

# **RUTLAND COUNTY**

## **Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and Open Space Informal Recreation Assessment**

### **Summary**

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## SECTION 1: Introduction

- 1.1 The Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and Open Space and Informal Recreation Assessment both cover the period up to 2036. They provide recommendations to inform long-term land use planning for sports facilities and open spaces, including Rutland County Council's approach to the new Local Plan, and ensures that the policies are supported by robust and up-to-date information.
- 1.2 The reports will also help to inform the future investment decisions of the County Council and its partners about the sports facility stock and open spaces, helping to support funding applications, and assist with the delivery of shared objectives such as improving health through raising levels of physical activity.
- 1.3 The motivations for the Strategy include the fact that Rutland is a small unitary authority which is primarily rural in nature. The County Council has only limited direct formal interest in sports facilities or open spaces as a provider, but works with a wide range of partners to offer the community across Rutland a range of opportunities. These partnerships will continue to be crucial into the long term, particularly as the County Council only has limited financial resources to support either sport and active recreation, or open spaces.
- 1.4 Rutland needs to respond effectively to the requirements of both the existing community, and to the anticipated changes in the population as between 2006 and 2026 Rutland County Council identified a housing requirement of 150 houses per year; a total of 3,000 dwellings. The remaining housing requirement between 2010 and 2026 was 1,930 dwellings, or 120 houses per year. The two market towns of Oakham and Uppingham are to be the focus for development; however the larger Local Service Centres of Empingham, Greetham, Ketton and Ryhall together with Market Overton, Cottesmore and Edith Weston, will play a significant role in development.

### Rutland's future population

- 1.5 Although there is planned housing growth up to 2036, the overall increase in population across the authority is likely to be around 3,600 people in total. The most notable feature of the period up to 2036 will be a significant aging of the population. This demographic picture will have an impact on the take up of sport and active recreation, as very broadly most competitive and contact type activities attract those aged under 45 years, whilst a broader range of activities such as cycling and keep fit activities which attract older people are likely to see continuing growth in participation across the county.

### Approach to the strategy

- 1.6 As on-going partnerships will be essential for the delivery of the strategy recommendations, their development has been with the close involvement of

Rutland County Council's key partners. These have included Sport England, Leicestershire and Rutland County Sports Partnership, National Governing Bodies of Sport, and local sports clubs and organisations and key sports facility providers. Preceding work in the period 2008-2013 undertaken by Rutland County Council had also included extensive consultation with the town and parish councils and other key community organisations, so this strategy builds on those findings.

- 1.7 Sport England has developed formal guidance for the production of playing pitch strategies and sports facility strategies. The methodology adopted for the strategy meets this guidance, and its development has been with the active support and involvement of Sport England and other key stakeholders.
- 1.8 Information about the use and quality of village and community halls has been collected by Rutland County Council officers, and most of the children's equipped play grounds have also been revisited as part of the audit process during 2014, again by the County Council officers.
- 1.9 The baseline data for the open spaces assessment is that developed in 2009 to underpin the previous strategy work. There has been little significant change to the sites since this time, so the original data has been used to inform this new strategy, with updates made where required. The open space standards which emerged from the earlier work and taken forwards into the 2010 Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Planning Obligations and Developer Contributions were:
  - Parks, Gardens and Amenity Greenspace (as a single standard)
  - Provision for Children and Young People
  - Outdoor Sports, Playing Fields and Kick About Areas
  - Indoor village/community hall
- 1.10 The County Council is currently moving towards the implementation of the Community Infrastructure Levy, so formal standards of provision are no longer required except where appropriate provision is required on site, and this will be subject to the CIL tests. For example the provision of a children's equipped play facility may be required to be provided on-site, but a facility may also contribute via the CIL to infrastructure items on the County Council's Regulation 123 list, and to an infrastructure item identified by the town or parish council.

# SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY STRATEGY

## SECTION 2: Strategic facilities

- 2.1 The following are the key findings are the indoor and outdoor sports facility summaries from the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy. The review of playing pitches, both grass and artificial appear in Section 3.
- 2.2 The provision built facilities. The detailed recommendations by parish are addressed in Figure 2.

### Sports halls

- 2.3 Sports halls are one of the primary sports facilities for communities because they can provide a venue for many different activities. There are currently a number of sports halls in Rutland which are available to the community, with the largest being the 8 court hall at Catmose and the 6 court hall at Uppingham Sports Centre, both of which are in secure community use, are relatively new build, and of high quality.
- 2.4 Also in secure community use is the 3 court hall at Oakham Enterprise Park which has recently been taken over by Rutland County Council to provide a club base, particularly for gymnastics and judo. This facility has recently been fully refurbished and has developed into a high quality club venue.
- 2.5 The amount of sports hall space in Rutland in secure community use is 20 badminton courts, well above the estimated 10 courts of demand arising within the authority. However all of the sites in secure community use are located within either Oakham or Uppingham, which means that residents living on the eastern side of the authority are unable to reach a sports hall within Rutland itself which has secure community use. However they are able to reach facilities in Stamford.
- 2.6 The assessment of the future requirements for sports hall space in Rutland indicates that some additional demand for sports hall space will be required up to 2036. However this additional demand can easily be accommodated within the existing network of provision, and the key priority is to retain a spread of facilities across the County which are available for community use.

### Recommendations

- 2.7 It is proposed to protect and maintain as high quality facilities the Catmose 8 court hall, the Uppingham Sports Centre 6 court hall, and Oakham Enterprise Park's 3 court hall. The Catmose facility and Uppingham Sports Centre should continue to have pay-and-play opportunities. The Oakham Enterprise Park sports hall is, and will continue as, a club venue.

- 2.8 If opportunities arise to formalise community use and make it “secure” elsewhere this should be welcomed, with the priority being Casterton, or elsewhere on the east side of the authority.

## Swimming pools

- 2.9 The amount of water space in Rutland is theoretically higher than that required by the community for swimming, and everyone should have good access to a pool. However the access policies at Uppingham School, Oakham School and Barnsdale mean that in practice there is limited accessibility for anyone on a pay and play basis, but particularly young people and those not able or willing to become members. There is also a need to provide a venue for primary school swimming and learn to swim sessions. Club swimming training opportunities within Rutland are also limited by the pool availability.
- 2.10 The conditions survey of 2013 raised major concerns about the condition of the roof, and although some remedial works have been undertaken, there are still significant leaks during heavy rain, and heating issues are a cause of concern for both users and staff. The pool is not fit for purpose and its condition will continue to deteriorate over time. The national governing body for swimming, the ASA supports the need for a new pool.
- 2.11 The need for a public pool in Rutland is justified on the grounds of quality and equality of access. The pool could be 25m x 4, 5 or 6 lanes in size and located either at Catmose College or another site if the Catmose Pool were closed. The next stage is to determine costs, the options for partnership funding and long term potential revenue impact.
- 2.12 A Sport England scenario test to confirm the best pool size and location options would be useful as part of the next stage of feasibility work.

## Recommendations

- 2.13 It is proposed to develop plans for improved pool facilities in Oakham with:
- 25 m x 4 lane main pool
  - Dry side viewing area with access to temporary pool side informal viewing
  - Improved changing
- 2.14 This proposal will need a feasibility assessment to consider the detailed design and costs, but is the highest priority for the sports infrastructure list when CIL is implemented. However the County Council will also develop a strategy to acquire the necessary funding for the facility, through external funders such as Sport England, and potential partner organisations.

