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## Stage C Assessment Playing Pitch Strategy

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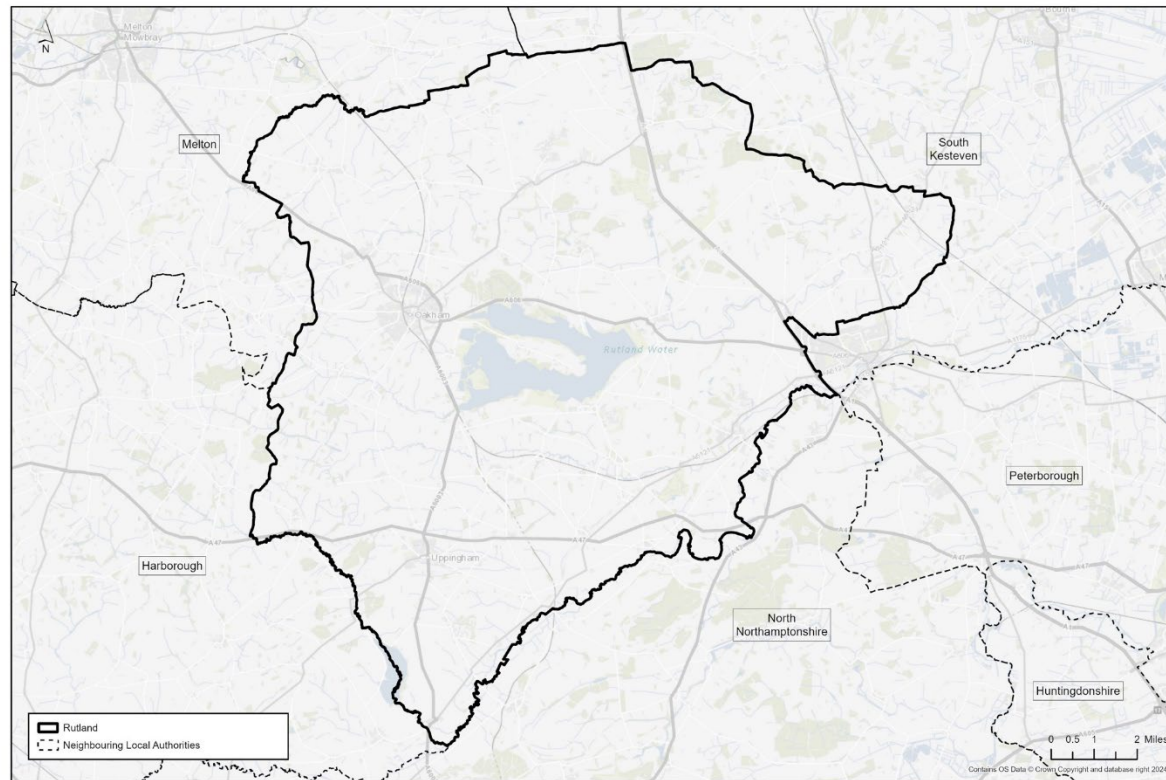
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## 1 Rutland Introduction

### Study Area

- 1.1. The study area is the Rutland County Council boundary area. For the purpose of the PPOSS, Rutland is to be looked at as one single area, with no sub areas considered.

**Map 1: The Rutland Study Area**



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### Project Scope and Objectives

- 1.2. Rutland County Council has commissioned Strategic Leisure Limited for the development of a Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) as part of the wider suite of strategic planning documents to provide the Council with a clear evidence base and set of recommendations for future outdoor sports facility development across the city. The PPOSS will provide a medium-term strategy for RCC in line with future demand and long-term planning of the County plan up to 2041.
- 1.3. A PPOSS is a strategic assessment that provides an up-to-date analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) and its current and future demand in the local authority. The strategy and the evidence base upon which it is based is delivered using national guidance and facility insight from specific Governing Bodies of Sport. The assessment will focus on facilities used by the following sports:
- Football
  - Rugby Union
  - Cricket
  - Hockey
  - Tennis
  - Netball
  - Outdoor Bowls.
- 1.4. Within these sports, the strategy will seek as far as is practicable to include consideration of all forms of play, whether;
- Club and league based (formal) competitions and training
  - Less formal programmed forms of the respective sports (e.g. turn up and play products such as Rush Hockey, Mash-up Football, All Stars Cricket, and Touch Rugby)
  - Informal and un-programmed play by groups of residents, workers, students, school friends (out of school).
- 1.5. The PPOSS will provide a holistic analysis of sports facilities across the Study Area. This will lead to a comprehensive set of recommendations for the future development of leisure / health and wellbeing provisions, in line with the needs of local residents.
- 1.6. The consultant team has worked with the Council to provide a strategy that is fit-for-purpose and addresses the specific issues and risks for the area. It is key that this Playing Pitch Strategy reflects the local context and enables the Council to maximise the amount of high-quality sporting provision for its residents, while understanding the need to meet planning and housing requirements.

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- 1.7. The PPOSS will sit alongside a wider suite of planning documents that cover Leisure and Culture in its widest sense and will focus on furthering the Council's ambitions to increase active and creative behaviours and connection to open space for all its residents in the hope of decreasing the life expectancy divide in our communities.
- 1.8. The works will include the audit of existing leisure and culture provision (heritage, arts, culture, events, sports, physical activity, open space and parks), current and predicted future demand for this provision, and the identification of key issues and challenges that create barriers to increasing participation in leisure and culture. The various strands of this strategy will be clearly interconnected. This will include, where it is reasonably practicable, running in parallel with the development of the Local Plan in both Planning Authority areas. This way any proposed PPOSS and Outdoor Sports Strategy will identify suitable outdoor provision according to where housing growth is expected to arise in the area.
- 1.9. The strategy will therefore aim to deliver against the following drivers:
- Refreshing the evidence base for RCC's new local plan through the provision of a clear action plan with owners and defined timescales for completion.
  - Support the new Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) which will be prepared alongside the local plan to address infrastructure issues.
  - Recognition of the importance of outdoor physical activity and sport within any development or regeneration project, and clear demonstration of how these should be prioritized.
  - Provision of an evidenced based approach and the management of a clear sign-off and governance structure for key stakeholders and
  - Evidence to support a wider review into sport and physical activity provision relating to protection and improvement of facilities, including housing and population growth projected in neighbouring local authorities.

## Methodology

- 1.10. The assessment methodology adopted for the PPOSS follows the published guidance from Sport England. The guidance used is the 2013 version, *Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance – An Approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy*<sup>1</sup>. Figure 1.1 summarises the approach proposed in this guidance and is broken down into 10 steps.

**Figure 1: Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy – The 10 Step Approach (Sport England, 2013)**



- 1.11. Stage B of the PPS methodology involves the gathering of supply and demand information from a range of sources. An initial audit of outdoor sports facilities is gathered using Sport England’s Active Places Power (APP) online tool. This audit will then form the basis of the supply information, before being informed through other sources. Non-technical site assessments, club surveys, and Council officer and NGB consultation will also influence this information before it is presented at Stage B.

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1.12. The supply information at Stage B should include the following:

- Site name and location
- Ownership and management type
- Number and type of pitches
- Accessibility
- Pitch and ancillary facility quality
- Maintenance information
- Security of tenure or community use agreements
- The views of users, providers and other relevant groups.

1.13. In addition to supply data, it is important to gather information regarding the demand for outdoor sports facilities. Using information provided by NGBs at Stage A, club affiliation data, league secretaries, education information and club surveys etc, it is possible to build an accurate picture of the demand for that each specific site caters for. The demand information required to inform the PPOSS is as follows:

- Sport clubs matches and training
- Casual and other demand
- Educational demand
- Displaced demand
- Unmet and latent demand
- Trends and changes
- Future demand

1.14. All pitch sports are subject to the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) methodology, whereas other outdoor sports (e.g. tennis) are assessed using the Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (ANOG). There are 4 stages to the ANOG assessment:

- **Stage A – Prepare and tailor the approach**
  - Establish a clear understanding of the purpose, scope and scale of the assessment. This will be undertaken in line with Stage A of the PPS methodology.
- **Stage B – Gather information on supply and demand**
  - To build a clear picture of the supply of outdoor facilities, information will be gathered on the quality, quantity, accessibility and availability of individual sites.
  - Demand data such as local population, club affiliation, educational demand, unmet/latent demand, future growth and sport specific priorities will be gathered.

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- Supply and demand data will be gathered alongside Stage B of the PPS methodology, using consultation, club surveys, site assessments etc.
  - **Stage C – Assessment – bringing the information together**
    - Development of the key findings regarding quality, quantity, accessibility and availability of outdoor sports provision in the area. Implications of each site will be developed on the principle of protect, enhance and provide.
  - **Application – Application of the assessment**
    - All key findings and priorities from Stage A – C will be applied and used to inform sports strategy, planning policy, infrastructure planning and funding applications.
- 1.15. The findings in this report are based on data collected from several credible sources, including but not limited to;
- Local authority and public policy strategic documentation;
  - Sport England tools, including the Facility Planning Model (FPM), Active Places Power, the Active People Survey, Market Segmentation and the Sports Facility Calculator;
  - Stakeholder consultation, including Rutland and Redditch Council Officers and Members, Sport England, relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport, education providers, key user clubs; and
  - Site visits, undertaken at all strategically important sites across the Study Area.
- 1.16. A project steering group comprising representation from the Council, Sport England and National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) has guided the study from its commencement. At critical milestones, the Steering Group members have reviewed and verified the data and information collected to allow the work to proceed efficiently through each stage.

### Report structure

1.17. The structure of the PPOSS report is as follows:

- Section 1 – Introduction and Methodology
- Section 2 – Strategic Context
- Section 3 – Artificial Grass Pitches
- Section 4 – Football
- Section 5 – Hockey
- Section 6 – Rugby Union
- Section 7 – Cricket
- Section 8 – Tennis
- Section 9 – Netball
- Section 10 – Bowls

1.18. Supporting information is referenced throughout.

1.19. In addition to this needs assessment, a strategy document has also been produced, which provides future recommendations, scenario testing and a site-by-site action plan for key sites across the local authority.



## 2 Strategic Context

### The Study Area

#### Rutland County Council Local Authority Area

- 2.1. Rutland is the smallest county in England. It has a historic built environment and a high quality and distinctive landscape with a wide range of cultural and leisure activities. There are two market towns, Oakham and Uppingham, and 52 villages.
- 2.2. It is an affluent area with low levels of deprivation, unemployment and crime and above average levels of educational attainment and car ownership. Employment is predominantly in the service sector. House prices are high resulting in isolated pockets of deprivation and housing affordability problems.
- 2.3. Rutland is a small unitary authority which is primarily rural in nature. The County Council has only a limited direct and formal interest in sports facilities as a provider. However, it works with a wide range of partners to offer the community across Rutland a large range of opportunities. These partnerships will continue to be crucial in the long term, particularly as the County Council has limited financial resources to support sport and active recreation.
- 2.4. The local authority borders a number of other local authorities. To the south-east is Peterborough City Council, to the south is newly merged North Northamptonshire Council (previously East Northamptonshire and Corby District Council), with Harborough District Council to the south-west, Melton Borough Council to the north-west and South Kesteven District Council lying to the north-east.
- 2.5. The county has a growing population. Rutland is a small rural authority with a population of 40,771 (ONS 2021).
- 2.6. Rutland has very low population density, at 98 people per square kilometre, compared to the national average of 413.

### Planning Policy

- 2.7. The formulation of this strategy is influenced by a number of key national and local strategies. These policies inform the approach to the current and future provision of sports facilities. The policies provide links to health improvement, increased participation, and the appropriate levels of provision of facilities to meet local needs.
- 2.8. From a planning perspective, the national context connects planning policy, a Local Plan and population growth at a local level, and the need to plan for increased demands for infrastructure and provision, is linked to key elements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): Protect, Enhance, and Provide. This will be explained further in the following sections.
- 2.9. It should be noted that as Rutland County Council is a unitary authority. Planning policy has been summarised both nationally and locally.

### Rutland Corporate Strategy 2024-2026

- 2.10. The vision focuses on providing “a county for everyone and a place to live your best life” and ‘a place to be active and connect with nature”. The refreshed corporate strategy outlines 4 key priorities for the County:
- Tackling the climate emergency;
  - Provide good public services;
  - A diverse and sustainable local economy;
  - Support the most vulnerable.
- 2.11. All future long-term planning and policy will contribute to the vision and be in line with the 4 priorities, ensuring the Council are able to ‘improve lives by focusing quality services and expertise where they are needed most, helping the County to grow and thrive whilst remaining the special place our residents know and love”.
- 2.12. The PPOSS will be used to help inform the future location and scale of playing pitch provision and inform funding strategies. The future of CiL and Section 106 contributions are somewhat unknown due to the current reforms likely to be outlined in the planning bill. The PPOSS will provide the evidence required to inform whatever form of infrastructure delivery the Council will have to put in place.

### Key Issues for Rutland County in relation to playing pitch provision

- 2.13. The key issues in relation to playing pitches in Rutland are:
- 2.14. There is a need to develop an up-to-date summary of the current landscape for outdoor pitch sports in Rutland highlighting:
- areas of participation growth where known,
  - any known pressures on capacity, quality, accessibility, maintenance etc.
  - acknowledgement of the cross-boundary issues in neighbouring local authority areas and its impact upon supply and demand for our residents
  - acknowledgement regarding access issues inherent in our local authority areas that have outlying rural areas
  - acknowledgement of the pockets of deprivation to be found in the areas. In the case of Rutland these contrast with the majority position of areas of affluence in socio economic terms
  - Improving maintenance of existing pitches, (preventing the need to provide land and additional pitches) can be supported to increase capacity levels.

### Overarching framework

- 2.15. The Rutland PPOSS will contain an overarching framework for the hierarchy of playing pitch provision across both local authority areas.
- 2.16. The overarching framework will identify the strategic added value of the proposals by:
- addressing the cross-boundary issues across Rutland;
  - addressing the sub regional issues
  - identifying a consistent approach to undertaking pitch assessment, to ensure that the baseline information available on the current supply and demand for different sports is comparable across the authority
  - providing generic and site-specific recommendations on opportunities for cross-boundary provision within and beyond the boundaries of the neighbouring counties
  - making recommendations for addressing the needs of potential / future major growth areas in the local authorities

### How far forward will the PPOSS look?

- 2.17. The previous PPS was dated 2016-2036. This updated document will consider all changes to the County's population data, demographic information, housing developments and planned infrastructure improvements up to 2041.

### Strategic Policy and Context

- 2.18. There are a number of key national and local strategies and policies which inform and influence the development of these strategies. These national policies inform the approach to current and future provision of sports facilities, linked to health improvement, increased participation, and the appropriate levels of provision of facilities to meet local needs. From a planning perspective, the national agenda makes the link between national planning policy, a Local Plan and population growth at local level, and the need to plan for increased demands for infrastructure and provision, linked to Protect, Enhance and Provide.

### National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- 2.19. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England. A revised version was published in 2021. The NPPF provides the framework that must be considered in the preparation of local plans and is a material consideration in determining planning decisions.
- 2.20. The NPPF highlights the purpose of the planning system in terms of contributing to the achievement of "sustainable development", and defines the three dimensions of this – economic, social and environmental – which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways.

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- 2.21. The Revised NPPF retains the broad policy approach of the previous version, albeit with a stronger emphasis upon housing delivery. The policy wording for sport and recreation is largely unchanged.
- 2.22. Paragraph 98 of the NPPF states that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision.
- 2.23. Paragraph 99 of the NPPF specifies that:
- Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:
- 1. An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or**
  - 2. 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**
  - 3. The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.**
- 2.24. The revised NPPF has increased emphasis in relation to health and wellbeing. For example, the increased importance of planning policies and decisions to aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places; planning positively for provision and use of community facilities (including sports venues); and taking into account local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all sections of the community (para 98 and 99).
- 2.25. Sport England is a statutory consultee on all planning applications affecting playing fields used in the last 5 years, and a consultee on other applications: it looks to improve the quality, access and management of sports facilities as well as investing in new facilities to meet unsatisfied demand. Sport England requires local authorities to have an up-to date assessment of sports facility needs and an associated strategy including a recommendation that the evidence base is regularly reviewed to keep it up to date and renewed at least every five years.
- 2.26. The key drivers for the production of the strategy as advocated by Sport England are to protect, enhance and provide sports facilities, as follows:
- 1. Protect**
    - To provide evidence to inform policy and specifically to support site allocations and development management policies which will protect sports facilities and their use by the community, irrespective of ownership. Existing provision should be protected unless an assessment has demonstrated there is an excess of the provision and the specific buildings or land are surplus to requirements, or equivalent or better provision will be provided as replacement;

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#### **2. Provide**

- To ensure that sports facilities are effectively managed and maintained and that the best uses are made of existing resources – whether facilities, expertise and/or personnel to improve and enhance the existing provision – particularly in the light of pressure on local authority budgets. The use of existing provision should be optimised, for example through quality, access and management improvements supported by appropriate ancillary facilities;

#### **3. Enhance**

- To provide evidence to help secure external funding for new facilities and enhancements (if on the infrastructure list) and Section 106 agreements. The use of existing **provision** should be optimised, for example through quality, access and management improvements supported by appropriate ancillary facilities

### **Get Active: A Strategy for the Future of Sport and Physical Activity – Department for Culture, Media and Sport**

- 2.27. In 2023 the Department for Culture, Media and Sport launched their new strategy: 'Get Active: a strategy for the future of sport and physical activity'. The strategy aims to make sport and physical activity accessible, resilient, fun, and fair, for now and the years to come – for the benefit of individuals and the country.
- 2.28. This strategy sets out how the government will work with the sector to achieve these aims by ensuring that everyone can be active. Central to this will be a focus on establishing a lifetime habit of being physically active amongst children and young people, including playing sport, supporting the sector to be welcoming to all, and ensuring the sector is prepared for both future challenges and opportunities.
- 2.29. The government wants to help build a healthier nation by tackling high levels of inactivity, and by making sure that the sport and physical activity sector thrives for future generations. Whoever you are, or wherever you live there should be good facilities, a strong network of sports clubs that are open to you, great sport and physical activity opportunities in schools, and confidence in sport and the sector.
- 2.30. The government cannot deliver the changes needed alone, so will work alongside the sector to deliver this vision. This includes traditional sports clubs, schools, and other public sector organisations, private sector businesses, the outdoor activity sector, and organisations with a core objective of getting the nation more active.
- 2.31. The importance of sport and physical activity on health is recognised by the strategy throughout, noting the potential savings of £7.1 billion to the NHS through prevention because of exercise. There is recognition there needs to be further joining up of physical activity provision and community health.

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2.32. The 3 core priorities of this strategy are:

- Being unapologetically ambitious in making the nation more active, whether in government or in the sport sector.
- Making sport and physical activity more inclusive and welcoming for all so that everyone can have confidence that there is a place for them in sport.
- Moving towards a more sustainable sector that is more financially resilient and robust.

2.33. 'Get Active' follows on from and builds on the foundations of the previous 'Sporting Future' strategy and retains the key outcomes at its core. The five outcomes which each sports organisation, public or private sector, will be measured against are:

- Physical wellbeing
- Mental wellbeing
- Individual development
- Social and community development
- Economic development.

2.34. Through the implementation of this strategy, the government has committed to achieving the following targets by 2030;

- Over 2.5 million more active adults as defined through the Chief Medical Officers' guidelines on physical activity
- Over 1 million more children meeting the Chief Medical Officers' guidelines on physical activity targets to reduce disparities in participation rates
- 1.4 million more active adults from those in NS-SEC 6-8
- 0.7 million more active people who identify as having 1 or more disabilities
- 1.5 million more active adults aged 55+.
- 1.25 million more active women
- 0.19 million more active Asian adults, particularly people from Indian, Pakistani, and Bangladeshi ethnic groups
- 0.09 million more active black adults.

2.35. To achieve this, the Government has committed to the following measures:

- A new cross-government approach for activity for all, with clear metrics and targets for the sector, held to account by a joint government and sector National Physical Activity Taskforce
- More investment in the sector is targeted at inactive groups, and a more strategic approach to facilities to ensure communities have access to the facilities they need
- A focus on all children to meet the activity levels recommended by the UK's Chief Medical Officers, supported by a new campaign aimed at children and young people

**Sport England Strategy 2021- 2031 'Uniting the Movement'**

2.36. The Vision for this Strategy is:

**'a nation of more equal, inclusive and connected communities. A country where people live happier, healthier and more fulfilled lives'.**

2.37. Being active is one of the most effective and sustainable ways to achieve this Vision. The evidence is overwhelming that moving our bodies – through community sport, fitness and physical activity – improves our lives, individually and collectively. Everyone across the nation can benefit from it.

2.38. Sport England won't – and can't – do it alone. Ours is a collective purpose: we're part of a much bigger team. Together, we won't stop until everyone has the opportunity, the inspiration and the freedom to get moving.

2.39. Sport England wants everyone in England to feel able to take part in sport or physical activity, regardless of age, background or ability; key priorities of the 10 year Sport England Strategy are:

- Advocating for movement, sport and physical activity
- Joining forces on five big issues
- Recover and Re-Invent
- An Active and Healthier Life
- Fairer Access to Physical Activity
- Strengthen Communities
- Active Environments
- Creating the Catalysts for Change

2.40. The Strategy's vision will transform lives and communities through physical activity.

**When we choose where to spend time, energy and money, we'll be guided by three principles built into the way we operate:**

1. Investing most in those that need it most
  - We'll balance targeted and universal provision in a way that's proportionate to the level of need.
  - We'll draw on the experiences and knowledge of people in places and communities closest to the issues, alongside the influence, views and understanding of national partners.
  - We'll make the things that underpin all our work simpler and easier for our colleagues and partners, so the basic information, guidance and support feels brilliantly simple to give and receive.

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2. The right blend of national and local action
3. Simple as standard.

#### Local Level

2.41. A number of current strategic policies, strategies and factors influence current and future supply and demand for sport and recreation facilities in Rutland County. As well as providing the context for future facility provision, e.g. health improvement, improving accessibility, increasing participation, these strategies provide opportunities to link priority areas and needs, and ensure that outcomes are aligned with identified local objectives. The relevant strategies and policies include:

- Rutland Corporate Strategy 2024-26
- RCC Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy 2015–2036
- RCC Local Transport Plan (LTP – 4) 2019-2036
- RCC Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan Update 2020
- Rutland Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Health Inequalities Needs Assessment 2022
- Rutland Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2027
- Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy 2023
- Open Space Assessment 2023

#### Population Profiles and Projections

- 2.42. The current and future population profile of Rutland and the locations of growth are important to understand in relation to planning for the future provision of sport and physical activity.
- 2.43. Between the last two censuses (held in 2011 and 2021), the population of Rutland increased by 9.8%, from around 37,400 in 2011 to around 41,000 in 2021.
- 2.44. The ONS sub national projections (2018) indicate that the population is currently around 40,771 (2021) and will increase to 46,100 by 2041.
- 2.45. Between the last two censuses, Rutland's average (median) age increased by three years, from 43 to 46 years of age.
- 2.46. The number of people aged 65 to 74 years rose by just over 1,100 (an increase of 26.4%), while the number of residents between 35 and 49 years fell by just over 450 (6.2% decrease).



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#### Ethnicity

- 2.47. In 2021, 94.8% of people in Rutland identified their ethnic group within the "White" category (compared with 97.1% in 2011), while 1.5% identified their ethnic group within the "Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh" category (compared with 1.0% in the previous decade).
- 2.48. In 2021, 1.8% of Rutland residents identified their ethnic group within the "Mixed or Multiple" category, up from 1.0% in 2011. The 0.8 percentage-point change was the largest increase among high-level ethnic groups in this area.
- 2.49. The percentage of people who identified their ethnic group within the "Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African" category increased from 0.7% in 2011 to 1.3% in 2021.
- 2.50. There are many factors that may contribute to the changing ethnic composition of England and Wales. These factors include differing patterns of ageing, fertility, mortality, and migration.

#### Deprivation

- 2.51. Rutland had 5.6% of income-deprived residents in 2019. Of the 316 local authorities in England (excluding the Isles of Scilly), Rutland is ranked 302nd most income deprived.
- 2.52. Of the 23 neighbourhoods in Rutland, none were the 20% most income deprived in England, while 10 were the 20% least income deprived in England.
- 2.53. In the least deprived neighbourhood in Rutland, 2.2% of people are estimated to be income deprived. In the most deprived neighbourhoods, 10.6% of people are estimated to be income deprived. The gap between these two, which we will call internal disparity, is 8.4 percentage points in Rutland.
- 2.54. The localities of Rutland 001C - Greetham, Rutland 002C - Oakham North West, and Rutland 005A - Braunston and Belton have been identified as having the highest Index of Multiple Deprivation scores in the County, based on the English Indices of Deprivation 2019.

#### Health

- 2.55. The health deprivation and disability rank for Rutland is 302 compared the national average score of 295. None of the LSOAs are in the 10% most deprived areas nationally.
- 2.56. The health of people in Rutland is generally better than the England average. Rutland is one of the 20% least deprived authorities in England, however about 6.5% (385) children live in low-income families. Life expectancy for both men and women is higher than the England average.

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- 2.57. In school? Year 6, 13.7% (46) of children are classified as obese, better than the average for England. Levels of teenage pregnancy, GCSE attainment (average attainment score of 8) and breastfeeding are better than the England average.
- 2.58. In 2021, 52.6% of Rutland residents described their health as "very good", up from 50.8% in 2011.
- 2.59. 5.4% people are said to be disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot, 10.4% people are said to be disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little and 8.6% are said to be not disabled under the Equality Act: Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited with 75.5% of the population recorded to have no long-term physical or mental health condition.
- 2.60. Key factors from the Public Health England Local Authority Health profile 2017-2019 are:
- Life expectancy at birth for males using a 3-year range (2018-20) shows a value of 83.2 better than the national average of 79.4.
  - Life expectancy at birth for females using a 3-year range (2018-20) shows a value of 85 better than the national average of 83.1.
  - The percentage of physically active adults is 74% as compared to the national average of 65.9%.
  - The percentage of adults (aged 18+) classified as overweight or obese is 59.5% lower than the national average of 63.5%.

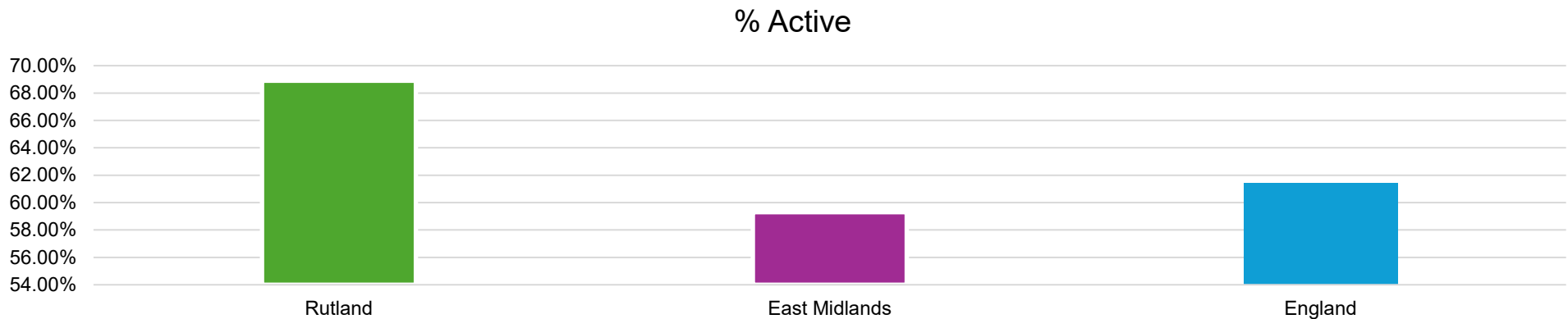
### **Physical Activity and Participation**

- 2.61. The value of participation in sport and physical activity is significant, and its contribution to individual and community quality of life should not be underestimated. This is true for both younger and older people.
- 2.62. In addition, participation in sport and physical activity can facilitate the learning of new skills, development of individual and team ability / performance, and provide a 'controlled' environment in which participants can 'grow' and develop.
- 2.63. Promoting the benefits of regular active participation in sport and physical activity will be important to the future of sport, leisure and physical activity in Rutland. There is an existing audience in Rutland, which already recognises the advantages of participation, and a latent community who are ready to take part.

Activity Levels and Current Participation Rates

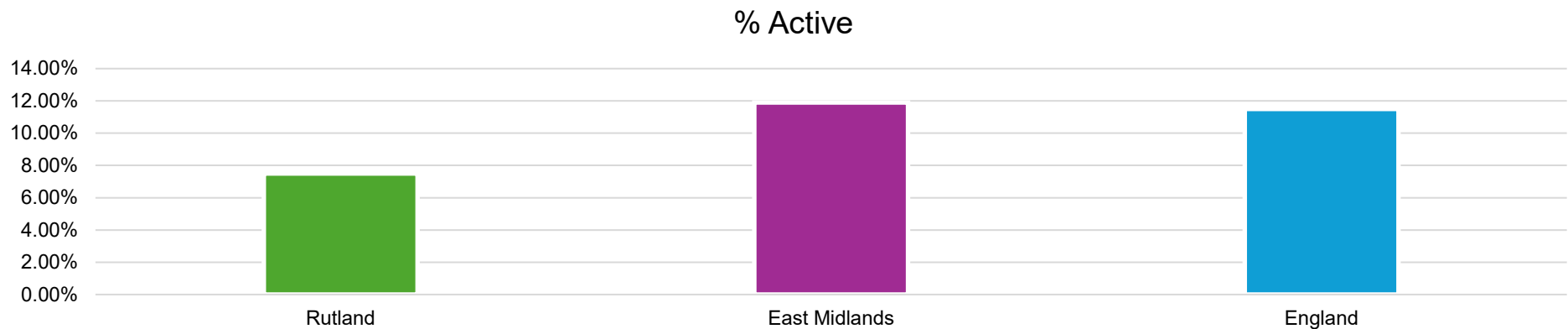
2.64. Percentage of physically active adults 19+ years (Physically active is defined here as doing at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week):

Figure 2: Percentage of physically active adults 19+ years



2.65. Percentage of fairly physically active adults 19+ years (Fairly active here is defined here as doing at least 30-149 minutes of physical activity per week):

Figure 3: Percentage of fairly physically active adults 19+ years



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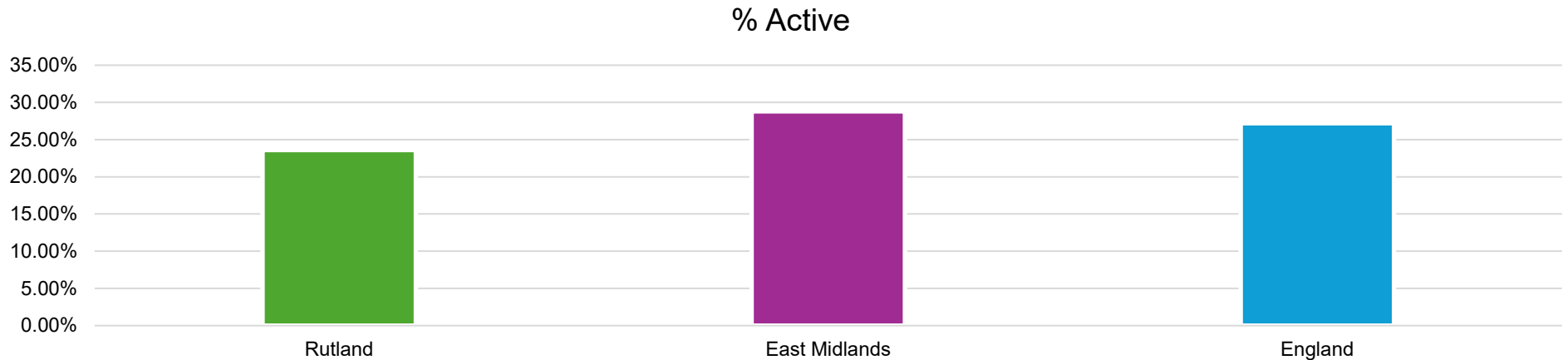
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2.66. Percentage of physically inactive adults 19+ years (Inactive here is defined here as doing less than 30 minutes of physical activity per week):

**Figure 4: Percentage of physically inactive adults 19+ years**



### Sports Activity

- 2.67. According to Active Lives survey data, the sports participation rate for people who participated in the last one year or took part in an activity during November 2020-2021 period in Rutland was 93% compared to the England national average of 91.8% and the East Midlands regional average of 91%.
- 2.68. The data emphasises that although a significant number of people in Rutland engage in sports, there is still room for improvement in terms of their frequency and levels of activity. Additionally, Active Lives survey indicate that 23.6% are inactive with activity levels of less than 30 minutes in a week and do not engage in enough physical activity to reap health benefits.

### 3 Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) Analysis

#### Introduction

- 3.1. There are four surface types that fall into the category of Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP); rubber crumb (3G), sand-based (filled or dressed) and water based. This section focusses on the third generation (3G) facilities in Rutland that are suitable for football, rugby union and rugby league, as well as the sand-based pitches in Rutland, which are currently used for hockey and other informal usage such as football training, walking football etc.

#### 3G AGP Usage for Football

- 3.2. The Football Association (FA) and Football Foundation considers high quality 3G pitches as essential in promoting coach and player development across all age groups. These pitches can support intensive use and as such are valuable assets for both playing and training. Primarily, such facilities have been installed for community use and training however they are increasingly used for competition, which the FA wholly supports providing the pitch has been appropriately tested and is on the FA 3G pitch register. The FA's long-term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England with the opportunity to train once a week on a floodlit 3G surface together with priority access for England Football Accredited community clubs through a partnership agreement.
- 3.3. The FA has adopted the use of 3G pitches across all competitions other than the Premier League and Football League. This decision was taken due to the significant advances that have been made to the development of 3G Football Turf (FT) and the adoption of these surfaces by professional leagues throughout Europe and by both UEFA and FIFA for major competitions.
- 3.4. Competitive affiliated football can only take place on 3G surfaces that have been tested to FA standards and are on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Some football training takes place on sand-based surfaces; however, this is mainly due to lack of access to more appropriate facilities, and it not a comparable alternative. Therefore, a 3G surface is the preferred surface for football by both the consumer and the FA.

#### 3G AGP Usage for Rugby

- 3.5. The use of 3G AGP provision for rugby match play and training has increased significantly in the past 10 years, due to a combination of improved technology, greater investment and changing player behaviour.
- 3.6. Clubs and operators are increasingly seeing the benefit of utilising 3G provision, due to the durability of the surface and the ability of clubs to play back-to-back matches, as well as using the same surfaces for both match play and training.
- 3.7. For facilities to be used for contact training or affiliated rugby union match play, pitches must be World Rugby 22 (WR22) compliant, which ensures pitches have an adequate shock pad and length of synthetic grass to ensure they are safe to play on.

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- 3.8. Pitches that are WR22 are commonly also compliant for Rugby League as the surface satisfied the requirements of the RFL Performance and Construction Standards for Synthetic Turf Competition and Training Pitches. However, surfaces that are compliant with rugby league standards, do not always meet the requirements for rugby union.

#### Supply

- 3.9. Table 4 provides a list of all sand-based and 3G AGPs in Rutland, identified as part of the audit. For each of the AGPs across the Study Area, the supply and demand has been summarised, with identification of spare capacity in the peak period where relevant.
- 3.10. The study area currently has one full sized 3G AGP available for community use, at Uppingham Community College, which is used by external clubs during the peak period (weekday evenings 5pm-9pm and weekends), as well as by the school during curriculum time. The pitch has a secure community use agreement.
- 3.11. There is also sand dressed AGP provision in Rutland, however the majority of this located at Oakham School and Uppingham School private education sites, with either no security of tenure, or unavailable for community use.
- 3.12. The weekday peak times are 5-9pm and at weekends and 10am-6pm. All facilities, other than Brooke Hill Academy and Nursery, have sports lighting and can therefore be used (where available) by the community at peak times throughout the winter. Table 5 details the number of peak time hours available at each site.
- 3.13. There are two small sided AGPs in Rutland. Both Active Rutland and Brooke Hill Academy and Nursery are 5v5 sized sand dressed pitches.
- 3.14. Work carried out as part of the updated Football Foundation's Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) in 2019, established a 10-year vision for football facilities that aims to transform the playing pitch stock and 'built' facilities in a sustainable way. It will build on existing local evidence and strategic planning work. For example, an LFFP will complement and take forward relevant actions from a Local Authority's 'Playing Pitch Strategy' (PPOSS) rather than acting as a substitute for having a PPOSS in place. By doing so, an LFFP will identify the FA and FF's priority projects to deliver and will act as an investment portfolio for schemes that require funding. As such, we estimate that 90% of all national football investment (FA, Premier League, Sport England and DCMS via the Football Foundation) in your Authority will be identified via your LFFP'.
- 3.15. The LFFP is not a strategic document and does not take into consideration other sporting and community needs outside of football. This Playing Pitch Strategy supersedes the LFFP should help to inform its recommendations and priority projects. Therefore, the LFFP should be updated following the completion of the PPOSS.

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- 3.16. The 2019 LFFP for Rutland highlighted one priority project regarding AGPs. The need for 3G provision in Oakham to cater for demand from Royce Rangers and Oakham United football clubs. At the time of the LFFP the clubs had a combined total of 20 teams, a level of demand that would not justify the need for a full size 3G pitch. The LFFP suggests the need for a 7v7 (61m x 43m) 3G, that would accommodate junior match play and senior training demand, within Oakham. However, this PPOSS will explore the need for 3G provision, based on updated football affiliation figures, as well as highlighting potential locations.
- 3.17. The LFFP also highlights the need for grass pitch improvements at a number of other sites, however these will be further mentioned in the football section of this report.
- 3.18. An audit of AGPs in Rutland is provided below.

**Table 1: AGP Audit**

Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Pitch Dimensions (m)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Active Rutland Hub	LE15 7TU	Available	Secure	Sand Filled	No	No	5v5	33x38	2015	Yes	Standard
Brooke Hill Academy and Nursery	LE15 6HQ	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	No	No	5v5	13x26	2011	No	Standard
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Available	Unsecure	Sand Filled	No	No	Full	62x101	2021	Yes	Standard
Middle Playing Fields – Uppingham Sports Centre 1	LE15 9TW	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	No	No	Full	60x100	2007	Yes	Good

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Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Pitch Dimensions (m)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Middle Playing Fields – Uppingham Sports Centre 2	LE15 9TW	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	No	No	Full	60x100	2000	Yes	Good
Middle Playing Fields – Uppingham Sports Centre 3	LE15 9TW	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Full	60x100	2007	Yes	Good
Oakham Sports Centre 1	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Full	60x100	2015	Yes	Good
Oakham Sports Centre 2	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Full	66x105	2018	Yes	Good
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Available	Secure	3G	Expired	No	Full	66x100	2020	Yes	Good
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	No	No	Full	61x97	1999	Yes	Standard

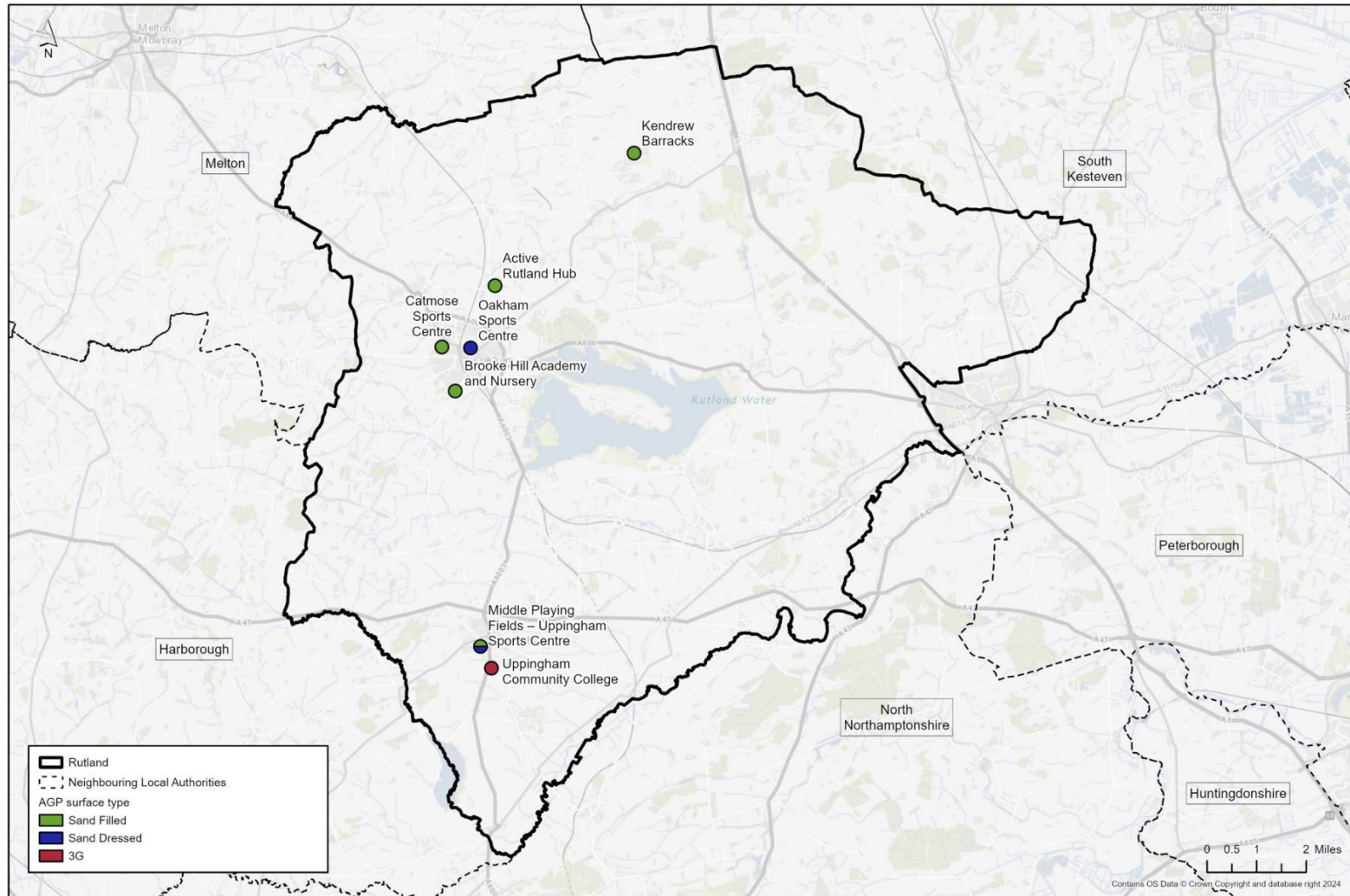
3.19. Map 2 shows the location of all AGP pitches in Rutland.



