- 4.110 Sport England consider that planning permission is required for a change of surface on artificial pitches and are currently seeking legal advice on this matter.

RUGBY SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 4.111 The audit of rugby pitches across Chiltern District identifies that there are 11 sites with rugby pitches but only 2 sites stating they offer secure community use. The secured community use sites are:
- **Chiltern Hills Academy, (Chesham Rugby Club)**
 - **Weedon Lane (Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Club)**
- 4.112 There are rugby pitches provided at 9 other sites. All 9 sites have stated that their rugby facilities are not available for community use these are:
- **Chesham Grammar School**
 - **Dr. Challoners Grammar School**
 - **Gayhurst School**
 - **Holmer Green Senior School**
 - **Misbourne School**
 - **Priory Road**
 - **The Amersham School**
 - **The Beacon School**
 - **The Chalfonts Community College**

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- 4.113 **Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Football Club Weedon Lane:** The rugby pitches are maintained and owned by the rugby club with a groundsman and a contractor annually top dresses and verti drains the pitches. The Club has said that the pitches are well used 5 nights a week and then on Saturdays and Sundays. The site is currently at capacity, especially for Minis, some of which have to use Hervines Park. This is a Park owned by Amersham Town council quite close to the Weedon Lane ground. There are no rugby pitches marked out at Hervines Park and the park is used as an overspill. This means there is a loss of potential revenue from parents at the club site. There is space to add two further pitches at the main site, but at present the site is too sloped for this to happen. However, there is potential in the future to level this space but currently this is not the club's priority.
- 4.114 The club has completed several substantial projects such as the new car park, drainage systems on three pitches so they can play rugby all year round, solar panels on the roof and a borehole for their water. The club is now turning its attention towards the clubhouse. There is a planned extension which will allow for a gym, a kit shop and better storage. The plans have been done but it is a big challenge.
- 4.115 **Chesham Rugby Club Chiltern Hills Academy:** The club rated the pitches as standard and the club maintains the pitches and spends up to £10k yearly. Teams train for a total of approximately 5 hours weekly on a separate floodlit training area. Changing accommodation was rated as standard – school changing facilities and not entirely suitable for a rugby club or when two home matches on the same weekend. The pitches are of good quality, flat and with fair drainage. The school would like to progress a full sized 3G AGP (not WR22 compliant) and are exploring the possibility of guaranteeing the rugby club a certain number of hours of use of the AGP for training purposes once complete. The Rugby club has its own ambitions of providing a World Rugby 22 compliant IRB 3G rubber crumb pitch.
- 4.116 The rugby club have many components in place to obtain a new clubhouse. They have full planning permission, an agreement on the Heads of Terms to commence drafting a 25-year lease on the clubhouse and pitches and full specified plans ready to go to tender. The Club is currently closing the funding gap required to commence the build. The Club has raised significant funds to date and have been successful in being invited onto the RFU Funding Framework for 2016 / 2017. This means the club has access to an interest free loan and grants which are pivotal to achieving their fundraising target.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT AND FUTURE DEMAND

- 4.117 All community use and non-community use rugby pitches require protection in the Local Plan. Although not formally marked out for rugby areas such as Hervines Park need protecting in the Local Plan.
- 4.118 Chesham Rugby Football Club demand for training and match equivalent sessions is 13.5 and capacity is 4.5 match equivalent sessions. There is a deficit of 9 match equivalent sessions per week. The club does state that it doesn't train on its grass pitches and that it trains elsewhere on the grounds. If this is the case, then the demand for match only equivalent sessions is 6.75 and there is a deficit of 2.25 match equivalent sessions.
- 4.119 Amersham & Chiltern Rugby Club demand for training and match equivalents is 12.5 and capacity is 10. This provides a deficit of 2.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
- 4.120 There is a current shortfall across Chiltern District of 11.5 match and training equivalent sessions per week if Chesham RUFC train on their pitches or a current shortfall of 4.75 match and training equivalent sessions weekly if they train elsewhere on the site. This increases to 19 match and training equivalent sessions in 2036 or 12.75 match equivalent sessions per week if Chesham RUFC train elsewhere other than the pitches on site (Includes latent demand and future population growth).

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- 4.121 The peak period of demand for rugby is a Saturday. There are currently 7 Senior Rugby Union pitches available providing secured community use across Chiltern District and there is demand for 4 rugby match equivalent sessions on a Saturday afternoon. At peak time of play there is an under play of 3 match equivalent sessions.
- 4.122 All clubs have sufficient pitches at peak match times on a Saturday, but the pitches are over used for training.
- 4.123 Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Club require additional pitches particularly for training and there is land available.
- 4.124 Chesham rugby club have aspirations for a World 22 rugby IRB compliant 3G rubber crumb pitch. The school at which the rugby club are based also has intentions to provide a 3G rubber crumb pitch but not World 22 IRB compliant.

ACCESSIBLE SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED

- 4.125 It is important that ancillary and pitch facilities are fit for purpose. The following quality issues have been raised as part of the consultation:
- **Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Club:** The site is currently at capacity, especially for Minis, some of which have to use Hervines Park. This is a Park owned by Amersham Town council quite close to the Weedon Lane ground. There are no rugby pitches marked out at Hervines Park and the park is used as an overspill. This means there is a loss of potential revenue from parents at the club site. There is space to add two further pitches at the main site, but at present the site is too sloped for this to happen. However, there is potential in the future to level this space but currently this is not the club's priority. The clubs current priority is a planned extension to the club house to allow for a gym, a kit shop and better storage.
 - **Chesham Rugby Club Chiltern Hills Academy:** Changing accommodation was rated as standard – school changing facilities are not entirely suitable for a rugby club or when there are two home matches on the same weekend. The pitches are of good quality, flat and with fair drainage. The school would like to progress a full sized 3G AGP (not WR22 compliant) and are exploring the possibility of guaranteeing the rugby club a certain number of hours of use of the AGP for training purposes once complete. The Rugby club has its own ambitions of providing a World Rugby 22 compliant IRB 3G rubber crumb pitch. The rugby club have full planning permission, an agreement on the Heads of Terms to commence drafting a 25-year lease on the clubhouse and pitches and full specified plans ready to go to tender. The Club is currently closing the funding gap required to commence the build. The Club has raised significant funds to date and have been successful in being invited onto the RFU Funding Framework for 2016 / 2017. This means the club has access to an interest free loan and grants which are pivotal to achieving their fundraising target.

WHAT IS THE OVERALL QUALITY LEVEL?

- 4.126 Future investment in quality enhancement is required to sustain and grow the clubs based in Chiltern District floodlights and improvements to changing and pavilions plus access to a 3G world rugby regulation 22 compliant rubber crumb pitch are required.

5. STRATEGY FRAMEWORK AND ACTION PLAN FOR ENABLING FUTURE DELIVERY OF PLAYING PITCH PROVISION

- 5.1. The PPS and Action Plan has been developed from research and analysis of playing pitch provision and usage within South Bucks and Chiltern District Council and this is provided in Appendix 1 Stage C South Bucks District Council Playing Pitch Analysis and Assessment and Appendix 2 Stage C Chiltern District Council Playing Pitch Analysis and Assessment.
- 5.2. This section sets out a strategy to enable the delivery of Football, Cricket, Hockey, and Rugby Union. The PPS provides a framework for delivery with partners and sets out aspirations and provides a priority list for when funding becomes available.
- 5.3. The identified outputs for the PPS are:
- **Provide a framework to support medium and long-term facilities planning for the delivery of sports and leisure in South Bucks and Chiltern District Council.**
 - **A clear needs analysis for developers regarding future sports and recreation facility needs in South Bucks and Chiltern District Council areas.**
 - **A robust framework to assist the allocation of developer contributions (through S106 money or the Regulation 123 list of CIL funded infrastructure) for sports and recreation provision in South Bucks and Chiltern District Council.**
 - **To identify priority sports for the area based on National Governing Bodies targets and local community needs.**
 - **To develop a priority list for investment and use of resources secured through developer contributions.**
- 5.4. The PPS framework and action plan focusses on the 5 points above and these points are addressed throughout the Priority Sports Specific Actions and Individual Site Action Plans.
- 5.5. The strategy framework focuses on the following three principles:
- **Protect:** The strategy seeks to make sure that the right amount of playing pitches and ancillary facilities of the right quality are in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision and recognises the benefits of multi pitch hub sites by:
 - Highlighting sites which have a particular significance for sport and seek to designate them as a local recreational space through the Development Plan process (see NPPF paragraphs 76 and 77)
 - Negotiate security of tenure for clubs at playing pitch sites
 - **Enhance:** Key partners such as South Bucks and Chiltern District Council, local schools, Private and Voluntary Sector Sports Clubs, and NGBs must work together to maximise the full potential of playing pitch assets and the long-term sustainability of these assets and recognise that an improvement in quality and ongoing maintenance can have an impact on the capacity of use. The strategy will do this by:
 - Improving the quality of the playing surface by providing improved maintenance and as a last resort drainage, by undertaking and supporting improvements and enhancement at sites that do not meet required quality standards, supporting clubs that require improved facilities in order to play at a higher standard, ensuring that pitches have a period of rest and recovery where appropriate.
 - Provision of enhanced ancillary facilities where they are required – 3G rubber crumb pitches, floodlighting and changing
 - Ensure that clubs have access to sufficient training facilities
 - Identification of sites for further development