## Health and fitness

- 2.15 Rutland has a high level of studio space compared to most similar authorities elsewhere, although it has a lower rate of provision per 1,000 for the number of fitness stations than either the national or regional average.
- 2.16 Everyone with access to a car can reach a fitness facility with fitness stations within 20 minutes' drive time. However the relatively high costs of gym membership at either Catmose or Uppingham Sports Centre can be prohibitive, and there is currently no IFI accredited centre in the County. The lower cost options of fitness and gym elsewhere, including at several of the multi-purpose halls across the County, are therefore also an important opportunity for many residents.
- 2.17 The findings of the previous studies in 2013 and 2014 confirm this latest assessment, and the fact that some of the existing facilities are not fully used, although there are still places where clubs are finding difficulties of booking a suitable space at the times that they need. The 2013 and 2014 reports state that most fitness facilities are good quality, and do not require significant investment.
- 2.18 There is no additional need for fitness facilities in the period up to 2036, so the priority is to retain the existing secure community fitness facilities, at Catmose and at Uppingham Sports Centre, in part because these host the Exercise Referral programmes for the authority.
- 2.19 There is also a need to achieve IFI accreditation for at least one site in Rutland, which should be either / or at Catmose and Uppingham Sports Centre as these host the Exercise Referral programme. The cost of achieving this accreditation needs to be confirmed as it is not known if additional equipment/facilities would be required.
- 2.20 There may be potential to use green gyms and outdoor fitness trails to improve the fitness facility opportunities as several sites in Rutland, but these would require a more detailed assessment of their costs and benefits.

## Recommendations

- 2.21 It is proposed to protect and maintain as high quality the fitness facilities at Catmose and at Uppingham Sports Centre.
- 2.22 It is proposed to achieve Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI) accreditation at Catmose and /or at Uppingham Sports Centre. This will be a strategic facility which will cater for all Rutland residents.
- 2.23 The potential for the provision of green gyms and outdoor fitness trails will be explored, and the costs of provision will be confirmed as part of local feasibility studies.

## Athletics

- 2.24 There is one athletics club in Rutland, the Rutland Athletics Club which trains at The Rutland Showground. This is a relatively small club which has limited training needs.
- 2.25 Although Rutland does not have a synthetic track itself, there are tracks at Corby, Peterborough, Grantham and Leicester. Together these enable access to a synthetic track for many Rutland residents within 30 minutes' drive time. There are therefore no specific requirements for a synthetic track in Rutland at this time, and this situation is unlikely to change over the period up to 2036 unless the tracks in the nearby authorities close.
- 2.26 There are however opportunities which could be explored which would build on the current club's activities and the unique appeal of Rutland. This should include, if confirmed through a feasibility study, the development of a Compact Athletics Facility, designed to meet the needs of the Rutland Athletics Club.
- 2.27 Marked running routes in Oakham, Uppingham and potentially elsewhere should be actively considered along with closed circuit traffic free routes for training and competitions. This provision requires confirmation in terms of potential routes and locations, and the cost of provision.

## Recommendations

- 2.28 It is proposed to:
- support the continuation of Rutland Athletic Club, with at minimum the protection and improvement of their current site at The Rutland Showground.
  - develop one Compact Athletics Facility for Rutland fully available to the community at peak time, i.e. weekday evenings and weekend. This facility will be a strategic facility, meeting the needs of all Rutland residents. A feasibility study will be undertaken to confirm design, location, viability and cost.
  - develop one or more closed circuits, which is a traffic free route for training and competition. A feasibility study will be undertaken to confirm design, location, viability and cost.
  - develop marked running routes in Oakham, Uppingham and potentially in each of the Local Service Centres. The routes and costs of provision will be confirmed as part of local feasibility studies.
- 2.29 If there is sufficient demand, Rutland County Council will work with its partners to increase the amount of programmed time in a sports halls for indoor athletics training.



## Indoor bowls

- 2.30 There is one specialist indoor bowls centre at Uppingham with two, undersize, rinks. There are also a number of village and community halls across Rutland which provide for short mat bowls.
- 2.31 There are a number of specialist indoor bowls centres in authorities close to Rutland which provide opportunities for some Rutland residents, assuming that these facilities have a 20 minute drive time.
- 2.32 The assessment suggests that there is no requirement for additional specialist indoor bowls provision although improvements to the existing 2 rink facility may be justified.
- 2.33 A higher priority is to improve the village and community centres across Rutland which can/could host short mat bowls to enable more play at these sites.

## Recommendations

- 2.34 Existing opportunities to take part in indoor bowls in multi-use centres and at the Uppingham Bowls Club should be protected and improved.
- 2.35 Existing and village and community halls which do or could offer indoor short mat bowls should be improved to enable more bowls use to take place. This may include improved storage.

## Indoor tennis

- 2.36 There are no indoor tennis facilities in Rutland at this time. However many residents are able to reach indoor courts outside of the County, with either the Corby or Peterborough indoor tennis centres being within a maximum of 30 minutes' drive.
- 2.37 Previous consultations identified the desire for an indoor tennis provision in Rutland and certainly this would increase the amount of tennis residents are able to play in the winter. However the number of courts would be small and the hire cost usually high. In practice therefore they would be not very accessible, particularly to those on lower incomes.
- 2.38 Given the amount of provision over the borders of Rutland, the amount of unmet demand across the County may well not be sufficient to sustain a public indoor tennis facility. A publicly led and fully funded facility is not therefore a priority.
- 2.39 Should however a proposal arise independently, for example at an education site or club, then this should be welcomed in principle and community access enabled,

ideally both during the day and evenings. A low level of public funding support might be appropriate in this situation.

### Recommendation

- 2.40 The recommendation is that Rutland County Council should support proposals in policy terms for an indoor tennis facility should one arise from an independent organisation. Community access should be sought to any facility both during the day and evenings, and to this end planning conditions should be applied. A small amount of public funding towards such a facility, should it comes forwards, may be considered, but justification would need to be made in relation to the sports development benefits offered by the scheme.

### Squash

- 2.41 There are 8 squash courts available to the community in Rutland, with 3 courts at the Uppingham Sports Centre, 3 courts at Oakham School, and 2 at Barnsdale. Only the Uppingham Sports Centre courts are in secure community use. The courts at Oakham School are available on limited hours at peak time.
- 2.42 The total amount of court space is almost 3 times the national and regional average per 1,000, and about double that available in comparable authorities. If the national and regional averages are taken as a better indicator of demand, then only three courts are required to meet the needs of the community.
- 2.43 No additional courts are required, but the 3 courts in secure community use and which are also available on a pay and play basis at Uppingham Sports Centre should be retained. The future of the courts at Oakham School and Barnsdale will be a commercial decision of the operators.

### Recommendation

- 2.44 The minimum provision should be the retention as a high quality facility, the existing 3 courts at Uppingham School Sports Centre as a play and play facility, as well as providing a club base.

### Club Centre at Oakham Enterprise Park

- 2.45 The need for a specialist sports facility to cater for judo and gymnastics is in the process of being met through the refurbishment of the sports facilities at Oakham Enterprise Park. The priority now is to ensure that the clubs are financially stable and to transfer the management of the relevant parts of the site to them.

