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Abbreviations

3G	Third Generation (artificial grass pitch)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
BDA	Bowls Development Alliance
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CFA	County Football Association
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
CC	Cricket Club
HC	Hockey Club
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
MES	Match Equivalent Session
NGB	National Governing Body
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106
TGR	Team Generation Rate

Executive Summary

- ES1. The Executive Summary provides a summary of the key findings for each sport from the Assessment Report. Table ES1 provides a summary for each pitch sport based on the capacity analyses that has been carried out. The numbers shown in Table ES1 for grass football pitches and 3G Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) are on an authority-wide scale. The balance of these differs when assessed on a sub analysis area basis. This is described in more detail in each of the relevant sections later in this report.
- ES2. Table ES1 shows current (2025) and future (2039) capacity of playing pitches in the South Derbyshire District Council area.

Table ES1 – Current (2025) and future (2039) capacity of playing pitches in South Derbyshire

Sport	Pitch Type	Current Capacity 2025	Future Capacity 2039
Football - Grass Pitches	Adult	10.5	4.5
	Youth Football 11v11	3	2.5
	Youth Football 9v9	0.5	0.5
	Mini Soccer 7v7	1.5	1
	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	1
3G AGPs	Full Size	-4.75	-4.75
Rugby Union	Senior	-1.8	-1.8
	Junior	-0.4	-0.4
Hockey AGPs	Full Size	Demand is being met	Demand is being met
Cricket - Saturday	Senior grass wickets	-90	-170
Cricket - Sunday		-80	-180
Cricket - Midweek		-72	-84

Football Summary

- ES3. There are 41 clubs supporting 284 teams affiliate to Derbyshire FA in South Derbyshire. This includes 5 clubs (10 teams) from neighbouring authorities that import demand into South Derbyshire. There are also 21 South Derbyshire clubs (118 teams) who export demand outside of South Derbyshire;
- ES4. A total of 12 clubs, representing 157 teams, responded to the consultation and giving a team response rate of 60%;
- ES5. There are currently 51 operational sites in South Derbyshire) that provide a total of 84 grass football pitches. There are 61 pitches that are available for community use across 40 sites.
- ES6. There are currently 5 football clubs (14 teams) using pitches where provision is deemed unsecured;
- ES7. There are a total of 18 disused football pitches that have been identified in the study area across 18 sites. The majority of which are mini soccer 7v7 pitches;
- ES8. Of the total number of pitches that were assessed, the majority (51) were of standard quality (67%). Thirteen pitches (17%) were good quality, and 12 pitches (16%) were poor quality;
- ES9. Of the 76 sites with ancillary facilities that were assessed, thirty-eight sites (38 or 50%) provided standard quality ancillary provision, with fourteen (14 or 18%) providing good quality provision. Three sites with ancillary provision were assessed as poor;
- ES10. There are 118 teams currently exporting demand outside of South Derbyshire into other local authority areas. Fifty-one per cent (51%) of this demand is being exported to East Staffordshire, and 40% is being exported to Derby City. Circa 5% is exported to North West Leicestershire and 2% to the Derbyshire Dales and 2% to Rushcliffe;
- ES11. Should future demand identified by clubs during the consultation be realised, there would be 68 new teams playing with South Derbyshire, this would generate an additional 34 MES of demand;
- ES12. TGRs forecast that there will be a total of 14 new teams created in South Derbyshire. The greatest amount of future demand will come from adult mens teams;
- ES13. There is currently actual spare capacity on football pitches in South Derbyshire amounting to 19.5 MES. The greatest amount of spare capacity is on adult football pitches. This accounts for 62% of all actual spare capacity. The North currently has the greatest amount of spare capacity with 6 MES. Followed by the South with 5.5 MES, the North West with 4 MES, Central with 2.5 MES and the North East with 1.5 MES;
- ES14. There is a total of 7 MES of overplay on football pitches in South Derbyshire. This is evenly split between adult football pitches and youth 11v11 football pitches, with 3.5 MES each;
- ES15. There is spare capacity on all football pitch types now, and in the future. Although it is worth noting that spare capacity on all pitch types is minimal, particularly for youth and mini soccer age groups. Therefore, any minor changes to the supply or demand, could alter this position on these pitch types. Space capacity on youth 11v11 and mini soccer 7v7 pitches does also reduce by 0.5 MES when future demand is considered. It is also worth noting that there are 118 teams from South Derbyshire who are exporting demand to other local authority areas. Should this demand return, it would impact the balance of pitches in the study area.

3G AGP Summary

- ES16. There are two full size 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire. These are located at Etwall Leisure Centre and Pingle Academy. Both of these pitches are available for community use. There is also one smaller sized 3G AGP in the study area, located at Melbourne Sports Park. This pitch is also available for community use;
- ES17. All three of the 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire are currently on the 3G Pitch Register, and therefore able to cater for competitive match play;
- ES18. Repton School have submitted a planning application to provide two full size 3G AGPs on their site. The proposals would include a community use agreement to make the pitches available to the community. The planning application hasn't been determined as yet. There are several proposals that have been identified by stakeholders during the consultation process regarding aspirations to provide 3G AGPs. None of these have been submitted for planning as yet. Melbourne Sports Partnership are looking to provide a full size 3G AGP at Melbourne Sports Park, that could support demand from football and rugby union. South Derbyshire District Council have plans to develop a new leisure centre in Swadlincote, that could also provide a full size 3G AGP. Gresley Rovers FC would like to move to a new site, should this be viable, they would like the new site to provide a 3G AGP. Shardlow St James FC also commented that they would like to have a 3G AGP provided in Shardlow;
- ES19. The 3G AGP at Etwall Leisure Centre is at capacity during midweek and weekend peak periods, whilst the 3G AGP at Melbourne Sports Park has a minimal amount of spare capacity available at the weekend, this is also the case for the 3G AGP at Pingle Academy which has minimal spare capacity during the weekend peak hours.
- ES20. None of the 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire are poor quality. Two were assessed as standard quality and one as good quality. The pitch at Etwall Leisure Centre is due to be resurfaced in the summer of 2026 due to its age;
- ES21. The consultation identified that there 10 teams currently training on sand based AGPs. Five of these teams are also accessing sand based AGPs outside of the study area. There are also six teams who are accessing 3G AGP outside of the study area for midweek training;
- ES22. In order to calculate demand for 3G AGPs in the study area, all imported demand (10 teams) has been discounted, and all exported demand (118 teams) has been included. On this basis there are 274 teams who require access to a 3G AGP in the study area. Based on the 1:38 ratio, this means that there is demand for 7 (rounded down from 7.2) 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire. There are currently two full size 3G AGPs and one smaller sized AGPs that are available for community use in the study area. This gives a current total of 2.25 3G AGP, leaving a shortfall of 4.75 pitches;
- ES23. There aren't currently any WR compliant 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire. Should a 3G AGP project proceed at Melbourne Sports Park proceed, where Melbourne RFC are based. There could be demand for this pitch to be WR compliant, to meet some of the rugby clubs midweek training demand. This could form part of the solution to the overplay that exists on the rugby union pitches on this site.

Rugby Union Summary

- ES25. There is currently only one community rugby union club within the South Derbyshire area. Melbourne RFC currently has 17 teams across a number of different age groups and features both male, female, and age grade teams;
- ES26. There are currently five rugby pitches that are marked out and provide posts identified within the study area, across three sites. Four of these pitches are available for community use, the one that is not available for community use is located at an educational site;
- ES27. Derby Grammar School, John Port Spencer Academy, and Granville Academy previously provided marked and posted rugby pitches. However at present there are no grass pitches marked out at these schools.
- ES28. Security of tenure is not an issue at Melbourne RFC; the club holds the freehold of the site.
- ES29. 100% of rugby union pitches that were assessed were found to be a basic quality. Melbourne RFC was assessed as providing good ancillary facilities and the two remaining schools were found to have a standard quality ancillary facilities.
- ES30. Melbourne RFC reported that their three female age grade teams play the majority of their games at Ashby RFC in North West Leicestershire, as they are unable to accommodate them at Melbourne Sports Park. No imported demand was identified for rugby union in South Derbyshire;
- ES31. Melbourne RFC stated that they are looking to grow five additional in the future, with one new team at each category;
- ES32. TGRs for rugby union don't forecast any growth in team up to 2039. It is worth noting that TGRs don't take into account any targeted work that NGBs or clubs carry out to grow team numbers;
- ES33. Two of the rugby union pitches at Melbourne Sports Park are currently overplayed, this equates to 2.8 MES of overplay across the site. There is some spare capacity on the senior rugby union pitch that doesn't have sports lights, that equates to 0.6 MES. The overall balance of rugby union pitches on site is that they are overplayed by 2.2 MES;
- ES34. There is current actual spare capacity of 0.6 MES on rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire. This is located on the senior rugby union pitch at Melbourne Sports Park that doesn't have sports light. The spare capacity identified on the two non-club sites has been discounted as they either offer unsecured community use, or don't offer community use;
- ES35. Overplay on rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire equates to 2.8 MES. All overplay identified is located at Melbourne Sports Park;
- ES36. There are current shortfalls of 1.8 MES on senior rugby union pitches and 0.4 MES on junior rugby union pitches. These shortfalls are unaffected when future demand based on TGR are considered.

Hockey Summary

- ES37. Repton Hockey Club is the only hockey club to play in South Derbyshire. The club took part in the consultation process;
- ES38. There are AGPs in South Derbyshire that are considered to be full size. These are located at Repton School Sports Centre and are available for community use. There are also two smaller-sized AGPs located in the study area, one of which is available for community use;

- ES39. Although the Repton Hockey Club use the facilities at Repton School on a weekly basis, they do not have security of tenure that safeguards their long-term use of the facilities and reported having to work around the school in terms of access to the pitch;
- ES40. The full size AGPs in South Derbyshire have been assessed to be of standard quality. The water based pitch was refurbished in the last 5 years and the sand dressed pitch in 2025. Understanding the school's plans for the upgrade and refurbishment of the older pitch will be important to ensure the continuing supply of full-sized hockey pitches.
- ES41. Ancillary provision at Repton School Sports Centre was assessed as standard quality.
- ES42. Repton Hockey Club has a total of 14 teams and 391 members. The club reported no current plans to increase the number of teams;
- ES43. There has been no imported demand or exported demand identified for hockey in the study area;
- ES44. There is currently no spare capacity during the midweek or weekend peak periods on the water based AGP at Repton School Sports Centre. All of Repton HC activity is delivered on this pitch, which also include use from Repton School. Repton HC did comment during the consultation that they sometimes have to work around the schools requirements on the pitch, which can cause them some issues. There is currently some spare capacity on the sand dressed AGP at the site, with six hours available midweek and 10 available at weekends. This total's 16 hours across the week, which represents 55% of the pitches capacity in the peak periods (29 hours available in total).

Rugby League Summary

- ES45. No rugby league demand has been identified in South Derbyshire from community clubs;
- ES46. There is one rugby league pitch provided at Mercia Academy to support the school's curriculum.

Cricket Summary

- ES47. There are currently 15 sites in South Derbyshire that provide grass cricket pitches; this equates to 18 grass cricket pitches in total. Only two sites provide grass cricket pitches that are not available for community use, these are at Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School and Mercia Academy;
- ES48. Three sites in South Derbyshire previously provided grass cricket pitches but are now disused;
- ES49. There are 10 NTPs in South Derbyshire. Seven of these are available for community use. All NTPs that are not available for the community are located on education sites;
- ES50. There are four sites currently used by cricket clubs in South Derbyshire where security of tenure is identified as an issue. These are Walton Cricket Club, where the club have an annual agreement with the Startin Family; Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange) which is used by Ticknall CC and on an annual rent from Ticknall Parish Council; and the Recreation Centre (Ashton-on-Trent) which is hired on an annual basis by Aston-on-Trent Village Cricket Club. Hilton CC confirmed that they are in discussions with Marton on Dove estates about a new lease. They have a rolling agreement at present;
- ES51. Sixty-three percent of grass cricket pitches were assessed as good quality, and the remainder (5 pitches) were assessed as standard quality. No grass pitches were assessed as poor;
- ES52. The majority of NTPs were assessed as good quality (78%), with the remainder being of standard quality. No NTPs were assessed as poor quality;

- ES53. The greatest amount of team demand comes from junior teams; they account for 57% of all demand. Senior teams account for 43% of demand;
- ES54. TGRs show that there will be up to 12 new team created in South Derbyshire, up to 2039. The greatest amount of forecast growth comes from senior mens teams, which accounts for 66% of all new teams forecast;
- ES55. No actual spare capacity has been identified for Saturday cricket. There is one sites in South Derbyshire with spare capacity for Sunday cricket, which is Melbourne Sports Park, which can accommodate one team. There are three sites with actual spare capacity for midweek cricket. This equates to three teams of actual spare capacity in total;
- ES56. There are currently seven sites that contain grass cricket pitches that are overplayed, this equates to 90 MES of overplay per season. the greatest amount of overplay is located in the North West, which accounts for 36% of all overplay. This is followed by the North East with 26%, the South with 16%, and then Central and the North jointly with 11% each;
- ES57. There are current shortfalls of 90 MES for Saturday cricket which increase to 170 MES when future demand is considered. shortfalls for Sunday cricket are slightly lower than Saturday cricket at 80 MES per season. Future shortfalls are greater at 180 MES per season, as future demand from senior men and womens teams is considered. there are current shortfalls on 72 MES for midweek cricket, which increase by 12 MES to 84 MES due to a forecast growth of two junior teams.

Tennis Summary

- ES58. There are six LTA registered tennis clubs in South Derbyshire. Four of these clubs of these clubs took part in the consultation, which represents a 67% club response rate;
- ES59. There are 13 sites that provide tennis courts in the study area, this equates to 56 courts in total. Ten sites provide a total of 46 tennis courts that are available for community use, which equates to 83% of tennis courts in the study area.
- ES60. Tennis clubs in South Derbyshire generally have high levels of security in terms of tenancy arrangements. Freehold arrangements are in place at three of the clubs – Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club, Grangewood Tennis Centre and Netherseal LTC. Melbourne Tennis Club has an established relationship with the Melbourne Sports Park; and there is a community use agreement in place for Etwall TC for use of the facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre. Repton Tennis and Rackets is the only club site deemed to be unsecured. The club hires the facilities from the school;
- ES61. Of the sites assessed, 59% (27 courts) were assessed as good. The remaining seven courts (at 3 sites) were assessed as standard quality. No tennis courts were rated as poor. All tennis courts at sites used by clubs were assessed as good quality;
- ES62. The majority of sites available for community use provide good (3 sites) or standard (3 sites) quality ancillary provision. One site at Maurice Lea Memorial Park was deemed to be poor quality. Access to Repton School Sports Centre was not possible during the assessment;
- ES63. There are a total of 679 adult tennis members and 263 junior tennis members in South Derbyshire, based on clubs that took part in the consultation. Clubs that reported decreases in their membership commented that these were minor changes. Church Broughton Tennis Club reported increases in adult members because of the installation of the padel court;
- ES64. If future growth identified was realised, there would be up to 30 additional adult tennis members and 50 additional junior tennis members at tennis clubs in South Derbyshire;

- ES65. Insight provided by the LTA suggests that there is demand for an additional 1,957 tennis players in South Derbyshire, the penetration rate for this is 157 tennis players (8% of demand);
- ES66. Based on information provided by tennis club who participated in the consultation, that majority of sites used by clubs have spare capacity for additional members. The one site where this isn't the case is Broughton Heath Golf Club, which is used by Church Broughton Tennis Club. The courts here are currently oversubscribed by 30 members. This could be addressed by provided sports light on the fourth court at this site;
- ES67. There is capacity for up to 39,200 pay a play bookings per year on tennis courts in South Derbyshire.

Padel Tennis Summary

- ES68. Data provided by the LTA based on the current population of South Derbyshire, shows that there is a penetration/ player base for Padel of 1,514. The demand calculator identifies a need for eight Padel courts within the study are based on this. This is not seen as a cap, more the LTA has confidence there is sufficient demand for the number of courts identified;
- ES69. Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club, which is located in the grounds of Broughton Heath Golf Club has installed one outdoor all weather, floodlit padel tennis court and established a club as part of their tennis offer. This means that there is currently a shortfall of seven padel tennis courts in South Derbyshire based on LTA calculations;
- ES70. During consultation, Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club indicated that they would like to build a second padel court at some point in the future, that would potentially be covered. Repton School has also submitted a planning application (reference DPMA/2023/0700) to SDCC that proposes a significant development on school land. Part of the proposals include the installation of four padel tennis courts, two of which would be covered. The application remains under review with no formal decision reported.

Pickleball Summary

- ES71. Pickleball combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis and can be played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. Courts are often overmarked in sports halls on badminton courts or on tennis courts.
- ES72. Pickleball clubs affiliate to Pickelball England, who provide governance, support and guidance to member clubs and players.
- ES73. There is currently one Pickleball club that plays within South Derbyshire, this is u3a Pickleball Club. The club currently play indoors at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms.
- ES74. The club currently has 28 adult member, with membership only open to u3a members.
- ES75. There are four Pickelball courts overmarked on one of the tennis courts at Broughton Heath Golf Club. This is the court that doesn't provide sports lights. There isn't a Pickleball club based at this site, the courts are just used for people to play recreationally.

Netball Summary

- ES76. There are nine sites in South Derbyshire that provide a total of 25 outdoor netball courts, Three sites are not open to the community meaning that there are 8 courts available for community use;
- ES77. Provision is well distributed throughout the district. The South sub-area is the only location without its own netball provision;
- ES78. The netball courts at Etwall Leisure Centre, Melbourne Sports Park and three of the courts at Granville Academy were assessed as good quality. The courts at Eureka Park, Maurice Lea Memorial Park and one at Granville Academy were assessed as standard;
- ES79. The quality of the ancillary facilities is 'Standard' apart from the facilities at Melbourne Sports Park which were rated as good. Ancillary facilities at Maurice Lea Memorial Park were rated as poor;
- ES80. Burton and District Netball League also currently use venues in South Derbyshire to support their league fixtures. They currently use Granvill Academy for junior league fixtures and training and Repton School Sports centre for senior league fixtures. At both sites the use sports halls during the winter and outdoor courts during the summer. During the consultation the league stated that they would like to increase their adult summer league offer in the future, if there is enough demand.
- ES81. There is also a commercial league provider operating in the study area that don't affiliate to England Netball. You Play Netball operate an indoor league at the Pingle Academy every Wednesday evening. The league currently has seven teams playing in it.
- ES82. Swandlicote Netball Club were the only club to respond to the consultation. They play their league matches in either Burton or Leicestershire. They currently have 3 senior teams and are looking to increase the number of senior teams by one and to develop a U16 team;
- ES83. There is a Walking Netball sessions currently being delivered at Granville Academy, every Thursday evening and a Walking Netball session being delivered indoors at Findern Village Hall every Wednesday afternoon;
- ES84. Abbey Sports Coaching are a netball coaching company whop operate in South Derbyshire. Providing coaching sessions for 7-16 year olds at Etwall Leisure Centre. They have no formal links to any local clubs.

Bowls Summary

- ES85. There are 11 bowling clubs currently within South Derbyshire. Eight out of the 11 clubs took part in the consultation, which represents a 72% club response rate. The consultation was supported by South Derbyshire Crown Green Bowling Association;
- ES86. Two clubs that took part in the consultation have over 80 members. Aston & Weston Bowling Club has the greatest number of members (92) and Etwall Bowls Club has 89 members. All of the other clubs that reported their membership numbers are operating sustainably, that is, have over 20 members;
- ES87. Ten sites in South Derbyshire provide crown bowling greens, there is also an indoor green provide at Gresley Old Hall;
- ES88. Fifty-five percent of bowling greens were assessed as good quality and 36% were also assessed as standard quality. It wasn't possible to assess one (9%) bowling green;

- ES89. The majority of bowling greens with ancillary facilities (55%) were rated as providing a good quality provision. Whilst 27% were assessed as standard quality and 9% as poor quality. It was not possible to determine the quality of facilities at Gresley Old Hall, which has been referenced as unknown (9%);
- ES90. Based on clubs who took part in the consultation, there is a total of 462 adult members and 50 junior members currently playing in South Derbyshire. Newhall Social Bowls Club and Willington Bowls Club reported that adult and junior membership numbers had increased in the last three years; Etwall Bowls Club and Aston & Weston Bowls Club reported increased numbers of adult members. Belmont Bowls Club and Hatton Bowls Club report that their adult membership number had decreased;
- ES91. Security of tenure is deemed to be an issue at four sites used by bowls clubs. neither Etwall Bowls Club, Hatton Bowls Club, nor Newhall Park Bowls Club have a long term agreements in place at their respective sites. South Derbyshire Miners Welfare Bowls Club didn't respond to the consultation, so their tenure arrangements are unknown.

Athletics Summary

- ES92. There are no standard outdoor athletics facilities provided in South Derbyshire. There is a seasonal compact running track and throwing cage provided at Repton Sports Centre;
- ES93. There are no proposals at present to provide new athletics facilities in South Derbyshire at present. England Athletics would like to explore opportunities to provide Active Tracks in the area in the future;
- ES94. The facilities provided at Repton School Sports Centre are managed by the school. The facilities are used by the school during the day at term times, which means that they are only available to the community in the evening and weekends at term times;
- ES95. There are two Park Run events that takes place every Saturday morning in South Derbyshire, one at Coronation Park, and one at Rosliston Forestry Centre. There has been an average of 141 participants each week at Coronation Park event and 191 participants at the Rosliston Forestry Centre event. There is also a junior Park Run event which takes place at Maurice Lea Memorial Park every Sunday morning, has attracted an average of 72 participants each week.

1. Introduction

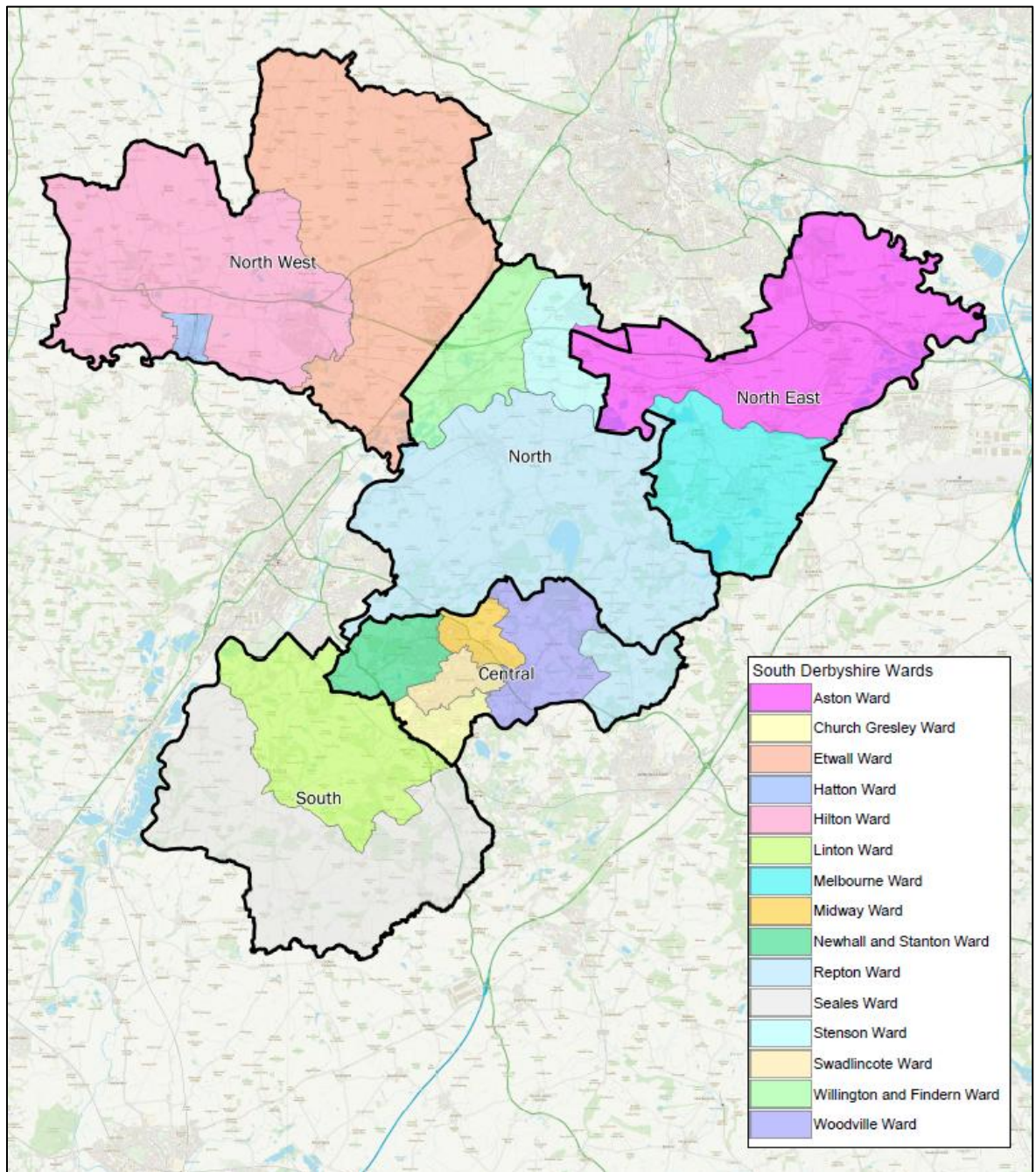
Introduction

- 1.1 FMG Consulting Ltd ('FMG') has been appointed to develop a new Playing Pitch Strategy for South Derbyshire District Council ('the Council'). The strategy provides a strategic framework to ensure that the provision of sports facilities meets the needs of residents (both existing and future) and visitors to the area. It will also support those organisations, including the local authority, involved in the provision of sports facilities in the study area

The Study Area

- 1.2 The study area comprises of a number of distinct and simplified sub-areas. These are used in the analysis to provide a more detailed assessment of the supply and demand of pitches locally.
- 1.3 The sub-areas are:
- North;
 - North West;
 - North East;
 - Central; and
 - South.
- 1.4 For certain sports, depending on how they are played, sub areas haven't been used. Where this is the case, the assessment has been conducted on an authority wide basis.
- 1.5 Details of the study area by sub-area is set out in Figure 1.1.

Figure 1.1 The Study Area



Scope of Work

- 1.6 The following outdoor pitch sports have been assessed as part of this strategy.
- Football;
 - Rugby Union;
 - Cricket (including practise nets and indoor nets);
 - Hockey; and
 - Rugby League.
- 1.7 The following non-pitch sports have also been assessed:
- Athletics;
 - Tennis (including Padel and Pickleball);
 - Netball; and
 - Bowls (crown green)
- 1.8 Artificial grass pitches (AGP's) relevant to the sports above have also been assessed as part of this strategy.
- 1.9 Finally, any ancillary provision included on sites containing the above sports has also been assessed and included in this report for information.

Why is this PPS being developed?

- 1.10 As a planning authority, South Derbyshire does not have an up-to-date evidence base for the supply and demand of outdoor sports facilities and therefore requires a PPS to be developed so that it can better understand current and future demand for outdoor sports pitches. The PPS provides an accurate assessment of need ensuring that the provision of outdoor sports facilities is located in the right locations and at a sufficient scale to meet current and future demand.

Vision

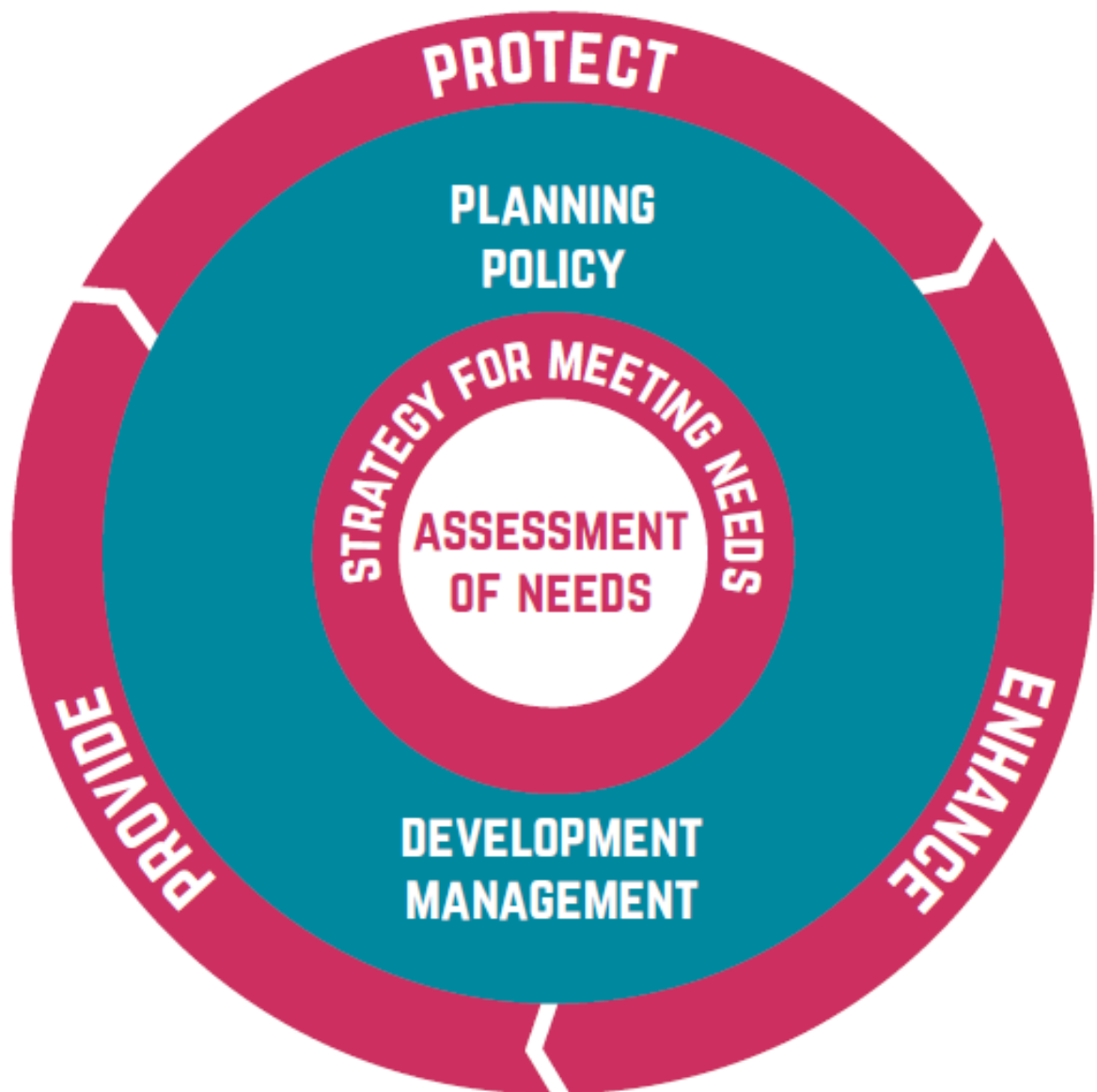
- 1.11 The Council have developed a vision for the PPS, which is to **'Work together to provide outdoor sports pitches of the right quality to cater for current and future demand. Ensuring that South Derbyshire communities are supported to participate in sport and live healthy and active lifestyles.'**
- 1.12 The strategy will:
- Identify priorities for investment and action;
 - Provide guidance for long-term planning policy and decisions; and
 - Provide an evidence base for supporting applications for external funding.
- 1.13 It will also consider barriers to sports participation particularly for women and girls, people with disabilities and people who live in high IMD areas and how they can be potentially overcome.

1.14 The strategy developed will follow the three overarching planning objectives identified by Sport England's Planning for Sport Guidance, which are:

1. **Protect** - to protect the right opportunities in the right places;
2. **Enhance** - to enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision;
3. **Provide** - to provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations.

1.15 This is shown in Figure 1.2, which is extracted from the Sport England Planning for Sport Guidance June 2019 (Sport England - Planning for Sport Guidance).

Figure 1.2 - Sport England Planning Objectives



- 1.16 The strategy developed will comply with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This sets out the governments planning policies for England and how these should be applied. Paragraph 103 states that access to a network of high-quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.
- 1.17 Paragraph 104 states existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:
- (a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
 - (b) the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
 - (c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

Local Context

- 1.18 South Derbyshire is the Southernmost district within the County of Derbyshire, bordering the City of Derby to the North, Erewash to the North East, Burton upon Trent to the west, Ashby de-la- Zouch to the south, and Swadlincote, which is located within the South West of the District. South Derbyshire represents an area accessible to three Counties, not only located within Derbyshire but also bordering Leicestershire (North West Leicestershire) from East to South as well as Staffordshire (Lichfield to the South West and South Derbyshire to the West).
- 1.19 Given the number of other local authorities that border South Derbyshire, there is a degree of imported and exported demand for several of the sports included within the scope. The level of this imported or exported demand will be identified for each sport at Stage B and presented in the Assessment Report to highlight any specific issues that this creates for the sports.
- 1.20 For many years, the District has been the fastest growing in Derbyshire and is currently one of the fastest growing areas in England. Official forecasts anticipate the population increasing from the current 111,145 (2022) to 143,333 by 2039, and an increase of 21%. The population is also becoming older and more diverse, with implications for the types of housing, facilities and support services that will be needed in the future.
- 1.21 The District benefits from its central location in the UK and good road, rail and air links. The south of the District is less well served than the north in this respect, although the Woodville to Swadlincote Regeneration Route has helped, as will the Walton-on-Trent bypass, which will improve connections to the A38. Work continues on the expansion and enhancement of the Key and Local Cycle networks across South Derbyshire.
- 1.22 South Derbyshire also contains numerous areas which are important for wildlife including the River Mease, a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) – and several nationally recognised Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), together with many sites of value for biodiversity: ecosystem services, natural capital, and green infrastructure which are of high value.