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- **Provide:** In times of public sector austerity, investment needs to be directed at sites which will provide the best impact and highest increase in participation. It is the policy of South Bucks and Chiltern District Council's to support projects and sports clubs that are able to demonstrate sustainable long-term development, increase participation and support those clubs that have achieved the appropriate accreditations e.g. Clubmark and or Charter Standard and provide player and sports development pathways. The strategy looks at:
 - Addressing capacity in junior and mini football by ensuring that all teams are playing on pitches of the right size.
 - Addressing the need for artificial grass pitches to meet increasing and changing demand for AGP surfaces for both training and competition in football, hockey and rugby and other pitch sports.
 - Providing the required number and type of pitches on-site, or appropriate provision off-site, to meet the specific needs of residential development proposals.

PRIORITY SPORT SPECIFIC ACTIONS

- 5.6. All existing playing field land is protected by the Local Development Plan for South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils. Sport England policies and the NPPF to deliver current and future needs.
- 5.7. As a priority for all partners on the Steering Group there is a need for South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils, Football Foundation, Berks and Bucks County Football Association, England Hockey, ECB and Bucks Cricket, Rugby Football Union and Sport England to work together to provide a local investment plan to ensure the successful implementation of this PPS.
- 5.8. The Football, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey Individual Sport Specific actions are shown in the table below.
- 5.9. The action plans are given a priority:
- **PRIORITY 1.** Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the PPS)
 - **PRIORITY 2.** Delivered within 6 years
 - **PRIORITY 3.** No specific date – In many instances the action is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not necessarily an action the Councils or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.

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Table 5.1: Individual Sport Specific Action Plans

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE.	RECOMMENDATION NO.	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
FOOTBALL						
PROTECT	Football 1.	All football pitches across South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils should be protected in the Local Plan unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields across South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils.	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils	Low
PROTECT	Football 2.	Ensure formal Community Use Agreements are in place with Education establishments providing football pitches and 3G rubber crumb pitches for community use.	All Schools, Colleges, Higher Education facilities used by clubs.	2	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils / Berks & Bucks CFA Council / Schools / Academies / Colleges and Higher Education	Low
PROTECT	Football 3.	Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long-term future of the club.	All relevant clubs:	2	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils/ Parish & Town Councils/ Clubs.	Medium
ENHANCE	Football 4.	Continue to support junior clubs to develop with the management and improvement of facilities and ensure security of tenure of playing facilities for junior clubs either through leasing or community asset transfers so clubs can become sustainable in the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiltern District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chalfont St Peter FC ➤ Chesham Utd FC ➤ Prestwood Colts FC ➤ Chalfont Saints FC ➤ Chesham Athletic FC ➤ Holmer Green FC ➤ Penn & Tyler FC ➤ Chalfont Wasps FC ➤ Westwood Park FC ➤ Kings Church FC ➤ St Joseph's FC ➤ St James FC ➤ Robertswood Rangers ➤ AFC Lightening ➤ Seer Green • South Bucks District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gerrards Cross & Fulmer FC ➤ Beaconsfield Town FC ➤ Burnham Juniors ➤ Delaford Colts ➤ Holy Family ➤ St Peters ➤ Higher Denham Rangers ➤ Martin Baker ➤ Thorpe House 	2	All site owners, Berks & Bucks CFA. FF	Low
ENHANCE	Football 5.	There will be a need to improve the quality of 'Poor' quality football pitches to provide the required level of good quality natural grass pitches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiltern District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ashley Drive ➤ Marston Field ➤ Codmore Field ➤ Bellington Village Hall ➤ Windsor Road (subject to loss to development) ➤ Chesham Athletic Amersham & Wycombe College • South Bucks District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gerrards Cross Common ➤ Higher Denham Community Hall ➤ Holloways Park 	1	Site Owners / Berks & Bucks CFA	High

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ENHANCE	Football 6.	There will be a need to improve the standard of non-playing pitch facilities including access and car parking and the quality of changing rooms to provide segregated changing for male and females where feasible.	<p>Priority Sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiltern District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Barn Meadow ➤ Codmore Field (Funding in hand) ➤ Hervines Park ➤ Marston Field ➤ Mill Meadow ➤ Prestwood Recreation Ground • South Bucks District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Beaconsfield Town FC ➤ King Georges Field - Fulmer ➤ Farnham Park (Master Plan) ➤ Gerrards Cross Common (No Current changing facilities) ➤ Iver Heath Recreation Ground ➤ Martin Baker's ➤ Polish Association (Slough) ➤ Richlings Park Sports Club ➤ Stanley Jones Field ➤ The Gore(Carpark) ➤ Wooburn Green Lane 	2	Football clubs, South Bucks & Chiltern District Councils, Football Foundation and Berks and Bucks CFA, Parish and Town Council's	High
PROVIDE	Football 7.	Provide a solution to meet current, identified latent demand and future demand to 2036 – all pitch typologies.	<p>Chiltern District Council - Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 – Adult Teams</p> <p>The secured match equivalent sessions provide 31 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. This means with 26 match equivalent sessions required in 2036 there are 5 match equivalent sessions spare at peak time of play.</p> <p>The following unsecured community use sites will require formal community use agreements to be in place to safeguard future community use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misbourne School – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 3 adult pitches. • Chalfont Community College – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 1 adult pitch. • Chiltern Hills Academy – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 1 adult pitch. <p>The above 3 sites add 5 match equivalent sessions to peak time spare capacity. With the Playing Field of Chartridge, 1 match equivalent session if required. It is currently not used but available for use. The total spare adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions in 2036 equates to 11.</p> <p>There is a need for 6 3G rubber crumb pitches in 2036 to meet football team training requirements. These pitches with FA 3G pitch registration could be used for adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. With these added to spare match equivalent sessions at peak time this equates to 17 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions spare.</p> <p>Chiltern District Council Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 –Youth 11 v 11 Teams</p> <p>The demand in 2036 is for 72 teams at peak time of play and requires 36 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions.</p>	2	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils/ Parish & Town Councils, Football Foundation, Berks & Bucks CFA.	High

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			<p>There are currently 13 match equivalent sessions available 10 in secure community use and 3 in unsecured community use. A formal community use agreement will need to be put in place with Brushwood Junior School, Chiltern Hills Academy and Dr Challoners Grammar School to safeguard community use in the future. This means there will be a need for 23 additional youth 11 v 11 pitches in 2036.</p> <p>The 17 adult 11 v 11 pitches that are spare could be reconfigured to youth 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the need for additional youth 11 v 11 pitches to 6.</p> <p>5 youth 11 v 11 pitches are required because of population increases and these should be provided by developer contributions.</p> <p>The remaining 1 junior 11 v 11 pitch could be provided through reconfiguring 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 grass pitches that become redundant once teams move onto 3G rubber crumb for training and competitive games.</p> <p>Chiltern District Council Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 – Junior 9 v 9 Teams</p> <p>In 2036 the PPS identifies a need for 50 junior 9 v 9 teams and 25 pitches providing 25 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. With the current 7 secured community use pitches providing 7 match equivalent sessions and 4 unsecured match equivalent sessions requiring formal community use agreements. This leaves a shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.</p> <p>Population growth identifies a need for 3 new junior 9 v 9 pitches, providing 3 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play, to be provided from new housing development. This leaves a shortfall of 11 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>These 11 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions should be accommodated on new 3G rubber crumb pitches by moving 50% of 9 v 9 match play.</p> <p>Chiltern District Council Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 – Mini Soccer 7 v 7 Teams</p> <p>The 7 sites providing unsecured community use require formal community use agreements to be put in place.</p> <p>The demand in 2036 at peak time of play is for 48 mini soccer 7 v 7 teams requiring 24 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 10 mini soccer pitches in secured community use that provide a weekly capacity for 42 match equivalent sessions. With the 10 unsecured community use pitches providing a further 46 weekly match equivalent sessions and provision of staggered kick off times, there are sufficient 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand.</p> <p>Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Chiltern District Council Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 – Mini Soccer 5 v 5 Teams</p> <p>The demand in 2036 is for 38 teams and 19 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There is a current weekly capacity for 30 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions with secured community use. With staggered kick of times on the peak day of play there are sufficient 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand.</p>			