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Map 2: AGP sites in Rutland



AGPs by surface type in Rutland

### Current Supply and Demand

- 3.20. The commentary in the previous section has explained the theoretical supply of AGPs in the study area. To understand how this supply caters for the study area, it is necessary to analyse the current demand for AGP pitch use.
- 3.21. To provide a more accurate picture of how AGP provision is currently being utilised, Table 5 shows the supply and demand analysis for all provision that is available to the community. This compares the amount of available capacity (in hours) during the peak period with the amount of demand that has been provided by clubs and users during consultation.
- 3.22. The Peak period according to the PPS Guidance is identified as Mon-Thurs 5pm to 9pm, Friday 5pm to 7pm; and Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm. Therefore, the total number of hours available mid-week is 18, and there are 16 available during the weekend.

### Supply and Demand Analysis for Football / 3G AGP

- 3.23. Table 5 indicates that the 3G pitch at Uppingham Community College has around 19 hours of spare peak time capacity per week. This is based on club consultation, as well as information provided by the school. However, currently the 3G pitch is unavailable on Sundays, therefore reducing the spare peak time capacity to 11 hours per week. During consultation, clubs highlighted difficulty accessing 3G provision and the cost of it, as key barriers to using AGP pitches for training and match play demand. Uppingham Community College is located in the south-west corner of the study area, which without access to a car is challenging to reach.
- 3.24. Through consultation with the school, it is apparent that this spare capacity increases significantly in the summer term and outside of the football season. However, for this PPS we will consider the demand that has been identified during the autumn, winter and spring terms.

### Supply and Demand Analysis for Sand Dressed AGP

- 3.25. Although there is a significant amount of hockey specific AGP provision in Rutland, there are currently no clubs in the area and therefore no community demand for hockey. However, there is large amount of hockey activity from the private schools of Oakham and Uppingham.
- 3.26. As highlighted in table 5, sand dressed AGPs in Rutland do cater for some community football training demand. Oakham Sports Centre AGPs meet 11 hours of demand per week, all though it is not clear which of the AGPs meets this demand. Therefore, for the purpose of this PPS, capacity will be calculated for Oakham School as a whole. Although there are three good quality sand dressed AGPs at Uppingham School, they are inaccessible by the community.
- 3.27. Both Oakham School and Uppingham School have extensive sporting extra-curricular timetables, of which a large proportion takes places at weekends. Therefore, there is only availability mid-week, reducing their capacity to 18 hours per week per pitch.

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- 3.28. It is key to note that only demand that has been identified by clubs and sites during the PPOSS consultation has been included. Table 5 and 6 below show that there is a large amount of spare capacity on both 3G and sand dressed AGPs. It must be noted that further demand will be generated by informal football or corporate leagues, among others, therefore it is important that this supply and demand assessment is cross-checked with the supply and demand analysis presented below.
- 3.29. Although the preferred artificial surface for football club usage is 3G (long pile), sand dressed AGPs can help to meet some football training demand. Due to suitability and FA regulations, sand-dressed surfaces are not able to meet any match play demand from football clubs.

**Table 2: Supply and Demand Analysis for all available 3G AGP Provision**

Site Name	Pitch Type	Size	Peak Time Capacity	Clubs using the site			Total hours			
				Football	Hockey	Other	Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
Uppingham Community College	3G	Full	34	Cottesmore AFC, Oakham United, Uppingham Town	-	Stoneygate RFC	11	4	0	15
<b>Total</b>							<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

**Table 3: Supply and Demand Analysis for all available Sand Based AGP Provision**

Site Name	Pitch Type	Size	Peak Time Capacity	Clubs using the site			Total hours			
				Football	Hockey	Other	Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
Active Rutland Hub	Sand Filled	5v5	34	Oakham United			3	0	0	3
Catmose Sports Centre	Sand Filled	Full	34				0	0	0	0
Oakham Sports Centre 1	Sand Dresses	Full	68	Cottesmore AFC, Oakham United, Royce Rangers,			11	0	0	11
Oakham Sports Centre 2	Sand Dresses	Full					0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>							<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

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#### Informal Demand

- 3.30. In addition to the 'formal' demand captured during the club consultations, it is also important to consider the amount of 'informal' demand for AGP facilities produced within the Rutland. 'Informal' demand in this sense refers to demand produced by clubs, teams or users of AGP facilities that are not affiliated to an NGB (such as groups of friends having a game of 5v5 organised within their group).
- 3.31. The over 16- 70 population of Rutland is 26,356. In the area covered by Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Active Partnership (LLRAP), which is the smallest available area for which there is available data, 2.4% of people aged 16 or over participated in small-sided football at least twice in the last 28 days (November 21/22).
- 3.32. If this ratio is applied to the population of Rutland, then it can be said that 633 people play small-sided football every fortnight (on average). On a given single week therefore, is, on average, demand from 317 people play small-sided football.
- 3.33. Small-sided football is typically played in a 5v5 or 6v6 format meaning a minimum of 10 people are required for any one match (although 7v7 is also a common format). Accounting for substitutes and a portion of small-sided demand being played in 7v7, it can be stated as an assumption that a total of 14 people on average participate in one game of small-sided football.
- 3.34. When the above assumption is applied to the number of people estimated to participate in small-sided football matches per week, it can be said that there is demand for 23 informal small-sided matches per week (317 divided by 14).
- 3.35. It is assumed that each small-sided football match lasts for one hour (allowing time for change over). Given there are considered to be 4 hours of peak-time capacity per day in the mid-week period, plus a further 8 hours on each day of the weekends, it can be said that one small-sided pitch can accommodate 36 matches per week in the peak period.
- 3.36. Given the 29 hours of 'formal' demand captured by the club consultations, it can be said there is demand for approximately 65 hours of AGP demand in Rutland when all formal and informal demand has been considered. However, although it is important to consider the impact of informal demand, it will not be taken into consideration in the calculations below, as the FA and FF's 1:38 model already takes into account some recreational demand.

#### Current Supply and Demand Modelling – Full Size 3G AGP Provision (Football)

- 3.37. As part of the FA National Game Strategy, the Football Association identified a strategic objective to ensure that all teams playing competitive football have access to a floodlit 3G AGP to train on at least once a week. To do this, FA calculations show that a full size 3G AGP (available for community use at peak times) is required for every 38 teams, which will allow the required training and match play slots, as well as providing suitable supply at peak times (weekday evenings and weekends).

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- 3.38. Using the demand data for Rutland, 38 teams have been identified as playing within Rutland. Using the FA's suggested ratio of 1:38, this demonstrates the need for 1 full sized 3G AGP's.

**Table 4: Current Capacity Analysis for AGPs**

Area	Teams	Total number of full size 3G AGPs required to meet demand	Current number of full size equivalent 3G AGPs	Current balance
Rutland	38	1	1	0

- 3.39. Supply data for the project identifies one existing full sized 3G AGP facilities within the Study Area that are available for community use. Table 7 therefore, suggests that there is adequate provision of 3G AGPs.
- 3.40. It should be noted that this theoretical analysis only includes full sized 3G AGP's, in line with the strategic objectives of the FA and Football Foundation and because there is no small-sided 3G provision in the study area.

### AGP Future Supply and Demand Balance

- 3.41. To understand the projected level of demand for 3G AGPs in Rutland across the lifetime of the project, the same ratio of 1:38 has been used and applied to the identified growth of an additional 12 football teams, which were identified in the TGR and latent demand calculations, by 2041.
- 3.42. Using these updated parameters, it is projected that an additional 0.3 new full sized equivalent 3G AGPs will be required by the end of the local plan period in Rutland, to meet demand from future football demand alone if latent demand is considered.
- 3.43. However, as growth through latent demand is highlighted by clubs, this can often be aspirational and may not be realised. Therefore, we must also consider the future 3G AGP balance based on population growth alone, although this will have only very minor impact. Table 5 suggests that, due to only 1 additional team being generated through population growth, there will be no additional need by 2041.

**Table 5: Future Capacity Analysis for 3G AGPs in Rutland**

	Projected No. new teams created by Population Growth (TGR)	Number of new AGPs required to meet future – Population Growth	Projected No. new teams created latent demand	Number of new AGPs required to meet future – Latent Demand	Total number of new AGPs required to meet total future demand
Rutland	1	0	11	0.3	0.3

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- 3.44. Although theoretically, there is no current need for additional 3G provision and only a small increase in demand by 2041, there are deficits in 7v7 and 5v5 grass pitch provision as highlighted in the football section of this assessment report. The development of a small sided 3G pitch, could help to meet some match play demand from mini and junior teams, as well as catering for some training demand from older age groups if necessary. The possibility and likely impact of any development will be explored in Stage D of this PPOSS.
- 3.45. There is capacity on the existing 3G AGP at Uppingham Community College however, this may not be accessible for many in Rutland due to travel times.

### Meeting the Current and Future Demand for 3G AGP Facilities Across Rutland

- 3.46. A key objective for the FA is to maximise the use of 3G pitches for competitive football match play. This will increase the quality of provision, reduce the number of cancellations and help to address future demand. Affordable pricing policy that includes match-based charges in line with grass pitches should be a consideration.
- 3.47. From the current and future supply and demand analysis we can presume the following:
- There is no current deficit 3G pitches in Rutland for affiliated football teams.
  - To cater for future demand, including latent demand predictions, a further 0.3 full size equivalent 3G AGPs should be considered.
  - The deliverability of any AGP should be subject to a significant feasibility study to determine the financial viability of a site and its impact on the local community. When selecting the sites that are appropriate for 3G AGP development, sites should have the following characteristics:
    - Be available for significant use by local community clubs.
    - Have good access and ancillary facilities to service the pitch(es)
    - Be financially sustainable.
    - Be able to be maximised for training and match play provision during peak time.
    - Be well positioned to deliver wider football or rugby development programmes, including coach education and a recreational offer, using spare off-peak capacity to deliver this.
    - Be able to explore shared projects across multiple sports, possibly education use with a focus on the community, in order to ensure facilities are used throughout the peak and off-peak periods.

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### AGP summary

- 3.48. This section summarises the findings from the AGP analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendations and action plan section for Rutland.
- 3.49. Table 6 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPOSS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

**Table 6: Key PPOSS Findings for AGPs in Rutland**

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	<p>There are 10 AGP's in Rutland, with 6 facilities rated as good and 4 as standard. Of this supply, only 1 is a 3G surfaces, the rest being sand filled or dressed pitches.</p> <p>There are 2 small sized AGPs in the study area at Active Rutland and Brooke Hill Academy and Nursery. The remaining 8 are all full sized pitches.</p> <p>There are no WR22 compliant pitches in the study area.</p>
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	<p>The current supply of 3G AGP football pitch provision is adequate to meet the current demand of 38 teams. However, the existing 3G pitch, located in Uppingham, may be challenging to access for some clubs in Rutland due to distance and time constraints.</p> <p>There are no hockey clubs in Rutland, however both Oakham School and Uppingham School have extensive hockey programmes, ensuring the utilisation of sand dressed AGPs in at both private education sites.</p>
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	<p>60% of AGPs in Rutland are good and 40% standard. Uppingham Community College 3G is rated as good quality.</p>
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	<p>There is predicted to be a growth of 1 football team due to population growth and 11 teams as a result of latent demand predictions.</p> <p>If latent demand predictions are taken into account, there is the need for an additional 0.3 full size equivalent 3G pitches. Although there are no planned 3G developments, the existing LFFP suggests the need for additional small sided provision in Oakham.</p>
<b>Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	<p>Using current demand data coupled with future TGR calculations and latent demand information, it has been identified that by 2041, there will be a deficit of 0.3 full size 3G AGPs.</p>



## 4 Football Stage C Assessment

### Introduction

- 4.1 This section of the report focusses on the supply and demand for grass football pitches. There is a separate standalone section that covers all Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP) including the 3rd Generation (3G) pitches, that are becoming increasingly important to service the needs of football for both competitive play and training.
- 4.2 This section includes the headline findings from the PPOSS, as well as a site-by-site analysis of football sites across Rutland.

### Strategic Priorities for Football

- 4.3 Football in the study area is governed by both Birmingham FA and Worcestershire FA. Both associations work to administer the provision of football in Rutland and support the strategic priorities highlighted below.
- 4.4 The FA Time for Change Strategy 2020-2024 is based on the exciting objective of inspiring a lifelong journey in football for all.
- 4.5 Its vision is to 'Unite the game, inspire the nation' and its mission is to change the game to maximise its impact and serve the game to deliver football for all.
- 4.6 The Time for Change Strategy focusses on six game changer objectives:
- Win a major tournament
  - Serve 2m+ through a transformed digital platform
  - Ensure equal opportunities for every girl
  - Delivery of 5000 quality pitches
  - A game free from discrimination
  - Maximise the appeal and revenue of the FA cups and Barclays FA Women's Super League.
- 4.7 There are also 8 serve objectives:
- Trusted, progressive, regulation and administration
  - Safe and inclusive football pathways and environment
  - Personalised & connected learning experiences



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- Maximum investment into the game
- Diverse, high-performing workforce & inclusive culture
- World class venues and events
- Strong reputation and clear brand identity
- Technology enabled and insight driven

4.8 A key piece of context for the strategy is the changing profile of formal football participation across the country. Between the 17/18- 20/21 seasons, the number of women and girls playing has doubled, more youth teams were created, more facilities built, driving record investment back into football.

4.9 The strategic pillar that is of greatest relevance to this PPOSS is 5. Develop Sustainable Football Facilities. This key focus for this pillar is facilities and investment, with key objectives summarised below:

- 3G Football Turf Pitches
- Changing rooms, pavilions, and clubhouses
- Improved grass pitches
- Better indoor and outdoor spaces
- Ensure that all projects are aligned and deliver against FA National Football Facilities Strategy targets:
- Quality
- Sustainability
- Inclusivity
- Engagement
- Participation

4.10 Another key element of the Change Strategy is the focus on informal and recreational football, the overall goal being to improve the experience of the participant, leading to enhanced retention and new participation in the game.

4.11 Local Football Facility Plans (LFFP) are locally tailored reports that highlight the facility need across individual local authority areas. Informed and led by a PPOSS, the plans help to set out a roadmap for development of grass and artificial grass football facilities in specific areas. LFFPs work to set out a long-term vision for local football facilities, identify priority projects, and can act as an investment portfolio for projects that require funding.

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### Supply

4.13 The audit identifies a total of 33 grass football pitches across 13 sites in Rutland. 31 pitches are available for community use, across 12 sites. Only the football pitches at Kendrew Barracks are unavailable for community use.

4.14 Table 7 highlights the breakdown of different pitch types across available sites (secure and unsecure) in Rutland.

**Table 7: Summary of Grass Football Pitches in Rutland.**

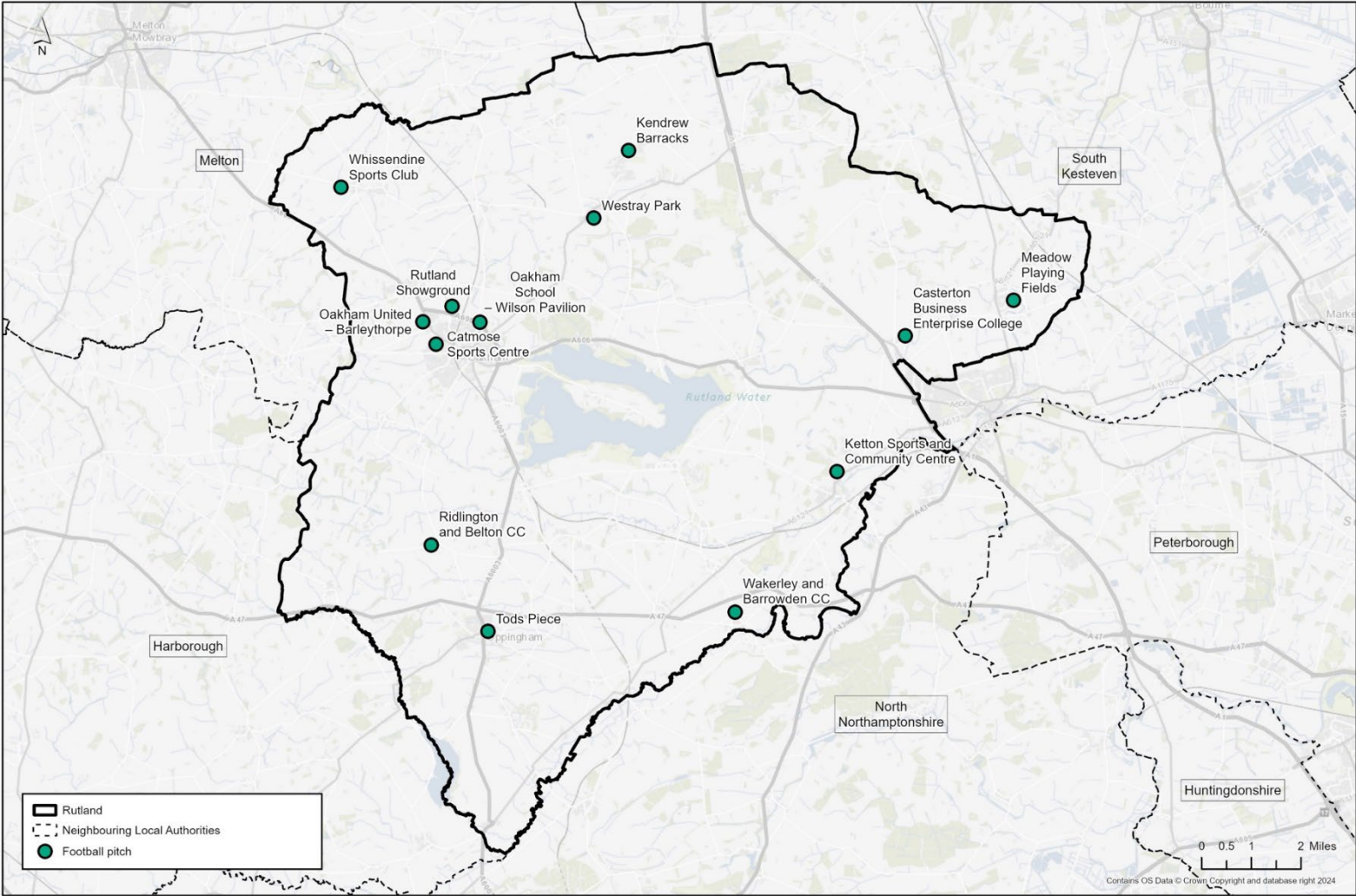
Analysis area	No. unavailable pitch sites	No. available Playing Pitch Sites	Pitches Available for Community Use					Total Available Pitches
			Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	7v7	5v5	
Rutland	1	12	14	5	3	4	5	31

4.15 There are 31 available pitches in Rutland. This number can be broken down into 14 adult 11v11, 5 youth 11v11, 3 youth 9v9, 4 7v7 and 5 mini 5v5 pitches.

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Map 3: All football pitch sites in Rutland



Football pitches in Rutland

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### Available Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches.

- 4.16 22 of the 31 (71%) available pitches in Rutland provide secure community use access (i.e., pitches owned or leased by local authorities or clubs/associations). 9 (29%) pitches are unsecured community use pitches.

**Table 8: Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches 2022/23 Football season**

	Secured/ Unsecured Community Use	Community Available Pitches					Total (%)
		Full size	Youth (11 v 11)	Junior (9 v 9)	Mini (7 v 7)	Mini (5 v 5)	
Rutland	Secured Community Use	8	4	2	4	4	22 (71%)
	Unsecured Community Use	6	1	1	0	1	9 (29%)

### Disused Provision

- 4.17 The NPPF defines a playing field as “the whole of a site which encompasses at least one playing pitch as defined in the Town and County Planning Order 2015. A disused site is a playing field not being used at all by any users and is not available for community hire either. Once these sites are disused for five or more years they then fall outside of Sport England’s statutory remit. However, as this section will only consider disused football pitches, and does not take into account the whole of the playing field, Sport England may still be a statutory consultee for the sites below.
- 4.18 Disused pitches must still be assessed using the criteria in paragraph 99 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Sport England may challenge a proposed loss of playing pitches/playing field which fails to meet such criteria.

**Table 9: Disused Pitches Rutland**

Pitch Name	Previous Pitch Size	Ownership	Reason for no use
Barnsdale Hall	7v7	Commercial	No pitches on site
Ryhall CofE Primary	5v5	Education	No pitches on site
St Nicholas CofE Primary	7v7	Education	No pitches on site
Wing Playing Fields	Unknown	Local Authority	No pitches on site
Catmose Primary School	7v7	Education	No pitches on site
Great Casterton Primary School	Unknown	Education	No pitches on site

### Proposed Supply changes

- 4.19 There are currently no planning applications or proposals for playing pitch sites in Rutland that have potential implications for the future supply of playing pitches. However, it must be noted that Sport England's Playing Field Policy states that they "will oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of or prejudice the use of; all or any part of a playing field; land which has been used as a playing field and remains undeveloped; or land allocated for use as a playing field'. There are five exceptions, which will be explored further if necessary at Stage D of the PPS.

### Current Position for Football

- 4.20 This section presents the current position for grass football pitches for the study area. It will first highlight the supply information regarding sites, number of pitches and their quality. Data regarding the demand for all types of football in Rutland will then be set out, before a supply and demand analysis is undertaken for each site and Rutland as a whole.
- 4.21 Leicestershire FA and the Football Foundation have introduced PitchPower - revolutionising the state of grass football pitches across England, ensuring that by 2030, grassroots football has 20,000 'good' quality pitches to enjoy. PitchPower is a web app that allows organisations to quickly and easily inspect, grass pitch(es) directly from a mobile phone. The app is used to submit information about pitch(es) to the [Grounds Management Association](#) who assess the site. After the assessment is complete, a report is received which evidences the technical quality score and provides recommendations as to what is needed to improve the pitch(es). The pitch quality scores given in Table 10 have been informed by the Pitch Power assessments provided by Leicestershire FA, however improvements may have been made since the assessments were carried out. Further, site specific details regarding Pitch Power are provided below.
- 4.22 The following clubs/sites are being supported by Leicestershire FA and the Football Foundation through the PitchPower process defined above. Through this initiative, these clubs and sites will have improved maintenance regimes with the aim of improving the quality of pitches, allowing additional usage during the season. The PitchPower quality ratings reflect the pitch assessment ratings in this report.
- **Tods Piece** – The Adult 11v11 pitch received a rating of basic based on the PitchPower assessment. This is reportedly due to improvements needed to the following areas: surface grooming, decompaction, application of fertiliser, weed treatment, line marking and mowing.
  - **Rutland Showground** – The PitchPower assessment was undertaken for one adult 11v11 and one youth 11v11 pitch and provided good quality ratings for both. However recommendations were still made regarding mowing, weed treatment, scarification, decompaction, surface grooming, fertiliser application and line marking.
  - **Westray Park** – The most recent assessment provided an update on the previous PitchPower report, and significant improvements were found to have been made to all pitches. Both adult 11v11 pitches and the junior 7v7 pitch are rated as good.

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4.23 Table 10 indicates the quality assessments for each site and pitch in Rutland. The following information includes only sites which are available for community use.

**Table 10: Pitch Quality in Rutland**

Rutland	Adult Pitches			Youth 11v11 Pitches			Youth 9v9 Pitches			Mini 7v7			Mini 5v5		
	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
Casterton Business Enterprise College	2														
Catmose Sports Centre		3													
Ketton Sports and Community Centre			1		1							1			
Meadow Playing Fields		1						1			1				1
Oakham School – Wilson Pavilion	1														
Oakham United FC - Barleythorpe	1			1											
Ridlington and Belton CC															1
Rutland Showground	1	1		2			1			1			3		
Tods Piece		1													
Wakerley and Barrowden CC									1						
Westray Park	2									1					
Whissendine Sports Club					1										
	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

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### Ancillary Facilities

4.24 The quality of ancillary facilities across Rutland have been assessed via a combination of site visits and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

Good	
Standard	
Poor	

4.25 Ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site accompanied by their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, showering provision, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities and boundary fencing. Table 11 below identifies the findings for football sites that are actively utilised for football across Rutland.

**Table 11: Site by site analysis of ancillary facility quality.**

Site name	Ancillary facility quality
Casterton Business Enterprise College	Standard – school changing facilities
Catmose Sports Centre	Good
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Good
Meadow Playing Fields	Poor
Oakham School – Wilson Pavilion	Good
Oakham United FC - Barleythorpe	Good
Ridlington and Belton CC	Poor
Rutland Showground	Good
Tods Piece	Good
Wakerley and Barrowden CC	Standard
Westray Park	Good
Whissendine Sports Club	Standard

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### Current Demand

- 4.26 Football is the most popular team sport across Rutland. With a total of 38 teams across 6 clubs. As part of the PPOSS process, all clubs were given the opportunity to respond to consultation, allowing them to provide their views on facilities, developments, issues and growth plans. An overview of the consultation is included in Table 12 below.
- 4.27 All clubs responded as part of the consultation exercise, with a 100% response rate. Although this meets the requirements of Sport England, ongoing consultation with clubs is necessary to inform future facility needs in Rutland.

**Table 12: Club Consultation**

Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
Ketton FC	Ketton Sports and Community Centre	<p>The adult 11v11 pitch has recently been graded as poor by PitchPower, whilst the youth 11v11 pitch and 7v7 pitches are standard quality but do suffer during periods of wet weather due to drainage issues. Maintenance schedule and equipment has been heavily invested in. All training takes place on the grass pitches. Although the club would like access to AGP provision, facilities in Rutland are either hard to access or expensive, with some private schools unwilling to provide access. The majority of the clubs players are from Stamford, due to the ground's location.</p> <p>There is a desire to grow the club, as some players were lost due to Covid.</p>
Uppingham Town FC	Tods Piece	<p>The club consists of 3 senior male teams, all located at Tods Piece, which is owned and maintained by the Town Council. The club make some financial contributions to the maintenance of the site. The site is of standard quality, with some improvements needed, however most games were played last season with minimal cancellations. The ancillary facilities are adequate for the clubs current needs, however do need updating, especially the officials room. The club do have aspirations to move up the league system, however their ground does not meet the requirements for higher leagues. Additional fencing and floodlighting would need to be installed.</p> <p>The club have a short term lease of the clubhouse, but noting formal for the pitch. Although discussions are underway with the Town Council regarding this. Although the club would like to grow team numbers, there are worries about volunteers and pitch capacity.</p>
Cottesmore AFC	Westray Park	<p>High quality grass pitches, that have undergone maintenance in line with PitchPower assessments. The club rent poor quality changing rooms but want to develop their own. However, they currently only have very short term lease agreements with the council. This is a challenge as it inhibits ability to access funding. This in turn means that although the club have aspirations to reach step 6 of the league system, their facilities are not yet adequate. Further fencing and floodlighting would be needed.</p> <p>The club train at Uppingham Community College and Oakham School AGPs, but highlighted access to AGP provision, that is affordable, as a major issue.</p>
One Touch Football	Meadow Playing Fields	<p>The club highlighted issues accessing funding due to short term lease agreements as a major issue. A playing field committee, lease Meadow Playing Field to the club on a one year rolling contract, meaning that access to funding is not available.</p>



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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		The current ancillary provision is very poor, and this was highlighted in the LFFP as a priority for investment. Although a playing field committee owns the site, all maintenance is undertaken by the club, with improvements needed, as it caters for a large amount of match play and training demand. All training demand is met on the 5v5 floodlit pitch, which is significantly overplayed. The club highlighted the need for increased access to 3G facilities for training,
Oakham United	Oakham United - Barleythorpe	Pitches at Oakham United are of good quality, however become very dry in the summer months. Access to a single training facility is challenging, and through the winter the club trains at Uppingham Community College, Oakham School AGP and Active Rutland. During the summer months, training returns to Barleythorpe. The club would like to expand, however would need additional land and pitches for this to be possible. With major development planned around the site, this will be a challenge.
Royce Rangers	Rutland Showground	The club would like access to a permanent building at Showground, as their current facilities are in portacabins with no running water and make shift changing rooms. They are trying to get planning permission, but need a longer term lease to secure this. The club have waiting lists at every age group, and would require an additional site to accommodate all potential teams. Additional 3G training facilities are needed, as the cost of hiring private school facilities is unaffordable.

4.28 Table 13 outlines the current football demand in Rutland.

**Table 13: Football Demand**

Age Groups	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total
<b>Rutland</b>			
Adult 11v11	12	2	14
Youth 11v11	8	0	8
9v9	6	0	6
7v7	6	0	6
5v5	4	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>

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- 4.29 Table 14 outlines the current football provision for women and girls in Rutland, focussing on female only teams (team numbers below are included in the overall data).

**Table 14: Female Only Football Provision**

Club	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	Total No. Teams
Oakham United	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ketton FC	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Demand Driven by Exported/Imported Demand

- 4.30 No imported or exported demand was highlighted during the consultation period. However, the location of Ketton FC means that many of their players travel from outside of Rutland, from nearby Stamford to access provision.

#### Demand Driven by Latent Demand

- 4.31 Latent demand for football has been identified across the study area. Latent demand is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision. This could include feedback from a sports club which may feel that it could set up and run an additional team if it had access to improved provision.
- 4.32 The table below identifies all clubs, that identified latent demand (not currently active), which they are aiming to convert into affiliated football demand within the next 3 - 5 years. This provides an estimation of the number of new teams that will be required in Rutland, in addition to the teams generated by population growth.
- 4.33 It should be noted that the latent demand predictions, are generated through club consultation and may not actually be realised in the long term. The impact of latent demand will be explored separately to the impact of population growth in the future capacity analysis section below.

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4.34 Table 15 shows that there is the potential latent demand of 5.5 MES per week across the study area.

**Table 15: Latent demand highlighted through consultation**

Club	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	Total Teams	Total latent demand (MES)
Cottesmore AFC	1	1	0	0	0	2	1
Ketton FC	1	1	1	1	1	5	2.5
Royce Rangers	0	0	2 (female)	2 (female)	0	4	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.5</b>

### Future Demand

#### Demand Driven by Population Growth

- 4.35 To calculate the future demand for football in the Study Area, Team Generation Rates have been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate what size of population (for various age groups) will typically cause enough demand to create a football team in each of the age categories.
- 4.36 This Team Generation Rate can then be applied to the population projections for the Study Area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the number of teams in each of the key age groups. It is to be noted that population is just one factor in estimating future teams. Other factors such as NGB initiatives and amount of available provision has a large level of influence.
- 4.37 All figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.
- 4.38 Table 16 below demonstrates that there is an anticipated total increase of 1 team across Rutland due to population growth. A full breakdown can be seen below:

**Table 16: Future demand driven by population growth**

Age Groups	Current no. of teams	Current Population	Future Population (2041)	Current TGR	Population change	Projected team change	team no.
<b>Rutland</b>							
Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	12	6752	6718	563	-34	0	

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Age Groups	Current no. of teams	Current Population	Future Population (2041)	Current TGR	Population change	Projected team change	team no.
Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	2	5693	5855	2847	162	0	
Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	8	1102	1243	138	141	1	
Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	0	1028	1056	0	-46	0	
Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	6	508	518	85	10	0	
Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	0	438	423	0	-15	0	
Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	6	936	823	156	-113	0	
Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	4	827	827	207	0	0	
<b>Total projected new teams by 2041</b>						<b>1</b>	

4.39 The table above illustrates the projected growth across each football age group. Only the youth 11v11 boys category is predicted to grow, with demand for an additional 1 team by 2041. This small amount projected growth is a result of low existing team numbers and small population growth over the PPOSS period.

4.40 Table 17 shows the future number of teams in Rutland by age group and sex, driven by population growth to 2041.

**Table 17: Future team numbers by 2041 – population growth only.**

	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Youth 9v9		Mini		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	Mixed 7v7	Mixed 5v5	
Rutland	12	2	9	0	6	0	6	4	0

4.41 Utilising the current demand figures for football, and how the population of Rutland is projected to grow by 2041, we can provide an estimation of the future level of demand in Rutland. This data, shown in MES, assumes that teams will require access to 0.5 MES per week, due to playing away from their home ground every other week.

4.42 Table 18 highlights how these future team numbers will impact the demand in MES for football provision. There is predicted to be a demand of 19.5 MES per week by 2041, when considering future population growth. The impact of latent demand will be explored separately.

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**Table 18: Future demand driven by population growth in MES.**

	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Youth 9v9		Mini		Total (MES)
	M	F	M	F	M	F	Mixed 7v7	Mixed 5v5	
Rutland	6	1	4.5	0	3	0	3	2	19.5

### Football Supply and Demand information

- 4.43 For every site that has grass football provision, an analysis has been undertaken to assess whether each pitch on the site has enough capacity to meet the current level of demand for affiliated football. This analysis has been undertaken for two separate time periods; a) weekly and b) during the peak period.
- 4.44 This compares the weekly carrying capacity (in Match Equivalent Sessions – MES) of each individual pitch type with the demand that is placed upon that pitch type over the full week. It may also be referred to as the ‘theoretical capacity’ as it assumes that demand will be spread across the week and is calculated solely from the theoretical carrying capacity of the pitch to withstand training and match play. Table 19 below illustrates how weekly carrying capacity is allocated to each pitch type, depending on its quality rating.

**Table 19: Carrying Capacity per Pitch Type. All Figures in MES**

Quality score	Adult football	Youth football	Mini soccer
Good (80-100%)	3	4	6
Standard (50-79.9%)	2	2	4
Poor (0-49.9%)	1	1	2

- 4.45 Table 20 below provides an overview of all pitch capacity and demand across all available sites across Rutland, categorised by pitch type. All unavailable sites have been dismissed from this list as there is no community use on these sites.
- 4.46 All teams have been assigned 0.5 MES per week. However, if a youth 9v9, 7v7 or 5v5 team participates on a senior pitch, then they have been assigned 0.25 MES of demand. This is due to the decrease in impact they will have on the surface. If a club has highlighted that training takes place on the grass pitches, then additional demand has been allocated to that pitch.
- 4.47 It is assumed that all education-based pitches have usage of 1 MES per week due to curricular/extra-curricular activity, the exception being where the actual demand for MES from affiliated clubs has been identified on the site.

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**Table 20: Rutland Capacity Analysis for Grass Football Pitches**

Site name	Availability	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Casterton Business Enterprise College	Available	Unsecure	2x Adult 11v11	Good	6	1	5	0 - Unsecure
Catmose Sports Centre	Available	Unsecure	3x Adult 11v11	Standard	6	1	5	0 - Unsecure
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Available	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	1.5	-0.5	No spare capacity
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Available	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	1
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Available	Secure	1x 7v7	Poor	2	7	-5	No spare capacity
Meadow Playing Fields	Available	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	1	1	No spare capacity
Meadow Playing Fields	Available	Secure	1x Youth 9v9	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	1
Meadow Playing Fields	Available	Secure	1x 7v7	Standard	4	1	3	No spare capacity
Meadow Playing Fields	Available	Secure	1x 5v5	Poor	2	9	-7	No spare capacity
Oakham School – Wilson Pavilion	Available	Unsecure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	1	2	0 - Unsecure
Oakham United – Barleythorpe	Available	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	2.5	0.5	No spare capacity
Oakham United – Barleythorpe	Available	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Good	4	0.75	3.25	No spare capacity
Ridlington and Belton CC	Available	Unsecure	1x 5v5	Poor	2	0	2	0 - Unsecure
Rutland Showground	Available	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	0	2	1
Rutland Showground	Available	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	1	2	No spare capacity
Rutland Showground	Available	Secure	2x Youth 11v11	Good	8	1	7	1
Rutland Showground	Available	Secure	1x Youth 9v9	Good	4	2	2	No spare capacity
Rutland Showground	Available	Secure	1x 7v7	Good	6	2	4	No spare capacity

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Site name	Availability	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Rutland Showground	Available	Secure	3x 5v5	Good	18	1	17	2
Tods Piece	Available	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	No spare capacity
Wakerley and Barrowden CC	Available	Unsecure	1x Youth 9v9	Poor	1	0	1	0 - Unsecure
Westray Park	Available	Secure	2x Adult 11v11	Good	6	1.5	5.5	No spare capacity
Westray Park	Available	Secure	1x 7v7	Good	6	0	6	1
Whissendine Sports Club	Available	Unsecure	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	0	2	0 - Unsecure

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#### Adult 11v11 Analysis total Peak Capacity

- 4.48 Table 21 provides the current and future position for 11v11 adult grass pitch provision across the full study area, for peak times.
- 4.49 All tables in this section show spare MES capacity across Rutland, currently and to 2041. The future position for grass pitches is shown both with and without latent demand predictions factored in.
- 4.50 The data demonstrates that there is 0.5 MES of spare capacity for adult 11v11 pitches across the study area. There is no change when population growth is taken into account. However when latent demand is also considered, then all spare capacity is likely to be lost, leaving a small deficit of -0.5 by 2041.

**Table 21: Adult 11v11 Supply and Demand Analysis - Peak. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand
Rutland	1	-0.5	0.5	0	0.5	1	-0.5

#### Youth 11 v 11 Analysis - Peak

- 4.51 Table 22 provides the current and future position for 11v11 youth grass pitch provision across Rutland, at peak times.

**Table 22: Youth 11v11 Supply and Demand Analysis - Peak. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand
Rutland	2	0	2	0.5	1.5	1	0.5

- 4.52 Table 22 illustrates that there is a current spare capacity of 2 MES when looking at youth 11v11 provision. However, due to the population growth projections this spare capacity is likely to reduce to 1.5 MES by 2041.
- 4.53 When also considering latent demand predictions, from Cottesmore AFC and Ketton FC, the future position can be expected to be 0.5 MES of spare capacity by 2041.



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### Youth 9 v 9 Analysis Peak

4.54 Table 23 provides the current and future position for 9 v 9 youth grass pitch provision across the full study area.

**Table 23: Youth 9v9 Supply and Demand Analysis. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand
Rutland	1	0	1	0	1	1.5	-0.5

4.55 Table 23 illustrates that there is a current spare capacity of 1 MES for 9v9 pitches across the study area. There is no effect on capacity when taking into account population growth, but latent demand predictions would create a deficit of -0.5 MES by 2041 if realised.

### Mini 7 v 7 pitch supply Peak

4.56 Table 24 provides the current and future position for 7v7 mini grass pitch provision across the full study area.

**Table 24: Mini 7v7 Supply and Demand Analysis. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand
Rutland	1	-5	-4	0	-4	1.5	-5.5

4.57 Table 24 indicates that there is a deficit of -4 MES for 7v7 pitches in Rutland, largely due to training demand at Ketton Sports and Community Centre. Although there is no anticipated impact from population growth, the future position is likely to worsen to -5.5 MES by 2041 due to latent demand predictions.

### Mini 5 v 5 pitch supply Peak

4.58 Table 25 provides the current and future position for 5v5 grass pitch provision across the full study area.

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**Table 25: Mini 5v5 Supply and Demand Analysis. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand
Rutland	2	-7	-5	0	-5	0.5	-5.5

- 4.59 Table 25 illustrates that there is a deficit of -5 MES per week for 5v5 grass provision in Rutland. This deficit is generated by a large amount of training demand from One Touch Football, on the floodlit 5v5 pitch at Meadow Playing Fields.
- 4.60 Population growth will have no impact on the capacity position, however there will be demand for an additional 0.5 MES per week due to latent demand by 2041, increasing the deficit to -5.5 MES.

### Football Summary

- 4.61 This section summarises the findings from the football analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for the Rutland.

**Table 26: Summary of Supply and Demand Rutland Peak time of Play**

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)				Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity (Peak Time)	Total Overplay	Current Total	Future Demand Population Growth			
Adult 11v11	1	-0.5	0.5	0	0.5	1	-0.5
Youth 11v11	2	0	2	0.5	1.5	1	0.5
Youth 9v9	1	0	1	0	1	1.5	-0.5
Mini 7v7	1	-5	-4	0	-4	1.5	-5.5
Mini 5v5	2	-7	-5	0	-5	0.5	-5.5

- 4.62 There is currently spare capacity on adult 11v11, youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches in Rutland. However, both 7v7 and 5v5 pitches are in current and future deficit due to training demands from Ketton FC and One Touch Football.