## Multi Use Games Areas

- 2.46 There are a number of managed Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) in Rutland, all on school sites. The sites known to be used by the community on a regular formal basis are Catmose for netball, Uppingham Sports Centre for tennis, and Uppingham Community College for the Back to Netball weekly session.
- 2.47 The relatively small size of netball as a sport means that even with future growth of Rutland and increases in participation, the club is unlikely to outgrow the Catmose facility. If a new club should develop elsewhere then there are opportunities for the sport at several school sites. There are therefore no priorities for future specific investment.
- 2.48 There are no specific needs for football in relation to MUGAs as these are not the preferred surface for community clubs for either matches or training.

### *Recommendations*

- 2.49 The existing level of community access to the MUGA at Catmose should be retained and improved.

## Golf

- 2.50 The number of golf courses and driving ranges in Rutland directly reflects the demand for the sport as it is primarily led by commercial and golf club provision. The quality of the sites is generally good.
- 2.51 Golf is a sport which attracts a significant proportion of Rutland residents, though few of those taking part in golf would be seen as a high priority in terms of sports development.

### *Recommendations*

- 2.52 There are no specific recommendations for golf facilities, but planning policies should enable a degree of flexibility at golf course sites in order to enable the providers to update their golf “offer” over time.

## SECTION 3: Local Facilities

### Village and community halls

- 3.1 Village, church and community halls are an essential element of the sport and active recreation facilities network, providing opportunities at the local level, particularly for people without a car or who are unable to travel easily, and in supporting women's participation. Village halls are a crucial element of rural community life.
- 3.2 There is a need to ensure that there is day time access to good quality hall facilities during the weekday day time as well as evenings and weekends, at minimum in Oakham, Uppingham and each of the Local Service Centres, but ideally also at a wider network of halls across Rutland.
- 3.3 There is no identified need for additional community or village halls in Rutland to meet the demand from residents up to 2036, but the existing network needs to be protected and enhanced in order to cater for the needs of both the existing and future communities.
- 3.4 The 2014 community and village hall survey has identified issues at a number of halls. Facility improvements should be fully costed and designed to provide direct benefits to the local community, and given the size of many halls, these may be revenue refurbishment projects as well as capital build schemes.

### *Recommendations*

- 3.5 The policy objectives in relation to village and community halls are:
  - There should be at least one community or village hall per Local Service Centre, and also within both Oakham and Uppingham, which are accessible during weekday daytimes, as well as on weekday evenings and weekends.
  - Existing village and community halls should be protected and enhanced, or where they are not suitable for retention, replaced within the locality by improved facilities.
  - All residents should be within a 10 minute drive time catchment of a hall, and halls should be easily accessible on foot and by cycle and have adequate parking.
  - The community centres, village halls and similar facilities should be able offer a wide range of activities, as well as meet modern standards for H&S, DDA, energy efficiency etc. Any improvements should reflect the current best practice guidance from relevant agencies, including for the kitchen, storage and ancillary facilities such as the car park, to enable the sites to provide effectively for their local communities and generate income to ensure sustainability.

## Outdoor bowls

- 3.6 Bowling greens tend to attract older players and draw from a fairly local area. The quality of the greens and ancillary facilities will in part determine clubs' ability to attract and retain members. In principle, all sites should reach and retain the standard recommended by the national governing body.
- 3.7 In principle, there is a need to protect and improve the bowling greens in Rutland, but the requirements of specific bowling greens, and the potential benefits of investing in them further, will need to be assessed on a site by site basis.
- 3.8 Bowling site improvements such as disability access to greens and pavilions should be included within the County Council's list of fundable projects, but it will be for the individual club to make its case for any investment.

## Outdoor tennis courts

- 3.9 Outdoor tennis courts are an important local facility in Rutland, and as such should generally be protected and improved. The priorities are therefore to retain and improve the courts, including the provision of floodlighting where this would significantly increase levels of use.

## Countryside and Water Sport Activities

- 3.10 There are a number of sport and recreation activities which are not specifically addressed by this Strategy as they tend to be based in the countryside on natural resources. These sports and activities include amongst others; walking, cycling, horse riding, sailing, canoeing, windsurfing, rowing, motorcycle trials, and air sports.
- 3.11 The critical factors for these activities are appropriate and sufficient access to the, primarily natural, resources but with the appropriate ancillary facilities such as car parking and clubhouse. The appeal of these types of sport in the Rutland is wide, with every one of the larger Market Segments using the countryside for at least one activity. The most popular of these activities is cycling, but horse riding, athletics (including jogging) and angling also appear. Archery is not a large enough activity to appear in the Market Segmentation modelling but is another popular activity in the County.
- 3.12 The main roles of Rutland County Council in relation to these types of sports and activities are and will continue to be:
- As an advocate working with partners to gain and retain access to a wide range of "natural resources", including Rutland Water.

- Providing positive planning policy guidance to encourage provision for and access by a range of sport and recreation activities. This includes in relation to noisy sports.
- Encouraging the development of safe cycling routes, both as part of sustainable transport and a part of GI provision. This may include a closed road circuit(s).
- By providing grant aid, where appropriate, to clubs to gain, maintain and improve their facilities, particularly where this encourages or enables new participation.

## **SECTION 4:      Playing pitches**

4.1      Playing pitches, both grass and artificial are reviewed in this section.

### *Artificial grass pitches*

4.2      The number of AGPs per 1,000 population in Rutland is high compared to most comparators, and is almost three times the England and regional average. However only some of the pitches are really accessible to the community, and only some are floodlit.

4.3      At the present time, the needs of Rutland Mixed Hockey Club are met at their preferred site, Oakham School, which is also an England Hockey Junior Development Centre.

4.4      There is an expressed desire for more 3G pitches by both Oakham Football Club and Ketton Football Club, but there are reasonably accessible 3G pitches at both Uppingham and Stamford which the clubs can or could use. As the FA model only suggests that 0.5 of a full size 3G pitch is needed to cater for all of the football training needs in the County, no additional provision is justified.

4.5      There is no requirement for additional AGP space in Rutland and any new community pitch would probably be financially unsustainable because of the existing network of facilities.

4.6      The priority is to make better use of the existing network of provision, and to bring the Uppingham Community College into secure community use, with support to better marketing of the facility so that it is well known across the county.

### *Recommendations*

4.7      The existing hockey surface AGP at Catmose and the 3G pitch at Uppingham Community College should be retained.

- 4.8 Community use of the Uppingham Community College pitch should be secured long term and support provided to its marketing, particularly amongst local football clubs.