- 1.23 On the 14th of September 2023, South Derbyshire declared an ecology emergency in response to the ongoing threat to wildlife ecosystems. Ecological considerations are now a strategic priority within the Council's Corporate Plan. The southern part of the District lies within The National Forest – one of the country's most ambitious environmental initiatives, including the nationally renowned Rosliston Forestry Centre, which was the National Forest's first visitor attraction.

Projected Population Growth

- 1.24 The Office for National Statistics (ONS) releases population projections for local authorities.
- 1.25 The projections for South Derbyshire are set out in Table 1.2 below.

Table 1.2 – South Derbyshire Population Projections by Broad Age Groups

Age Group	2025	2039	% Change	Actual Change
0-14	20,164	21,131	5%	967
15-64	76,019	89,654	18%	13,634
65+	22,422	32,549	45%	10,127
Total	118,606	143,333	21%	24,728

(Source: ONS – Mid Year 2022, LA Geographies 2023):

- 1.26 The data anticipates growth in all broad age categories, with the largest increase in those aged over 65 years (45%) and significant expected growth in the number of persons aged 15-64 (18%).

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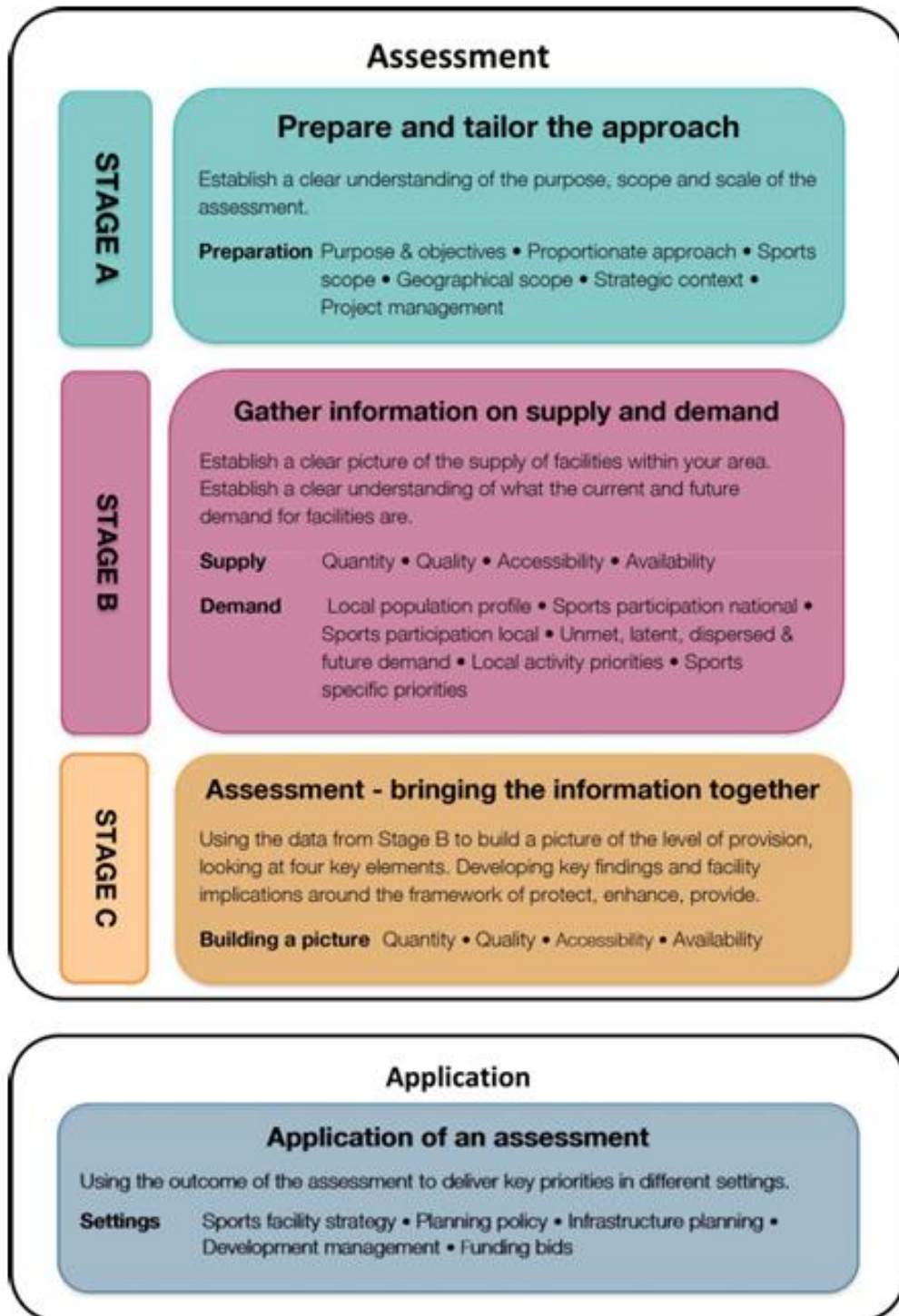
- 1.27 The Draft Local Plan Part 1 Review will cover the period from 2022-2039. South Derbyshire's housing requirement over the plan period is 8,874 dwellings (522 per annum). The District Council however does not plan in isolation. South Derbyshire shares a Housing Market Area (HMA) with Derby City and Amber Valley (the Derby HMA). Derby City's capacity is constrained to 12,500 dwellings leaving an unmet need. Under the legal 'duty to cooperate', South Derbyshire proposes to accommodate 5,609 dwellings towards Derby City's unmet need, bringing the total for the District to 14,483.
- 1.28 Provision has been made in the Local Plan Part 1 Review for at least 13,347 additional dwellings. The proposed strategic allocations include land South of Mickleover, and the former Drakelow Power Station sites consist of existing playing fields.

2. Methodology

Introduction

- 2.1 The PPS has been developed in line with Sport England's 'Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance: An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy', which was published in October 2013.
- 2.2 The guidance references a 10 step, 5 stage approach:
- Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach (Step 1);
 - Stage B: Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision (Steps 2 & 3);
 - Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views (Steps 4, 5 & 6);
 - Stage D: Develop the strategy (Steps 7 & 8);
 - Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date (Steps 9 & 10).
- 2.3 This report will cover stages A – C of the approach.
- 2.4 Outdoor sports facilities that are included within the strategy but are not covered by Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, will be reviewed in accordance with Sports England's 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide' (ANOG). The ANOG stages are shown in Figure 2.1 overleaf.

Figure 2.1 – ANOG Stages



Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach (Step 1) Management Arrangements

- 2.5 The project team consists of representatives from the Council and FMG.
- 2.6 A steering group has also been created of key stakeholders to help manage the project and enable the strategy to be delivered. This includes members of the project team, representatives from the National Governing Bodies of sport (NGBs) included within the strategy and Sport England.
- 2.7 The steering group have helped to shape the strategy by providing relevant supply and demand data and supporting the consultation process. They have also reviewed all the work of the project team throughout the development of this report.
- 2.8 The steering group is also vital in ensuring that recommendations identified within the strategy are delivered and that it is kept up to date and robust.

Future Demand

- 2.9 The PPS will also assess whether there will be enough pitch provision to cater for future demand. This will be informed by using proposed housing growth, Office of National Statistics (ONS) population projections and any significant growth identified by clubs or NGB's who are part of the consultation process.
- 2.10 Team Generation Rates (TGRs) will be used to provide an indication of the number of residents required to generate a team. This will be provided for each age group and for both males and females. This will then estimate what future demand will look like for each pitch type.

Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views (Steps 4, 5 & 6)

- 2.11 The supply and demand information gathered looks at the quantity and quality of pitch provision within the study area. It looks at how much use is currently taking place at a site and what level of use it can actually accommodate.

Understanding the situation at individual sites

- 2.12 The qualitative pitch ratings are cross referenced with guidance provided by each NGB to determine the quality of pitches on each site. The quality of each pitch is assessed against the recommended pitch capacity to determine how many match sessions a pitch can accommodate.
- 2.13 Whilst every effort has been made to assess all sites within the District, the omission of any sites does not mean that those playing fields do not form part of the supply, or that relevant planning policies, including Sport England's playing fields policy should not be applied.
- 2.14 This is then compared to the number of matches that actually take place on the site to determine if there is:
- Potential spare capacity: Play is below the level the site could sustain;
 - At capacity: Play is at the level the site can sustain; and
 - Overused: Play exceeds the level the site can sustain.

- 2.15 Football Association (FA) guidance states the following for pitch capacity in the form of match equivalent sessions per week. For example, a good quality adult pitch has capacity for 3 matches per week. This is expressed in Match Equivalent Sessions (MES)

Table 2.2 shows FA guidance for pitch capacity based upon its quality rating.

Pitch Type	Good (MES)	Standard (MES)	Poor (MES)
Adult (11v11)	3	2	1
Youth (Y11v11 & 9v9)	4	2	1
Mini (7v7 & 5v5)	6	4	2

- 2.16 FA recommended pitch dimensions for football, including runoffs, are shown in Table 2.3.

Table 2.3 – Recommended FA football pitch dimensions

Format	Age groups	Recommended pitch size including run offs (metres)
Adult	U17 +	106 x 70
Youth 11v11	U15's & U16's	97 x 61
Youth 11v11	U13' & U14's	88 x 56
Youth 9v9	U11's & U12's	79 x 52
Mini Soccer 7v7	U9's & U10's	61 x 43
Mini Soccer 5v5	U7's & U8's	43 x 33

- 2.17 Rugby Football Union (RFU) guidance states the following for pitch capacity in the form of match equivalent sessions per week. For example, if a rugby pitch were assessed as basic it would have capacity for 2.5 matches per week.

- 2.18 Table 2.4 shows RFU guidance for pitch capacity based upon its quality rating.

Table 2.4 – RFU Guidance on Pitch Capacity

Quality Rating	Capacity
Good/ Advanced	3.3 MES per week
Basic	2.6 MES per week

Quality Rating	Capacity
Poor (Unclassified)	2 MES per week

2.19 Table 2.5 shows RFU recommended pitch dimensions. All pitches up to U13 should include a 6-metre dead ball line and have a 5-metre run off around the pitch perimeter.

Table 2.5 – Recommended RFU rugby pitch dimensions

Team Reference	Age Group	Team Type	Max Dimensions (metres)
Senior Men	Over 18 years old	Senior	100 x 70 (with posts at either end)
Senior Women	Over 18 years old	Senior	100 x 70 (with posts at either end)
Age Grade Boys	U13s – U18s	U13s*, U14s, U15s, U16s,	100 x 70 (with posts at either end)
		U18s (as dual age band w/U17s)	90 x 60 (with posts at either end)
Age Grade Girls	U13s – U18	U14s (as dual age band w/U13s),	100 x 70 (with posts at either end)
		U16s (as dual age w/U15s),	
		U18s (as dual age band w/U17s)	
U12	Under 12	U12s Boys & U12 Girls	60 x 43
Age Grade Mixed	Under 10	Age grade mixed	60 x 35
	Under 9	Age grade mixed	60 x 35
	Under 8	Age grade mixed	45 x 22
	Under 7	Age grade mixed	20 x 12

2.20 The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) guidance states the following for pitch capacity in the form of match equivalent sessions (MES) per season. For example, one good quality grass wicket can facilitate five matches per season.

2.21 Table 2.6 shows ECB guidance for pitch capacity based upon its quality rating.

Table 2.6 – ECB Guidance on Pitch Capacity.

Pitch Type	Good (MES)	Standard (MES)	Poor (MES)
1 grass wicket	5	4	0
1 NTP	60	60	0

- 2.22 Capacity of 3G AGPs will be analysed based on the number of hours available at peak times whilst also looking at who the key users.

Develop the current picture

- 2.23 Capacity will be calculated on a site-by-site basis to identify where any spare capacity exists. Capacity will be recorded during peak times for each pitch sport to provide a more accurate reflection of where spare capacity exists in relation to demand.

Identify the key findings and issues

- 2.24 Key issues and findings regarding the supply and demand of outdoor pitches within the study area will be identified by completing this process. These will be presented in this report for each sport in preparation for the Strategy document that will follow.

Develop the future picture (scenario testing)

- 2.25 Scenario testing will be carried out to assess the impact that certain scenarios have on the supply and demand for provision within the study area. These scenarios will be agreed with the steering group members at the end of Stage C, before being conducted as part of the strategy and action plan development.

3. Football

Introduction

- 3.1 Derbyshire Football Association ('DFA') are responsible for governing and developing football within South Derbyshire. Their function includes working closely with The FA on implementation of The FA Grassroots Football Strategy 2024-2028.
- 3.2 The purpose of the strategy is 'Inspiring Positive Change Through Football - by uniting communities, tackling inequalities and improving the health of the nation.' To achieve this, the strategy has five strategic priorities, these are:
 - Improve playing choice and opportunities;
 - Deliver equal opportunities for women and girls to play;
 - Build more and improve existing facilities;
 - Tackle poor behaviour: and
 - Develop a valued network of volunteers, coaches and referees.
- 3.3 This is underpinned by three strategic drivers, which are:
 - Support thriving community clubs;
 - Connect & serve participants; and
 - Progress the games governance.
- 3.4 Collectively the FA's will also be working with the FA and local partners to roll out the FA's Future Fit framework for grassroots youth football. This will be implemented for the start of the 2026/2027 season, with the aim of improving playing experiences for children, by giving them more time on the ball. To achieve this a new 3v3 entry format for the youngest players in the pathway at U7s level will be implemented to maximise engagement and provide the best introduction to football. Each format will then be played one year later as players transition through the pathway, including 11v11 which will move from U13s to U14s level. At the time of writing it is unknown exactly how this will be implemented in the study area, and the impact that this will have on supply and demand locally. It is important that this is reviewed as part of the Stage E process and that any changes are documented.
- 3.5 The Derbyshire FA also works closely with the Football Foundation and other partners to develop and update Local Football Facility Plans (LFFP). The most up-to-date South Derbyshire Local Football Facility Plan was published in 2024 ([South Derbyshire LFFP](#)).

- 3.6 LFFP's provide a detailed report for a local authority area, mapping out key priorities for football across four areas:
- 3G AGPs;
 - Grass pitches;
 - Changing rooms & pavilions; and
 - Small-sided facilities.
- 3.7 The plans are aligned to the National Football Facilities Strategy to support delivery of key target areas.
- 3.8 The LFFP for South Derbyshire identified the following number of priority projects across the four areas:
- 5 x 3G 11 v 11 AGP projects; and
 - 9 x Changing pavilion projects.
- 3.9 Whilst the LFFPs are based upon consultation with key stakeholders locally, they are not a supply and demand model that provides strategic guidance for football provision in a local authority area. Therefore, it should not be used instead of a PPS but in tandem with its Action Plan.

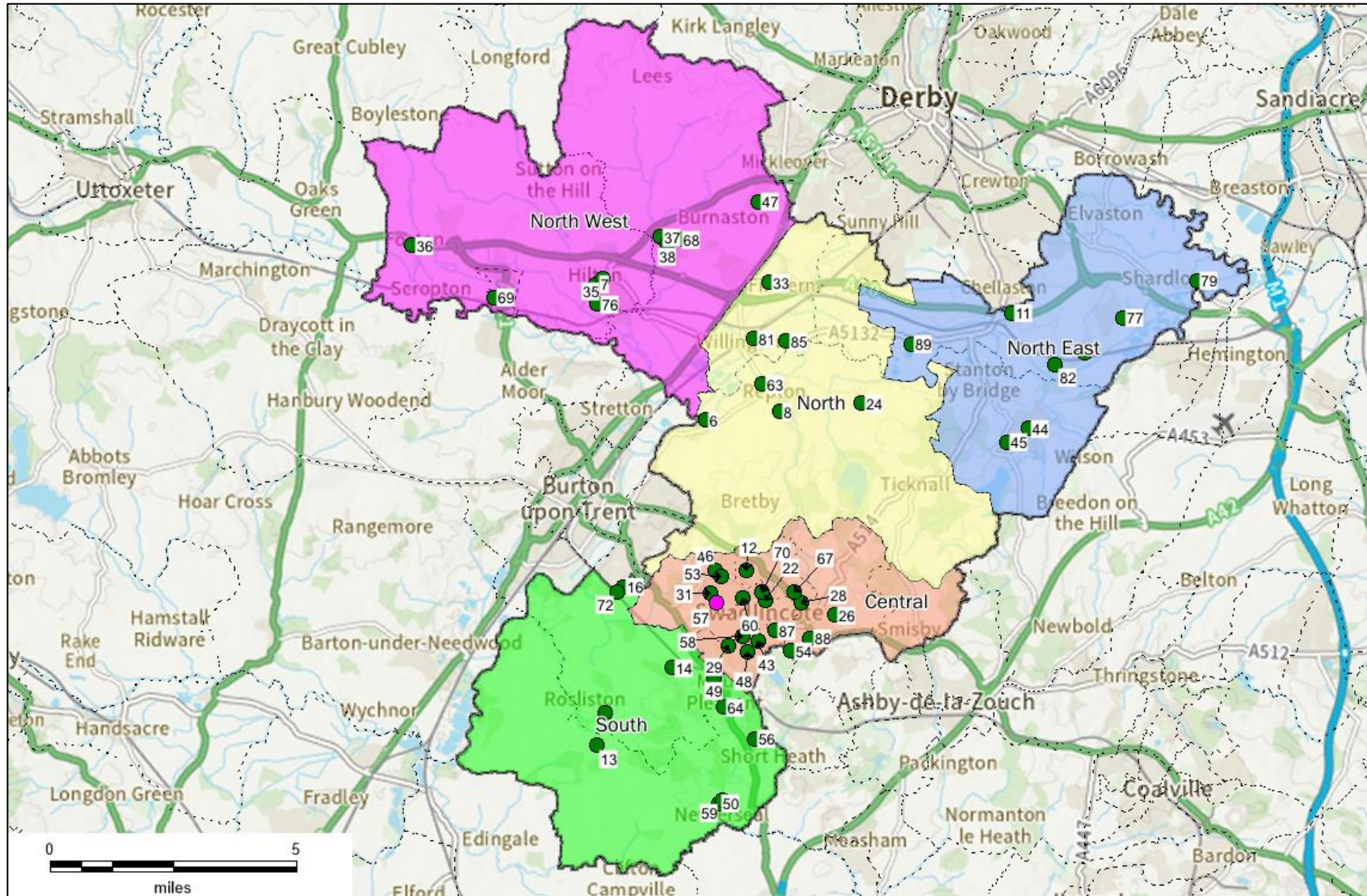
Consultation

- 3.10 All clubs in the study area were invited to take part in the consultation process. This was a mixture of face-to-face consultation and completion of an online survey.
- 3.11 The assessment found a total of 40 clubs supporting 284 teams affiliated to Derbyshire FA in South Derbyshire. This includes five clubs (10 teams) from neighbouring authorities that import demand into South Derbyshire. There are also 21 South Derbyshire clubs (118 teams) who export demand outside of South Derbyshire.
- 3.12 A total of 12 clubs, representing 157 teams, responded to the consultation and giving a team response rate of 60%.

Supply

- 3.13 There are currently 51 operational sites in South Derbyshire that provide a total of 84 grass football pitches. There are 61 pitches that are available for community use across 40 sites.
- 3.14 Figure 3.1 provides a spatial breakdown of football pitches that are available for community use. The numbers relate to the PPS site ID in Table 3.25.

Figure 3.1 Football pitches available for community use



3.15 Table 3.2 provides a breakdown of football pitch types that are available for community use. Table 3.24 later in this section, provides an overview of grass football pitch provision in South Derbyshire.

Table 3.2 - Number of football pitches by type in South Derbyshire available for community use

Sub Area	Adult pitches	Youth Football 11v11 pitches	Youth Football 9v9 pitches	Mini Soccer 7v7 pitches	Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches	Sub Area Total
Central	15	2	3	0	0	20
North	4	5	0	0	1	10
North East	5	2	0	2	0	9
North West	5	3	1	1	0	10
South	8	1	1	2	0	12
Total	37	13	5	5	1	61

3.16 Adult football is the most dominant pitch type available for community use, accounting for 63% (37) of all football pitches in the study area. This is partly due to the fact that they often accommodate youth football 11v11 fixtures. FA pitch guidance states that under 17's and under 18's can play on adult pitches but that under-14s to under 16's should play on smaller pitches than adult teams.

3.17 The Central sub area currently provides the greatest number of football pitches overall (34%). There are a limited number of mini soccer 5v5 pitches in the district with only one pitch provided. There is also a limited number of mini soccer 7v7 pitches provided. This is likely due to the majority of mini soccer provision being exported to neighbouring authorities, where leagues operate on a central venue basis.

3.18 Table 3.3 provides an overview of FA recommended pitch sizes for each format of the game, including run-offs.

Table 3.3 - FA recommended pitch sizes

Format	Age groups	Recommended pitch size including run offs (metres)
Adult	U17 +	106 x 70
Youth 11v11	U15's & U16's	97 x 61
Youth 11v11	U13' & U14's	88 x 56
Youth 9v9	U11's & U12's	79 x 52
Mini Soccer 7v7	U9's & U10's	61 x 43
Mini Soccer 5v5	U7's & U8's	43 x 30

Future proposals

- 3.19 There is a youth football 11 v 11 pitch is under construction at Oversetts Road Recreation Ground in the Central part of the district. The Council also has proposals to develop two new grass pitch sites that will provide football pitches. These are located at New House Farm (Mickleover) and Boulton Moor – The Triangle.
- 3.20 In addition, Gresley Rovers FC reported that they were in discussions with the Council to move from the Moat Ground to a new stadium site. This is just a proposal at this stage and hasn't been submitted for planning.

Disused Sites

- 3.21 A disused site is a site that previously provided pitches but no longer does. This may be because the site no longer exists or has been developed for an alternative use. There have also been several sites identified that aren't disused, but that have disused pitches. These have also been identified in Table 3.4.

Table 3.4 – Disused football pitches

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Facility Status	Pitch Type	Comments
Aston Hall Hospital	North East	2	Disused Site	Adult Football	Site developed for housing.
Aston-On-Trent Primary School	North East	3	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 7v7	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.
Etwall Primary School	North East	21	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 7v7	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.
Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School	Central	23	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 5v5	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.
Former Hatton School Playing Field	North West	25	Disused Pitch	Adult Football	Pitch no longer provided.
Goseley Recreation Ground	Central	26	Disused Pitch	Adult Football	Now provides a youth football 9v9 pitch instead.
Hartshorne C of E Primary School	Central	30	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 5v5	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.
Highfields Spencer Academy	North	32	Disused Pitch	Youth Football 9v9	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.
King George V Playing Fields (Findern)	North	39	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 7v7	No formal pitch marked out but goal posts provided.
Linton Primary School	South	41	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 7v7	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Facility Status	Pitch Type	Comments
PowerGen	South	61	Disused Site	Adult Football	Disused site.
Repton Primary School	North	62	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 5v5	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.
Rosliston C of E Primary School	South	65	Disused Pitch	Youth Football 11v11	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.
Stenson Fields Primary Community School	North	73	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 7v7	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Disused Pitch	Youth Football 11v11	Pitch previously provided on the cricket outfield in 2016.
Willington Primary School	North	86	Disused Pitch	Mini Soccer 7v7	No formal pitch marked out. The school use the playing field for curricular and extracurricular activities.

3.22 There are a total of 16 disused football pitches that have been identified in the study area across 16 sites. There most common pitch type is mini soccer 7v7, which account for 31% of disused pitches in the study area.

Security of tenure

3.23 Tenure at a site is deemed to be secured if the club has confirmed use of the site for the next three years. Where football pitches are located on local authority, parish or town council sites, tenure is generally deemed to be secured. This is also true of pitches marked out on sites owned by Forestry England.

3.24 Details of sites identified as currently being used by football clubs and providing unsecured use are shown in Table 3.5. Gresley Rovers FC has an annual hire agreement with the trustees of Gresley Old Hall for use of Gresley Old hall. The club has a similar agreement at the Moat Ground, but with Gresley Developments Ltd. Both of these site are used by the clubs male and female sections.

3.25 Several football clubs use the grass pitches a Pingle Academy with no long term agreement in place. There is a community use agreement in place at this site, but this only covers the 3G AGP.

Table 3.5 – Sites offering unsecured access to Football Clubs

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type
Gresley Old Hall	Central	29	3 x Adult Football
Moat Ground	Central	48	1 x Adult Football
Pingle Academy	Central	60	2 x Adult Football

3.26 In total there are 14 teams across five clubs using unsecure pitches

3.27 Table 3.6 shows clubs who responded to the consultation and reported that they have a formal lease agreement in place at their main home ground.

Table 3.6 – Football club lease agreements

Club Name	Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Tenure Arrangements on Site
Swadlincote Town FC	Rosliston Fields	South	66	5-year lease and annual rental payment to Rosliston Parish Council in place until 2029.
Stapenhill FC	Stapenhill Football Club (Maple Grove)	South	72	Ground owned outright
Hilton Harriers FC	The Mease Pavilion	North West	76	Lease in place for 100 years
Melbourne Dynamo	Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Lease in place 17 years with South Derbyshire DC
Midway FC	Philip Richardson Memorial Park	South	59	Lease in place with Netherseal Parish Council. Expires 2035.

3.28 There are 48 teams playing across five sites with secured tenure shown in Table 3.6.

3.29 Table 3.7 shows the rest of the football clubs across South Derbyshire where tenure of sites is unknown.

Table 3.7 – Unknown Football Club Lease Agreements

Site Name	Club Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Security of Community Use	Tenure Arrangements on Site
Bloomfield Close	Hilton FC	North West	7	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
	Hilton Harriers					
Broomhills Lane Playing Field	Repton Casuals	North	8	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Chestnut Avenue Recreation Ground	Newhall FC	Central	12	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Edge Hill Community Park	Edge Hill	South	16	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
	Stapenhill Swans Juniors					
Eureka Park	Newhall FC	Central	22	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Gosley Recreation Ground	Woodville Rangers	Central	26	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Gresley Old Hall	Colliery Lane FC	Central	29	Sport Club	Unsecured	Unknown
	Gresley Rovers					
	Miners Arms (Swad)					
Hawfields Football Ground	Newhall United FC	Central	31	Sport Club	Secured	Unknown
Hillside Playing Fields	Sinfin Sharks	North	33	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Maurice Lee Memorial Park	New Inn Wanderers	Central	43	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
	T S Sports					

Site Name	Club Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Security of Community Use	Tenure Arrangements on Site
Moat Ground	Gresley Rovers	Central	48	Sport Club	Unsecured	Unknown
Netherseal Sports Club	Netherseal St Peters	South	50	Sport Club	Secured	Unknown
Newhall Park	Royal Oak Newhall FC	Central	53	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Occupation Lane	Woodville Rangers	Central	54	Sport Club	Secured	Unknown
Overseal Recreation Ground	Overseal Juniors	South	56	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Rickmans Corner	Linton	South	64	Community Organisation	Secured	Unknown
Salisbury Drive Recreation Ground	Woodville Rangers	Central	67	Community Organisation	Secured	Unknown
Sandypitts Lane Playing Field	Etwall FC	North West	68	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Scropton Road Sports Ground	AFC Vixens	North West	69	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
The Recreation Centre (Aston-on-Trent)	Aston Village FC	North East	77	Community Organisation	Secured	Unknown
The Wharf Recreation Ground	Shardlow St. James	North East	79	Community Organisation	Secured	Unknown
Twyford Road Playing Field	Willington FC	North	81	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
Willington Football Club	Willington FC	North	85	Sport Club	Secured	Unknown
Woodhouse Recreation Ground	Gresley Rovers	Central	87	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	Unknown
	Swadlincote Spartans					
	Woodville Rangers					

Quality

- 3.30 All sites containing grass football pitches in the study area were visited where possible and a non-technical assessment was completed to determine pitch quality, using FA non-technical assessment guidance. Pitches were then rated as Good, Standard or Poor based on their overall score and categorised as shown below based on this.

Good (80% or above);
Standard (50%-79.9%)
Poor (49.9% or below)

- 3.31 The quality of a pitch impacts upon the carrying capacity of that site. This can be influenced by factors such as maintenance or how much pitches are used.
- 3.32 Where sites have recently used PitchPower (Football Foundation - PitchPower) to assess their pitch quality, these reports have been used rather than the non-technical assessments to determine pitch quality. The PitchPower assessment uses a Performance Quality Standard (PQS) to determine pitch quality, which is slightly different to the PPS non-technical assessment quality rating. Where PitchPower assessment have been conducted, the PQS scores have been translated into a PPS quality rating as shown in Table 3.7 below.

Table 3.8 - PitchPower PQS translated ratings

PitchPower PQS	PPS Quality Rating
Poor	Poor
Basic	Standard
Good	Good
Advanced	Good
High	Good

- 3.33 Of the total number of pitches that were assessed, the majority (51) were of standard quality (68%). Thirteen pitches (17%) were good quality, and 12 pitches (15%) were poor quality.
- 3.34 It wasn't possible to gain access to eight sites to determine pitch quality. These sites provide eight pitches in total.

Table 3.9 - Football pitch quality in South Derbyshire

Quality Rating	Adult Football pitches	Youth Football 11v11 pitches	Youth Football 9v9 pitches	Mini Soccer 7v7 pitches	Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches
Good	10	2	0	0	0
Standard	27	12	8	3	2
Poor	4	2	4	2	0
Total	41	16	12	5	2

3.35 A breakdown by sub-area is included in the following tables.

Table 3.10 - Football Pitch Quality in the Central Sub Area

Quality Rating	Adult Football pitches	Youth Football 11v11 pitches	Youth Football 9v9 pitches	Mini Soccer 7v7 pitches	Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches
Good	2	0	0	0	0
Standard	13	2	1	0	0
Poor	2	0	2	0	0
Total	17	2	3	0	0

3.36 The Central Sub Area contains 29% (22/76) of the pitches that were assessed. The majority of pitches used for youth 9v9 football are of poor quality.

Table 3.11 - Football Pitch Quality in the North Sub Area

Quality Rating	Adult Football pitches	Youth Football 11v11 pitches	Youth Football 9v9 pitches	Mini Soccer 7v7 pitches	Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches
Good	3	1	0	0	0
Standard	3	6	6	0	1
Poor	0	1	0	0	0
Total	6	8	6	0	1

- 3.37 Pitches in the North account for 28% (21/76) of the overall pitches that were assessed. There is only one pitch in the North which is of poor quality.

Table 3.12 – Football Pitch Quality in the North East Sub Area

Quality Rating	Adult Football pitches	Youth Football 11v11 pitches	Youth Football 9v9 pitches	Mini Soccer 7v7 pitches	Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches
Good	2	0	0	0	0
Standard	2	2	0	1	0
Poor	0	0	0	1	0
Total	4	2	0	2	0

- 3.38 There is a low overall number of pitches 10% (8/76) in the North East sub area. Two pitches, used for mini soccer 7v7, one is considered to be of poor quality.

Table 3.13 – Football Pitch Quality in the North West Sub Area

Quality Rating	Adult Football pitches	Youth Football 11v11 pitches	Youth Football 9v9 pitches	Mini Soccer 7v7 pitches	Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches
Good	1	1	0	0	0
Standard	4	1	1	1	1
Poor	1	1	1	0	0
Total	6	3	2	1	1

- 3.39 The North West Sub Area contains three pitches that are considered to be of poor quality. The North West has 17% (13/76) of pitches.

Table 3.14 – Football Pitch Quality in the South Sub Area

Quality Rating	Adult Football pitches	Youth Football 11v11 pitches	Youth Football 9v9 pitches	Mini Soccer 7v7 pitches	Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches
Good	2	0	0	0	0
Standard	5	1	0	1	0

Quality Rating	Adult Football pitches	Youth Football 11v11 pitches	Youth Football 9v9 pitches	Mini Soccer 7v7 pitches	Mini Soccer 5v5 pitches
Poor	1	0	1	1	0
Total	8	1	1	2	0

3.40 The South area also has a relatively high number of poor quality pitches. The South has 16% (12/76) of pitches within South Derbyshire

Overmarked pitches

3.41 Clubs will often overmark pitches when their site doesn't have the capacity to provide all of the pitches they require to meet demand. When this occurs, smaller pitches are often overmarked within a larger pitch. This increases the amount of use that the pitch will cater for and can impact upon a pitch's quality, resulting in it being overplayed. This has been taken into account when assessing pitch capacity in Table 4.23 later in this section.

3.42 Only one site was identified in the study area that contain an overmarked pitch. This was Willington Football Club where one Youth 11 v 11 pitch was overmarked for 9 v 9 play.

FA Grass Pitch Improvement Programme

3.43 The FA, in conjunction with the Football Foundation and Ground Management Association (GMA) run a Grass Pitch Improvement Programme. This enables clubs and sites to receive advice and guidance on better pitch management and maintenance. They are able to complete a self-assessment of their pitches through the PitchPower app. This generates a report completed by a GMA Regional Pitch Advisor outlining where improvements to pitches can be made. Using this report, eligible clubs and sites are able to apply for funding from the Football Foundation for maintenance contractor works, such as deep aeration and fertilisation via their Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF). This fund is tapered providing clubs with funding over a six-year period (Football Foundation - GPMF). Applications can also be submitted for funding towards maintenance kit and equipment identified within a report, such as tractors and mowers. The following site reports benefitting from receiving a grass pitch assessment report via this programme:

- Swadlincote Town Football Club.

3.44 During the consultation, a number of clubs reported carrying out improvement works to the pitches. Stapenhill FC noted that extensive reseeding and levelling work was required to pitches at Maple Grove; Hilton Harriers FC noted an annual grass pitch maintenance programme was in place at pitches at The Mease Pavilion; and Shardlow St. James FC commented on the need for a new grass/3G pitch to improve facilities at Shardlow Village Hall.

Ancillary provision

3.45 Ancillary provision at sites containing football pitches was assessed where possible. The non-technical assessment looks at the quality of changing rooms for players and officials (including showers and toilets), provision of player and spectator toilets, catering provision and whether or not facilities are accessible for people with disabilities. Car parking provision is also considered.