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- 4.63 There is only a very small impact on capacity from population growth, however latent demand predictions will add 5.5 MES of demand, spread across all pitch types.
- There are 31 grass football pitches across 12 sites that are available for community use.
  - 71% of pitches in Rutland provide secured community use access (i.e., pitches owned or leased by local authorities or clubs/associations). 29% pitches are unsecured community use pitches.
  - Westray Park aspire to improve their pitch quality and have a FA/FF approved maintenance schedules in place through the support of Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund, which requires regular PitchPower submissions.
  - Tods Piece and Rutland Showground aspire to improve their pitch quality and have a PitchPower report completed in March 2021 and July 2021 respectively. These reports need to be updated before they are eligible for Football Foundation funding through the Grass Pitch Maintenance fund.
  - A number of clubs, including Royce Rangers, One Touch Football, Uppingham Town and Cottesmore AFC, have highlighted short term lease agreements as key barriers to future growth and development on and off the pitch.
  - 38 teams from 6 clubs are identified as playing within Rutland. This consists of 12 adult men's, 2 adult women's, 8 youth 11v11 boys', 6 junior boys' 9v9 teams, 6 7v7 and mini soccer teams and 4 5v5 mini soccer teams. There is demand across all age groups of football across Rutland.
  - Spare peak time capacity across Rutland totals 7 match equivalent sessions per week, across all pitch types. However, there are currently shortfalls of -4 MES for both 7v7 and 5v5 pitches.
  - By 2041, there will be an increased demand for an extra 6 MES due to latent demand and population growth, although nearly all of this is generated by latent demand predictions. This will result in a future total deficit of -11.5 MES per week across all pitch types in Rutland. However, this deficit is generated by significant training demand on the 7v7 pitch at Ketton Sports and Community Centre and the 5v5 at Meadow Playing Field. Only youth 11v11 pitches will still have spare capacity by 2041.
- 4.64 This section summarises the findings from the football analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rutland. Table 27 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPOSS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

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Table 27: Key PPOSS findings for football in the Rutland study area

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	<p>There are a total of 31 available pitches across 12 sites in Rutland. The majority (71%) of available pitches have secured community use on them.</p> <p>There are 6 football clubs in Rutland, comprising a total of 38 teams. The largest proportion of these teams come from adult male 11v11 teams (32%).</p>
<b>Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	<p>The current supply and demand analysis for accessible pitch provision shows spare capacity on adult 11v11, youth 11v11 and 9v9 pitches. However, there is a deficit of 7v7 and 5v5 provision in Rutland. It must be noted that these deficits are solely the result of training demand on 2 specific pitches (Ketton Sports and Community Centre 7v7 and Meadow Playing Field 5v5).</p> <p>A number of clubs (Royce Rangers, One Touch Football, Uppingham Town and Cottesmore AFC highlighted the need for longer term lease agreements on their sites, which would allow them to have longer term plans and secure funding for development projects.</p>
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	<p>52% of pitches are rated as good quality and 35% are classed as standard. Only 4 pitches (13%) are rated as poor quality, suggesting that the standard of grass football provision is generally adequate.</p> <p>Tods Piece, Rutland Showground and Westray Park have PitchPower assessments in place, and are therefore following approved pitch improvements and maintenance regimes.</p>
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	<p>There are no changes anticipated in the supply of grass pitches in Rutland. Although there is some population growth anticipated by 2041, this will have little impact on the demand for footballing provision. However, through consultation clubs highlighted that there may be an additional 11 teams as a result of latent demand predictions. This is likely to add 5.5 MES of demand into the study area.</p>
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	<p>The future supply and demand analysis for accessible pitch provision shows that there will still be spare capacity on youth 11v11 pitches in Rutland.</p> <p>However, when taking into account both population growth and latent demand, there will be no spare capacity on adult 11v11 pitches, the current capacity on 9v9 pitches will be turned into a deficit of -0.5 and the deficit of 7v7 and 5v5 provision will both worsen to -5.5 MES.</p>

## 5 Hockey Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 5.1 In order to understand the overall objectives and priorities of England Hockey (EH), an analysis of key recent strategies and documentation has been undertaken and summarised below.

### England Hockey Facilities Strategy (2017)

- 5.2 In 2017 England Hockey published the latest facilities strategy for the sport, which replaces the previous 2012 edition and aims to help every hockey club in England work towards having appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

**Vision:** For every hockey player in England to have appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

**Mission:** More, Better, Happier players with access to appropriate and sustainable facilities

- 5.3 The club market for hockey is well structured and clubs are required to affiliate to England Hockey to play in community leagues. As a result, only a few occasional teams lie outside of the EH affiliation structure. Schools and Universities are the other two areas where significant hockey is played.

- 5.4 England Hockey has the ambition of growing participation by 10,000 adults and 32,500 children. To enable this, the following three objectives have been highlighted.

- **Protect:** To conserve the existing hockey provision. EH currently has over 800 pitches that are used by hockey clubs (club, school, universities). We need to retain the current provision where appropriate to ensure that hockey is maintained across the country.
- **Improve:** To improve the existing facilities stock (physically and administratively). The current facilities stock is ageing and there needs to be strategic investment into refurbishing the pitches and ancillary facilities. There needs to be more support for clubs to obtain better agreements with facilities providers & education around owning an asset.
- **Develop:** To strategically build new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain. This might include consolidation of hockey provision in a local area where appropriate. Research has identified key areas across the country where there is a lack of suitable Hockey provision and there is a need for additional pitches. There is an identified demand for multi pitches in the right places to consolidate hockey and allow clubs to have all of their provision catered at one site.

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- 5.5 Competitive league hockey matches, and training can only be played on sand filled, sand dressed or water based artificial grass pitches (AGPs). Although competitive, adult and junior club training cannot take place on third generation turf pitches (3G), 40mm pitches may be suitable for introductory level hockey, such as school curriculum low level hockey. EH's Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy details suitability of surface type for varying levels of hockey, as shown below.

**Table 28: England Hockey Guidelines on Artificial Surface Types Suitable for Hockey**

Category	Surface	Playing Level	Playing Level
England Hockey Category 1	Water surface approved within the FIH Global/National Parameters	Essential International Hockey - Training and matches	Desirable Domestic National Premier competition Higher levels of EH Player Pathway Performance Centres and upwards England
England Hockey Category 2	Sand dressed surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	Essential Domestic National Premier competition Higher levels of player pathway: Academy Centres and Upwards	Desirable All adult and junior League Hockey Intermediate or advanced School Hockey
England Hockey Category 3	Sand based surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	Essential All adult and junior club training and league Hockey EH competitions for clubs and schools Intermediate or advanced schools' hockey	EH competitions for clubs and schools (excluding domestic national league)
England Hockey Category 4	All 3G surfaces	Essential None	Desirable Lower-level hockey (Introductory level) when no category 1-3 surface is available.

- 5.6 For senior hockey teams, a full-sized pitch for competitive matches must measure at least 91.4 x 55 metres excluding surrounding run off areas which must be a minimum of two metres at the sides & three metres at the ends. England Hockey preference is for four metre side and five metre end run offs, with a preferred overall area of 101.4 x 63 metres though a minimum overall area of 97.4 x 59 metres is accepted.
- 5.7 It is considered that a hockey pitch can accommodate a maximum of four matches on one day (peak time) provided that the pitch has floodlighting. Training is generally midweek and requires access to a pitch and floodlights.

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- 5.8 Rutland has four sites, with seven pitches that have full size sand or artificial grass pitches that are suitable for competitive hockey.
- 5.9 Whilst Catmose Sports Centre and Oakham Sports Centre are available for community use, there are no secure community use agreements in Rutland. Kendrew Barracks and Middle Playing Fields (Uppingham College) are both unavailable to the community.
- 5.10 Table 29 below details of all pitches that are suitable for competitive hockey in Rutland.
- 5.11 As part of the PPOSS, each site that is suitable for hockey has been assessed by an independent research team and scored according to England Hockey's facilities framework contained within the 2013 Sport England Playing Pitch Guidance. Table 29 below provides a summary of the quality assessments for all hockey suitable sites in the Study Area.

**Table 29: Quality Overview for Hockey Facilities in Rutland**

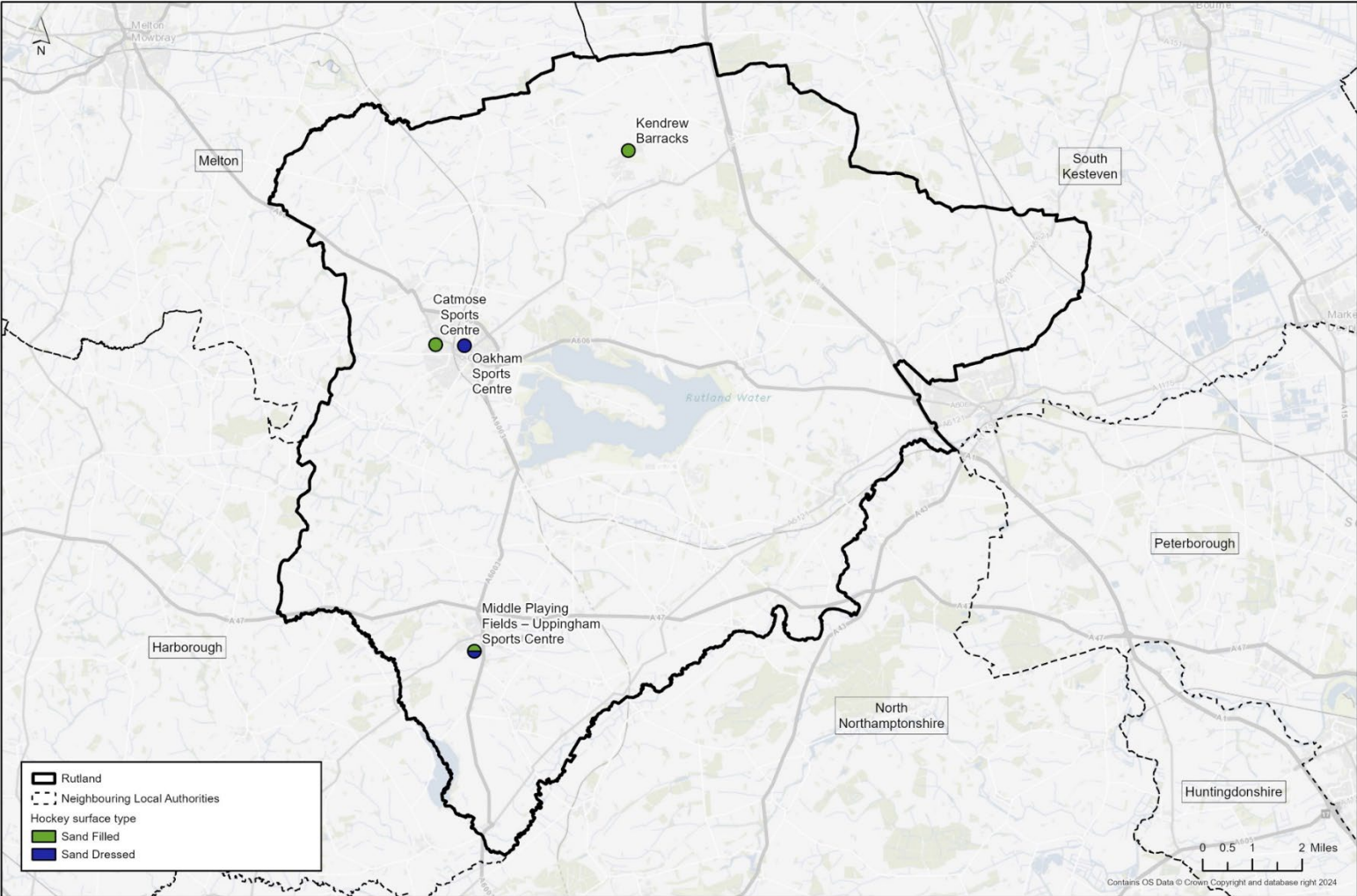
Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	Size	Pitch Dimensions (m)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Available	Unsecure	Sand Filled	Full	62x101	2021	Yes	Standard
Middle Playing Fields – Uppingham Sports Centre 1	LE15 9TW	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	Full	60x100	2007	Yes	Good
Middle Playing Fields – Uppingham Sports Centre 2	LE15 9TW	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	Full	60x100	2000	Yes	Good
Middle Playing Fields – Uppingham Sports Centre 3	LE15 9TW	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	Full	60x100	2007	Yes	Good
Oakham Sports Centre 1	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	Full	60x100	2015	Yes	Good
Oakham Sports Centre 2	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	Full	66x105	2018	Yes	Good
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	Full	61x97	1999	Yes	Standard

- 5.12 Five out of the seven pitches are rated as good quality, with Kendrew Barracks and Catmose Sports Centre both rated as standard quality.
- 5.13 Map 4 shows the distribution of hockey specific AGPs in Rutland

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Map 4: Hockey AGP sites in Rutland



Hockey AGPs by surface type in Rutland



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### Demand

- 5.14 Through consultation with England Hockey, it is apparent that there are no community hockey clubs in Rutland. The only hockey demand is generated by Oakham School and Uppingham School private education institutions. Because of this, there can be no supply and demand analysis undertaken as part of the PPOSS assessment.

### Hockey Summary

- 5.15 This section summarises the findings from the hockey analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rutland.
- 5.16 Table 30 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPOSS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapters creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

**Table 30: Key PPOSS Findings for Hockey in Rutland**

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	There is a total of seven AGPs across four sites in Rutland that are suitable for Hockey. 71% of the pitches are located on independent education sites. Three of the pitches are available for community provision, there is no security of tenure in the study area.  There is no demand for community hockey in Rutland
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	Oakham School and Uppingham School generate the only demand for hockey in Rutland, and have adequate provision to meet this.
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	The quality of provision in Rutland is of generally of good quality, with 71% being rated as good. Catmose Sports Centre and Kendrew Barracks are rated as standard quality, but are unused for hockey activity.
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	It is important to recognise that the sport has also enjoyed significant growth since the Women's gold medal at the Rio and Tokyo Olympics, which it is hoped will stimulate further growth at both junior and adult age groups across the country. It is impossible to predict the future demand for hockey in Rutland as there is no current demand.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	There is adequate good quality provision in the study area to meet the educational demand for hockey from Oakham School and Uppingham School. Although there is currently no community demand for hockey in the study area, if a club or additional activity was to be created in the future, there is likely to still be capacity on existing sand-dressed AGPs.

## 6 Rugby Union Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 6.1 The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is the national governing body responsible for grassroots and elite rugby in England, with the season operating from September to May.

### RFU Strategic Plan (2021 Onwards)

- 6.2 In April 2021, the RFU published the England Rugby Strategy – A Successful and Thriving Game Across England, with the main purpose being to “enrich lives, introduce more people to rugby and develop the sport for future generations”.

- 6.3 Of the eight priorities following goals are of relevance to this strategy:

- **Enabling positive, enjoyable player experiences:**
  - Improve accessibility for women and girls across the game
  - Make the game inclusive and attractive for 14–18-year-olds
  - Redefine playing opportunities, structures and competitions for current and future player, recognising the strategic importance of the adult male game
  
- **Supporting clubs to sustain and grow themselves:**
  - Provide support to club volunteers so they can attract new, diverse volunteers and help clubs be fit for the future and self-sustaining
  - Provide support to help clubs maximise the benefit from their facilities and assets
  - Help clubs manage their risks and liabilities
  
- **Driving rugby union to reflect the diversity of society:**
  - Improve the diversity of all facets of our game and continue to create an inclusive environment for all
  
- **Building a deep understanding of players, volunteers and fans to shape the future of the game:**
  - Build a two-way relationship with our players to identify when and where they play rugby, and how they feel about the game
  - Generate greater insights into our volunteers, customers and stakeholders to better serve their needs

- **Connect with and grow the rugby community:**
  - Unite and engage the rugby community through proactive and effective communication
  - Promote the core values across the game

6.4 The objectives and targets of the RFU will be referenced throughout this strategy and utilised to prioritise facility development projects as part of the recommendations and action plan section.

### England Rugby Women and Girls Action Plan (2021-2027)

6.5 Alongside the general strategic plan referenced above, England Rugby has also developed the 'Every Rose' action plan. The strategy highlights the historical progress that has been achieved and makes four key commitments to the women and girls' game, to be accomplished by 2027.

6.6 The aims of the 'Every Rose' action plan that are relevant to this PPOSS are:

- **Increasing number of female players to 100,000 by 2027:**
  - **Retain** – understand where the highest number of players, clubs and teams sit; provide clear and appropriate formats for women and girls to play and align appropriate playing opportunities; utilise existing and new data and insight to continually assess the rapid growth of the game, to ensure the needs of women and girls are continually being met.
  - **Recruit** – ensure that the growth of the grassroots game is supported by having the right facilities and volunteers in the right places; transition players from introductory programmes in the community into clubs by creating playing opportunities that players wish to take part in.
- **Enablers:**
  - **Coach and match official development** – increase the visibility of female coaches and match officials from ethnically diverse communities in the grassroots and elite game; support female coaches and match officials with potential to impact the growth and success of future teams through targeted mentoring.
- **Volunteer and leadership development** – provide support to club and CB volunteers to help them attract new and diverse volunteers; communicate effectively with current female leaders and ex-players and invite them onto training and leadership pathways.
- **Competitions and playing opportunities** – deliver a competition framework and girls game age bands designed to retain more women and girls for longer in line with player feedback

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### Supply

#### Quantity Overview

6.7 There are 7 sites (26 adult pitches) in Rutland that have rugby union provision, two of which are available for community rugby union use. The ownership of the 7 rugby union sites across the Study Area is shown in Table 31.

**Table 31: Ownership of Rugby Pitches in Rutland**

Sub-category	Ownership	Management
Charity, Trust	1	1
Education	6	6
Local Authority	0	0
MOD	0	0
Private	0	0
Sport Club	0	0

6.8 As shown above, no site is owned or managed by the Local Authority, sites are mainly based on education sites and one is run by a Trust, the Rutland Agricultural Society. The fact that no sites are owned by the LPA emphasises the need to have long-term security of tenure on the sites where community rugby union takes place.

6.9 Table 32 provides a breakdown of the rugby sites in Rutland, the majority of which are available for community use.

**Table 32: Rugby Site Breakdown of Security of Community Use**

Site Name	Postcode	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	No. Adult Pitches	Pitch Quality	Floodlit	No. Mini/Midi Pitches	Ancillary Facilities	Comments
Casterton Business Enterprise	PE9 4AT	Available	Unsecure	Education	1	M1/D1	0	0	No ancillary facilities available on site	

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Site Name	Postcode	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	No. Adult Pitches	Pitch Quality	Floodlit	No. Mini/Midi Pitches	Ancillary Facilities	Comments
Middle Playing Fields (Uppingham School)	LE15 9TJ	Available	Unsecure	Education	7	All Pitches M1/D1	0	0	Good	
Oakham Rugby Club / Rutland Show Ground	LE15 7TW	Available	Yes - Freehold	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	4	Pitch 1 – 3: M1/D2 Pitch 4: M1/D1 x1	2	0	Good	One pitch with floodlights and a floodlit area with no formal pitches or posts - this is only a training area for age grade rugby. Pitch 4 suffers from waterlogging.
Oakham School - Wilson Playing Fields	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecure	Education	4	All Pitches D1/M1	0	0	Good	
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Available	Yes - Freehold	Education	4	All Pitches D1/M1	0	0	Good	
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	2	D0/M1	0	0	No ancillary facilities available on site	Two Adult pitches plus a training area. No formal pitches on the other area however, three mini/midi pitches on site
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecure	Education	4	D1/M1	0	0	Good	

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#### Quality Assessment

- 6.10 Each site was visited and assessed by SLL using non-technical assessments as determined by the RFU. The methodology for assessing rugby pitch quality analyses two key elements; the maintenance programme and level of drainage.
- 6.11 Each pitch is scored and classified in one of three categories. These represent actions required to improve site quality. A breakdown for each of the two scoring elements and three respective categories is provided in the following two tables.

**Table 33: Rugby Pitch Maintenance Quality Assessment Specifications <sup>1</sup>**

Category	Overall Quality Rating
MO	Action requires significant improvements to the maintenance programme
M1	Action requires minor improvements to the maintenance programme
M2	Action requires no improvements to the maintenance programme

**Table 34: Rugby Pitch Drainage Quality Assessment Specifications <sup>2</sup>**

Category	Overall Quality Rating
DO	Action on pipe draining system is needed on pitch
D1	Action on silt drainage system is needed on pitch
D2	No action is needed on pitch drainage
D3	No action is needed on pipe drainage or slit drainage.

- 6.12 These scores are then combined to provide a match equivalent capacity, as calculated in Table 35 below. Depending on the score of a site, a pitch is assigned a certain carrying capacity which can then be used to calculate the overall capacity of a site.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: RFU PPOSS Guidance

<sup>2</sup> Source: RFU PPOSS Guidance

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**Table 35: Match Equivalent Calculation for Rugby Pitches**

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

6.13 Table 36 summarises the quality assessment results for those sites currently used by the community.

**Table 36: Quality Summary by Pitch Type**

Drainage	Maintenance		
	Poor (M0)	Standard (M1)	Good (M2)
Natural Inadequate (D0)	-	2	-
Natural Adequate (D1)	-	21	-
Pipe Drained (D2)	-	3	-
Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	-	-	-

6.14 In terms of drainage and maintenance, all community available pitches across Rutland fall between the poor (M1/D0) rating and the standard (M1/D2) rating, meaning that minor improvements are needed for the maintenance programme to increase the carrying capacity of the existing pitch stock, although generally they are standard quality or better.

6.15 The quality of community rugby union pitch provision in Rutland, is generally standard, with sites with community use rated as Standard/Good in terms of maintenance.

6.16 The education sites without community use have been classed as Standard, although the non-technical site assessments were undertaken and all pitches appeared to be of sufficient quality, without fully understanding the drainage and maintenance schedules, pitches have been assumed to be M1/D1 (Standard) quality.

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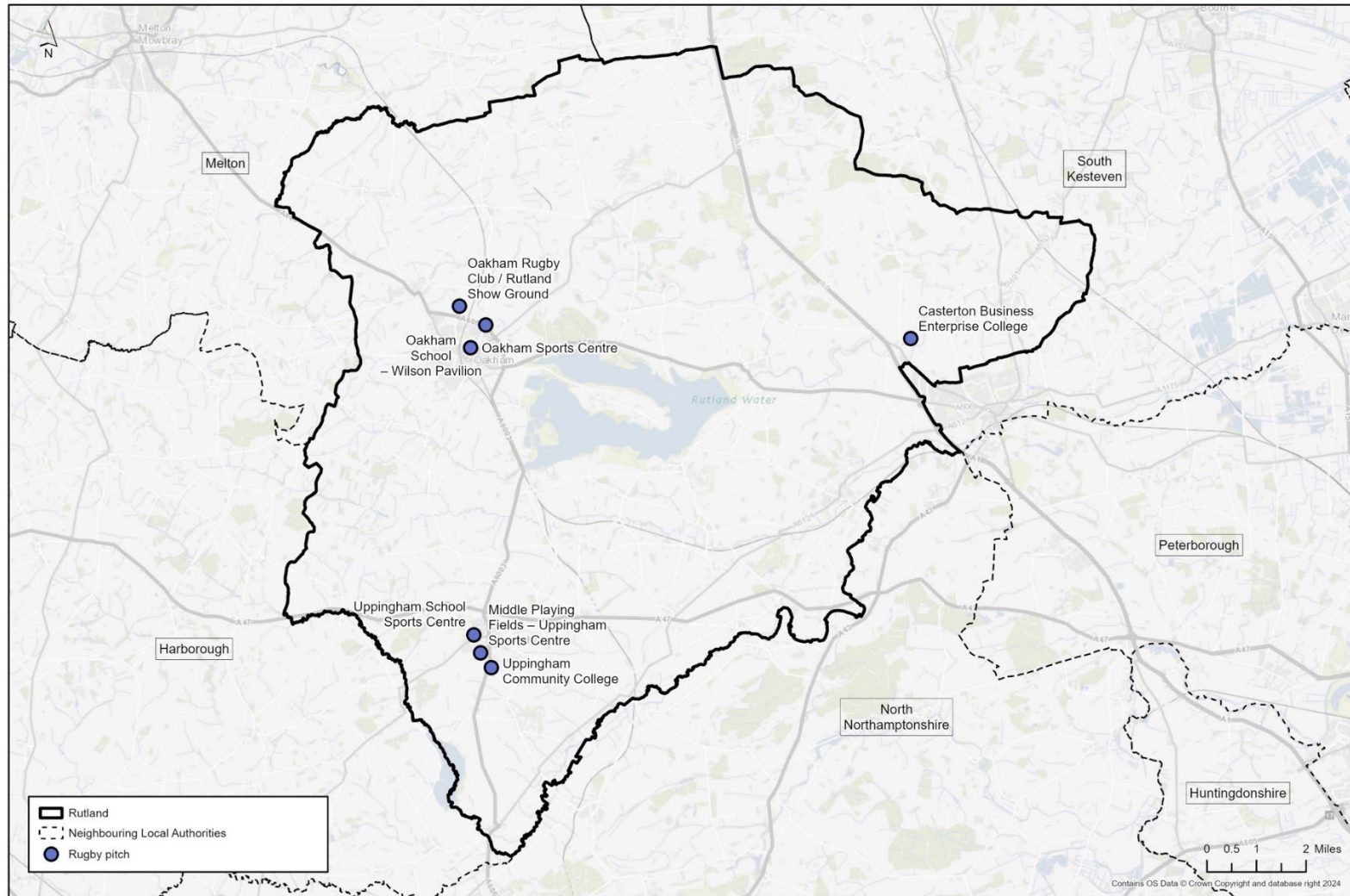
- 6.17 There are a lot of grass rugby union pitches on education sites with very little community use. Although rugby union community demand is currently being provided for on other sites, utilising these pitches in the medium-term may be a good option to develop rugby union clubs within Rutland. However, this needs to be driven by the relevant parties in order for schools to open their doors to the community.
- 6.18 Map 5 shows the geographic location of the rugby pitches across the Study Area and illustrates



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Map 5: Rugby Pitch Audit in Rutland



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### Current Demand

6.19 Through the demand consultations with clubs, two clubs have been identified in Rutland. Utilising survey responses and desktop research, Table 37 provides the team profiles of all community clubs playing in Rutland.

**Table 37: Rugby Union Club Profiles for Responding Clubs <sup>3</sup>**

Club	Adult teams (male)	Adult teams (women)	Junior Boys' teams	Junior Girls' teams	Mini / Midi teams	Total
Oakham RFC	2	0	7	2	6	17
Stoneygate RFC	4	0	5	0	6	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>

6.20 In addition to the above, two well-established clubs are located close to Rutland, Stamford Rugby and Stamford College Old Boys play outside the Rutland Boundary area, playing at Hambleton Road and Stamford Welling Academy both on the border of Rutland. As there is exported demand from Rutland to the neighbouring borough South Kesteven, and this is taken into account when understanding current and future supply and demand. For example, Stamford Rugby Club have a well-established women's team and junior girls' programme, with the aspiration to develop two more junior girls' teams over the next 5 years and it is likely that some of these women and girls will travel from Rutland to play rugby union.

6.21 All of the rugby union clubs in Rutland were given the opportunity to be consulted as part of the PPOSS process. All of the community rugby union clubs playing in the local authority responded to the club survey, as stated above consultation has also taken place with Stamford Rugby and Stamford Old Boys, both outside the boundary area.

**Table 38: Summary of Demand Consultations from Rugby Clubs in Rutland**

Club	Consultation Summary
Oakham RFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four Good quality adult pitches and four areas for mini/midi teams to train/play based at Rutland Show Ground.</li> <li>The facility is rented to the club from Rutland Agricultural Society.</li> <li>The pitches are used in total between 6-7 hours per week during season time.</li> <li>The club failed to add any further detail within the consultation despite numerous calls and emails from the consultant.</li> </ul>
Stoneygate RFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club is based on Uppingham Community College and also have a pitch based at Corby Business Academy in Northampton (outside the study area). There is one adult pitch and 3 mini/midi pitches located at Uppingham, with posts on two of the pitches.</li> <li>The pitch quality at Uppingham is poor, the pitch is leased on a yearly basis but all management and ground maintenance is with the school.</li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> Source: PPOSS Club Consultations

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Club	Consultation Summary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No changing facilities are available on the site due to a fire several years ago, ideally the club would be based on one site but this is currently not possible due to the lack of ancillary facilities.</li> <li>All teams train on the 3G pitch at Uppingham Community College, ensuring this is not contact.</li> <li>We have teams at U6, U7, U8, and U9 (Training only)</li> <li>We have teams at U13 (mini), U14 (Youth), U15 (Youth) - competitive teams – all located at Uppingham Community College.</li> <li>Our Senior team is based on Corby BP.</li> <li>We have reduced two mini/midi teams over the last three years and one Youth Boys team, we hope to get these teams back in the near future (3 Youth Boys, 2 mini/midi).</li> <li>It is the intent of Stoneysgate RFC to formally establish &amp; develop opportunities for community rugby participation for males &amp; females across all age grades in Uppingham. The relationship with UCC, previously very positive has deteriorated due to a perceived reluctance to lease facilities to the club - removal of opportunity to use changing rooms &amp; an increase in lease charges. The club wishes to invest circa £1m in developing community sport facilities in Uppingham however no agreement has been identified as yet.</li> </ul>

### Future Demand

- 6.22 Future Demand driven by Population growth will lead to additional teams within Rutland.
- 6.23 In order to calculate the future demand for rugby in Rutland, a Team Generation Rate (TGR) has been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate what size of population (for various age groups) will typically cause enough demand for a rugby team.
- 6.24 This Team Generation Rate can now be applied to the population projections for the Study Area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups.
- 6.25 Table 39 shows the current and future population projections for Rutland. There is a predicted 13.46% increase in population between 2021 and 2041.

**Table 39: Future population projections for Rutland**

Modelled scenarios	Population ONS 2021	Projected Increase	Population ONS 2041
Rutland	40,771	5,329	46,100

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6.26 Table 40 shows the TGR calculations for Rutland. Based on future population projections a total of 5 new teams will be created by 2041.

**Table 40: Future Demand Projections for Rugby Teams in Rutland Based on TGR Data**

Rutland							
Age Group	No. of teams	Current Population in age group	Future Population	Current TGR	Population Change	Potential Change in Team no. (Rounded up or down)	Total teams by 2041
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	6	5470	6206	912	736	1	7
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	0	5389	6114	5389	725	0	1*
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	12	1663	188	114	225	2	14
Rugby Union Youth Girls (12-18yrs)	2	1994	2263	997	269	0	2
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-11yrs)	12	2302	2490	191	188	1	13

***\*The RFU have a key strategic objective to increase the number of women and girls' teams. This could lead to the development of women and girls' teams across Rutland.***

6.27 Table 40 illustrates that the projected demand for rugby teams across the Rutland is likely to increase by a total of 5 teams by the end of the Local Plan period.

6.28 The RFU has recently changed their age bands for girls' rugby union. Mixed rugby was previously up to under 12s, however, as shown on the link, individual girls' rugby now starts at under 12s e.g. year 7 of secondary school. [https://www.englandrugby.com/dxdam/da/da5079b1-7d2a-45ac-890c-d797e11e17c3/ER\\_Girls%20Age%20Bands.pdf](https://www.englandrugby.com/dxdam/da/da5079b1-7d2a-45ac-890c-d797e11e17c3/ER_Girls%20Age%20Bands.pdf). Moving forward, this may increase the demand for girls' rugby union specifically.

6.29 While the TGR calculation does not project a growth in female senior or youth age groups, it should be noted that one of the RFU's key strategic objectives is to increase female participation, with potential investment leading to a growth in demand. Therefore this should be monitored over the Local Plan period and pitch/facility adaptations may need to be made in the future. The clubs in Stamford will likely take some of the demand for women and girls rugby union however, this does not preclude additional women and girls' teams being developed in Rutland.

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6.30 It is important to note that this calculation assumes that clubs, the council and the RFU do not improve their marketing or participation schemes over the period and are therefore no more successful than they are now in attracting new players to participate in rugby in the study area. It is expected that there will be improved channels of digital communication and improved maintenance technology, as well as higher quality ancillary provision. The output of this will be a higher quality and improved ability to generate demand and convert it into participation.

#### Future Demand driven by Latent demand

6.31 While a large amount of future demand will be driven by population growth, it is also likely that clubs and operators are successful in converting latent demand into actual demand, therefore increasing the number of people playing rugby union. The table below identifies latent demand (not currently active), which clubs are aiming to convert into rugby union demand within the next 3-5 years. This provides an estimation of the number of new teams that will be required in Rutland, in addition to the teams generated by population growth.

6.32 Table 41 illustrates that 5 additional teams have been projected as part of the latent demand calculations.

6.33 This latent demand will be incorporated into the projected increase in demand generated from population growth. Additional growth above population growth will be factored in at Stage D of the PPOSS process, based on the RFU's recommendations.

**Table 41: Latent Demand for Rugby Union in Rutland**

Club	Adult Male	Adult Female	Youth Boys	Youth Girls	Mini/Midi	Total
Oakham RFC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stoneygate RFC	0	0	3	0	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

#### Supply and Demand Balance

6.34 This section of the report brings together the supply of rugby union pitches across the study area and combines it with community use demand data. A supply and demand analysis is then undertaken for all sites that provide community use rugby union provision, which is subsequently brought together to provide a view of the current and future position for rugby union across the study area.

6.35 Table 436 brings together the key data from this chapter, for all rugby union sites in Rutland. The key issues are identified for each site, as well as the supply and demand data, as explained in the sections below.

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### Peak Time Capacity

6.36 To assess the availability of rugby union facilities at peak times, it has been assumed that the period of highest demand for rugby matches is on a Saturday afternoon for adult men; Sunday morning for mini and junior rugby union; and Sunday afternoon for adult women. Please note that all demand is measured in match equivalent sessions. Table 42 below shows the peak time capacity for available sites in Rutland, therefore unavailable education sites have not been included, despite having rugby union provision.

**Table 42: Peak Time Capacity at Rugby Club Sites**

Site Name	Peak Time Supply		Peak Time Demand			Capacity	
	Senior Pitch	Mini/Midi Pitch	Senior	Colts/Youth	Mini	Saturday Senior Pitch (1 session)	Sunday Senior Pitch (2 sessions)
Oakham RFC (Rutland Show Ground)	4	4	1	3.5	1.5	3	0.5
Stoneygate RFC (Uppingham Community College)	2	3	2	1.5	1.5	-1	0

6.37 To calculate whether there is any total spare capacity at peak times at rugby union sites in Rutland, Table 45 shows the supply and demand figures across all sites that have rugby union provision. This table demonstrates that there is currently spare peak time capacity on Saturdays at Rutland Show Ground. However there is a shortfall on the Uppingham Community College site during peak time due to demand and pitch quality.

6.38 Senior and youth teams play on senior pitches and mini/midi teams play on mini pitches as expected. Match Equivalent Sessions are calculated as 0.5 per week for senior and youth teams. The same calculation applies if mini demand can be met by the appropriate size pitch. However, where mini/midi demand is met by senior pitches, each team is assigned 0.25 MES per week. This is due to the fact they will use half a full-sized senior pitch every other week.

6.39 It is presumed that unavailable schools in Rutland have no peak time capacity, due to the lack of community use.

6.40 It should be noted that all figures are in Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) and the demand data includes both match play and training demand.

6.41 Table 43 details how training and match demand is spread across pitches in Rutland. Training demand is assumed to occur midweek and can only be placed on floodlit grass pitches or AGPs such as at Uppingham (although not World Rugby compliant).

6.42 If training pitches become overplayed due to training demand, these are then removed from match pitch supply.

6.43 For clarity the table has also been divided into secure and unsecured sites. The latter is included to give an understanding of potential additional capacity if community use agreements can be negotiated.



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Table 43: Supply and Demand Capacity Balance by Site (All Figures in MES)

Site	Postcode	Availability	Security	Number of Floodlit Pitches	Mid-Week Day/Training			Weekend Match Day Senior/ Junior			Weekend Match Day Mini			Total Senior/Junior Match Pitch Balance	Unmet Mini Demand Placed on Senior Match Pitches (50% of Senior ME)	Total Pitch Balance
					Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance			
Oakham Rugby Club / Rutland Show Ground	LE15 7TW	Available	Secured	2	4	3	1	7	5.5	1.5	2	1.5	0.5	2.5	0	3.5
Stoneygate RFC (Uppingham Community College)	LE15 9TJ	Available	Secured	0	0	1*	-1	2	3	-1	1	1	0	-1	0	-1
<b>Overview of Secure Available Sites</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecured	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casterton Business Enterprise	PE9 4AT	Available	Unsecured	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Playing Fields (Uppingham School)	LE15 9TJ	Available	Unsecured	0	0	0	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakham School - Wilson Playing Fields	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecured	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecured	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Overview of Not Available Sites</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*School usage at Uppingham Community College during the day

6.44 Table 43 demonstrates that there is a current spare capacity of 2.5 MES on available grass pitches. This spare capacity is generated by Oakham Rugby Club (Rutland Show Ground), due to the number and quality of pitches on site, two of which have floodlights for training. Stoneygate RFC has overplay of 1 MES due to the poor quality surface and demand for the pitch.

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6.45 Stoneygate RFC has indicated that they would like to play more rugby union at Uppingham Community College but they are unable to do so due to lack of changing/ancillary facilities and capacity on the pitch. If these issues could be overcome, Stoneygate RFC would ideally have one base for all rugby, currently the senior team is located outside of the local authority area, at Corby Business Centre.

6.46 The capacity of the school sites is utilised through curricular and extra-curricular demand, therefore there is 0 MES spare e.g. Oakham Sports Centre, despite being available for the community.

### Current and Future Position

6.47 Utilising the data from the previous section, Table 44 shows the current and future position for adult and junior rugby provision across the study area.

6.48 The points below provide further explanation on the terms used within the tables:

- Current balance: The supply and demand position for rugby union pitches, when taking into consideration the extent of spare capacity and then deducting the amount of overplay
- Projected balance: The projected supply and demand analysis for 2041, using the current position and taking into consideration the additional demand from unmet, latent, displaced and future (population growth) demand
  - Unmet/latent demand: Potential demand that has been identified as not being converted yet. For more information see the latent and unmet demand sections of this needs assessment
  - Displaced demand: Demand that cannot be satisfied within the local authority, due to a lack of suitable facilities
  - Future demand: The projected growth of demand, calculated using Team Generation Rates and the population projections for Rutland

6.49 For all future demand it is presumed that each adult and junior team will train for 1 MES per week.

6.50 The specific site will be considered when taking into account latent demand, to ensure that each age group/team is assigned to the pitch type available at that site. This is not possible for population growth, therefore it is presumed that all teams will be playing on the correct size pitches.

6.51 Table 44 shows the current and future position for all grass rugby provision in the study area.

**Table 44: Current and Future Position for All Community Available Rugby Grass Provision**

Area	Current Balance		Projected Balance	
	Training	Match	Training	Match
Rutland Study Area	1	2.5	-2	0



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- 6.52 Table 44 highlights that there is a current spare capacity of 2.5 match play sessions, and 1 MES spare capacity for training across Rutland. When taking into account future population growth and latent demand, the data suggests that there will be balanced supply and demand for match play in the study area. There is predicted to be a deficit of -2 MES for training sessions in Rutland, on the assumption that all new teams choose to train on grass. This shortfall in training availability will be considered further as part of Stage D of the PPOSS.
- 6.53 Although there is current spare capacity overall, there remains a challenge for Stoneygate RFC due to overplay and lack of capacity on the Uppingham Community College site.

### Site by Site Analysis

- 6.54 Table 45 details the current and peak time balance, which should provide an accurate overview of actual balance of supply and demand across the Study Area.

**Table 45: Overall Site by Site Analysis for Rugby Union Sites**

Site Name	Post code	Availability	Security of Use	Pitch supply	Pitch capacity (MES)	Community/school Pitch Demand (MES)	Balance	Peak Period Capacity
Oakham Rugby Club / Rutland Show Ground	LE15 7TW	Available	Secured	4x senior / 4x mini	7	5.5	3.5 MES	2.5 MES
Stoneygate RFC (Uppingham Community College)	LE15 9TJ	Available	Secured	2x senior / 3 mini	2	3	-1 MES	-1 MES spare capacity
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	4x senior	8	8	-0 MES	0 MES spare capacity
Casterton Business Enterprise	PE9 4AT	Available	Unsecure	1x senior	2	2	-0 MES	0 MES spare capacity
Middle Playing Fields (Uppingham School)	LE15 9TJ	Available	Unsecure	7x senior	14	14	-0 MES	0 MES spare capacity
Oakham School - Wilson Playing Fields	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecure	4x senior	8	8	0 MES	0 MES spare capacity
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecure	4x senior	8	8	0 MES	0 MES spare capacity

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### Rugby Union Summary

- 6.55 This section summarises the findings from the rugby analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section Rutland.
- 6.56 Table 46 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPOSS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

**Table 46: Key PPOSS Findings for Rugby Union in Rutland**

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	There are currently 7 rugby union sites in Rutland, with a total of 26 pitches. Two sites are available for the community: Uppingham community College (M1/D0 x2) and Rutland Showground (M3xD1 x3 and M1/D1). Generally, pitches are rated as standard and good. There is also a significant amount of unavailable school pitches without community use. In terms of demand, 32 teams were identified during the consultation process, however, two clubs in Stamford in the neighbouring borough also have large clubs, some Rutland residents are choosing to travel outside of the study area to take part in rugby union.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	Based on the supply and demand analysis, there is currently spare capacity in Rutland as a whole, mainly due to the good quality pitches and number of pitches at Oakham RFC (Rutland Show Ground). Stoneygate RFC is choosing to travel outside of the study area (Corby) to take part in fixtures due to the lack of ancillary facilities at Uppingham Community College. However, they would rather play more fixtures at Uppingham if there were ancillary facilities on the site. There is currently overplay on this site due to capacity issues.  Rutland Show Ground has two floodlit pitches, providing enough training demand for this club. Uppingham trains on a 3G AGP, reducing the need for additional grass floodlit pitches.
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	Based on consultation with clubs and the RFU, we were also able to establish maintenance and drainage scores, and this shows that generally pitches are standard/good quality, particularly at Rutland Show Ground. This information can be found in the detail above, although generally the quality of rugby union provision can be considered adequate, improvements to the maintenance and drainage of some sites would improve the carrying capacity. Scenarios regarding this will be considered during stage D of the PPOSS.
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	Based on population growth, it is estimated that will be a total of 5 new teams in Rutland by 2041. The figure of 5 teams has been taken forward as minimum requirements by 2041, however additional growth can be factored in at Stage D of the PPOSS process through latent demand which would have a further impact on pitch requirements by 2041.  As Stamford RFC, located in the neighbouring authority of South Kesteven has a well-established and growing women and girls' section, no additional growth beyond the expected population increase has been factored in within this section of the report, however this will be monitored throughout the PPOSS process and factored in at Stage D.