### Football grass pitches

- 4.9 Overall there is sufficient pitch space for football on sites which are in community use to cater for each age group and pitch size. However there is only just enough junior/youth pitch space, and only limited “spare” capacity for senior football.
- 4.10 Most of the community use is of community playing fields, and only two teams, one adult and one junior, currently use the two school sites at Catmose and Uppingham. Oakham United use the old Rutland County College site at Barleythorpe which is owned by Rutland County Council.
- 4.11 There is a large amount of pitch space at other education sites, some of which technically have community use agreements which were put into place as the schools went to academy status. However no primary or independent schools are used by the community for football.
- 4.12 None of the playing field areas are shared with other sports, which is a major benefit. However the quality of some of the pitches is an issue, particularly at Ketton, Rogues Park, Tod’s Piece and Uppingham Community College. The pitches on these sites are not used on a regular basis, or are only able to withstand one match/training session per week.
- 4.13 The only good quality football pitch in Rutland is that used by Cottesmore FC at Rogues Park. This is of much higher quality than the other pitches on that site.
- 4.14 There is potentially almost sufficient playing field space overall already in secure community use and actually used for football up to 2036, even allowing for a 0.5% growth in participation per year. However there will be a need for another junior/youth pitch by around 2021, and some additional capacity should be provided to cater for maintenance etc. This could be achieved through pitch improvement works at existing sites to allow more matches to be catered for, or though the expansion/extension of a site with junior teams, or possibly through the rearrangement of the pitches at The Rutland Showground, which currently has too many mini pitches.
- 4.15 In overall terms, those sites with existing community use should be protected from development. However those sites which do not have current community use are unlikely to be required even up to 2036 for football.

### *Recommendations*

- 4.16 The existing network of football pitch sites in secure community use should be retained into the longer term.

4.17 Improvements to the pitches should be made at Ketton, Rogues Park, Tod's Piece and potentially, if the community use can be secured, at Uppingham Community College. These sites will require a technical assessment by a specialist agronomist to confirm the costs and potential benefits in terms of additional use. However the clubs based at these sites will also need to demonstrate that investment is justified because the club is actually expanding and requires the additional pitch capacity that such investment would deliver.

## Cricket grounds

4.18 There are 9 cricket sites with 10 grounds in Rutland available and used for community cricket. All of the sites are in secure community use and none of the sites are shared with football or winter sports. The ground quality on almost all of the sites is good, with the exception of North Luffenham.

4.19 There is sufficient capacity across the sites to cater for the demand now and in the future. However the Oakham Cricket Club ground is small, and there is no space for practice nets. The club is not able to cater for the demand particularly from juniors, and would benefit from a second site if a location and resources can be identified.

4.20 The ancillary facilities at the cricket sites are generally good, with the exception being Ketton's clubhouse, and the parking at Oakham.

4.21 There is sufficient capacity across the sites in Rutland to cater for cricket up to 2036, however there are specific issues at some clubs which will require attention. These are:

- Oakham CC – need for additional space for nets and progression.
- Ketton – need for improvements to clubhouse.
- Empingham – improvements to nets
- Market Overton – improvements to nets

4.22 The potential future options for Oakham CC have not been discussed with the club, and would need a full assessment and feasibility study to confirm the best and most viable alternative.

## Recommendations

4.23 The existing number of cricket sites in secure community use should be retained into the longer term.

4.24 Improvements to the club house are needed at Ketton.

4.25 Practice net improvements are required for Empingham and Market Overton.



- 4.26 A second high quality ground would benefit Oakham CC. This could, if affordable, be of a standard to enable the club to progress up the leagues, and have appropriate clubhouse facilities and practice nets. However this would require significant funds to be identified and secured from external sources. This might be developed as a stand-alone ground, or an alternative could be the replacement of the existing pitch site with a double ground site which may also include an artificial turf strip. Any new ground site would need to be located close to the boundary of Oakham itself.

## Rugby pitches

- 4.27 There are two rugby clubs in Rutland, the Oakham RFC which has recently moved to a new site at The Rutland Showground, and Stoneygate RFC which has recently moved to Uppingham Community College.
- 4.28 The Oakham RFC club has a long term lease on their site. Their main priorities are; to ensure that their new pitches become high quality, as issues have arisen with the clay soil on the new site; to grow the club to improve long term financial stability; and, to make the clubhouse facility financially sustainable including through external bookings.
- 4.29 The Stoneygate RFC is yet to fully establish itself at Uppingham and currently has one senior team plus an occasional veterans team. It has access to the 3G pitch on the school site for training, as well as to the grass pitches for matches. The main priorities are to ensure the use is secure long term, and to grow the club.
- 4.30 If The Rutland Showground site achieves the hoped-for high quality pitches, the future needs of the club should be able to be met on that site. There may however be a need to support the club on an interim basis to carry out remedial works on the pitches.
- 4.31 The requirements of the Stoneygate RFC club should be possible to meet on their Uppingham Community College site. In the medium-longer term, if the club grows significantly then there may be a need to upgrade the pitches on the site so that they can cater for increased use. However the short term priority is to achieve the security of community use on this site.

## Recommendations

- 4.32 The recommendations for community rugby are:
- Ensure that the Oakham RFC pitches achieve and are maintained at good quality.
  - Secure the community use of Uppingham Community College grass pitches and AGP for rugby
  - Keep the growth of the clubs under review, and in the medium-longer term and if necessary seek to improve the quality of the pitches at Uppingham Community College if the club's growth justifies investment.

# OPEN SPACE AND INFORMAL RECREATION

## SECTION 5: Overview and methodology

- 5.1 There are a large number of open spaces across Rutland with different primary purposes, including a country park, amenity greenspaces, children's play and allotments, plus green corridors and outdoor sports. The primary purpose of this open spaces assessment is to review and update the open space standards contained within the 2010 Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in relation to; parks and gardens and amenity green space; children's play and youth provision, and; kick about areas. In relation to allotment provision, standards had been proposed in the 2009 reports which underpinned the 2010 SPD, but the recommendation was not then taken forwards into the SPD. The option of introducing a new allotment standard has therefore specifically reconsidered.
- 5.2 The findings of the 2009 reports which informed the 2010 SPD for the other open space typologies such as green corridors and cemeteries and churchyards are considered by Rutland County Council to still be sound, and therefore did not require review.
- 5.3 The assessment drew on a number of different elements:
- The findings and recommendations set out in the 2009 Sport Structures reports, including local consultation
  - Comparator authorities and geographical neighbour standards
  - Best practice from relevant national bodies and other authorities
  - The current quantity, quality and accessibility of open space across the county.
- 5.4 These are brought together to underpin new recommended planning standards for Rutland for new developments. Such standards are required to make the proposed new housing developments acceptable.

### Parish and town based assessment

- 5.5 This assessment uses the towns of Oakham and Uppingham and the rural parishes as the unit for assessment as assessment at this level enables the identification of rates of provision and accessibility of open space. The town and parish level also links most effectively with Neighbourhood Plans.
- 5.6 The 2011 Census is the latest available population information for the parishes. Although this is now four years old, the population across Rutland is largely very settled, and there are no significant changes from the 2011 population data. The exceptions are in relation to the new housing developments in Oakham.
- 5.7 Future population projections for Rutland are only available at the whole authority level, so this assessment does not include forecast needs at the parish level.

However as Rutland is expected to experience relatively low levels of housing growth, the population is not expected to change significantly in most areas of the county.