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			<p>Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>South Bucks District Council - Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 – Adult Teams</p> <p>There is a projected need for 19 match equivalent sessions in 2036 at peak time of play.</p> <p>The current secured and unsecured match equivalent sessions provide 32 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. This means with 19 match equivalent sessions required in 2036 there are 13 match equivalent sessions spare at peak time of play in 2036.</p> <p>The following unsecured community use sites will require formal community use agreements to be in place to safeguard future community use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilton Park – MoD land providing for housing development. Plan is to replace pitches on the development site. Facility currently provides 2 adult pitches. • Burnham Grammar School – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 1 adult pitch. • Beaconsfield High School – Requires a formal community use agreement to be in place. Facility currently provides for 1 adult pitch. <p>There may well be a loss of 2 adult grass pitches at Evreham Sports Centre in the future (2021) this should be mitigated by providing a minimum of 1 full size 3G pitch at Farnham Park.</p> <p>The loss of the 2 adult grass pitches at Evreham Sports Centre will be covered by 2 x 3G pitches at Farnham Park (1 to replace the 2 adult pitches and 1 to replace the loss of the 60m x 40m 3G pitch at Evreham Sports Centre). This would still mean there are 13 spare adult match equivalent sessions (11 grass pitch match equivalent sessions and 2 3G match equivalent sessions).</p> <p>South Bucks District Council Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 –Youth 11 v 11 Teams</p> <p>The demand in 2036 is for 50 teams at peak time of play requiring 25 youth 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 3 match equivalent sessions available 2 in secure community use and 1 unsecured community use. A formal community use agreement will need to be put in place with Burnham Park Academy to safeguard community use in the future. This means there will be a need for 22 additional youth 11 v 11 pitches in 2036.</p> <p>The 13 adult 11 v 11 pitches that are spare could be reconfigured to youth 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the need for additional youth 11 v 11 pitches to 8.</p> <p>5 youth 11 v 11 pitches are required because of population increases and these should be provided by developer contributions. The remaining 3 junior 11 v 11 pitches could be provided through reconfiguring 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 grass pitches that become redundant once teams move onto 3G rubber crumb for training and competitive games.</p> <p>South Bucks District Council Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 –Junior 9 v 9 Teams</p> <p>In 2036 the PPS identifies a need for 48 teams and 24 pitches providing 24 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.</p>			

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			<p>With the current 8 secured community use pitches providing 8 match equivalent sessions and 2 unsecured match equivalent sessions requiring formal community use agreements. This leaves a shortfall of 14 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play.</p> <p>Population growth identifies a need for 4 new junior 9 v 9 pitches, providing 4 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play, to be provided from new housing development. This leaves a shortfall of 10 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>These 10 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions should be accommodated on new 3G rubber crumb pitches by moving 50% of 9 v 9 match play.</p> <p>South Bucks District Council Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 – Mini Soccer 7 v 7 Teams</p> <p>The demand in 2036 is 32 teams and 16 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. The current supply of 18 match equivalent sessions weekly with staggered kick off times is sufficient to meet future demand.</p> <p>South Bucks District Council Meeting Latent and Future Demand 2036 – Mini Soccer 5 v 5 Teams</p> <p>The demand in 2036 is 26 teams requiring 13 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There is a current weekly capacity for 38 mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions with secured community use. There are sufficient 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions to meet future demand. Potentially the development of 3G rubber crumb pitches as central venues for match play would replace the need for grass 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions.</p>			
PROVIDE	Football 8.	Provide off site payments to enhance football facilities across South Bucks and Chiltern Districts for use by residents of new developments.	Use Sport England's new Development Calculator for each new development to obtain developer contributions. The developer contributions should be directed towards improving poor quality pitches to standard and improving pitches and ancillary requirements identified in the individual site action plans if the site is considered to be within the catchment of a new development.	2	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council and other Stakeholders.	
Cricket						
PROTECT	Cricket 1.	All cricket pitches across the South Bucks and Chiltern Districts should be protected in the Local Plan unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields across South Bucks and Chiltern Districts.	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council.	Low
PROTECT	Cricket 2.	<p>Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long-term future of the club.</p> <p>Seek to ensure community use agreements are in place at unsecured community use sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Bucks District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Farnham Royal Cricket Club - lease required. ➤ Farnham Common Junior School - community use agreement required. 	1	South Bucks District Council / ECB / Owners / Tenants.	High Low
ENHANCE	Cricket 3.	<p>South Bucks and Chiltern District Council in partnership with the ECB and Bucks Cricket to work together to improve the quality of cricket pitches, through developer contributions and accessing funding through the ECB Grant Aid and Pitch Advisory Scheme.</p> <p>Any improvements undertaken should seek to ensure that facilities are in line with ECB standards as well as meeting specifications for the local leagues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiltern District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sprinters Leisure Centre ➤ Barn Meadow 	1	Chiltern District Council, ECB and Bucks Cricket.	High

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ENHANCE	Cricket 4.	Ensure that ancillary facilities meet club needs and requirements to ensure sustainability of use.	<p>Chiltern District Council</p> <p>Amersham Cricket Club: The site has two pitches but only two sets of changing rooms, meaning senior matches cannot be held at the same time comfortably. Need for additional changing rooms.</p> <p>Barn Meadow: The changing facilities need replacing and the club would like covers.</p> <p>Chalfont Park: Chalfont St Peter's Cricket Club Priorities are to complete pavilion rebuild by 2018 season, weed the outfield and add an additional net to help with junior training.</p> <p>Chesham Cricket Club: There is a poor quality non-turf pitch, which is nearly 20 years old and clearly in need of being replaced. The club have had a loan from the ECB and still feel the pavilion is unfinished and need approx. £50,000 to complete the project.</p> <p>Cholesbury Common: Hawridge and Cholesbury Cricket Club. The club have a growing junior section and want to expand this further by providing a non-turf pitch.</p> <p>Coleshill Cricket Club: The ancillary facility is beginning to show signs of age and needs refurbishing. The club have installed their own practice net facility, which showed some safety concerns, specifically bubbling on the surface.</p> <p>Holmer Green Sports Association: Ancillary facilities are in need of improvement, with the changing rooms specifically being in poor condition. Holmer Green Cricket Club are looking to purchase two new sight screens for the ground and are in a position where they can purchase one of the sight screens from club funds, however they require a sight screen at each end of the pitch and would like to try and raise £1,300 to be able to purchase the second sight screen.</p> <p>Knotty Green Cricket Club: The club requires a new non-turf pitch and sight screens.</p> <p>Ley Hill Cricket Club: The ground itself is quite small and, although the club has good relationships with its neighbours, there is a slight issue with balls being lost into gardens. Need to look at netting.</p> <p>Little Missenden Cricket Club: highlighted the need for a new roller and need to replace net matting.</p> <p>Manor Park: Previously built new nets without planning permission, which was challenged by local community, so they had to take them down. So currently have no proper nets, which is now a priority for the site.</p> <p>Penn & Tylers Green Cricket Club: The club want to open up an old pavilion for community use, need new nets, a new roller, and replacement windows and door for the pavilion.</p> <p>Penn Street Cricket Club: Nets are in very poor condition, they looked into improving these but would likely need more land from the surrounding woods to allow this.</p> <p>The Common: Chesham Bois CC The priority for the club is to update the changing rooms.</p> <p>The Playing Fields: The main priority for the club is to update the changing facilities and obtain better maintenance equipment. The changing and bar facilities are not in good condition and should be replaced/refurbished imminently.</p>	2	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council, ECB, Bucks Cricket, Site Owners and Cricket Clubs	High