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Key Question	Analysis
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	Due to the expected future demand for rugby union provision, the spare capacity for training availability is expected reduce from 1 MES to -2 MES by 2041. This increase is all a result of population growth predictions. The current spare capacity of 2.5 MES for match play is expected to reduce to 0 MES by 2041 when population growth is considered. Therefore, additional pitches will need to be made available for training (assuming teams want to train on grass) and further grass pitches will need to be improved/developed if teams grow faster than the expected population growth rate, particularly Stoneygate RFC. This should be monitored throughout the Stage E PPOSS process.

## 7 Cricket Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 7.1 To understand the overall objectives and priorities of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), an analysis of key recent strategies and documentation has been undertaken and summarised below.

### Inspiring Generations (2019 - 2024)

- 7.2 The ECB published its new strategic plan in 2019, with the ambition being to inspire a generation to say that ‘cricket is a game for me’.
- 7.3 The ECB wants to encourage more young people to form a lifelong relationship with cricket from an early age, to be passionate about the game throughout their lives, and to pass this passion on for generations to come.
- 7.4 The ECB will deliver in cricket’s purpose and ambition through six priorities:
- Grow and nurture the core: Ensure that there is a thriving county network at the heart of the domestic game
  - Inspire through elite teams: Create and celebrate the heroes at the pinnacle of the elite game
  - Make cricket accessible: Give more people the opportunity to engage with cricket more often
  - Engage children and young people: Inspire a new generation of players and fans to develop a love for cricket
  - Transform women’s and girls’ cricket: Drive cricket’s progress to becoming a truly gender-neutral sport
  - Support our communities: Use the purpose to connect communities and improve lives more broadly across society.
- 7.5 It is key that this PPOSS recognises the opportunity made available by Inspiring Generations and provides a framework that allows stakeholders to work together and deliver against the priorities identified above. It’s also vital that any facility development for cricket takes the objectives of the strategy into consideration, namely the growth of entry level cricket, women and girls’ cricket, T20 and engagement of previously hard-to-reach demographics groups.

### Development Priorities

#### All Stars Cricket (2017)

- 7.6 Launched in 2017, All Stars Cricket is an ECB initiative that provides children aged five to eight with an introduction to cricket, focusing on parental engagement in supporting the newly trained All Stars Cricket Activators, as well as having a special focus on establishing women’s softball and cricket events.

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- 7.7 It is key that this PPOSS recognises the opportunity made available by Inspiring Generations and All Stars Cricket and provides a framework that allows stakeholders to work together and deliver against the key objectives of 'more play', 'great teams' and 'inspired fans.'

#### **Dynamos Cricket (2020)**

- 7.8 Dynamos Cricket is the second launch by the ECB, adding to the existing All Stars Cricket programme to encourage more boys and girls aged 8 to 11 years old new to the sport to get involved in the game.
- 7.9 Dynamos is aimed at complementing junior cricket with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills within an exciting format that mirrors the Hundred.

#### **Women's and Girls'**

- 7.10 In consultation with the ECB, it has been identified that the development of female cricket is likely to have an impact on supply and demand in the area. Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority, with the aspiration to increase the number of women and girls' teams, increase the number of softball leagues and increase the number of hard ball teams.
- 7.11 Softball cricket is an ECB initiative aimed at women and girls to increase participation in cricket as a sport. The aim of softball cricket sections are enjoyment and participation, without pads, a hardball, a heavy bat and limited rules. Sessions follow a festival format with each session running for a maximum of two and half hours, shorter than traditional formats.

#### **Consultation overview**

- 7.12 In addition to the structure and guidance provided by the ECB, local cricket in Rutland is governed by Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket. Both organisations have been consulted as part of the PPOSS process, with key priorities and facility development needs for Rutland highlighted below.
- 7.13 Cricket is a popular sport across the Study Area, with several affiliated teams playing as part of structured clubs. Team and clubs typically play as part of league structures, which include clubs from several different local authorities. Most teams in the study area are multi team clubs with thriving junior sections.

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7.14 Table 47 below highlights the consultation responses that have been received from cricket clubs in Rutland.

**Table 47: Cricket Club Consultation Responses**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Consultation Summary</b>
Aryans CC (Imported Demand)	Uppingham Town Cricket Club – Pitch 2	Aryans CC is a club based in Leicestershire but who play home matches at Uppingham Town Cricket Club in Rutland. The club runs one senior side playing in Division 5 of the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League. The club uses pitch number 2 with 8 grass wickets. The overall facilities on site are high quality.
Empingham CC	Empingham Cricket and Social Club	Empingham Cricket Club has one senior men's team based at Exton Road, Empingham. The club has previously been affiliated with the Rutland League, however now only play occasion friendly matches. There are 9 standard quality grass wickets. The list of ancillary facilities includes changing facilities, a pavilion, rollers, score box and 1 grass net. The ancillary facilities are good. The club plays around 4-5 friendly matches a season on Fridays and hire out the ground to Barkby United CC and Oakham CC 3 <sup>rd</sup> team.
Ketton Sports CC	Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Ketton Sports CC is based at Pit Lane and affiliated with the South Lincs & Border League, the Rutland League and the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League. There are 12 pitches on-site and 2 artificial nets for training purposes. There are 3 adult men's teams providing opportunities for competitive play. Ketton Sports CC places a strong emphasis on youth development, with thriving junior teams in the U-17, U-15, U-13, U-11, and two U-9 age categories. The club also conducts All Stars section for 5–8-year-olds. The club even has a clubmark certification emphasizing its commitment to maintaining high standards. The club has defibrillator alongside changing facilities, newly installed 2-lane net, covers, rollers, pavilion, electronic scoreboard and recently rebuilt main sports complex which houses the bar/lounge area as part of the ancillary facilities.
Market Overton	Market Overton Cricket Club	Market Overton play their home matches at Thistleton Road, Market Overton. The club has achieved national accreditation through Clubmark and actively conducts ECB All Stars and Dynamos sessions. The club is affiliated with the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League and the Grantham & Melton Sunday League. There are 9 good quality grass pitches and a range of ancillary facilities including disabled access and a dedicated changing room for females. In addition to 5 junior boys' teams and 3 adult teams, the club thrives with 2 women's teams participating in the East Midlands League, as well as 2 girls' teams. The women's and girls' teams have dedicated training sessions every Tuesday and Friday. In the previous 3 years, the club managed to introduce 2 junior girls' teams, 1 junior boys' team and 1 senior female team. The club aspires to establish U-19 team for the 2025 season. Market Overton CC has development plans in place, including the addition of three-lane artificial fixed nets and a new roof for the car park area.
North Luffenham CC	North Luffenham CC (The Oval)	North Luffenham CC is based at Pinfold Lane, North Luffenham. The club is not affiliated to the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League, and only play evening cricket in the Burrough & District Evening League. The list of facilities found on-site are pavilion, changing rooms, rollers, 1 grass net and 1 artificial net. There are 9 grass wickets. The club has one adult team competing in the midweek league playing 12 home matches per season.
Oakham CC	Lime Kilns Ground	Oakham Cricket Club is based at Lime Kilns ground and is a Clubmark accredited club. There are 12 good quality grass pitches and 1 artificial pitch which is primarily used for training. Facilities offered include an outdoor play area specifically designed for children. Currently, the club runs 6 junior and 4 senior sides, and have recently started a Women's softball team. Also, approximately 10 girls actively participate in the U-9, U-11, and U-13 boys' teams. The teams compete in the Rutland League and the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League.

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		The club has plans to expand its women's and girls' teams, indicating a commitment to fostering female participation in cricket. The club actively carries out All Stars and Dynamos sessions providing opportunities for young players to engage with the sport. The club has even secured funding for the development of its facilities. The club is in the process of reviewing its disability access and plans to extend the patio area.
Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club	Little Casterton	Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club is one of the smallest clubs in Rutland based in Little Casterton. The club has 1 senior team. The first team has female players, but there is no female only teams. There are five standard quality grass wickets on site. Basic ancillary facilities like changing rooms, kitchen, toilets, rollers and a scoreboard can be found on-site. There was a positive assessment of the current ground maintenance program.
Uppingham Town CC	Uppingham Town Cricket Club – Pitch 1 and Pitch 2	Uppingham Town CC are based at Castle Hill where they have two grounds with 12 and 8 pitches respectively. The pitches are of high quality with good ancillary facilities at ground one, and standard quality facilities at ground 2. The club has 13 teams in total, including U-13 girls only team. The club plays in the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League, the Rutland League (Sunday) and the Burrough and District Evening League. The women's team play in the EMWL.
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	Wakerley & Barrowden Cricket Club	Wakerley & Barrowden CC has 3 senior teams, 1 U-11 team, and 1 U-15 team. Junior teams train on Fridays. In 2019, the club integrated its first female player into the team. There are 6 standard quality pitches, 2 artificial nets, 1 grass net and ancillary facilities including pavilion, changing facilities covers and rollers. The current maintenance programme is excellent. The club competes in division 8 of the Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League (Saturday) and Burrough League (Tuesday). Wakerley & Barrowden CC also offers All Stars sessions.

### Sub Areas

7.15 As part of the PPOSS process, Rutland has been considered as a whole and the county has not been divided into any sub-areas.

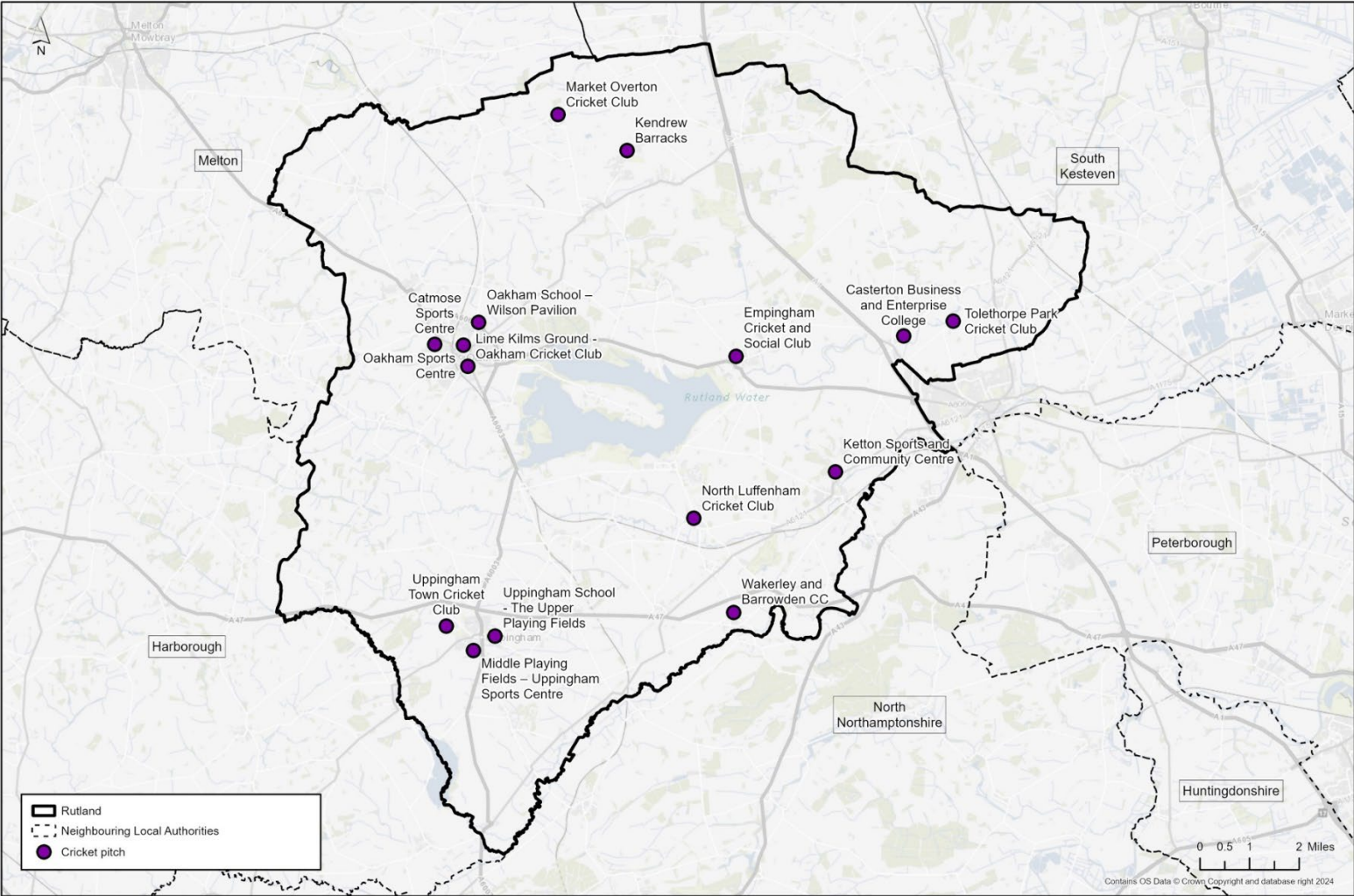
### Supply

7.16 Table 48 below presents a summary of the total number of cricket pitches and wickets in Rutland, as the study area. Rutland has a total of 25 cricket pitches, 155 grass wickets and 4 artificial turf wickets. Table 48 overleaf shows the supply of cricket wickets across the Study Area. Map 6 below shows the location of cricket sites in Rutland.

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Map 6: Cricket sites in Rutland



Cricket pitches in Rutland



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**Table 48: Supply of Cricket Pitches in Rutland**

Study Area	Number of pitches	Grass wickets	Artificial wickets
Rutland	24	155	4

### Tenure and Management

- 7.17 Table 49 illustrates that most cricket sites in Rutland are owned by educational establishments (56%), and 36% are owned by sports clubs. One (4%) site is owned by the local authority and one (4%) site is an MOD site. This will be analysed further as part of the site-by-site assessment and commentary.
- 7.18 In addition, Table 49 illustrates that the management of cricket facilities is dominated by Education sites and Club management. This identifies a high level of autonomy and low reliance on the council for cricket facility maintenance and management. A high level of cricket in education establishments also reduces the likelihood of significant community use from these facilities.

**Table 49: Cricket Site Ownership and Management in Rutland**

Type of ownership	Ownership	Management	Secure Community Use	Unsecure/Unavailable Community Use
Education	14	14	0	14
Sports Club	8	8	8	0
Local Authority	1	1	1	0
MOD	1	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>

### Quality Assessment

- 7.19 Each site was visited and assessed by Strategic Leisure in summer 2022 using a non-technical assessment framework provided by the ECB. Where this was not possible with some school sites, desktop audits and consultations have been used to complete the assessment. The assessment considers the quality of playing surface, the quality of changing rooms and the score of the maintenance regime when compared to ECB recommendations. In addition to the site visits, the club consultation was used to validate the quality ratings. Each site is rated as Good ( $\geq 80\%$ ), Standard (between 50% and 80%) or Poor ( $< 50\%$ ).

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- 7.20 The quality of a cricket pitch is essential in determining not only the number of fixtures that can be played throughout a season, but also in ensuring the quality of cricket possible. A poor-quality wicket is not conjunctive to fair competition and may favour the batting or bowling team. With the high amount of footfall each wicket has each game, a poor-quality wicket can also be the cause of unnecessary injury, due to uneven ground causing fall hazards or unpredictable bounces. It is therefore important to ensure the high quality of each wicket used for cricket in Rutland.
- 7.21 Table 50 provides a picture of the standard of cricket facilities across Rutland, based on the quality assessment results. A full site-by-site breakdown can be seen in Table 51. The majority of pitches in Rutland are of good quality (56%), with 36% rated as standard and only 8% receiving a poor rating. The average quality scores are negatively influenced by poor quality, artificial turf only sites.

**Table 50: Summary of Cricket Pitch Scoring in Rutland**

<b>Pitch Rating</b>	<b>Study Area Pitches</b>
Good	14 (56%)
Standard	9 (36%)
Poor	2 (8%)

- 7.22 Table 51 provides a site-by-site breakdown of cricket provision in Rutland.

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**Table 51: Cricket Site Breakdown in Rutland**

Playing Pitch Sites	Club	Postcode	Community use on site	Secured community use	Ownership	Squares	Grass wickets	Artificial wickets	Quality
Casterton Business and Enterprise College	-	PE9 4AT	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	1	0	1	Poor
Catmose Sports Centre	-	LE15 6RP	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	1	0	1	Poor
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	Empingham CC	LE15 8QA	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	9	0	Standard
Kendrew Barracks	-	LE15 7BL	Not Available	Unsecure	MOD	1	0	1	Standard
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Ketton Sports CC	PE9 3SZ	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	14	0	Good
Lime Kilms Ground - Oakham Cricket Club	Oakham CC	LE15 6HH	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	12	1	Good
Market Overton Cricket Club	Market Overton CC	LE15 7PP	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	9	0	Good
Uppingham School - Middle Playing Fields Pitch 1	-	LE15 9TJ	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	1	3	0	Good
Uppingham School - Middle Playing Fields Pitch 2	-	LE15 9TJ	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	1	5	0	Standard
Uppingham School - Middle Playing Fields Pitch 3	-	LE15 9TJ	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	1	4	0	Standard
Uppingham School - Middle Playing Fields Pitch 4	-	LE15 9TJ	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	1	3	0	Standard
Uppingham School - Middle Playing Fields Pitch 5	-	LE15 9TJ	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	1	4	0	Standard
Uppingham School - Middle Playing Fields Pitch 6	-	LE15 9TJ	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	1	8	0	Standard
North Luffenham Cricket	-	LE15 8LE	Available	Secure	Local Authority	1	9	0	Standard
Oakham School Wilson Pavilion	-	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecure	Education	1	12	0	Good
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 1	-	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	Education	1	5	0	Good
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 2	-	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	Education	1	4	0	Good
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 3	-	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	Education	1	4	0	Good
Oakham Sports Centre Senior	-	LE15 6QL	Available	Unsecure	Education	1	10	0	Good
Uppingham School - The Upper Playing Fields	-	LE15 9QX	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	1	9	0	Good

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Playing Pitch Sites	Club	Postcode	Community use on site	Secured community use	Ownership	Squares	Grass wickets	Artificial wickets	Quality
Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club	Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club	PE9 4BE	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	5	0	Standard
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	Uppingham Town CC	LE15 9SP	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	12	0	Good
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	Aryans CC	LE15 9SP	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	8	0	Good
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	Wakerley & Barrowden CC	LE15 8EP	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	6	0	Standard

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- 7.23 There are a number of good-quality cricket pitches across Rutland with a mix of education and sports club sites. Casterton Business and Enterprise College and Catmose Sports Centre have poor rated facilities with only one artificial wicket on site both of which are in very poor condition. Both are unavailable for community use.

**Table 52: Cricket Ancillary Facilities by Site in Rutland**

Sites	Ancillary Facility Quality	Ancillary Facility Description
Casterton Business and Enterprise College	Standard	School changing facilities
Catmose Sports Centre	Standard	School changing facilities
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	Good	Standard pavilion with good ancillary facilities. One grass net, covers, rollers and score box on-site.
Kendrew Barracks	N/A	N/A
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Good	Good overall ancillary facilities. Good changing facilities. Excellent pavilion, two artificial nets, covers, rollers, electronic scoreboard and a defibrillator on-site. Training storage equipment is present. There is provision and access for disabled.
Lime Kilms Ground - Oakham Cricket Club	Good	Good ancillary facilities with changing facilities for players and officials. Six movable nets around artificial wickets, defibrillator, covers, roller and scoreboard present on-site. Training equipment storage is also available.
Market Overton Cricket Club	Good	The ancillary facilities at Market Overton Cricket Club are of high standard. There is a dedicated female changing room apart from other changing facilities. Disability access is provided at this ground. There is provision of training equipment storage along with covers, rollers, scoreboard, fixed and artificial nets.
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 1	Good	High quality ancillary facilities. Eight good quality stationary nets and two movable nets. High standard clubhouse and changing rooms with social area, digital scoreboard, sightscreens and covers.
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 2	Good	
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 3	Good	
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 4	Good	
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 5	Good	
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 6	Good	

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Sites	Ancillary Facility Quality	Ancillary Facility Description
North Luffeham Cricket	Standard	Standard quality ancillary facilities on-site. There is a pavilion, changing rooms, rollers. One grass net and one artificial net available on-site.
Oakham School Wilson Pavilion	Good	Good overall ancillary facilities. The clubhouse building is in excellent condition. One substandard movable net, manual standing scoreboard and low-quality covers present on-site.
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 1	Good	Good ancillary facilities. Fixed nets and movable nets present on-site. Standard changing facilities available.
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 2	Good	
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 3	Good	
Oakham Sports Centre Senior	Good	
The Upper Playing Fields	Good	Top quality ancillary facilities which include a clubhouse and changing rooms. Nine grass wickets for nets. Good maintenance facilities with covers and sprinklers. Also present are scoreboards and sightscreens.
Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club	Standard	Standard changing facilities. Disability access is available on-site. Fixed artificial nets available. There are covers, rollers, sightscreens and scoreboard. Training equipment storage is also present.
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	Good	The ancillary facilities present at Uppingham Town CC site one are excellent which include changing rooms, clubhouse, social area, scoreboards and refurbished sightscreens. There are four good quality artificial nets. Rollers and covers are present on-site. There is good quality drainage. Defibrillator is held on-site. Site 2 has standard quality ancillary facilities.
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	Standard	
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	Standard	Standard ancillary facilities are available at the recreation ground. There is a pavilion with bar. Training equipment storage is present. There are fixed artificial nets, one grass net, rollers, covers and scoreboard on-site.

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### Current Demand

#### Club and Team Profile

- 7.24 To understand how cricket is played across Rutland and the trends for demand across the game, this section assesses consultation responses from all clubs in the Study Area that responded to requests to take part in the study. out of clubs participated in consultation.
- 7.25 Through the demand consultations with clubs, junior clubs have been identified as playing in Rutland. there is an almost equal number of mixed teams for junior age groups as there are for senior teams. However, it has been observed that the count of women/girls-only teams is relatively low.

**Table 53: Cricket Club Profiles**

Club	No. of competitive teams				Total
	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior	Junior Girls	
Empingham CC	1	0	0	0	1
Ketton Sports CC	3	0	3	0	6
Market Overton CC	3	2	4	2	11
North Luffenham	1	0	0	0	1
Oakham CC	4	1	6	0	11
Tolethorpe Park CC	1	0	0	0	1
Uppingham Town CC	5	1	5	0	11
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	3	0	2	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>

- 7.26 Through consultation, only one club highlighted any imported demand, and no other club highlighted any exported demand, suggesting that all other clubs are satisfying their demand on their current site or elsewhere in Rutland. Aryans CC from Leicester are currently playing their home fixtures at Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2. Oakham CC third team play their matches at Empingham CC.
- 7.27 To further understand the demand for cricket in Rutland, detailed consultations have been undertaken with all but two clubs within Rutland. Accounts of these consultations including with key strategic priorities are referenced in the site-by-site assessment later in this section.

## Future Demand

### Demand Driven by Population Growth

- 7.28 In order to understand the future demand for cricket in the Study Area, a Team Generation Rate (definition provided in glossary) has been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate what size of population (for various age groups) will typically cause enough demand for a cricket team.
- 7.29 This TGR can now be applied to the population projections for the Study Area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups.
- 7.30 Table 54 illustrates that the greatest projected growth in cricket demand is projected to be in the adult men's and junior boys/mixed groups.
- 7.31 ECB and County Cricket Boards are making a conscious effort to increase female participation across the country, especially following England's 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup win. However, after consultation with Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket, it has been determined that no new female teams have been considered within the study area due to the specific characteristics of the county.

**Table 54: Impact of Population Projections on the Need for Cricket Provision in Rutland (TGRs)**

Rutland Study Area						
Age group	No. of teams in age group within the area	Current Population (2021) in age group within the area	Future Population (2041) in age group within the area (13.08% increase)	Current TGR	Population Change in Age Group	Change in Team Numbers in Age Group (numbers rounded up or down)
Cricket Open Age Men's (18-55yrs)	22	8738	8632	397	-106	-
Cricket Open Age Women's (18-55yrs)	4	7713	7892	1928	179	-
Cricket Junior (7-18yrs)	20	3102	3373	155	271	2
Cricket Junior Girls (7-18yrs)	2	2855	2910	1428	55	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>22408</b>	<b>22807</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>2</b>



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#### Future growth driven by latent demand

- 7.32 While a large amount of future demand will be driven by population growth, it is also likely that clubs and operators are successful in converting latent demand into actual demand, therefore increasing the number of people playing cricket. The table below identifies all clubs, that identified latent demand (not currently active), which they are aiming to convert into affiliated cricket demand within the next 3 - 5 years. This provides an estimation of the number of new teams that will be required in Rutland in addition to the teams generated by population growth.

**Table 55: Latent Demand for Cricket**

Club	Senior Cricket		Junior Cricket	
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls
Aryans CC	0	0	0	0
Empingham CC	0	0	0	0
Ketton Sports CC	0	0	0	1
Market Overton CC	1	1	0	0
North Luffenham CC	0	0	0	0
Oakham CC	0	1	0	1
Tolethorpe Park CC	0	0	0	0
Uppingham Town CC	0	1	0	1
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	1	1	1	1

- 7.33 It is important to note that the growth from latent demand should be treated with an element of caution, as the source of information is club consultations. In some instances, clubs may not have considered the governance and infrastructure requirements, associated with ongoing club growth. As a result, there may be instances where actual growth does not meet the projections identified during consultation.

**Combined project growth in teams**

7.34 Tables 56 and 57 show the projected growth in cricket teams in Rutland via two separate ‘sources’. Table 56 below summarises this projection.

**Table 56: Total projected future cricket team growth**

Analysis Study Area	Adult Teams		Junior Teams		Total
	Population Growth	Latent Demand	Population Growth	Latent Demand	
<b>Total - Rutland</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>

7.35 Table 56 shows that there is projected to be a combined growth of 13 teams in Rutland by 2041. There is an expected growth of 6 adult teams primarily focused on female teams driven by latent demand and aspirations of the clubs in the area. Additionally, there is also a projected growth of 7 junior teams with maximum growth anticipated through club consultation.

**Supply and Demand Balance**

7.36 This section presents the supply and demand balance findings for cricket provision (both for current and future analyses) for the study area.

7.37 The pitch balance figures i.e., the relationship between supply and demand, have been calculated using the capacity and pitch quality ratings

7.38 Table 57 provides a supply and demand analysis for all cricket sites across the study area. To provide a greater understanding of how this spare capacity or deficit is dispersed across cricket sites in Rutland.

7.39 For all supply and demand analysis, the carrying capacity of grass and artificial wickets have been adjusted based on the quality rating of the facilities. Following consultation with the ECB, the following carrying capacity assumptions have been agreed:

- A good quality grass wicket can accommodate 5 matches per season (MPS)
- Standard quality grass wicket can accommodate 4 MPS
- A poor-quality grass wicket has not been assigned any carrying capacity (0 MPS) as it is assumed that the wicket is not safe for formal or informal cricket use
- Good and standard quality non-turf pitches (NTP’s) can accommodate 60 MPS, however a poor quality NTP is not assigned any carrying capacity (0 MPS). In the analysis below, grass wickets are considered alone firstly. If applicable, a total balance includes NTPs included after.

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#### Spare capacity and overplay

- 7.40 Overplay occurs when a cricket square is played on a greater amount than is recommended by the pitch's carrying capacity. If a square has 8 individual good quality wickets, then this provides an overall carrying capacity of 40 matches per season for that square. If, however, demand consultation indicates that there are 50 matches being played on that square over the course of a season, then that square (pitch) can be said to be overplayed.
- 7.41 There are a number of reasons for a pitch being overplayed, such as lack of alternative provision, poor site management, or poor-quality wickets which lower the capacity for cricket to be played on the pitch.
- 7.42 Spare capacity is the opposite of overplay and occurs when demand at a site is less than the theoretical carrying capacity over a season.
- 7.43 It is important that any overplay of pitches is considered as part of the overall supply and demand analysis for grass wickets, therefore Table 57 identifies overplay or spare capacity at all sites.

**Table 57: Current Position for Cricket in Rutland**

Playing Pitch Sites	Squares	Quality of Provision*	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Casterton Business and Enterprise College	1	Poor	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Catmose Sports Centre	1	Poor	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	1	Standard	9	36	25	11	0	0	0	0	11
Kendrew Barracks	1	Standard	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ketton Sports and Cricket Club	1	Good	14	70	50	20	0	0	0	0	20
Lime Kilms Ground - Oakham Cricket Club	1	Good	12	60	80	-20	1	0	60	60	40
Market Overton Cricket Club	1	Good	9	45	50	-5	0	0	0	0	-5
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 1	1	Good	3	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 2	1	Standard	5	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 3	1	Standard	4	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Middle Playing Fields Pitch 4	1	Standard	3	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 5	1	Standard	4	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 6	1	Standard	8	32	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Luffeham Cricket	1	Standard	9	36	12	24	0	0	0	0	24
Oakham School Wilson Pavilion	1	Good	12	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 1	1	Good	5	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 2	1	Good	4	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 3	1	Good	4	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakham Sports Centre Senior	1	Good	10	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Upper Playing Fields	1	Good	9	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club	1	Good	5	20	14	6	0	0	0	0	6
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	1	Good	12	60	80	-20	0	0	0	0	-20
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	1	Good	8	40	80	-40	0	0	0	0	-40
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	1	Standard	6	24	48	-24	0	0	0	0	-18
<b>TOTAL RUTLAND</b>			<b>155</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>-48</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>12<sup>4</sup></b>

*\*Where a site has multiple squares, the different quality scores of the individual squares are identified*

<sup>4</sup> The demand for Middle Playing Fields, Oakham Wilson Pavilion, Oakham Sports Centre and The Upper Playing Fields has been matched with supply to ensure the capacity is not misrepresented by unavailable sites

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**Table 58: Potential Spare Capacity for Cricket in Rutland**

Playing Pitch Sites	Total Weekly Balance	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Saturday	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Sunday	Potential spare capacity for junior cricket midweek
Casterton Business and Enterprise College	0	No	No	No
Catmose Sports Centre	0	No	No	No
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	11	No	No	Yes
Kendrew Barracks	0	No	No	No
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	20	No	No	Yes
Lime Kilms Ground - Oakham Cricket Club	40	No	No	Yes
Market Overton Cricket Club	-5	No	No	No
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 1	0	No	No	No
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 2	0	No	No	No
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 3	0	No	No	No
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 4	0	No	No	No
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 5	0	No	No	No
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 6	0	No	No	No
North Luffeham Cricket	24	Yes	Yes	No
Oakham School Wilson Pavilion	0	No	No	No
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 1	0	No	No	No
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 2	0	No	No	No
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 3	0	No	No	No
Oakham Sports Centre Senior	0	No	No	No
The Upper Playing Fields	0	No	No	No
Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club	11	No	No	Yes
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	-20	No	No	No

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Playing Pitch Sites	Total Weekly Balance	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Saturday	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Sunday	Potential spare capacity for junior cricket midweek
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	-40	No	No	No
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	-18	No	No	No

- 7.44 Table 58 shows the supply and demand balance of all cricket sites across the Study Area. Where sites have both grass and artificial wickets, the balance is shown separately as well as a total balance. However, the total balance may not reflect any potential overplay on the grass wickets.
- 7.45 Overplay typically leads to clubs either using facilities more intensively than is sustainable or using unsecured nearby facilities for short term usage on an ad hoc basis, to ensure that facilities can be run efficiently and effectively. It is therefore important that future facility planning allows clubs to utilise an adequate quantity of provision to ensure that existing facilities are not subject to overplay. It is also important to note that most of the pitches in Rutland are educational sites with no community use while considering the overall availability and spare capacities of cricket grounds in Rutland.
- 7.46 As per the audit, there is higher supply of cricket pitches than demand in the study area.
- 7.47 Casterton Business and Enterprise College and Catmose Sports Centre have poor quality non-turf pitches, therefore have been neutralised with 0 MPS available. Both are unavailable for community use.
- 7.48 Table 59 highlights where there is potential spare capacity for cricket activity in Rutland. Although some sites have spare capacity as they cater for less MPS than the wicket quality allows, due to the number of matches taking place, spare capacity at peak times is actually significantly reduced. There is a spare capacity of 20 MPS at Ketton Sports and Community Centre. Based on club consultation and match play timings, North Luffenham Cricket Club and Toilethorpe Park Cricket Club have shown spare capacities of 24 and 11 MPS respectively. North Luffenham CC only competes in midweek league, thereby offering some spare capacity on Saturdays and Sundays. Toilethorpe Park CC has five pitches and with only one team playing regularly. This reduces the utilisation capacity of its pitches as a result could provide an option to accommodate some midweek or junior cricket.
- 7.49 The grass pitches at Lime Kilms ground have indicated an overplay of 20 MPS. However, there is a provision of one non-turf pitch that is typically utilized for training purposes. The use of this non-turf pitch has the potential to offset the overplay by accommodating junior cricket activities.
- 7.50 The other key clubs like Uppingham Town CC and Wakerley and Barrowden CC have also indicated overplay across sites. These clubs have shown aspirations to increase their roster of teams particularly around women and girls' section.

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7.51 The pitches at Middle Playing Fields and Oakham Sports Centre are owned by Uppingham School and Oakham School. Middle Playing Fields and Oakham Sports Centre have often been used as the venue for hosting county cricket matches as well as some casual sessions and fun initiatives conducted by the ECB to introduce the game to children and young people. However, the capacity of these facilities has been neutralized due to the lack of public access and the absence of a formal community use arrangement in place.

#### Site by Site Analysis

7.52 To ensure that the PPOSS can be seen as a robust evidence base, the site-by-site assessment below includes all cricket site that have been included within the study, as well as the key issues that have been identified through consultation and site assessments. Additionally, this table serves to summarise the key parts of the PPOSS assessment that have been identified so far within this sport specific section, such as community use status, site security and site ownership.

**Table 59: Site by Site Summary for Cricket Provision in Rutland**

Site	Squares	Community Use	Secured Community Use	Ownership	Capacity Analysis (Grass Wickets)	Site Summary
Casterton Business and Enterprise College	1	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	0	One poor quality artificial wicket not available for community use
Catmose Sports Centre	1	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	0	One poor quality artificial wicket not available for community use
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	1	Available	Secure	Sports Club	11	Nine standard quality grass wickets. The club plays around 4-5 friendly matches a season on Fridays and hire out the ground to Barkby United CC and Oakham CC 3 <sup>rd</sup> team on the weekends.
Kendrew Barracks	1	Unavailable	Unsecure	MOD	0	One standard quality artificial wicket not available for community use
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	1	Available	Secure	Sports Club	20	Fourteen good quality grass wickets. The club has highlighted that there is potential damage to the fields due to kids playing football. This is because of the absence of football provision in Ketton. The club has secured funding for enhancement of pitches and improvement of covers and scoreboard.

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Site	Squares	Community Use	Secured Community Use	Ownership	Capacity Analysis (Grass Wickets)	Site Summary
Lime Kilms Ground - Oakham Cricket Club	1	Available	Secure	Sports Club	-20	There are twelve good quality grass wickets and one good quality unused non-turf pitch. Oakham CC is the club which has the highest demand for cricket in the area. There are indications of overplay at this site. The club has a pub side which uses the ground on Mondays. The club also has a croquet section who play on Tuesdays. The club has secured funding which will be utilised on new furniture – seats and tables. The club also has plans to extend the patio area to allow additional outdoor bar tables.
Market Overton Cricket Club	1	Available	Secure	Sports Club	-5	Nine good quality grass wickets on-site. The club has development plans in place, including the addition of three-lane artificial fixed nets and a new roof for the car park area.
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 1	1	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Three good quality grass wickets on education site with no community use available.
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 2	1	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Five standard quality grass wickets not available for community use.
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 3	1	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Four standard quality grass wickets not available for community use.
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 4	1	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Three standard quality grass wickets not available for community use.
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 5	1	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Four standard quality grass wickets not available for community use.
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 6	1	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Eight standard quality grass wickets not available for community use.
North Luffenham Cricket	1	Available	Secure	Local Authority	24	Nine standard quality grass wickets used by North Luffenham Cricket Club only during midweek.
Oakham School Wilson Pavilion	1	Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Private school site with twelve good quality grass wickets available only curricular and extra-curricular use.
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 1	1	Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Private school site with good quality grass wickets available only curricular and extra-curricular use.



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Site	Squares	Community Use	Secured Community Use	Ownership	Capacity Analysis (Grass Wickets)	Site Summary
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 2	1	Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Private school site with four good quality grass wickets available only curricular and extra-curricular use.
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 3	1	Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Private school site with four good quality grass wickets available only curricular and extra-curricular use.
Oakham Sports Centre Senior	1	Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Private school site with ten good quality grass wickets available only curricular and extra-curricular use.
The Upper Playing Fields	1	Not Available	Unsecure	Education	0	Nine good quality grass wickets with only curricular and extra-curricular use.
Tolethorpe Park Cricket Club	1	Available	Secure	Sports Club	11	Five good quality grass wickets and good maintenance program. The club has no development plans in place.
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	1	Available	Secure	Sports Club	-20	Two squares on-site with good facilities overall. Twelve good quality grass wickets on pitch 1.
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	1	Available	Secure	Sports Club	-40	Two squares on-site with good facilities overall. Eight good quality grass wickets on pitch 2.
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	1	Available	Secure	Sports Club	-24	Six standard quality grass wickets on-site. The club has secured funding to improve existing changing rooms and further develop the square.

### Current and Future Position for Grass Pitches

### Understanding the Process and Key Terminology

- 7.53 The previous section and table provide an analysis, both over the season and during the period of peak demand, of the balance between supply and demand for each adult and junior cricket squares across all sites, as well as identifying the key issues and users for each site.

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- 7.54 To provide a clear idea of the current position for cricket provision across the study area, Table 60 below shows the balance between supply and demand. The information gathered in the earlier stages of the project is used to present the current supply and demand position for each pitch typology. The current position is then used to look at the likely future position by incorporating latent/unmet, displaced and future demand.
- 7.55 The points below provide further explanation on the terms used within the tables:
- Site capacity: The amount of capacity from all pitches quantified in Matches Per Season (MPS)
  - Current demand: The total amount of demand for cricket sites in the area, expressed in matches per season (MPS)
  - Current position: The supply and demand position for grass wickets, when taking into consideration the extent of spare capacity and then deducting the amount of overplay
  - Future demand: Additional demand that is projected to be realised over the lifetime of the Local Plan, consisting unmet/latent demand, displaced demand and future population growth. Each adult team is presumed to play 10 home games per season, whilst juniors will play 8.
  - Population growth demand: Additional demand that is created by a projected increase in the area's population over the lifespan of the local plan. This is calculated using Team Generation Rates (TGRs).
  - Unmet/latent demand: Potential demand that has been identified as not being converted yet. For more information see the latent and unmet demand sections of this needs assessment. Each adult team is presumed to play 10 home games per season, whilst juniors will play 8.
  - Displaced demand: Demand that cannot be satisfied within the local authority, due to a lack of suitable facilities
  - Future position: The projected supply and demand analysis for 2041, using the current position and taking into consideration the additional demand from unmet, latent, displaced and future (population growth) demand. ECB guidance suggests that adult teams will play 10 home matches per season and junior teams 8 home matches per season. These figures have therefore been utilised to calculate the future demand for pitch provision.
- 7.56 The following analysis provides a total supply and demand calculation which includes both adult and junior participation. This has not been separated due to the fact there are no junior wickets identified in Rutland.
- 7.57 Like above, it must be taken into consideration that much of the future demand is made up of latent demand, that is only apparent through consultations with cricket clubs. This is not always accurate, and, in many cases, clubs do not meet their growth targets in the timescales they predict.

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### Total Wicket Analysis

**Table 60: Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets. All Figures in MPS.**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Current position	Total Future demand	Future position
Rutland	391	439	-48	116	-164

- 7.58 Table 60 illustrates that currently there is a negative spare capacity of -48 MPS for grass wickets across Rutland while excluding education and private site. However, some sites have positive spare capacities and they are Empingham CC, Ketton Sports and Community Centre, Market Overton CC, North Luffenham CC and Tolethorpe Park CC while a few other clubs, Oakham CC, Uppingham Town CC and Wakerley and Barrowden CC have under supply.
- 7.59 However, when future demand by 2041, including population growth and latent demand, is taken into account, it is predicted that there will be a further under supply of -164 MPS of grass wickets in the study area. This must be treated with caution however, as this anticipated growth in cricket is mainly a result of latent demand predictions which may not materialise.
- 7.60 When capacity generated by NTPs (Non-turf pitches) is taken into consideration, an extra 60 MPS is available bringing its current balance to 12 MPS of spare capacity. However, although it is necessary to consider NTPs in Rutland, it is often not possible to meet demand, particularly from adults on NTP wickets. Meeting junior demand through use of NTPs could be considered as part of the stage D analysis.
- 7.61 When including the NTP generated capacity in the overall future position, the predicted deficit of -164 MPS by 2041, would reduce to -104 MPS.
- 7.62 There is currently no demand for grass wickets at education sites, although they may cater for curricular and extra-curricular use. Therefore, they have been given a neutral balance. Oakham and Uppingham Schools have excellent quality grass wickets with a potential supply of 331 MPS. However, the sites are unavailable for community use.