## **SECTION 6: Parks, gardens and amenity green space**

- 6.1 There is only one site that falls within the parks and gardens typology in Rutland, the Rutland Water Park, but there are a large number of amenity greenspaces, a high proportion of which have children's play provision as well as an open grass area. Most of Oakham, Uppingham, the Local Service Centres and the larger villages have some access to amenity greenspace, but 65% of all of the amenity greenspace sites are less than 0.2 ha, which is really the minimum useful size for informal recreation. If only sites of at least 0.2 ha are included in the review and a 500 m catchment is applied to these, then more park/garden/amenity green space is needed in Greetham and Market Overton where there are no accessible sites of this size, and extra provision is also needed in Uppingham, Cottesmore and Ketton where only part of the main settlements have access to such open space.
- 6.2 The current level of provision based on a standard of provision of 0.4 ha per 1000 as a merged standard for parks and gardens and amenity greenspace, was consulted upon in the Sport Structures work leading to their report of 2009. They concluded that there was no requirement to increase the overall level of provision per 1000. However as the small size of a high proportion of the amenity greenspace sites was flagged as an issue, Sport Structures recommended a minimum size.
- 6.3 In practice many of the larger amenity greenspaces include children's equipped playgrounds and the informal play takes place on the amenity greenspace. It is therefore appropriate to consider including within the parks, gardens and amenity greenspace standard an element for informal play. This would give a standard of 0.75 ha per 1000.
- 6.4 The Sport Structures report recommended that several of the larger amenity greenspaces should be formally recognised as parks. Given the funding criteria of external agencies, this should be actively considered for all of the larger amenity greenspaces where sites have good quality features and there are a number of uses and facilities including children's play and car parking.
- 6.5 As new developments are considered for Oakham, Uppingham and the Local Service Centres, then new provision of parks and amenity greenspace will be required. New sites should be required to meet the revised standards, including in relation to minimum size, accessibility and design. Where provision is not appropriate on site, then contributions should be made off site.
- 6.6 Whether or not development goes ahead, there is a high priority for new provision of amenity greenspace sites of at least 0.2 ha in Uppingham, Cottesmore, Greetham,

Ketton and Market Overton, where there is either no provision at this time or significant parts of the villages are more than 500m from such a space.

## Recommendations

6.7 Existing parks and amenity greenspaces should be protected and improved, unless the tests set out in paragraph 74 of the National Planning Policy Framework are met in full.

6.8 The existing planning standard is updated to:

- 0.75 ha per 1000 of parks, gardens and amenity greenspace
- Minimum site size of 0.2 ha
- 500 m catchment
- Have natural grass on a high proportion of the site
- Be permanently (24/7) available for informal public recreation use without charge
- Be reasonably flat and accessible to the local community
- Safe for use by a wide range of ages
- Clearly designed, with definition between the public space and adjoining private spaces e.g. fenced
- Sites should not include playing pitches, sustainable urban drainage sites, roadside verge, or be primarily landscaping as part of a development
- Be well maintained
- Where children's equipped play provision is developed as part of a larger park or amenity greenspace, then an additional area is required of 0.25 ha per 1000 with the individual play area meeting the appropriate standards from Fields In Trust.

6.9 Oakham, Uppingham and the Local Service Centres of Cottesmore, Edith Weston, Empingham, Greetham, Ketton, Market Overton and Ryhall should have a park or amenity greenspace site of at least 0.2 ha in size available to all residents within 500m.

6.10 The priorities for new provision are:

- Uppingham
- Greetham
- Market Overton
- Cottesmore
- Ketton

## SECTION 7: Children's Play and Youth Provision

- 7.1 There are a total of 8 NEAPs and 25 LEAPs within Oakham (incl. Barleythorpe), Uppingham and the Local Services Centres. There are also LEAPs in several other villages across the county.
- 7.2 As new developments are considered for Oakham, Uppingham and the Local Service Centres, then new provision for children's play will be required, unless there is sufficient capacity within an accessible site. In which case, the equivalent value of new play provision should be used to improve the existing site(s) in order to enhance their capacity to cater for the additional demand.
- 7.3 New sites should be required to meet the revised standards, including in relation to minimum size, accessibility and design. Where provision is not appropriate on site, then the equivalent value of contributions should be made off site.
- 7.4 Whether or not development goes ahead, there is a priority for new provision of NEAPs in Cottesmore, Edith Weston, and Empingham as they currently have no provision. Oakham, Uppingham and the Local Service Centres all have existing LEAP provision already so new provision should be located based on the accessibility standards proposed where appropriate.

### Recommendations

- 7.5 Existing children's play sites are protected and improved, unless the tests set out in paragraph 74 of the National Planning Policy Framework are met in full.
- 7.6 The existing planning standard is updated:
  - 0.25 ha per 1000 of Designated Equipped Playing Space
  - 400 m for a LEAP
  - 1000 m for a NEAP
  - New LAPs, LEAPs and NEAPs should meet the FIT standards as relevant to the individual site.
  - New youth provision should reflect current best practice, and also take into account the needs expressed by local young people.
- 7.7 A full network of provision should be achieved in Oakham, Uppingham, and each of the Local Service Centres of both NEAPs and LEAPs.
- 7.8 A LEAP should be provided in each of the Smaller Service Centres and Restraint Villages where the population is greater than 160 people.
- 7.9 Site investment priorities will be confirmed by the annual (or more frequent) formal play area inspections.

## SECTION 8: Allotments

- 8.1 The amount and distribution of allotments in Rutland is poor. Only Uppingham and Ryhall have sufficient allotment space and coverage in terms of catchments compared to the national recommendation of 0.23 ha per 1000 from the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG).
- 8.2 The lack of allotment space was identified as a key issue in the Sport Structures report of 2009, where they recommended a standard of provision. Although the County Council has made some efforts to encourage the development of new allotment sites, it is understood that no new sites or extensions to sites have been achieved. At the present time there is no adopted standard of provision which could help address the lack of space.
- 8.3 The new housing growth in Rutland will generate demand for allotment space, but this demand cannot be met by the existing provision. There may therefore be a need to provide new allotment space in Oakham, Uppingham and the Local Service Centres. If so, this will require the introduction of a planning standard.
- 8.4 However to meet the CIL tests, it will be necessary to confirm the extent of the local need for additional allotment space at the parish or town level. It is therefore proposed that each of Oakham and Uppingham town councils and the parish councils at Cottesmore, Edith Weston, Empingham, Greetham, Ketton, Market Overton and Ryhall should assess their local allotment needs during 2016/17. This will enable effective planning for delivery to be put into place up to cater for both existing needs and new housing growth up to 2036.

### Recommendations

- 8.5 The existing allotment sites should be retained and maintained to a high quality. New allotment sites should be developed in Oakham, Uppingham and the Local Service Centres to meet the proposed new standards. Elsewhere new allotment sites should be encouraged and supported where there is sufficient justified need.
- 8.6 The proposed standards for allotments are:
- 0.23 ha of allotments per 1000
  - 1000 m catchment
  - Quality and Design:
    - Allotment sites will be well maintained and secure with appropriate facilities such as controlled water supplies, toilets, parking for bicycles and a shared shed or meeting room. They will be easy to get to on foot or by public transport, easy to find out about, and easy to get around with appropriate provision for people with disabilities. Sites will be managed to benefit wildlife and maintain good soil quality.

- All paths should be no less than 1.5 m wide, but ideally 1.7 m wide. The main gates should be wide enough to allow large delivery vehicles.

8.7 The delivery priority is to confirm the local need for more allotment space at Oakham, Uppingham and in the Local Service Centres. If there is justification for new allotment space, then this should be provided, meeting the standards above.