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			<p>South Bucks District Council</p> <p>Farnham Common Cricket Club: Remove current container area and containers all together and purchase a new roller.</p> <p>Farnham Royal Cricket Club: In the long term they would like to relocate the ancillary facilities away from the houses, and into a two-tier building. But their main development plans would be renovating the current scoring hut.</p> <p>Gerrards Cross Sports Club: the club would like to relay patio and replace furniture as they have a lot of spectators and a new mower for the outfield.</p> <p>Stoke Green Cricket Club: a new roller, new sightscreen and new nets and develop a games hall.</p> <p>Beaconsfield Cricket Club - Wilton Park: refurbish the second clubhouse to incorporate squash into their facilities for an extra revenue stream. Wants to change the current nets and the direction they face, as current provision means some usage issues on the 2nd team pitch. The current main pavilion also needs a bigger kitchen, as struggling with space and ability to cater for a large amount of people at once. The site has suffered from vandalism in the past including damage to the sight screen and the building and a tractor theft.</p> <p>Denham Cricket Club: require a non-turf pitch.</p> <p>Taplow Cricket Club: require a new score board.</p> <p>Burnham Cricket Club: require new nets and are looking at providing a non-turf pitch in the future to help with junior training and matches.</p>			
PROVIDE	Cricket 5.	Work with clubs to identify satellite facilities of appropriate quality when demand exceeds supply at the club base.	<p>Priorities:</p> <p>Chesham Cricket Club Ley Cricket Club Amersham Cricket Club</p>	1	Cricket Clubs, ECB, Bucks Cricket and Site Owners	Low
PROVIDE	Cricket 6.	Provide a solution for under and oversupply in the future to 2036.	<p>South Bucks Cricket requirements 2018 – 2036.</p> <p>The total additional match equivalent sessions per season for latent demand and future population growth is 118 and the three cricket development initiatives require 64 match equivalent sessions per year. Overall total of 182 match equivalent sessions per year. This is within the current theoretical underplay of 279 match equivalent sessions per year.</p> <p>The use of non-turf pitches by under 11 teams will assist in reducing the overall 182 grass match equivalent sessions additionally required. The ECB recognise that research will need to be undertaken to identify the best sites and the preferences of potential and new players (paradoxically players often prefer 'traditional' turf facilities even if a non-turf pitch provides a better-quality playing surface).</p> <p>Chiltern Cricket requirements 2018 – 2036.</p> <p>The total additional match equivalent sessions per season for latent demand and future population growth would be 57 match equivalent sessions and the 4 cricket development initiatives 76 match equivalent sessions per year. Overall total of 133 match equivalent sessions per year. This is within the current theoretical underplay of 239 match equivalent sessions per year.</p>	1 - 3	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils Council, other site owners, Clubs, ECB and Hampshire Cricket	Low

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			The use of non-turf pitches by under 11 teams will assist in reducing the overall 133 grass match equivalent sessions additionally required.			
PROVIDE	Cricket 7.	Provide off site payments to enhance cricket facilities across South Bucks and Chiltern District for use by residents of new developments.	Use Sport England's new Development Calculator for each new development to obtain developer contributions towards improving pitches and ancillary facilities identified within the individual site action plans if the site is considered to be in the catchment of a new development.	1 – 3	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council and other Stakeholders	Low - High
RUGBY						
PROTECT	Rugby 1.	All Rugby pitches in South Bucks and Chiltern District should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields and remain of potential value,	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council	Low
PROTECT	Rugby 2.	Seek to ensure unsecured community use rugby pitches have a formal community use agreement in place.	South Bucks District Council Drifters Rugby Club Farnham Common Sports Club: The club would struggle if they lost the use of the adjacent junior school playing fields for its mini programme on Sundays. There are no junior pitches marked out on the junior school site. Requires formal community use agreement Farnham Common Junior School.	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council / RFU / Clubs.	Low
PROTECT	Rugby 3.	Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long-term future of the club.	Chiltern District Council Chesham Rugby Club/ Chiltern Hills Academy 25-year lease required. South Bucks District Council Beaconsfield Rugby Club lease the land on which their pavilion at Cross Lane sits from Beaconsfield Town Council on a 15-year lease. The club also has access to a field owned by Hall Barn Estates. This land is adjacent to the main pitch sites on the other side of Cross Lane. The land has no formal markings for rugby but is used for training their 600+ minis and juniors. The loss of this site (which is technically unsecure) would be disastrous for the club. Phoenix Rugby Club: current lease expires 2029 but set to be renewed.	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council, RFU. Clubs.	Low
ENHANCE	Rugby 4.	Improve the quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing rugby pitches to meet current and future needs of clubs. Particular emphasis on improving maintenance and installing drainage and access to floodlit training facilities.	Chiltern District Council Future investment in quality enhancement is required to sustain and grow the clubs based in Chiltern District floodlights and improvements to changing and pavilions plus access to a 3G world rugby regulation 22 compliant rubber crumb pitch are required. 2 additional pitches could be provided at Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Club if a slope could be dealt with. South Bucks District Council Beaconsfield Rugby Club and Drifters Rugby Club Farnham Common Sports Club would benefit from additional pitches with floodlights or access to a rugby world 22 compliant 3G rubber crumb pitch. There is a need to protect the unsecured World rugby compliant 22 3G pitch and grass pitches at Burnham Grammar School.	1 - 3	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council, RFU. Clubs.	High

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE.	RECOMMENDATION NO.	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
ENHANCE	Rugby 5.	Support the improvement of all ancillary facilities to the required NGB standard.	<p>Chiltern District Council</p> <p>Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Club: The clubs current priority is a planned extension to the club house to allow for a gym, a kit shop and better storage.</p> <p>Chesham Rugby Club Chiltern Hills Academy: The rugby club have full planning permission, an agreement on the Heads of Terms to commence drafting a 25-year lease on the clubhouse and pitches and full specified plans ready to go to tender. The Club is currently closing the funding gap required to commence the build. The Club has raised significant funds to date and have been successful in being invited onto the RFU Funding Framework for 2016 / 2017. This means the club has access to an interest free loan and grants which are pivotal to achieving their fundraising target.</p> <p>South Bucks District Council</p> <p>Beaconsfield Rugby Club Cross Lane: The clubhouse is in good condition, but the club has a requirement to undertake several projects to enable the building to cater for the demand from junior rugby.</p> <p>Drifters Rugby Club Farnham Common Sports Club: A good site, with large ancillary facilities that are in good condition. Recently re roofed the clubhouse. Containers need reorganising on site.</p>	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council, RFU	High
PROVIDE	Rugby 6.	Provide a solution for under and oversupply in the future to 2036.	<p>Chiltern District Council</p> <p>There is a current shortfall across Chiltern District of 11.5 match and training equivalent sessions per week if Chesham RUFC train on their pitches. If the club trains elsewhere on the site current shortfall drops to 4.75 match and training equivalent sessions' weekly. This increases to 19 match and training equivalent sessions in 2036 or 12.75 match equivalent sessions per week if Chesham RUFC train elsewhere other than the pitches on site (Includes latent demand and future population growth)</p> <p>The peak period of demand for rugby is a Saturday. There are currently 7 Senior Rugby Union pitches available providing secured community use across Chiltern District and there is demand for 4 rugby match equivalent sessions on a Saturday afternoon. At peak time of play there is an under play of 3 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>All clubs have sufficient pitches at peak match times on a Saturday, but the pitches are over used for training.</p> <p>Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Club require additional pitches particularly for training and there is land available.</p> <p>South Bucks District Council</p> <p>There is a current shortfall of 5.25 match and training equivalent sessions. This increases to 8.75 match and training equivalent sessions in 2036 (Includes latent demand and future population growth).</p> <p>The peak period of demand for rugby is a Saturday. Excluding Cottage Park Road, Hedgerley, there are currently 9 Senior Rugby Union pitches available providing secured community use across South Bucks and there is demand for 6 rugby match equivalent sessions on a Saturday afternoon. At peak time of play there is an under play of 3 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>All clubs have sufficient pitches at peak match times on a Saturday, but the pitches are over used for training.</p>	1 - 3	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils., Rugby Clubs, RFU	High

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE.	RECOMMENDATION NO.	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
			Beaconsfield Rugby Club and Drifters Rugby Club Farnham Common Sports Club would benefit from additional pitches with floodlights or access to a rugby world 22 compliant 3G rubber crumb pitch. There is a need to protect the unsecured World rugby compliant 22 3G pitch and grass pitches at Burnham Grammar School.			
PROVIDE	Rugby 7.	Provide off site payments to enhance rugby facilities across South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils for residents of new developments.	Use Sport England's new Development Calculator for each new development to obtain developer contributions towards improving pitches and ancillary facilities identified within the individual site action plans. If the site is considered to be in the catchment of a new development.	1 – 3	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils and other Stakeholders.	Low - High
HOCKEY						
PROTECT	Hockey 1.	All hockey suitable sand-based AGPs in South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils are required to be protected. Change of use of existing hockey artificial turf pitches to 3G rubber crumb pitches should be discussed and agreed with South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils, the Football Foundation, England Hockey and the Rugby Football Union. The change of use may require planning permission in the future. Sport England are currently seeking legal advice.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as hockey AGPs and remain of potential value	1 1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils, Football Foundation, England Hockey, RFU	Low Low
PROTECT	Hockey 2.	Seek to ensure security of unsecured community use sites by providing formal community use agreements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiltern District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr Challoners Grammar School • South Bucks District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Beaconsfield High School 	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils, England Hockey, site owners and hockey clubs.	Low
PROTECT	Hockey 3.	It is important to ensure that those AGPs used for hockey and provide community use have prioritised peak time match slots and training slots for hockey use.	Clubs and schools	1	Clubs / Local Authority / NGB / Schools / Academies and Higher Education	Low
ENHANCE	Hockey 4.	Ensure sink funds are in place for sand based AGPs to renew carpets and floodlighting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiltern District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amersham & Wycombe College ➤ Dr Challoners Grammar School • South Bucks District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Beaconsfield High School 	1	Schools / Clubs / England Hockey	Medium
PROVIDE	Hockey 5.	Provide a solution for under and oversupply in the future to 2036.	<p>Chiltern District Council</p> <p>The current supply of hockey facilities in Chiltern District will be sufficient to meet future demand. Sink funds will need to be in place to refurbish the carpets at the 2 sites and a formal community use agreement is required at Dr Challoners Grammar School.</p> <p>South Bucks District Council</p> <p>The current supply of hockey facilities in South Bucks will be sufficient to meet future demand. However, this is dependent on the protection of the main hockey pitch AGP at Beaconsfield High School and protection of the pitch in the Local Plan and a formal community use agreement in place. Sink funds will need to be in place to refurbish the carpet once this current carpet has been renewed.</p>	1 - 3	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils, England Hockey.	High