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### Cricket summary

- 7.63 This section summarises the findings from the cricket analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rutland
- 7.64 Table 61 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPOSS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

**Table 61: Key PPOSS Findings for Cricket in Rutland**

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	<p>There is a total of 24 pitches across 16 sites in Rutland, comprising of 155 grass wickets and 4 artificial wickets.</p> <p>There is one community accessible NTPs in Rutland, as well as 2 located on education sites. Most of the accessible cricket provision in Rutland is owned by educational organisations followed by sports clubs.</p> <p>There are currently 8 cricket clubs in the area, comprising of 45 teams. Of these 45 teams, 20 are seniors and 25 are junior and youth teams.</p>
<b>Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	<p>The analysis shows that, overall, there is a shortfall of -48 MPS accessible for community use provision to meet current demand. However, it must be highlighted that there is enough supply to cover demand of most of the clubs. Also, there are spare capacities in education sites however, there is no community use and hence the capacity on those sites has been neutralised.</p>
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	<p>All grass wicket provision is of a good or standard quality in Rutland. NTP on community sports club's site is also of a good quality. However, artificial wickets on education sites are poor and only cater for curricular use.</p>
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	<p>The future demand for cricket is projected to increase across the Study Area, with a total growth of 116 MPS by 2041. The largest growth of cricket projected is driven mainly by latent demand predictions for junior and women and girls' cricket.</p> <p>With the projected increase in demand from both population growth and conversion of latent demand, as well as the expected growth that will be realised following the success of All Stars Cricket, Women and Girls' Cricket and Softball Cricket initiatives, the increase in demand is likely to have some impact on the level of demand for cricket across Rutland.</p>
<b>Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	<p>The future analysis shows that there is a predicted undersupply of -164 MPS by 2041 on grass wickets. This undersupply could be partially offset by 60 MPS to -104 MPS with the inclusion of NTP supply. Potentially, large amounts of spare capacity on education sites could meet the demand without the need for any new facilities if community agreements were to be put into place.</p>

## 8 Tennis Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 8.1 The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is the organisation responsible for the governance of tennis. The Herefordshire and Worcestershire LTA is responsible locally for the sport in terms of county teams and county-based initiatives in Rutland. The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies and national facility plans that are currently being delivered by the LTA.
- 8.2 Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for tennis and considers:
- The supply of courts and demand for these;
  - The quality of courts in Rutland; and
  - Recommendations moving forward.

### Tennis Opened Up 2019-2023

- 8.3 The LTA has recently produced a new strategy which outlines the strategic priorities for the future of the sport.
- 8.4 The overriding mission statement of the strategy is “to grow tennis by making it more relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable.”
- 8.5 To help with delivering on this mission statement, four pillars have been identified to provide focus for improvement. These are:
- Relevant: Tennis is seen as traditional, old-fashioned and reserved. To succeed it needs to be seen as modern, fresh and exciting;
  - Accessible: Tennis needs to be seen as an easy sport for people to engage with. The process must be frictionless and available when people want it;
  - Welcoming: Tennis is perceived as inward looking, elitist, and socially and technically intimidating. This image must be broken down; everyone is welcome in the tennis family whatever their age, ability or social background; and
  - Enjoyable: Tennis is viewed as a tough sport requiring commitment, dedication and a lot of hard work but it doesn't have to be this way. The social side, the different formats and the exhilaration of playing are richly rewarding and hugely positive.

### LTA Facilities Investment Strategy – Vision for the 2020 and beyond

- 8.6 The LTA has developed a programme of action based on seven core strategies. These are:
- Visibility: Broaden relevance and increase visibility of tennis all year round to build engagement and participation with fans and players;
  - Innovation: Innovate in the delivery of tennis to widen its appeal.
  - Investment: Support community facilities and schools to increase the opportunity to play.
  - Accessibility: Make the customer journey to playing tennis easier and more accessible for anyone.
  - Engagement: Engage and collaborate with everyone involved in delivering tennis in Britain, particularly coaches and volunteers, to attract and maintain more people in the game.
  - Performance: Create a pathway for British champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders; and
  - Leadership: Lead tennis in Britain to the highest standard so it is a safe, welcoming, well-run sport.
- 8.7 The LTA Facilities Investment Framework sets out how it intends to deliver the investment to support community accessible tennis facilities. The focus will be on:
- New and existing indoor tennis centres
  - Park tennis
  - Tennis clubs
  - Schools and other educational establishments
- 8.8 The key principles of the framework are to:
- Help fund projects through interest free loans.
  - Invest in venues that have a proven record of increasing participation.
  - Invest where there is thorough community engagement.
  - Support venues that encourage participation growth.
  - Targeted investment that is demand-led.
  - Support venues that have successfully sourced partnership funding.
- 8.9 The Sport England Active Lives Survey confirms the seasonal participation peaks in the summer. This is particularly pronounced amongst non-club and occasional players.

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- 8.10 It is key to note that the correlation between the lack of ‘community’ tennis in the non-summer months is likely to be heavily influenced by the lack of floodlighting, which is often a characteristic of local authority owned courts.
- 8.11 Further research carried out by the LTA suggests that many more people would play tennis if they knew where courts were located, particularly local authority courts. Its assertion is that better promotion would increase conversion of latent demand.

#### Increasing Participation

- 8.12 The LTA has developed a package of support for local authorities to grow the use of park tennis courts by removing key barriers to participation. The three products are ClubSpark, Rally and Gate Access and can be used individually or in combination. The products are used to provide a remote booking and access system.
- 8.13 Instead of providing free access, some local authorities are now securing their courts as per a membership scheme that allows members access through the use of a digital booking system following payment of a small yearly fee (season ticket). This allows participation to be tracked, thus providing data on how well and how often courts are being accessed. In addition, it provides income generation that can go towards ongoing maintenance of the courts and securing long term sustainability.
- 8.14 The LTA and Government have announced a £30 million package to refurbish more than 4,500 public tennis courts in poor or unplayable condition at more than 1,500 venues in the most deprived parts of the UK.

#### Supply

- 8.15 The following table 62 provides a breakdown of tennis courts in the area (please note that this table refers to courts and not sites). The quality rating of a site is calculated using the following LTA criteria:

**Table 62: Quality Ratings**

<b>Poor:</b> Playing surface poor, slippery playing surface, poor drainage, cracks on the playing surface and surrounding area, court markings hardly visible, no nets or nets damaged, surrounding fencing poor/dangerous.	<b>Standard:</b> Court colour is fading or showing signs of wear. The surface remains largely intact. The court life, prior to needing resurfacing, would be extended for up to 5 years by cleaning and repainting of the existing surface.	<b>Good:</b> Good playing surface, courts recently been upgraded, resurfaced, nets and fencing in working order
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- 8.16 The following table 63 provides a breakdown of tennis courts in the Study Area.

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**Table 63: Outdoor Tennis Provision by Site**

Site Name	Postcode	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Ownership	Management	Number of Courts	Surface	Floodlit	Site Quality
Barnsdale Hall & Country Club	LE15 8AB	Not available	Unsecure	Commercial	Commercial	2	Macadam	2	Good
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Not available	Unsecure	Education	Education	4	Tarmac	4	Poor
Hambleton Hall	LE15 8TH	Not available	Unsecure	Commercial	Commercial	1	Macadam	0	Good
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE93SZ	Available	Secure	Sports Club	Sports Club	3	AGP	3	Good
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6Q	Available	Unsecure	Education	Education	7	4x Macadam / 3 Tarmac	4	Good
Oakham Lawn Tennis Club	LE15 6JQ	Available	Secure	Sports Club	Sports Club	4	Macadam	4	Standard
Ryhall Tennis Club	PE9 4ER	Available	Secure	Community	Community	2	Macadam	0	Poor
Greetham Community Centre	LE15 7NG	Available	Unsecure	Community	Community	1	Macadam	1	Good
Middle Playing Fields	LE15 9TJ	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	Education	27	3x Macadam / 24 AGP	24	Good
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	Available	Secure	Education	Education	12	Macadam	0	Good
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Available	Unsecure	Education	Education	4	Macadam	4	Good
Whissendine Sports Club	LE15 7E	Available	Secure	Sports Club	Sports Club	1	Tarmac	0	Poor
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7B	Not available	Unsecure	MOD	MOD	6	Tarmac	4	Poor



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**Table 64: Outdoor Tennis Ancillary Provision by Site**

Site Name	Postcode	Overmarked?	Ancillary Facilities
Barnsdale Hall & Country Club	LE15 8AB	No	Good -
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	3x netball overmarked	Standard
Hambleton Hall	LE15 8TH	No	Good
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE93SZ	No	Good
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	7x netball overmarked	Good
Oakham Lawn Tennis Club	LE15 6JQ	No	Standard
Ryhall Tennis Club	PE9 4ER	No	Standard
Greetham Community Centre	LE15 7NG	1x netball overmarked	Standard
Middle Playing Fields	LE15 9TJ	AGP courts are overmarked on top of hockey pitches	Good
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	9x netball overmarked	Good
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	3x netball overmarked	Standard – School
Whissendine Sports Club	LE15 7EU	No	Standard
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	No	N/A

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8.17 Provisional findings from the supply-side analysis indicate:

- There are 74 courts, across 13 sites in the study area.
- 34 out of 74 courts are available to public, and six available sites provide secured community use – Oakham Sports Centre, Oakham Lawn Tennis Club, Ryhall Tennis Club, Greetham Community Centre, Uppingham School Sports Centre and Uppingham Community College.
- 4 out of 13 sites are rated as good quality, making up 31% of the supply of courts.
- There are 50 floodlit courts in Rutland, accounting for 68% of the total supply.

8.18 Table 65 summarises the tennis sites in Rutland, including consultation summaries from clubs.

**Table 65: Site Summaries**

Site Name	Summary
Barnsdale Hall & Country Club	Two good quality macadam floodlit courts on a private site. The ancillary facilities include changing rooms, toilets and kitchen/clubhouse.
Catmose Sports Centre	Four poor quality tarmac floodlit courts owned by an educational establishment is not open for community use. Three netball courts are overmarked.
Hambleton Hall	One good quality macadam non-floodlit court not available for community use. Good overall ancillary facilities.
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Three good quality floodlit artificial grass turf on school sports and community centre site. The site is used by Ketton Tennis Club. The club has highest membership in the area. Coaching programmes for juniors and adults are run at this site. ClubSpark portal is used for membership and court booking however, the courts are not available for pay and play for non-members.
Oakham Sports Centre	Seven good quality courts available at Farside Playing Fields. There are four macadam floodlit courts and three non-floodlit tarmac courts. All the courts are overmarked. Good ancillary provision. All courts are open for public booking.
Oakham Lawn Tennis Club	Four standard quality acrylic macadam courts. Three of the four courts are floodlit. The site managed and used by Oakham Lawn Tennis Club. The site is used to deliver LTA youth programmes and link to schools. Adult coaching programmes are also delivered here. ClubSpark is in place to manage court bookings. Pay and play is available however, there is no online booking system. The club is switching to ClubSpark membership model in 2023. There are plans to renovate or rebuild the clubhouse. There is aspiration to add floodlight to fourth non-floodlit court and upgrade one court to using LEDs.
Ryhall Tennis Club	Two poor quality non-floodlit macadam courts. The ancillary facilities are of standard quality. Previously there had been a club based on this site however these courts are purely used for pay and play now, court booking and key pick-up is available on the site. These courts are in need of improvement.
Greetham Community Centre	One good quality floodlit macadam court. There are standard changing facilities at Greetham Community Centre. The court has been overmarked with netball markings.

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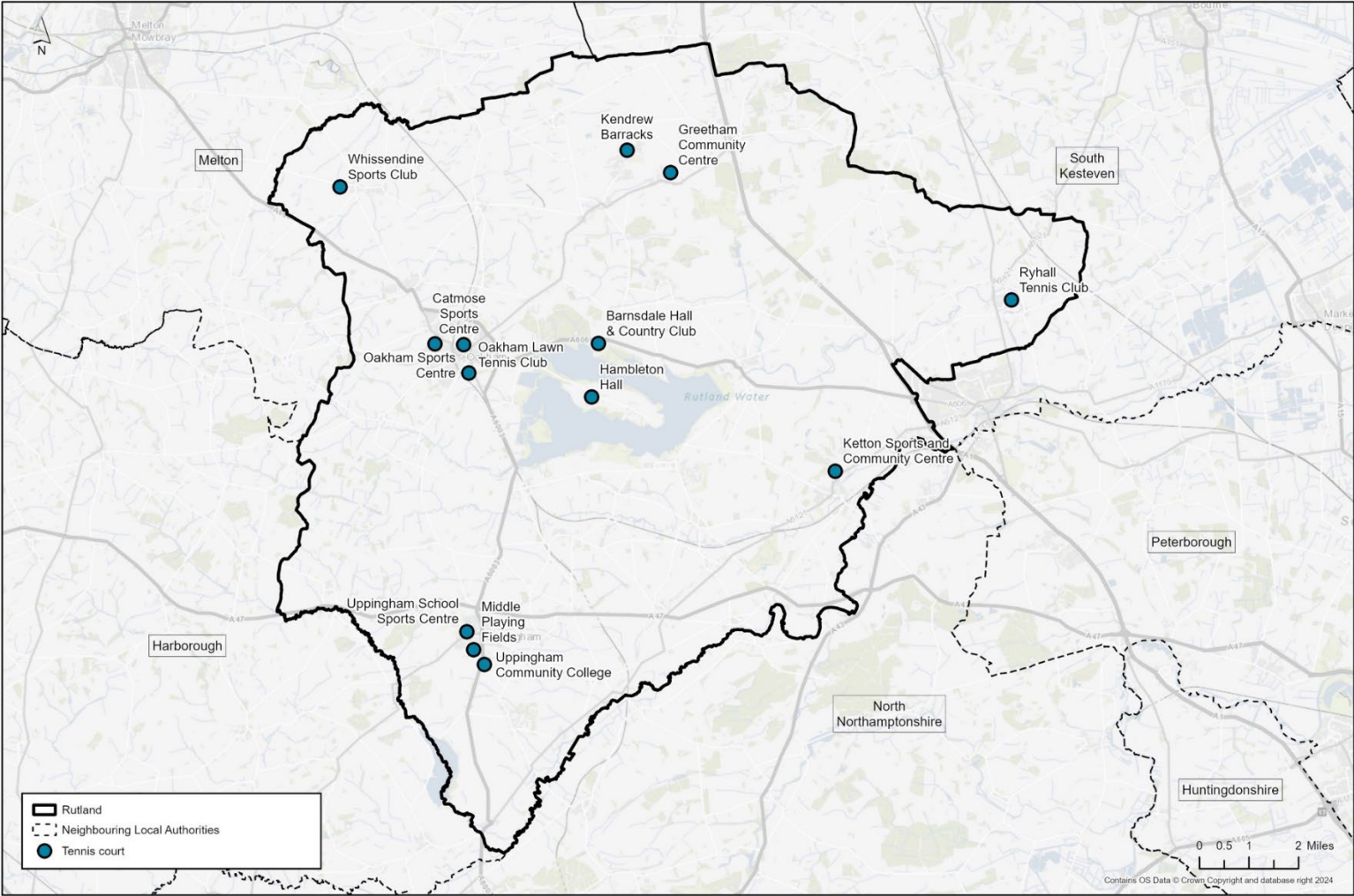
Site Name	Summary
Middle Playing Fields	The tennis courts at Middle Playing Fields are on education site with no community use. There are 27 courts available in total. All courts are of high quality. 3 macadam non-floodlit courts and 24 floodlit artificial grass pitches. The AGP courts are overmarked on top of hockey pitches. The ancillary facilities are also of good standard.
Uppingham School Sports Centre	12 good quality macadam tennis courts on-site, nine of which are overmarked with netball. There is community use available at this school site and courts are open to public. Good overall ancillary facilities.
Uppingham Community College	Four good quality floodlit macadam courts on school site. The courts are eight years old. Rutland Tennis Academy is based on this site. The community-oriented club runs small coaching programmes for both adults and juniors on Tuesdays. The academy uses ClubSpark for membership however, its court booking system is not used.
Whissendine Sports Club	One of the few other sites in Rutland with poor quality provision. One poor quality tarmac non-floodlit court with standard ancillary facilities.
Kendrew Barracks	The MOD site at Kendrew Barracks has six poor quality tarmac courts. Four of the six are floodlit. There is no community use available at this site.

8.19 Map 7 shows the geographic location of outdoor tennis courts across the Study Area and presents the dispersion courts across Rutland.

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Map 7: Outdoor Tennis Court Audit in Rutland



Tennis courts in Rutland

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8.20 This section of the analysis examines the demand for tennis in Rutland.

#### Active Lives Survey

8.21 As per the LTA's insight as captured at the start of this chapter, demand for tennis is comprised of members and more 'casual' or 'recreational' players. These 'casual' or 'recreational' players are usually defined by a lack of membership to a tennis club and typically access facilities through public park courts and other publicly available facilities.

8.22 Sport England's Active Lives Survey represents the most robust dataset regarding participation in sport in England amongst those aged 16 or older. The latest iteration of this data is taken from surveys carried out in November 2020/21. Data was not available for Rutland specific information, so the data is taken for the whole of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Active Partnership area. The data shows the following:

- 1.2% of residents aged 16+ in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland AP area reported playing tennis twice within the last 28 days (survey carried out in November 2021).
- The 1.2% 'twice-monthly' participation rate for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland AP area was comparable to the national equivalent participation rate of 1.4%.
- 6.4% of residents aged 16+ in Rutland area reported playing tennis at least once in year 20/21, which can be compared to a national average of 5.1%.

8.23 According to the population figures used throughout this report, there are 33,249 residents in Rutland aged 16 or over. Although the 1.2% participation rate used in the Active Lives Survey considers the whole of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland AP area, we can assume this is also relevant for Rutland. This means that when translated into demand, the Active Lives Figures show that 399 people play tennis at least twice every 28 days and 2128 play at least once per year. These figures can be taken forward to analyse the utilisation the court capacity in Rutland. As shown below, there are more than 399 members of tennis clubs in Rutland, suggesting that a lot of the 399 each week are members of clubs, rather than using publicly available courts.

#### Membership Data

8.24 Consultations undertaken with clubs in Rutland have been used to capture membership and other information. The membership figures for each club are displayed in Table 66.

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**Table 66: Tennis Club Membership in Rutland**

Club Name	Site	Current Membership
Oakham Tennis Club	Oakham Lawn Tennis Club	160
Rutland Tennis Academy	Uppingham Community College	50
Ketton Tennis Club	Ketton Sports and Community Centre	225
<b>Total</b>		<b>435</b>

- 8.25 Table 66 shows that there are 3 clubs in Rutland with a combined membership of 435 people. As a percentage of residents in Rutland aged 16+, 1.3% are member of a tennis club. The number of tennis club members is larger than the amount of people participating in tennis at least twice per month, which indicate low levels of casual participation amongst the community.
- 8.26 According to the club membership figures, 51.7% of all tennis club members in the Study Area are members of Ketton Tennis Club followed by 36.8% of Oakham Tennis Club and 11.5% of Rutland Tennis Academy.

### Future Demand

- 8.27 Future population figures provided by the Rutland County Council will be used to model future demand for tennis. There will be a predicted 15.04% increase in the population across Rutland by 2041. See Table 67 for details.

**Table 67: Future Population Projections**

Current 16+ Population	Future 16+ Population 2041
33,249	38,251

- 8.28 This means that, should participation and club memberships grow in-line with the population increase there will be around 15.04% more players in the future. This is broken down in further detail in Table 68.

**Table 68: Future Demand Estimates**

Participant Category	Current	Future Projection
Club Members	435	500

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Participant Category	Current	Future Projection
Non-club players (at least once annually)	2,108	2,425
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>2,543</b>	<b>2,925</b>

8.29 Table 68 shows the population driven growth in demand for tennis in Rutland. However, this demand should be factored into the overall growth trends driven by the LTA's activity and participation programmes.

### Supply and Demand Balance

8.30 This section of the report will draw together the supply and demand data presented above to show the current and projected capacity balances for tennis in Rutland.

### Club Balance

8.31 Table 69 summarises the current utilisation of each community club in Rutland. If a court has sports lighting it has a membership capacity of 60, compared with a membership capacity of 40 without sports lighting. Although these are the figures that will be used to conduct the supply and demand analysis, clubs may be able to operate at a higher capacity, as demonstrated below at Ketton Tennis Club. Therefore, they should not be considered to be the absolute threshold. The utilisation rate below does include a comfort factor to ensure that demand can be met.

**Table 69: Current and Projected Utilisation of Tennis Club Courts in Rutland**

Club	Capacity (membership)	Members	% Utilisation	Projected Members (2041)	Projected % Utilisation
Oakham Tennis Club	240	160	67%	187	78%
Rutland Tennis Academy	240	50	21%	59	25%
Ketton Tennis Club	180	225	125%	264	147%
<b>Total</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>77%</b>

8.32 Table 69 shows that, when considered together, tennis clubs in Rutland are currently operating at 34% less than their maximum capacity, however Ketton Tennis Club is operating at a higher utilisation rate than expected due to its large membership base. Whilst it is clear that there are more members than expected at this site, there was no indication from the club's secretary that the courts were overplayed, or that demand could not be met.

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- 8.33 At present the only club that is operating at higher level of demand than its capacity is Ketton Tennis Club, both Oakham Tennis Club and Rutland Tennis Academy have spare capacity on these sites.
- 8.34 All tennis clubs within Rutland use Clubspark so can monitor all usage accurately on their sites.
- 8.35 If growth in membership were to grow in line with population, then clubs in Rutland are projected to be operating at 23% less than their maximum capacity by 2041.

#### Public Courts

- 8.36 This section summarises the current supply and demand balance of public (non-club) courts in Rutland. Only courts accessible on a free-to-access or pay-and-play basis can be considered as 'public courts'.
- 8.37 The LTA advises that the capacity of public courts to be 7 hours per day for non-floodlit courts and 12 hours per day for floodlit courts. This equates to 2,555 hours per year on non-floodlit courts and 4,380 hours per year on floodlit courts.
- 8.38 Those sites deemed to be publicly accessible in this fashion are Oakham Sports Centre, Oakham Lawn Tennis Club, Ryhall Tennis Club, Greetham Community Centre, Uppingham School Sports Centre and Uppingham Community College.
- 8.39 It is estimated that these sites contribute 1,925 hours per week of playing capacity to meet demand for informal tennis in Rutland with 1,092 hours on floodlit courts and 833 hours on non-floodlit courts. This equates to 8,250 hours per month (30-day average) with 4,680 hours on floodlit and 3,570 hours on non-floodlit or 103,375 hours per year.
- 8.40 As highlighted in 8.23, 399 people participate in tennis activity at least twice every 28 days.
- 8.41 Assuming an average of 3 people per court per 'booking / use' (to account for an even split between singles, doubles and some sessions where 3 people share a court) this equates to 266 sessions per month played on public courts. If each match lasts for 1 hour on average this means that public courts are operating at 3.2% of their total operational capacity.
- 8.42 According to data provided by the LTA's online booking system (Clubspark) with court access technology, the average level of utilisation in venues (UK wide) is 53%. By this barometer Rutland is operating at a much lower than average level in terms of its utilisation of public courts.
- 8.43 If demand for courts increases in line with population, there will be an estimated 306 sessions per month on public courts by 2041. This would equate to 3.7% of existing public court capacity. This means that public tennis courts in Rutland would be operating around 49.3% lower than the current average utilisation according to the LTA's 2019 benchmarking.



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- 8.44 There is a less demand of public courts in Rutland which makes it highly accessible for the existing participants and new audiences to play on community and park tennis courts.

### Tennis Summary

- 8.45 This section summarises the findings from the tennis analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rutland.
- 8.46 Table 70 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPOSS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

**Table 70: Key PPOSS Findings for Tennis in Rutland**

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	Out of the 74 courts in the study area, 34 are available for community use and 30 are open for public booking. 68% of the total courts are floodlit. There is a total of 435 members of clubs in Rutland, whilst 399 people play tennis at least twice every 28 days and 2,128 play at least once per year.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	Club sites in Rutland are operating at 66% of their maximum capacity, whilst publicly available courts are operating at around 3.2% of their total operational capacity. This level of utilisation is considerably lower than the national average according to the LTA data. This is likely to be because of the significant usage of club courts and the ability to book through Clubspark.
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	31% of the current supply of courts in the study area are rated as good quality, whilst 20% courts located at 4 sites are rated as poor. Of these 13 poor rated courts, 6 are on MOD site at Kendrew Barracks, 4 on education site and two are a sports club operated court, one with no club use at Ryhall Sports Club.
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	If participation continues to grow in line with population the playing population will increase by 15.04%. This means that club sites are estimated to be operating at 77% of their capacity and 23% under their maximum capacity. Demand for public courts will also increase by 40 sessions per month from 266 to 306 sessions per month, bringing the utilisation of public courts to 3.7% by 2041, however as demonstrated above, a lot of the tennis usage is by club members than than ad-hoc informal players
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	When considering club sites, there is expected to be an 23% over supply of courts by 2041 together with 49.3% of spare capacity on public courts even when future population growth is taken into account.

## 9 Netball Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 9.1 This section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by England Netball. Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for netball and considers:
- The supply of courts and demand for these;
  - The quality of courts in Rutland;
  - Recommendations moving forward.
- 9.2 Netball in England is administered by England Netball, the national governing body for the sport. The current strategy forms the fundamental principles for its strategic planning for the future of sport and business.

### Vision, Mission and Values

#### Purpose: To lead a movement, on and beyond the Court

- 9.3 The EN Adventure Strategy 2021-2031 refers to the following six destinations:
- A Game for Life – Enrich our approach to growing the game, ensuring that netball is a sport for all at every stage of life
  - A World Leading Game – Set new standards for netball, showcasing inspiring performances by outstanding players in international tournaments and domestic leagues and events
  - A Visible Presence – Elevate our sport to a new place of prominence achieving landmark visibility, drawing new audiences to the game, whilst evolving our identity and taking the sport to uncharted territory
  - A Resonant Voice – Amplify our voice to influence, inform and ignite positive change
  - A Thriving Collective – Unite our people and partners behind our purpose, nurturing and unlocking potential and achieving common goals
  - An Extra Ordinary Experience – Transform the way our sport is consumed, tailoring every touchpoint to provide an exceptional experience at every step of the journey

Measures of Success

Figure 5: Measures of Success



### Guiding Principles

9.4 Finally, England Netball has identified 9 guiding principles to help shape decision making within the organisation:

1. We are a customer-focused sport business. We will always place the participant at the heart of everything we do and provide the best quality service we can but we will balance that with the need to grow and manage a sustainable business;
2. We will value and respect the contribution and needs of our volunteer workforce who are integral to our success;
3. We will centrally coordinate and locally deliver our portfolio of programmes and products targeting resources at the point of need (one size does not fit all), by ensuring pathways are integrated and securing a return to on our investment (financially or socially) creating capacity to reinvest in the business and deliver long-term sustainability;
4. We will be innovative and progressive in our thinking, always connecting short-term actions to medium-term strategies and long-term goals, while striving to improve the quality and standard of what we do and how we do it;
5. We will work as 'one team aligned to one dream' for the benefit of netball in England and as such we will succeed or fail together;
6. We will work in partnership and collaboration where there is a mutual benefit in terms of operational effectiveness and efficiency, value for money and added value for participants in netball;
7. We will develop, enable and encourage programmes and activities that have a positive and beneficial impact on the lives of netball participants;
8. We will establish integrated planning and process pathways that enable rather than constrain service excellence, making England Netball easy to do business with and add value to the participant; and
9. We will recognise and celebrate individual and collective contributions and success.

### Delivery Methods

9.5 In order to deliver the strategic goals of netball, England Netball has established multiple participation programmes. These programmes are detailed below:

- Traditional 7-a-side: 7 a-side is the longstanding format of the game that most girls are introduced to at school. The game is played to a professional level as part of the Netball Super league to regional amateur leagues around the country;

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- **Back to Netball:** A key participation programme for netball, Back to Netball sessions are run nationally with the intention of reintroducing women back into the sport. England Netball report that over 60,000 women have taken part in these sessions since 2010;
- **Netball Now:** A turn up and play session of netball with an emphasis on low organisation for the player, with no assigned teams or organised leagues. Netball Now is targeted at 16-21year olds and is seen as a partner to the Back to Netball programme;
- **I Heart Leagues:** Designed to provide a social and gentle introduction into match play. The leagues are designed for players who have participated in the Back to Netball programme or Social Players looking for a weekly, light but competitive game;
- **Walking Netball:** A slower version of the 7 aside game played only at walking pace. The programme is targeted at older demographics with a key focus on sociability and enjoyment; and
- **Bee Netball:** Netball specifically designed for 5-11 year olds.

### Supply

9.6 The following section will detail the supply of outdoor netball facilities in Rutland.

9.7 Table 71 shows the outdoor provision of netball courts in Rutland. There are 6 sites with a total of 26 courts. Most courts in Rutland are available for community use however none have long-term security of tenure on sure for community clubs.

**Table 71: Outdoor Netball Facilities in Rutland**

Site	Post code	Ownership	Management Type	Courts	Surface	Floodlit	Available to community	Security of Tenure	Overall Rating
Casterton College	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	3	Tarmac	1	Available	Unsecure	Standard
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	3	Tarmac	3	Unavailable	Unsecure	Standard
Oakhams Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	7	Macadam(4) Tarmac (3)	4	Available	Unsecure	Good
Greetham Community Centre	LE15 7NG	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	1	Macadam	1	Available	Unsecure	Good
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	Education	Education	9	Macadam	0	Available	Unsecure	Good
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	3	Macadam	3	Available	Unsecure	Good

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- 9.8 12 of these courts are floodlit. All the of sites are education-owned apart from Greetham Community Centre.
- 9.9 Of the 26 outdoor courts, 6 are standard quality (23%). The remaining 77% are in good condition, with no poor courts present in Rutland, although Casterton College courts are in need of improvement. Oakham School is currently the only outdoor netball courts used for formal netball including Rutland County Netball League and Back to Netball. These courts are good quality tarmac with no other sports lines and used solely for netball.
- 9.10 Detailed summaries from the site assessments can be found in Table 72.

**Table 72: Outdoor Netball Facilities in Rutland**

Site	Summary
Casterton College	Education site, with three standard quality, tarmac netball courts, available to the community but currently unused. One of the three courts is floodlit. These courts are in need of improvement. The facility has previously hosted Back to Netball sessions but there is little or no demand for these courts currently due to netball taking place on other facilities.
Catmose Sports Centre	Education site, with three good quality, tarmac netball courts, unavailable to the community. There are three courts in one fenced enclosure, overlaid with tennis courts. Formerly Rutland's adult league venue and training base for clubs (indoor).
Oakham Sports Centre	Three tarmac (netball markings only) and four macadam courts overlaid with tennis. The courts are of good quality and the four macadam courts are floodlit and easily accessible. The site is part of a large school with excellent facilities. Current league venue for indoor netball with informal usage outdoors.
Greetham Community Centre	One standard quality tarmac court. The court is overmarked with tennis and is floodlit.
Uppingham School Sports Centre	Nine good quality tarmac netball courts, none of which are floodlit reducing the capacity of community netball taking place on site. Irregular use for friendly indoor netball.
Uppingham Community College	Three good quality floodlit, macadam netball courts with no ancillary facilities on site. Irregular venue for friendlies, summer camps and training (all indoor).

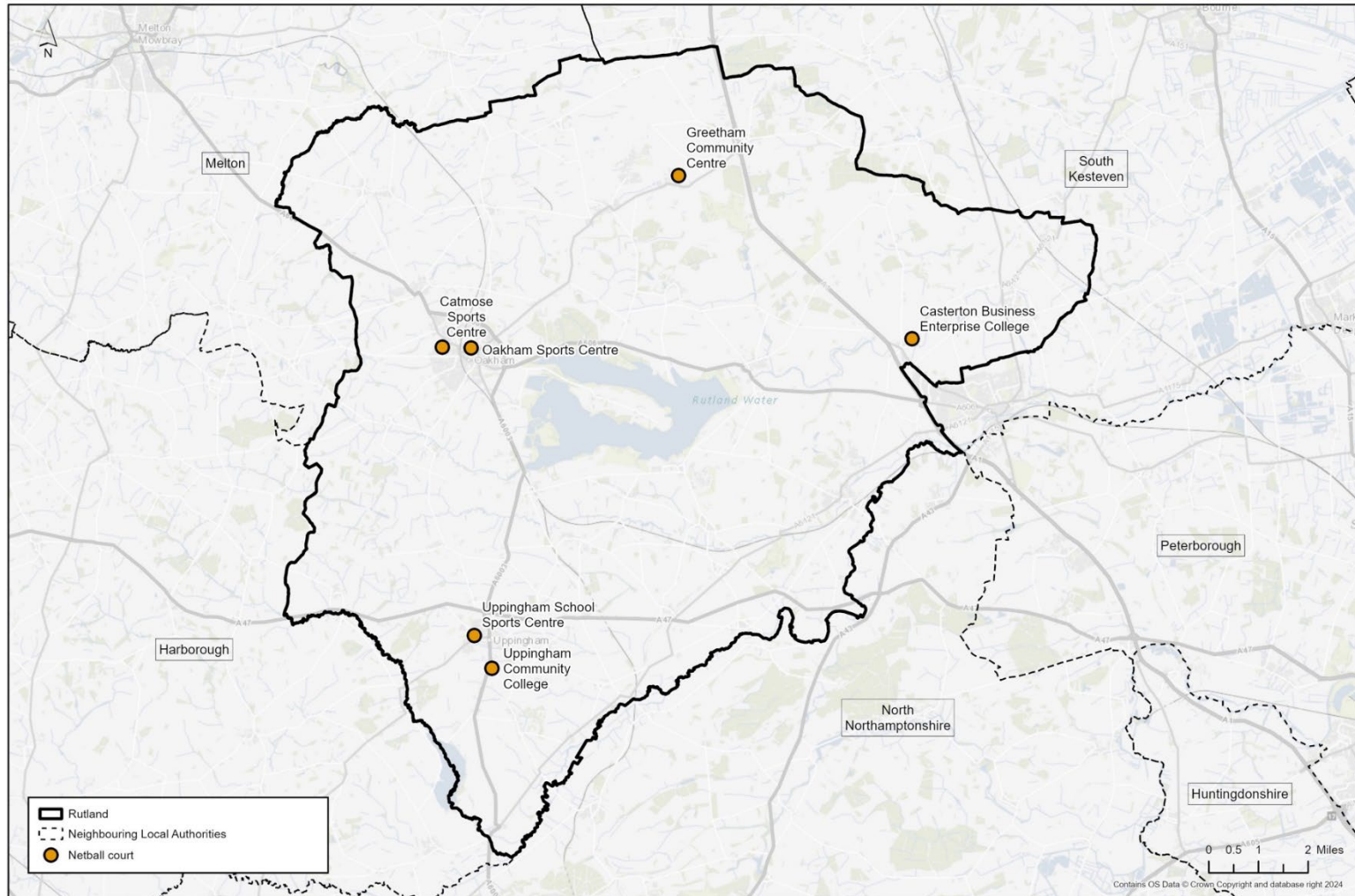
- 9.11 Map 8 shows the geographic location of outdoor netball courts across the Study Area and presents the dispersion courts across Rutland.



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Map 8: Outdoor Netball Court Audit in Rutland



Netball courts in Rutland

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### Demand

9.12 Current netball demand is met by both outdoor and indoor facilities in Rutland, with affiliated netball taking play outdoors at Oakham School and an unaffiliated league that utilises the indoor courts at Uppingham School.

9.13 The following provides an overview of netball in Rutland from a membership perspective, from 2018/19 to the latest affiliation data in 2021/22:

**Table 73: Rutland Netball Membership**

Local Authority	18/19	19/20	21/22
Rutland	144	138	92

9.14 Although membership numbers specifically in Rutland seem to be declining, all neighbouring authority membership figures are increasing which indicates displaced demand from Rutland to other areas such as Stamford and Corby. This in itself is not necessarily an issue and it evidences residents of Rutland are taking part in netball in highly concentrated areas, generally improving the overall experience. However, this also potentially indicates those without access to private transport may struggle to attend sessions if they are out of the County.

9.15 Table 74 details the facilities that are used for outdoor netball in Rutland and the demand in hours. There is a total demand of 3 hours of demand per week across the Study Area for outdoor courts. There is additional demand for indoor courts that is not reflected as part of this PPOSS.

**Table 74: Demand for Outdoor Netball in Rutland**

Site Name	Capacity for Netball Courts	Purpose	Weekly Demand
Oakham School	3 Courts	Friendly and training provision	Back to Netball: 1 hour per week Rutland County Netball League: 2 hours per week

9.16 All clubs with outdoor programmes and key netball stakeholders were invited to form part of the netball consultation. Table 75 shows a summary of the consultation with key netball stakeholders within Rutland:

**Table 75: Summary of the Demand Consultations from Netball Contacts in Rutland**

Club / Stakeholder	Feedback
Key Netball Contact	Stamford and Rutland Netball Club's main venue is Stamford Endowed School in South Kesteven, however there is one hour per week of usage of Oakham School outdoor courts for adult back to netball training. There is also some displaced demand that is catered for in Corby.



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Club / Stakeholder	Feedback
	<p>Catmose Sports Centre outdoor courts are unavailable for community use, and the Oakham School (indoor) is extremely busy and often unavailable due to demand on site.</p> <p>Charnwood Rutland NC are the largest club in the area, but most activity takes place in Leicester and at Ratcliffe College. The clubs activity in Rutland takes place indoors at Catmose College.</p> <p>There is a league at Uppingham School, however court hire is very expensive, and it is indoors. There is no community use of Uppingham Community College outdoor courts.</p>
Netball Coach England Netball – Back to Netball	<p>There is a lot of displaced demand from Rutland to Stamford in South Kesteven.</p> <p>There is very little provision for children and young people in Rutland, but around 15 teams in Stamford, suggesting further exported demand.</p> <p>The Rutland Netball League takes place indoors at Uppingham School Sports Centre, with approximately 15 teams playing indoors.</p> <p>Charnwood Rutland NC have a performance pathway which is based on the indoor courts at Catmose Sports Centre.</p> <p>Cost of facilities is a major issue, especially at the private schools.</p> <p>Children and young people’s netball activity should not be taking place outside, and the focus of England Netball should be on indoor courts.</p>
Rutland Netball League Contact	<p>Rutland County Netball League (RCNL) consists of 10 teams with approximately 10-15 players each, all participating on a Thursday evening for 2 hours at Oakham School outdoor netball courts.</p> <p>The league previously utilised Catmose College, however the courts were condemned for use, forcing the league to move sites. However the cost of Oakham School courts is significantly higher than the price that was paid at Castmose College.</p> <p>Many participants travel to Stamford, Corby and other areas outside of Rutland to access league and other competitive netball provision.</p>

### Future Demand

- 9.17 Future demand for outdoor netball is difficult to calculate, as it is often generated by the growth of indoor netball, which is not included as part of this PPOSS. Although indoor sports hall or activity hall provision is the preferred method of netball for many individuals and clubs, it is important to note that the cost of this, particularly at Uppingham School, is unaffordable for many causing accessibility issues for both new and existing players. Therefore, it is important that the outdoor provision is continued to be supported through facility development, initiatives such as walking netball and Back to Netball, as well as driving participation in affiliated leagues.

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9.18 However, demand for netball in Rutland is likely to increase. After the 2019 Netball World Cup in Liverpool, there was an increase of over 160,000 people participating in netball. Other programmes and initiative led by England Netball may also lead to an increase in participation such as NetballHer and those stated in section 9.4. The World Cup 2023, England’s Roses reached the final and it is hoped that netball participation will rise to similar figures demonstrated after the World Cup in England.

### Netball Summary

9.19 This section summarises the findings from the netball analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rutland.

9.20 Table 76 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPOSS studies across England, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

**Table 76: Key PPOSS Findings for Netball in Rutland**

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	Education owned sites provide almost all netball provision in the Study Area. The outdoor courts at Oakham School cater for 3 hours a week of netball activity from RCNL and Back to Netball. There is also an unaffiliated indoor league at Uppingham School.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	There is spare capacity on outdoor courts in the study area, with many sites being floodlit. According to users, some indoor sites are difficult to access due to demand from other sports and significant costs.  However,, there is a large amount of netball activity taking place on indoor courts in Rutland as well as a significant amount of exported demand, with many players travelling outside of Rutland to take part due to the concentrated leagues within Stamford and Corby
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	77% of courts in the study area are rated as good, all located at school sites. The remaining courts are rated standard quality at a community facility, Greetham and Casterton College. There are no courts rated as poor in Rutland.
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	There is currently no increase in future demand for outdoor netball courts in Rutland, however this may change based on recent success at the World Cup Indoor netball is preferred by all relevant parties and there is spare capacity on outdoor netball courts if demand grows.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	There is a lack of securely available sites in Rutland. Although all sites are available to the community, it should be noted that there is no long-term security of tenure at any site, likely because of the small usage on outdoor netball courts within the study area This should be monitored as part of Stage E to ensure there is an available supply of netball courts within Rutland.

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Key Question	Analysis
	<p>There is current and future capacity for outdoor netball within Rutland, due to the use of indoor courts and exported demand. Although anecdotally indoor courts are full, this should be explored within a Built Facilities Strategy and is not covered within this PPOSS</p> <p>If there is additional demand for outdoor netball in Rutland, the current facilities will be sufficient to fulfil the demand. This should be monitored throughout the Stage E PPOSS process.</p>

## 10 Bowls Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 10.1 Bowls England is responsible for the governance, administration and promotion of Flat Green Lawn Bowls in England. It was formed in 2008 following the unification of the English Bowling Association and the English Women's Bowling Association.
- 10.2 The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by Bowls England.
- 10.3 Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for bowls and considers:
- The supply of facilities and demand for these;
  - The adequacy of facilities in Rutland; and
  - Recommendations moving forwards.