# IMPLEMENTATION

## SECTION 9: Strengthening the partnerships

- 9.1 The implementation of the recommendations both with the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and Open Space and Informal Recreation Assessment will be achieved through a combination of approaches by Rutland County Council and its partners. There are a number of recommendations which require specific actions and investment, and others which are more a matter of ensuring the protection of the existing network of sites and opportunities.
- 9.2 A key purpose of both the strategy and assessment, reflected by the steps through which the reports have been developed, is to establish the potential partnerships in funding facility investment. For example, the playing pitch aspects of the report have been developed with the close involvement of Sport England, the Football Association, Rugby Football Union, the England and Wales Cricket Board, and England Hockey. The strategy therefore not only provides justification for investment requested from developers, but is also one of the essential documents for the justification of investment by other potential investors such as: Sport England, the Lottery (various funding bodies), the national governing bodies of sport, and other partners such as the Football Foundation.
- 9.3 It is anticipated that most of the proposals contained in the Implementation Table will be funded from a combination of sources including from CIL. The potential CIL funding elements include both the priority projects identified in Reg 123 lists, and CIL funding allocated to the parish and town councils at 15% or 25% of CIL, depending on their Neighbourhood Plan adoption.
- 9.4 On occasion there may also be projects that can be delivered with no significant new investment, but which require the support of the stakeholders. Examples of this might be changing the size of football pitches marked out on a site from adult to youth pitches, or changing the sport provided on a grass pitch, from say football to rugby. As these changes can be sensitive matters for those concerned, the Implementation Table also includes this type of proposal.
- 9.5 With the implementation of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) formal planning standards will be used to assess the impact of a housing development, particularly in relation to the local provision of open space. The standards will be used to help determine, as part of the CIL tests, whether provision of open space or other sports facilities should be made on or off site, and the standards can also be used to assess the potential value of an off-site contribution.



## **SECTION 10: Planning standards**

- 10.1 Planning standards are no longer required by national planning policy. However they remain important at the authority level to help assess the potential impact of a housing development and to provide a basis for the CIL tests in relation to developers' contributions, which remain relevant particularly for open space provision at the local level. The planning standards for open space are provided in Figure 1.
- 10.2 Planning standards for sport and recreation facilities are not required for those developments up to 2036 which have been anticipated within the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy. However planning standards are still necessary to future-proof the strategy, to help assess the impact of new housing proposals which have not been anticipated to date which come forwards before the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy has been updated. These are available should they be required, as an appendix to the main report.

## **SECTION 11: Funding**

- 11.1 It is important to ensure that all of the available resources are carefully targeted and tailored to meet the needs of the community so any initial capital investment and long term revenue commitments can be fully justified.
- 11.2 The proposals arising from both from the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and the Open Space and Informal Recreation Assessment are likely to be funded and supported by a range of partners and new facility provision might be via a mix of public and private sources. There are likely to be an increasing number of innovative partnership arrangements over the next few years both in relation to capital and revenue projects, and consideration should be given by the Council to exploring all of the available options to enable the delivery of the proposals.

Figure 1: Proposed planning standards for open space

Open space type	Proposed planning standards for new developments		
	Quantity per 1,000 population	Accessibility	Quality
Parks, gardens and amenity green space	0.75 ha per 1,000 of sites not less than 0.2 ha in size	500 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have natural grass on a high proportion of the site</li> <li>• Be permanently (24/7) available for informal public recreation use without charge</li> <li>• Be reasonably flat and accessible to the local community</li> <li>• Safe for use by a wide range of ages</li> <li>• Clearly designed, with definition between the public space and adjoining private spaces e.g. fenced</li> <li>• Sites should not include playing pitches, sustainable urban drainage sites, roadside verge, or be primarily landscaping as part of a development</li> <li>• Be well maintained</li> <li>• Where children's equipped play provision is developed as part of a larger park or amenity greenspace, then an additional area is required of 0.25 ha per 1000 with the individual play area meeting the appropriate standards from Fields In Trust.</li> </ul>
Children's Play and provision for young people	0.25 ha per 1,000 of Designated Equipped Playing Space	400m for LEAP  1000m for NEAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New LAPs, LEAPs and NEAPs should meet the Fields In Trust standards as relevant to the individual site.</li> <li>• New youth provision should reflect current best practice, and also take into account the needs expressed by local young people.</li> </ul>

Allotments	0.23 ha per 1,000	1000m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allotment sites will be well maintained and secure with appropriate facilities such as controlled water supplies, toilets, parking for bicycles and a shared shed or meeting room. They will be easy to get to on foot or by public transport, easy to find out about, and easy to get around with appropriate provision for people with disabilities. Sites will be managed to benefit wildlife and maintain good soil quality.</li> <li>• All paths should be no less than 1.5 m wide, but ideally 1.7 m wide. The main gates should be wide enough to allow large delivery vehicles.</li> </ul>
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11.3 Funding sources and programmes vary significantly over time, and there is limited benefit in exploring in detail all of the funds available at this point. As each facility or open space provision is considered, a variety of options for funding will need to be explored by the Council and the promoters of each project. These might include, in no particular order:

- Mixed development – perhaps delivering community sports facilities and open spaces as part of a wider regeneration scheme;
- Developers’ contributions – by locking the strategy into planning policy, including CIL Regulation 123 list and local priorities in neighbourhood plans;
- Land disposals and partial land development – where agreed the facility/space is surplus to need;
- Partnership delivery and joint funding - by working with key partners such as schools;
- Partnership funding - with major sports clubs and their National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) or with conservation groups;
- Sport England and other government agency programme funds;
- Lottery Funds;
- Government funding.

## **SECTION 12: Procurement and management**

12.1 The nature and process of the procurement of the facilities and open spaces covered by the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and the Open Space Informal Recreation Assessment, and their long term management will fundamentally depend upon the type and scale of the site in question. It is likely that some of the sports and recreation facilities will increasingly become the responsibility of a sports club(s), but the Catmose and Oakham Enterprise Park are likely to remain Rutland County Council’s responsibility, either directly or indirectly.

12.2 Open spaces are primarily the responsibility of the town and parish councils, and this is likely to remain the case into the long term.

## **SECTION 13: Review and Monitoring**

13.1 There should be an annual review of the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy which will help to maintain the momentum and commitment to the Strategy’s implementation. This will also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed. However there should be a full review if there are very significant changes in the supply and demand for the facilities in Rutland or its adjacent authorities.

13.2 There should be a review of the both the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and the Open Space Informal Recreation Assessment within 5 years to take account of:

- Anticipated housing growth within Rutland and on its boundaries;
- General changes in participation and attractiveness of individual sports;
- Technical changes to sport facility requirements;
- The development of new or loss of existing facilities and open spaces;
- Sports facilities or major open spaces developed or lost to community use within the adjacent authorities;
- Cross-boundary co-ordination between local authorities;
- Facility investment decisions by the Council and its partners, including the town and parish councils.