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FTP 3G / AGP						
PROTECT	FTP 3G /AGP 1.	Protect all existing FTP 3G and AGPs currently in use for hockey, football and rugby unless better quality facilities are provided.	All existing pitches	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils	Low
PROTECT	World Rugby 22 IRB Compliant AGP2.	Ensure that there remain sufficient World Rugby 22 IRB compliant AGPs to fulfil rugby needs currently and in the future by retaining World Rugby 22 compliant pitches that are strategically important for rugby and formal community use agreements are in place.	Seek to reinstate RFU registration of World Rugby 22 IRB compliant pitch at Burnham Grammar School.	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils / Rugby Clubs/ RFU	Low
PROTECT	AGP 3.	Ensure that there remain sufficient sand based/dressed facilities to fulfil hockey need at both the current time and in the future by retaining sand-based facilities that are strategically important for hockey and formal community use agreements are in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chiltern District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amerhsham Wycombe College ➤ Dr Challoners Grammar School • South Bucks District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Beaconsfield High School 	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Council	Low
PROVIDE	FTP 3G / AGP 5.	<p>Provide sufficient 3G pitches across South Bucks and Chiltern District By 2036 to meet FA training requirements.</p> <p>The strategic work of identifying appropriate sites should continue following into Stage E of the PPS.</p>	<p>Chiltern District Council</p> <p>Provide a maximum of 6 3G rubber crumb pitches at:</p> <p>Chesham United FC would like to change their stadia pitch to 3G rubber crumb and provide a 3G surface on their tarmac training. The club are also looking at potential new ground facilities within Chesham which would be built and provide training and playing facilities for not only the first team but also the ladies, youth and junior sides and if an agreed site is given the go ahead, it is hoped that this can be in place for 2020.</p> <p>Misbourne School has raised 50% of the funds required for a 3G pitch and is continuing to raise funds.</p> <p>Chalfonts Community College have a hard-court tennis site they would like to transform into a 3G rubber crumb pitch.</p> <p>Chiltern Hills Academy are working towards delivering a 3G rubber crumb pitch.</p> <p>2 additional 3G pitch sites will be required as well as the above.</p> <p>South Bucks District Council</p> <p>The PPS has identified 1 full size 3G rubber crumb pitch at Burnham Grammar School with floodlights and the pitch holds FA registration status. There are 2 smaller sized 3G rubber crumb pitches at Burnham Park Academy 60m x 40m and Evreham Sports Centre 60m x 35m. These 2 3G pitches are not registered with the FA.</p> <p>The Evreham Sports Centre 3G will possibly be lost in 2021 and will require replacing.</p> <p>By 2036 there will be a maximum requirement for 4 3G rubber crumb pitches.</p> <p>There is currently 1 FA registered pitch at Burnham Grammar School. The remaining 3 should be considered at either Farnham Park, Stanley Jones Playing Field, George Pitcher Memorial Ground or Wilton Park.</p> <p>Ensure new sites can accommodate floodlights, changing, toilets, car parking and shelters.</p> <p>Ensure all sites new pitches are assessed and placed on the FA Register for 3G Pitches and the registration is maintained.</p>	1	South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils, FF, Bucks CFA.	High

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GENERAL ACTIONS

- 5.10. The tables below identify the general Planning Policy recommendations, PPS Development recommendations and the general actions which are followed by the site by site action plans.
- 5.11. The actions are given priorities and relevant potential delivery partners are highlighted. By being highlighted as a potential delivery partner, partners are not obligated to fund or facilitate the action, but they should be involved in the project.
- 5.12. The action plans are given a priority:
- **PRIORITY 1. Delivered against or to be worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the PPS)**
 - **PRIORITY 2. Delivered within 6 years**
 - **PRIORITY 3. No specific date – In many instances the action is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not necessarily an action the Council or the PPS Steering Group have control over.**

COSTS

- 5.13. The strategic actions have also been ranked as low, medium or high based on cost. The brackets in which these sits are:
- **(L) -Low - less than £50k;**
 - **(M) -Medium - £50k-£250k;**
 - **(H) -High £250k and above.**
- 5.14. These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs Quarter 2 2016.

FUNDING PLAN

- 5.15. In addition to using the planning system to lever in developer contributions, it is recognised that external partner funding will need to be sought to deliver much of the action plan. Although seeking developer contributions in applicable situations and other local funding/community schemes could go some way towards meeting deficiencies and/or improving provision, other potential/match sources of funding should be investigated e.g. look to apply for grants and work with NGBs and Sport England to seek partnership funding for a number of projects.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 5.16. It is important that the PPS Steering group keep this strategy alive. This will be achieved by:
- **Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions.**
 - **Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock.**
 - **Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends.**
- 5.17. The on-going monitoring of the PPS will be led by South Bucks and Chiltern District Council and will be linked to the PPS Steering Group. The PPS will be updated every 3 – 5 years to fit in with Planning Policy reviews with an annual review of supply and demand data.
- 5.18. Sport England recommends that a process should be put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered. This monitoring should be led by the local authority and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the steering group.

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- 5.19. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPS has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. This should form an on-going role of the steering group.
- 5.20. As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the Steering Group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS and the information on which it is based to be out of date as per Sport England's Playing Pitch Guidance.
- 5.21. Once the PPS is complete the role of the steering group should evolve so that it:
- **Acts as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the PPS and playing pitch provision in the area.**
 - **Monitors, evaluates and reviews progress with the delivery of the recommendations and action plan.**
 - **Shares lessons learnt from how the PPS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances.**
 - **Ensures the PPS is used effectively to input into any new opportunities to secure improved provision and influence relevant programmes and initiatives.**
 - **Maintains links between all relevant parties with an interest in playing pitch provision in the area.**
 - **Reviews the need to update the PPS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based. Further to review the group should either:**
 1. Provide a short annual progress and update paper;
 2. Provide a partial review focussing on particular sport, pitch type and/or sub area; or
 3. Lead a full review and update of the PPS document (including the supply and demand information and assessment details).
- 5.22. The steering group should meet at relevant points throughout the year to ensure that this role is progressed. This could be at six months and a year on from when the steering group signed off the PPS and/or arranged to tie in with the different seasons of the sports and any meetings with the NGBs.
- 5.23. Ideally the PPS could be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the Steering Group. The Steering Group including the NGBs will update the demand and supply information. This will help to maintain the momentum and commitment that would have been built up when developing the PPS. Taking into account the time to develop the PPS this should also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.
- 5.24. An annual review should not be regarded as a particularly resource intensive task. However, it should highlight:
- **How the delivery of the recommendations and action plan has progressed, and any changes required to the priority afforded to each action (e.g. the priority of some may increase following the delivery of others)**
 - **How the PPS has been applied and the lessons learnt**
 - **Any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area (e.g. the most used or high-quality sites for a particular sport) and other supply and demand information, what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues**

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- **Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport or recent information e.g. the FA modelling for 3G pitch requirements.**
- **Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.**

5.25. There is further information in Section E of Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy guidance.

5.26. The table below provides general Planning Policy recommendations and PPS Development recommendations.

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Table 5.2: General Planning & Playing Pitch Strategy Development Recommendations

GENERAL PLANNING & PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	ACTION
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANNING	<p>Agree the following Actions for the Local Plan. Appropriate Allocations for playing fields should be set out within the new Local Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policies within the new Local Plan, should be in accordance with the NPPF, which seeks to protect playing pitches unless 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. • Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to CIL or a Section 106 Agreement. Where developer contributions are applied agreement must be completed specifying the amount and timing of sums to be paid. (Sport England’s New Development Calculator for New Developments should be used to identify new need from a development and will guide on pitch development, maintenance and sink fund costs. • The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (if the Council commits to producing a CIL) should include locations and costed projects for investment in playing pitch facility provision and maintenance for sites. • Where new pitches are provided changing rooms should be located on site as a minimum for adult use including provision for women and girls, or as a minimum, toilet facilities should be provided for junior and mini football use and including toilets for women and girls. • There is a need to ensure that existing facilities (changing rooms etc.) are not placed under undue pressure by the provision of new pitches and that ancillary facilities must be equivalent or better. • Where schools or higher education establishments seek planning permission for outdoor playing pitches and/or artificial grass pitches the planning conditions must stipulate a formal community use agreement is put in place with the School and the Local Authority to provide for community use of the facility. • When planning applications are approved for new 3G pitches or AGPs planning conditions must stipulate that all 3G pitches meet FIFA quality standards and are placed on the FA 3G pitch register and that floodlights are provided on 3G and AGPs.