- 3.46 Table 3.15 provides an overview of the quality of ancillary provision at sites containing football pitches available for community use. Sites with N/A against them have no ancillary provision available at the site. Where it wasn't possible to gain access to a site to conduct an assessment of the facilities provided, the quality rating has been recorded as unknown.

Table 3.15- Ancillary provision at football sites available for community use

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Quality Rating
Blacksmith Lane Recreation Ground	North	6	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Bloomfield Close	North West	7	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Broomhills Lane Playing Field	North	8	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard
Chestnut Avenue Recreation Ground	Central	12	Local Authority (in-house)	Good
Cotton Park Recreation Ground	South	14	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Edge Hill Community Park	South	16	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Eureka Park	Central	22	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Standard
Goseley Recreation Ground	Central	26	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard
Granville Academy	Central	28	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Standard
Gresley Old Hall	Central	29	Sports Club	Good
Hawfields Football Ground	Central	31	Sports Club	Standard
Hillside Playing Fields	North	33	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Hilton Spencer Academy	North West	35	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Standard
John Port Spencer Academy	North West	37	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Standard
King George V Playing Field (Etwall)	North West	38	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	Local Authority (in-house)	Poor
Melbourne Junior School	North East	44	School/ College/ University (in-house)	N/A
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Association	Good

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Quality Rating
Mickleover Country Park Social Club	North East	47	Sports Club	Unknown
Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground	South	49	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	South	50	Sports Club	Good
Newhall Park	Central	53	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard
Overseal Recreation Ground	South	56	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard
Oversetts Road Recreation Ground	Central	57	Local Authority (in-house)	Good
Philip Richardson Memorial Field	South	59	Local Authority (in-house)	Poor
Pingle Academy	Central	60	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Standard
Rickmans Corner	South	64	Sports Club	Standard
Rosliston Fields	South	66	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard
Salisbury Drive Recreation Ground	Central	67	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Sandypitts Lane Playing Fields	North West	68	Local Authority (in-house)	Poor
Scropton Road Sports Ground	North West	69	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
Stapenhill Football Club (Maple Grove)	South	72	Sports Club	Standard
The Catherine Johnathon Recreation Ground	North West	75	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A
The Mease Pavilion – Hilton Harriers FC	North West	76	Sports Club	Good
The Recreation Centre (Aston-on-Trent)	North East	77	Community Organisation	Good
The Wharf Recreation Ground	North West	79	Sports Club	N/A
Twyford Road Playing Field	North	81	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard
Twyford Road Playing Fields	North East	89	Local Authority (in-house)	N/A

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Quality Rating
Willington Football Club	North	85	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard
Woodhouse Recreation Ground	Central	87	Local Authority (in-house)	Poor
Woodville Recreation Ground	Central	88	Local Authority (in-house)	Standard

- 3.47 Of the 76 sites with ancillary facilities that were assessed, thirty-eight sites (37 or 50%) provided standard quality ancillary provision, with fourteen (13 or 18%) providing good quality provision. Five sites with ancillary provision were assessed as poor.
- 3.48 During the consultation, several clubs cited the lack of modern changing facilities to suit current levels of demand. Midway FC mentioned the desire to improve changing and storage facilities at the Phillip D Richardson Memorial Park and Swadlincote Town FC reported that they have requested improvement works to the changing rooms and pavilion at Rosliston Fields. Stapenhill FC and Newhall FC reported the need for female changing provision and Shardlow St James FC sought better changing provision from facilities at Shardlow Village Hall.
- 3.49 The Council commented that the changing facilities at Maurice Lea Memorial Park are in such poor conditions, that if funding isn't identified to replace them, they will likely be taken out of use. They also noted that the changing provision at Woodhouse Recreation Ground is also in very poor condition.

Demand

- 3.50 In total, there are currently 40 football clubs in the study area. Between them they have a total of 284 teams. There are 118 teams who export their demand outside the study area and 10 teams who are Staffordshire-based but play in the district.
- 3.51 Exported demand is explored in a later section of this report and has been removed from the figures in Table 3.16. A breakdown of resident team numbers (20 clubs, 163 teams,) by category and gender, is provided in Table 3.16.
- 3.52 Whilst teams have been split by gender, it's worth noting that mixed teams are permitted up to under-18s football within the FA Standard Code of Rules, and it is commonplace for teams to be mixed, especially at the mini soccer age groups.

Table 3.16 - Team Demand

Gender	Adult teams	Youth Football 11v11 teams	Youth Football 9v9 teams	Mini Soccer 7v7 teams	Mini Soccer 5v5 teams
Male	46	20	2	3	0
Female	6	10	0	0	0

Gender	Adult teams	Youth Football 11v11 teams	Youth Football 9v9 teams	Mini Soccer 7v7 teams	Mini Soccer 5v5 teams
Mixed	0	36	9	24	10
Total	52	66	11	27	10
Previous PPS Totals	41	66	4	42	1

- 3.53 The previous PPS identified 154 South Derbyshire teams, which means team numbers have increased by 82% (this figure includes exported demand).

The National League System

- 3.54 The National League System is a series of leagues for adult men's teams that consists of steps (1-6) up to the Football League. Clubs can be promoted and relegated throughout the system. Each step has its own set of Stadia Accreditation (formerly ground grading) requirements that clubs must adhere to in order to compete. The requirements for each step are categorised from 1-7. (FA National League System – Ground Grading)
- 3.55 Table 3.17 provides an overview of teams in South Derbyshire who currently compete within the National League System and are therefore required to comply with Stadia Accreditation requirements.

Table 3.17 - National League System clubs in South Derbyshire

Club name	Site	Step	League
Gresley Rovers First Team	Moat Ground	Step 5	United Counties Football League
Stapenhill First	Stapenhill Football Club (Maple Grove)	Step 6	Midland Football League

Women's National League System

- 3.56 The Women's National League System is similar to the men's but involves a series of tiers (1-7). Teams can also be promoted and relegated between the leagues. There is also a set of Stadia Accreditation requirements that clubs must adhere to (A-C).
- 3.57 At present there aren't any teams in South Derbyshire playing in the Women's National League System.

Imported Demand

- 3.58 Imported demand is demand that comes from outside of the study area to access provision due to a lack of provision where they are located.

3.59 Table 3.18 provides an overview of imported demand within the study area and where the demand originates from.

Table 3.18 – Imported Demand in South Derbyshire

Team Name	Where the Imported Demand takes place	Imported From
AFC Fradley U10 Spitfires	Pingle Academy	East Staffordshire
AFC Fradley U10 Mustangs	Pingle Academy	East Staffordshire
AFC Fradley U11 Phantoms	Pingle Academy	East Staffordshire
AFC Fradley U11 Harriers	Pingle Academy	East Staffordshire
Chasetown Youth U10 Kings	Etwall Leisure Centre	East Staffordshire
Chasetown Youth U10 Saints	Etwall Leisure Centre	East Staffordshire
Chasetown Youth U10 Knights	Etwall Leisure Centre	East Staffordshire
Doveridge LFC Development	Etwall Leisure Centre	Derbyshire
Sinkin Sharks U16 Tigers	Hillside Playing Fields	Derby City
Whittington U11 Harriers	Pingle Academy	Staffordshire

3.60 10 teams import demand into South Derbyshire, and 70% of this demand comes from teams based in East Staffordshire. Demand is generally split across two of the South Derbyshire sites, Pingle Academy (50%) and Etwall Leisure Centre (40%). One team plays at Hillside Playing Fields.

Exported Demand

3.61 Exported demand is demand that isn't catered for within the study area and therefore takes place outside of this.

3.62 Table 3.19 shows exported demand from football clubs to other local authority areas.

Table 3.19 – Exported Demand in South Derbyshire

Format	Number of Teams	Venue	Local Authority
Mini Soccer 5v5	1	Albert Village Junior Football Club	North West Leicestershire
	12	Burton Albion (Pirelli Stadium)	East Staffordshire
	4	Lees Brook Academy	Derby City

Format	Number of Teams	Venue	Local Authority
	2	Leisure United Derby Racecourse	Derby City
	10	Marstons Sports And Social Club	Easy Staffordshire
	3	University Of Derby	Derby City
Mini Soccer 7v7	1	Albert Village Junior Football Club	North West Leicestershire
	3	Burton Albion (Pirelli Stadium)	East Staffordshire
	1	Lees Brook Academy	Derby City
	15	Leisure United Derby Racecourse	Derby City
	4	Marstons Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire
	1	Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy	East Staffordshire
	2	Washlands Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire
Youth Football 9v9	3	Albert Village Junior Football Club	North West Leicestershire
	1	Burton Albion (Pirelli Stadium)	East Staffordshire
	16	Leisure United Derby Racecourse	Derby City
	1	Marstons Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire
	7	Shobnall Leisure Complex	East Staffordshire
	5	Shobnall Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire
	2	Washlands Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire

Format	Number of Teams	Venue	Local Authority
Youth Football 11v11	1	Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy	East Staffordshire
	3	Leisure United Derby Racecourse	Derby City
	1	Marstons Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire
	1	Newton Road Recreation Ground	East Staffordshire
	1	Shobnall Leisure Complex	East Staffordshire
	2	Shobnall Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire
	5	Washlands Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire
Adult Football	1	Burton Albion (Pirelli Stadium)	East Staffordshire
	2	Gresham Sports Park	Rushcliffe
	1	HMP Sudbury	Derbyshire Dales
	2	Lucozade Powerleague Soccerdome (Derby)	Derby City
	1	Marstons Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire
	1	Moira Dale Sports Ground	North West Leicestershire
	1	Sudbury Sports Field	Derbyshire Dales
	1	Washlands Sports and Social Club	East Staffordshire

- 3.63 There are 118 teams currently exporting demand outside of South Derbyshire into other local authority areas. Fifty-one per cent (51%) of this demand is being exported to East Staffordshire, and 40% is being exported to Derby City. Circa 5% is exported to North West Leicestershire and 2% to the Derbyshire Dales and 2% to Rushcliffe.
- 3.64 Four clubs, Hilton Harriers FC (17 teams), Melbourne Dynamos (17 teams), Stapenhill (16 teams) and Hatton United (12 teams) generate the greatest amount of exported demand. They currently account for 52% of all exported demand.
- 3.65 Eighty-five percent of the exported demand is from teams playing in the Burton Junior Football League, Derbyshire Girls and Ladies League, and the Derby Junior Football League, who all operate on a central venue league basis, with no venues currently located in South Derbyshire.

Latent/ Unmet Demand

- 3.66 Latent/ unmet demand refers to demand that exists but can't be catered for due to a lack of available provision. Table 3.20 shows clubs who participated in the consultation and reported latent demand, and if they would require playing pitches, training facilities or additional ancillary provision to cater for this demand.

Table 3.20– Latent/ unmet demand from football clubs in South Derbyshire

Team Name	Demand for Playing Pitches	Demand for Training Pitches	Demand for Ancillary Provision
Swadlincote Town FC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stapenhill FC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gresley Rovers Girls FC	No	Yes	Yes
Gresley Rovers Football Club	Yes	Yes	Yes
Derby United FC	No	Yes	No
Newhall FC	No	Yes	Yes
Hilton Harriers FC	No	Yes	Yes
Shardlow St James FC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Melbourne Dynamo	No	Yes	Yes
Midway FC	Yes	Yes	Yes

- 3.67 Five clubs reported they would require access to additional playing pitches to meet current levels of demand. All clubs cited the need for additional training provision with the need for more 3G pitches mentioned by all consultees. Seven of the clubs stated that they would require additional ancillary provision in the form of changing and clubhouse facilities.
- 3.68 Five clubs who took part in the consultation reported unmet demand with waiting lists of players they can't currently accommodate. Table 3.21 shows clubs who reported unmet demand and the nature of this demand, which equates to nine teams

Table 3.21 – Reported Unmet Demand

Name of Club	Unmet Demand
Willington FC	1 x Youth 11v11
Swadlincote Town FC	2 x Mini Soccer 5v5

Name of Club	Unmet Demand
Stapenhill FC	1 x Mini Soccer 5v5 1 x Mini Soccer 7v7
Shardlow St James FC	1 x Adult 1 x Youth 11v11 1 x Youth 9v9
Midway FC	1 x Youth 9v9

Future Demand

- 3.69 Future demand can be developed in two ways; clubs may actively try to increase their team numbers in order to grow their club. This may be supported by the relevant NGB through funded programmes or support to help deliver objectives within their strategy.
- 3.70 As part of the consultation, clubs were asked about any aspirations they have to develop their existing team numbers. Table 3.22 shows clubs who reported aspirations to increase their current team numbers and includes their anticipated growth in each category. It also shows how many match equivalent sessions (MES) of demand this predicted growth would generate. This is based on teams playing home and away fixtures and therefore each new team accounting for 0.5 MES of demand.

Table 3.22 – Reported future team growth

Team Name	Adult Mens Teams	Adult Womens Teams	Youth 11v11 Boys Teams	Youth 11v11 Girls Teams	Youth 9v9 Boys Teams	Youth 9v9 Girls Teams	Mini Soccer 7v7 Boys Teams	Mini Soccer 7v7 Girls Teams	Mini Soccer 5v5 Girls Teams	Mini Soccer 5v5 Boys Teams	MES
Willington FC	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	5
Swadlincote Town FC	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1.5
Stapenhill FC	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	4
Gresley rovers Girls FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.5
Gresley Rovers FC	0	0	4	3	2	0	2	1	2	2	8
Newhall FC	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	3
Hilton Harriers FC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
Shardlow St James FC	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2.5

Team Name	Adult Mens Teams	Adult Womens Teams	Youth 11v11 Boys Teams	Youth 11v11 Girls Teams	Youth 9v9 Boys Teams	Youth 9v9 Girls Teams	Mini Soccer 7v7 Boys Teams	Mini Soccer 7v7 Girls Teams	Mini Soccer 5v5 Girls Teams	Mini Soccer 5v5 Boys Teams	MES
Melbourne Dynamo	0	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	0	0	7.5
Midway FC	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1.5
Total	5	4	11	7	10	3	8	6	7	7	34

3.71 Should future demand identified by clubs during the consultation be realised, there would be 68 new teams playing with South Derbyshire, this would generate an additional 34 MES of demand. The greatest amount of demand generated would be for youth 11v11 teams with 18 teams in total.

FA Wildcats

3.72 The FA Wildcats programme is aimed at increasing participation in girl's aged 5-11. Sessions are typically run by clubs, schools or community organisations who want to develop female football. Sessions are delivered by qualified coaches with an emphasis on fun and enjoyment.

3.73 There are four Wildcats sessions currently taking place in South Derbyshire, these are:

- Gresley Rovers – Greenbank Leisure Centre;
- Hilton Harriers FC at Etwall Leisure Centre;
- Melbourne Dynamo FC – at Melbourne Sports Park; and
- Swadlincote Town at Rosliston Fields (summer) and Linton Village Hall (winter);

FA Squad Girls

3.74 FA Squad Girls provides fun and non-competitive football sessions for girls aged 12-14 years old. Each programme runs for at least 16 weeks, and they are typically run by football clubs or individual programme providers.

3.75 There are two Squad Girls sessions currently being delivered in South Derbyshire. Details of these are provided below.

- Gresley Rover at Maurice Lea Memorial Park; and
- Swadlincote Town FC at Rosliston Fields.

Team Generation Rates (TGRs)

- 3.76 Another way that future demand can be calculated is by looking at population forecasts and how these impact upon Team Generation Rates (TGRs).
- 3.77 TGRs have been calculated using population from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2022-based subnational population projections (ONS Population Projections). The team numbers in Table 3.9 differ slightly those shown in the demand table. This is because TGRs for adult teams are calculated from 16 years old, whereas adult teams in the demand table begin at 19 years old.
- 3.78 Table 3.23 show TGRs for football teams in South Derbyshire.

Table 3.23 - TGRs for football in South Derbyshire

Age groups	Number of teams in age group within the area	Current population in age group within the area (2025)	Future population in age group within the area (2039)	Current TGR	Population changes in age group	Potential increase in team numbers in age group
Football Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	56	21,603	25,770	385.7679	4167	11 (rounded up from 10.8)
Football Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	7	22,593	26,178	3227.571	3585	1
Football Junior Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	49	3,025	3,092	61.73469	67	1
Football Junior Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	10	2,915	2,875	291.5	-40	0
Football Junior Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	13	1,430	1,495	110	65	0

Age groups	Number of teams in age group within the area	Current population in age group within the area (2025)	Future population in age group within the area (2039)	Current TGR	Population changes in age group	Potential increase in team numbers in age group
Football Junior Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	0	1,326	1,402	0	76	0
Football Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	23	2745	2840	119.3478	95	1 (rounded up from 0.7)
Football Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	4	2,709	2,792	677.25	83	0

3.79 TGRs forecast that there will be a total of 14 new teams created in South Derbyshire. The greatest amount of future demand will come from adult mens teams.

3.80 It is worth noting that TGRs don't take into account any targeted work that NGBs or clubs carry out to grow team numbers.

Understanding the situation at individual sites

- 3.81 Capacity on football pitches is calculated by the number of matches a pitch can facilitate each week. Table 3.24 below shows FA guidance regarding grass pitch capacity and how many games each pitch type can facilitate depending on its quality. For example, a good quality adult 11v11 pitch can facilitate three matches per week, a standard pitch can facilitate two matches per week and a poor pitch one match per week. This is expressed in match equivalent sessions (MES).

Table 3.24 - FA pitch capacity guidance

Pitch type	Good (matches per week)	Standard (matches per week)	Poor (matches per week)
Adult (11v11)	3	2	1
Youth (Y11v11 & 9v9)	4	2	1
Mini Soccer (7v7 & 5v5)	6	4	2

- 3.82 Any sites that have unsecured use or that are not available for community use have been discounted if they have spare capacity. Any poor quality pitches that have spare capacity have also been discounted due to their low carrying capacity. There are other instances where spare capacity identified has been discounted, such as pitches that accommodate teams playing in the football National League System. Due to the level of football these teams play at, it is unlikely that that will accommodate additional demand in order to protect pitch quality.
- 3.83 Education sites are generally considered to be unsecured unless it has been evidenced otherwise. Local authority, town and parish council sites are considered to be secured. Club sites are dependent on the security of tenure a club has at that site.
- 3.84 Where education sites cater for community use the capacity ratings have been adjusted based on the information provided by the site regarding curricular and extra-curricular use of its pitches.
- 3.85 Any sites that couldn't be accessed to assess their pitch quality have been listed as unknown in Table 3.25, as without a quality rating, it's not possible to determine the pitch capacity.

Peak Demand

- 3.86 Peak demand for football in South Derbyshire is as follows:
- Adult male football: Sunday AM;
 - Adult female football: Sunday PM;
 - Youth football: Saturday AM; and
 - Mini Soccer: Saturday AM.

Match Equivalent Sessions (MES)

3.87 Each team who uses a pitch for matches are allocated 0.5 MES. This is because teams play on a home and away basis and typically only use their pitch every other week. Therefore, each pitch can accommodate a maximum of two teams at peak times. Table 3.25 looks at the existing capacity of a pitch based on its quality along with existing use to understand if there is any spare capacity. Spare capacity is then looked at against peak demand to assess if it is actual spare capacity. Where it hasn't been possible to conduct a site assessment and determine the pitch quality, this has been referenced as unknown. The balance and spare capacity at peak time has then been referenced as N/A, as it's not possible to calculate these without the pitch capacity.

Football Pitch Capacity Analysis

Table 3.25 - Capacity at football pitch sites in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Blacksmith Lane Recreation Ground	North	6	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	1	None	Available for community use and but unused	Secured	Poor	1	0	1	1	Discounted due to poor quality
Bloomfield Close	North West	7	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	1 x Mini Soccer 7v7	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Bloomfield Close	North West	7	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	No	Pitch at capacity
Broomhills Lane Playing Field	North	6	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	3	0.5	2.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES

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Broomhills Lane Playing Field	North	8	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	4	1	3	1	Spare capacity of one MES
Broomhills Lane Playing Field	North	8	Local Authority (in house)	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	4	1	3	1	Spare capacity of one MES
Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy	North East	11	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Chestnut Avenue Recreation Ground	Central	12	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	1	1	No	Pitch at capacity
Chestnut Avenue Recreation Ground	Central	12	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Coton-In-The-Elms C of E Primary School	South	13	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Cotton Park Recreation Ground	South	14	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0	2	1	Spare capacity of one MES
Edge Hill Community Park	South	16	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	3	1	2	1	Spare capacity of one MES
Eureka Park	Central	22	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	2	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	4	2	2	No	Pitches at capacity
Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	6	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Standard	12	3	9	6	Discounted as not available for community use
Goseley Recreation Ground	Central	26	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor	1	1	0	No	Pitch at capacity
Granville Academy	Central	28	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	Poor	1	0	1	1	Discounted as unsecured and poor quality

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Granville Academy	Central	28	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	1	None	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	Poor	1	0	1	1	Discounted as unsecured and poor quality
Gresley Old Hall	Central	29	Sport Club	Adult Football	3	None	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	6	3	3	1	Discounted as unsecured
Hawfields Football Ground	Central	31	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	3	1	2	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Hillside Playing Fields	North	33	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Hilton Spencer Academy	North West	35	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	Standard	4	1	3	1	Discounted as unsecured
HMP Foston Hall	North West	36	Other	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
John Port Spencer Academy	North West	37	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Standard	2	1	1	1	Discounted as not available for community use
John Port Spencer Academy	North West	37	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Poor	1	1	0	No	Pitch at capacity
John Port Spencer Academy	North West	37	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 5v5	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Standard	4	0	4	1	Discounted as not available for community use
King George V Playing Field (Etwall)	North West	38	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use but unused	Secured	Poor	1	0	1	1	Discounted due to poor quality
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	No	Pitch at capacity
Melbourne Junior School	North East	44	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	Standard	4	1	3	1	Discounted as unsecured

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	3	1.5	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Youth Football 11v11	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	4.5	-2.5	No	Pitch overplayed
Mercia Academy	Central	46	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Mickleover Country Park Social Club	North East	47	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use but unused	Secured	Good	3	0	3	1	Spare capacity of one MES
Moat Ground	Central	48	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Not available for community use	Secured	Good	3	2.5	0.5	1	Discounted due to the level the first team play at
Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground	South	49	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0	2	1	Spare capacity of one MES

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	South	50	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Newhall Park	Central	53	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Occupation Lane	Central	54	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Overseal Recreation Ground	South	56	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	5	-3	No	Pitch overplayed
Overseal Recreation Ground	South	56	Local Authority (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor	2	0	2	1	Spare capacity of one MES
Pennine Way Junior Academy	Central	58	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Philip Richardson Memorial Field	South	59	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	No	Pitch at capacity
Philip Richardson Memorial Field	South	59	Local Authority (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	4	0.5	3.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Pingle Academy	Central	60	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	2	None	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	4	2.5	1.5	No	Pitch at capacity
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in house)	Adult Football	2	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Good	6	1	5	2	Discounted as not available for community use
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	3	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Standard	6	1	5	3	Discounted as not available for community use
Rickmans Corner	South	64	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Rosliston Fields	South	66	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	Discounted due to poor quality
Rosliston Fields	South	66	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 9v9	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor	1	1	0	No	Pitch at capacity
Salisbury Drive Recreation Ground	Central	67	Community Organisation	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
Sandypitts Lane Playing Fields	North West	68	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	1	Spare capacity of one MES
Scropton Road Sports Ground	North West	69	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	1	Spare capacity of one MES
Scropton Road Sports Ground	North West	69	Local Authority (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	1	Spare capacity of one MES

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Springfield Junior School	Central	70	School/ College/ University (in house)	Youth Football 11v11	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Stapenhill Football Club (Maple Grove)	South	72	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	3	3.5	-0.5	No	Pitch overplayed
The Mease Pavilion - Hilton Harriers FC	North West	76	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	3	2	1	0.5	Spare capacity of 0.5 MES
The Mease Pavilion - Hilton Harriers FC	North West	76	Sport Club	Youth Football 11v11	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	4	4.5	-0.5	No	Pitch overplayed
The Recreation Centre (Aston-on-Trent)	North East	77	Community Organisation	Youth Football 11v11	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	2.5	-0.5	No	Pitch overplayed
The Wharf Recreation Ground	North East	79	Sport Club	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	2	2	0	No	Pitch at capacity

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Twyford Road Playing Field	North	81	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	2	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	4	0.5	3.5	1.5	Spare capacity of 1.5 MES.
Twyford Road Playing Fields	North East	89	Local Authority (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor	2	0	2	1	Discounted due to poor quality
Ukrainian Youth Centre	North East	82	Community Organisation	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Unknown	Unknown	0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Weston-on-Trent C of E Primary School	North East	84	School/ College/ University (in house)	Mini Soccer 7v7	1	None	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Willington Football Club	North	85	Sport Club	Youth Football 11v11	3	1 x Youth Football 9v9	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	6	3.5	2.5	1.5	Spare capacity of 1.5 MES.
Woodhouse Recreation Ground	Central	87	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	3	None	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	6	2	4	No	Pitches at capacity

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Over Marked Pitches	Community use category	Security of community use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time (MES)	Comments
Woodville Recreation Ground	Central	88	Local Authority (in house)	Adult Football	1	None	Available for community use but unused	Secured	Poor	1	1	0	No	Pitch at capacity

3.88 Table 3.26 provides a summary of actual spare capacity identified for each pitch type within each of the sub areas, this is measured in match equivalent sessions per week.

Table 3.26 – Summary of actual spare capacity

Sub Area	Adult Football pitches (MES)	Youth Football 11v11 pitches (MES)	Youth Football 9v9 pitches (MES)	Mini Soccer 7v7 (MES)	Mini Soccer 5v5 (MES)
Central	2	0	0.5	0	0
North	2.5	2.5	0	0	1
North East	1.5	0	0	0	0
North West	3	1	0	0	0
South	3	1	0	1.5	0
Total	12	4.5	0.5	1.5	1

3.89 There is currently actual spare capacity on football pitches in South Derbyshire amounting to 19.5 MES. The greatest amount of spare capacity is on adult football pitches. This accounts for 62% of all actual spare capacity. The North currently has the greatest amount of spare capacity with 6 MES. Followed by the South with 5.5 MES, the North West with 4 MES, Central with 2.5 MES and the North East with 1.5 MES.

Overplay

3.90 Overplay occurs when a pitch facilitates more use than its recommended carrying capacity. This can be a result of it having a low carrying capacity or teams simply playing more than the recommended number of fixtures a pitch can facilitate. Overplay can directly impact upon the quality of a pitch.

3.91 Table 3.27 provides a summary of overplay identified on football pitches in each of the sub analysis areas.

Table 3.27 – Summary of overplay on football pitches

Sub Area	Adult Football pitches (MES)	Youth Football 11v11 pitches (MES)	Youth Football 9v9 pitches (MES)	Mini Soccer 7v7 (MES)	Mini Soccer 5v5 (MES)
Central	0	0	0	0	0
North	0	0	0	0	0
North East	0	3	0	0	0

Sub Area	Adult Football pitches (MES)	Youth Football 11v11 pitches (MES)	Youth Football 9v9 pitches (MES)	Mini Soccer 7v7 (MES)	Mini Soccer 5v5 (MES)
North West	0	0.5	0	0	0
South	3.5	0	0	0	0
Total	3.5	3.5	0	0	0

Key Issues and Findings

- 3.92 There is a total of 7 MES of overplay on football pitches in South Derbyshire. This is evenly split between adult football pitches and youth 11v11 football pitches, with 3.5 MES each. The South currently has the greatest amount of overplay with 3.5 MES (50%). Followed by the North East with 3 MES and the North West with 0.5 MES.
- 3.93 Table 3.28 looks at spare capacity and overplay along with current demand and future demand to assess the balance for each pitch type in South Derbyshire, now, and in the future. Future demand is based on TGRs with each new team generating 0.5 MES of demand for pitches.

Table 3.28 - Supply and demand analysis of football pitches in South Derbyshire

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
Adult	12	3.5	8.5	6	2.5
Youth Football 11v11	4.5	3.5	1	0.5	0.5
Youth Football 9v9	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.5
Mini Soccer 7v7	1.5	0	1.5	0.5	1
Mini Soccer 5v5	1	0	1	0	1

- 3.94 Table 3.28 shows that there is spare capacity on all football pitch types now, and in the future. Although it is worth noting that spare capacity on all pitch types is minimal, particularly for youth and mini soccer age groups. Therefore, any minor changes to the supply or demand, could alter this position on these pitch types. Space capacity on youth 11v11 and mini soccer 7v7 pitches does also reduce by 0.5 MES when future demand is considered. It is also worth noting that there are 118 teams from South Derbyshire who are exporting demand to other local authority areas. Should any of this demand return to the study area, the calculations in the table above could change significantly.
- 3.95 The following tables assess the supply and demand of football pitch in each of the sub analysis areas. The principles applied to Table 3.28, are also applied.

Table 3.29 - Supply and demand analysis of football pitches in the Central sub area

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
Adult	2	0	2	2	0
Youth Football 11v11	0	0	0	0.5	-0.5
Youth Football 9v9	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.5
Mini Soccer 7v7	0	0	0	0.5	-0.5
Mini Soccer 5v5	0	0	0	0	0

3.96 Table 3.29 shows that there is minimal spare capacity at present on adult and youth 9v9 pitches. Whilst all other pitch types are at capacity. Future demand results in adult pitches being at capacity, whilst youth 11v11 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches are now overplayed. Youth 9v9 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches remain unaffected when future demand is considered.

Table 3.30 - Supply and demand analysis of football pitches in the North sub area

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
Adult	2.5	0	2.5	0.5	2
Youth Football 11v11	2.5	0	2.5	0	2.5
Youth Football 9v9	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.5
Mini Soccer 7v7	0	0	0	0	0
Mini Soccer 5v5	0	0	0	0	0

3.97 Table 3.30 shows that there is spare capacity at present on adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitches. Mini soccer 7v7 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches are currently at capacity. it should be noted that spare capacity on youth 9v9 pitches in this sub area is minimal, and any changes in supply or demand could impact upon this spare capacity. Future demand results in spare capacity on adult pitches reducing by 0.5 MES. All other pitch types are unaffected.

Table 3.31 - Supply and demand analysis of football pitches in the North East sub area

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
Adult	1.5	0	1.5	1	0.5
Youth Football 11v11	0	3	-3	0	-3
Youth Football 9v9	0	0	0	0	0
Mini Soccer 7v7	0	0	0	0	0
Mini Soccer 5v5	0	0	0	0	0

3.98 Table 3.31 shows that there is current spare capacity on adult pitches, which reduce by one MES to 0.5 when future demand is considered. Youth 11v11 pitches are currently overplayed, which is unaffected when future demand is considered. Youth 9v9, mini soccer 7v7, and mini soccer 5v5 pitches are currently at capacity. This remains unaffected when future demand is considered.

Table 3.32 - Supply and demand analysis of football pitches in the North West sub area

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
Adult	3	0	3	1.5	1.5
Youth Football 11v11	1	0.5	0.5	0	0.5
Youth Football 9v9	0	0	0	0	0
Mini Soccer 7v7	0	0	0	0	0
Mini Soccer 5v5	0	0	0	0	0

3.99 Table 3.32 shows that there is currently spare capacity on adult pitches and youth 11v11 pitches. spare capacity on adult pitches reduces by 1.5 MES when future demand is considered. Spare capacity on youth 11v11 pitches remains unaffected by future demand, although it is worth noting that spare capacity is minimal. Youth 9v9, mini soccer 7v7, and mini soccer 5v5 pitches are currently at capacity. This remains unaffected when future demand is considered.

Table 3.33 - Supply and demand analysis of football pitches in the South sub area

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
Adult	3	3.5	-0.5	1	-1.5
Youth Football 11v11	1	0	1	0	1
Youth Football 9v9	0	0	0	0	0
Mini Soccer 7v7	1.5	0	1.5	0	1.5
Mini Soccer 5v5	0	0	0	0	0

3.100 Table 3.33 shows that there are current shortfalls of 0.5 MES on adult pitches in the South sub area. These increase by one MES to 1.5 MES when future demand is considered. There is minimal spare capacity on youth 11v11 and mini soccer 7v7 pitches, which is unaffected by future demand. Youth 9v9 and mini soccer 5v5 pitches are currently at capacity, which is unaffected by future demand.

Summary

- There are 41 clubs supporting 284 teams affiliate to Derbyshire FA in South Derbyshire. This includes 5 clubs (10 teams) from neighbouring authorities that import demand into South Derbyshire. There are also 21 South Derbyshire clubs (118 teams) who export demand outside of South Derbyshire;
- A total of 12 clubs, representing 157 teams, responded to the consultation and giving a team response rate of 60%;
- There are currently 51 operational sites in South Derbyshire) that provide a total of 84 grass football pitches. There are 61 pitches that are available for community use across 40 sites.
- There are currently 5 football clubs (14 teams) using pitches where provision is deemed unsecured;
- There are a total of 18 disused football pitches that have been identified in the study area across 18 sites. The majority of which are mini soccer 7v7 pitches;
- Of the total number of pitches that were assessed, the majority (51) were of standard quality (67%). Thirteen pitches (17%) were good quality, and 12 pitches (16%) were poor quality;
- Of the 76 sites with ancillary facilities that were assessed, thirty-eight sites (38 or 50%) provided standard quality ancillary provision, with fourteen (14 or 18%) providing good quality provision. Three sites with ancillary provision were assessed as poor;
- There are 118 teams currently exporting demand outside of South Derbyshire into other local authority areas. Fifty-one per cent (51%) of this demand is being exported to East Staffordshire, and 40% is being exported to Derby City. Circa 5% is exported to North West Leicestershire and 2% to the Derbyshire Dales and 2% to Rushcliffe;
- Should future demand identified by clubs during the consultation be realised, there would be 68 new teams playing with South Derbyshire, this would generate an additional 34 MES of demand;
- TGRs forecast that there will be a total of 14 new teams created in South Derbyshire. The greatest amount of future demand will come from adult mens teams;
- There is currently actual spare capacity on football pitches in South Derbyshire amounting to 19.5 MES. The greatest amount of spare capacity is on adult football pitches. This accounts for 62% of all actual spare capacity. The North currently has the greatest amount of spare capacity with 6 MES. Followed by the South with 5.5 MES, the North West with 4 MES, Central with 2.5 MES and the North East with 1.5 MES;
- There is a total of 7 MES of overplay on football pitches in South Derbyshire. This is evenly split between adult football pitches and youth 11v11 football pitches, with 3.5 MES each;
- There is spare capacity on all football pitch types now, and in the future. Although it is worth noting that spare capacity on all pitch types is minimal, particularly for youth and mini soccer age groups. Therefore, any minor changes to the supply or demand, could alter this position on these pitch types. Space capacity on youth 11v11 and mini soccer 7v7 pitches does also reduce by 0.5 MES when future demand is considered. It is also worth noting that there are 118 teams from South Derbyshire who are exporting demand to other local authority areas. Should this demand return, it would impact the balance of pitches in the study area.