## **SECTION 14: Priorities for investment**

14.1 Rutland County Council and its partners will treat the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and Open Space Informal Recreation Assessment as rolling documents and will aim to undertake a number of action points arising from them. The first priority for implementation will therefore be an action plan which is led and coordinated by the County Council on an interdepartmental basis, and will involve the key stakeholders. This will be based around the project specific proposals set out in Figure 2 which have been widely consulted upon with appropriate parties e.g. sports representatives, users, and providers. These proposals:

- Set out sport and site specific actions, with clear priorities;
- Set out open space priorities at the parish and town level;
- Indicate who is responsible for the delivery of each action and facility priority, and who else can help with its implementation;
- Provide challenging but realistic and deliverable actions;
- Provide an indication of the resource implications of each action, including where possible any associated financial costs, and how these resources could be secured;
- Set a timescales for the delivery of each action.

14.2 Where the primary need is for the improvement, for example to pitches and their ancillary facilities or to open spaces, these have not been costed because it will depend upon the specific factors at each site and may require specialist assessment.

14.3 The proposals will be phased over time as there are some high and urgent priorities, and others which will require attention in the longer term or are a lower priority.

Figure 2: Site investment priorities

Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources. [Rutland County Council includes developers' contributions]	Date	Estimated capital cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
<b>Strategic Projects – Defined Locations</b>					
Uppingham Community College	Secure community use to the AGP, grass pitches (at current levels of use) and changing facilities.	Rutland County Council Uppingham Community College	2015/16	Not known (legal costs only)	H
Casterton Business and Enterprise College	Secure community use to the sports hall.	Rutland County Council Casterton College Rutland	2016/17	Not known (legal costs only)	M
<b>Strategic Projects – Locations to be confirmed</b>					
Replacement swimming pool	Undertake full feasibility study and business plan to include; location, capital costs, revenue expectations, outline design. Proposed to be 25 m by 4 lane, dryside viewing and changing.	Rutland County Council Sport England Stevenage Leisure Limited Partners tbc	2015/16	£30,000 approx depending on brief	H
	Open replacement / renovated swimming pool		2017/18	£0.9-4.2m	H
Cycling	Continue development of safe cycle routes, and potentially closed traffic free circuit	Rutland County Council Partners depend on location	2015/20	Depends on route	M
Marked running routes possible including closed circuit	Measured and marked running routes. Sites to be confirmed	Rutland County Council Run England Other partners to be confirmed	2016/18	Dependent on facility	M

Compact athletics training facility	Compact training facility. Design and cost dependent on location and facility mix	Rutland County Council Rutland Athletics Club England Athletics	2017/18	Dependent on facility	L
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## Locality Projects

The following projects have been specifically identified as priorities for investment. Other facilities and open spaces throughout Rutland will be retained and maintained.

Parish	Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources	Date	Estimated cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
Ashwell CP	Play area	Enhance existing play site at Langham Road with simple play features e.g. balance beam and picnic table	Parish Council	2018/19	£2,000 tbc	L
Barleythorpe CP	LEAP	Develop one in Barleythorpe village. Either as stand alone site or by further enhancing and improving existing site at Ostlers Drive/Langham play area.	Parish Council	2018/19	£5,000 (enhancement) to £40,000 (new)	L
Bisbrooke CP	LEAP	Develop one in Bisbrooke village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	L
Braunston-in-Rutland CP	Braunston and Brooke village hall car park	Improve car park	Parish Councils Village Hall Charity	2019/20	Depends on requirements	L
	LEAP	Develop one LEAP, either through additional equipment and play value at existing site, or new site.	Parish Council	2019/20	£8,000 tbc (enhancement) to £40,000 (new)	L
Burley CP	LEAP	Develop one in Burley village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	L

Parish	Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources	Date	Estimated cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
Caldecott CP	LEAP	Develop one in Caldecott village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	M
Clipsham CP	LEAP	Develop one in Clipsham village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	L
Cottesmore CP	Village hall and car park	Modernisation and redecoration. Extend and improve car park.	Parish Council Village hall charity	2017/18	£2,700; £1,343 awarded through S106 grants 2015	M
	Rogues Park, Cottesmore	Improve youth/junior and mini football pitches	Cottesmore Amateurs FC Football Association Football Foundation	2019/20	£900 awarded through S106 grants 2015	L
	New park or amenity green space	Develop new park or amenity green space of at least 0.5 ha in size in Cottesmore on the west side of the village.	Parish Council	Phase with development	Not known	H
	NEAP	Develop one NEAP on new site in central area of village, potentially at the proposed new amenity green space area.	Parish Council	2017/18	£60,000	H
	Allotments	Consider development of 1 allotment site. Undertake consultation at parish level to confirm need and required size of area.	Parish Council	2016/17	£45,000/ha	M
Edith Weston CP	Village hall	Redecoration	Parish Council Village hall charity	2016/17	Depends on requirements	L
	Primary School Swimming Pool	Community entrance and improvements	Primary School	2016/17	£25,000	M
	LEAP	Develop new LEAP in Welland Road area of village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	L



Parish	Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources	Date	Estimated cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
	NEAP	Enhance one of the existing play areas, with a preference of King Edwards Way due to its central location, into a NEAP.	Parish Council	2017/18	£30,000	H
	Allotments	Consider development of 1 allotment site. Undertake consultation at parish level to confirm need and required size of area.	Parish Council	2016/17	£45,000/ha	M
Empingham CP	Audit Hall	Major improvements required for hall including replacement flooring.	Parish Council Village hall charity	2016/17	£7,500 (Hall improvement)	H
	Empingham Bowls Club	Improve ground maintenance	Parish Council	2015/16	£2,500	L
	Empingham Cricket Club	Improve nets	ECB	2015/16	£10,000	L
	New park or amenity green space	Develop new park or amenity green space of at least 0.2 ha in size in Empingham on south/west side of village. May contain a new LEAP.	Parish Council	Phase with development	Not known	H
	NEAP	Enhance and improve the existing play area at Loves Lane into a NEAP.	Parish Council	2018/19	£20,000 tbc	H
	LEAP	Develop second play area on south or west side of village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	M
	Allotments	Consider development of 1 allotment site. Undertake consultation at parish level to confirm need and required size of area.	Parish Council	2016/17	£45,000/ha	M
Exton CP	Village hall and car parking	Significant improvements to hall, including roof and toilets. Seek to provide car parking.	Parish Council	2019/20	£25,000 (hall improvement)	M
	Outdoor play	Skateboard facility	Exton Play Action Group	2015/16	£6,500	L

Parish	Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources	Date	Estimated cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
Glaston CP	LEAP	Update the play area at Wing Road.	Parish Council	2019/20	£5,000	L
Great Casterton CP	LEAP	Develop one in Gt Casterton village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	M
Greetham CP	Village Hall and Community Centre	Modernise heating, renew roof and install solar panels	Parish Council	2019/20	£15,000	H
	New park or amenity green space	Develop new park or amenity green space of at least 0.5 ha in size in Greetham to be within 500 m of most of Greetham including new housing.	Parish Council	Phase with development	Not known	H
	LEAP	Develop one LEAP as part of the new park/amenity green space if located either west or east of village	Parish Council	Phase with development	£40,000	L
	Allotments	Consider development of 1 allotment site. Undertake consultation at parish level to confirm need and required size of area.	Parish Council	2016/17	£45,000/ha	M
Hambleton CP	LEAP	Develop one in Hambleton village	Parish Council		£40,000	L
Ketton CP	Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Extend and improve clubhouse and improve pitches	Ketton Sports Association Football Club Football Association Football Foundation Ketton Cricket Club ECB	2016/17	£240,000 clubhouse £37,000 Pitches	H
		Consider installation of artificial turf strip for cricket			£14,062 awarded through S106 grants 2015	M
	New park or amenity green	Develop new park or amenity green space of at least 0.2 ha in size in the Geeston area.	Parish Council	Phase with development	Not known	H