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GENERAL PLANNING & PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	ACTION
<p>GENERAL DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS PPS</p>	<p>South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils will work in partnership with the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Foundation Regional Investment and Facilities Manager, Berks & Bucks County Football Association. • England and Wales Cricket Board Facilities and Investment Manager and Bucks Cricket • Rugby Football Union Investment and Facilities Manager • England Hockey Relationship Manager for Bucks • Sport England <p>Short Term Action by September 2018</p> <p>South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils will continue working with the PPS Steering Group. The Steering Group will monitor and review the PPS and site action plans on a six-monthly basis.</p> <p>Short Term Action September 2018 - Long Term September 2021:</p> <p>The action plan from the PPS should be implemented by South Bucks and Chiltern District Council with the assistance of the Steering Group.</p> <p>It is important that the PPS Steering group keep the PPS alive. This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together to seek Investment appropriate to deliver the PPS in Partnership. • Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions. • Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock. • Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends. <p>The on-going monitoring of the PPS will be led by South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils and will be linked to the PPS Steering Group. The PPS will be updated every 3 years and the steering group will undertake a review of the current data annually.</p>

INDIVIDUAL SITE ACTION PLANS CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

5.27. The following provides information on individual sites.

Table 5.3: Individual Site Action Plans Chiltern District Council

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Spratleys Meadows (Club – Secured) Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 v 11.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Misbourne School (Education – Unsecured) Sports: Football: 3 x adult 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9, 1 mini 7 v 7, 1 mini 5 v 5. Rugby: 1 adult pitch	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The school has raised over 50% of funds towards a 3G rubber crumb pitch. Encourage the school through planning to provide a formal community use agreement and ensure the 3G pitch meets FIFA standards and obtains FA Registration on the FA 3G pitch register.	1	Misbourne School / Berks & Bucks CFA/ Football Foundation/ Chiltern District Council	High
Westwood Park (Local Authority – Secured) Sports: Football: 2 x Adult 11 v 11, 2 youth 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9 pitch, 1 mini 7 v 7, 1 mini 5 v 5. Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
National Centre for Epilepsy (Secured) Sports: Football: 3 x adult 11 v 11, 1 youth 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9, 3 mini 7 v 7, 1 mini 5 v 5.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. Look to safeguard future use of this site for Chalfont Saints FC.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Barn Meadow (Local Authority – Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11, 1 youth 11 v 11, 1 mini 7 v 7, 1 mini 5 v 5. Cricket: Challoners Cricket Club Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Need to consider enhancing quality of cricket pitch and provision of cricket covers. Seek access to funding through the ECB Grant Aid and Pitch Advisory Scheme.	3	Club / ECB/ Chiltern District Council	Medium
	PROVIDE	Changing rooms need to be renewed for youth football and cricket.	2	Clubs / ECB/ Chiltern District Council/ Football Foundation / Berks & Bucks CFA.	High

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Chesham Athletic – Amersham & Wycombe College (Club– Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Amersham & Chalfont Hockey Club – Amersham & Wycombe College (Chesham Campus) (Club lease – Secured) Sports: Hockey: Sand dressed 110m x 70m	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Club should be encouraged to provide a sink fund for replacement carpet and flood lights for the hockey AGP.	2	Amersham & Chalfont Hockey Club	
Windsor Road Recreation Ground (Local Authority – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site is a possible future housing development site. If lost mitigation of funding will be required to reprovide or contribute towards a 3G rubber crumb pitch.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	If adult 11 v 11 pitch is not developed for housing. The pitch should be improved from poor quality to standard quality and considered for future use as a youth 11 v 11 pitch.	2	Chiltern District Council	Low
	PROVIDE				
Bellington Village Hall (PCC – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Holmer Green Sports Association (Leased to Sports Association Secured) Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9, 1 mini 7 v 7. Cricket: Squares x 1.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Ancillary facilities are in need of improvement, with the changing rooms specifically being in poor condition. Holmer Green Cricket Club require two new sight screens	3 3	Holmer Green Sports Association and Cricket Club Holmer Green Cricket Club	Medium Low
	PROVIDE				
Penn & Tylers Green Sports Club (Trust Secured) Sports: Football 2 x adult 11 v 11 Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The club wish to open up an old pavilion for community use. Require new nets, a new roller, and replacement windows and door of the pavilion.	3	ECB/ Penn & Tylers Green Sports Club	
	PROVIDE				

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Hervines Park (Parish Council – Secured) Sports: Football 1 adult 11 v 11, 2 junior 9 v 9, 1 mini 7 v 7	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
		Although no rugby pitches are marked out at Hervines Park the park is used as an overspill for mini and junior rugby. The continued rugby use needs to be protected.	1	Parish Council / Rugby Club / RFU	
	ENHANCE				
The Playing Fields Chalfont St Giles (Parish Council – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 v 11 pitches, 1 youth 11 v 11, Cricket: Chalfont St Giles CC Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Chalfont St Giles Cricket Club requires better maintenance equipment.	3	Chalfont St Giles CC	Low
	PROVIDE	Need to refurbish changing facilities	2	Chalfont St Giles CC/ Football Club / Parish Council	Medium
Mill Meadow Playing Fields (Leased To Club – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11, 2 youth 11 v 11, 2 mini 7 v 7, 2 mini 5 v 5.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Changing rooms are in need of replacing. This should only be considered if Chesham Utd decide to stay at the ground. The club is currently looking at alternative facilities to bring the clubs many teams under one site with 3G pitch provision as well. The club has considered reconfiguring this grass pitch as a 3G rubber crumb	3	Chesham United/ South Bucks and Chiltern District Council/ Berks and Bucks CFA/ Football Foundation.	
The Meadow Amey Lane (Sports Trust– Secured Use). Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11,	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Codmore Field (Parish Council – Secured Use). Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Seek assistance from the FAs Pitch Improvement Plan to carry out an assessment to improve pitch quality and then seek funding to implement recommendations if required.	1	Berks & Bucks CFA/ Parish Council	
	PROVIDE	Funding has been provided to refurbish ancillary facilities	1	Parish Council/Sport England	
Gold Hill Common (Parish Council – Secured) Sports – Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Buryfield Recreation Ground (Parish Council – Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11 pitch	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				Medium – high
	PROVIDE				High
Seer Green Recreation Ground (Parish Council – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11, 1 mini 7 v 7. Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Sprinters Leisure Centre (Local Authority– Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11 pitches Cricket: Squares x 1 Non-Turf Pitch x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Improve the quality of cricket pitches, through developer contributions and accessing funding through the ECB Grant Aid and Pitch Advisory Scheme.	1	Chiltern District Council in partnership with the ECB and Bucks Cricket	Low
	PROVIDE				
Prestwood Common (Parish Council – secured) Sports: Football: 3 x adult 11 v 11, 1 youth 11 v 11,	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Prestwood Recreation Ground (Parish Council – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Ancillary facilities require refurbishment	2	Parish Council	
	PROVIDE				
Chalfont Community College (Education – Unsecured use) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11 Sand dressed AGP 70m x 30m Rugby: 1 junior pitch	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	There are additional pitches that could be used by the community 2 youth 11 v 11. Carry out a feasibility to replace old hard-court tennis courts on the College site with 3G rubber crumb pitch.	2	Chalfont Community College/ Chiltern District Council/ Football Foundation/ Berks & Bucks CFA.	