4. Third Generation Artificial Grass Pitches (3G AGPs)

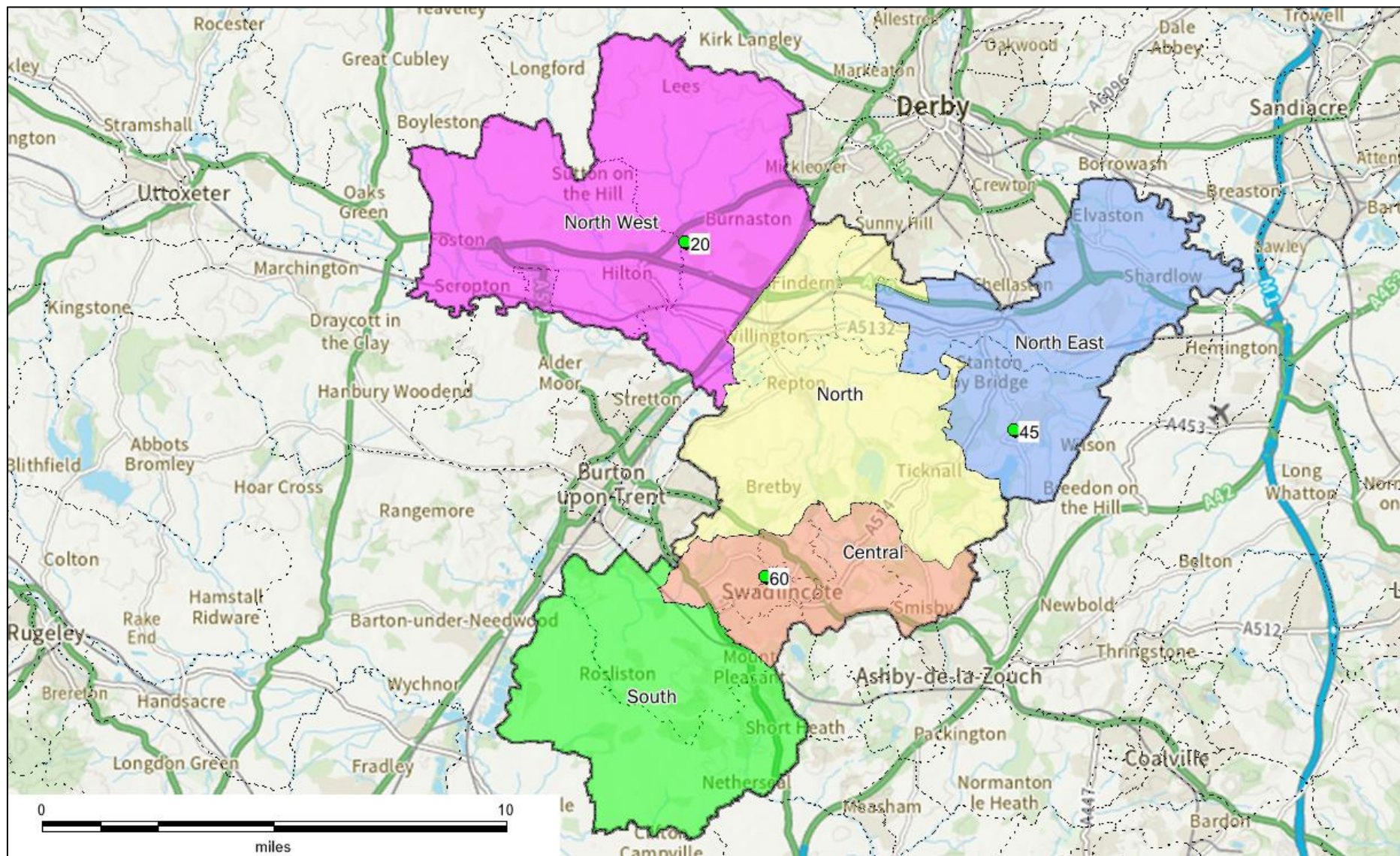
Introduction

- 4.1 Competitive football can take place on 3G artificial grass pitches that have been FA or FIFA certified, and which are on the 3G Pitch Register. The recommended dimensions for a full size 3G AGP for football are 100 x 64 metres. This extends to an area of 106 x 70 metres with the recommended minimum three metre run off area included. These dimensions allow for all age group match play to take place including adults, youth under 17/18 and younger age groups via overmarked pitches, e.g. the marking out of two 9v9 pitches for under 11/12s. If a new pitch is proposed to measure below the recommended dimensions, then justification must be provided for this in relation to the identified needs it will provide for and/or site constraints. In doing so, the impacts of a reduced pitch size in meeting current and future needs must be considered, e.g. a pitch not providing the recommended dimensions for adult match play and/or only being able to accommodate one, rather than two overmarked 9v9 pitches. This justification needs to be included in the planning application details submitted to the relevant Local Planning Authority for the new pitch. Unless otherwise stated and justified for an individual pitch, proposals in this PPS for any new 3G artificial grass pitches are based on providing them to the recommended dimensions.
- 4.2 FIFA Quality 3G pitch certification is required to host competitive adult match play at Step 3 and below, teams playing at Steps 1 or 2 are required to have FIFA Quality Pro standard certification. It is recommended that sports lights for 3G AGPs have 120 LUX for training and 200 LUX for fixtures.
- 4.3 Football training is identified as taking place on sand and water-based surfaces but is not the FA recommended artificial grass surface type for football.
- 4.4 Contact rugby activity (including tackling, rucking, mauling and lineouts) can be played on 3G AGPs providing they meet the World Rugby (WR) 'Performance Specification for Artificial Grass Pitches for Rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22'. This provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby. The artificial surface standards identified in Regulation 22 allows matches to be played on surfaces that meet the standard. All full size World Rugby compliant 3G AGPs need to be tested to feature on the RFU register. Pitches remain on the register for two years, after this point they need to be retested to continue to appear on the register. To meet this, standard pitches must include a shock pad as shown below in the first bullet. 3G AGPs that are Regulation 22 compliant are also suitable to meet the Rugby Football League (RFL) Community Standard.
- 4.5 3G AGPs fall under three different categories:
 - Long Pile 3G (60mm with a shock pad for rugby);
 - Medium Pile 3G (55mm – 60mm); and
 - Short Pile 3G (40mm).

Supply

- 4.6 The recommended dimensions for a full size 3G AGP for football are 100 x 64 metres. This extends to an area of 106 x 70 metres with the recommended minimum three metre run off area included.
- 4.7 There are two full size 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire. These are located at Etwall Leisure Centre and Pingle Academy. Both of these pitches are available for community use.
- 4.8 There is also one smaller sized 3G AGP in the study area, located at Melbourne Sports Park. This pitch is also available for community use.
- 4.9 The location of these pitches is shown in Figure 4.1 below. The numbers in the figure relate to the PPS site ID in Table 4.1 and Table 4.2.

Figure 4.1 – 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire



4.10 Table 4.1 provide an overview of full size 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire.

Table 4.1 – Full size 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Sports Lighting	AGP Dimensions (m)	Year Built/ Refurbished	3G AGP Certification	Hours Available to the community
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Commercial Management	Yes	106 x 70	2013	FA	Midweek 17:00-21:30 Weekends 09:00 - 18:00
Pingle Academy	Central	60	School/ College/ University (in house)	Yes	106 x 70	2006/ 2018	FA	Midweek 18:00-21:30 Weekends 09:00 - 21:30

4.11 Table 4.2 provides an overview of smaller sized 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire.

Table 4.2 – Smaller sized 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	*Sports Lighting	AGP Length (m)	AGP - Year Built	3G AGP Certification	AGP - Hours available to the community
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Yes	60 x 42	2016	FA	Midweek 17:00-22:00 Weekends 08:30 - 17:00

3G Pitch Register

- 4.12 In order for competitive matches to be played on 3G pitches, the pitch should be FIFA or IMS tested and approved and added to the FA 3G Pitch Register, which can be found at: (Football Foundation - 3G Pitch Register).
- 4.13 Pitches undergo testing to become FA, FIFA Quality or a FIFA Quality Pro pitch with pitches commonly constructed, installed and tested in situ to achieve either accreditation.
- 4.14 All three of the 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire are currently on the 3G Pitch Register, and therefore able to cater for competitive match play.

Future Proposals

- 4.15 Repton School have submitted a planning application to provide two full size 3G AGPs on their site. The proposals would include a community use agreement to make the pitches available to the community. Planning consent was granted in November 2025. There are also proposals that have been identified by stakeholders during the consultation process regarding aspirations to provide 3G AGPs. None of these have been submitted for planning as yet. Melbourne Sports Partnership are looking to provide a full size 3G AGP at Melbourne Sports Park, that could support demand from football and rugby union. South Derbyshire District Council have plans to develop a new leisure centre in Swadlincote, that could also provide a full size 3G AGP. Gresley Rovers FC would like to move to a new site, should this be viable, they would like the new site to provide a 3G AGP. Shardlow St James FC also commented that they would like to have a 3G AGP provided in Shardlow to meet their demand.

Availability of pitches

- 4.16 Table 4.3 shows the availability of full size 3G AGPs in the study area. All of the clubs who took part in the consultation, commented that they require access to additional 3G AGPs to meet demand.
- 4.17 Sport England identify peak periods for access to AGPs is Monday to Thursday 17:00–21:00, Friday 17:00-19:00 and weekends 09:00–17:00, which totals 34 hours per week.

Quality

- 4.18 3G AGPs typically have a life span of ten years depending on levels of use and maintenance. It is recommended that any 3G AGP has a sinking fund in place so that it can be resurfaced when the time arises.
- 4.19 All 3G AGPs were visited and assessed using FA non-technical assessment to determine their quality. The assessment considers the age of the pitch, any damage to the surface and problem areas, the quality of the line markings, goal posts and surrounding fencing
- 4.20 3G AGPs were rated as follows based upon the parameters in the non-technical assessment completed:

Good (81% or above);

Standard (51%-80%);

Poor (50% or below).

- 4.24 The quality of full size 3G AGPs is shown in Table 4.3, and smaller sized pitches shown in Table 4.4

Table 4.3 – Quality and availability of full size 3G AGPs

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Number of pitches	Sports Lighting	Peak Hours Available	Quality Rating	Users	Midweek Peak Use (Hours)	Midweek Spare Capacity (Hours)	Weekend Peak Use (Hours)	Weekend Spare Capacity (Hours)
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	1	Yes	Midweek - 18 Weekend - 16	Standard	Football	17	0	12	0
							Casual	1		4	
Pingle Academy	Central	60	1	Yes	Midweek - 16 Weekend - 10	Good	Football	16	0	10	5

- 4.25 The 3G AGP at Etwall Leisure Centre is at capacity during midweek and weekend peak periods. This is similar to the 3G AGP at Pingle Academy, which is at capacity during midweek, however during the weekend peak periods there is 5 hours of capacity available.

Table 4.4 – Quality and availability of smaller sized 3G AGPs

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Number of pitches	Sports Lighting	Peak Hours Available	Quality Rating	Users	Midweek Peak Use (Hours)	Midweek Spare Capacity (Hours)	Weekend Peak Use (Hours)	Weekend Spare Capacity (Hours)
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	1	Yes	Midweek - 18 Weekend - 16	Standard	Football	14	0	8	2
							Rugby	2		2	
							Casual	2		4	

- 4.26 The smaller sized 3G AGP at Melbourne Sports Park is at capacity during the midweek peak period. There is a minimal amount of spare capacity at the weekends, although this exists during the afternoon, which isn't the peak time for mini soccer, so the spare capacity would only be able to cater for casual or recreational activities.

- 4.27 None of the 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire are poor quality. Two were assessed as standard quality and one as good quality. The Council has confirmed that they are looking to resurface the pitch at Etwall Leisure Centre during the summer in 2026. The current surface is 12 years old.
- 4.28 The consultation identified that there 10 teams currently training on sand based AGPs. Five of these teams are also accessing sand based AGPs outside of the study area. Details of these are shown in Table 4.5

Table 4.5 – Football clubs training on sand AGPs

Club Name	Number of Teams	Site
Midway	1	Ashby School
Midway	2	Shobnall Leisure Complex
Swadlincote Town FC	5	Repton School Sports Centre
Shardlow St James	1	Rutland Sports Park
Swadlincote Town FC	1	Shobnall Leisure Complex

- 4.29 All three of Midways teams in the table above are accessing sand based AGPs outside the study area for midweek training, along with one team from Swadlincote Town FC and one team from Shardlow St James.
- 4.30 The consultation also identified six teams who are accessing 3G AGPs outside of the study area for midweek training. These are shown in table 4.6.

Table 4.6 – Football clubs training on 3G AGPs outside the study area

Club Name	Number of Teams	Site
Gresley Rovers	2	Burton Albion Pirelli Stadium
Shardlow St. James	3	Long Eaton United
Swadlincote Town FC	1	Robert Sutton Academy

Ancillary provision

- 4.31 Ancillary provision at sites containing 3G AGPs available for community use was also assessed. The non-technical assessment looks at the quality changing rooms for players and officials (including showers and toilets), provision of player and spectator toilets, catering provision and whether or not facilities are accessible for people with disabilities. Car parking provision is also considered. Table 4.7 provides an overview of the quality of ancillary provision at sites containing 3G AGPs.

Table 4.7 – Ancillary provision at 3G AGP site

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Quality Rating
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Standard
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Good
Pingle Academy	Central	60	N/A

- 4.32 There are no dedicated ancillary facilities, in the form of changing rooms provided at Pingle Academy to support the 3G AGP.

Supply and demand of 3G AGPs

- 4.33 The FA have a long term aspiration to provide every team in the country with access to a one hour training slot on a 3G pitch each week.
- 4.34 The FA calculate that one full size 3G AGP can support up to 38 teams. This methodology has been applied to Table 4.8 to look at current team numbers and 3G AGP requirements, along with future requirements based upon TGRs previously calculated.
- 4.35 In order to calculate demand for 3G AGPs in the study area, all imported demand (10 teams) has been discounted, and all exported demand (118 teams) has been included. On this basis there are 274 teams who require access to a 3G AGP in the study area. Based on the 1:38 ratio, this means that there is demand for 7 (rounded down from 7.2) 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire.
- 4.36 There are currently two full size 3G AGPs and one smaller sized AGP that are available for community use in the study area. The smaller sized pitch are Melbourne Sports Park contributes 0.25 full size pitch equivalents, which gives a current total of 2.25 3G AGPs, leaving a shortfall of 4.75 pitches.
- 4.37 The supply and demand of 3G AGPs for South Derbyshire is shown in Table 4.8. This is broken down by sub area. Where clubs have exported demand, it has been assumed that this demand would be met in the sub area where their home ground, or most used ground is located.

Table 4.8 – Supply and demand of 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire

Sub Analysis Area	Current Team Numbers	Current Demand for 3G AGPs	Current 3G AGPs	Current Shortfall of 3G AGPs	Future Team Numbers	Future Demand for 3G AGPs
Central	77	2 (rounded up from 1.9)	1	1	83	1
North	18	0.5 (rounded up from 0.4)	0	0.5	19	0.5
North East	52	1.5 (rounded up from 1.3)	0.25	1.25	54	1.25
North West	87	2 (rounded up from 2.2)	1	1	90	1

Sub Analysis Area	Current Team Numbers	Current Demand for 3G AGPs	Current 3G AGPs	Current Shortfall of 3G AGPs	Future Team Numbers	Future Demand for 3G AGPs
South	34	1 (rounded up from 0.8)	0	1	36	1

4.38 Table 4.8 shows that are current shortfalls for 3G AGPs in all of the sub areas in South Derbyshire. These shortfalls don't increase when future demand based on TGRs is considered.

4.39 It is worth noting that these shortfalls are based solely on football demand. Should demand from other sports to use 3G AGPs materialise, then these figures could increase.

Rugby Union

4.40 There aren't currently any WR compliant 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire at present.

4.41 Should a 3G AGP project at Melbourne Sports Park proceed, where Melbourne RFC are based. There could be demand for this pitch to be WR compliant, to meet some of the rugby clubs midweek training demand. This could form part of the solution to the overplay that exists on the rugby union pitches on this site.

Summary

- There are two full size 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire. These are located at Etwall Leisure Centre and Pingle Academy. Both of these pitches are available for community use. There is also one smaller sized 3G AGP in the study area, located at Melbourne Sports Park. This pitch is also available for community use;
- All three of the 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire are currently on the 3G Pitch Register, and therefore able to cater for competitive match play;
- Repton School have submitted a planning application to provide two full size 3G AGPs on their site. The proposals would include a community use agreement to make the pitches available to the community. The planning application hasn't been determined as yet. There are several proposals that have been identified by stakeholders during the consultation process regarding aspirations to provide 3G AGPs. None of these have been submitted for planning as yet. Melbourne Sports Partnership are looking to provide a full size 3G AGP at Melbourne Sports Park, that could support demand from football and rugby union. South Derbyshire District Council have plans to develop a new leisure centre in Swadlincote, that could also provide a full size 3G AGP. Gresley Rovers FC would like to move to a new site, should this be viable, they would like the new site to provide a 3G AGP. Shardlow St James FC also commented that they would like to have a 3G AGP provided in Shardlow;
- The 3G AGP at Etwall Leisure Centre is at capacity during midweek and weekend peak periods, whilst the 3G AGP at Melbourne Sports Park has a minimal amount of spare capacity available at the weekend, this is also the case for the 3G AGP at Pingle Academy which has minimal spare capacity during the weekend peak hours.
- None of the 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire are poor quality. Two were assessed as standard quality and one as good quality. The pitch at Etwall Leisure Centre is due to be resurfaced in the summer of 2026 due to its age;
- The consultation identified that there 10 teams currently training on sand based AGPs. Five of these teams are also accessing sand based AGPs outside of the study area. There are also six teams who are accessing 3G AGP outside of the study area for midweek training;
- In order to calculate demand for 3G AGPs in the study area, all imported demand (10 teams) has been discounted, and all exported demand (118 teams) has been included. On this basis there are 274 teams who require access to a 3G AGP in the study area. Based on the 1:38 ratio, this means that there is demand for 7 (rounded down from 7.2) 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire. There are currently two full size 3G AGPs and one smaller sized AGPs that are available for community use in the study area. This gives a current total of 2.25 3G AGP, leaving a shortfall of 4.75 pitches;
- There aren't currently any WR compliant 3G AGPs in South Derbyshire. Should a 3G AGP project proceed at Melbourne Sports Park proceed, where Melbourne RFC are based. There could be demand for this pitch to be WR compliant, to meet some of the rugby clubs midweek training demand. This could form part of the solution to the overplay that exists on the rugby union pitches on this site.

5. Rugby Union

Introduction

- 5.1 The RFU are the governing body who oversee the governance and development of rugby union within South Derbyshire. They work locally to deliver the RFU's England Rugby Strategy (RFU - England Rugby Strategy).
- 5.2 The vision of the strategy is to create a successful and thriving game across England. In order to achieve this there are three guiding principles, Player First, Open to All and Financially Strong.
- 5.3 The strategy has four strategic priorities under the heading of Game Objectives, these are;
- Enjoyment – enable positive player experiences on and off the field;
 - Winning England – create the best possible high-performance system for England Rugby;
 - Welfare – enhance player welfare to protect and support the wellbeing of players; and
 - Flourishing Rugby Communities – support clubs to grow and sustain themselves and reflect society.
- 5.4 There are a further four strategic priorities under the heading of Driving Objectives, these are;
- Diversity and Inclusion - Drive rugby union in England to reflect the diversity of society;
 - Understand - build a deep understanding of players, volunteers and fans to shape the future of the game;
 - Connect - connect with and grow the rugby community and create exceptional experiences; and
 - Commercial and Operational Excellence – Ensure a sustainable and efficient business model delivered by an inspired workforce.

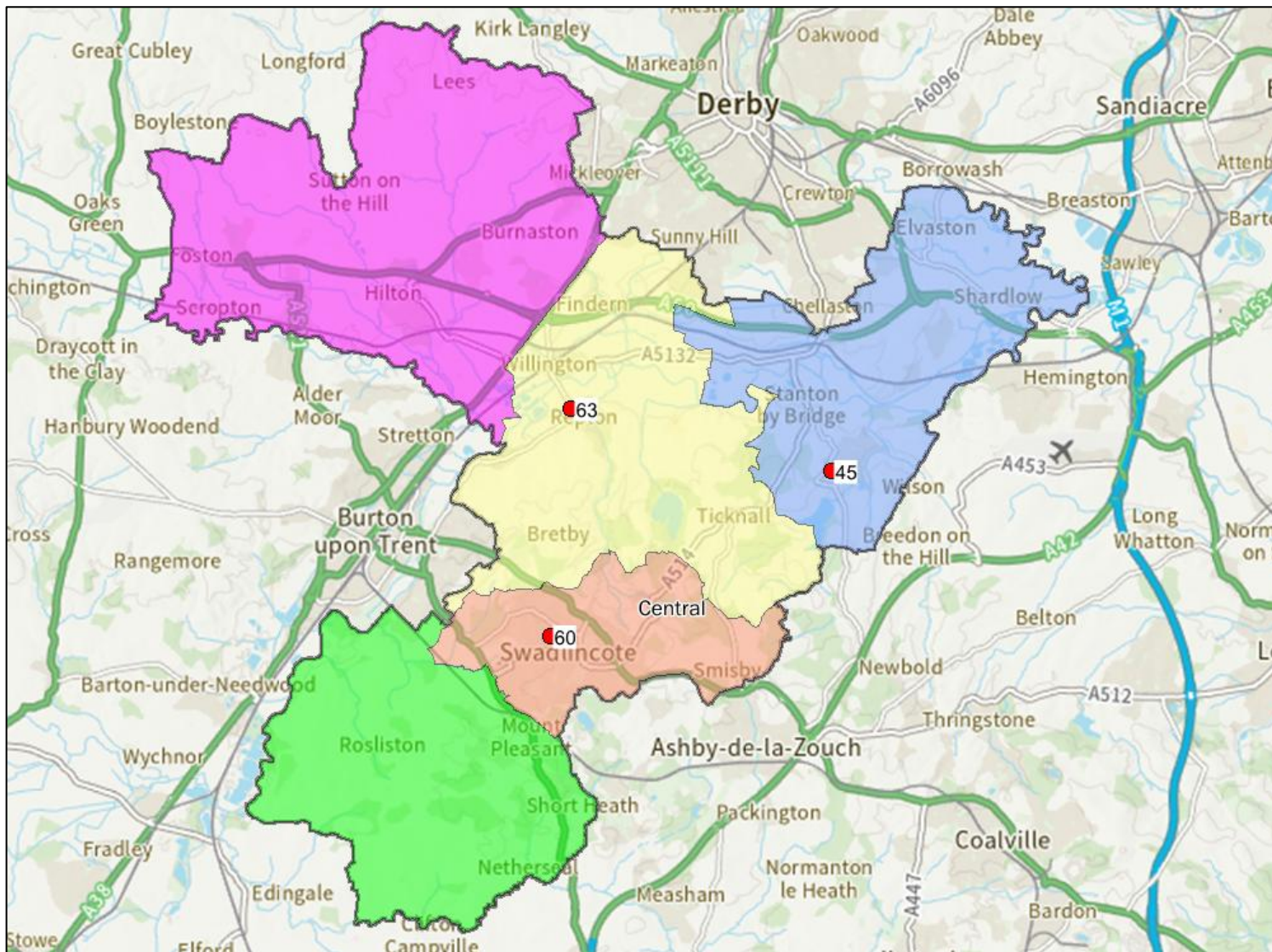
Consultation

- 5.5 Currently, Melbourne RFC is the only community rugby union club within South Derbyshire. The club at present has 17 teams and took part in the consultation process, this equals a 100% response rate for rugby union.

Supply

- 5.6 There are currently five rugby pitches that are marked out and provide posts identified within the study area, across three sites. Four of these pitches are available for community use, the one that is not available for community use is located at an educational site. This section of the report will only consider pitches that are marked and have posts at either end, although it is accepted that sites may provide mini pitches without the need for posts. There is also a training area with sports lights provided at Melbourne Sports Park. Whilst this isn't included in the supply, the training demand that it accommodates will be referenced.
- 5.7 Figure 5.1 provides a spatial overview of marked rugby union pitch provision with posts within South Derbyshire. The numbers in the figure below relate to the PPS site ID in Table 5.1

Figure 1.1 – Rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire



5.8 Table 5.1 provides an overview of rugby union pitch provision in South Derbyshire used by community clubs.

Table 5.1 - Overview of rugby pitch provision used by community clubs.

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Sports Lighting	Community use category	Security of community use
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Senior Rugby Union	Yes	Available for community use and used	Secured
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Senior Rugby Union	No	Available for community use and used	Secured
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Junior Rugby Union	No	Available for community use and used	Secured

5.9 All community rugby union in South Derbyshire are located in the North East sub area at Melbourne Sports Park, which is home to Melbourne RFC. Sub areas won't be used for the assessment of rugby union pitches, as all community activity is located in one area.

Table 5.2 – Overview of rugby union pitch provision not used by community clubs

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Sports Lighting	Community use category	Security of community use
Pingle Academy	Central	60	School/College/University (in house)	Senior Rugby Union	No	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/College/University (in house)	Senior Rugby Union	No	Not available for community use	N/A

Future Proposals

5.10 There aren't any proposals at present to provide new grass rugby union pitches in the study area.

Disused Sites

5.11 A disused site is a site that previously had pitches laid out but no longer does.

5.12 There are no disused rugby union sites in South Derbyshire. There are however three sites that have previously provided rugby union pitches but no longer do. These sites are listed below.

- Derby Grammar School Grass Pitches
- Granville Academy
- John Port Spencer Academy

5.13 John Port Spencer Academy previously provided a junior rugby union pitch, whilst the remaining two sites provided senior rugby union pitches.

Security of tenure at club sites

5.14 Tenure at a site is deemed to be secured if the club has confirmed use of the site for the next three years. Where pitches are located on local authority, parish or town council sites, tenure is generally deemed to be secured. Tenure on education sites is generally deemed to be unsecured unless known otherwise. Table 5.3 shows the security of community use and lease arrangements at Melbourne Sports Park which is use by Melbourne RFC. There have been no issues identified with the club tenure at the site.

Table 5.3 - Security of Tenure at Club Sites

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Community use category	Security of community use	Tenure Arrangements
Melbourne Sports Park	45	Community Organisation	Available for community use and used	Secured	Freehold

Quality

5.15 The RFU have developed a partnership with the Grounds Management Association (GMA). This enables clubs to arrange an assessment of their pitches using the Pitch Power app. This provides clubs with a report completed by a GMA Regional Pitch Advisor who assesses each pitch using a performance quality standard (PQS). Clubs also receive advice on how to improve pitch quality through improved maintenance practices. This process will be used in the future to assess the quality of rugby union pitches for PPS.

5.16 The RFU only use the PitchPower app for determining the quality of rugby union pitches. If a site hasn't completed a PitchPower assessment, then the quality of the pitches automatically defaults to basic. The PQS classifications used by the RFU and how this relates to pitch capacity is shown below.

Good/ Advanced – 3.3 MES per week;

Basic – 2.6 MES per week;

Poor (Unclassified) – 2 MES per week.

5.17 None of the rugby union sites in High Peak have engaged in the PitchPower programme yet, so all pitches have been classified as basic.

5.18 The RFU provides guidance on pitch sizes for the various age groups who play rugby. Table 5.4 shows the relevant pitches sizes for each age group. All pitches up to U13 should include a five-metre goal line and be five metres away from any adjacent pitches.

Table 5.4 – Rugby pitch dimensions

Team Reference	Age Group	Team Type	Max Dimensions (Meters)
Senior Men	Over 18 years old	Senior	100x70 (with posts at either end)
Senior Women	Over 18 years old	Senior	100x70 (with posts at either end)
Age Grade Boys	U13s – U18s	U13s, U14s, U15s, U16s,	100x70 (with posts at either end)
		U18s (as dual age band w/U17s)	90x60 (with posts at either end)
Age Grade Girls	U13s – U18	U14s (as dual age band w/U13s),	100x70 (with posts at either end)
		U16s (as dual age w/U15s),	
		U18s (as dual age band w/U17s)	
U12	Under 12	U12s Boys & U12 Girls	60 x 43
Age Grade Mixed	Under 10	Age grade mixed	60 x 35
	Under 9	Age grade mixed	60 x 35
	Under 8	Age grade mixed	45 x 22
	Under 7	Age grade mixed	20 x 12

5.20 Table 5.5 provides an overview of rugby union pitch quality scores.

Table 5.5 – Rugby Union pitch quality in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Sports Lighting	Community Use Category	Security of community use	Quality rating
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Senior Rugby Union	Yes	Available For Community Use and Used	Secured	Basic
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Senior Rugby Union	No	Available For Community Use and Used	Secured	Basic
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Junior Rugby Union	No	Available For Community Use and Used	Secured	Basic
Pingle Academy	Central	60	School/College/University (in house)	Senior Rugby Union	No	Available For Community Use and Used	Secured	Basic
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/College/University (in house)	Senior Rugby Union	No	Not Available For Community Use	Unsecured	Basic

All of the rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire were assessed as basic quality. During the consultation, Melbourne RFC commented that they have issues with grass coverage on site, due to the seasons being longer and that reducing the amount of time available to carry out post season renovation works.

Ancillary Provision

- 5.21 Ancillary provision at sites containing rugby pitches was assessed where possible. Ancillary provision has been graded as follows:

Good:
Standard;
Poor.

- 5.22 The assessment of ancillary provision focuses on the quality of changing room provision provided, if there are self-contained or communal showers provided and if officials changing is provided. It also considers if there are pitches with sports lighting available and the adequacy of car parking on site. Table 5.6 provides an overview of ancillary provision scores at sites that provide rugby union pitches available for community use.

Table 5.6 – Ancillary Provision At Rugby Pitch Sites

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Quality Rating
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Good
Pingle Academy	Central	60	Standard

- 5.23 Ancillary provision provided at Melbourne Sports Park, which is used by Melbourne RFC was assessed as good quality. During the consultation the club commented that increasing the car parking available on site would be advantageous. They also commented that they may need to consider providing additional changing rooms in the future if women and girls teams continue to increase.

Demand

- 5.24 There is currently only one community rugby club within the South Derbyshire area, this being Melbourne Rugby Football Club. The club currently has 17 teams, including both male and female teams across all ages. Table 5.7 shows how many teams each club has in each category and if their team number have increased, stayed the same or decreased in the last three years. It also shows in bracket the number of teams the club had when the previous PPS was produced.

Table 5.7 – Rugby Club Demand In South Derbyshire

Club Name	Site Name	Senior Men's Teams	Senior Women's Teams	Age Grade Boy's Teams (U18-U12)	Age Grade Girl's Teams (U18-U12)	Age Grade Mixed Teams (U11-U7)	Team Trend (Last 3 Years)
Melbourne RFC	Melbourne Sports Park	2 (3)	1 (0)	6 (5)	3 (1)	5 (7)	Reduction of three senior men's teams to two. All other age groups have stayed the same.

5.25 Melbourne RFC were the only community rugby union identified in the previous PPS, when they had 16 teams, a growth of one team. Since the previous PPS the clubs team number have changed at every category, with a noticeable increase in female rugby union teams. There has also been a slight reduction in the number of Age Grade teams from U7-U11, although it worth noting that the RFU have changed their bandings since the previous PPS.

Imported Demand

5.26 Imported demand refers to demand that accesses provision within the study area from but comes from outside this. This could be due to a lack of provision, or the cost of accessing facilities within their own area.

5.27 No imported demand from community rugby union clubs has been identified in the South Derbyshire area.

Exported Demand

5.28 Exported demand refers to demand from the study area that is being met within another local authority. This could be due to a lack of provision, or the cost of accessing facilities within their own local authority area.

5.29 Melbourne RFC reported that their three female age grade teams play the majority of their games at Ashby RFC in North West Leicestershire, as they are unable to accommodate them at Melbourne Sports Park.

Latent/Unmet Demand

5.30 Latent demand refers to demand that exists, but that isn't being met due to barriers such as a lack of playing or training facilities.

5.31 Melbourne RFC reported that if there were more pitches available, they would be able to have additional male and female age grade teams.

Future Demand

- 5.32 Future demand can be developed in two ways; clubs may actively try to increase their team numbers in order to grow their club. This may be supported by the relevant NGB through funded programmes, or support to help deliver objectives within their strategy.
- 5.33 Table 5.8 shows community rugby union clubs who confirmed they are looking to grow their existing team numbers and how many new teams they are looking to develop in each category.