### Strategic Plan – Fit For The Future 2021 - 2026

- 10.4 In August 2021 Bowls England launched their new Strategic Plan for the five-year period to 2026, with the aim for reaching 1 million bowls experiences per year. The key priorities to meet this target are:
- Building the brand of bowls – Increasing focus on international and top domestic bowls, and utilising opportunities such as Birmingham 2022 to achieve larger media coverage;
  - Ensuring the sport is truly accessible to all – by offering different formats of the game which suit all time constraints, as well as driving more people to clubs in new ways;
  - Creating positive playing experiences for everyone – whoever steps on the green, both casual and competitive players, as well as growing our events calendar and introducing a performance pathway;
  - Putting volunteers first – as the lifeblood of our sport, by increasing our support for clubs in order to empower them to thrive;
  - Leading the sport with purpose – by developing our governance structures, diversifying our revenue streams, and working collaboratively with all the sport's key stakeholders.

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#### Supply

- 10.5 The local authority owns 3 bowls sites in Rutland but all of it are managed by sports clubs. Of the remaining bowls provision (4 sites), three are owned and managed by clubs and one is owned by community association and managed a club. This highlights a lack of dependency upon local authority owned and managed sites. A breakdown of ownership and management can be found in Table 77.

**Table 77: Ownership and Management of Bowls Sites in Rutland**

Type	Ownership	Management
Local Authority	3	0
Sports Club	4	7
Community Association	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

- 10.6 Table 77 shows that there are currently 7 bowling greens in Rutland spread across 6 sites.
- 10.7 Of the total number of greens, 43% are of good quality, 43% are of standard quality and the remaining is considered to be poor quality by the non-technical assessment criteria.
- 10.8 Only Oakham Bowling Club is affiliated with Bowls England.
- 10.9 Full details of the sites can be found in Table 78.

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**Table 78: Bowls Sites in Rutland**

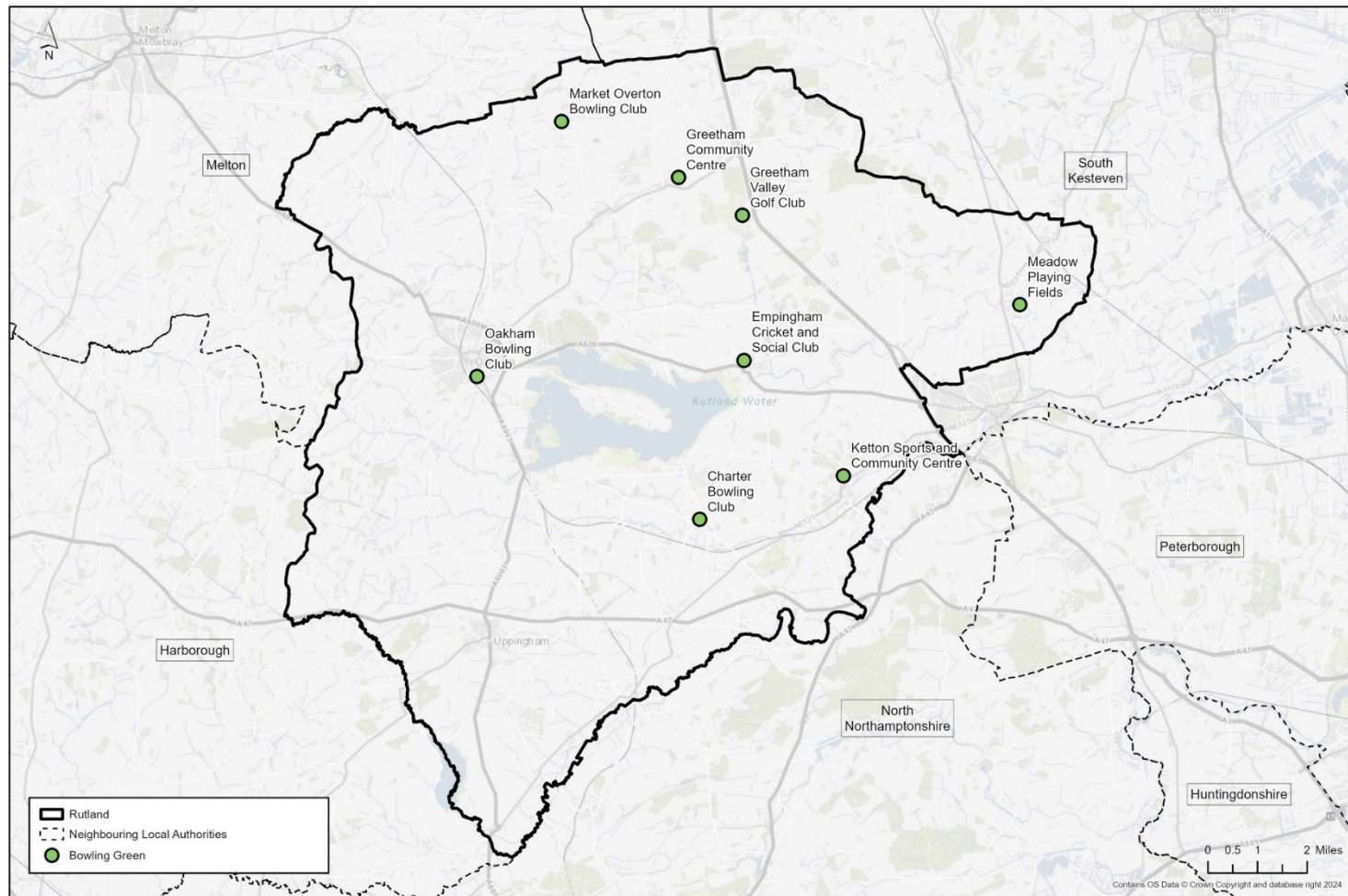
Site	Club Using Site	Bowls England Affiliated?	Ownership	Management	Security of Availability to Community	Greens	Rinks	Green Quality	Clubhouse Condition
Charter Bowling Club	Charter Bowls Club	No	Local Authority	Sports Club	Yes	1	4	Standard	Standard
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	Empingham Bowls Club	No	Sports Club	Sports Club	Yes	1	-	Standard	N/A
Greetham Community Centre	Greetham Bowls Club	No	Local Authority	Sports Club	Yes	1	4	Standard	Good
Greetham Valley Golf Club	Greetham Valley Bowls Club	No	Sports Club	Sports Club	Yes	1	-	Good	Standard
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Ketton Bowls Club	No	Sports Club	Sports Club	Yes	1	-	Good	Good
Market Overton Bowling Club	Market Overton Bowling Club	No	Sports Club	Sports Club	Yes	1	-	Good	Good
Meadow Playing Fields Stamford	Ryhall Bowls Club	No	Community Association	Community Association	No	1	5	Poor	Standard
Oakham Bowling Club	Oakham Bowling Club	Yes	Local Authority	Sports Club	Yes	1	6	Good	Good

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10.10 Map 9 shows the geographic location of outdoor bowling greens across the Study Area and presents the dispersion across Rutland.

**Map 9: Outdoor Bowling Greens Audit in Rutland**



**Bowling greens in Rutland**

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### Club and Site Consultation

10.11 Clubs were contacted by Strategic Leisure with the aim of informing the demand section of the study. Summaries of the information gathered during the Stage B process is provided in Table 79.

**Table 79: Selected Site and Club Consultation Summaries**

Site Name	Club	Consultation
Chater Bowling Club	Chater Bowls Club	Chater Bowls Club, located at Pinfold Lane in North Luffenham, Rutland, is a grassroots club that offers a leisure facility for the local community and surrounding villages. The club has obtained a lease for a four-rink green from the North Luffenham Parish Council. Currently, the club comprises 27 members, and there are no plans to expand the membership in the foreseeable future. The ancillary facilities provided by the club are of standard quality, and there are no current plans for further development or improvement of these facilities.
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	Empingham Bowls Club	One standard quality non-floodlit grass green with no access to ancillary facilities. Empingham Bowls Club has a long-term lease agreement in place. The club has undertaken the work to improve the quality of the green however, lack of funds has restricted its enhancements. The club has 25 registered members and has the capacity to accommodate additional members. The club has aspirations to increase this number by 1-10.
Greetham Community Centre	Greetham Bowls Club	The local authority owned site features one standard quality outdoor green. Additionally, in the Greetham Community Centre main hall, two standard quality artificial greens are available for indoor use during the winter months. Greetham Bowls Club located here has 32 members with aspirations to increase 11-20 members in the next five years. The club's ancillary facilities are deemed to be in good condition. However, two patio areas that were established in 1984 require significant improvements to mitigate potential hazards. The club is actively seeking funding to address these issues. During the lockdown period, the club's finances suffered, and they were unable to secure any grants for maintenance and upkeep during those two years. However, the club is gradually recovering and working towards building funds for an upcoming maintenance program.
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Ketton Bowls Club	Ketton Sports and Community Centre, located in Pit Lane, is home to a good quality bowling green that is co-located alongside cricket, football, and tennis facilities. Ketton Bowls Club use this bowling green in addition to having access to good quality ancillary facilities.
Market Overton Bowling Club	Market Overton Bowling Club	One high quality grass green with excellent maintenance program. The site has been inducted as a 'Designated Green Space' by Market Overton Parish Council in 2020. The club has 54 full members and 35 associate members. The club would like to increase 1-10 more members in the next five-year cycle. Overall ancillary facilities are of high quality too which includes changing rooms, toilets, kitchen and a bar. The club also has disability access i.e. ramps and steps to greens and has received grants to cover wheelchair and various bowling aids. The club is continuously looking to develop and upgrade the facilities especially as it is an old building. A new floor covering was installed recently due to a flooding incident.



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Site Name	Club	Consultation
Meadow Playing Fields Stamford	Ryhall Bowls Club	The site is located adjacent to Parkfield Road in Ryhall. There is one poor quality green with five rinks alongside two tennis courts. The site has been rented by Ryhall Bowls Club however, there is no written lease. Currently, the club has 21 members with the membership likely to increase in the next five years. There is standard ancillary facility available that includes brick-built pavilion with patio, changing rooms, toilets and kitchen. The club has development plans in place to improve irrigation, wall bordering the green and replace the mower and green equipment. The club is seeking funding to enhance the existing facility.
Oakham Bowling Club	Oakham Bowling Club	Oakham Bowling Club has one good quality grass green rented from Oakham Town Council. There 86 registered members with potential to increase the membership number by 11-20 members in the upcoming five years. There is good quality ancillary facility on-site.

### Demand for Outdoor Bowls Facilities

10.12 This section summarises the level of demand for bowls in Rutland. Table 80 shows the demand for bowls in terms of the number of clubs assigned to each site.

**Table 80: Club Demand on Each Site**

Club Name	Affiliated to Bowls England / British Crown Green Bowling Association	Home Site	Members
Chater Bowling Club	No	Chater Bowling Club	27
Empingham Bowls Club	No	Empingham Cricket and Social Club	25
Greetham Bowls Club	No	Greetham Community Centre	32
Greetham Valley Bowls Club	No	Greetham Valley Golf Club	
Ketton Bowls Club	No	Ketton Sports and Community Centre	
Market Overton Bowling Club	No	Market Overton Bowling Club	89
Ryhall Bowls Club	No	Meadow Playing Fields Stamford	21
Oakham Bowling Club	Yes	Oakham Bowling Club	86
		<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>

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- 10.13 Table 80 shows that there are 280 members of bowling clubs in the study area with the most used site being Market Overton Bowling Club with 89 members, followed closely by Oakham Bowling Club with 86.
- 10.14 The Sport England Active Lives Survey results from May 2020-21 show that 0.2% of the population aged 16 or over in the East Midlands (the smallest area relating to the Rutland for which there is data available) play 'crown green' bowls at least once per year.
- 10.15 The Sport England Active Lives Survey results from May 2020-21 also indicates that 0.6% of the population aged 16 or over in the East Midlands and 0.9% of the population aged 16 or over in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland AP participated in 'flat green bowls' at least once per year.
- 10.16 ONS' subnational population projections estimate the population of residents in Rutland aged 16 or over to be 33,249. If the participation figures for the East Midlands region (0.2% Crown Green and 0.6% Flat Green) are applied to this population figure, then it can be said that 66 people play crown green bowls at least once per year in Rutland. 199 people are predicted to participate in flat green bowls at least once per year. This leaves a total of 265 people playing either form of the game at least once per year.

#### **Future Demand**

- 10.17 Using 265 as the number of people playing bowls at least once per year in Rutland and future projections of the Study Area's population (38,251 over 16's by 2041), we can calculate potential future demand for the sport. The future population is due to grow by 15.04% which, assuming current levels of participation remain constant, equates to an additional demand of 40 people.
- 10.18 Due to the fact that during consultation, most clubs highlighted that there was capacity for, and they would welcome new members, we can assume that the demand for an additional 40 participants can be met by existing bowls provision.
- 10.19 This latter point needs to be caveated as the population calculation used data from those who played bowls at least once per year, so they are not necessarily members of affiliated bowls clubs.

#### **Bowls Summary**

- 10.20 This section summarises the findings from the bowls analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rutland.
- 10.21 Table 81 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPOSS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

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**Table 81: Key PPOSS Findings for Bowls in Rutland**

<b>Key Question</b>	<b>Analysis</b>
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	There are currently 8 sites across Rutland with 8 greens. There are 8 clubs in the Study Area with a total estimated membership of 280 players.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	7 out of the 8 sites in the study area are secured for community use. 5 clubs operating at the greens barring Chater Bowls Club and Ketton Bowls Club highlight through consultation and online presence that new members/participants would be welcome. This suggests that 5 of the 7 greens have some spare capacity.
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	Of the 8 available sites, 4 were rated as good quality, 3 were rated as standard and 1 rated as poor. Maintenance of the greens owned by sports clubs and local authority is good to standard. The green at Meadow Playing Fields Stamford is maintained by the club using antiquated equipment therefore is not up to the standard. The club is looking to generate funds by applying for lottery grants to improve the maintenance program.
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	Future population projections indicate a potential of 40 additional players by 2041 from 265 to 305 players. Any future growth in demand can be satisfied with the current green stock and is likely to have little impact on the supply and demand balance in the study area.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	The potential increase in demand of 40 participants or 15.04% increase in line with the population growth by 2041 will be met by the current green and club supply.

## 11 Athletics Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

11.1. England Athletics have three key facilities priorities as outlined below:

- Priority One – Ensure that the allocation of resources to new and existing track and field facilities is prioritised to those that have the greatest potential to impact positively on general participation, club membership growth and retention, and improved personal performance. To support this priority England Athletics will:
- Priority Two - Actively encourage athletics and running facilities to be used to their fullest possible extent by the sport and by all sections of the community to maximise viability. To support this priority England Athletics will:
- Priority Three - Encourage innovative approaches to the location and design of facilities for individual components of the sport to increase reach and create sustainability and viability. To support this priority England Athletics will:

11.2. Table 82 highlights how England Athletics will aim to support these priorities.

**Table 82: England Athletics Key Priorities**

Priority One	Priority Two	Priority Three
Encourage all tracks to seek accreditation through TrackMark	Support athletics clubs in discussions with facility operators and local authorities over the use of the track infield for other pitch sports and collate examples of good practice and design guidance	Expect all new and refurbished floodlight schemes to deliver a minimum of 100lux across the whole of the track and the infield.
Help venues to identify the level in the Hierarchy of Facilities that is most appropriate for them and support clubs and operators seeking to raise funding to maintain facilities at that level.	Support clubs and groups to ensure the facilities they use for athletics activity are accessible to all.	Support clubs in exploring options for improved environmental sustainability and will share examples of good practice.
Prioritise new track and field facilities within multi-sport hubs.	Help clubs to develop a strong partnership with facility owners/operators and will share examples of good practice.	Support the development of MiniTracks / Compact athletics facilities where there is a viable business case based
Seek to be actively involved in the development of local planning policies wherever possible.	Provide advice and guidance to clubs actively pursuing an asset transfer.	Consider supporting facility innovations involving non-standard track shapes, designs and uses providing they are backed by a sound business case
	Help athletics and running clubs to become more professional and sustainable in how they operate.	

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Priority One	Priority Two	Priority Three
Support new 200m indoor tracks and indoor athletics training facilities where there is a proven demand and a clear geographical gap in supply.	Encourage new partnerships between athletics clubs and schools that have available indoor facilities.	<p>Continue to lobby bodies with an influence over urban design, to ensure that the needs of runners are considered alongside those of cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>Continue to lobby for the free use of public parks and open spaces by runners and voluntary running groups.</p> <p>Assist road running clubs that are looking for somewhere to meet, by introducing them to sports clubs in their area that have suitable facilities.</p>

### Supply

- 11.3. There are no purpose-built outdoor or indoor athletic facilities in the Rutland County Council area. Oakham School temporarily mark out a 400m track on their grass playing field for a several weeks during the summer months, however this caters for very little community use.
- 11.4. England Athletics have identified Rutland as a priority area for facility development, in particular for a New:Gen track or mini-track located in central Rutland.
- 11.5. England Athletics has a recommended drive time of 20 minutes for people to access synthetic track provision. Although some of south Rutland and Uppingham is within the catchment area for the track at Rockingham Triangle in Corby, much of the study area is not covered by athletic provision.
- 11.6. In regard to competitive athletic facilities, England Athletics specify a 40-minute drive time to access provision. The need for competitive facilities Rutland is met by appropriate tracks at Saffron Lane (Leicester), Rockingham Triangle (Corby) and The Paula Radcliffe Stadium in Loughborough.

### Demand

- 11.7. There are two athletics clubs in the study area; Rutland Athletics Club and Rutland Running and Triathlon Club.

**Table 83: Affiliated Athletics Clubs in Rutland**

Club Name	Category	Number of Athletes	Comments
Rutland Athletics Club	Awaiting engagement	Awaiting engagement	Awaiting engagement

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Club Name	Category	Number of Athletes	Comments
Rutland Running and Tri Club	Off track only	100 members	<p>The club consist of mainly road runners and ultra-marathon runners, ranging from beginners to competitive athletes. Although the club are mostly social, they do participate in some formal races.</p> <p>The club use the roads around Oakham for training, as well as other informal areas such as a trim trail around a housing estate when possible. They do occasionally use the grass track at Oakham School, however this is only available for a few weeks each summer.</p> <p>The club have aspirations to sustainably grow the number of people participating in running and athletics and although this growth will focus on beginners, they aim to cater for a wide range of abilities.</p> <p>The priority for facility development, from the club's perspective is to keep Catmose Sports Centre available for community use. The indoor sports hall is invaluable to support winter training from a range of sports. As this is uncertain, the club suggest that any facility development needs to support athletics clubs in the winter. Floodlit trim trails or other formal, lit, facilities would be useful.</p>

- 11.8. There are a number of athletics clubs in the areas surrounding Rutland, which through consultation have been highlighted as catering for some exported demand from the study area. This exported demand is likely caused by a lack of facilities in Rutland, and the development of appropriate provision may result in some of this demand returning to the area.

### Future Supply and Demand

- 11.9. As previously mentioned, Rutland has been identified as one of 50 priority areas for the development of a New:Gen athletic facility. New:Gen facilities aim to provide affordable, accessible, innovative and inspiring spaces that reflect the changing needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century population and encourage people of all ages to run, jump and throw. Table 84 provides an overview of currently available New:Gen facility options.

**Table 84: Overview of New:Gen facilities**

New:Gen Facility Type	What	Where	Who	Why
Play Track	Visually animated hard standing areas	School playgrounds, parks and play areas	Children aged 4-11	Affordable, encourages participation through challenging environments, promotes independent learning and skill development

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New:Gen Facility Type	What	Where	Who	Why
<b>Compact Track</b>	Affordable entry athletic facility e.g sprint straight, multiple long jump runways and landing pit, throwing areas.	School/education settings (KS1-4), community club settings	Children 4-16 and the wider community (local athletic and running clubs, outdoor exercise classes)	Affordable, effective use of space, compliments existing provision, helps deliver fundamental movement skills, accessible environment
<b>Mini Track</b>	Synthetic oval track (min 100m – max 200m), floodlit, with a flexible in-field	School and community settings	Young people and adults taking their first steps into athletics	Financially viable, multi-sport, year round usage, age appropriate.
<b>Active Track</b>	All-weather perimeter fitness trail, multi-use (walking, jogging, running and cycling), length of track tailored to the space, low-level solar lighting.	Parks and open spaces	A facility for everyone	Affordable, fully accessible, encourages community and family activity, flexible design, environmentally sympathetic.

11.10. Although the need for, specifics and impact of any new development will be explored at Stage D of this PPOSS, England Athletics have identified central Rutland as a potential area for development.

11.11. Any new development should contribute towards meeting the needs of the community, education establishments and athletic clubs. The location of any potential site is key is determining accessibility in terms of geographical location and community access. Uppingham School has been highlighted as a potential location for the development of new provision, however if this is to provide for the community, then secure agreements must be put in place to ensure the facility can deliver for all in Rutland.

### Athletics Summary

11.12. This section summarises the findings from the athletics analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rutland.

11.13. Table 85 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPOSS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

**Table 85: Key PPOSS Findings for Athletics in Rutland**

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	There are currently no athletics facilities in the study area.

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Key Question	Analysis
	There are 2 athletic clubs, Rutland AC and Rutland Running and Tri Club, who are active within Rutland. However because of the lack of provision, there is a large amount of exported demand.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	There is a lack of provision in Rutland, with only a small part of the study area covered by England Athletics' 20 minute drive time recommendation.
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	There is no athletic facility provision in the study area.
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	England Athletics have identified Rutland as a priority area for the development of a New:Gen track. It is expected that any new facility will result in some of the exported demand returning to the study area.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	As there is no current facility provision, further development is needed to cater for current and future demand.



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## 1. Headline findings of the evidence base for each sport

- 1.1. Table 1 highlights the quantitative headline shortfalls for the main pitch sports across Rutland. The qualitative findings and site-specific findings are identified in the individual sections of this report.

**Table 1: Headline Findings - Rutland Shortfalls in Demand Football Grass Pitches, 3G AGP, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby League & Rugby Union**

Sport	Current demand		Future Demand 2041		
	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision – Population Growth only	Shortfall in Provision – Including latent demand
<b>Football 3G AGPs</b>	Rutland	No current shortfall	Rutland	No shortfall	-0.3
<b>Football Grass Pitches (Adult 11 v 11)</b>	Rutland	No current shortfall (1 MES spare capacity)	Rutland	No shortfall (1 MES spare capacity)	No current shortfall (0 MES spare capacity)
<b>Football Grass Pitches (Youth 11 v 11)</b>	Rutland	No current shortfall (2 MES spare capacity)	Rutland	No shortfall (1.5 MES spare capacity) – Population growth only	No shortfall (0.5 MES spare capacity) – Population growth only
<b>Youth 9v9</b>	Rutland	No current shortfall (1 MES spare capacity)	Rutland	No shortfall (1 MES spare capacity)	-0.5 MES
<b>Youth 7v7</b>	Rutland	-4 MES	Rutland	-4 MES	-5.5 MES
<b>Youth 5v5</b>	Rutland	-5 MES	Rutland	-5 MES	-5.5 MES
<b>Hockey (Sand AGPs)</b>	Rutland	No current shortfall	Rutland	No shortfall	No shortfall
<b>Rugby Union (Grass)</b>	Rutland	Training – no current shortfall (1 MES spare) Matchplay – no current shortfall (2.5 MES spare)	Rutland		Training – -2 MES Matchplay - no current shortfall 0 MES spare)
<b>Cricket (adult)</b>	Rutland	-48 MPS	Rutland		-164 MPS

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- 1.2. To develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, several relevant scenarios are tested against the key issues in this section for each playing pitch sport.

### Football – AGP 3G Summary key issues

- There is no current deficit 3G pitches in Rutland for affiliated football teams.
- To cater for future demand, including latent demand predictions, a further 0.3 full size equivalent 3G AGPs should be considered.

### Current 3G Pitch Provision

- 1.3. Table 2 below highlights the current 3G AGP provision in Rutland.
- 1.4. There is currently one full size 3G AGP in Rutland, located at Uppingham Community College, which is available to the community. Although consultation suggests that there is spare capacity on the site, the pitch is not easily accessible to many in the county and is closed on Sundays.
- 1.5. There are no World Rugby Compliant 3G pitches in Rutland, and therefore cannot cater for any formal rugby activity.

**Table 2: Summary of all current 3G AGP provision in Rutland**

Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Pitch Dimensions (m)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Available	Secure	3G	Expired	No	Full	66x100	2020	Yes	Good



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**Table 3: Current and future total demand for 3G AGP (Football) across Rutland**

	Current Number of Teams	Full Size 3G AGP required (1:38)	Existing Available Full Size 3G AGPs	Current Shortfall	Future Number of Teams – Population Growth	Future Shortfall – Population Growth	Future Number of Teams – Latent Demand	Future Shortfall – Latent Demand
Rutland	38	1	1	0	1	0	11	-0.3

- 1.6. Table 3 above highlights the current and future shortfalls of full size 3G AGP pitches in Rutland. There is currently one full size 3G AGP in Rutland. When applying the 1:38 team ratio for full size provision, there is no current shortfall. However, as highlighted in the Stage C analysis there are accessibility issues for teams in regard to 3G provision.
- 1.7. By 2041, there is expected to be a shortfall of -0.3 3G pitches in Rutland, due to latent demand.
- 1.8. Based on the summary above, the following scenarios will be considered within this section of the report:
- **3G AGP scenarios:**
    1. The impact on 7v7 and 5v5 football of increasing community access to Uppingham Community College 3G, to include Sundays.
    2. The impact on football of LFFP identified development – 7v7 3G located in Oakham.
    3. The impact of Uppingham Community College 3G not returning to the FA 3G Pitch Register

### Scenario 1 – The impact on 7v7 and 5v5 football of increasing community access to Uppingham Community College

- 1.9. This scenario will separately explore the impact mini 7v7 and 5v5 football if teams could utilise the 3G pitch at Uppingham Community College for match play on Sundays. It will first identify how many teams the pitch could cater for, before highlighting the impact on grass pitches if this demand was removed.

**Table 4: Full size 3G pitches required for transfer of all Mini and Junior 9v9 football demand.**

Format	No. of teams at peak time	No. of matches at peak time	3G units per match	Total units required formats	3G pitches required
	(x)	(y) = x/2	(z)	(A)=(y)*(z)	B= (A)/64
Mini Soccer 5V5	4	2	4	8	0.1
Mini Soccer 7V7	6	3	8	24	0.4
<b>Total</b>					<b>0.5</b>

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1.10. Table 4 demonstrates that, on the basis that both formats can be played on one day using staggered kick off times, all 5v5 and 7v7 football could be accommodated on Sunday's at Uppingham Community College.

1.11. Table 5 below shows the current and projected future capacity position for 5v5 football in Rutland.

**Table 5: Mini 5v5 Supply and Demand Analysis. All Figures in MES**

Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Additional Future demand – Including latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand	Match Play Demand to be Met By 3G	Updated Current Capacity	Updated Future Capacity
2	-7	-5	0.5	-5.5	2	-3	-3.5

1.12. There are currently 4 5v5 teams in Rutland, generating a demand for 2 MES per week. If this demand was removed from grass pitches, the current deficit would be reduced to -3 MES and the future deficit (including latent demand) would reduce to -3.5 MES.

1.13. However, the current deficits are created by a large demand for training by One Touch Football at Meadow Playing Fields. There would be a more significant impact on grass pitch capacity if all 5v5 training demand was to be moved to 3G provision.

1.14. Table 6 below shows the current and projected future capacity position for 7v7 football in Rutland.

**Table 6: Mini 7v7 Supply and Demand Analysis. All Figures in MES**

Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Additional Future demand – Including latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand	Match Play Demand to be Met By 3G	Updated Current Capacity	Updated Future Capacity
1	-5	-4	1.5	-5.5	3	-1	-2.5

1.15. Rutland is home to 6 7v7 teams, which create a demand for 3 MES per week. By removing this demand from grass pitches, the current deficit would be reduced to -1 MES and the future deficit (including latent demand) would reduce to -2.5 MES.

1.16. Like the 5v5 format however, the current deficit is created by training demand from Ketton FC. Relocating this training demand to 3G would eradicate all deficit of 7v7 pitches in Rutland.

**Scenario 2 – The impact on football of the LFFP identified development – 7v7 3G in Oakham.**

- 1.17. This scenario analyses the need for development of additional 7v7 3G pitch that is identified in the Rutland Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP). The LFFP suggests Oakham as a location but does not specify a site.
- 1.18. The development of additional 3G pitches should work towards alleviating the shortfall for training Monday – Friday and then consider match play on a Saturday and Sunday, as well as providing recreational and informal opportunities. All of these programmes support the sustainability of the pitches and provide relevant income needed for an appropriate sink fund for pitch refurbishments after 10 years.
- 1.19. As shown in table 3 above, although theoretically there is no current shortfall and only -0.3 of future shortfall based on the 1:38 model, there are deficits in 7v7 and 5v5 grass provision, and clubs have highlighted issues in accessing the existing 3G provision. This suggests that because some teams cannot access AGP provision, they are forced to play and train on grass pitches that are not of good enough quality to meet that level of demand. Access to additional 3G pitches would improve grass pitches and provide a better experience for 5v5 and 7v7 teams.
- 1.20. Table 7 outlines the proposed Oakham development.

**Table 7: 3G AGP developments identified in the Rutland LFFP**

Site	Size	Community Use available in hours	Clubs currently using this facility	Proportion of teams that can use facility	Number of teams potentially serviced by this facility
Oakham	7v7	34	0 (new)	35%	15

- 1.21. As highlighted in table 3, due to population growth and latent demand, there will be 12 teams unable to access 3G provision, creating a future deficit of 0.3 full size equivalent 3G pitches. Table 7 demonstrates that the development of a 7v7 3G in Oakham would be able to cater for this future demand.
- 1.22. As also suggested in scenario 1, the deficit of grass 7v7 and 5v5 provision is a result of large amounts of training demand for those pitch types at Ketton Sports and Social Club and Meadow Playing Fields. Removing training demand from these grass pitches would result in the current deficit being eradicated.
- 1.23. Rutland County Council need to establish the most appropriate site for the additional 3G pitch development in the area. The location of any new 3G development should be decided by further work at Stage E of this PPS and informed by insight from partner clubs, the FF and FA.

**Scenario 3 – The impact of Uppingham Community College 3G not returning to the FA 3G pitch register.**

- 1.24. The FA 3G pitch register ensures that all 3G AGPs that are used to meet affiliated football demand, are of appropriate quality, have been installed correctly and provide a safe playing environment for all ages.
- 1.25. If a pitch is to be used for match play or training for affiliated football, it must meet a number of technical and safety standards, the level of which depends on the standard of football the pitch is used for. More information on specific standards can be found at <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register#faqs-section>.
- 1.26. As highlighted in table 2, Uppingham Community College 3Gs registration has expired. If the pitch does not return to the register, it cannot meet affiliated football demand, resulting in an increased deficit of 3G pitch provision both now and in the future. There would be a current deficit of 1 full size 3G AGP, increasing to 1.3 by 2041. As the pitch is the only 3G of any size currently in the study area, no teams would have any access to 3G pitch provision, resulting in additional exported demand, further deficits of provision in neighbouring authorities and higher levels of overplay on grass pitches.

**3G Pitch Recommendations**

1. Protect the existing stock of 3G pitches, ensuring community use is kept.
2. Secure additional community use on Sundays of the 3G pitch at Uppingham Community College
3. Develop the 7v7 3G AGP that is highlighted in the Rutland LFFP, or similar facility elsewhere in the study area (e.g. Ketton)
4. Ensure that Uppingham Community College meets FA standards and is included on the FA 3G pitch register.
5. Ensure that any new 3G pitches are constructed to meet FA/RFU/RFL recommended dimensions that are appropriate for that sport and the appropriate quality performance standards that meet the performance testing criteria.
6. Ensure that any new 3G pitches have community use agreements in place, particularly those at education sites
7. Ensure all 3G pitch providers put in place a sinking fund to meet the cost of carpet and sports lighting replacement/refurbishment to ensure long-term pitch sustainability
8. Where any housing/building development is of a size to justify S106/CIL monies, consider contributions for the 3G AGP development

9. It must be noted that this PPS uses 2022-2023 season affiliation data, that includes 38 teams in Rutland. However, the number of teams has increased in 2023/2024 to 54, suggesting that any deficits will have increased and any spare capacity may have been reduced or lost. The effects of this team number increase should be considered in as part of Stage E.

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### Football – Grass Pitch Summary Key Issues

- There are 31 grass football pitches across 12 sites that are available for community use.
- 71% of pitches in Rutland provide secured community use access (i.e., pitches owned or leased by local authorities or clubs/associations). 29% pitches are unsecured community use pitches.
- Westray Park aspire to improve their pitch quality and have a FA/FF approved maintenance schedules in place through the support of Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund, which requires regular PitchPower submissions.
- Tods Piece and Rutland Showground aspire to improve their pitch quality and have a PitchPower report completed in March 2021 and July 2021 respectively. These reports need to be updated before they are eligible for Football Foundation funding through the Grass Pitch Maintenance fund.
- A number of clubs, including Royce Rangers, One Touch Football, Uppingham Town and Cottesmore AFC, have highlighted short term lease agreements as key barriers to future growth and development on and off the pitch.
- 38 teams from 6 clubs are identified as playing within Rutland. This consists of 12 adult men's, 2 adult women's, 8 youth 11v11 boys', 6 junior boys' 9v9 teams, 6 7v7 and mini soccer teams and 4 5v5 mini soccer teams. There is demand across all age groups of football across Rutland.
- Spare peak time capacity across Rutland totals 7 match equivalent sessions per week, across all pitch types. However, there are currently shortfalls of -4 MES for both 7v7 and 5v5 pitches.

- By 2041, there will be an increased demand for an extra 6 MES due to latent demand and population growth, although nearly all of this is generated by latent demand predictions. This will result in a future total deficit of -11.5 MES per week across all pitch types in Rutland. However, this deficit is generated by significant training demand on the 7v7 pitch at Ketton Sports and Community Centre and the 5v5 at Meadow Playing Field. Only youth 11v11 pitches will still have spare capacity by 2041.
- Although many of the sites used for community football have good quality ancillary facilities, Meadow Playing Fields and Ridlington and Belton CC are of poor quality. This is a particular issue at Meadow Playing Fields due to the large number of teams based here.

1.27. Based on the summary above, the following scenarios will be considered within this section of the report:

- **Football, grass pitch scenarios:**

1. The impact of improving all poor-quality grass pitches to a good standard
2. The change to grass and 3G capacity if Blackstone Juniors and Stamford Lions merge and relocate to Ketton Sports and Social Club

**Scenario 4 – The impact of improving all poor-quality grass pitches to a good standard.**

1.28. This scenario explores the impact on capacity of improving all grass football pitches that are of poor quality, to a good standard.

1.29. Table 8 highlights the carrying capacity of each pitch type dependent on quality.

**Table 8: Carrying Capacity per Pitch Type. All Figures in MES**

Quality score	Adult football	Youth football	Mini soccer
Good (80-100%)	3	4	6
Standard (50-79.9%)	2	2	4
Poor (0-49.9%)	1	1	2

1.30. Table 9 below outlines the changes in carrying capacity to grass pitches if all were improved by one quality increment. It also demonstrates the impact these changes would have on both weekly and peak period balances.

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**Table 9: Rutland – Pitch Quality Improvements**

Site name	Availability	Security of Use	Pitch supply	Current Pitch Quality Rating	Current Pitch capacity MES	Current Pitch demand MES	Improved Pitch Capacity	New Balance Weekly	New Peak period
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Available	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	1.5	3	1.5	1
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	Available	Secure	1x 7v7	Poor	2	7	6	-1	No spare capacity
Meadow Playing Fields	Available	Secure	1x 5v5	Poor	2	9	6	-3	No spare capacity
Ridlington and Belton CC	Available	Unsecure	1x 5v5	Poor	2	0	6	6	0 - Unsecure
Wakerley and Barrowden CC	Available	Unsecure	1x 9v9	Poor	1	0	4	4	0 - Unsecure

1.31. Tables 10 below show the impact of improving the quality of grass pitches on the overall balance, by pitch type.

**Table 10: Supply and Demand Analysis – Improved pitch quality ratings – All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Updated Actual Spare capacity (Peak) MES	Updated Total overplay	Existing Position	Updated Position	Future Demand – Population Growth	Future Demand Latent Demand	Existing Future Position	Updated Future position
Adult 11v11	2	0	0.5	2	0	1	-0.5	1
Youth 11v11	2	0	2	2	0.5	1	0.5	0.5
9v9	1	0	1	1	0	1.5	0.5	-0.5
7v7	1	-1	-4	0	0	1.5	-5.5	-1.5
5v5	2	-3	-5	-1	0	0.5	-5.5	-1.5

1.32. Table 10 shows that improving the standard of poor-quality pitches to a good standard will only create additional spare capacity on adult 11v11 pitches. Although the deficits on 7v7 and 5v5 pitches are reduced, there is no extra capacity created for further growth of the game. There is no impact on youth 11v11 or 9v9 pitches.

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- 1.33. However, if security of tenure was secured at Ridlington and Belton CC and Wakerley and Barrowden CC, then an additional 1 MES of peak time capacity could be added to 9v9 and 7v7 pitches.

### Scenario 5 – The impact to 3G and grass pitch provision of Blackstones FC and Stamford Lions relocated to Rutland.

- 1.34. Blackstones FC, Stamford Lions and Ketton FC have had preliminary discussions about the merging of clubs and the use of Ketton Sports and Community Centre as their home ground. This scenario will explore the impact on grass and 3G pitch capacity in Rutland if these plans were to be realised.
- 1.35. Table 11 highlights the number of teams that the merged club would have, by age category.

**Table 11: Merged Club Team Numbers**

Club	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	Total No. Teams
Blackstones	1	2	4	4	5	16
Stamford Lions	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ketton FC	3	1	0	0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>

- 1.36. Table 12 shows the pitch supply at Ketton Sports and Community Centre. There is one poor quality adult 11v11 pitch, one standard quality youth 11v11 pitch and one poor quality mini 7v7 pitch. There is floodlighting on the 7v7 pitch, therefore all the current clubs training (7 MES per week) takes place here.

**Table 12: Pitch Supply – Ketton Sports and Community Centre**

Rutland	Adult Pitches			Youth 11v11 Pitches			Youth 9v9 Pitches			Mini 7v7			Mini 5v5		
	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
Ketton Sports and Community Centre			1		1							1			



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1.37. Table 13 demonstrates the impact of the additional imported demand on the grass pitches at Ketton FC.

**Table 13: Capacity Analysis for Grass Football Pitches at Ketton Sports and Community Centre**

Site name	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	3	-2	No spare capacity
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	3.5	-1.5	No spare capacity
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	1x 7v7	Poor	2	11.5	-9.5	No spare capacity

1.38. The existing deficit of -0.5 on the adult 11v11 pitch would increase to -2 MES per week. The current spare capacity on the youth 11v11 pitch would be lost and a deficit of -1.5 MES created. The already significant deficit of -5 MES due to training demand on the 7v7, would also increase significantly to -9.5 MES per week. There has been no additional training demand factored into this capacity analysis due to the overplaying of pitches and the PPS would require a greater understanding of the new, merged clubs needs.

1.39. Table 14 shows the impact of this potential imported demand on Rutland-wide capacity positions for individual pitch types.

**Table 14: Updated Supply and Demand Analysis – Imported Demand – All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Updated Actual Spare capacity (Peak) MES	Updated Total overplay	Existing Position	Updated Position	Future Demand – Population Growth	Future Demand Latent Demand	Existing Future Position	Updated Future position
Adult 11v11	1	-2	0.5	-1	0	1	-0.5	-2
Youth 11v11	1	-1.5	2	-0.5	0.5	1	0.5	-2
9v9	1	0	1	1	0	1.5	-0.5	-0.5
7v7	1	-9.5	-4	-8.5	0	1.5	-5.5	-10
5v5	2	-7	-5	-5	0	0.5	-5.5	-5.5

1.40. It is clear that the importing of demand from Blackstones and Stamford Lions, will worsen the county-wide positions for adult 11v11, youth 11v11 and 7v7 pitches. The spare capacity across Rutland on adult and youth 11v11 pitches will be lost, and there will be small current and future deficits. The already large deficit of 7v7 pitches will be significantly worsened to -8.5 MES currently and -10 MES by 2041.

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- 1.41. When considering 3G capacity, the imported demand will also have an impact. Currently there is no deficit of 3G provision in Rutland, but due to population growth and latent demand there is expected to be a need for 0.3 full size equivalent 3G pitches by 2041. Table 15 below shows the impact of the additional 2 clubs relocated into the study area.

**Table 15: Updated 3G AGP Supply and Demand Analysis – Imported Demand**

	Updated Number of Teams	Full Size 3G AGP required (1:38)	Existing Available Full Size 3G AGPs	Current Shortfall	Future Number of Teams – Population Growth	Future Number of Teams – Latent Demand	Future Shortfall – Latent Demand
Rutland	56	1.5	1	-0.5	1	11	-0.8

- 1.42. Table 15 demonstrates that the additional demand will generate the need for a further 0.5 full size equivalent 3G pitch. This demand is likely to increase to 0.8 by 2041. If the merging of the Ketton FC, Blackstones and Stamford Lions occurs, Ketton Sports and Community Centre could be identified as a potential site to satisfy this demand, as the majority of the deficit will be created by the new club.
- 1.43. Rutland County Council need to establish the most appropriate site for the additional 3G pitch development in the area. The location of any new 3G development should be decided by further work at Stage E of this PPS and informed by insight from partner clubs, the FF and FA

### Football Recommendations

1. Protect existing quantity of pitches (unless replacement provision is agreed upon and provided), in line with paragraph 103 of the NPPF and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy.
2. Improve the quality of grass playing pitches, with a focus on Ketton Sports and Community Centre, Meadow Playing Fields, Wakerley and Barrowden CC and Ridlington and Belton CC. Prioritise investment and review maintenance regimes using PitchPower to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain use and improve quality to a 'good' standard.
3. Monitor the merging of Ketton FC, Blackstones and Stamford Lions and consider the implications of additional demand being brought to the area.
4. Provide security of tenure for clubs using unsecured sites through the development of community use agreements wherever possible.
5. Any future large housing development should assess the need for new grass pitch provision to reduce the worsening of future shortfalls.