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Chiltern Hills Academy (Education – Unsecured use). Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11, 1 youth 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9 (not available for use), Cricket: Square x 1 Not available for community use Non-Turf Pitch x 1 Not available for community use. Rugby: 2 adult pitches (Chesham RUFC). 2 School rugby pitches.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future. Work with Chesham RUFC to secure a lease for land at the school for pitches and a planned pavilion.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Seek to provide a new pavilion for Chesham RUFC once the lease has been agreed.	2	RFU/ Chesham RUFC	Medium
		The School are working towards a 3G rubber crumb pitch. If a 3G rubber crumb pitch is provided at the school, there must be a formal community use agreement in place and the 3G pitch should meet FIFA standards and seek and maintain registration on the FAs 3G Pitch Register. It must be noted that for Rugby use of the 3G pitch it must be World Rugby 22 IRB Compliant or only tag rugby can be played and training limited to the same on a 3G pitch.	1	Chiltern Hills Academy/ Football Foundation/ Berks & Bucks CFA. Chiltern District Council.	High
Weedon Lane – Amersham & Chiltern RUFC (Club – Secured use). Sports: Rugby: 5 adult pitches	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	There is space to add two further pitches at the main site, but at present the site is too sloped for this to happen. However, there is potential in the future to level this space but currently this is not the club's priority. The clubs current priority is a planned extension to the club house to allow for a gym, a kit shop and better storage.	3 2	Amersham and Chiltern RFU/ RFU Amersham and Chiltern RFU/ RFU/ Chiltern District Council	Medium Medium
Chesham Athletic The Moor, (Club - Secured) Sports: Football: 2 x youth 11 v 11, 2 junior 9 v 9, 2 mini 7 v 7, 2 mini 5 v 5.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Dr Challoners Grammar School (Education – unsecured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x youth 11 v 11 Cricket: Squares x 1 not available for community use. Sand dressed AGP 100m x 70m Rugby: 1 adult pitch	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
		There is a need for a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1		
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The school should be encouraged to provide a sink fund to provide for the future refurbishment of the AGP carpet and floodlights,	1	Chiltern District Council/ Dr Challoners Grammar School.	

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Marston Field (Parish Council – unsecured use) Sports: Football: 1 x youth 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The site should be considered for a visit by FA Pitch Improvement Programme to look at improving the 'Poor' quality pitch.	1	Berks & Bucks CFA/ Parish Council	Low
	PROVIDE	There is a need to consider replacement changing facilities or at least toilets since the previous changing facilities burnt down.	2	Parish Council	Medium
Brushwood Junior School (Education – unsecured) Sports: Football: 1 x youth 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9, 1 mini 7 v 7,	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. There is a need for a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard future community use.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				Low
Thorpe House School (Education – Unsecured) Sports Football: 1 x junior 9 v 9, 1 mini 7 v 7. Cricket: Not available for community use. Squares x 1 Non-Turf Pitch x 1 Sand dressed AGP 33m x 20m Rugby: 2 junior pitches.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. There is a need for a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard future community use.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Need to encourage the school to provide a sink fund to replace the non-turf pitch and AGP carpets when required.	1	Thorpe House School	Medium
Seer Green Church of England School (Education – Unsecured) Sports – Football: 1 x junior 9 v 9	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Chesham Cricket Club – The Meadow (Club – Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x mini 7 v 7 Cricket: Squares x 1 Non-Turf Pitch x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The poor quality non-turf pitch, is in need of replacement.	2	Chesham Cricket Club	Low
	PROVIDE	The pavilion on site has recently been refurbished and is in good condition. The club received a loan from the ECB for this; however, they are now struggling to pay this back. The club still feel the pavilion is unfinished and need approx. £50,000 to complete the project.	3	Chesham Cricket Club	Medium

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Little Kingshill Combined School (Education - unsecured) Sports: Football: 1 x mini 7 v 7	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Robertswood School (Education – unsecured) Sports: Football: 1 mini 7 v 7, 1 mini 5 v 5.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
St Joseph’s Catholic Primary (Education – Unsecured) Sports: Football: 2 x mini 7 v 7, 2 mini 5 v 5.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Ashley Drive Recreation Ground (Local Authority – secured) Sports: Football: 1 5 v 5 mini	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Amersham Cricket Club – Shardeloes (Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 2 Non-Turf Pitch x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The site has two pitches but only two sets of changing rooms, meaning senior matches cannot be held at the same time comfortably. There is a need for additional changing facilities.	2	Chiltern District Council/ Cricket Club/ ECB	
Amersham Cricket Club - Little Kingshill (Club – Secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Ballinger Common (Club leased – Secured) Waggoners Cricket Club Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1 Non-Turf pitch x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Chalfont Park (Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Chalfont St Peters Cricket Club. Squares x 1.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The club would like to develop disability cricket at the site and would like some support with this. Other priorities they have are to weed the outfield and add an additional net to help with junior training.	1	Chalfont St Peter's Cricket Club/ ECB	Low
	PROVIDE	New pavilion to be built for start of 2018 season.	1	Chalfont St Peter's Cricket Club/ ECB	Low
Chenies & Latimer Cricket Club (Cricket Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 2.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Amersham Hill Cricket Club (Cricket Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1 1 non-turf pitch	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Cholesbury Common (Cricket Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Provide a non-turf pitch to assist with expansion of junior cricket	2	Hawridge and Cholesbury Cricket Club/ ECB	Low
Knotty Green Cricket Club – Forty Green Road (Parish Council – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Club require sight screens	3	Knotty Green Cricket Club	Low
	PROVIDE	Provide a non-turf pitch to assist with expansion of junior cricket	2	Knotty Green Cricket Club/ ECB	Low

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Coleshill Cricket Club (Cricket Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Practice net facility should be looked at to ensure it meets health and safety requirements.	1	Coleshill Cricket Club / ECB	Low
	PROVIDE				
Great Missenden Pelicans Cricket Club (Cricket Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Hyde Heath Cricket Club (Cricket Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Ley Hill Cricket Club (Town Council – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1 Non-turf pitch x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Investigate Net screening to neighbouring gardens to provide a ball stop prevention.	3	Ley Hill Cricket Club	Low
	PROVIDE				
Little Missenden Misfits Cricket Club (Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Need for a new roller and practice nets.	2	Little Missenden Misfits Cricket Club/ECB	
	PROVIDE				
Manor Park (The Lee Cricket Club) (Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Nets are a priority for the cricket club	2	The Lee Cricket Club	Low
	PROVIDE				
Penn Street Cricket Club (Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Need to consider portable nets as permanent nets are not possible due to lack of land.	3	Penn Street Cricket Club	Low
	PROVIDE				

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Playing Fields of Chartridge (Parish Council – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1 Non-turf pitch x 1 Football: 1 adult 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	1 adult football pitch could be brought back into use or reconfigured as a youth 11 v 11 pitch.	2	Parish Council	
Chesham Bois Cricket Club – The Common (Parish Council – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Groundsman would like assistance with maintenance	2	Chesham Bois Cricket Club / ECB	Low
	PROVIDE	Changing rooms require refurbishing	3	Parish Council	
Cricket Ground opposite Hit and Miss Public House Penn Street (Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Winchmore Hill Cricket Ground (Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Square x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

Sites with playing pitches unavailable for community use				
Chesham Grammar School	PROTECT These sites should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	Chiltern District Council	Low
Chesham Prep School				
Great Missenden C of E School				
Holmer Green Senior School				
The Amersham Academy				
Chartridge Combined School				
Gayhurst School				
Hawridge and Cholesbury C of E School				
Holmer Green Junior School				
Ley Hill Primary school				
Little Chalfont Primary School				
Prestwood Junior School				
The Beacon School				
Thomas Harding Junior School				
Waterside Combined School				
Woodside Junior School				
Woodrow High House				

INDIVIDUAL SITE ACTION PLANS SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL

5.28. The following provides information on individual sites.

Table 5.4: Individual Site Action Plans South Bucks District Council

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Beaconsfield High School (Education – Unsecured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11. Sand Dressed AGP 100m x 60m Cricket: 1 Non-Turf pitch Rugby: 1 adult pitch	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The school are currently fund raising to provide a new sand dressed AGP for hockey. Once the carpet has been refurbished the school needs to be encouraged to provide a sink fund for future carpet and floodlight replacements.	1	Beaconsfield High School/ Gerrards Cross Hockey Club/ EH.	
Bellshill Recreation Ground (Parish Council – Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11,	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Burnham Grammar School (Education – Unsecured) Sports: Football: 1 x Adult 11 v 11, 3G Full Size FA registered Rugby: 2 junior pitches	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The 3G full size pitch is a registered FA 3G pitch but has lost its World Rugby 22 IRB complaint registration. The School should be encouraged to maintain both rugby and football registration of the pitch. A sink fund should be encouraged so the school can refurbish the carpet and floodlights when required.	1 1 1	South Bucks District Council / Berks and Bucks CFA /RFU	
	PROVIDE				
Dorney Village Hall (Parish Council - Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Evreham Sports Centre (Local Authority – Secured) Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 v 11 3G Rubber Crumb Pitch 60m x 35m	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This facility could close in 2021.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Replacement provision if this site is lost in 2021 should include new full size 3G pitch provision possible at Farnham Park (minimum 1 maximum 2). This should be provided before current facilities close.	1	South Bucks District Council/ Berks & Bucks CFA/ Football Foundation.	High
Farnham Park - Complex (Local Authority– Secured) Sports: Football: 7 x adult 11 v 11, 1 youth 11 v 11, 1 mini 5 v 5, Rugby: 2 adult pitches (Farnham Royal RUFC)	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Provide minimum of 1 3G maximum of 2 3G pitches to replace loss of grass and small 3G pitch at Evreham Sports Centre.	1	South Bucks District Council/ Berks & Bucks CFA/ Football Foundation.	High
George Pitcher Memorial Ground (Parish Council – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 3 x adult 11 v 11, 2 junior 9 v 9, 2 mini 5 v 5,	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site is a possible future housing development site.	1	South Buck District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Burnham Juniors are currently oversubscribed and require a 3G pitch. Consider the site for a future 3G pitch.	1	South Bucks District Council/ Berks & Bucks CFA/ Football Foundation.	High
Gerrards Cross Common (Parish Council – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The pitch is of 'Poor' quality should be considered under the FA Pitch Improvement Programme	1	Parish Council/ Berks & Bucks CFA	
	PROVIDE	There are no changing facilities. As a minimum toilet facilities should be provided. Consideration should be given to reconfiguring adult pitch to a youth 11 v 11 pitch	1	Parish Council/ Berks & Bucks CFA	
Holloways Park (Sports Club – Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11, 4 mini 7 v 7	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
		Lease needs to be renewed 8 years remaining	1	Beaconsfield SYOB.	
	ENHANCE				
Iver Heath Recreation Ground (Parish Council - Secured) Sports: Football 1 x adult 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Parish Council are looking at Pavilion and Car Parking refurbishments	1	Parish Council	
	PROVIDE				