Table 5.8 – Rugby Union Future Demand

Club Name	Senior Men's Teams	Senior Women's Teams	Age Grade Boy's Teams (U18-U12)	Age Grade Girl's Teams (U18-U12)	Age Grade Mixed Teams (U11-U7)
Melbourne RFC	1	1	1	1	1

- 5.34 Melbourne RFC stated that they are looking to grow five additional in the future, with one new team at each category.

Team Generation Rates

- 5.35 Another way that future demand can be calculated is by looking at population forecasts and how these impact upon Team Generation Rates (TGRs).
- 5.36 TGRs have been calculated using population from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2022-based subnational population projections (ONS Population Projections). Understanding the situation at individual sites.
- 5.37 Table 5.9 shows TGRs for rugby union in South Derbyshire.

Table 5.9 – TGRs for rugby union in South Derbyshire

Sport and Age Groups	Number of teams in age group within the area	Current population in age group within the area (2025)	Future population in age group within the area (2039)	Current TGR	Population change in age group	Potential increase in Team Numbers in Age Group
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	2	19,372	23,404	9686	4,032	0
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	1	20,464	23,935	20464	3,471	0
Rugby Union Age Grade Boy's (13-18yrs)	6	4,528	4,770	754.6667	242	0
Rugby Union Age Grade Girl's (13-18yrs)	2	4,318	4,408	2159	90	0
Rugby Union Age Grade Mixed (7-12yrs)	5	8,333	8,616	1666.6	283	0

- 5.38 TGRs for rugby union don't forecast any growth in team up to 2039. It is worth noting that TGRs don't take into account any targeted work that NGBs or clubs carry out to grow team numbers.

Understanding the Situation at Individual Sites

- 5.39 Capacity on rugby pitches is measured in Match Equivalent Sessions (MES). For match play 0.5 MES has been allocated to each team who use a pitch, this is based on teams playing home and away fixtures.
- 5.40 Capacity will also be impacted by clubs using pitches for training. Where this is the case 0.5 MES has been attributed to senior and age grade boys' and girls' rugby teams for each training sessions that takes place on a pitch. Where age grade mixed teams train on a senior pitch 0.25 MES has been attributed to the use of the pitch.
- 5.41 Education sites have had their total use calculated by the amount of curricular and extra-curricular use that was reported during the consultation.

Peak Demand

- 5.42 Peak demand for rugby is deemed to be as follows:
- Senior men's – Saturday afternoon;
 - Senior women's – Sunday afternoon; and
 - Age Grade boys and girls – Sunday morning;

5.43 Table 5.10 provides a capacity analysis of rugby union pitches on community rugby union club sites in the study area based on the criteria set out above. All club demand is currently catered for at Melbourne Sports Park. Table 5.14 then provides a capacity analysis of all remaining rugby union pitches in the study area.

Table 5.10 – Capacity balance of rugby union pitches on club sites in South Derbyshire

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Sports Lighting	Community use category	Security of community use	Pitch Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Match Play (MES)	Training/ Informal (MES)	Total Use	Balance (MES)
Melbourne Sports Park	45	Senior Rugby Union	1	Yes	Available for community use and used	Secured	Basic	2.6	2	3	5	-2.4
		Senior Rugby Union	1	No	Available for community use and used	Secured	Basic	2.6	2	0	2	0.6
		Junior Rugby Union	1	No	Available for community use and used	Secured	Basic	2.6	3	0	3	-0.4

- 5.44 Table 5.10 shows that two of the rugby union pitches at Melbourne Sports Park are currently overplayed, this equates to 2.8 MES of overplay across the site. There is some spare capacity on the senior rugby union pitch that doesn't have sports lights, that equates to 0.6 MES. The overall balance of rugby union pitches on site is that they are overplayed by 2.2 MES.
- 5.45 There is also a 40m x 30m training area with sports lights on site which accounts for 5.5 MES of midweek training demand from Melbourne RFC.
- 5.46 The balance of rugby union pitches on non-clubs sites is shown in Table 5.11.

Table 5.11 – Capacity of remaining rugby union and rugby league pitches on non-club sites

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Sports Lighting	Community use category	Security of community use	Pitch Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Match Play (MES)	Training/ Informal (MES)	Total Use	Balance (MES)
Pingle Academy	59	Senior Rugby Union	1	No	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	Basic	2.6	1	1	2	0.6
Repton School Sports Centre	62	Senior Rugby Union	1	No	Not available for community use	N/A	Basic	2.6	1	1	2	0.6

- 5.47 Each of the education sites that provide rugby union pitches has 0.6 MES of spare capacity available, which equates to 1.2 MES in total.

Actual Spare Capacity

- 5.48 Actual spare capacity relates to capacity that is available during the peak period. Any sites that have spare capacity and aren't available for community use or provide unsecured community use are discounted. No club or educational site was identified within the South Derbyshire as having spare capacity.
- 5.49 There is current actual spare capacity of 0.6 MES on rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire. This is located on the senior rugby union pitch at Melbourne Sports Park that doesn't have sports light. The spare capacity identified on the two non-club sites has been discounted as they either offer unsecured community use, or don't offer community use.

Overplay

- 5.50 Overplay occurs when a pitch facilitates more use than its recommended carrying capacity. This can be a result of the pitch having a low carrying capacity or teams simply playing more than the recommended number of fixtures the pitch can accommodate. Overplay can directly impact upon the quality of a pitch.
- 5.51 Table 5.12 shows overplayed rugby union pitches.

Table 5.12 – Overplayed senior rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Pitch Type	Number of Pitches	Sports Lighting	Community use category	Security of community use	Pitch Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Match Play (MES)	Training/ Informal (MES)	Total Use	Balance (MES)
Melbourne Sports Park	45	Senior Rugby Union	1	Yes	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor	2.6	2	3	5	-2.4
		Junior Rugby Union	1	No	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor	2.6	3	0	3	-0.4

- 5.52 Overplay on rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire equates to 2.8 MES. All overplay identified is located a Melbourne Sports Park.

Key issues and findings

- 5.53 Table 5.13 provides an overview of the supply and demand balance of rugby pitches in South Derbyshire, taking in to account current and future demand. Future demand is based on TGRs with any new teams generating 0.5 MES of demand.

Table 5.13 – Supply and demand of rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire

Pitch Type	Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Current Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
Senior Rugby Union	0.6	2.4	-1.8	0	-1.8
Junior Rugby Union	0	0.4	-0.4	0	-0.4

- 5.54 Table 5.16 shows that there are current shortfalls of 1.8 MES on senior rugby union pitches and 0.4 MES on junior rugby union pitches. These shortfalls are unaffected when future demand based on TGR are considered.

Summary

- There is currently only one community rugby union club within the South Derbyshire area. Melbourne RFC currently has 17 teams across a number of different age groups and features both male, female, and age grade teams;
- There are currently five rugby pitches that are marked out and provide posts identified within the study area, across three sites. Four of these pitches are available for community use, the one that is not available for community use is located at an educational site;
- Derby Grammar School, John Port Spencer Academy, and Granville Academy previously provided marked and posted rugby pitches. However at present there are no grass pitches marked out at these schools.
- Security of tenure is not an issue at Melbourne RFC; the club holds the freehold of the site.
- 100% of rugby union pitches that were assessed were found to be a basic quality. Melbourne RFC was assessed as providing good ancillary facilities and the two remaining schools were found to have a standard quality ancillary facilities.
- Melbourne RFC reported that their three female age grade teams play the majority of their games at Ashby RFC in North West Leicestershire, as they are unable to accommodate them at Melbourne Sports Park. No imported demand was identified for rugby union in South Derbyshire;
- Melbourne RFC stated that they are looking to grow five additional in the future, with one new team at each category;
- TGRs for rugby union don't forecast any growth in team up to 2039. It is worth noting that TGRs don't take into account any targeted work that NGBs or clubs carry out to grow team numbers;
- Two of the rugby union pitches at Melbourne Sports Park are currently overplayed, this equates to 2.8 MES of overplay across the site. There is some spare capacity on the senior rugby union pitch that doesn't have sports lights, that equates to 0.6 MES. The overall balance of rugby union pitches on site is that they are overplayed by 2.2 MES;
- There is current actual spare capacity of 0.6 MES on rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire. This is located on the senior rugby union pitch at Melbourne Sports Park that doesn't have sports light. The spare capacity identified on the two non-club sites has been discounted as they either offer unsecured community use, or don't offer community use;
- Overplay on rugby union pitches in South Derbyshire equates to 2.8 MES. All overplay identified is located at Melbourne Sports Park;
- There are current shortfalls of 1.8 MES on senior rugby union pitches and 0.4 MES on junior rugby union pitches. These shortfalls are unaffected when future demand based on TGR are considered.

6. Hockey

Introduction

6.1 England Hockey are the governing body for hockey. They work to develop all facets of the game, this includes delivering Creating A Future For Our Game Together A strategy for the sport to 2028 (England Hockey - Creating A Future For Our Game Together). A summary of the strategy is provided below.

6.2 Purpose

- Sharing a love of the game: Uniting the hockey community through the joy and simplicity of playing hockey.

6.3 Mission

- Work together to make hockey more visible, relevant, and accessible to all: Extending the invitation to hockey further and wider.

6.4 Values

- Collaborate inclusively: Embrace diversity and encourage contribution;
- Care for people and places: Ensure psychological and physical safety, value everyone, and protect the environment;
- Play with spirit, win with grace: Enjoy the game, respect the rules, and bring positivity; and
- Resilient in everything we do: Be adaptable, support each other, and believe in the impact of hockey.

6.5 Objectives for the Next 5 Years

- Lead Positive Change: Increase diversity and access in state schools and communities;
- Inspirational International Success: Achieve podium success in international competitions and develop a thriving talent system;
- Drive Visible Impact: Produce engaging content to raise the profile of hockey and attract commercial investment;
- Responsible Leadership: Foster trust and inclusivity, ensure safety, and diversify revenue sources; and
- Meaningful Growth: Double the number of young players, upgrade facilities, and create inclusive experiences.

6.6 Key Commitments

- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: Embed these principles in all aspects of the strategy;
- Community Engagement: Re-engage with local communities and clubs to create the future of the sport together;
- Sustainability: Develop and report on a sustainability programme; and
- This strategy aims to create a vibrant, inclusive, and successful future for hockey in England.

Consultation

6.7 Repton Hockey Club are the only club to play in South Derbyshire; they currently have 14 teams. The club took part in the consultation, which represents a 100% team response rate.

Supply

6.8 Hockey is solely played on Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) for both training and match play. There are different specifications of AGP that can facilitate different levels of play.

6.9 England Hockey identifies three categories:

- Category 1 – Water Based (suitable for international hockey fixtures and training as well as Domestic National Premier competition);
- Category 2- Sand Dressed (acceptable for Domestic National Premier competition and all other formats of the game); and
- Category 3 – Sand Filled (suitable for adult and junior club training at league fixtures. Also suitable for school fixtures).

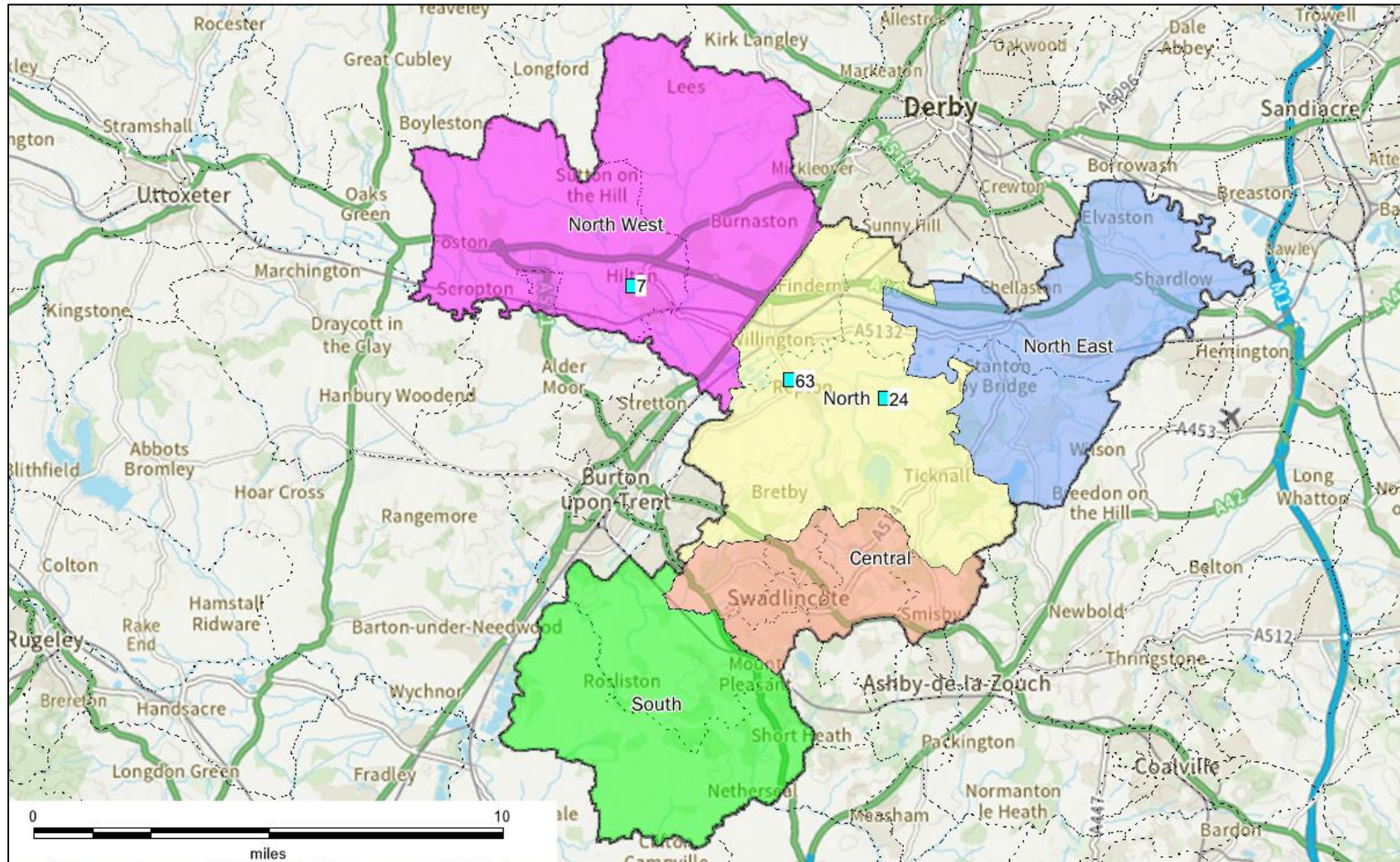
6.10 A full sized pitch for competitive matches should measure at least 91.4 x 55 metres excluding surrounding run-off areas which must be a minimum of 2 metres at the sides and three metres at the ends. England Hockey's preference is for four-metre sides and five-metre end run offs, with a preferred overall area of 101.4 x 63 metres, though a minimum overall area of 97.4 x 59 metres is accepted.

6.11 There are two AGP's in South Derbyshire that are considered to be full size. These are both located at Repton School Sports Centre and are available for community use. One of these pitches meets Category 1 requirements, whilst the other pitch meets Category 2 requirements.

6.12 The PPS Guidance states that an AGP for hockey use can accommodate a maximum of four matches (match equivalent sessions) on one day at peak time, provided that the pitch has sports lighting. Training is generally midweek and requires the pitch to have sports lighting too.

- 6.13 There is a smaller-sized AGP located at Bloomfield Close available for community use. The smaller sized AGP at Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School is available for community use, but consultation with the school has identified that this is extremely limited, due to the requirements of the school taking priority. This extends to weekend bookings as well. On this basis, the pitch at this site has been categorised as not being available for community use.
- 6.14 Figure 6.1 shows where all hockey AGPs are located within South Derbyshire. The numbers in the Figure relate to the PPS site ID in Tables 6.1 and 6.2.

Figure 6.1 – Supply of Hockey AGP's



6.15 Table 6.1 provides an overview of full size hockey provision in South Derbyshire.

Table 6.1 - Full-size hockey pitches in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Sports Lighting	Dimensions (m)	Community use category	Security of community use
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Water Based	Yes	109 x 88	Available for community use and used	Unsecured
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Sand Dressed	Yes	93 x 56	Available for community use and used	Unsecured

6.16 Table 6.2 provides an overview of smaller-sized hockey provision in South Derbyshire.

Table 6.2 - Smaller-sized AGPs in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Sports Lighting	Dimension (m)	Community use category	Security of community use
Bloomfield Close	North West	7	Local Authority	Sand Filled	Yes	38 x 32	Available for community use and used	Secured
Foremarket Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Sand Filled	Yes	50 x 32	Not available for community use	Unsecured

- 6.17 The smaller pitch at Bloomfield Close is managed by Hilton Parish Council. The remaining AGPs are managed by education sites.

Future Proposals

- 6.18 There are no proposals at present to provide new hockey AGPs. Repton School have submitted a planning application to provide two new 3G AGPs at their site, but it is understood that this won't have any impact on the water based or sand dressed AGPs they currently have. England Hockey are keen to ensure that both AGPs at this site are protected for hockey, due to their importance for the sport locally.

Disused AGP's

- 6.19 A disused site is a site that previously had pitches laid out but no longer does.
- 6.20 There are no disused hockey pitches in South Derbyshire.

Security of Tenure

- 6.21 Tenure at a site is deemed to be secured if the club has confirmed use of the site for the next three years. Where AGPs are located on local authority, parish or town council sites, tenure is generally deemed to be secured.
- 6.22 Tenure is generally deemed to be unsecured at education sites, unless known otherwise. Whilst education sites may provide community use of their facilities, this could be stopped at short notice.
- 6.23 Repton Hockey Club hire pitch facilities at Repton School Sports Centre on an annual basis. They do not have security of tenure at the site and as such, this is identified as a potential risk and something to be addressed in the strategy and action plan via a community use agreement, which England Hockey are supportive of. The club reported needing to work around the needs of the school when accessing the pitch which sometimes meant playing at inconvenient times.

Quality

- 6.24 All sites containing AGPs suitable for hockey were visited and assessed using the non-technical assessment criteria provided by England Hockey. The assessment considers the quality of the surface, including any damage or areas of concern. The quality of the line markings, fencing and goals provided. adequate safety margins and accessibility for people with disabilities. The assessment also considers information provided during the consultation to develop a quality rating for each site.
- 6.25 AGPs are rated as follows based on how they are scored during the non-technical assessment:

Good (80% or above);

Standard (51%-79%);

Poor (50% or below).

- 6.29 Table 6.3 provides an overview of the quality of full size hockey AGPs. Where known, it also states when a surface was laid or most recently refurbished. The quality of a hockey AGP is impacted by the age of the surface, how well used it is and how robust the maintenance programme is.

Table 6.3 - Quality of full-size hockey AGPs in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Sports Lighting	Dimensions (m)	Built/ Resurfaced	Quality Rating
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Water Based	Yes	109 x 88	2002/2019	Standard
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Sand Dressed	Yes	93 x 56	1993/2005	Standard

6.30 The full size AGPs in South Derbyshire have been assessed to be of standard overall quality. Depending on levels of use and maintenance, a sand AGP has a lifespan of approximately 12 - 15 years before it requires resurfacing. The water based pitch was refurbished in 2019 and the sand dressed pitch in 2005, which is likely to require resurfacing in the very near future.

Table 6.4 - Quality of small sized hockey AGPs in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Pitch Type	Sports Lighting	Dimensions (m)	Built/ Refurbished	Quality Rating
Bloomfield Close	North West	7	Local Authority	Sand Filled	Yes	38 x 32	2008/2020	Standard
Foremarket Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Sand Filled	Yes	50 x 32	1990/2022	Good

- 6.31 One of the smaller-sized AGPs was assessed to be of standard quality and one of good quality. Both pitches have undergone refurbishment since 2020, future-proofing the quality of pitches for a number of years.

Sports Lighting

- 6.32 Sports lighting allows for AGPs to be used for training throughout the winter months. England Hockey recommends a 350 Lux for training and matches. All of the current AGPs provide sports lighting to support use for hockey through the evening and winter period. The sports lights at Repton School Sports Centre have also been upgraded to LED.

Ancillary Provision

- 6.33 Ancillary provision at sites used by hockey clubs was also assessed as part of the site visits. The assessment looks at changing rooms for players and officials (including showers and toilets), provision of player and spectator toilets, catering provision and whether or not facilities are accessible for people with disabilities. Car parking provision is also considered. Table 7.5 provides an overview of ancillary provision at sites used by hockey clubs in the study area.

Table 6.5 – Quality of ancillary provision at hockey club sites

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Quality Rating
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Standard

- 6.34 The ancillary facilities used by Repton HC have been assessed as standard quality. The club identified no issue with these during the consultation.

Demand

- 6.35 Repton Hockey Club is the only club to play hockey in South Derbyshire. Repton Hockey Club currently has 14 teams. During the consultation, the club reported no plans to increase the number of teams.
- 6.36 Often hockey clubs will have more members participating in each section of the club compared to the number of teams that they field for fixtures or tournaments. The number of members the club has in each category has been provided in brackets in Table 6.6. The club currently has 391 members in total.

Table 6.6 - Hockey teams/members in South Derbyshire

Club Name	Senior Men's Teams	Senior Women's Teams	Junior Boy's Teams	Junior Girl's Teams	Mini Teams (U6-U12's)	Team Trends (last three years)
Repton Hockey Club	2 (25)	1 (6)	3 (140)	4 (140)	4 (80)	Senior teams have stayed the same. Junior teams have increased

Imported Demand

- 6.37 Imported demand is demand that comes from outside of the study area to access provision, because there is a lack of provision or barriers to accessing provision where they are located.
- 6.38 There is no imported demand from hockey clubs into the study area.

Exported Demand

- 6.39 Exported demand is demand that can't be catered for within the study area and therefore takes place outside of this.
- 6.40 There is no exported demand from hockey clubs into the study area.

Latent/Unmet Demand

- 6.41 Latent/ unmet demand refers to demand that exists but can't be catered for due to a lack of available provision.
- 6.42 Repton Hockey Club have not raised any concerns regarding any latent/ unmet demand.

Future Demand

- 6.43 Future demand can be developed in two ways; clubs may actively try to increase their team numbers in order to grow their club. This may be supported by the relevant NGB through funded programmes, or support to help deliver objectives within their strategy.
- 6.44 Repton HC stated during the consultation that they have no plans to increase their current team numbers.
- 6.45 England Hockey currently run a number of programmes to help clubs engage with the local community and develop their membership. These programmes are listed below.

Hockey Heroes

- 6.46 Hockey Heroes is a fun and welcoming programme aimed at children aged 5-8. It offers an 8 week course for beginners, which is designed to help them develop the basic skills required for hockey such as dribbling, passing and shooting in a fun environment.
- 6.47 There are currently no Hockey Heroes sessions taking place in the study area.

Walking Hockey

- 6.48 Walking Hockey is designed for people who still wish to take part in the game but want to play at a far less demanding pace. Walking Hockey sessions are often delivered by local clubs.
- 6.49 There are currently no Walking Hockey sessions being delivered in the study area.

Back to Hockey

- 6.50 Back to Hockey is aimed at people of any age or ability, who want to play hockey in a fun environment. Sessions are aimed at developing skills and providing opportunities to take part in small sided games. There is also an emphasis on socialising and meeting new people.
- 6.51 There are currently no Back to Hockey sessions being delivered in the study area.

Team Generation Rates

- 6.52 England Hockey don't use TGRs to calculate future demand, as demand for hockey takes into account the number of members a club has, not just the number of teams. Clubs may have significantly more members at an age group than the number of teams they field. To calculate future hockey demand, current membership numbers will be entered into the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator to understand what future demand looks like, and what is required to meet this.

Understanding the situation at individual sites

6.54 PPS guidance states that full size AGPs for hockey can accommodate 4 match equivalent sessions (MES) at peak time. Based on this, each team requires 0.5 MES on a home AGP.

Peak Demand

- 6.55 Peak demand for senior hockey is Saturday with junior fixtures taking place on Sunday mornings. Training takes place midweek.
- 6.56 England Hockey identify peak time for use of AGPs to be Monday to Friday 6pm-10pm and Saturday to Sunday 10am-5pm, which totals 34 hours a week.
- 6.57 Table 6.7 shows the availability of full size AGPs suitable for hockey in South Derbyshire. This includes whether or not they have any spare capacity during peak periods.

Table 6.7 - Availability of full-size hockey AGPs

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Sports Lighting	Surface Type	Peak Hours Available	Quality Rating	Users	Midweek Peak Use (Hours)	Midweek Spare Capacity (Hours)	Weekend Peak Use (Hours)	Weekend Spare Capacity (Hours)
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	Yes	Water Based	Midweek-15 Weekend -14	Standard	Repton HC	10	1	8	2
							Repton School	4		4	
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	Yes	Sand Dressed	Midweek-15 Weekend -14	Standard	Football Clubs	5	6	0	10
							Repton School	4		4	

Actual Space Capacity

- 6.58 There is currently no spare capacity during the midweek or weekend peak periods on the water based AGP at Repton School Sports Centre. All of Repton HC activity is delivered on this pitch, which also include use from Repton School. Repton HC did comment during the consultation that they sometimes have to work around the schools requirements on the pitch, which can cause them some issues. There is currently some spare capacity on the sand dressed AGP at the site, with six hours available midweek and 10 available at weekends. This total's 16 hours across the week, which represents 55% of the pitches capacity in the peak periods (29 hours available in total).

Key issues and findings

- 6.59 Repton HC stated during the consultation that they have no current plan to increase their team numbers. There is currently no spare capacity during either of the peak periods on the water based AGP at Repton School Sports Centre, so should the club see any growth in membership numbers that requires additional capacity, or they plan to deliver any additional recreational activities, this demand would have to be met on the sand dress AGP, which has spare capacity during the week and at weekends.
- 6.60 Whilst no issues with the quality of either of the pitches at Repton School Sports Centre have been identified, the sand dressed AGP is 20 years old and will likely require resurfacing in the near future.
- 6.61 Repton HC currently have no security if tenure at Repton School Sports Centre, where they hire the facilities on an annual basis. This means that the clubs use of the facilities could be stopped at short notice, requiring them to find a new venue for training and match play. Securing use for the club is a key priority for England Hockey that will need to be addressed within the strategy and action plan.

Summary

- Repton Hockey Club is the only hockey club to play in South Derbyshire. The club took part in the consultation process;
- There are AGPs in South Derbyshire that are considered to be full size. These are located at Repton School Sports Centre and are available for community use. There are also two smaller-sized AGPs located in the study area, one of which is available for community use;
- Although the Repton Hockey Club use the facilities at Repton School on a weekly basis, they do not have security of tenure that safeguards their long-term use of the facilities and reported having to work around the school in terms of access to the pitch;
- The full size AGPs in South Derbyshire have been assessed to be of standard quality. The water based pitch was refurbished in the last 5 years and the sand dressed pitch in 2025. Understanding the school's plans for the upgrade and refurbishment of the older pitch will be important to ensure the continuing supply of full-sized hockey pitches.
- Ancillary provision at Repton School Sports Centre was assessed as standard quality.
- Repton Hockey Club has a total of 14 teams and 391 members. The club reported no current plans to increase the number of teams;
- There has been no imported demand or exported demand identified for hockey in the study area;
- There is currently no spare capacity during the midweek or weekend peak periods on the water based AGP at Repton School Sports Centre. all of Repton HC activity is delivered on this pitch, which also include use from Repton School. Repton HC did comment during the consultation that they sometimes have to work around the schools requirements on the pitch, which can cause them some issues. There is currently some spare capacity on the sand dressed AGP at the site, with six hours available midweek and 10 available at weekends. This total's 16 hours across the week, which represents 55% of the pitches capacity in the peak periods (29 hours available in total).

7. Cricket

Introduction

- 7.1 Derbyshire Cricket Foundation (DCF) are the County Cricket Board that covers the South Derbyshire area. They work to sustain and increase cricket across all pillars of the game locally. This includes overseeing the delivery of a number of leagues that cater to both adult and junior players.
- 7.2 DCF also work closely with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to deliver their Inspiring Generations Strategy 2025-2028 throughout the area. ([ECB Inspiring Generation 2025-2028](#)).
- 7.3 The ECB's Inspiring Generations 2025–2028 strategy is a refreshed blueprint to make cricket the most inclusive team sport in England and Wales, while growing and uniting the game across all levels.
- 7.4 The strategy sets out six important priorities and activities: The strategy has three strategic aims, which are:
 - Inclusivity: Position cricket as a sport for everyone, regardless of background;
 - Growth & Unity: Expand participation and engagement across grassroots, recreational, and elite levels; and
 - Global Leadership: Guide the game through transformation, including major events like the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup and cricket's inclusion in the 2028 Olympics.
- 7.5 It also contains four key targets to be delivered by 2028, these are:
 - Reach 14 million people annually through playing, watching, or following cricket;
 - Increase weekly participation among children by 10%;
 - Improve gender equality in visibility and access for women and girls; and
 - Support 18 professional counties to be high-performing, inclusive, and financially sustainable.
- 7.6 The strategy is backed by six focused plans;
 - EDI Action Plan: Advance equity, diversity, and inclusion;
 - Ethnically Diverse Communities Plan: Invest £3.5M in diverse areas to boost access;
 - State Schools Plan: Enable 4 million young people to access cricket, train teachers, and build school hubs;
 - Talent Pathways Plan: Widen access to elite development;
 - Volunteer Plan: Grow and diversify the volunteer base; and
 - Safeguarding Strategy: Ensure safe environments across all levels

7.7 DCF has also produced its own Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Action Plan which focuses on investing in facilities to create welcoming, inclusive and accessible environments for diverse communities, including features like gender-neutral and sensory rooms. The strategy is implemented through ground development projects, leveraging grant funding, and improving accessibility to attract and retain participants. Key points include:

- Investment in Facilities & People;
- Inclusion and Accessibility;
- Community-Focused Development;
- Gender-Neutral & Sensory Facilities; and
- Partnerships & Funding.

Consultation

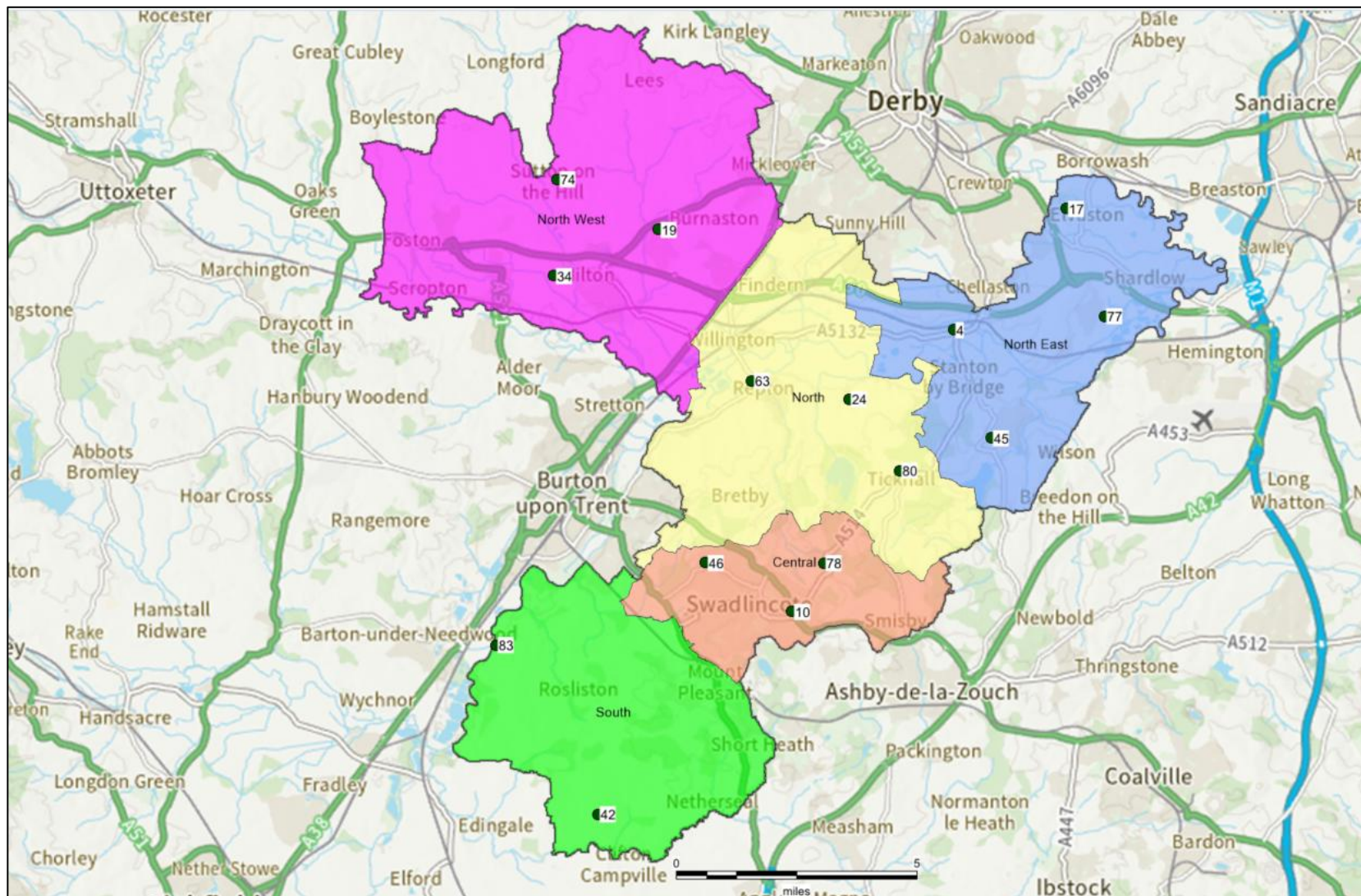
7.8 There are currently 10 cricket clubs in South Derbyshire who between them have 90 teams. All clubs took part in the consultation, which represent a 100% team response rate.