- 6. Improve ancillary facilities where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer, particularly for women and girls. A particular focus should be on Meadow Playing Fields, where the current facilities are rated as poor.
- 7. It must be noted that this PPS uses 2022-2023 season affiliation data, that includes 38 teams in Rutland. However, the number of teams has increased in 2023/2024 to 54, suggesting that any deficits will have increased and any spare capacity may have been reduced or lost. The effects of this team number increase should be considered in as part of Stage E.

## 2. Rutland County Council PPS – Cricket Stage D Findings

- 2.1. To help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, several relevant scenario questions are tested against the key issues in this section for each playing pitch sport, resulting in sport specific recommendations.

### Cricket – Grass Pitch Summary key issues

- There is a total of 24 pitches across 16 sites in Rutland, comprising of 155 grass wickets and 4 artificial wickets. However, only 40% of sites are accessible by the community. The majority of grass wickets are located on inaccessible, private education sites.
- There is one local authority owned cricket site in Rutland.
- There are 8 cricket clubs in Rutland, compromised of 47 teams.
- There is a current deficit of -48 MPS in Rutland. New population growth, latent demand expectations and the growth of women's and girls' cricket will lead to an expected shortfall of -164 MPS BY 2041

- 2.2. Based on the summary above, the following scenarios will be considered within this section of the report:

- **Cricket, grass wicket scenarios:**
  1. The impact to capacity if community use was secured on private education sites.
  2. The impact of the relocation of Aryans Cricket Club
  3. Exploring how future housing development could meet the needs of cricket in Rutland.

**Scenario 6 – The impact to capacity if community use was secured on private education sites.**

- 2.3. This scenario considers the impact of securing community use of Oakham School and Uppingham School cricket facilities to reduce the current and future deficits of provision in Rutland. There is currently no community use of either private education site.
- 2.4. Table 16 provides an overview of the current position for available grass wickets in Rutland. There is a current deficit of -48 matches per season (MPS), which is predicted to increase to -164 MPS by 2041.

**Table 16: Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets in Rutland – Available Sites.**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Current position	Total Future demand	Future position
Rutland	391	439	-48	116	-164

- 2.5. As shown in table 17, private education sites have a total of 71 grass wickets, on 12 separate squares, across 4 sites. The total potential capacity for private school grass wickets is 331 MPS.

**Table 17: Private Education Sites – Cricket Supply**

Playing Pitch Sites	Squares	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)
Uppingham School – Middle Playing Fields	6	27	111
Uppingham School – Upper Playing Fields	1	9	45
Oakham School – Wilson Pavilion	1	12	60
Oakham School – Sports Centre	4	23	115
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>331</b>

- 2.6. Tables 18 – 20 show how the changes to the Rutland-wide capacity position if community use was secured at Oakham School or Uppingham School or both.

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**Table 18: The impact of securing community use of Oakham School cricket facilities**

School Site	Site Capacity	Updated Current position (MPS)	Updated Future position (MPS)
Wilson Pavilion	60	12	-104
Sports Centre	115	67	-49
<b>Oakham School Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>11</b>

- 2.7. Both of Oakham School's sites could individually create spare capacity for cricket in Rutland if community use was secured. And although neither site can have a major impact on the future deficit, if access was secured to both, then there would be 11 MPS of spare capacity by 2041.

**Table 19: The impact of securing community use of Uppingham School cricket facilities**

School Site	Site Capacity	Updated Current position (MPS)	Updated Future position (MPS)
Middle Playing Fields	111	63	-53
Upper Playing Fields	45	-3	-119
<b>Uppingham School Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-8</b>

- 2.8. Securing community use of Uppingham School's Middle Playing Fields, would turn the current deficit of -48 MPS into 63 MPS of spare capacity. Although access to Upper Playing Fields would reduce the deficit, there would remain a shortfall of -3 MPS. Neither of Uppingham School's sites would have a major impact on reducing the future deficit.

**Table 20: The impact of securing community use of both Uppingham School and Oakham School**

School Site	Site Capacity	Updated Current position (MPS)	Updated Future position (MPS)
Uppingham School	156	108	-8
Oakham School	175	127	11
<b>Private School Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>167</b>

- 2.9. If community access to both education establishments was secured, there would currently be 283 MPS of spare capacity on grass wickets in Rutland. There could also be 167 MPS of spare capacity by 2041, if the impact of population growth was considered and latent demand predictions realised.

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- 2.10. Whilst not always possible, securing community use through formal use agreements between providers and users would ensure that the additional supply could cater for the high demand for cricket in the long-term. Where there is potential external investment on school sites, there are opportunities to secure community use as part of the funding or approval agreement. For such agreements, it is important to ensure that provision is both accessible at peak time and affordable. This should be considered as a potential solution to reducing the current and future deficits of cricket facilities in Rutland.

### Scenario 7 – The impact of Aryans Cricket Club relocating outside of the study area.

- 2.11. Although Aryans CC currently have one senior team utilising Uppingham Town Cricket Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch, they are actually based in Leicestershire, outside of the study area. This scenario will look at the impact on both site and county capacity if Aryans CC relocated outside Rutland.
- 2.12. As highlighted in Table 16, there is a current deficit of -48 MPS and a future predicted deficit of -164 MPS. Table 21 shows the capacity analysis for both of Uppingham Town CC's pitches. Pitch 1 has a total balance of -20 MPS, whilst pitch 2 has a deficit of -40 MPS, leaving a site wide shortfall of -60 MPS.

**Table 21: Current Position for Cricket at Uppingham Town CC**

Playing Pitch Sites	Squares	Quality of Provision*	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	1	Good	12	60	80	-20	0	0	0	0	-20
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	1	Good	8	40	80	-40	0	0	0	0	-40

- 2.13. Aryans CC have a current demand for 20 MPS on Pitch 2. If the club relocated and the demand was removed, then the deficit of grass wickets on pitch 2 would reduce to -20 MPS and there would be a total deficit of -40 MPS on site. This is demonstrated in Table 22.

**Table 22: Position for Cricket at Uppingham Town CC if Aryans CC demand is removed.**

Playing Pitch Sites	Squares	Quality of Provision*	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	1	Good	12	60	80	-20	0	0	0	0	-20
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	1	Good	8	40	60	-20	0	0	0	0	-20

- 2.14. However, it is also important to understand how the scenario will impact Rutland as a whole, currently and by 2041. Table 23 shows the impact of removing Aryans CC demand on the study area-wide capacity position both now and by 2041. Aryans CC did not highlight any latent demand, so this has not been factored into the future demand calculations.

**Table 23: Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets in Rutland if Aryans CC demand is removed.**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Current position	Total Future demand	Future position
Rutland	391	419	-28	116	-144

- 2.15. As shown in table 22 and 23, the relocation of Aryans CC will have very little impact on current or future deficits at either Uppingham Town CC or Rutland-wide. It should be noted that there are also likely to be deficits of provision in Leicestershire, and relocating the club could worsen this position.

### Scenario 8 – Exploring how future a large-scale housing development could meet the facility needs of cricket.

- 2.16. As highlighted in more detail in scenario 14, there is the potential for a new community to be created in Rutland. The development, to be located at St Georges Barracks or Woolfox, may involve the development an additional 500, 1000, 2000 or 7000 houses.
- 2.17. This scenario will consider how a new development could help to reduce the current and future deficits of cricket provision in Rutland. However, any new development will add to the future demand for cricket in the County. Therefore, the additional demand created by each development size will be added to the future deficit. The current position will be unaffected and therefore remain the same.
- 2.18. Table 24 shows the number of additional people brought into the study area for each size of development, based on a figure of 2.3 persons per house, the additional demand this will create, and how this additional demand will affect the future capacity position.

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**Table 24: Future Housing Development – Rutland**

Scale of New Community	Number of People (2.3 people per house)	Additional Demand for Cricket (rounded)	Current Position (MPS)	Updated Future Position (MPS)
500	1,150	12 MPS	-48	-176
1000	2,300	25 MPS	-48	-189
2000	4,600	50 MPS	-48	-214
7000	16,100	174 MPS	-48	-338

- 2.19. A good quality grass wicket can accommodate 5 matches per season, whilst a standard quality wicket can accommodate 4. Based on this information, the new housing development could eradicate the current deficit by providing a good-quality, 10 wicket square. This would create 2 MPS of spare capacity across Rutland.
- 2.20. However, this additional 50 MPS of availability does little to reduce the predicted future deficit. To meet the future need regardless of a new development, an additional 33 good quality wickets would need to be created.
- 2.21. The addition of new housing creates extra demand. Table 23 shows the total future deficits across Rutland if different scales of housing development are realised. To meet each of these deficits the following would be required:
- Future position + 500 homes - 36 good quality wickets
  - Future position + 1000 homes - 38 good quality wickets
  - Future position + 2000 homes - 43 good quality wickets
  - Future position + 7000 homes - 68 good quality wickets
- 2.22. It is unlikely 1, or even 2 additional sites would be able to significantly reduce the future deficit of -164 MPS. However, if the extra demand created by additional housing is considered, an unrealistic level of new cricket provision would be required.
- 2.23. To meet the future demand for cricket, as well as for any population created by housing, securing community use at existing educational facilities should be a priority, alongside the development of new cricket facilities.



### Cricket Recommendations

- Ensure that any new large-scale housing developments provide for cricket and the need is assessed by use of Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator. This can be through new on-site developments, or off-site improvements to existing cricket facilities.
- Secure community use of cricket facilities at either Oakham School or Uppingham School.
- Protect the existing supply of cricket provision, in line with Sport England's Playing Field Policy and paragraph 103 of the NPPF.
- Improve the quality of grass wickets, with a specific focus on Wakerley and Barrowden CC.

### 3. Rutland County Council PPS – Rugby Union Stage D Findings

#### Rugby Union Pitch Summary – Key Issues

- There are currently 7 rugby union sites in Rutland, with a total of 26 pitches. Only 2 sites, Oakham Rugby Club and Uppingham Community College support community use, which consist of a total of 6 adult pitches.
- There are two clubs active in the area – Oakham RFC and Stoneygate RFC. There is a total of 6 senior, 14 youth and 12 mini teams.
- Based on the supply and demand analysis, there is currently 1 MES of spare capacity for training and 2.5 MES for match play across the study area.
- Based on population growth, latent demand and expected increase in female participation, it is estimated that will be a total of 9 new teams in Rutland by 2041. These will consist of 1 senior, 5 youth and 3 mini teams.
- Due to the increased future demand for rugby union provision, there is expected to be a deficit of -2 MES for training by 2041.
- The current spare capacity of 2.5 MES for match play is expected to reduce to a neutral position by 2041.

3.1. Based on the summary above, the following scenarios will be considered within this section of the report:

- **Rugby, grass pitch scenarios:**
  1. The impact of transferring all rugby club training demand to a WR22 3G
  2. The impact on training capacity at Stoneygate if floodlighting was provided.
  3. Access to one additional grass pitch at Stoneygate RFC
  4. The impact of grass pitch improvements at Oakham RFC and Stoneygate RFC
  5. How to cater for future demand

**Scenario 9 – The impact of transferring all rugby club training demand to a WR22 3G.**

3.2. This scenario will explore the impact on grass rugby provision if all rugby club training was met on a WR22 3G surface.

**Table 25: Supply and Demand Capacity Balance by Site (All Figures in MES)**

Site	Postcode	Availability	Security	Number of Floodlit Pitches	Mid-Week Day/Training			Weekend Match Day Senior/ Junior			Weekend Match Day Mini			Total Senior/Junior Match Pitch Balance	Unmet Mini Demand Placed on Senior Match Pitches (50% of Senior ME)	Total Pitch Balance
					Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance			
Oakham Rugby Club / Rutland Show Ground	LE15 7TW	Available	Secured	2	4	3	1	7	5.5	1.5	2	1.5	0.5	2.5	0	3.5
Stoneygate RFC (Uppingham Community College)	LE15 9TJ	Available	Secured	0	0	1*	-1	2	3	-1	1	1	0	-1	0	-1
<b>Overview of Secure Available Sites</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.5</b>

3.3. As shown in table 25 there is a demand for 4 MES of training on grass rugby pitches in Rutland, however, only 3 of these are generated through club use. The 1 MES of training demand at Uppingham Community College is a result of school usage during the day time, and Stoneygate RFC utilise training provision outside of the study area at Corby Business Centre. Therefore, we can assume that there is a demand for 3 MES of training from rugby clubs in Rutland that is currently being met on grass.

3.4. Table 26 shows the updated current and future position for grass pitches in Rutland if identified training demand was met on WR22 3G provision. The supply that would no longer be used for training at Rutland Showground has been added to the supply available for match play.

**Table 26: Current and Future Position for All Community Available Rugby Grass Provision without training demand**

Area	Current Balance		Projected Balance	
	Training	Match	Training	Match
Rutland Study Area	4	3.5	4	3

- 3.5. By relocating all training demand to WR22 3G pitches, additional capacity for match play is created as well as the opportunity for clubs to continue to grow whilst maintaining adequate training and playing provision.
- 3.6. The resurfacing of Uppingham Community College 3G to ensure its compliance for rugby would be preferable, due to its location adjacent to Stoneygate RFC. However, consideration should be made to developing the 60x40 (7v7) 3G pitch identified in the LFFP to a standard that is compliant with rugby. Although this would not be large enough to cater for senior match play, it would be able to support a large amount of training demand from rugby union.

### Scenario 10 – The impact on training capacity at Stoneygate RFC if floodlighting was provided.

- 3.7. This scenario considers what affect developing additional pitch floodlighting will have on the training capacity at Stoneygate RFC. The club are currently unable to utilise their pitches for mid-week training due to the lack of lighting and are forced to use facilities outside of the study area.
- 3.8. There are currently 2 senior adult pitches on sites, both of which are rated at D0/M1, providing 1.5 MES each of weekly capacity (3 MES total). If floodlights were developed on one of the pitches, it would allow 1.5 MES per week of training capacity on site. However, this capacity would then be removed from the match play capacity, resulting in weekend deficits and likely cancellations of game play.
- 3.9. Dependent on available space and where possible, it may be beneficial for the club to develop designated floodlit training space, which does not aim to support any match play demand. This would mean that no capacity would be taken away from pitches used to support match play. The most sustainable option to secure training demand, may be the development of a WR22 compliant 3G AGP. However, the location of any new 3G development needs to be decided through further analysis by RCC, FF, FA, RFU, clubs and community groups as part of stage E.
- 3.10. However, the lack of floodlit match play provision also impacts on the club's ability to grow. There is currently significant growth of mid-week floodlit social rugby, which encourages participation and allows clubs more opportunities to recruit players. It may also be possible to back light a specific training area from the lighting columns, meaning that the pitch would not have to support mid-week training demand.
- 3.11. The development of floodlighting would create an additional 2 MES of midweek supply. If we presume that a mid-week social session creates 1 MES of demand, then there is a spare 1 MES of capacity left, that could be utilised at peak time for weekend match play. Therefore, the addition of floodlighting could result in a both match play and training capacity being in a neutral position.

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- 3.12. However, this is only possible if the club can be granted a long-term community use agreement (CUA) at Uppingham Community College. A CUA would create opportunities for the club to access grant funding for floodlighting or improved pitch maintenance. The club are currently losing players and therefore need support both financially and with lease agreements, which will allow them to create more opportunities to recruit and drive participation.

#### Scenario 11 – The impact of an additional grass pitch at Stoneygate RFC (Uppingham Community College)

- 3.13. Stoneygate RFC currently have access to 2 senior pitches at Uppingham Community College. However, due to the level of demand there is a shortfall in both training (-1 MES) and match play (-1 MES) supply.
- 3.14. As there is currently no floodlit provision on site, all teams train outside of the study area in Corby Glen. The club do wish to locate all their activity on one site but would need additional provision to make this possible.
- 3.15. Table 27 shows the potential capacities of pitches of differing qualities. The current pitches are rated as D0/M1 and therefore provide a total capacity of 3 MES per week.

**Table 27: Match Equivalent Calculation for Rugby Pitches.**

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

- 3.16. Table 28 shows the team profile for Stoneygate RFC. There are a total of 15 teams, made up of 4 senior, 5 junior and 6 mini/midi teams. It must be considered that both junior and mini demand is being met by senior pitches, therefore will only be assigned 0.25 MES of demand per team, per week as a result of the lesser impact on the pitch.

**Table 28: Rugby Club Profiles**

Club	Adult teams (male)	Adult teams (women)	Junior Boys' teams	Junior Girls' teams	Mini / Midi teams	Total
Stoneygate RFC	4	0	5	0	6	15

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- 3.17. The based on the information above, we can assume there is a demand for 4.75 MES per week of match play.
- 3.18. Table 29 shows that the addition of one senior pitch at the current maintenance quality, would result in a very small total deficit of 0.25 MES per week.
- 3.19. However, if the maintenance of the pitches was improved to M2, then an additional 1.5 MES of capacity would be created, resulting in 1.25 MES of spare capacity per week.

**Table 29: Meeting the match play shortfall.**

Pitch Type	Drainage / Maintenance	MES Supply	Match Play Demand	Position
3x Senior Pitches	D0/M1	4.5	4.75 MES	-0.25 MES
3x Senior Pitches	D0/M2	6	4.75 MES	1.25 MES Spare

- 3.20. As previously highlighted, the club wish to make the site their home for all rugby activity and develop ancillary facilities to support the club. However, this is not possible without the development of floodlighting to cater for winter training. Although this would benefit the club, there is not enough available capacity on site to cater for this, even with the addition of an extra senior pitch. Further work should be carried out as part of stage E of the PPS to understand the viability of a WR22 3G development to help meet the clubs training demand.
- 3.21. However, as explored in scenario 9 and table 29, if floodlighting was developed on the additional grass pitch, there could be a potential total capacity of 6 MES, 2 of which could be used mid-week. If an additional off-pitch training area was created through back-lighting from the pitch floodlighting, this could support all the clubs training demand. The floodlit pitch could support 1 MES of demand for social mid-week rugby, leaving 5 MES to cater for weekend match play. This would result in 0.25 MES of spare capacity on site.
- 3.22. Any development at Uppingham Community College, is dependent on securing a long-term community use agreement for the club, allowing them access to grant funding.

### Scenario 12 – The impact of grass pitch improvements at Oakham RFC and Stoneygate RFC.

- 3.23. This scenario will explore the impact of grass pitch improvements at both Oakham RFC and Stoneygate RFC.
- 3.24. Both adult pitches at Stoneygate RFC (Uppingham Community College) are rated at D0/M1, proving 1.5 MES each of capacity per week (3 MES site total). At Oakham RFC, 3 adult pitches are rated as D2/M1 and 1 adult pitch is M1/D1, providing a total capacity of 9.5 MES. Table 30 provides further detail on the capacity of pitches with differing drainage and maintenance scores.

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**Table 30: Match Equivalent Calculation for Rugby Pitches.**

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

- 3.25. For the purpose of this scenario, it is presumed that each pitch will improve by one increment for both drainage and maintenance. Table 31 summarises the current maintenance and drainage scores and potential changes due to improvements in pitch quality.

**Table 31: Rugby Site Breakdown**

Site Name	No. Adult Pitches	No. Mini/Midi Pitches	Current Pitch Quality	Current Capacity Per Pitch	Pitch Quality with Improved Drainage	Capacity Per Pitch with Improved Drainage
Oakham RFC	4	0	Pitch 1 – 3: M1/D2 Pitch 4: M1/D1	Pitch 1 – 3: 2.5 Pitch 4: 2	Pitch 1 – 3: M2/D3 Pitch 4: M2/D2	Pitch 1 – 3: 3.5 Pitch 4: 3.25
Stoneygate RFC	2	0	M1/D0	1.5	M2/D1	3

- 3.26. Table 32 below demonstrates the potential changes in supply and demand balances if pitch improvements were made. Although there is only one formal floodlit pitch at Oakham RFC, there is a floodlit training area where all age grade rugby training takes place. As it is not a formal pitch, has not been counted in the analysis above. Therefore, for the purpose of this scenario and table 32, only senior training will be considered and the training area capacity discounted.
- 3.27. As there is no floodlighting at Stoneygate RFC, there can be no training capacity assigned to the pitches. However, there is 1 MES per week assigned to the site to account for school curriculum usage.

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**Table 32: Supply and Demand Capacity Balance by Site (All Figures in MES)**

Site	Sub Area	Availability	Security	Number of Floodlit Pitches	Mid-Week Day/Training			Weekend Match Day Senior/ Junior			Weekend Match Day Mini			Total Senior/Junior Match Pitch Balance	Unmet Mini Demand Placed on Senior Match Pitches (50% of Senior ME)	Total Pitch Balance
					Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance			
Oakham RFC	Rutland	Available	Secured	1	3.5	3	0.5	10.25	5.5	4.75	0	1.5	-1.5	5.25	-0.75	4.5
Stoneygate RFC	Rutland	Available	Secured	0	0	1	-1	6	3	3	0	1	-1	2	-0.5	1.5

3.28. Table 33 shows the impact on capacity Rutland-wide if pitch quality was improved at each site.

**Table 33: Current and Future Position for All Community Available Rugby Grass Provision – Drainage Improvements**

Sub Area	Current Balance – Improved Maintenance		Projected Balance – Improved Maintenance	
	Training	Match	Training	Match
Rutland Study Area	0.5	6	-2.5	3.5

3.29. The impact on the overall position for training capacity as a result of pitch improvement, would be minimal as it would not free up additional capacity without the further addition of floodlighting. However, pitch improvements would create additional match play capacity, increasing capacity from 2.5 MES to 6 MES currently and from 0 MES to 3.5 MES by 2041.

3.30. Engagement with the Grounds Management Association (GMA) and the PitchPower application, would offer clubs the opportunity to receive maintenance recommendations through the pitch advisory service. If PitchPower reports were carried out on sites in Rutland key recommendations could be provided on how to improve their pitch quality, therefore increasing their capacity to meet the extensive rugby demand. It should be a priority for all sites with community use to engage with this service.



**Scenario 13 – How to cater for future demand for rugby union provision.**

3.31. Table 34 below sets out the future position for grass rugby union provision in Rutland.

**Table 34: Future Position for All Community Available Rugby Grass Provision**

Area	Projected Future Balance	
	Training	Match
Rutland Study Area	-2	0

3.32. This scenario will consider how to increase capacity to cater for the small deficits. Scenario 11 has already demonstrated the impact of pitch quality improvements and scenario 8 shows the impact of relocating training demand to WR22 3G pitches. However, agreeing access to currently unavailable, unused or unsecure sites in the study area may also be an option.

3.33. As table 35 demonstrates, there are currently 5 education sites in Rutland, that have a total of 20 senior pitches and a potential capacity of 40 MES per week. Securing access to any of the sites would provide additional capacity for clubs to grow and use as a secondary ground for match play purposes.

**Table 35: Currently Unavailable or Unused Rugby Site Breakdown**

Site Name	Postcode	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	No. Adult Pitches	Pitch Quality	Floodlit	No. Mini/Midi Pitches	Potential Capacity
Casterton Business Enterprise	PE9 4AT	Available	Unsecure	Education	1	M1/D1	0	0	2 MES
Middle Playing Fields (Uppingham School)	LE15 9TJ	Available	Unsecure	Education	7	All Pitches M1/D1	0	0	14 MES
Oakham School - Wilson Playing Fields	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecure	Education	4	All Pitches D1/M1	0	0	8 MES
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Available	Yes - Freehold	Education	4	All Pitches D1/M1	0	0	8 MES
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 7QH	Available	Unsecure	Education	4	All Pitches D1/M1	0	0	8 MES

- 3.34. However, none of the education sites have floodlit grass provision, meaning that none can be used to support mid-week training demand throughout the winter. As suggested in scenario 9, the most effective way of catering for the current deficit of training provision in the area whilst proving some future security for clubs to grow is to develop WR22 3G provision. Further feasibility needs to be undertaken at Stage E to identify the correct location and means of delivery.

### Rugby Union Recommendations

- Improve pitch quality through drainage and maintenance works at both Stoneygate RFC and Oakham RFC. This should be informed by GMA inspections and reports at both sites.
- The development of a WR22 3G pitch, and its use to meet rugby training demand should be considered. Although rugby union alone may not generate enough demand for the development, a 3G pitch would help meet the future deficit of football provision also.
- The development of an additional senior grass pitch at Stoneygate RFC, as well as a floodlit training area if space allows. A floodlit training area, could be created through back-lighting from the columns erected on the senior pitch.
- Explore the feasibility of developing community use agreements with education sites in Oakham and Uppingham. A particular focus should be made at Uppingham Community College to provide long term security of tenure for Stoneygate RFC.

## 4. Rutland County Council PPS – Hockey Stage D Findings

### Hockey Pitch Summary – Key Issues

- There are 4 hockey sites in Rutland, with a total of 7 full size pitches that are suitable for competitive hockey.
- Catmose Sports Centre (1 pitch) and Oakham Sports Centre (1 pitch) are the only sites available for community use. There are no secure community use agreements in Rutland. Kendrew Barracks and Uppingham School (Middle Playing Fields) are unavailable to the community.
- There are no community hockey clubs in Rutland, however both Oakham School and Uppingham School generate a significant amount of demand through curricular and extra-curricular activity.

4.1. Based on consultation with England Hockey, the following scenario will be considered within this section of the report:

- **Hockey scenarios:**
  1. The impact of displaced demand returning the study area

### Scenario 14 – The impact of displaced demand returning the study area.

- 4.2. Through consultation with England Hockey, it is apparent that any demand for hockey that is generated within Rutland, is displaced outside of the study area to Leicester. However, if a club was formed within Rutland, it would likely draw some of the displaced demand back.
- 4.3. England Hockey identified that a small club has 5 or less teams, a medium club has 5-10 teams, and a large club has 10+ teams. Each team has an average of 16 people. Given that there is no current demand for hockey in Rutland, it is likely that any club that is formed would initially be a small club.
- 4.4. The AGP section of the Stage C assessment report stated that there was a significant amount of available time and capacity on sand dressed AGPs in the study area that are available to the community. However, there is currently no community use of Catmose Sports Centre due to quality issues, leaving only Oakham School Sports Centre that is available to the community and is adequate to host competitive hockey.
- 4.5. Although the community available AGP at Oakham is used for curriculum activity and for training by a number of football clubs, there is still more than adequate spare capacity for a small hockey club to several weekly training sessions and matches at weekends. However, this would be subject to agreement with Oakham School.

### Hockey Recommendations

- Continue to encourage development of hockey in Rutland, through working with players, community partners and education providers.

## 5. Tennis Overview

Table 36: Key PPOSS Findings for Tennis in Rutland

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	Out of the 74 courts in the study area, 34 are available for community use and 30 are open for public booking. 68% of the total courts are floodlit. There is a total of 435 members of clubs in Rutland, whilst 399 people play tennis at least twice every 28 days and 2,128 play at least once per year.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	Club sites in Rutland are operating at 66% of their maximum capacity, whilst publicly available courts are operating at around 3.2% of their total operational capacity. This level of utilisation is considerably lower than the national average according to the LTA data. This is likely to be because of the significant usage of club courts and the ability to book through Clubspark.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	31% of the current supply of courts in the study area are rated as good quality, whilst 20% courts located at 4 sites are rated as poor. Of these 13 poor rated courts, 6 are on MOD site at Kendrew Barracks, 4 on education site and two are a sports club operated court, one with no club use at Ryhall Sports Club.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	If participation continues to grow in line with population the playing population will increase by 15.04%. This means that club sites are estimated to be operating at 77% of their capacity and 23% under their maximum capacity. Demand for public courts will also increase by 40 sessions per month from 266 to 306 sessions per month, bringing the utilisation of public courts to 3.7% by 2041, however as demonstrated above, a lot of the tennis usage is by club members than ad-hoc informal players.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	When considering club sites, there is expected to be an 23% over supply of courts by 2041 together with 49.3% of spare capacity on public courts even when future population growth is considered.

### Recommendations for Tennis

1. Protect existing quantity of tennis courts and community access to them. Responsibility of RCC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
2. Support grounds staff to review quality issues on courts to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good. Priority sites for quality reviews are Catmose Sports Centre, Ryhall Tennis Club and Whissendine Sports Club. Responsibility of LTA, RCC and schools where appropriate.
3. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of courts. Responsibility of LTA, RCC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
4. Ensure that any large housing developments provide for tennis and need is assessed by use of Sport England's ANOG Guidance.

## 6. Netball Overview

Table 37: Key PPOSS Findings for Netball in Rutland

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	Education owned sites provide almost all netball provision in the Study Area. The outdoor courts at Oakham School cater for 3 hours a week of netball activity from RCNL and Back to Netball. There is also an unaffiliated indoor league at Uppingham School.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	<p>There is spare capacity on outdoor courts in the study area, with many sites being floodlit. According to users, some indoor sites are difficult to access due to demand from other sports and significant costs.</p> <p>However, there is a large amount of netball activity taking place on indoor courts in Rutland as well as a significant amount of exported demand, with many players travelling outside of Rutland to take part due to the concentrated leagues within Stamford and Corby.</p>
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	77% of courts in the study area are rated as good, all located at school sites. The remaining courts are rated standard quality at a community facility, Greetham and Casterton College. There are no courts rated as poor in Rutland.
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	There is currently no increase in future demand for outdoor netball courts in Rutland, however this may change based on recent success at the World Cup Indoor netball is preferred by all relevant parties and there is spare capacity on outdoor netball courts if demand grows.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	<p>There is a lack of securely available sites in Rutland. Although all sites are available to the community, it should be noted that there is no long-term security of tenure at any site, likely because of the small usage on outdoor netball courts within the study area This should be monitored as part of Stage E to ensure there is an available supply of netball courts within Rutland.</p> <p>There is current and future capacity for outdoor netball within Rutland, due to the use of indoor courts and exported demand. Although anecdotally indoor courts are full, this should be explored within a Built Facilities Strategy and is not covered within this PPOSS.</p> <p>If there is additional demand for outdoor netball in Rutland, the current facilities will be sufficient to fulfil the demand. This should be monitored throughout the Stage E PPOSS process.</p>

### Recommendations for Netball

1. Protect existing quantity of netball courts. Responsibility of RCC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
2. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on through existing indoor provision and supplemented through existing supply of outdoor courts, working with facility owners/managers to provide both indoor and outdoor netball. Responsibility of England Netball, RCC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
3. Secure community use of netball courts in the study area, with a particular focus on Uppingham Community College.
4. Ensure that any large housing developments provide for netball, need should be assessed by use of Sport England's ANOG Guidance.

## 7. Outdoor Bowls Overview

Table 38: Key PPOSS Findings for Bowls in Rutland

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There are currently 8 sites across Rutland with 8 greens. There are 8 clubs in the Study Area with a total estimated membership of 280 players.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	7 out of the 8 sites in the study area are secured for community use. 5 clubs highlight through consultation that new members/participants would be welcome. This suggests that 5 of the 7 greens have some spare capacity.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	Of the 8 available sites, 4 were rated as good quality, 3 were rated as standard and 1 rated as poor. Maintenance of the greens owned by sports clubs and local authority is good to standard.  The green at Meadow Playing Fields Stamford is maintained by the club using antiquated equipment therefore is not up to the standard. The club is looking to generate funds by applying for lottery grants to improve the maintenance program.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	Future population projections indicate a potential of 40 additional players by 2041 from 265 to 305 players.  Any future growth in demand can be satisfied with the current green stock and is likely to have little impact on the supply and demand balance in the study area.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	The potential increase in demand of 40 participants or 15.04% increase in line with the population growth by 2041 will be met by the current green and club supply.



### Recommendations for Outdoor Bowls

1. Protect existing quantity of all facilities. Responsibility of RCC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
2. Aim to improve the quality of playing surface and ancillary facilities at Meadow Playing Fields.
3. Support grounds staff to review quality issues on greens to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of Bowls bodies, RCC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
4. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of greens. Responsibility of Bowls bodies, RCC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
5. Work with clubs to support development and growth of the sport.

## 8. Athletics Overview

Table 39: Key PPOSS Findings for Athletics in Rutland

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There are currently no athletics facilities in the study area.  There are 2 athletic clubs, Rutland AC and Rutland Running and Tri Club, who are active within Rutland. However, because of the lack of provision, there is a large amount of exported demand.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	There is a lack of provision in Rutland, with only a small part of the study area covered by England Athletics' 20-minute drive time recommendation.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	There is no athletic facility provision in the study area.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	England Athletics have identified Rutland as a priority area for the development of a New:Gen track. It is expected that any new facility will result in some of the exported demand returning to the study area.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	As there is no current facility provision, further development is needed to cater for current and future demand.

### Recommendations for Athletics

1. Develop new athletics facilities in Rutland. This should be a New:Gen track, but the exact nature of these facilities should be explored and identified throughout Stage E of the PPS. Responsibility of RCC, England Athletics, Facility Owners.
2. Work with clubs to support development and growth of the sport.

## 9. Rutland County Council PPS – Housing Scenarios

### Scenario 15 - The impact of housing development on sporting provision

- 9.1. This scenario will explore the impact of increased housing development on the supply and demand analysis for 3G AGPs, grass football, rugby union and cricket pitches in Rutland. As there is no hockey activity currently in the area, it is impossible to state how an increase in population will affect demand.
- 9.2. When analysing the future population growth in Rutland and how it affects each sport, Stage C considered ONS data which suggested an increase of 5,329 people from 40,771 to 46,100 by 2041; an increase of 13%.
- 9.3. Table 40 below shows the scale of proposed house building to 2041 in Rutland as per the local plan. The scenario will explore both the minimum level of development (123 per year) and a realistic level (135 per year). Each house built is presumed to bring an additional 2.3 people. All figures have been rounded to the nearest number.

**Table 40: Future Housing Development – Rutland**

Level of Housing Development	Total Number of Homes	Number of People (2.3 people per house)
Minimum – 123 houses per year	2,460	5,658
Realistic – 135 houses per year	2,700	6,210

- 9.4. These figures include sites that are allocated in the Rutland County Council Local Plan which are expected to be delivered by 2041. This does not include any windfall sites or future sites that may be allocated in the future. These will be explored in a separate scenario.
- 9.5. The minimum level of development in Rutland is expected to bring 2,460 new homes and 5,658 people to the area. The more realistic number of 2,700 homes will bring an additional 6,210 people to the area.
- 9.6. This new housing development information, and the level of population it will cater for, has been used by Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator to inform the increased level of need for each sport, that will be needed in Rutland. The impact of both the minimum and realistic housing development is explored for individual sports in table 41 and 42 below.

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**Table 41: Minimum Future Housing Development (123 per year) – Impact on demand for individual sports in Rutland**

Sport	Age Group	Demand for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) in the Peak Period (per season for cricket)	Demand for Training Sessions or Hours Per Week
Football	Adult	0.95 MES	5.23 hours on a 3G AGP
	Youth	1 MES	
	Mini	0.66 MES	
Rugby Union	Adult (incl Youth and Mini)	1.64 MES	1.89 MES on floodlit grass pitches
Cricket	Open Ages and Junior	61.39 MPS	N/A

**Table 42: Realistic Future Housing Development (135 per year) – Impact on demand for individual sports in Rutland**

Sport	Age Group	Demand for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) in the Peak Period (per season for cricket)	Demand for Training Sessions or Hours Per Week
Football	Adult	1.05 MES	5.74 hours on a 3G AGP
	Youth	1.1 MES	
	Mini	0.73 MES	
Rugby Union	Adult (incl Youth and Mini)	1.8 MES	2.07 MES on floodlit grass pitches
Cricket	Open Ages and Junior	67.38 MPS	N/A

### Football

- 9.7. Table 41 indicates that the minimum housing development in Rutland will result in an increased demand for 0.95 MES for adult football, 1 MES for youth football and 0.66 MES for mini football.
- 9.8. Table 42 suggests that the realistic level of housing development will result in an increase in demand of 1.05 MES for adult football, 1.1 MES for youth football and 0.73 MES for mini football.
- 9.9. Table 43 shows the current position for football pitch types in Rutland, and how future population growth and latent demand affects the capacity of pitches, as highlighted in the Stage C assessment.

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**Table 43: Summary of Current Supply and Demand Rutland Peak time of Play**

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)				Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity (Peak Time)	Total Overplay	Current Total	Future Demand Population Growth			
Adult 11v11	1	-0.5	0.5	0	0.5	1	-0.5
Youth 11v11	2	0	2	0.5	1.5	1	0.5
Youth 9v9	1	0	1	0	1	1.5	-0.5
Mini 7v7	1	-5	-4	0	-4	1.5	-5.5
Mini 5v5	2	-7	-5	0	-5	0.5	-5.5

- 9.10. **Adult football** – When considering the additional need created by minimum housing development, the future position of 0.5 MES will be lost and a deficit of -0.45 MES per week will be created. When latent demand is also factored in, this deficit could increase to -1.45 MES.
- 9.11. If the realistic development figure is considered, then the future position will be -0.55 MES, or -1.55 MES with latent demand.
- 9.12. **Youth football** – Across youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches, there is predicted to be a future position of 2.5 MES by 2041. The minimum level of housing development in Rutland will reduce this spare capacity to 1.5 MES. However, if latent demand is considered, there is likely to be a deficit of -1 MES by 2041.
- 9.13. The realistic level of housing development has little impact on these positions, increasing demand by only 0.1 MES and resulting in future positions of 0.4 MES or -0.6 MES with latent demand.
- 9.14. **Mini football** – Mini 7v7 and 5v5 have a combined future deficit of -9 MES per week or -11 MES with latent demand. These deficits will increase by 0.66 to -9.66 MES and -11.66 MES 2041 if the minimum level of housing development is realised.
- 9.15. However, if the realistic level of development happens, then the future deficit will be -9.73 MES or -11.73 MES if latent demand is considered.
- 9.16. As a result of both minimum and realistic housing development, there is predicted to be a deficit of all grass pitch types in Rutland by 2041 if latent demand is considered. To reduce these deficits and provide adequate provision, grass pitch quality improvements should be made in and informed by PitchPower assessments. However, this would only have a noticeable impact on adult 11v11 pitches.

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- 9.17. Providing greater access to 3G provision for football clubs would also help to alleviate the impact of housing development. Agreeing access to Uppingham Community College 3G on Sundays and developing the LFFP identified 7v7 could cater for a significant amount of the training demand from football clubs in Rutland.

### 3G Artificial Grass Pitches

- 9.18. Table 41 suggests that due to the minimum level of housing development, there will be a demand for an additional 5.23 hours of training time on 3G AGPs, from football teams in Rutland. This additional demand increases to 5.74 MES if the realistic level of housing is developed.
- 9.19. The PPOSS highlights that by 2041, there will be a need for an additional 0.3 full size equivalent 3G AGPs in Rutland. However, Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator indicated that there would be an additional demand for 5.23 hours due to minimum housing development and 5.74 hours for realistic housing development. There are 34 available hours per week on a full size 3G pitch, meaning that in both scenarios demand equates to 0.2 of a pitch. This suggests that the total deficit of 3G provision in Rutland by 2041 will be -0.5 full size equivalent 3G AGPs.

**Table 44: Future Capacity Analysis for AGPs in Rutland**

Current Teams	Current No. of 3G AGPs	Current balance	Projected No. new teams created by Population Growth and Latent Demand	Number of new AGPs required to meet future demand	Future Position	Additional Demand created by Housing Development	Total Future Position with Housing Development
38	1	0	12	0.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.5

- 9.20. Due to the addition population growth generated through housing development, the future deficit of 0.3 full size 3G AGPs, will increase to 0.5 by 2041.
- 9.21. There are potential sites, owned by education or sports clubs that aspire to develop 3G AGP provision. As stated earlier, it is important that further analysis of the suitability and sustainability of any potential site is carried out at Stage E and RCC begins a decision-making process to establish a priority site for 3G development.
- 9.22. This deficit could be partly met by the LFFP proposed development, alongside increased community access to Uppingham Community College 3G.

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### Rugby Union

- 9.23. Table 41 states that, as a result of minimum levels of housing development in Rutland, there will be the need for additional 1.89 MES for training and 1.64 MES match play. When realistic development levels are considered, these figures increase to 2.07 MES for training and 1.8 MES for match play. These figures have been rounded up/down in table 45.

**Table 45: Current and Future Position for All Community Available Rugby Grass Provision**

Analysis Area	Current Balance		Projected Balance – Population Growth and Latent Demand		Projected Balance After Housing Development	
	Training	Match	Training	Match	Training	Match
Rutland	1	2.5	-2	0	-4	-2

- 9.24. Table 45 shows that when figures are rounded, both minimal and realistic housing development will increase the deficit of training capacity to -4 MES, and -2 MES for match play.
- 9.25. There are a number of options for reducing this shortfall of provision in Rutland that are further highlighted in the Rugby Union section of this report. The development of one additional pitch and training area at Stoneygate RFC, the development of WR22 3G provision, grass pitch improvements and securing community access to education sites in Oakham and Uppingham, would all help to meet the increased future deficit generated by housing development.

### Cricket

- 9.26. Tables 41 and 42 suggest that as a result of minimal housing development, there will be the additional need for 61.39 MPS, or 67.38 MPS if realistic levels housing development are undertaken. Table 46 shows the potential impact of this on the capacity of grass wickets in Rutland.