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Iver Recreation Ground (Parish Council – Secured) Sports: Football: 1 adult 11 v 11, 1 youth 11 v 11, 1 mini 7 v 7, 2 mini 5 v 5,	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Parish Council considering building new pavilion	1	Parish Council	
King Georges Field Fulmer (Parish Council – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9 Sand Dressed AGP 33m x 35m Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The changings room need refurbishing	2	Parish Council	Low
	PROVIDE	The Parish Council should be encouraged to provide a sink fund to replace the carpet on the AGP when required	1	Parish Council	Low
Polish Association Slough (Private – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 v 11, 1 mini 5 v 5	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	There is a need to replace the aged changing facilities	3	Polish Association	Medium
	PROVIDE				
Richlings Park Sports Club (Private – Secured Use). Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Need to refurbish changing facilities	3	Richlings Park Sports Club	Medium
	PROVIDE				
Stanley Jones Field (Club – Secured Use). Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 11, 1 junior 9 v 9, 1 mini 7 v 7, 1 mini 5 v 5.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	There is a need to refurbish changing rooms	3	Taplow FC	
	PROVIDE				
The Gore (Private – Secured) Sports: Football: 1 x adult 11 v 11	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The car park is in need of relaying	2	South Bucks District Council	Low
	PROVIDE				

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
Wilton Park (Private Development Site Ex MoD Land) – Secured) Sports: Football: 2 x adult 11 v 11 pitch, 1 junior 9 v 9. Cricket: Beaconsfield CC squares x 2.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This is a development site with an application for outline planning	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The Wilton Park development proposals will deliver at least 2 hectares of formal open-air sports pitches to directly replace the existing amount of land at Wilton Park currently made available for use as public space. The sports pitches are likely to be relocated from their current position, towards the western boundary of the site, where they will be within easy walking and cycling distance of Beaconsfield, and easily accessible by bus or car via a new vehicle access off the Pyebush Roundabout. The replacement land and facilities must be of at least the same standard as that which currently exists. The PPS suggests a requirement for youth 11 v 11 pitches, 9 v 9 pitches and or 3G rubber crumb pitch.	1	South Bucks District Council/ Berks and Bucks CFA	
		Beaconsfield Cricket Club wants to refurbish the second clubhouse to incorporate squash into their facilities for an extra revenue stream.	3	Beaconsfield Cricket Club	Medium
		The club also wants to change the current nets and the direction they face, as current.	3	Beaconsfield Cricket Club	Low
	The current main pavilion also needs a bigger kitchen, as struggling with space and ability to cater for a large amount of people at once.	3	Beaconsfield Cricket Club	Medium	
Wooburn Green Lane Field (Trust – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 3 x adult 11 v 11, 1 junior 9 v 9	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The changing facilities are poor and require refurbishment	3	Trust/ Berks and Bucks CFA	Medium
	PROVIDE				
Burnham Park Academy (Education – Unsecured) Sports: Football: 1 x 11 youth 11 pitches Cricket: 1 non-turf pitch 3G pitch 60m x 40m	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	South Bucks District Councils	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The school should be encouraged to provide a sink fund to be able to refurbish the 3G pitch carpet and floodlights when required. The school should also be encouraged to seek registration of the pitch on the FA 3G pitch register.	1	Burnham Park Academy	Medium
Gerrards Cross Church of England School (Education – Unsecured) Sports: Football: 1 x junior 9 v 9, 1 x mini 7 v 7	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY AIM	ACTION	PRIORITY	PARTNERS	COST
High Denham Community Hall (Parish Council – Secured Use) Sports: Football: 1 x junior 9 v 9	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Pitch is 'Poor' quality and should be considered under the FA Pitch Improvement Programme	2	Parish Council / Berks and Bucks CFA	Low
	PROVIDE	.			
Martin Bakers Sports & Social Club (Private – Secured use) Sports: Football: 1 x junior 9 v 9	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. Private Works Sports and Social Club previously closed down but still providing playing pitch facilities. Currently providing 1 junior 9 v 9 football pitch. Could provide for an additional 2 junior 11 v 11 and 1 adult 11 v 11.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Changing and pitch facilities need improvements	3	Martin Bakers	
	PROVIDE				
St Peter's C of E Combined School (Education – Unsecured use). Sports: Football: 1 mini 5 v 5. Sand filled AGP 35m x 25m	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. This site requires a formal community use agreement to be in place to safeguard community use in the future.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Stoke Park Trust, (Private - Secured) Sports: Football: 1 mini 5 v 5.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Denham Cricket Club – Cheapside Lane (Club lease – secured Use) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Club require a non-turf pitch	2	Denham Cricket Club/ ECB	Low
	PROVIDE				
Farnham Common Sports Club (Club – secured use) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1 Rugby: 3 adult pitches (Drifters RFC)	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	There is a need to reorganise or remove containers from site.	3	Farnham Common Cricket Club and Drifters Rugby Club	Low
	PROVIDE	There is a need for additional floodlighting of rugby pitches to assist with training.	2	Drifters Rugby Club/ RFU/ South Bucks District Council	Low

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Farnham Common Junior School (Education – unsecured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. There is a need for a formal community use agreement to be in place	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				Low
Farnham Royal Cricket Club (Club lease – Secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. Cricket Club need to renew lease	1 1	South Bucks District Council Farnham Royals Cricket Club / ECB	Low
	ENHANCE	Need to refurbish scoreboard hut	1	Farnham Royals Cricket Club	Low
	PROVIDE	Cricket club have a long-term plan to move the pavilion away from housing.	3	Farnham Royals Cricket Club	
Gerrards Cross Cricket Club – Dukes Lane (Club – Secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	The club would like to relay patio and replace furniture as they have a lot of spectators. Club also need a new mower for the outfield	2	Gerrards Cross Cricket Club	Low
	PROVIDE				
Burnham Cricket Club – Memorial Ground (Club – Secured) Cricket: Squares x 2 Non-Turf Pitch x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Club requires new nets and a non-turf pith	2	Burnham Cricket Club / ECB	Low
	PROVIDE				
Sefton Park (Business Park - Secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Stoke Green Cricket Club (Club – Secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Club would like a new roller, new sightscreen and new nets. Also looking to develop a games hall.	3	Stoke Green Cricket Club	
	PROVIDE				
Taplow Cricket Club Ten Acres (Club – Secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Require a new scoreboard	2	Taplow Cricket Club	Low
	PROVIDE				

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Cottage Park Road Hedgerley (Parish Council – secured) Sports: Rugby: 1 adult pitch	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Cross Lane Beaconsfield Rugby Club (Club – secured) Sports: Cricket: Squares x 2 Non-Turf Pitch x 1	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. Pavilion is owned by rugby club. Club currently negotiating lease of pitches.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The clubhouse is in good condition, but the club has a requirement to undertake several projects to enable the building to cater for the demand from junior rugby.	2	Beaconsfield Rugby Club/ RFU	Medium
Sports Field – Phoenix Rugby Club (Club leased – Secured) Sports: Rugby: 2 adult pitches, 1 junior pitch.	PROTECT	This site should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided. Lease expires 2029 need to renegotiate.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low
			1	Phoenix Rugby Club	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
Sites with playing pitches unavailable for community use					
Teiyko School Caldicote Prep School Davenies School Lent Rise Combined School St Mary & All Saints C of E Primary School	PROTECT	These sites should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	1	South Bucks District Council	Low