Supply

7.9 There are currently 15 sites in South Derbyshire that provide grass cricket pitches. This equates to 18 grass cricket pitches. Only two sites provide grass cricket pitches that aren't available for community use; these are school sites at Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School and Mercia Academy.

7.10 The locations of grass cricket pitches in the South Derbyshire are shown in Figure 7.1. The numbers in the figure relate to the PPS Site ID in Table 7.1.

Figure 7.1 – Map of grass cricket pitches in the South Derbyshire



7.11 Table 7.1 provides an overview of grass cricket pitch provision. This includes the number of wickets that each pitch provides at any given site and whether or not they are available for community use.

Table 7.1 - Overview of grass cricket pitches

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Security of Community Use
Barrow Turn	North East	4	Sports Club	11	Available for community use and used	Secured
Burton Road Recreation Ground	Central	10	Community Organisation	12	Available for community use and used	Secured
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Sports Club	10	Available for community use and used	Secured
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Sports Club	8	Available for community use and used	Secured
Etwall Cricket Club	North West	19	Sports Club	12	Available for community use and used	Secured
Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	Other Independent School	8	Not available for community use	N/A
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Sports Club	14	Available for community use and used	Unsecured
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Sports Club	4	Available for community use and used	Unsecured
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Sports Club	15	Available for community use and used	Secured
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Sports Club	9	Available for community use and used	Secured
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Local Authority	12	Available for community use and used	Secured
Mercia Academy	Central	46	Academies	Unknown	Not available for community use	N/A
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	Other Independent School	Unknown	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured
Sutton on the Hill Cricket Club	North West	74	Sports Club	10	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Security of Community Use
The Recreation Centre (Aston-On-Trent)	North East	77	Local Authority	7	Available for community use and used	Secured
The Rodney Meadows	Central	78	Commercial	7	Available for community use and used	Secured
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Commercial	10	Available for community use and used	Secured
Walton Cricket Club	South	83	Commercial	12	Available for community use and used	Unsecured

7.12 There are currently 153 grass cricket wickets, which are currently available for community use. Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School provides an additional 8 grass wickets which are not available for community use. Repton School Sports Centre is also not available for community use. It was not possible to conduct a pitch assessment at this site and therefore, the number of grass wickets is unknown.

7.13 The pitch at Sutton on the Hill Cricket Club is no longer used by Sutton on the Hill CC, as they folded at the end of the 2023 season. Etwall CC men's third teams currently play at the site.

Future proposals

7.14 The Council also has proposals to a new grass cricket pitch site at either New House Farm (Mickleover) or Boulton Moor – The Triangle.

7.15 Hilton CC noted that they are currently working on proposals that would provide a new ground, but that there are no timeframes in place for this at present. This would replace their current home ground where the landowner is exploring opportunities to sell the site.

7.16 Hartshorne CC noted during the consultation that they want to develop a second ground as the size of their current ground limits them from advancing up the league. In the interim, they are looking at improving drainage to the outfield and the quality of their grass wickets.

7.17 Walton-on-Trent CC are hoping to improve current flood defences, and Elvaston CC are also looking to make ground improvements. Hilton CC mentioned improving facilities on their second pitch.

Disused pitches

7.18 A disused site is a site that previously had pitches laid out on it but no longer does.

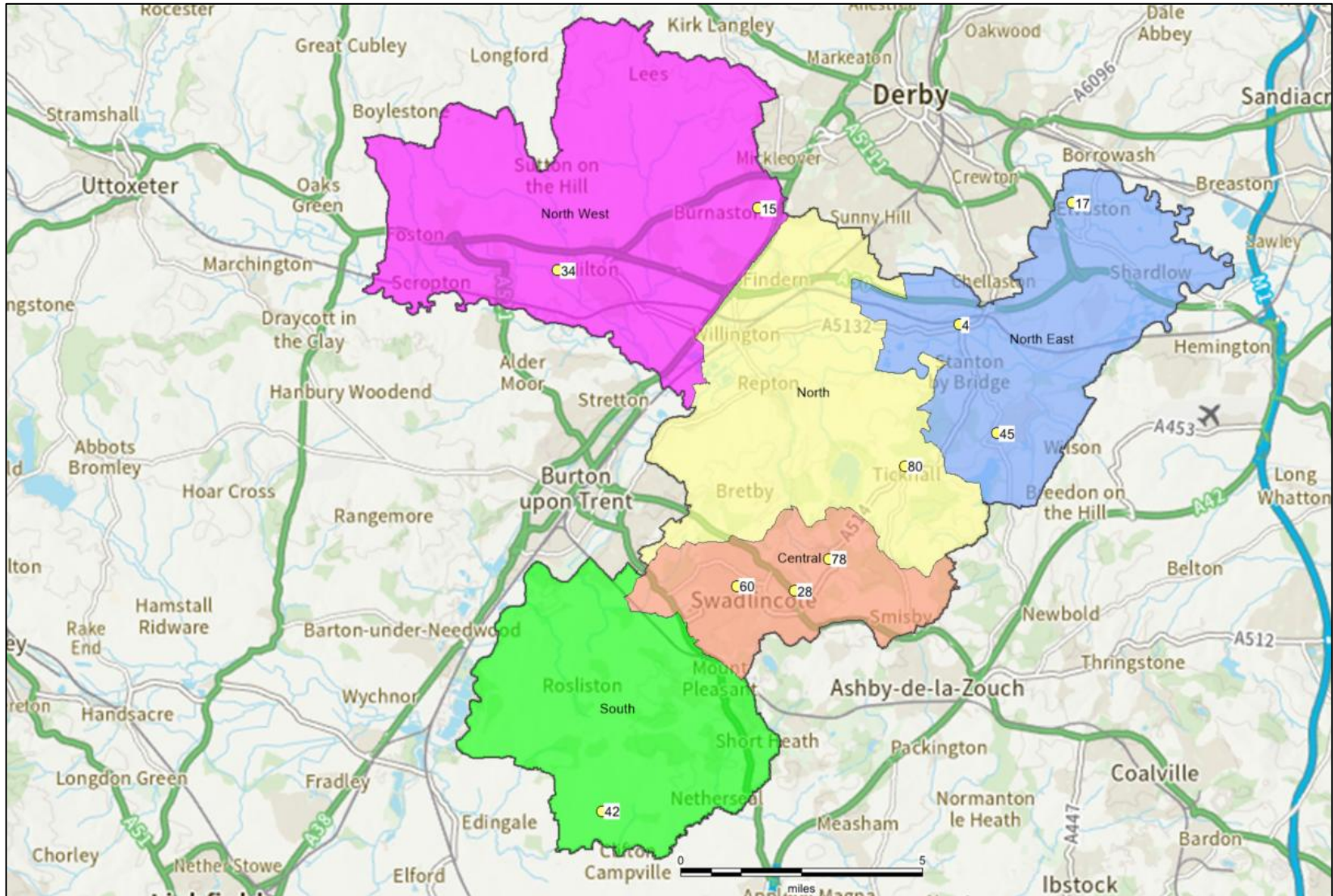
7.19 There are three sites in South Derbyshire that previously provided grass cricket pitches but are now disused, these are:

- Broomhills Lane Playing Fields;
- Mickleover Country Park Social Club; and
- Twyford Road Playing Fields.

Non-Turf Pitches (NTPs)

- 7.20 NTPs that meet the ECB's TS6 Performance Standards can be used for match play. They are also often used for training in conjunction with mobile nets. The ECB recommends that a good-quality NTP can facilitate 60 matches per season.
- 7.21 There are currently 10 NTPs provided across 10 sites. Figure 7.2 provides an overview of where they are located.
- 7.22 The numbers in the figure relate to the PPS site ID in Table 7.2.

Figure 7.2 – Map of cricket NTPs



7.23 Table 7.2 provides an overview of cricket NTP provision in the study area, and if they form part of a square or are standalone. It also identifies the number of NTPs provided at a site and if they are available for community use.

Table 7.2 – Overview of cricket NTPS

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Standalone or part of a square	Number of Wickets	Community use category	Security of community use
Barrow Turn	North East	4	Sport Club	Part of a square	1	Available for community use and used	Secured
Derby Grammar School Grass Pitches	North West	15	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Standalone	1	Not available for community use	N/A
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Sport Club	Part of a square	1	Available for community use and used	Secured
Granville Academy	Central	28	School/ College/ University (in-house)	Standalone	1	Not available for community use	N/A
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Sport Club	Part of a square	1	Available for community use and used	Unsecured
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Sport Club	Part of a square	1	Available for community use and used	Secured
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Standalone	1	Available for community use and used	Secured
Pingle Academy	Central	60	School/College/ University (in-house)	Standalone	1	Not available for community use	N/A
The Rodney Meadows	Central	78	Sport Club	Part of a square	1	Available for community use and used	Secured
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Sport Club	Part of a square	1	Available for community use and used	Secured

- 7.24 There are 10 NTPs in total in South Derbyshire. Seven of these are available for community use. The remaining three NTPs that are not available for community use are located on education sites.
- 7.25 Six of the NTPs available for community use form part of a square. There is only one standalone strip which is located at Melbourne Sports Park.
- 7.26 During the consultation Hartshorne CC, Aston-on-Trent Village CC and Swarkestone CC stated that they would like to install non-turf wickets in future at their respective grounds.

Security of tenure

- 7.27 Tenure at a site is deemed to be secured if the club has confirmed use of the site for the next three years. Where cricket pitches are located on local authority, parish or town council sites, tenure is generally deemed to be secured. On club sites it depends on the nature of the agreement in place. Tenure is generally deemed to be unsecured at educational sites, unless known otherwise or a club has an agreement in place. Whilst educational sites may provide community use of their facilities, this could be stopped at short notice.
- 7.28 Table 7.3 shows whether tenure is deemed secured or unsecured on cricket club sites and what, if any agreement the clubs have is in place. Information on tenure agreements has been provided by clubs that took part in the club consultation.

Table 7.3 - Security of tenure at club sites

Site Name	Club Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Security of community use	Tenure Arrangements on Site
Barrow Turn	Swarkestone Cricket Club	North East	4	Sports Club	Secured	Swarkestone CC own the freehold.
Elvaston Cricket Ground	Elvaston Cricket Club	North East	17	Sports Club	Secured	Leased remaining 20 years with Derbyshire County Council.
Etwall Cricket Club	Etwall Cricket Club	North West	19	Sports Club	Secured	Etwall CC own the freehold
Hilton Cricket Club	Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Sports Club	Unsecured	Agreement on rolling annual basis – new lease with Marston on Dove Estates under negotiation.
Lullington Park Cricket Club	Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Sports Club	Secured	25-year lease remaining with Trustees of the Lullington Estate
Melbourne Sports Park	Melbourne Town Cricket Club	North East	45	Sports Club	Secured	25-year lease (17 years remaining) with SDCC

Site Name	Club Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Security of community use	Tenure Arrangements on Site
The Recreation Centre (Aston-On-Trent)	Aston-on-Trent Village Cricket Club	North East	77	Local Authority	Secured	Annual rental agreement with Parish Council (Recreation in Ashton)
The Rodney Meadows	Hartshorne Cricket Club	Central	78	Sports Club	Secured	25 years (10 years remaining) with Enterprise Inns
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	Ticknall Cricket Club	North	80	Sports Club	Secured	Annual rental agreement with Ticknall Parish Council
Walton Cricket Club	Walton-on-Trent Cricket Club	South	83	Sports Club	Unsecured	Annual rolling agreement with Startin Family

7.29 There are four sites currently used by cricket clubs in South Derbyshire where security of tenure is identified as an issue. These are Walton Cricket Club, where the club have an annual agreement with the Startin Family; Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange) which is used by Ticknall CC and on an annual rent from Ticknall Parish Council; and the Recreation Centre (Ashton-on-Trent) which is hired on an annual basis by Aston-on-Trent Village Cricket Club. Hilton CC confirmed that they are in discussions with Marton on Dove Estates about a new lease. They have a rolling agreement at present.

Quality

7.30 Sites in South Derbyshire containing grass cricket wickets and NTPs were visited and assessed using the non-technical assessment criteria provided by the ECB. This information has been overlaid with information gathered through the consultation process and provides each pitch with a quality rating. The assessment considers the length of the grass, coverage and evenness of the surface.

7.31 Cricket pitches are rated as follows based on how they scored in the non-technical assessment:

- Good (81% or above);
- Standard (51%-80%);
- Poor (50% or below).

7.32 Table 7.4 provides an overview of the quality rating each pitch has was given after the assessments.

7.33 There are also some sites where it was not possible to gain access to conduct a site assessment. Pitches on these sites have not been assessed and have been classified as unknown.

Table 7.4 – Cricket pitch quality

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Type of Wicket (Grass or Non Turf)?	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Pitch Quality
Barrow Turn	North East	4	Grass Wickets	11	Available for community use and used	Standard
Barrow Turn	North East	4	Non-Turf Wickets	1 (Part of Grass Wicket)	Available for community use and used	Good
Burton Road Recreation Ground	Central	10	Grass Wickets	12	Available for community use and used	Poor
Derby Grammar School Grass Pitches	North West	15	Non-Turf Wickets	1	Not available for community use	Standard
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Grass Wickets	10	Available for community use and used	Good
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Grass Wickets	8	Available for community use and used	Good
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Non-Turf Wickets	1 (Part of Grass Wicket)	Available for community use and used	Good
Etwall Cricket Club	North West	19	Grass Wickets	12	Available for community use and used	Good
Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	Grass Wickets	8	Not available for community use	Good
Granville Academy	Central	28	Non-Turf Wickets	1	Not available for community use	Good
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Grass Wickets	14	Available for community use and used	Good
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Grass Wickets	4	Available for community use and used	Good
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Non-Turf Wickets	1 (Part of grass Wicket)	Available for community use and used	Good
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Grass Wickets	15	Available for community use and used	Standard

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Type of Wicket (Grass or Non Turf)?	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Pitch Quality
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Grass Wickets	9	Available for community use and used	Standard
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Non-Turf Wickets	1 (Part of grass Wicket)	Available for community use and used	Good
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Grass Wickets	12	Available for community use and used	Good
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Non-Turf Wickets	1	Available for community use and used	Good
Mercia Academy	Central	46	Grass Wickets	Unknown	Not available for community use	Unknown
Pingle Academy	Central	60	Non-Turf Wickets	1	Not available for community use	Unknown
Repton Sports Centre	North	63	Grass Wickets	Unknown	Not available for community use	Unknown
Sutton On The Hill Cricket Club	North West	74	Grass Wickets	10	Available for community use and used	Standard
The Recreation Centre (Aston-On-Trent)	North East	77	Grass Wickets	7	Available for community use and used	Standard
The Rodney Meadows	Central	78	Grass Wickets	7	Available for community use and used	Good
The Rodney Meadows	Central	78	Non-Turf Wickets	1 (Part of Grass Wicket)	Available for community use and used	Standard
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Grass Wickets	10	Available for community use and used	Good
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Non-Turf Wickets	1 (Part of Grass Wicket)	Available for community use and used	Good
Walton Cricket Club	South	83	Grass Wickets	12	Available for community use and used	Good

7.34 Table 7.5 shows the number of grass cricket pitches assessed as either good, standard or poor.

Table 7.5 - Number of good, standard and poor quality grass cricket pitches

Good pitches	Standard pitches	Poor pitches
10	5	1

7.35 Sixty-three percent of grass pitches were assessed as good quality, 31% as standard and 6% as poor quality.

7.36 There were also two grass cricket pitch sites where it wasn't possible to gain access to conduct a site assessment. These were Mercia Academy and Repton Sports Centre.

7.37 The Ground Management Association (GMA) runs a grass pitch improvement programme in conjunction with the ECB. This enables clubs to have their pitches assessed and receive guidance on how to better manage and maintain them. No cricket clubs in the South Derbyshire have accessed this programme yet.

7.38 During the consultation, Elvaston CC, Ashton-on-Trent Village CC and Hartshorne CC reported that the quality of the pitches had got slightly poorer in the last 12 months. Hilton CC reported slightly improved pitches, which they attributed to a new grounds team.

7.39 Table 7.6 show the quality of NTPs.

Table 7.6 - Number of good, standard and poor NTPs

Good pitches	Standard pitches	Poor pitches
7	2	0

7.40 The majority of NTPs were assessed as being good quality (78%), with the remainder being of standard quality. No NTPs were assessed as poor quality.

7.41 It was not possible to gain access to one NTP located at Pingle Academy to determine its quality.

Overmarked pitches

7.42 Where cricket pitches are co-located with other sports it can often result in pitches being overmarked on the cricket outfield. This tends to be common with football pitches being marked within the cricket outfield. This can create issues where the start and end of the respective playing seasons overlap. It can also create issues with post season renovation works being carried out and pitches not getting a period of rest.

7.43 During consultation, Ashton-on-Trent Village CC (The Recreation Centre) noted that they have football pitches mark out on the cricket outfield. The club didn't raise any concerns or issues regarding this though.

Ancillary provision

- 7.44 Ancillary provision at sites that provide community access to cricket pitches were also assessed. Ancillary provision on cricket sites relates to whether or not umpires' changing facilities, toilets, hot and cold water, and heating are provided. It also takes into account the condition of the building.
- 7.45 Where it wasn't possible to access a site to assess the ancillary provision, sites have been recorded as unknown in terms of a quality rating. Sites that don't provide ancillary provision have been recorded as N/A.
- 7.46 Table 7.7 provides an overview of the quality of ancillary provision at cricket sites that provide community access.

Table 7.7 - Overview of ancillary provision

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Quality Rating
Barrow Turn	North East	4	Good
Burton Road Recreation Ground	Central	10	Poor
Derby Grammar School Grass Pitches	North West	15	Standard
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Good
Etwall Cricket Club	North West	19	Good
Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	Standard
Granville Academy	Central	28	Standard
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Standard
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Good
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Good
Mercia Academy	Central	46	Unknown
Pingle Academy	Central	60	N/A
Repton Sports Centre	North	63	Standard
Sutton On The Hill Cricket Club	North West	74	Unknown
The Recreation Centre (Aston-On-Trent)	North East	77	Standard

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Quality Rating
The Rodney Meadows	Central	78	Good
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Good
Walton Cricket Club	South	83	Good

- 7.47 Of the 15 sites with ancillary provision, eight (54%) were assessed to be of good quality, the remainder (seven sites) of standard quality. No sites had ancillary provision rated as poor. Quality ratings were not possible at two of the school sites, and it was not possible to determine the quality of provision at Sutton-on-the Hill Cricket Club.
- 7.48 During the consultation, Hilton CC stated plans to improve the quality of the second set of changing rooms and Lullington Park CC reported the need for a purpose-built changing pavilion.
- 7.49 Whilst sites in Table 7.7 may have been identified as providing good or standard quality facilities, they may still require upgrades or extending in the future to accommodate the growth in women and girls cricket. This may require a need to provide additional changing rooms and toilets so that female and male players can both be accommodated.

Training provision

- 7.50 Access to practice nets enables clubs to train throughout the season and during pre-season. The following sites that are available for community use benefit from having practise nets to support this:
- Barrow Turn; Swarkestone Cricket Club
 - Elvaston Cricket Ground;
 - Etwall Cricket Club;
 - Hilton Cricket Club;
 - Lullington Park Cricket Club;
 - Melbourne Sports Park;
 - The Grange, Ticknall Cricket Club: and,
 - The Recreation Centre, Ashton-on-Trent (Ashton-on-Trent Village Cricket Club).
- 7.51 During the consultation, Hilton CC, Swarkestone CC and Melbourne Town CC reported plans to install new practice nets. It is understood that since the consultation took place, both Swarkestone CC and Melbourne Town CC have now installed new practice nets.

Indoor Nets

- 7.52 Indoor cricket nets provide an opportunity for cricket clubs to train all year round, particularly throughout the winter months. Table 7.8 shows clubs who confirmed through the consultation that

they currently access indoor cricket nets, where they access them and if this is within the study area.

Table 7.8 Clubs that access indoor cricket nets

Club	Site Name	Located in the Study Area
Aston on Trent Village CC	Chellaston Academy	No – Derby City Council
Elvaston CC	Repton Sports Centre	Yes
Etwall CC	City of Derby Academy	No – Derby City Council
Hartshorne CC	Pingle Academy	Yes
Hilton CC	Etwall Leisure Centre	Yes
Lullington Park CC	Repton Sports Centre and Pingle Academy	Yes
Melbourne Town CC	Chellaston Academy and Sinfin Community Centre	No – Derby City Council
Swarkestone CC	Chellaston Academy	No - Derby City Council
	Pingle Academy	Yes
Ticknall CC	Repton Sports Centre	Yes
Walton on Trent CC	Repton Sports Centre	Yes
	John Taylor Free School	No – Staffordshire County Council

- 7.53 All of the cricket clubs who took part in the consultation currently access indoor cricket nets. The majority access facilities within South Derbyshire. Two clubs, Swarkestone CC and Walton-on-Trent CC hire additional facilities outside the study area, although they have use of one facility in South Derbyshire. Three clubs, Ashton-on Trent Village CC, Etwall CC and Melbourne Town CC travel outside the area for use of indoor crickets nets in the Derby City Council area.

Demand

- 7.54 There are currently 10 cricket clubs in South Derbyshire, who between them have 90 teams.
- 7.55 Table 7.9 provides an overview of the number of teams each cricket club has within their various sections. Teams that are displaced out of the study area are not included within these numbers; they will be referred to later in this report in the exported demand section.

Table 7.9 - Cricket team number

Club Name	Senior Mens Teams	Senior Womens Teams	Junior Boys Teams	Junior Girls Teams
Aston on Trent Village CC	2	1	1	0
Elvaston Cricket Club	4	1	4	0
Etwall Cricket Club	3	1	4	1
Hartshorne Cricket Club	2	0	1	0
Hilton Cricket Club	3	1	6	1
Lullington Park	5	1	6	0
Melbourne Town CC	3	1	5	0
Swarkestone CC	5	1	8	0
Ticknall CC	4	0	6	0
Walton on Trent CC	3	1	5	0
Total	34	8	46	2

7.56 The greatest amount of team demand comes from junior teams; they account for 57% of all demand. Senior teams account for 43% of demand.

7.57 The previous PPS identified 12 cricket clubs in South Derbyshire, which represents a reduction in two clubs. The two clubs who have folded since the previous PPS are South Derbyshire W&G CC and Sutton on the Hill CC. Those clubs provided three teams between. The previous PPS identified a total of 83 teams, which means there has been a growth of seven teams. There has been an overall increase from 38 senior cricket teams to 42, with a growth of seven womens teams, and an overall growth from 45 to 48 junior teams.

Imported demand

7.58 Imported demand is demand that comes from outside of the study area to access provision, because there is a lack of, or barriers to accessing provision where they are located.

7.59 There is no evidence of imported demand in South Derbyshire.

Exported demand

7.60 Exported demand is demand that cannot be catered for within the study area and therefore takes place outside of this.

7.61 There is no evidence of exported demand outside of the study area.

Unmet demand

7.62 Unmet demand refers to demand that exists but cannot be catered for due to a lack of available provision.

7.63 Eight clubs stated that they had unmet demand and could provide additional teams if facilities were available. These were:

- Hartshorne Cricket Club;
- Walton-on-Trent Cricket Club;
- Ticknall Cricket Club
- Swarkestone Cricket Club;
- Elvaston Cricket Club;
- Ashton-on-Trent Village Cricket Club ;
- Etwall Cricket Club ; and,
- Melbourne Town Cricket Club.

Future demand

7.64 Future demand can be forecast in two ways. Clubs may actively try to increase their team numbers in order to grow their club. This may be supported by the relevant NGB through funded programmes, or support to help deliver objectives within their strategy. As part of the consultation process, clubs were asked about any aspirations they had to develop their existing team numbers.

7.65 Details of the eight clubs who reported a desire to grow their current team numbers are shown in Table 7.12 below. This includes how many teams they would look to increase in each section.

Table 7.12 - Potential team growth

Club Name	Senior Men's Teams	Senior Women's Teams	Junior Boy's Teams	Junior Girl's Teams
Ashton-on-Trent Village CC	0	0	2	0
Elvaston CC	0	1 (softball)	0	2 (softball)
Etwall CC	0	0	0	0
Hartshorne CC	1	1 (softball)	3	0
Melbourne Town CC	0	0	0	1

Club Name	Senior Men's Teams	Senior Women's Teams	Junior Boy's Teams	Junior Girl's Teams
Swarkestone CC	0	0	0	1
Ticknall CC	0	0	0	1
Walton-on-Trent CC	0	1 (softball)	0	1
Total	1	3	5	6

7.66 If future demand identified in Table 7.12 was realised, there would be 15 additional cricket teams, which includes five softball teams created in the study area. The majority of this demand for cricket would be from junior teams (73%).

7.67 The ECB also run a number of programs to support clubs to increase their participation, these are:

All Stars Cricket

7.68 All Stars cricket provides children aged between 5-8 the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game in a fun and inclusive environment. The sessions are generally run in tandem with existing training sessions.

Dynamos Cricket

7.69 Dynamos cricket follows on from All Stars cricket and provides 8-11 year olds with the opportunity to engage in the sport but also provides a more social element. Sessions are generally run in tandem with existing training sessions.

Softball Cricket

7.70 Softball cricket is focused on increasing female participation. The aim of softball cricket sessions is to promote enjoyment and participation; without the need for pads, a hardball and a weighty bat. Sessions are played on the outfield and follow a festival format with each session running for a maximum of two and half hours, which is shorter than traditional formats.

7.71 Table 7.13 shows cricket clubs who are running at least one of the ECB participation programmes referenced above and the number of registered participants in the relevant programme (participation numbers shown in brackets). Information on All Stars and Dynamos participants has been provided by Derbyshire Cricket Foundation.

Table 7.13 - Cricket clubs in South Derbyshire who run ECB participation programmes

Club Name	All Stars Cricket	Dynamos Cricket	Soft Ball
Aston on Trent Village CC	No	No	Yes
Elvaston Cricket Club	Yes (12)	No	Yes
Etwall Cricket Club	Yes (33)	Yes (27)	Yes

Club Name	All Stars Cricket	Dynamos Cricket	Soft Ball
Hartshorne Cricket Club	No	Yes (20)	Yes
Hilton Cricket Club	Yes (37)	No	Yes
Lullington Park	Yes (18)	No	Yes
Melbourne Town CC	Yes (31)	No	Yes
Swarkestone	Yes (11)	No	Yes
Ticknall CC	No	No	Yes
Walton on Trent CC	No	No	Yes

- 7.72 Every cricket club in South Derbyshire is currently delivering at least one of the ECB's participation programmes. There are a total of 142 people participating in the All Stars programme and 47 people participating in the Dynamos programme in the study area.

Last Man Stands (LMS)

- 7.73 Last Man Stands is a 2 hour, 8-a-side, T20 cricket game for all abilities. There isn't currently an LMS league that operates in South Derbyshire. The nearest league that operates in located in Derby City.

Team Generation Rates (TGRs)

- 7.74 Another way that future demand can be calculated is by looking at population forecasts and how these impact upon Team Generation Rates (TGRs).
- 7.75 TGRs have been calculated using population data held by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2022-based subnational population projections (ONS Population Projections). These are shown in Table 7.14.
- 7.76 Table 7.14 show TGRs for cricket teams across South Derbyshire.

Table 7.14 – TGRs for cricket in South Derbyshire.

Sport and Age Groups	Number of teams in age group within the area	Current population in age group within the area (2025)	Future population in age group within the area (2039)	Current TGR	Population change in age group	Potential increase in team numbers in age group
Cricket Senior Men's (18-55yrs)	34	27,755	34,407	816.324	6,652	8
Cricket Senior Women's (18-55yrs)	8	29,023	35,400	3627.88	6,377	2 (rounded up from 1.7)
Cricket Junior Boy's (7-18yrs)	46	8,751	9,137	190.239	386	2
Cricket Junior Girl's (7-18yrs)	2	8,429	8,582	4214.5	153	0

7.77 TGRs show that there will be up to 12 new team created in South Derbyshire, up to 2039. The greatest amount of forecast growth comes from senior mens teams, which accounts for 66% of all new teams forecast.

7.78 It is worth noting that these figures do not take into account any specific work that might be carried out by clubs or the NGB in the future to increase participation in the sport.

Understanding the situation at individual sites

7.79 Capacity on cricket wickets is measured in Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) per season, rather than per week. This is because wickets are often rotated through the course of a season in order to guard against wear and tear.

7.80 The number of matches a square can accommodate is affected by its quality and the number of available wickets.

7.81 Table 7.15 shows how many games a wicket can accommodate per season based on its quality. For example, a good quality grass wicket can accommodate five matches per season.

Table 7.15 – ECB pitch guidance

Pitch Type	Good (MES)	Standard (MES)	Poor (MES)
1 Grass Wicket	5	4	0
1 NTP	60	60	0

- 7.82 The number of matches played by each team has been informed by the consultation process. Where clubs have not participated in the consultations, it has been assumed that senior teams play ten matches per season, and junior teams play six.
- 7.83 Any sites that have unsecured use, or that are not available for community use have been discounted if they have spare capacity.
- 7.84 Educational sites are generally considered to be unsecured unless it has been evidenced otherwise. Local authority, town and parish council sites are considered to be secured. Club sites are dependent on the security of tenure a club has at that site. Clubs required confirmed use for a minimum of three years to be deemed secured.

Peak Demand

- 7.85 Peak demand for cricket is Saturday, Sunday and Midweek (Monday to Friday evenings).
- 7.86 Senior men’s cricket demand takes place on Saturday and Sunday. The majority of clubs who play on Saturday play in the Derbyshire County Cricket League.
- 7.87 Peak demand for senior women’s cricket is on Sunday, with the majority of teams playing in Derbyshire Foundation Cricket Competitions and the East Midlands Women's Cricket League.
- 7.88 Peak demand for junior cricket is Sunday or mid-week evenings Monday to Friday, with the majority of teams competing in the South Derbyshire Development Group and the Burton & District Youth Cricket League.
- 7.89 It should be noted that whilst competitions may be referenced as senior mens or junior boys, they are also open to female participants, and some teams may be mixed.
- 7.90 Where it has not been possible to access a site to conduct a site assessment, capacity on these sites has been recorded as unknown, as it is not possible to determine the quality of the pitches or number of wickets provided.
- 7.91 The balance for pitches in Table 7.16 is shown as follows:

Spare capacity:	The pitch can facilitate more play than is currently taking place
At capacity:	The pitch is facilitating as much play as it can cater for.
Over capacity:	The pitch is facilitating more play it than it can cater for.

Table 7.16 – Grass cricket pitch capacity

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Wicket Type	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Security of Community Use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)
Barrow Turn	North East	4	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	11	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	44	47	-3
Barrow Turn	North East	4	Sport Club	Non Turf Wickets	1	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	60	34	26
Burton Road Recreation Ground	Central	10	Local Authority (in house)	Grass Wickets	12	Available for community use and used	Secured	Poor	0	10	-10
Derby Grammar School Grass Pitches	North West	15	School/ College/ University (in house)	Non Turf Wickets	1	Not available for community use	N/A	Standard	60	40	20
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	10	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	50	40	10
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	8	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	40	40	0

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Wicket Type	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Security of Community Use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Sport Club	Non Turf Wickets	1	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	60	10	50
Etwall Cricket Club	North West	19	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	12	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	60	63	-3
Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	School/ College/ University (in house)	Grass Wickets	8	Not available for community use	N/A	Good	40	40	0
Granville Academy	Central	28	School/ College/ University (in house)	Non Turf Wickets	1	Not available for community use	N/A	Good	60	30	30
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	14	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	70	90	-20
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	4	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	20	30	-10
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Sport Club	Non Turf Wickets	1	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	60	10	50

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Wicket Type	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Security of Community Use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	16	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	64	55	9
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	9	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	36	50	-14
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Sport Club	Non Turf Wickets	1	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	60	48	12
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Grass Wickets	12	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	60	50	10
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Non Turf Wickets	1	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	60	38	22
Mercia Academy	Central	46	School/ College/ University (in house)	Grass Wickets	Unknown	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Pingle Academy	Central	60	School/ College/ University (in house)	Non Turf Wickets	1	Not available for community use	N/A	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Wicket Type	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Security of Community Use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in house)	Grass Wickets	Unknown	Available for community use but unused	Unsecured	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Sutton on the Hill Cricket Club	North West	74	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	10	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Standard	40	8	32
The Recreation Centre (Aston-on-Trent)	North East	77	Community Organisation	Grass Wickets	7	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	28	48	-20
The Rodney Meadows	Central	78	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	7	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	35	30	5
The Rodney Meadows	Central	78	Sport Club	Non Turf Wickets	1	Available for community use and used	Secured	Standard	60	16	44
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	10	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	50	60	-10
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Sport Club	Non Turf Wickets	1	Available for community use and used	Secured	Good	60	6	54

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Wicket Type	Number of Wickets	Community Use Category	Security of Community Use	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)
Walton Cricket Club	South	83	Sport Club	Grass Wickets	12	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Good	60	52	8

7.93 The overall balance position for cricket based on the information captured in Table 7.16 is that there is spare capacity of 292 MES per season. This includes both grass and non-turf wickets, and sites that don't currently provide community use, or that provide unsecured community use. This figure also doesn't consider if the spare capacity is available during any of the peak periods for cricket.

Actual spare capacity

7.94 A pitch is only deemed to have actual spare capacity if it is available at peak times. As a pitch can only accommodate one match per day, therefore it can cater for two teams playing on a home and away basis. On this basis, if a pitch has two senior teams using it, it has no additional capacity. Sites that may have minimal spare capacity have been discounted as this would not be sufficient to enable additional teams to play throughout the course of a season. For a site to be deemed as having actual spare capacity for senior cricket, it must have at least ten match equivalent sessions available per season and six match equivalent sessions available for junior cricket. Any NTPs with spare capacity at the weekend have been discounted, as senior teams are often reluctant to use these for matches, and they tend to be more commonly used for recreational and junior activities. Pitches where use is unsecured, or that aren't available for community use have also been discounted.