Parish	Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources	Date	Estimated cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
	space					
	LEAP	Develop one LEAP to be located on the west side of Ketton village.	Parish Council	2018/19	£40,000	H
	Allotments	Consider development of 1 allotment site. Undertake consultation at parish level to confirm need and required size of area.	Parish Council	2016/17	£45,000/ha	M
Langham CP	Village hall	Refurbishment	Parish Council Village hall charity	2016/17	£12,000 awarded through S106 grants 2015	M
	LEAP	Improve signage	Parish Council	2016/17	£500	L
Little Casterton CP	LEAP	Develop one in Little Casterton village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	L
Lyddington CP	LEAP	Develop one in Lyddington village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	L
Lyndon CP	Village hall	Major refurbishment or replacement building required.	Parish Council Conant Estate	2019/20	Depends on requirements	L
Market Overton CP	Market Overton Cricket Club	Improve nets	Market Overton CC ECB	2015/16	£10,000	L
	Market Overton Bowls Club	Improve club facilities	Market Overton BC	2015/16	£11,000	L
	New park or amenity green space	Develop new park or amenity green space of at least 0.5 ha in size in Market Overton at a site accessible to as many people as possible within 500m.	Parish Council	Phase with development	Not known	H
	LEAP	Develop one LEAP to be located on the west	Parish Council	Phase with	£40,000	H

Parish	Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources	Date	Estimated cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
		side of Market Overton village.		development		
	Allotments	Consider development of 1 allotment site. Undertake a consultation at parish level to confirm need and required size of area.	Parish Council	2018/19	£45,000/ha	M
Morcott CP	Village hall	Signage	Parish Council	2015/16	£500	M
	LEAP	Develop one in Morcott village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	L
North Luffenham CP	Youth facility	Renewal of the cricket pavilion and development of a MUGA or similar youth orientated facility such as a Pump Track for bicycles	Parish Council	N/A	Not known	L
	LEAP	Improve and update play area	Parish Council	2017/8	£30,000 tbc	L
Oakham	Victoria Hall	Lift and some modernisation	Oakham Town Council	2016/17	£25,000 awarded through S106 grant 2015	H
	Oakham Bowling Club	Accessibility improvements	Oakham Town Council	20015/16	£15,000 awarded through S106 grant 2015	M
	New Showground	Access improvements and Football Clubhouse	Rutland Agricultural Society Oakham Rugby Club Royce Rangers	2015/16	£175,000; £168,653 awarded through S106 grants and loans 2015	M
	Oakham Tennis	Improvements to courts	Oakham Lawn Tennis Club	2015/16	£5,000; £2,400 awarded	M

Parish	Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources	Date	Estimated cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
					through S106 grant 2015	
	Cutts Close	Replacement skatepark	Oakham Town Council	2015/16	£30,500 awarded through S106 grant 2015	M
	Oakham United Football Ground	Fencing and maintenance	Oakham United FC	2015/16	£21,000 awarded through S106 grant 2015	M
	Catmose Sports Auxiliary Hall	Refurbishment	Stevenage Leisure Ltd	2015/16	£75,000	M
	Oakham Cricket Club second ground	Develop second cricket ground for Oakham CC at quality to meet future senior league requirements. Site tbc	Oakham Cricket Club ECB	2017/18	£1,300,000 for pitch and pavilion	H
Oakham (cont)	LEAP	Develop one located in the Ashwell Road area of the town.	Oakham Town Council	2018/19	£40,000	H
	Improvements at existing play areas	Grampian Way Normanton Drive Pickworth Close Sculthorpe Road	Oakham Town Council	2016/17	Not known	H
	Allotments	Consider development of 1 allotment site. Undertake consultation at parish level to confirm need and required size of area.	Parish Council	2016/17	£45,000/ha	L
Ryhall CP	Village hall	Toilet refurbishment	Parish Council	2016/17	£5,500	H
	Playing fields	Maintenance	Parish Council	2016/17	£4,000	L
	LEAP	Develop one LEAP on west side of village	Parish Council		£40,000	M

Parish	Facility / Site	Project elements	Partners and potential funding sources	Date	Estimated cost	Priority H = High M = Medium L = Low
Seaton CP	Village hall	Redecoration. Seek to improve access and car parking	Parish Council	2016/17	Depends on requirements	H
	LEAP	Improve and update play area at Thompsons Lane	Parish Council	2019/20	£20,000 tbc	L
South Luffenham CP	Village hall	Replacement building with car parking	Parish Council	2019/20	£500,000	H
Stretton CP	LEAP	Develop one LEAP in Stretton village	Parish Council	2018/29	£40,000	H
Tinwell CP	LEAP	Develop one in Tinwell village	Parish Council	2019/20	£40,000	L

Uppingham	Town Hall	Review outcomes of feasibility study and complete improvements as agreed.	Uppingham Town Council	2017/18	Dependent on outcome of feasibility study	H
	Uppingham Community College	Improve tennis courts and flood lighting	Uppingham Community College	2016/17	£75,000; £4,568 awarded through S106 grant 2015	M
	Uppingham Sports Centre	2 floodlit tennis courts with access all year and secure community use	Uppingham School Sports Centre	2018/20	£165,000	L
	Tod's Piece, Uppingham	Improve football pitches and provide toilets	Uppingham Town Council Football Club Football Association Football Foundation	2018/19	£15,000 pitches and £20,000 toilets £34,300 awarded through S106 grants 2015	M
	Uppingham Cricket	Ground improvements	Uppingham Cricket Club	2016/17	£28,000 awarded	M

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	Ground, Castle Hill	Consider installation of artificial strip			through S106 grants 2015 £15,000	M
	LEAP	Develop one LEAP close to Stockerston Road	Uppingham Town Council	2018/19	£40,000	H
Whissendine CP	Outdoor gym and clubhouse	Create outdoor gym, improve club house	Parish Council	2015/16	£6,525	L
	LEAP	Improve signage to play area and make more accessible with pushchairs/ wheelchairs.	Parish Council	2017/18	£3,000 tbc	L

## GLOSSARY

3G	3rd Generation artificial grass pitch (rubber crumb)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
APP	Active Places Power
CIPFA	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
Cricket ground	The whole pitch area including the cricket square and outfield
Cricket square/table	The fine turf area which is specially mown and managed to give a high quality set of strips (often 6, 9 or 12 strips)
Cricket strip	Single strip of natural turf or artificial turf on which the wickets are placed at either end for a single match
Cricket wicket	The collective name for the 3 stumps and the bails placed at each end of the strip
CUA	Community Use Agreement
FA	Football Association
FIFA	Federation Internationale de Football Association
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
IMD	Index of Multiple Deprivation
IPPS	Interim Planning Policy Statement
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
MUGA	Multi Use Games Area
NGB	National Governing Body of Sport
ONS	Office for National Statistics
OS	Ordnance Survey
RFC	Rugby Football Club
RFU	Rugby Football Union
SFC	Sports Facilities Calculator
SLL	Stevenage Leisure Limited
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document