**Table 46: Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets. All Figures in MPS.**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Current position	Total future demand	Future position	Future position - minimal housing development	Future position - realistic housing development
Rutland	391	439	-48	116	-164	-225	-231

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- 9.27. Table 46 demonstrates that if minimal levels of housing development are realised, then the future deficit will increase to -225 MPS. However, if the additional realistic housing development occurs, this deficit will be -231 MPS.
- 9.28. To cater for this additional 38 MPS of demand, three options can be considered: grass wicket improvement, non-turf wicket (NTP) development and creation of or access to additional grass wickets.
- 9.29. As the quality of grass wickets in Rutland are already of a generally good standard, this would have little impact on the overall capacity position. Potential improvements to Empingham Cricket and Social Club (9 MPS), North Luffenham (9 MPS) and Wakerley & Barrowden CC (6 MPS) would increase carrying capacity by 24 MPS, therefore reducing the current shortfall to -24 MPS and the future shortfall to -207 MPS (realistic development levels).
- 9.30. Although good quality NTP wickets can cater for up to 60 matches per season, they are not suitable for competitive cricket and therefore not a priority for the ECB. Also, moving junior activity onto NTPs would significantly reduce the quality of junior cricket across Rutland, and dependent on pitch quality, may cause some safety concerns. The cost of implementing and maintaining NTPs can be detrimental for clubs, and additional NTPs may involve the loss of grass wickets if there is a shortage of space on sites.
- 9.31. As previously mentioned, an unrealistic level of new wickets would be required to significantly reduce the future deficit. Although new development should be a priority, focus should also be on securing community access to existing but currently unavailable education sites.

### Scenario 16 - Rutland County Council – The impact of a large new community housing development

- 9.32. This scenario will explore the impact of a large-scale housing development at either St George’s Barracks or Woolfox on the supply and demand analysis for 3G AGPs, grass football, rugby union and cricket pitches in Rutland. Although not identified in the local plan, there is the potential for a new community to be created, which will involve the development of a large number of homes. This scenario will explore the additional demand created by a 500, 1000, 2000 or 7000 house development.

**Table 47: Future Housing Development – Rutland**

Scale of New Community	Number of People (2.3 people per house)
500	1,150
1000	2,300
2000	4,600
7000	16,100



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- 9.33. Table 47 highlights the number of additional people brought into the study area for each size of development, based on a figure of 2.3 persons per house. Table 48 below, then demonstrates the additional demand that will be created by each development size.

**Table 48: Differing Levels of Community Housing Development – Impact on demand for individual sports in Rutland**

Sport	Age Group	500 Houses		1000 Houses		2000 Houses		7000 Houses	
		Increase in Match Play Demand	Increase in Training Demand	Increase in Match Play Demand	Increase in Training Demand	Increase in Match Play Demand	Increase in Training Demand	Increase in Match Play Demand	Increase in Training Demand
Football	Adult	0.19 MES	1.06 hours on a 3G AGP	0.39 MES	2.13 hours on a 3G AGP	0.78 MES	4.25 hours on a 3G AGP	2.71 MES	14.89 hours on a 3G AGP
	Youth	0.2 MES		0.41 MES		0.81 MES		2.84 MES	
	Mini	0.13 MES		0.27 MES		0.54 MES		1.89 MES	
Rugby Union	Adult (incl Youth and Mini)	0.33 MES	0.38 MES on floodlit grass pitches	0.67 MES	0.77 MES on floodlit grass pitches	1.33 MES	1.53 MES on floodlit grass pitches	4.67 MES	5.37 MES on floodlit grass pitches
Cricket	Open Ages and Junior	12.48 MPS	N/A	24.96 MPS	N/A	49.91 MPS	N/A	174 MPS	N/A

- 9.34. Table 48 shows that only a development on the scale of 7000 houses would have a significant impact on the capacity positions of grass football, cricket, rugby and AGP facilities in Rutland. Although 500, 1000 and 2000 house developments would add some demand, due to the low existing team numbers, the new population would not generate significant levels of demand, meaning the impact to capacity would be low.
- 9.35. However, a development on the scale of 7000 houses would add higher levels of demand for facilities. For adult football the future position would decrease to -2.21 MES, and could potential worsen to -3.21 MES with latent demand. The position for youth football would reduce to a deficit of -0.34 MES and -2.84 MES if all latent demand was realised. Capacity for mini football would also worsen to a deficit of -10.89 MES and -12.89 MES with latent demand.
- 9.36. Rugby union would see a reduction in its projected balance to -7 MES for training and -5 for match play, whilst cricket's deficit would increase significantly to -338 MPS.

## 10. Summary of Recommendations

Table 49: Summary of Recommendations

Objective	Recommendation
<b>OBJECTIVE 1:</b> To <b>protect</b> the existing supply of outdoor sports facilities to meet current and future needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 1: Ensure, that all existing outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy;</li> <li>• Recommendation 2: Secure tenure and access to sites for participation-focused development clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements; and</li> <li>• Recommendation 3: Ensure continued use of education facilities where there is a need, these should have long-term security agreements where possible.</li> </ul>
<b>OBJECTIVE 2:</b> To <b>enhance</b> outdoor sports provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 4: Improve quality of playing pitches and ancillary facilities;</li> <li>• Recommendation 5: Work with facility owners, operators and sports clubs to ensure there is an appropriate maintenance regime on all pitches being improved.</li> <li>• Recommendation 6: Secure external funding in partnership with other stakeholders; and</li> <li>• Recommendation 7: Secure developer contributions.</li> </ul>
<b>OBJECTIVE 3:</b> To <b>provide</b> new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 8: Identify opportunities to add to the overall stock to accommodate both current and future demand; and</li> <li>• Recommendation 9: Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current stock.</li> <li>• Recommendation 10: develop facilities in the area of greatest demand to minimise travel time for residents.</li> </ul>

### Action Plan

- 10.1. The Sport Specific Action Plan Appendix 2 provides individual sport recommendations and individual site recommendations by geographic area and reflect the outcomes of the scenarios and identified quantitative and quality improvements identified in Section 3 and in Section 4 of this report.

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10.2. The Sport Specific and Individual Site Action Plans are given timescales to deliver:

<b>Short Term</b> Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the PPS);	<b>Medium Term.</b> Delivered within 6 years; and	<b>Long Term.</b> No specific date – In many instances the action is an aspiration and is general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with and is not an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.
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10.3. The strategic actions within Appendix 2 have also been ranked as low, medium, or high based on cost. These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs. The range in which these sit are:

<b>(L) - Low - less than £50k</b>	<b>(M) - Medium - £50k-£250k</b>	<b>(H) - High £250k and above</b>
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10.4. 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 several projects.

10.5. 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; and
- Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends.

## **Appendix 1 - Rutland County Council PPOSS - Site Audit**

### **Rutland County Council PPOSS - Stage B**

#### **Disclaimer:**

“As far as possible the assessment report aims to capture all of the outdoor sports facilities within Rutland. However, there may be instances, for example, on school sites or private sites, where access was not possible and has led to omissions within the report. Where pitches have not been recorded within the report they remain as pitches and for planning purposes continue to be so. Furthermore, exclusions of a pitch do not mean that it is not required from a supply and demand point of view.”

**Football**

Site Name	Postcode	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pitch Type	No. Pitches	Rating	Sports Lighting	Overmarked	PIP/GPMF in place	Security of Tenure	Ancillary Facilities
Casterton Business Enterprise	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	Adult Football - 11v11	2	Good	No	No	No	Insecure	N/A
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	Adult Football - 11v11	3	Standard	No	No	No	Insecure	Good
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE9 3SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Standard	No	No	No	Secure	Good
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE9 3SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	Youth Football - 11v11	1	Standard	No	No	No	Secure	Good
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE93SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	Junior Football - 7v7	1	Poor	Yes	No	No	Secure	Good
Meadow Playing Fields	PE9 4ER	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Standard	No	No	No	Secure	Poor
Meadow Playing Fields	PE9 4ER	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	Junior Football - 9v9	1	Standard	No	No	No	Secure	Poor
Meadow Playing Fields	PE9 4ER	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	Junior Football - 7v7	1	Standard	No	No	No	Secure	Poor
Meadow Playing Fields	PE9 4ER	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	Mini Football - 5v5	1	Poor	No	No	No	Secure	Poor
Oakham School - Wilson Pavilion	LE15 7QH	Education	Education	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Good	3	No	No	Insecure	Good
Oakham United FC - Barleythorpe	LE15 7EE	Local Authority	Sports Club	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Good	Yes	No	No	Secure	Good
Oakham United FC - Barleythorpe	LE15 7EE	Local Authority	Sports Club	Youth Football - 11v11	1	Good	No	No	No	Secure	Good
Ridlington and Belton CC	LE15 9AX	Sports Club	Sports Club	Mini Football - 5v5	1	Poor	No	No	No	Insecure	N/A
Rutland Showground	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Standard	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Rutland Showground	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Good	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Rutland Showground	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Youth Football - 11v11	2	Good	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Rutland Showground	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Junior Football - 9v9	1	Good	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Rutland Showground	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Junior Football - 7v7	1	Good	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Rutland Showground	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Mini Football - 5v5	3	Good	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Tods Piece	LE15 9SZ	Local Authority	Local Authority	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Standard	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Wakerley and Barrowden CC	LE15 8EP	Local Authority	Local Authority	Junior Football - 9v9	1	Poor	No	No	No	Insecure	Standard

Westray Park, Oakham	LE15 7DH	Commercial	Commercial	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Good	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Westray Park, Oakham	LE15 7DH	Commercial	Commercial	Adult Football - 11v11	1	Good	Yes	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Westray Park, Oakham	LE15 7DH	Commercial	Commercial	Junior Football - 7v7	1	Good	No	No	Yes	Secure	Good
Whissendine Sports Club	LE15 7EU	Sports Club	Sports Club	Youth Football - 11v11	1	Standard	No	No	No	Insecure	Standard
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	MOD	MOD	Adult Football - 11v11	2	Standard	No	No	No	Insecure	N/A

**Football Clubs**

CLUB	MENS	LADIES	BOYS						GIRLS	MINI SOCCER				TOTALS	HOME VENUE	MES PER WEEK	TRAINING VENUE	HOURS PER WEEK	Day of Fixtures	TEAM NO. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT			
			B U16	B U15	B U14	B U13	B U12 9v9	B U11 9v9		G U16	G U15	G U14	G U13								G U12 9 v 9	G U11 9 v 9	7 V 7
Cottesmore AFC	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	Westray Park	1.5	Oakham School AGP/Uppingham Community College	.2/3	Senior - Saturday, Youth - Sunday	1x adult 11v11, 1x youth 11v11
Ketton FC	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	Ketton Sports and Community Centre	2	Ketton Sports and Community Centre	7	Senior Men - Saturday, All other - Sunday	Male - Adult 11v11, Youth 11v11, 9v9, 7v7, 5v5 - 1x each	
Oakham United	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	Oakham United FC	3.25	Uppingham Community College/Oakham School/Rutland Active Hub	5, 3, 3	3x adult male - Saturday, All other Sunday	N/A	
One Touch Football	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	7	Meadow Playing Fields	2.5	Meadow Playing Fields 5v5	8	Saturday	
Royce Rangers	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	14	Rutland Showground	7	Royce Rangers FC/Oakham School/Catmose Sports Centre		Sunday	2x 9v9 girls, 2x 7v7 girls
Uppingham Town	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	Tods Piece	1.5	Uppingham Community College	3	2x Saturday, 1x Sunday	N/A	

**Rugby Union**

Site Name	Postcode	Ownership Type	Management Type	Pitch Type	No. Pitches	Pitch Rating	Drainage Score	Maintenance Score	Sports Lighting	Overmarked	Security of Tenure	GMA Pitch Advisor Report	Ancillary Facilities	Additional Comments
Casterton Business Enterprise	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	Adult Rugby	1	Good	D1	M1	No	No	Unsecure	No	N/A	
Middle Playing Fields (Uppingham School)	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Adult Rugby	7	Good	D1	M1	No	No	Unsecure	No	Good	
Oakham Rugby Club - Showground Pitch 1	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Adult Rugby	1	Good	D3	M1	No	No	Secure	Yes	Good	
Oakham Rugby Club - Showground Pitch 2	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Adult Rugby	1	Good	D3	M1	Yes	No	Secure	Yes	Good	
Oakham Rugby Club - Showground Pitch 3	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Adult Rugby	1	Good	D3	M1	No	No	Secure	Yes	Good	
Oakham Rugby Club - Showground Pitch 4	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Adult Rugby	1	Standard	D0	M1	No	No	Secure	Yes	Good	
Oakham Rugby Club - Showground Training	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Junior Rugby	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	n/a	Secure	No	n/a	No formal pitches or goal posts - this is a training area for age grade rugby
Oakham School - Wilson Playing Fields	LE15 7QH	Education	Education	Adult Rugby	4	Good	D1	M1	No	No	Unsecure	No	Good	
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	Adult Rugby	4	Good	D1	M1	No	No	Unsecure	No	Good	
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Adult Rugby	1	Standard	D0	M0	No	No	Secure	No	N/A	
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Junior Rugby			n/a	n/a				No		No formal pitches or goal posts - this is a training area for age grade rugby
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	Education	Education	Adult Rugby	4	Good	D1	M1	No	No	Unsecure	No	Good	



## Rugby Union Clubs

Club	Senior Men	Senior Women	Age Grade Mixed	Age Grade Boys	Age Grade Girls	Total	Home Venue	Match Equivalents (Demand)	Training Venue	Hours Per Week	Team No. Future Development	Additional Comments
Oakham RFC	2	0	6	7	2	17	Rutland Showground	8.5	Oakham Rugby Club - Showground	7	n/a	
Stoneygate RFC	4	1	6	5	0	16	Uppingham Community College	8	Uppingham Community College 3G	4	3x youth boys, 2x mini	
Stamford Rugby	2	1	6	6	0	15		7.5				Outside of study area - exported demand
Stamford College Old Boys	2	0	0	0	0	2		1				Outside of study area - exported demand

**Cricket**

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	No. Grass Wickets	No. Artificial Wickets	Pitch Rating	Security of Tenure	Ancillary Facilities
Casterton Business and Enterprise College	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	0	1	Poor	Unsecure	N/A
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	0	1	Poor	Unsecure	N/A
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	LE15 8QA	Sports Club	Sports Club	9	0	Standard	Secure	Good
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE93SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	6	0	Good	Secure	Good
Lime Kilms Ground - Oakham Cricket Club	LE15 6HH	Sports Club	Sports Club	12	0	Good	Secure	Good
Lime Kilms Ground - Oakham Cricket Club	LE15 6HH	Sports Club	Sports Club	0	1	Good	Secure	Good
Market Overton Cricket Club	LE15 7PP	Sports Club	Sports Club	6	0	Good	Secure	Good
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 1	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	3	0	Good	Unsecure	Good
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 2	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	5	0	Standard	Unsecure	Good
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 3	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	4	0	Standard	Unsecure	Good
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 4	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	3	0	Standard	Unsecure	Good
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 5	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	4	0	Standard	Unsecure	Good
Middle Playing Fields Pitch 6	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	8	0	Standard	Unsecure	Good
North Luffeham Cricket	LE15 8LE	Local Authority	Sports Club	9	0	Standard	Secure	Standard
Oakham School Wilson Pavilion	LE15 7QH	Education	Education	12	0	Good	Unsecure	Good
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 1	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	5	0	Good	Unsecure	Good
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 2	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	4	0	Good	Unsecure	Good
Oakham Sports Centre Junior 3	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	4	0	Good	Unsecure	Good
Oakham Sports Centre Senior	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	10	0	Good	Unsecure	Good
The Upper Playing Fields	LE15 9QX	Education	Education	9	0	Good	Unsecure	Good
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	LE15 9SP	Sports Club	Sports Club	12	0	Good	Secure	Good
Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	LE15 9SP	Sports Club	Sports Club	8	0	Good	Secure	Good
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	LE15 8EP	Sports Club	Sports Club	6	0	Standard	Secure	Standard
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	MOD	MOD	0	1	Standard	Unsecure	N/A

**Cricket Clubs**

<b>CLUB NAME</b>	<b>SENIOR TEAMS</b>	<b>JUNIOR TEAMS</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>ALL STARS SESSIONS 2022</b>	<b>DYNAMOS SESSIONS 2022</b>	<b>WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SESSIONS 2021</b>	<b>HOME VENUE</b>	<b>No. FIXTURES</b>	<b>SECONDARY VENUE</b>	<b>Io. FIXTURES</b>	<b>TEAM NO. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT</b>
Oakham CC	4	6	10	8	8	0	Lime Kilms Ground	80	Lime Kilms Ground Artificial	0	N/A
Market Overton	3	5	8	8	13	0	Market Overton Cricket Club	50	N/A	0	1x Senior
Uppingham Town CC	4	9	13	0	0	0	Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 1	80	Uppingham Town Cricket Club Pitch 2	80	N/A
Ketton Sports CC	3	3	6	0	0	0	Ketton Sports and Community Centre	10	N/A	0	N/A
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	3	2	5	0	0	0	Wakerley & Barrowden CC	10	N/A	0	N/A
Empingham CC	1	0	1	0	0	0	Empingham Cricket and Social Club	5	N/A	0	N/A

## Tennis

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	No. Macadam	No. Tarmac	No. AGP	No. Grass	No. Clay	Total No. Courts	No. Floodlit Courts	Quality Rating	Overmarked	Security of Tenure	Ancillary Facilities	Additional Comments
Barnsdale Hall & Country Club	LE15 8AB	Commercial	Commercial	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	Good	No	Secure	Good	
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	Poor	Yes	Unsecure	N/A	3x netball overmarked
Hambleton Hall	LE15 8TH	Commercial	Commercial	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	Good	No	Secure	Good	
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE93SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	Good	No	Secure	Good	
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	4	3	0	0	0	7	4	Good	Yes	Unsecure	Good	7x netball overmarked
Oakham Lawn Tennis Club	LE15 6JQ	Sports Club	Sports Club	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	Good	No	Secure	Standard	
Ryhall Tennis Club	PE9 4ER	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	Good	No	Secure	Standard	
Greetham Community Centre	LE15 7NG	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	Good	Yes	Unsecure	Standard	1x Netball overmarked
Middle Playing Fields	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	3	0	24	0	0	27	24	Good	Yes	Unsecure	Good	AGP courts are over marked on top of hockey pitches
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	Education	Education	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	Good	Yes	Unsecure	Good	9x Netball overmarked
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	Good	Yes	Unsecure	N/A	3x netball overmarked
Whissendine Sports Club	LE15 7EU	Sports Club	Sports Club	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Poor	No	Secure	Standard	
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	MOD	MOD	0	6	0	0	0	6	4	Poor	No	Unsecure	N/A	Unavailable

## Tennis Clubs

Club	Total No. Members	No. Senior Teams	No. Junior Teams	Future Increase/Decrease in membership	NGB/Sport England/Council Comments
Oakham Tennis Club The Vale, Off Cricket Lawns Off Uppingham Road, Oakham RUTLAND Leicestershire LE15 6JQ	160 members (60 adults 100 juniors)	12	4	Current adult membership 144  Adult capacity 220	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key contacts: Jane Gilmore oakhamtennis@gmail.com</li> <li>• 4 outdoor acrylic in good condition (3 floodlit)</li> <li>• Plans to either renovate or rebuild Clubhouse</li> <li>• Plans to add floodlights to crt 4 and upgrade to LEDs on court 1</li> <li>• Dan Potter (Head Coach) using Oakham School as satellite coaching venue.</li> <li>• Delivering LTA Youth programmes and link to schools</li> <li>• Delivering adult coaching programmes</li> <li>• Using ClubSpark court booking. Pay and Play is available, but not online booking system. Switching to ClubSpark membership model in March 2023</li> </ul>
Rutland Tennis Academy, Uppingham Community College, London Road, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9TJ	50 (40 adults / 10 juniors)	4	0	Current adult membership 40 adult capacity 240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key contacts: Liz Mortley rutlandtennis@gmail.com</li> <li>• 4 outdoor macadam in good condition (8 years old – need a clean) (4 floodlit)</li> <li>• On school site and community orientated club</li> <li>• Richard Wilson Head (Head Coach).</li> <li>• Small coaching programme for adults and juniors (Tuesdays)</li> <li>• Using ClubSpark for membership but not court booking system.</li> </ul>
<b>Ketton Tennis Club</b> , Ketton Sports and Community Centre, Pit Lane, Ketton, Stamford, Rutland, PE9 3SZ	225 members (115 adults 100 juniors)	6	4	Current adult membership 115 adult capacity 180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key contacts: Graham Bedford kettontennis@gmail.com</li> <li>• 3 artificial grass in average condition (3 floodlit)</li> <li>• On school sports and community centre site</li> <li>• Coaches Jack Hubbard &amp; Richard Wilson.</li> <li>• Coaching programme for juniors (not using LTA Youth) and Adults</li> <li>• Using ClubSpark for membership and court booking. Pay and play not available to non members.</li> </ul>

**AGP**

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	Surface Type	Pitch Size	Pitch Dimensions	Sports Lighting	WR22 Compliant	Quality Rating	AGP - Year Built	AGP - Year Refurbished	Available	Security of Tenure	Ancillary Facilities
Active Rutland Hub	LE15 7TU	Local Authority	Local Authority	Sand Filled	Small Sided - 5v5	33x38	Yes	No	Standard	2015	N/A	Yes	Secure	N/A
Brooke Hill Academy and Nursery	LE15 6HQ	Education	Education	Sand Filled	Small Sided - 5v5	13x26	No	No	Standard	2011	N/A	No	Insecure	N/A
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	Sand Filled	Full	62x101	Yes	No	Standard	2011	2021	Yes	Insecure	Good
Middle Playing Fields - Uppingham Sports Visitor Centre AGP - 1	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Sand Filled	Full	60x100	Yes	No	Good	1990	2007	No	Insecure	Good
Middle Playing Fields - Uppingham Sports Visitor Centre AGP - 2	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Sand Filled	Full	60x100	Yes	No	Good	2000	N/A	No	Insecure	Good
Middle Playing Fields - Uppingham Sports Visitor Centre AGP - 3	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Sand Dressed	Full	60x100	Yes	No	Good	2007	N/A	No	Insecure	Good
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	Sand Dressed	Full	60x100	Yes	No	Good	2015	N/A	Yes	Insecure	Good
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	Sand Dressed	Full	66x105	Yes	No	Good	2003	2018	Yes	Insecure	Good
Uppingham Sports Centre	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	3G	Full	66x100	Yes	No	Good	2006	2020	Yes	Insecure	N/A
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	MOD	MOD	Sand Filled	Full	61x97	Yes	No	Standard	1999	N/A	No	Insecure	N/A

**Netball**

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	No. Macadam	No. Tarmac	Total Courts	No. Floodlit	Quality Surface	Overmarked	Security of Tenure	Ancillary Facilities
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	0	3	3	3	Standard	Yes	Unsecure	Good
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	4	3	7	4	Good	Yes	Unsecure	Good
Greetham Community Centre	LE15 7NG	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	1	0	1	1	Good	Yes	Unsecure	Standard
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	Education	Education	9	0	9	0	Good	Yes	Unsecure	Good
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	3	0	3	3	Good	Yes	Unsecure	N/A
Casterton College	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	0	3	3	1	Standard	Yes	Unsecure	N/A

## Netball Clubs

Club Name	Adult/Junior	Primary Venue
TFC (Youth Section)	Club - adult and junio	Catmose Sports Centre
Charnwood Rutland	Club - adult and junio	Catmose Sports Centre
Last Minute	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School
Rutland Panthers	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School
The Mighty Ospreys	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School
Titans	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School
Sirens	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School
Rutland Belles	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School
Vixens Netball	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School
Melton Marvels	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School
Stans Stars	Club - adult	Rutland Netball League venue - was Catmose but now Oakham School

Name of League	County	Region	Postcode	Current status post Covid-19	Registered 20/21?	Does league require EN membership?	Type of league	Audience	Number of Divisions	Number of Teams
Rutland Netball League	Leicestershire	East	LE15 6DT	Restarted	Yes	Yes	Local	Adult	1	11
Stamford and Rutland Junio	Lincolnshire	East	PE9 2LR	Restarted	New Summer 22	?	Local	U9,U11, U12, U14, U16	5	56
Stamford Netball League	Lincolnshire	East	PE9 1UU	Restarted	No	No		Adult	4	64
<b>Total affiliation - Rutland</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>21/22</b>							
Rutland	144	138	92							





**Not Present or Disused**

Site Name	Post Code	Sport	Comment
Barnsdale Hall	LE15 8AB	Football	No pitch on site
Ryhall Cof E Primary	PE9 4HR	Football	No pitch on site
St Nicolas C of E Primary	LE15 7DL	Football	No pitch on site
Upper Playing Fields	LE15 9QX	Football	No pitch on site
Whissendine Sports Club	LE15 7EU	Cricket	No pitch on site
Wing Playing Fields	LE15 8SA	Football	No pitch on site
Catmose Primary School	LE15 6SH	Football	No pitch on site
Great Casterton Primary School	PE9 4AU	Football	No pitch on site

Appendix 2 - Rutland County Council PPOSS - Action Plan

Football

Site Name	Postcode	Ownership Type	Management Type	Security of Tenure	Ancillary Facilities	Site Description	Aim	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Cost
Casterton Business Enterprise	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	Unsecure	N/A	2 good quality adult 11v11 pitches on a school site with standard changing facilities.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality	L	Education	L	L
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	Unsecure	Good	3 standard quality adult 11v11 pitches with good quality ancillary facilities. A shared education and leisure site.	Protect, Enhance	Reinstate for community use	H	Education, RCC, FA	S	M
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE9 3SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	Good	1 poor quality adult 11v11, 1 poor quality 7v7 and 1 standard quality youth 11v11. A community sports site, with tennis and good quality ancillary facilities	Protect, Enhance, Provide	Improve grass pitch quality and consider for the development of LFFP identified 7v7 3G AGP.	H	Sports Club, FF, FA	S	H
Meadow Playing Fields	PE9 4ER	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	Secure	Poor	1x adult 11v11, 1 9v9, 1x 7v7, 1x 5v5. All are standard quality, other than the 5v5 which is poor.	Protect, Enhance	Improve grass pitch quality to sustain more community use for training. Improve poor quality ancillary facilities	H	Sports Club, FF, FA	S	M
Oakham School - Wilson Pavilion	LE15 7QH	Education	Education	Unsecure	Good	1 good quality grass pitch located on a private education site	Protect	Sustain pitch quality	L	Education	L	L
Oakham United FC - Barleythorpe	LE15 7EE	Local Authority	Sports Club	Secure	Good	1 good quality adult 11v11 and 1 good quality youth 11v11	Protect	Sustain pitch quality	L	Sports Club, FF, FA	L	L
Ridlington and Belton CC	LE15 9AX	Sports Club	Sports Club	Unsecure	N/A	1 poor quality 5v5 pitch with no ancillary provision.	Protect, Enhance	Improve pitch quality to enable the pitch to be used to support community use.	H	RCC, FF, FA, Sports Club	S	M
Rutland Showground	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Secure	Good	2 adult 11v11, 2x youth 11v11, 1x 9v9, 1x 7v7, 3x 5v5. A key site which supports demand from Royce Rangers, the largest club in the study area	Protect, Enhance, Provide	Sustain pitch quality. Consider for the development of LFFP identified 7v7 3G AGP.	H	RCC, FF, FA, Sports Club	M	H
Tods Piece	LE15 9SZ	Local Authority	Local Authority	Secure	Good	1x standard quality adult 11v11 with good quality ancillary facilities	Protect	Sustain pitch quality to continue to support community use	L	Sports Club, FF, FA	L	L
Wakerley and Barrowden CC	LE15 8EP	Local Authority	Local Authority	Unsecure	Standard	1 poor quality 9v9 pitch with standard quality ancillary provision.	Protect, Enhance	Improve pitch quality to enable the pitch to be used to support community use.	M	RCC, FF, FA, Sports Club	M	M
Westray Park, Oakham	LE15 7DH	Commercial	Commercial	Secure	Good	Excellent quality site with 2 adult 11v11 and 1 7v7 pitches. Good quality ancillary facilities.	Protect, Enhance, Provide	Sustain pitch quality. Consider for the development of LFFP identified 7v7 3G AGP.	H	RCC, FF, FA, Sports Club	S	H
Whissendine Sports Club	LE15 7EU	Sports Club	Sports Club	Unsecure	Standard	1x youth 11v11 standard quality site, with average ancillary provision.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality	L	FA, FF, Sports Club	L	L
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	MOD	MOD	Unsecure	N/A	2 Adult 11v11 located on an MOD site with no community access	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and secure potential future community use	L	MOD	L	L

Rugby Union

Site Name	Postcode	Ownership Type	Management Type	Security of Tenure	Pitch Type	No. Pitches	Pitch Rating	Drainage Score	Maintenance Score	Ancillary Facilities	Site Description	Aim	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescales	Cost
Casterton Business Enterprise	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	Unsecure	Adult Rugby	1	Good	D1	M1	N/A	D1/M1 - One senior pitch of standard quality on an education site	Protect	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime	L	Education	L	L
Middle Playing Fields (Uppingham School)	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Unsecure	Adult Rugby	7	Good	D1	M1	Good	D1/M1 - 7 senior pitches of standard quality on a private education site with no community access.	Protect, Provide	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime and explore the opportunity to develop community use agreement	M	Education	L	L
Oakham Rugby Club	LE15 7TW	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Other - Rutland Agricultural Society	Secure	Adult Rugby	4	Good	D2	M1	Good	D2/M1 x 3 and D1/M1 x 1 and floodlit training area.	Protect, Enhance	Improve drainage and maintenance of all pitches, informed by GMA reports.	H	RFU, Sports Club, Rutland Showground	S	M
Oakham School - Wilson Playing Fields	LE15 7QH	Education	Education	Unsecure	Adult Rugby	4	Good	D1	M1	Good	D1/M1 - 4 senior pitches of standard quality on a private education site with no community access.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime and explore the opportunity to develop community use agreement	M	Education	L	L
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	Unsecure	Adult Rugby	4	Good	D1	M1	Good	D1/M1 - 4 senior pitches of standard quality on a private education site with no community access.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime and explore the opportunity to develop community use agreement	M	Education	L	L
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Secure	Adult Rugby	2	Standard	D0	M1	N/A	D1/M1 - 2 senior pitches of standard quality on an education site. Home of Stonegate RFC. No ancillary facilities or floodlights	Protect, Provide, Enhance	Improve pitch quality, informed by GMA reports. Install floodlighting to support demand for training. Create a new senior grass pitch and training area. Consider the resurfacing of Uppingham School 3G to ensure rugby compliance. Secure a long term community use agreement for Stonegate RFC.	H	RFU, RCC, FF, Sports Club, Education	S	H
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	Education	Education	Unsecure	Adult Rugby	4	Good	D1	M1	Good	D1/M1 - 4 senior pitches of standard quality on a private education site with no community access.		Sustain pitch quality through current maintenance regime and explore the opportunity to develop community use agreement	M	Education	L	L

## Cricket

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	Security of Tenure	No. Squares	No. Grass Wickets	No. Artificial Wickets	Pitch Rating	Ancillary Facilities	Site Description	Aim	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescales	Cost
Casterton Business and Enterprise College	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	Unsecure	1	0	1	Poor	N/A	One poor quality artificial wicket with only curricular and extra-curricular use.	Protect, Enhance	Improve non-turf wicket and secure community use	L	Education	L	L
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	Unsecure	1	0	1	Poor	N/A	One poor quality artificial wicket with only curricular and extra-curricular use.	Protect, Enhance	Improve non-turf wicket and secure community use	L	Education	L	L
Empingham Cricket and Social Club	LE15 8QA	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	1	9	0	Standard	Good	9 standard quality grass wickets, with good ancillary facilities.	Protect	Sustain grass wicket quality	H	Sports Club	L	L
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE93SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	1	14	0	Good	Good	14 good quality wickets on a shared site with football and tennis. Good quality site with excellent ancillary facilities.	Protect	Sustain grass wicket quality	H	Sports Club	L	L
Lime Kilns Ground - Oakham Cricket Club	LE15 6HH	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	2	12	1	Good	Good	12 good quality grass wickets and one NTP also in good quality.	Protect, Provide	Sustain grass wicket quality and consider the development of additional wickets on site	H	Sports Club	S	L
Market Overton Cricket Club	LE15 7PP	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	1	9	0	Good	Good	9 good quality grass wickets and good ancillary facilities.	Protect, Provide	Sustain grass wicket quality and consider the development of additional wickets on site	H	Sports Club	S	L
Middle Playing Fields (Uppingham School)	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Unsecure	6	27	0	Good	Good	6 pitches with a total of 27 wickets on site, with excellent ancillary facilities. No community use of the site.	Protect, Provide	Secure community use	H	Education	S	L
North Luffeham Cricket	LE15 8LE	Local Authority	Sports Club	Secure	1	9	0	Standard	Standard	9 standard quality grass wickets, with good ancillary facilities	Protect	Sustain grass wicket quality	H	Sports Club	S	L
Oakham School Wilson Pavilion	LE15 7QH	Education	Education	Unsecure	1	12	0	Good	Good	Excellent quality private school site with 12 grass wickets and good quality clubhouse. No community use	Protect, Provide	Secure community use	H	Education	S	L
Oakham School Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	Unsecure	4	23	0	Good	Good	Outstanding quality site with new nets and large pavilion. 4 pitches with a total of 23 grass wickets. No community use	Protect, Provide	Secure community use	H	Education	S	L
The Upper Playing Fields (Uppingham School)	LE15 9QX	Education	Education	Unsecure	1	9	0	Good	Good	Uppingham School additional site, with excellent pavilion and maintenance provision. No community use of any of the 9 grass wickets	Protect, Provide	Secure community use	H	Education	S	L
Uppingham Town Cricket Club	LE15 9SP	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	2	20	0	Good	Good	20 good quality grass wickets split between 2 pitches. Excellent quality site with good ancillary facilities.	Protect, Provide	Sustain grass wicket quality and consider the development of additional wickets on site. Consider the relocation of Aryans CC away from the site to allow for more capacity	H	Sports Club	M	L
Wakerley & Barrowden CC	LE15 8EP	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	1	6	0	Standard	Standard	6 standard quality grass wickets and average ancillary facilities	Protect, Provide, Enhance	Improve grass wicket quality and consider the development of additional wickets on site	H	Sports Club	S	M
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	MOD	MOD	Unsecure	1	0	1	Standard	N/A	One poor quality artificial wicket on MOD site	Protect	Improve non-turf wicket	L	MOD	L	L

## Tennis

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	Security of Tenure	No. Macadam	No. Tarmac	No. AGP	No. Grass	No. Clay	Total No. Courts	No. Floodlit Courts	Quality Rating	Ancillary Facilities	Aim	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescales	Cost
Barnsdale Hall & Country Club	LE15 8AB	Commercial	Commercial	Secure	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	Good	Good	Protect	Sustain court quality for community use	L	LTA, Commercial	L	L
Catmose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	Unsecure	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	Poor	N/A	Protect, Enhance	Undertake court quality review and implement improvements	L	LTA, Education	M	H
Hambleton Hall	LE15 6TH	Commercial	Commercial	Secure	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	Good	Good	Protect	Sustain court quality for community use	L	LTA, Commercial	L	L
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE93SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	Good	Good	Protect	Sustain court quality for community use	M	LTA, Club	L	L
Oakham School Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	Unsecure	4	3	0	0	0	7	4	Good	Good	Protect	Sustain court quality for curricular and community use	M	LTA, Education	L	L
Oakham Lawn Tennis Club	LE15 6JQ	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	Good	Standard	Protect	Sustain court quality for community use	M	LTA, Club	L	L
Ryhall Tennis Club	PE9 4ER	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	Secure	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	Poor	Standard	Protect, Enhance	Undertake court quality review and implement improvements	M	LTA, Club	S	H
Greetham Community Centre	LE15 7NG	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	Unsecure	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	Good	Standard	Protect	Sustain court quality for community use	M	LTA, RCC	L	L
Middle Playing Fields	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Unsecure	3	0	24	0	0	27	24	Good	Good	Protect	Sustain court quality for curricular use	L	LTA, Education	L	L
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	Education	Education	Unsecure	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	Good	Good	Protect	Sustain court quality for curricular use	L	LTA, Education	L	L
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Unsecure	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	Good	N/A	Protect	Sustain court quality for curricular and community use	M	LTA, Education	L	L
Whissendine Sports Club	LE15 7EU	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Poor	Standard	Protect, Enhance	Undertake court quality review and implement improvements	M	LTA, Club	M	H
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	MOD	MOD	Unsecure	0	6	0	0	0	6	4	Poor	N/A	Protect, Enhance	Undertake court quality review and implement improvements	M	MOD	M	H

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	Available	Security of Tenure	Surface Type	Pitch Size	Pitch Dimensions	Sports Lighting	WR22 Compliant	Quality Rating	Ancillary Facilities	Site Description	Aim	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescales	Cost
Active Rutland Hub	LE15 7TU	Local Authority	Local Authority	Yes	Secure	Sand Filled	Small Sided - 5v5	33x38	Yes	No	Standard	N/A	One standard quality 5v5 small sided AGP used for casual small-sided football.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	Active Rutland, RCC	L	L
Brooke Hill Academy and Nursery	LE15 6HQ	Education	Education	No	Insecure	Sand Filled	Small Sided - 5v5	13x26	No	No	Standard	N/A	One standard quality 5v5 small sided AGP on an education site with no community use. Used for curriculum use only	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and consider community use agreement to support training demand	M	Education, RCC	L	L
Calrose Sports Centre	LE15 6RP	Education	Education	Yes	Insecure	Sand Filled	Full	62x101	Yes	No	Poor	Good	Full size sand dressed AGP. No community use due to poor quality pitch and ongoing security of tenure and accessibility issues. Previously used for casual football.	Protect, Enhance	Improvements to the quality of the surface to ensure it is suitable to support football training demand where needed	M	Education, RCC	S	H
Middle Playing Fields - Uppingham School	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	No	Insecure	Sand Filled	Full	60x100	Yes	No	Good	Good	3 full size sand dressed AGPs on private education site. Very high quality. No community use. Hockey use only.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality	L	Education	L	L
Oakham Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	Yes	Insecure	Sand Dressed	Full	60x100	Yes	No	Good	Good	2 full size sand dressed AGPs on private education site. Very high quality, with some community use available for football clubs, but mainly used to support curricular and extra-curricular hockey	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	H	Education	L	L
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Yes	Insecure	3G	Full	66x100	Yes	No	Good	N/A	One full size 3G pitch located on education site. Good quality surface and floodlit, however the school operate reduced peak time opening hours. Used to support a number of affiliated football team's training and match play demand.	Protect, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised. Secure access to the community on Sundays during peak time. At the time of resurfacing, consider the possibility of WR22 compliance to support rugby union clubs. Ensure that the pitch meets FA standards and is included on the FA 3G Pitch Register.	H	Education, FA, FF, RCC	S	M
Kendrew Barracks	LE15 7BL	MOD	MOD	No	Insecure	Sand Filled	Full	61x97	Yes	No	Standard	N/A	Full size sand dressed AGP located on MOD site with no community access. Used for a variety of sports, but mainly football.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality	L	MOD	L	L

**Netball**

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	Security of Tenure	No. Macadam	No. Tarmac	Total Courts	No. Floodlit	Quality Surface	Ancillary Facilities	Aim	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescales	Cost
Calrose Sports Centre	LE15 8RP	Education	Education	Unsecure	0	3	3	3	Standard	Good	Protect, Provide	Sustain court quality for curricular use, and secure community use agreement	M	England Netball, Education	L	L
Oakham School Sports Centre	LE15 6QL	Education	Education	Unsecure	4	3	7	4	Good	Good	Protect, Provide	Sustain court quality for curricular use, and secure community use agreement	M	England Netball, Education	L	L
Greetham Community Centre	LE15 7NG	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	Unsecure	1	0	1	1	Good	Standard	Protect, Provide	Sustain court quality for curricular use	M	England Netball	L	L
Uppingham School Sports Centre	LE15 9SE	Education	Education	Unsecure	9	0	9	0	Good	Good	Protect, Provide	Sustain court quality for curricular use, and secure community use agreement	M	England Netball, Education	L	L
Uppingham Community College	LE15 9TJ	Education	Education	Unsecure	3	0	3	3	Good	N/A	Protect, Provide	Sustain court quality for curricular use, and secure community use agreement	M	England Netball, Education	L	L
Casterton College	PE9 4AT	Education	Education	Unsecure	0	3	3	1	Standard	N/A	Protect, Provide	Sustain court quality for curricular use, and secure community use agreement	M	England Netball, Education	L	L



**Bowls**

Site Name	Post Code	Ownership Type	Management Type	Security of Tenure	No. Greens	Quality Surface	Ancillary Facilities	Aim	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescales	Cost
Chater Bowling Club	LE15 8LE	Local Authority	Sports Club	Secure	1	Standard	Standard	Protect	Ensure site quality does not worsen	M	Bowls England, Club	L	L
Eppingham Cricket and Social Club	LE15 8QA	Other	Sports Club	Secure	1	Standard	N/A	Protect	Ensure site quality does not worsen	M	Bowls England, Club	L	L
Greetham Community Centre	LE15 7NG	Local Authority	Sports Club	Secure	1	Standard	Good	Protect	Ensure site quality does not worsen	M	Bowls England, Club	L	L
Greetham Valley Golf Club	LE15 7SN	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	1	Good	Standard	Protect	Ensure site quality does not worsen	M	Bowls England, Club	L	L
Ketton Sports and Community Centre	PE9 3SZ	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	1	Good	Good	Protect	Ensure site quality does not worsen	M	Bowls England, Club	L	L
Market Overton Bowling Club	LE15 7PH	Sports Club	Sports Club	Secure	1	Good	Good	Protect	Ensure site quality does not worsen	M	Bowls England, Club	L	L
Meadow Playing Fields Stamford	PE9 4ER	Other	Other	Insecure	1	Poor	Standard	Protect, Enhance	Green and ancillary facility improvements to ensure sustained and good quality community use	M	Bowls England, Club, Community Association	L	L
Oakham Bowling Club	LE15 6JQ	Local Authority	Sports Club	Secure	1	Good	Good	Protect	Ensure site quality does not worsen	M	Bowls England, Club	L	L