7.95 No actual spare capacity has been identified for Saturday cricket.

7.96 The same principles used for Saturday cricket have been applied to Sunday cricket. Actual spare capacity is shown in Table 7.17 below.

Table 7.17 - Actual spare capacity for Sunday cricket

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Type of Wicket	Number of Wickets	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Spare Capacity at Peak Time
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Grass Wickets	12	Good	60	50	10	One Sunday team

- 7.97 There is one sites in South Derbyshire with spare capacity for Sunday cricket, which is Melbourne Sports Park, which can accommodate one team.
- 7.98 There is often more capacity during midweek as fixtures can be played across five evenings. Midweek is generally peak demand for junior cricket. NTPs are also often used for midweek junior cricket, which can provide greater capacity.
- 7.99 When looking at actual spare capacity for midweek cricket, only three nights a week are taken into consideration for spare capacity for match play. This is to allow for the provision of sessions such as All Stars and Dynamos cricket. If clubs train on the pitches during the week, this is also taken into account when assessing actual spare capacity. To be deemed actual spare capacity for midweek cricket, any site must have at least six MES of spare capacity.
- 7.100 Sites with actual spare capacity for midweek cricket are shown in Table 7.18.

Table 7.18 – Actual spare capacity for midweek cricket.

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Type of Wicket	Number of Wickets	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)	Comments
Elvaston Cricket Ground	North East	17	Sport Club	Non Turf Wickets	1	Good	60	10	50	One team midweek
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Sport Club	Non Turf Wickets	1	Good	60	48	12	One team midweek
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	Grass Wickets	12	Good	60	50	10	One team midweek

- 7.101 There are three sites with actual spare capacity for midweek cricket. This equates to three teams of actual spare capacity in total.
- 7.102 The greatest amount of actual spare capacity for midweek cricket is located in the North East sub area.

Overplay

7.103 Overplay occurs when a pitch facilitates more use than it has capacity for. Overplay can also have a negative impact on a pitches quality. Grass cricket pitches identified as being overplayed are shown in Table 7.19.

Table 7.19 - Overplayed cricket pitches

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Type of Wicket	Number of Wickets	Quality Rating	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Total Use (MES)	Balance (MES)
Barrow Turn	North East	4	Grass Wickets	11	Standard	44	47	-3
Burton Road Recreation Ground	Central	10	Grass Wickets	12	Poor	0	10	-10
Etwall Cricket Club	North West	19	Grass Wickets	12	Good	60	63	-3
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Grass Wickets	14	Good	70	90	-20
Hilton Cricket Club	North West	34	Grass Wickets	4	Good	20	30	-10
Lullington Park Cricket Club	South	42	Grass Wickets	9	Standard	36	50	-14
The Recreation Centre (Aston-On-Trent)	North East	77	Grass Wickets	7	Standard	28	48	-20
Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange)	North	80	Grass Wickets	10	Good	50	60	-10

7.104 There are currently seven sites that contain grass cricket pitches that are overplayed, this equates to 90 MES of overplay per season. The greatest amount of overplay is located in the North West, which accounts for 36% of all overplay. This is followed by the North East with 26%, the South with 16%, and then Central and the North jointly with 11% each.

Key issues and findings

- 7.105 It is important to understand to what extent existing provision can cater for current and future demand at peak times. Future demand is based on TGRs, this has been overlaid with the existing balance scores to show what level of capacity exists at each of the peak times for cricket.
- 7.106 Future demand for match equivalent sessions has been based on any new adult teams generating 10 MES of demand per season and junior teams generating 6 MES of demand per season.
- 7.107 Actual spare capacity is calculated by taking the number of MES that could feasibly be utilised by a growth in demand. This is calculated by using the average number of matches played per season by senior teams (10) on Saturday and Sunday and junior teams (6) midweek, multiplied by the number of additional teams that can be fielded at peak time.
- 7.108 Table 7.20 shows the capacity balance for Saturday cricket in South Derbyshire.

Table 7.20 - Capacity balance for Saturday cricket

Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Current Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
0	90	-90	80	-170

- 7.109 Table 7.20 shows that there are current shortfalls of 90 MES for Saturday cricket which increase to 170 MES when future demand is considered.
- 7.110 Table 7.21 shows the capacity balance for Sunday cricket.

Table 7.21 - Capacity balance for Sunday cricket.

Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Current Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
10	90	-80	100	-180

- 7.111 Table 7.21 shows that the current shortfalls for Sunday cricket are slightly lower than Saturday cricket at 80 MES per season. Future shortfalls are greater at 180 MES per season, as future demand from senior men and womens teams is considered.
- 7.112 Table 7.22 shows the capacity balance for midweek cricket in South Derbyshire.

Table 7.22 - Capacity balance for midweek cricket

Actual Spare Capacity (MES)	Overplay (MES)	Current Total (MES)	Future Demand (MES)	Future Total (MES)
18	90	-72	12	-84

- 7.113 Table 7.22 shows that there are current shortfalls on 72 MES for midweek cricket, which increase by 12 MES to 84 MES due to a forecast growth of two junior teams.

Summary

- There are currently 15 sites in South Derbyshire that provide grass cricket pitches; this equates to 18 grass cricket pitches in total. Only two sites provide grass cricket pitches that are not available for community use, these are at Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School and Mercia Academy;
- Three sites in South Derbyshire previously provided grass cricket pitches but are now disused;
- There are 10 NTPs in South Derbyshire. Seven of these are available for community use. All NTPs that are not available for the community are located on education sites;
- There are four sites currently used by cricket clubs in South Derbyshire where security of tenure is identified as an issue. These are Walton Cricket Club, where the club have an annual agreement with the Startin Family; Ticknall Cricket Club (The Grange) which is used by Ticknall CC and on an annual rent from Ticknall Parish Council; and the Recreation Centre (Ashton-on-Trent) which is hired on an annual basis by Aston-on-Trent Village Cricket Club. Hilton CC confirmed that they are in discussions with Marton on Dove estates about a new lease. They have a rolling agreement at present;
- Sixty-three percent of grass cricket pitches were assessed as good quality, and the remainder (5 pitches) were assessed as standard quality. No grass pitches were assessed as poor;
- The majority of NTPs were assessed as good quality (78%), with the remainder being of standard quality. No NTPs were assessed as poor quality;
- The greatest amount of team demand comes from junior teams; they account for 57% of all demand. Senior teams account for 43% of demand;
- TGRs show that there will be up to 12 new team created in South Derbyshire, up to 2039. The greatest amount of forecast growth comes from senior mens teams, which accounts for 66% of all new teams forecast;
- No actual spare capacity has been identified for Saturday cricket. There is one sites in South Derbyshire with spare capacity for Sunday cricket, which is Melbourne Sports Park, which can accommodate one team. There are three sites with actual spare capacity for midweek cricket. This equates to three teams of actual spare capacity in total;
- There are currently seven sites that contain grass cricket pitches that are overplayed, this equates to 90 MES of overplay per season. the greatest amount of overplay is located in the North West, which accounts for 36% of all overplay. This is followed by the North East with 26%, the South with 16%, and then Central and the North jointly with 11% each;
- There are current shortfalls of 90 MES for Saturday cricket which increase to 170 MES when future demand is considered. shortfalls for Sunday cricket are slightly lower than Saturday cricket at 80 MES per season. Future shortfalls are greater at 180 MES per season, as future demand from senior men and womens teams is considered. there are current shortfalls on 72 MES for midweek cricket, which increase by 12 MES to 84 MES due to a forecast growth of two junior teams.

8. Tennis

Introduction

- 8.1 The governance of tennis in South Derbyshire is overseen by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA).
- 8.2 In order to develop tennis locally and nationally, the LTA have developed a strategy called Tennis Opened Up (LTA - Tennis Opened Up). These three words are at the heart of their work and shape everything they do. Tennis is an amazing sport. Anyone can play; whatever their motivation or ability, from all communities and backgrounds. At any age and for a whole lifetime, tennis provides physical, social and mental rewards both on and off the court. We want tennis and these fantastic benefits it provides to be open to as many people as possible, across the whole of Britain.
- 8.3 A summary of the key principles behind this strategy has been provided below.
- 8.4 The strategy aims to grow tennis by making it more relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable. The key objectives in the strategy are:
- Visibility – broaden relevance and increase viability 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 opportunities to play;
 - Engagement – engage and collaborate with everyone involved in the delivery of tennis in Britain, particularly coaches and volunteers, to attract and maintain more people in the game;
 - Performance – create a pathway for champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders;
 - Leadership – lead tennis in Britain to the highest standard so it is a safe, welcoming, well-run sport. More players playing more often;
 - Enable five new players to break into the top 100 by 2023 and inspire the tennis audience.
- 8.5 The LTAs mission grow tennis **by making it welcoming, enjoyable and inspiring to everyone.**
- 8.6 Volunteers, coaches, officials and tennis venues all play an essential role in the future of the sport; without them, tennis can't exist. The LTA are committed to supporting them and working with a whole range of other organisations and individuals connected to the sport, so that together they can grow tennis and open it up to many more people.

Consultation

- 8.7 There are six registered LTA clubs in South Derbyshire. Five clubs took part in the consultation, which represents an 83% club response rate. Grangewood Tennis Coaching Centre were the only club not to take part in the consultation.

Supply

- 8.8 There are 13 sites that provide tennis courts in the study area, this equates to 56 courts in total. Ten sites provide a total of 46 tennis courts that are available for community use, which equates to 83% of tennis courts in the study area. Three school sites, Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School (three courts), John Port Spencer Academy (three courts) and Mercia Academy (four courts) are not available for community use.
- 8.9 The largest number of sites that provide tennis courts are located in the North sub area (14 courts, 31%), followed by the Central sub area (11 courts, 24%), South (8 courts, 17%), North East (6 courts, 13%), and North West (3 courts 7%).
- 8.10 There are also two indoor tennis courts provided at Repton School Sports Centre. This section of the report will focus on outdoor tennis courts, with indoor tennis covered in the Built Facility Strategy.
- 8.11 Where tennis courts are referred to as providing community use, this falls under one of the following categories.

Parks Tennis

- 8.12 A significant proportion of tennis participation in the UK takes place in a park environment.
- 8.13 The park environment is the most common place where new participants will start their tennis journey. For those that don't play, the majority of people who have expressed an interest in playing would see the park environment as their first option for play.
- 8.14 Participation in parks is often less frequent and generally aligns with the seasonal participation peaks in the summer months. This trend is not helped by the lack of courts with sports lights.
- 8.15 Park players are generally more interested in recreational play and are less reliant on organised activity.
- 8.16 Park players are most dissatisfied with the condition of the courts, the number of courts available and the journey from booking a court to the actual play. The LTA in partnership with the government are upgrading over 2500 park courts to enable greater levels of participation within park environments.
- 8.17 The LTA has successfully implemented technology that improves the customer journey to court. This involves the use of an access gate with keypad entry which is connected to the Clubspark venue management system. When a booking is made an automated code is generated and sent to the customer, thus allowing access to the court during the allocated booking time. Where implemented, the system has been successful in increasing participation rates, whilst also generating income that helps to improve the financial sustainability of a venue. The LTA is looking to significantly increase the number of gate access systems that are installed nationally as part of the Digital Participation Pathway.
- 8.18 Padel is still early in development in parks, however the LTA is keen to see this development and see it as a natural offer alongside multi-sport and tennis provision.

Club Tennis

- 8.19 The club environment is a very important sector for participation, particularly the regularity of play which generally increases in the club market.
- 8.20 The club market has a greater focus on organised activity both via coaching, social sessions and competition.
- 8.21 There has been an increase in the number of clubs that are looking to implement online booking systems and gate access technology. This not only offers the ability to increase the amount of court usage at a venue but acts as a key marketing tool locally in the quest to attract more users to a venue.
- 8.22 A clear environment for the further development of padel, working alongside existing tennis provision.

Schools

- 8.23 The delivery of tennis within schools is a priority for the LTA with a range of resources available to support the curriculum and wider school outcomes.
- 8.24 In addition, the LTA is committed to working with schools to widen community access to the sport both during and out of school hours. There are a number of examples where school tennis facilities both indoor and outdoor are a very important element of the tennis facility landscape within communities
- 8.25 Figure 8.1 shows where sites containing outdoor tennis courts are located in South Derbyshire.

8.26 Table 8.1 provides an overview of outdoor tennis courts in South Derbyshire.

Table 8.1 - Overview of outdoor tennis court provision

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Access Type	Number of Courts	Community use category	Security of community use	LTA Registered Venue	Type of venue	Pay & Play
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	Registered Membership and Pay and Play options	3	Available for community use and used	Secured	Yes	Club	Yes
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	Registered Membership and Pay and Play options	1	Available for community use and used	Secured	Yes	Club	Yes
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Pay and Play	3	Available for community use and used	Secured	Yes	Club	Yes
Eureka Park	Central	22	Free to use	2	Available for community use and used	Secured	No	Park	Yes
Foremake Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	Private	3	Not available for community use	N/A	No	School	No
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	Registered Membership and Pay and Play options	2	Available for community use and used	Secured	Yes	Club	Yes
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	Registered Membership and Pay and Play options	2	Available for community use and used	Secured	Yes	Club	Yes
Granville Academy	Central	28	Pay and Play	4	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	No	School	Yes
Granville Academy	Central	28	Pay and Play	2	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	No	School	Yes

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Access Type	Number of Courts	Community use category	Security of community use	LTA Registered Venue	Type of venue	Pay & Play
John Port Spencer Academy	North West	37	Private	3	Not available for community use	N/A	No	School	No
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	Free to use	3	Available for community use and used	Secured	No	Park	Yes
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Registered Membership and Pay and Play options	3	Available for community use and used	Secured	Yes	Club	Yes
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Registered Membership and Pay and Play options	3	Available for community use and used	Secured	Yes	Club	Yes
Mercia Academy	Central	46	Private	4	Not available for community use	N/A	No	School	No
Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club	South	51	Registered Membership	4	Available for community use and used	Secured	Yes	Club	No
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	Registered Membership	12	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	Yes	Club	No
Willington Tennis Courts	North	89	Pay and Play	2	Available for community use and used	Secured	No	Park	Yes

Future proposals

8.27 There aren't currently any future proposals to develop new tennis courts in South Derbyshire. During the consultation, some stakeholders did express aspirations to provide new or improved facilities at existing sites. Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club indicated that they would like to add an additional tennis court and improve floodlighting, and Netherseal TC reported surface improvements to one of their existing macadam courts.

Disused sites

- 8.28 A disused site is a site that previously provided courts but no longer does.
- 8.29 There were no disused tennis sites identified in the study area.

Security of tenure

- 8.30 Tenure at a site is deemed to be secured if the club has confirmed use of the site for the next three years. Where courts are located on local authority, parish or town council sites, tenure is generally deemed to be secured. Tenure on education sites is generally deemed to be unsecured, unless known otherwise. On club sites it is dependent on the agreement that the clubs have in place. Table 8.2 shows the security of community use and lease arrangements at tennis club sites in the study area.

Table 8.2 - Security of tenure at club sites

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Community use category	Security of community use	Club	Tenure Arrangements on Site
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	Registered membership and Pay and Play options	Commercial Management	Secured	Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club	The club has three years remaining on the current lease, but this is automatically extendable for a further 25 years.
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Pay and Play	Commercial Management	Secured	Etwall Tennis Club	The club rents facilities, and has a community use agreement in place.
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	Registered membership and Pay and Play options	Sport Club	Secured	Grangewood Tennis and Coaching Centre	The club own the freehold
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Registered membership and Pay and Play options	Community Organisation	Secured	Melbourne Tennis Club	The club pays affiliation fees to the Melbourne Sports Partnership

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Community use category	Security of community use	Club	Tenure Arrangements on Site
Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club	South	51	Registered Membership	Sport Club	Secured	Netherseal LTC	Club own the freehold
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	Private	School/College/University (in-house)	Unsecured	Repton Tennis and Rackets Club	Club hires that facilities from the school

8.31 Tennis clubs in South Derbyshire generally have high levels of security in terms of tenancy arrangements. Freehold arrangements are in place at three of the clubs – Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club, Grangewood Tennis Centre and Netherseal LTC. Melbourne Tennis Club has an established relationship with the Melbourne Sports Park; and there is a community use agreement in place for Etwall TC for use of the facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre. Repton Tennis and Rackets is the only club site deemed to be unsecured. The club hires the facilities from the school.

Quality

8.32 Tennis courts that are available for community use were visited and a non-technical assessment was completed to determine the quality of the courts being provided. This considered the quality of the surface, line markings, nets and surrounding fencing. Consultation with key stakeholders was also carried out to help inform this.

8.33 Tennis courts are rated as follows based on how they are scored in the non-technical assessment:

- Good (81% or above);
- Standard (51%-80%);
- Poor (50% or below).

8.34 Table 8.3 provides an overview of the quality rating of tennis courts that are available for community use in South Derbyshire.

8.35 It was not possible to gain access to Repton School Sports Centre (12 courts) to conduct a non-technical assessment, therefore the quality rating at this site has been informed by the club consultation.

Table 8.3 – Outdoor tennis court quality

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Sports Lighting	Number of Courts	Surface Type	Quality Rating
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	Yes	3	Macadam	Good
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	No	1	Macadam	Good
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Yes	3	Macadam	Good
Eureka Park	Central	22	No	2	Macadam	Standard
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	Yes	2	Acrylic	Good
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	No	2	Acrylic	Good
Granville Academy	Central	28	No	4	Hard Court	Good
Granville Academy	Central	28	No	2	Hard Court	Standard
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	No	3	Hard Court	Standard
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Yes	3	Hard Court	Good
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Yes	3	Artificial Grass	Good
Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club	South	51	Yes	4	Macadam	Good
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	Yes	12	Macadam	Good
Willington Tennis Courts	North	89	No	2	Acrylic	Good

8.36 Eighty-five (39 courts) percent of tennis courts were assessed as good. The remaining seven courts (at 3 sites) were assessed as standard quality. No tennis courts were assessed as poor. All tennis courts at sites used by clubs were assessed as good quality.

Surface type

8.37 The majority of tennis courts in South Derbyshire available for community use are a macadam surface, (25 courts, 54% in total). Ten courts (22%) are classified as hard courts; three courts with artificial grass surface (6%), and six courts with an acrylic surface (13%).

Sports lighting

- 8.38 A court with sports lighting has a higher benchmark, allowing more members to play (60), whereas a court without sports lighting is lower (40) however, the capacity and balance of use for tennis courts is considered on a site-by-site basis. The LTA recommend an average of 500 Lux for the principle play area and an average of 400 Lux for the total area (run-back areas to a depth of 4.5M and the side runs to a width of 2.5M m.)
- 8.39 There are 7 sites in South Derbyshire that provide tennis courts with sports lighting. This equates to 36 courts in total, 30 of which are available for community use. All tennis courts located on club sites provide courts with sports lights.
- 8.40 During the consultation, Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club stated that they would like to replace the existing floodlights with LED alternatives.

Gate Access

- 8.41 The LTA provides a gate access system for clubs which runs in tandem with their Club Spark Programme. This allows members of the public to book a court and pay for it online if required. They are then provided with a four digit access code via email which allows them access to the courts at the time they have booked them.

Ancillary provision

- 8.42 Ancillary provision at sites with tennis courts available for community use was also recorded. Table 8.4 below provides an overview how sites scored. Ancillary provision for tennis relates to the provision of a club house, toilets for players and spectators, access to refreshments and whether or not facilities are accessible for people with disabilities. Sufficient car parking is also taken into consideration. Sites recorded as N/A don't provide any ancillary facilities to service the tennis courts on site. It wasn't possible to gain access to the ancillary facilities at Repton School Sports Centre, so the quality rating at this site has been informed by the club consultation.

Table 8.4 – Quality of ancillary provision

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Quality Rating
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	Standard
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Standard
Eureka Park	Central	22	N/A
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	Good
Granville Academy	Central	28	Standard
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	Poor
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Good

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Quality Rating
Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club	South	51	Good
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	Good

- 8.43 There are three sites that provide good quality ancillary provision, and three that provide standard quality provision. There is also one site that provide poor quality provision and one that doesn't provide any facilities to support the tennis courts. Both of these are located on council operated park sites. Tennis clubs are currently accessing ancillary facilities assessed as good to standard quality.
- 8.44 During the consultation Repton Tennis and Rackets Club commented that the toilets in the sports centre are quite a distance from the tennis courts, which does cause them some issues. Although they confirmed that this will be addressed when developments to the site are carried out as additional toilet provision it being provided.

Demand

- 8.45 There are six LTA registered tennis clubs in South Derbyshire, One of these is considered to be commercial club, Grangewood Tennis Centre. An overview of membership numbers has been provided in Table 8.5 below, based on tennis clubs that participated in the consultation process. Those who didn't take part have been recorded as unknown. It also shows whether membership numbers increased, decreased or stayed the same during the last three years.

Table 8.5 – Tennis Club Demand

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Club Name	Adult Members	Junior Members	Membership Trend (last three years)
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club	145	110	A slight decrease from a high of around 290 total members at the end of Covid, although more adults joining because of the padel courts.
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Etwall Tennis Club	38	2	Slight increase in adult membership. Decrease in junior number as coaching sessions no longer provided.
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	The Grangewood Tennis Centre	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Melbourne Tennis Club	155	50	Slight decrease in adult and junior members

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Club Name	Adult Members	Junior Members	Membership Trend (last three years)
Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club	South	51	Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club	91	31	No change
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	Repton Tennis and Rackets Club	250	70	Increase in adult members. Junior members have stayed the same.

8.46 There are a total of 679 adult tennis members and 263 junior tennis members in South Derbyshire, based on clubs that took part in the consultation.

8.47 During the consultation, clubs were also asked if they had plans to grow their membership numbers. Tennis clubs that reported a desire to increase their membership numbers are shown in Table 8.6 along with their predicted growth in membership numbers.

Table 8.6 - Club membership growth

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Club Name	Adult Members	Junior Members
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club	30	50

8.48 Whilst Netherseal LTC indicated that they wanted to increase membership, they did not provide details. Repton Tennis and Rackets Club also stated that they were looking to increase membership by changing to a rolling membership, rather than an annual renewal process. They were unsure at the time what impact this would have on membership numbers.

8.49 If this future growth was realised, there would be up to 30 additional adult tennis members and 50 additional junior tennis members at tennis clubs in South Derbyshire.

Imported demand

8.50 Imported demand refers to demand that accesses provision within the study area but comes from outside this. This could be due to a lack of provision, or the cost of accessing facilities within their own area.

8.51 There was no imported demand identified from tennis clubs in South Derbyshire. All clubs reported that the majority of their members came from within the study area.

Exported demand

8.52 Exported demand refers to demand from the study area that is being met within another local authority. This could be due to a lack of provision, or the cost of accessing facilities within their own local authority area.

8.53 There was no exported demand identified for tennis going out of the study area.

Latent/ unmet demand

- 8.54 Latent demand Latent demand refers to demand that exists, but that isn't being met due to barriers such as a lack of playing or training facilities.
- 8.55 Insight provided by the LTA suggests that there is demand for an additional 1,957 tennis players in South Derbyshire, the penetration rate for this is 157 tennis players (8% of demand).

Informal demand (Parks)

- 8.56 It is assumed that informal tennis takes place on sites that are available for community use where there is no venue registered. This is especially prevalent on open access sites which have no controlled entry.

Overmarked courts

- 8.57 Tennis courts are often overmarked with other sports markings such as netball and basketball, which can often affect access and availability. This is often common on school sites. There are six sites available for community use that have been identified as providing tennis courts that are overmark for other sports. One tennis court at Broughton Health is marked out with 4 pickleball courts. The remaining five sites – Etwall Leisure Centre; Eureka Park; Granville Academy; Melbourne Sports Park and Repton School - are marked out with netball. Tennis clubs play at three of these sites. It is assumed that the facilities at Eureka Park and Granville Academy cater for informal demand.

Understanding the situation at individual sites

- 8.58 The LTA recommends that a hard court without sports lighting can accommodate 40 members whereas a hard court with sports lighting can accommodate 60 members. Indoor courts can accommodate 150 members. LTA demand benchmarks are shown in Table 8.7. This also includes pay and play demand.

Table 8.7 – LTA demand benchmarks

Court Type	Member per court (adult & junior)	Player on programme per court (adult & junior)	Member clubs P&P bookings per court per year	Pay & Play venues P&P bookings per court per year
Outdoor court without sports lights	40	20	600	1,400 (4 per day)
Outdoor court with sports lights	60	30	600	1,400 (4 per day)
Indoor Court	150	75	600	2,400

- 8.59 Table 8.8 shows the total capacity for members on clubs sites and the actual membership numbers reported, to show the capacity balance at that site. The

Table 8.8 – Capacity for members at club sites

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Number of Courts	Security of community use	Total Capacity for Members	Total Members	Capacity Balance for Members
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	4 (3 with sports lights)	Secured	220	250	-30
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	3	Secured	180	40	140
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	4 (2 with sports lights)	Secured	200	Unknown	Unknown
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	6	Secured	360	200	160
Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club	South	51	4	Secured	240	120	120
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	12	Secured	720	320	400

8.60 Based on information provided by tennis club who participated in the consultation, that majority of sites used by clubs have spare capacity for additional members. The one site where this isn't the case is Broughton Heath Golf Club, which is used by Church Broughton Tennis Club. The courts here are currently oversubscribed by 30 members. This could be addressed by providing sports lights on the fourth court at this site.

8.61 Table 8.9 uses the LTA benchmarks to look at capacity available for pay and play access at sites where this has been identified as an opportunity.

Table 8.9 – Capacity on pay and play sites

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Access Type	Number of Courts	Community use category	Security of community use	Capacity for Pay and Play (Per Court Per Year)
Broughton Heath Golf Club	North West	9	Registered membership and Pay and Play options	4	Available for community use and used	Secured	5,600
Grangewood Tennis Centre	South	27	Registered membership and Pay and Play options	4	Available for community use and used	Secured	5,600

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Access Type	Number of Courts	Community use category	Security of community use	Capacity for Pay and Play (Per Court Per Year)
Granville Academy	Central	28	Pay and Play	6	Available for community use and used	Unsecured	8,400
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	Pay and Play	3	Available for community use and used	Secured	4,200
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Registered membership and Pay and Play options	6	Available for community use and used	Secured	8,400
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Registered membership and Pay and Play options	3	Available for community use and used	Secured	4,200
Willington Tennis Courts	North	89	Pay and Play	2	Available for community use and used	Secured	2,800

8.62 There is capacity for up to 39,200 pay a play bookings per year on tennis courts in South Derbyshire.

Key issues and findings

- 8.63 The majority of sites used by clubs have spare capacity for additional members. The one site where this isn't the case is Broughton Heath Golf Club, which is used by Church Broughton Tennis Club. The courts here are currently oversubscribed by 30 members. This could be addressed by provided sports light on the fourth court at this site.
- 8.64 No issues have been identified regarding security of tenure for tennis clubs in the study area, although it hasn't been possible to determine the arrangements in place for Repton Tennis and Rackets Club at Repton School Sports Centre.
- 8.65 Based on LTA benchmarks, there is capacity for 39,200 pay a play bookings per year on tennis courts in South Derbyshire

Tennis Summary

- There are six LTA registered tennis clubs in South Derbyshire. Four of these clubs of these clubs took part in the consultation, which represents a 67% club response rate;
- There are 13 sites that provide tennis courts in the study area, this equates to 56 courts in total. Ten sites provide a total of 46 tennis courts that are available for community use, which equates to 83% of tennis courts in the study area.
- Tennis clubs in South Derbyshire generally have high levels of security in terms of tenancy arrangements. Freehold arrangements are in place at three of the clubs – Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club, Grangewood Tennis Centre and Netherseal LTC. Melbourne Tennis Club has an established relationship with the Melbourne Sports Park; and there is a community use agreement in place for Etwall TC for use of the facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre. Repton Tennis and Rackets is the only club site deemed to be unsecured. The club hires the facilities from the school;
- Of the sites assessed, 59% (27 courts) were assessed as good. The remaining seven courts (at 3 sites) were assessed as standard quality. No tennis courts were rated as poor. All tennis courts at sites used by clubs were assessed as good quality;
- The majority of sites available for community use provide good (3 sites) or standard (3 sites) quality ancillary provision. One site at Maurice Lea Memorial Park was deemed to be poor quality. Access to Repton School Sports Centre was not possible during the assessment;
- There are a total of 679 adult tennis members and 263 junior tennis members in South Derbyshire, based on clubs that took part in the consultation. Clubs that reported decreases in their membership commented that these were minor changes. Church Broughton Tennis Club reported increases in adult members because of the installation of the padel court;
- If future growth identified was realised, there would be up to 30 additional adult tennis members and 50 additional junior tennis members at tennis clubs in South Derbyshire;
- Insight provided by the LTA suggests that there is demand for an additional 1,957 tennis players in South Derbyshire, the penetration rate for this is 157 tennis players (8% of demand);
- Based on information provided by tennis club who participated in the consultation, that majority of sites used by clubs have spare capacity for additional members. The one site where this isn't the case is Broughton Heath Golf Club, which is used by Church Broughton Tennis Club. The courts here are currently oversubscribed by 30 members. This could be addressed by provided sports light on the fourth court at this site;
- There is capacity for up to 39,200 pay a play bookings per year on tennis courts in South Derbyshire.

Padel tennis

- 8.66 Padel is one of the fastest growing sports in Great Britain and there has been significant investment in the sport since the LTA became the national governing body in 2019. It is played on an enclosed court that is around a third of a size of a tennis court, in a doubles format and can be played in groups of mixed ages and abilities. The rules are broadly the same as tennis, although you serve under-arm and the walls are used as part of the game with the ball allowed to bounce off them

- 8.67 The LTA are the governing body for Padel tennis in England and have recently developed the LTA Padel Strategy 2024-2029 ([LTA Padel Strategy 2024-2029](#))
- 8.68 There are currently over 550 courts in GB of which 60% are indoor (Oct 24) and a recent survey reported the following findings:-
- An estimated 145,000 people have played padel in British venues in the past year with around half this number playing regularly / monthly;
 - At present, most players are adults, with juniors accounting for less than 1 in 10 of the total;
 - Most venues reported strong growth, with high interest in taster sessions, and players enjoying the fun / sociability offered by the sport; and
 - Currently demand is outstripping supply, with many venues keen to add courts, or cover existing facilities, though costs, and the complexity of local planning rules, can be prohibitive.
- 8.69 In terms of future supply, a variety of environments can be considered. Padel courts are often situated next to or managed by those running existing tennis facilities (tennis clubs, parks, indoor tennis centres). In addition, padel court development at leisure centre sites, golf clubs and rugby/football sites can be particularly beneficial as provision can be tied into other sports facilities and profit from an already established operating model.
- 8.70 The LTA do not encourage clubs or local authorities to convert existing tennis courts to padel courts. This is to ensure that the provision of traditional courts remains sufficient.

Padel Court Demand

- 8.71 To assist Councils in strategically planning padel provision across the authority, the LTA has established the number of padel courts that can be sustained within an area, based on population density and padel demand. The figures provided form a start point for conversation and strategic planning. It does not mean that the suggested number should be seen as a cap, but that the LTA has confidence that there is sufficient demand for the number of courts identified. Some areas where the sport is more established will create higher levels of demand.
- 8.72 This is the first stage in strategic planning for padel by Council boundary. The second phase is to begin to look at potential locations and the demography of the catchment and how they overlay, which will in many instances cut across LA boundaries.
- 8.73 Data provided by the LTA based on the current population of the South Derbyshire, shows that there is a penetration/ player base for Padel of 1,514. The demand calculator identifies a need for eight Padel courts within the study area based on this. This is not seen as a cap, more the LTA has confidence there is sufficient demand for the number of courts identified.
- 8.74 Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club, which is located in the grounds of Broughton Heath Golf Club has installed one outdoor all weather, floodlit padel tennis court and established a club as part of their tennis offer. This means that there is currently a shortfall of seven padel tennis courts in South Derbyshire based on LTA calculations.
- 8.75 During consultation, Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club indicated that they would like to build a second padel court at some point in the future, that would potentially be covered.
- 8.76 Repton School has had planning permission approved (reference DPMA/2023/0700) from SDDC that proposes a significant development on school land. This includes the installation of four padel tennis courts, two of which would be covered.

- 8.77 Melbourne Sports Park will also be submitting planning application shortly to SDDC for the installation of one Padel Court on the site.

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- During consultation, Church Broughton Tennis & Padel Club indicated that they would like to build a second padel court at some point in the future, that would potentially be covered. Repton School has also submitted a planning application (reference DPMA/2023/0700) to SDCC that proposes a significant development on school land. Part of the proposals include the installation of four padel tennis courts, two of which would be covered. The application remains under review with no formal decision reported.

Pickleball

- 8.78 Pickleball combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis and can be played both indoors and outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a slightly modified tennis net. Courts are often overmarked in sports halls on badminton courts or on tennis courts.
- 8.79 Pickleball clubs affiliate to Pickelball England, who provide governance, support and guidance to member clubs and players.
- 8.80 There is currently one Pickleball club that plays within South Derbyshire, this is u3a Pickleball Club. The club currently play indoors at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms.
- 8.81 The club currently has 28 adult member, with membership only open to u3a members.
- 8.82 There are four Pickelball courts overmarked on one of the tennis courts at Broughton Heath Golf Club. This is the court that doesn't provide sports lights. There isn't a Pickleball club based at this site, the courts are just used for people to play recreationally.

9. Netball

Introduction

- 9.1 They have a 10 year 'Adventure Strategy' which seeks to build on the momentum created over recent years and take netball to new heights. (England Netball - Adventure Strategy 2021-2031).
- 9.2 The purpose of the strategy is to lead a movement, on and beyond the court. In order to achieve this the strategy has identified six aims described as 'destinations', that are underpinned by fourteen 'game changers'. The six destinations are:
1. A game for life;
 2. A world leading game;
 3. A visible presence;
 4. A resonant voice;
 5. A thriving collective; and
 6. An extraordinary experience.

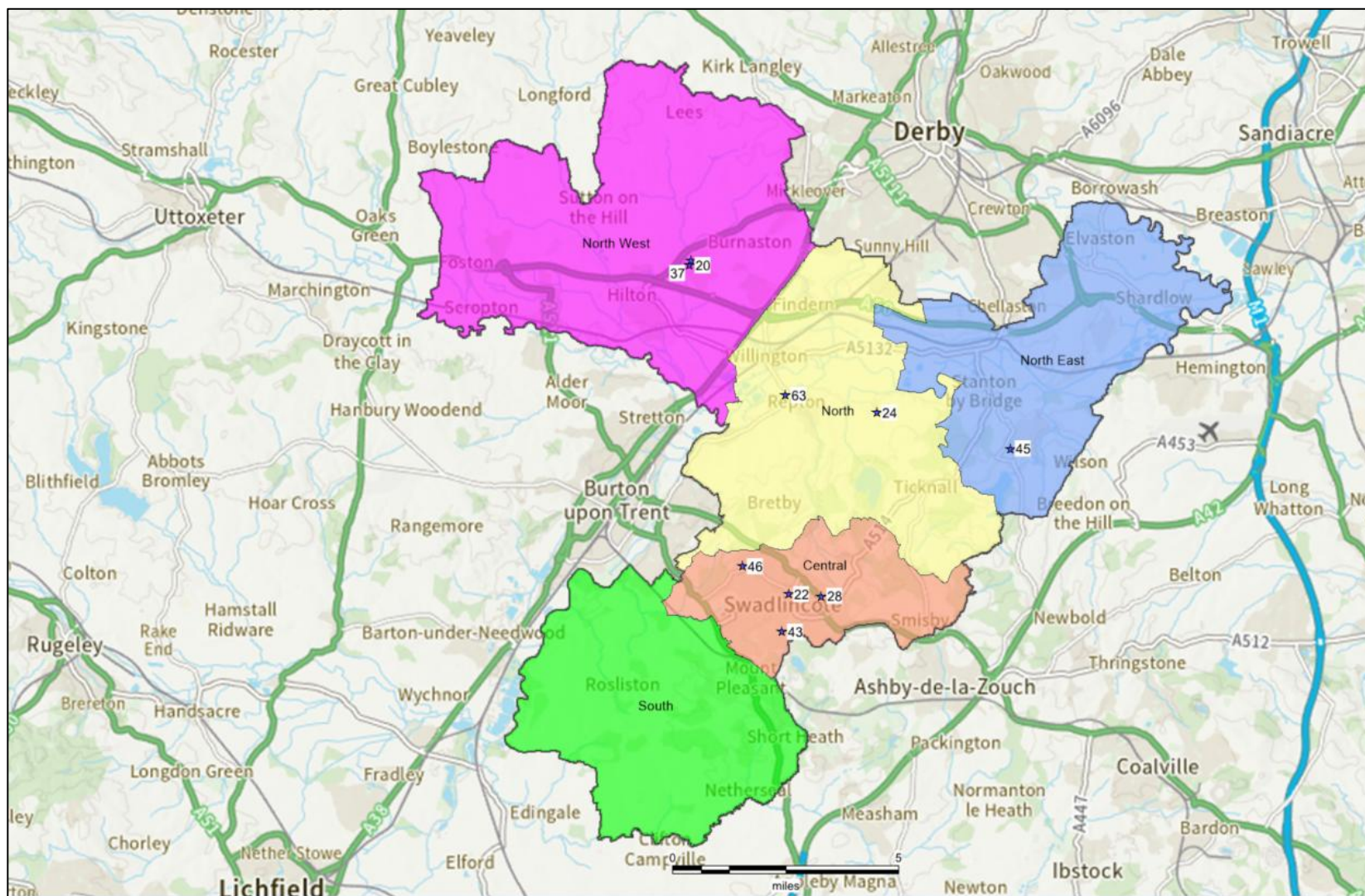
Consultation

- 9.3 There are 6 netball clubs operating in South Derbyshire. Only one, Swandlicote Netball Club responded to the consultation. Additional consultation was conducted with the Derby Area Netball Association (DANA) and Burton and District Netball League, which are the two leagues that clubs from the study are typically play in. The Burton and District Netball League also use two venues in South Derbyshire for their league fixtures, which are Granville Academy and Repton School Sports Centre.

Supply

- 9.4 Nine sites in South Derbyshire provide outdoor netball courts, this equates to 25 courts in total.
- 9.5 Facilities at Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School, John Port Spencer Academy and Mercia Academy are not available to the community meaning that 8 netball courts are available for community use.
- 9.6 Figure 9.1 provides a spatial overview of where netball courts are located in South Derbyshire.

Figure 9.1 – Supply of outdoor netball courts in South Derbyshire



9.7 Provision is well distributed throughout all sub-areas of the district. The South sub area is the only location without access to netball provision.

9.8 Table 9.1 provides an overview of outdoor netball courts in South Derbyshire.

Table 9.1 – Overview of outdoor netball courts in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Number of Courts	Community use category	Security of community use
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Commercial Management	3	Available for community use and used	Secured
Eureka Park	Central	22	Local Authority (in-house)	1	Available for community use and used	Secured
Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School	North	24	Other Independent School	3	Not available for community use	Unsecured
Granville Academy	Central	28	School/College/University (in-house)	4	Available for community use and used	Unsecured
John Port Spencer Academy	North West	37	School/College/University (in-house)	3	Not available for community use	N/A
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	Local Authority	1	Available for community use and used	Secured
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Community Organisation	2	Available for community use and used	Secured
Mercia Academy	Central	46	School/College/University (in-house)	2	Not available for community use	N/A
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/College/University (in-house)	6	Available for community use and used	Unsecured

Quality

- 9.9 Netball courts that are available for community use were visited and a non-technical assessment was completed to determine the quality of the courts being provided. This considered the quality of the surface, line markings, nets and surrounding fencing. Consultation with key stakeholders was also carried out to help inform this.
- 9.10 Netball courts are rated as follows based on how they are scored in the non-technical assessment:

Good (81% or above);

Standard (51%-80%);

Poor (50% or below).

- 9.11 Table 9.2 provides an overview of the quality rating of outdoor netball courts that are available for community use. It was not possible to gain access to the facilities at Repton School Sports Centre. Therefore, the quality of the netball courts has been rated as unknown.

Table 9.2 – Outdoor netball court quality

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Sports Lighting	Number of Courts	Surface Type	Quality Rating
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Yes	3	Macadam	Good
Eureka Park	Central	22	No	2	Macadam	Standard
Granville Academy	Central	28	No	3	Hard Court	Good
Granville Academy	Central	28	No	1	Hard Court	Standard
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	No	1	Hard Court	Standard
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Yes	3	Hard Court	Good
Repton Schools Sports Centre	North	63	Yes	Unknown	Macadam	Unknown

- 9.12 The netball courts at Etwall Leisure Centre, Melbourne Sports Park and three of the courts at Granville Academy were assessed as good quality. The courts at Eureka Park, Maurice Lea Memorial Park and one at Granville Academy were assessed as standard.

Ancillary provision

- 9.13 Ancillary provision at sites that provide netball courts available for community use was also assessed. The assessment looks at changing rooms for players and officials (including showers and toilets), provision of player and spectator toilets, catering provision and whether or not facilities are accessible for people with disabilities. Car parking provision is also considered. The quality of ancillary facilities are shown in Table 9.3.

Table 9.3 – Quality of ancillary facilities

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Quality Rating
Etwall Leisure Centre	North West	20	Standard
Eureka Park	Central	22	N/A
Granville Academy	Central	28	Standard
Granville Academy	Central	28	Standard
Maurice Lea Memorial Park	Central	43	Poor
Melbourne Sports Park	North East	45	Good
Repton Schools Sports Centre	North	63	Standard

- 9.14 The majority (58%) of ancillary provision was assessed as standard quality. Fourteen percent were assessed as good quality, and 14% also assessed as poor quality. Whilst no ancillary provision is provided a one site (14%)

Demand

- 9.15 There are six netball clubs in South Derbyshire. Table 9.4 provides a summary of each clubs netball offer.

Table 9.4 – Overview of club provision

Club Name	Junior Teams	Senior Teams
Burton Juniors	Yes	No
Eureka Park Netball Club	No	Yes
Hilton Netball Club	No	Yes
Melbourne Netball Club	No	Yes

Club Name	Junior Teams	Senior Teams
Overseal Netball Club	No	Yes
Swadlincote Netball Club	Yes	Yes

- 9.16 All teams in South Derbyshire provide a senior offer, with the exception of Burton Juniors, whilst two clubs provide a junior offer.
- 9.17 DANA stated that their team numbers had been fairly static since returning from the pandemic, but that they would be keen to look at increasing the number of teams in the league over the coming years if there is demand from clubs.
- 9.18 Burton and District Netball League also currently use venues in South Derbyshire to support their league fixtures. They currently use Granvill Academy for junior league fixtures and training and Repton School Sports Centre for senior league fixtures. At both sites the use sports halls during the winter and outdoor courts during the summer.
- 9.19 During the consultation the league stated that they would like to increase their adult summer league offer in the future, if there is enough demand.
- 9.20 There is also a commercial league provider operating in the study area that don't affiliate to England Netball. You Play Netball operate an indoor league at the Pingle Academy every Wednesday evening. The league currently has seven teams playing in it.

Imported demand

- 9.21 Imported demand is demand that comes from outside of the study area to access provision, due to a lack of provision or barriers to accessing provision where they are located.
- 9.22 The Burton and District Netball League currently use Graville Academy (indoors in the winter and outdoors in the summer) to support their junior programme and Repton School Sports Centre (outdoor) for their senior league. The senior league has 27 teams playing across three divisions and also uses facilities outside of South Derbyshire for fixtures.

Exported demand

- 9.23 Exported demand is demand that cannot be catered for within the study area and therefore takes place outside of this.
- 9.24 Due to the local league structures, South Derbyshire netball clubs export some demand for matches. All of the leagues operate on a central venue basis, with some of the venues located outside the study area

Informal demand

- 9.25 England Netball also run a number of programmes locally to increase participation informally. An overview of these programmes has been provided below.

Back to Netball

- 9.26 Back to Netball is designed to reintroduce people back to netball in a fun and friendly environment. To date more than 110,000 people have rediscovered netball through the programme nationally.

- 9.27 Sessions are open to participants over the age of 16, regardless of gender or skill level but are tailored around those that have not played for an extended period of time. Sessions are delivered in a 6-10 week block with a qualified coach.
- 9.28 There is no Back to Netball session currently being delivered in South Derbyshire. The nearest is at the John Taylor Free School in East Staffordshire District Council.

Netball Now

- 9.29 Netball Now is a turn up and play programme for anyone over the age of 16, who is looking to play netball without a weekly commitment. There is no coaching involved, or league tables and participants can simply turn up and play.
- 9.30 There are no Netball Now sessions being delivered in South Derbyshire at the current time.

Walking Netball

- 9.31 Walking Netball is similar to the original format of the game but is played at a walking pace. It is open to anyone but is very popular with older participants.
- 9.32 There is a Walking Netball session currently being delivered at Granville Academy, every Thursday evening. There is also a Walking Netball session being delivered indoors at Findern Village Hall every Wednesday afternoon.
- 9.33 Abbey Sports Coaching are a netball coaching company who operate in South Derbyshire. Providing coaching sessions for 7-16 year olds at Etwall Leisure Centre. They have no formal links to any local netball clubs.

Key issues and findings

- 9.34 There is no England Netball registered league that operates in South Derbyshire, although the Burton and District Netball League do use the courts at Repton School Sports Centre for some fixtures. Therefore, all teams in the study area export the majority of the match play demand to neighbouring authorities.
- 9.35 Some of the clubs who do train, access indoor facilities outside of the study area due to difficulties finding appropriate indoor facilities within South Derbyshire.

Summary

- There are nine sites in South Derbyshire that provide a total of 25 outdoor netball courts, Three sites are not open to the community meaning that there are 8 courts available for community use;
- Provision is well distributed throughout the district. The South sub-area is the only location without its own netball provision;
- The netball courts at Etwall Leisure Centre, Melbourne Sports Park and three of the courts at Granville Academy were assessed as good quality. The courts at Eureka Park, Maurice Lea Memorial Park and one at Granville Academy were assessed as standard;
- The quality of the ancillary facilities is 'Standard' apart from the facilities at Melbourne Sports Park which were rated as good. Ancillary facilities at Maurice Lea Memorial Park were rated as poor;
- Burton and District Netball League also currently use venues in South Derbyshire to support their league fixtures. They currently use Granville Academy for junior league fixtures and training and Repton School Sports centre for senior league fixtures. At both sites they use sports halls during the winter and outdoor courts during the summer. During the consultation the league stated that they would like to increase their adult summer league offer in the future, if there is enough demand.
- There is also a commercial league provider operating in the study area that don't affiliate to England Netball. You Play Netball operate an indoor league at the Pingle Academy every Wednesday evening. The league currently has seven teams playing in it.
- Swandlicote Netball Club were the only club to respond to the consultation. They play their league matches in either Burton or Leicestershire. They currently have 3 senior teams and are looking to increase the number of senior teams by one and to develop a U16 team;
- There is a Walking Netball sessions currently being delivered at Granville Academy, every Thursday evening and a Walking Netball session being delivered indoors at Findern Village Hall every Wednesday afternoon;
- Abbey Sports Coaching are a netball coaching company who operate in South Derbyshire. Providing coaching sessions for 7-16 year olds at Etwall Leisure Centre. They have no formal links to any local netball clubs.

10. Bowls

Introduction

- 10.1 The British Crown Green Bowling Association govern Crown Green Bowls in England.
- 10.2 Their National Development Strategy 2025-2030 ([BCGBA National Development-Strategy 2025-2030](#)) sets out the associations priorities over a five years period, which have been summarised below.

Key Challenges

- Aging player demographic and lack of youth engagement.
- Competition from digital entertainment and alternative leisure activities.
- High facility maintenance costs leading to club closures.
- Perception that bowls is “for older people.”

Strategic Goals

- Modernise Image: Break stereotypes, attract younger players.
- Grow Participation: Focus on juniors (6–18), over-35s, and newly retired.
- Inclusivity: Promote diversity, disability access, and community engagement.
- Improve Governance: Move to Tier 3 governance, strengthen transparency.
- Financial Sustainability: Develop reviewed budgets and sponsorship opportunities.

KPIs & Targets (2025)

- Participation Growth: +3% annually.
 - Junior & Over-35 Growth: +5% annually.
 - Female Participation: +3% annually.
 - Club Membership: Increase new registrations across all counties.
- 10.3 The British Crown Green Bowls Association has also established, in conjunction with other organisations, the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA). The BDA works across the country with clubs and county associations to sustain, grow and develop the sport in partnership with the bowls family.

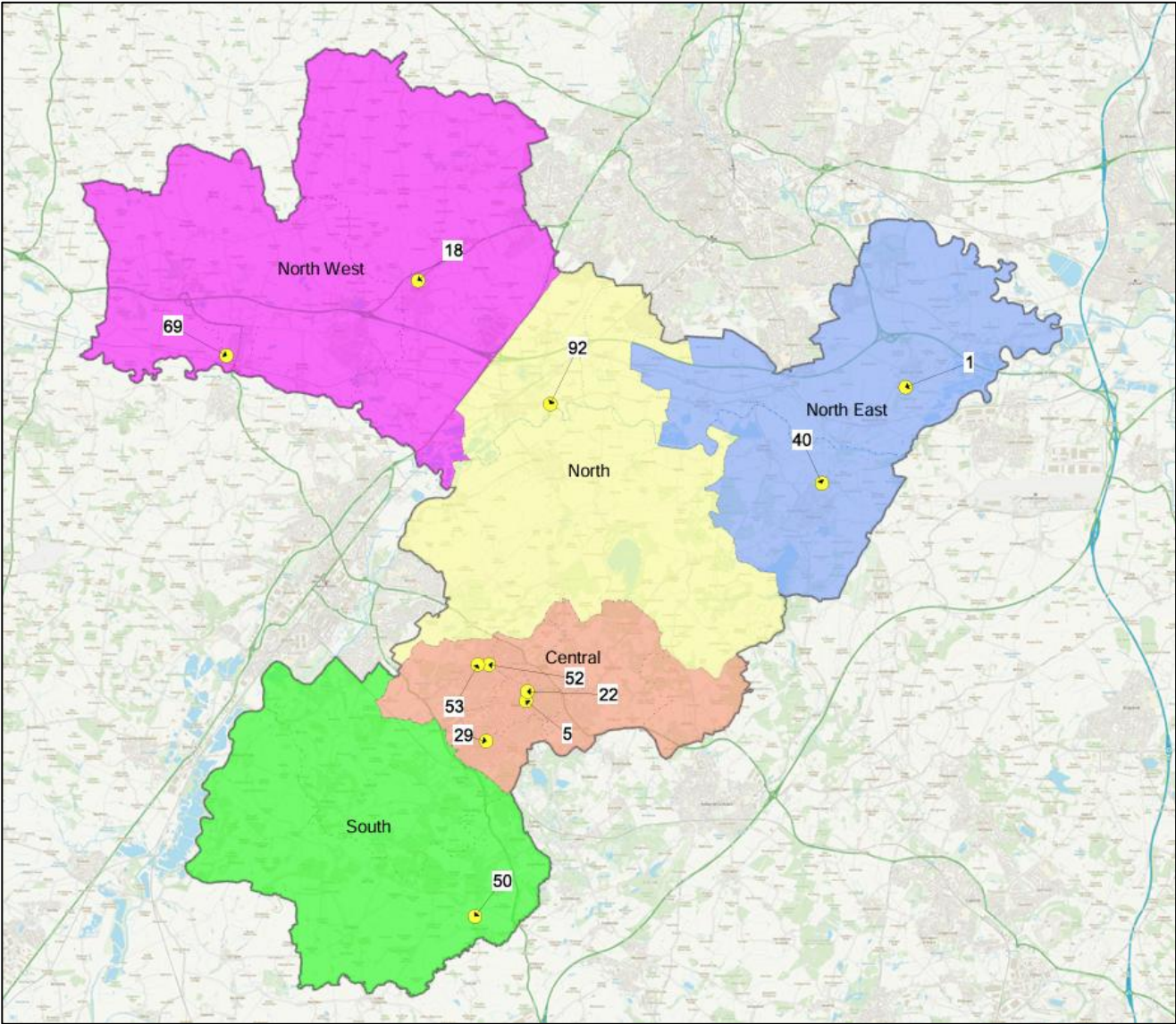
Consultation

- 10.4 There are eleven bowling clubs currently within South Derbyshire. Eight out of the 11 clubs took part in the consultation, which represents a 72% club response rate. The consultation was supported by South Derbyshire Crown Green Bowling Association.

Supply

- 10.5 Ten sites in South Derbyshire provide crown bowling greens, there is also an indoor green provided at Gresley Old Hall. There are no sites that offer flat greens within South Derbyshire. The location of these is shown in Figure 10.1 overleaf. The numbers in the figure relate to the PPS Site ID shown in Table 10.1.

Figure 10.1 – Supply of bowling greens in South Derbyshire



10.6 Table 10.1 provides an overview of bowling greens identified within the study area.

Table 10.1 – Overview of bowling greens in South Derbyshire

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Security of Community Use
Aston and Weston Bowls Club	North East	1	Sport Club	Secured
Belmont Bowls Club	Central	5	Sport Club	Secured
Etwall Bowls Club	North West	18	Sport Club	Secured
Eureka Park	Central	22	Sport Club	Secured
Gresley Old Hall (Indoor)	Central	29	Sport Club	Unsecured
Kings Newton Bowls Club	North East	40	Sport Club	Secured
Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	South	50	Sport Club	Secured
Newhall Social Bowls Club	Central	52	Sport Club	Secured
Newhall Park	Central	53	Local Authority (in-house)	Secured

Disused bowling greens

10.7 A disused site is a site that previously provided a green but no longer does. The following sites previously provided bowling greens that aren't currently used.

- Maurice Lea Memorial Park;
- Overseal Recreation Ground;
- Swadlincote Catholic Club;

10.8 Both Maurice Lea Memorial Park and Overseal Recreation Ground previously provided flat greens, whilst Swadlincote Catholic Club previously provided a crown green.

Security of tenure

10.9 Tenure at a site is deemed to be secured if the club has confirmed use of the site for the next three years. Where greens are located on local authority, parish or town council sites, tenure is generally deemed to be secured.. On club sites it is dependent on the agreement that the clubs have in place. Table 10.2 shows lease arrangements at bowling club sites in the study area. Where clubs didn't take part in the consultation, tenure arrangements have been listed as unknow.

Table 10.2 – Security of tenure at bowls club sites

Site Name	Club Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Tenure Arrangements on Site
Aston and Weston Bowls Club	Aston and Weston Bowls Club	North East	1	Lease in place for 10 years
Belmont Bowls Club	Belmont Bowls Club	Central	5	Club own the freehold
Etwall Bowls Club	Etwall Bowls Club	North West	18	Annual rental agreement with Etwall Parish Council
Eureka Park	Eureka Park Bowls Club	Central	22	Club has a 99-year lease
Gresley Old Hall	South Derbyshire Miners Welfare Bowls Club	Central	29	Unknown
Scropton Road Sports Ground	Hatton Bowls Club	North West	69	Annual rental agreement with Hatton Parish Council
Kings Newton Bowls Club	Kings Newton Bowls Club	North East	40	Club own the freehold
Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	South	50	Club own the freehold
Newhall Social Bowls Club	Newhall Social Bowls Club	Central	52	Club own the freehold
Newhall Park	Lamb Inn Bowls Club	Centra/	53	Annual hire agreement with SDDC
Willington Bowls Club	Willington Bowls Club	North	92	Three year rental agreement with Willington Parish Council

10.10 Security of tenure is deemed to be an issue at four sites used by bowls clubs. neither Etwall Bowls Club, Hatton Bowls Club, nor Lamb Inn Bowls Club have a long term agreements in place at their respective sites. South Derbyshire Miners Welfare Bowls Club didn't respond to the consultation, so their tenure arrangements are unknown.

Quality

10.11 Bowling greens in the study area were visited where possible to carry out a non-technical assessment of the facilities provided. This considered the quality of the rink surface, fencing and spectator areas provided. Bowling greens have been catagorised as follows based on the assessment:

Good (81% or above);

Standard (51%-80%)

Poor (50% or below.

10.12 It was not possible to determine the quality of facilities at Gresley Old Hall and Newhall Park; these have been referenced as unknown in Table 10.3.

Table 10.3 – Quality of bowling greens

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Quality Rating
Aston and Weston Bowls Club	North East	1	Standard
Belmont Bowls Club	Central	5	Standard
Etwall Bowls Club	North West	18	Good
Eureka Park	Central	22	Standard
Gresley Old Hall	Central	29	Unknown
Kings Newton Bowls Club	North East	40	Good
Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	South	50	Good
Newhall Social Bowls Club	Central	52	Good
Newhall Park	Central	53	Standard
Scropton Road Sports Ground	North West	69	Good
Willington Bowls Club	North	92	Good

10.13 Fifty-five percent of bowling greens were assessed as good quality and 36% were also assessed as standard quality. It wasn't possible to assess one (9%) bowling green.

10.14 During the consultation, Aston & Weston Bowls Club reported plans to improve the greens through the purchase of new machinery and improvements to the irrigation system. Willington Bowls Club reported plans to improve the edging around their green, which will be installed for the 2026 season.

Ancillary provision

10.15 Ancillary provision at bowling green sites available for community use was also recorded. Ancillary provision for bowling greens relates to the provision of a club house, toilets for players and spectators, access to refreshments and whether or not facilities are accessible for people with disabilities. Sufficient car parking is also taken into consideration. Quality ratings are shown in Table 10.4.

Table 10.4 – Quality of ancillary provision at bowling greens

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Ancillary Quality Rating
Aston and Weston Bowls Club	North East	1	Good
Belmont Bowls Club	Central	5	Good
Etwall Bowls Club	North West	18	Good
Eureka Park	Central	22	Standard
Gresley Old Hall	Central	29	Unknown
Kings Newton Bowls Club	North East	40	Standard
Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	South	50	Good
Newhall Social Bowls Club	Central	52	Good
Newhall Park	Central	53	Poor
Scropton Road Sports Ground	North West	69	Standard
Willington Bowls Club	North	92	Good

10.16 The majority of bowling greens with ancillary facilities (55%) were assessed as providing a good quality provision. Whilst 27% were assessed as standard quality and 9% as poor quality.

10.17 It was not possible to determine the quality of facilities at Gresley Old Hall, which has been referenced as unknown (9%) in Table 10.4. The bowling green at Newhall Park only provides spectator shelters, so has been assessed a poor quality.

10.18 During the consultation, Kings Newton Bowls Club reported plans to build a new clubhouse. Eureka Park Bowls Club also reported a new clubhouse was built in 2024 with plans for new toilets scheduled for 2026. Etwall Bowls Club and Aston & Weston Bowls Club reported improvements to benching and paving, with Etwall looking to improve disabled access through the installation of a new entrance ramp.

10.19 Aston & Weston Bowls Club and Eureka Park Bowls Club considered new sports lighting would increase the demand for membership and extend playing times in spring and autumn.

Demand

10.20 For the 2025 bowling season there were 11 bowls clubs in South Derbyshire. Membership numbers from clubs who took part in the consultation are shown in Table 10.4.

Table 10.5 – Bowling demand

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Club Name	Adult Members	Junior Members
Aston and Weston Bowls Club	North East	1	Aston and Weston Bowls Club	92	0
Belmont Bowls Club	Central	5	Belmont Bowls Club	35	3
Etwall Bowls Club	North West	18	Etwall Bowls Club	89	1
Eureka Park	Central	22	Eureka Park Bowls Club	35	0
Gresley Old Hall	Central	29	South Derbyshire Miners Welfare Bowls Club	Unknown	Unknown
Kings Newton Bowls Club	North East	40	Kings Newton Bowls Club	60	0
Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	South	50	Netherseal St Peters Sports Club	Unknown	Unknown
Newhall Social Bowls Club	Central	52	Newhall Social Bowls Club	34	3
Newhall Park	Central	53	Lamb Inn Bowls Club	Unknown	Unknown
Scropton Sports Ground	North West	69	Hatton Bowls Club	60	40
Willington Bowls Club	North	92	Willington Bowls Club	47	3

- 10.21 Based on clubs who took part in the consultation, there is a total of 462 adult members and 50 junior members currently playing in South Derbyshire. Newhall Social Bowls Club and Willington Bowls Club reported that adult and junior membership numbers had increased in the last three years; Etwall Bowls Club and Aston & Weston Bowls Club reported increased numbers of adult members. Belmont Bowls Club and Hatton Bowls Club report that their adult membership number had decreased.
- 10.22 The previous PPS identified 15 bowls clubs playing within South Derbyshire, which is a reduction of four clubs. There were 592 adult members identified and 21 junior members, which means that there has been a reduction of 67 adult bowls members, but an increase of 29 junior members since the previous PPS.
- 10.23 There isn't any specific guidance on bowling green capacity, this can vary from site-to-site and from club-to-club. However, as a guide, any green used by at least 20 members is generally considered to be sustainable, whilst any green operating with a membership of over 80 may need additional resource to ensure that it is meeting its required level of demand. Based on the average number of members per site, there are sufficient existing bowling greens to meet demand.

10.24 Two clubs that took part in the consultation have over 80 members. Aston & Weston Bowling Club has the greatest number of members (92) and Etwall Bowls Club has 89 members. All of the other clubs that reported their membership numbers are operating sustainably, that is, have over 20 members.

Future demand

10.25 Clubs who took part in the consultation were asked to confirm if they had plans to grow their existing membership numbers, and if so, by how many. Table 10.6 provides details of clubs who reported plans to grow their membership number, and by how many.

Table 10.6 – Future club demand

Club Name	Adult Members	Junior Members
Aston & Weston Bowls Club	20	10
Belmont Bowls Club	40	10
Etwall Bowls Club	10	5
Eureka Park	10	10
Hatton Bowls Club	10	10
Willington Bowls Club	10	0

10.26 Clubs who took part in the consultation reported future growth of up to 100 new adult members and 45 new junior members.

10.27 Based on current demand, it could prove difficult for Aston & Weston Bowls Club and Etwall Bowls Club to cater for any additional demand. All of the remaining clubs noted in Table 10.6 can accommodate additional demand at their respective sites.

Latent demand

10.28 Latent demand relates to demand that is not currently being met. This can be due to facilities being at capacity, lack of provision or perceived barriers to participation.

10.29 Etwall Bowls Club reported that if they had a second green, they could increase overall membership to circa 125 members. Eureka Park also reported that with improved facilities, they felt that they had the potential to double their existing membership.

Imported demand

10.30 Imported demand is demand that comes from outside of the study area to access provision, due to a lack of provision or barriers to accessing provision where they are located.

10.31 No imported demand has been identified for bowls in South Derbyshire.

Exported Demand

- 10.32 Exported demand is demand that can't be catered for within the study area and therefore takes place outside of this.
- 10.33 No exported demand has been identified for bowls outside of South Derbyshire.

Key issues and findings

- 10.34 All of the bowls clubs identified in South Derbyshire operate on a membership basis. There have been no issues identified with the quality of bowling greens in the study area, all were assessed as either good or standard quality. The same is true of ancillary provision, with the exception of Newall Park, which provides limited ancillary facilities.
- 10.35 Security of tenure is deemed to be an issue at four sites used by bowls clubs. neither Etwall Bowls Club, Hatton Bowls Club, nor Newhall Park Bowls Club have a long term agreements in place at their respective sites. South Derbyshire Miners Welfare Bowls Club didn't respond to the consultation, so their tenure arrangements are unknown
- 10.36 There is evidence of growing demand for bowls with potential capacity issues identified at Aston & Weston Bowls Club and Etwall Bowls Club.
- 10.37 Clubs are making investment in their facilities to grow membership numbers and sustain interest in the game.
- 10.38 Due to the levels of forecast future demand at bowls clubs, facilitating any additional growth Aston & Weston Bowls Club and Etwall Bowls Club could prove an issue in the future.

Summary

- There are eleven bowling clubs currently within South Derbyshire. Eight out of the 11 clubs took part in the consultation, which represents a 72% club response rate. The consultation was supported by South Derbyshire Crown Green Bowling Association;
- Ten sites in South Derbyshire provide crown bowling greens, there is also an indoor green provide at Gresley Old Hall;
- Both Maurice Lea Memorial Park and Overseal Recreation Ground previously provided flat greens, whilst Swadlincote Catholic Club previously provided a crown green;
- Security of tenure is deemed to be an issue at four sites used by bowls clubs. neither Etwall Bowls Club, Hatton Bowls Club, nor Newhall Park Bowls Club have a long term agreements in place at their respective sites. South Derbyshire Miners Welfare Bowls Club didn't respond to the consultation, so their tenure arrangements are unknown;
- Fifty-five percent of bowling greens were assessed as good quality and 36% were also assessed as standard quality. It wasn't possible to assess one (9%) bowling green;
- The majority of bowling greens with ancillary facilities (55%) were rated as providing a good quality provision. Whilst 27% were assessed as standard quality and 9% as poor quality. It was not possible to determine the quality of facilities at Gresley Old Hall, which has been referenced as unknown (9%);
- Based on clubs who took part in the consultation, there is a total of 462 adult members and 50 junior members currently playing in South Derbyshire. Newhall Social Bowls Club and Willington Bowls Club reported that adult and junior membership numbers had increased in the last three years; Etwall Bowls Club and Aston & Weston Bowls Club reported increased numbers of adult members. Belmont Bowls Club and Hatton Bowls Club report that their adult membership number had decreased;
- Two clubs that took part in the consultation have over 80 members. Aston & Weston Bowling Club has the greatest number of members (92) and Etwall Bowls Club has 89 members. All of the other clubs that reported their membership numbers are operating sustainably, that is, have over 20 members.
- Clubs who took part in the consultation reported future growth of up to 100 new adult members and 45 new junior members;
- Etwall Bowls Club reported that if they had a second green, they could increase overall membership to circa 125 members. Eureka Park also reported that with improved facilities, they had the potential to double their existing membership;

11. Athletics

Introduction

- 11.1 UK Athletics are the governing body for athletics. They are responsible for the governance of athletics events in the UK, as well as the development of athletes.
- 11.2 Locally athletics is governed by England Athletics; they are the member body for athletics and athletes in England. They are also responsible for delivering the England Athletics Facilities Strategy 2018 -2025 (England Athletics Facilities Strategy 2018-25).
- 11.3 The purpose of the strategy is to set out the long term vision for athletics facilities in England, which is to be the most popular, inclusive sport in England. This covers outdoor track and field facilities, indoor facilities and running facilities.
- 11.4 The mission is to grow the number, range and accessibility of opportunities for everyone to experience athletics and running, enabling them to reach their full potential. To achieve this the strategy has three strategic priorities, and these are:
 - 1. Expand the capacity of the sport by supporting and developing its volunteers and other workforce;
 - 2. Sustain and increase participation and performance levels; and
 - 3. Influence participation in the wider athletics market.

Consultation

- 11.5 There is one athletics club in South Derbyshire that affiliate to England Athletics, South Derbyshire Road Runners. The club didn't participate in the consultation, despite every effort to contact them.

Supply

- 11.6 There are no standard outdoor athletics facilities provided in South Derbyshire. There is a seasonal compact running track and throwing cage provided at Repton Sports Centre. The location of this is shown in Figure 11.1.

Figure 11.1 – Supply of Athletics Facilities

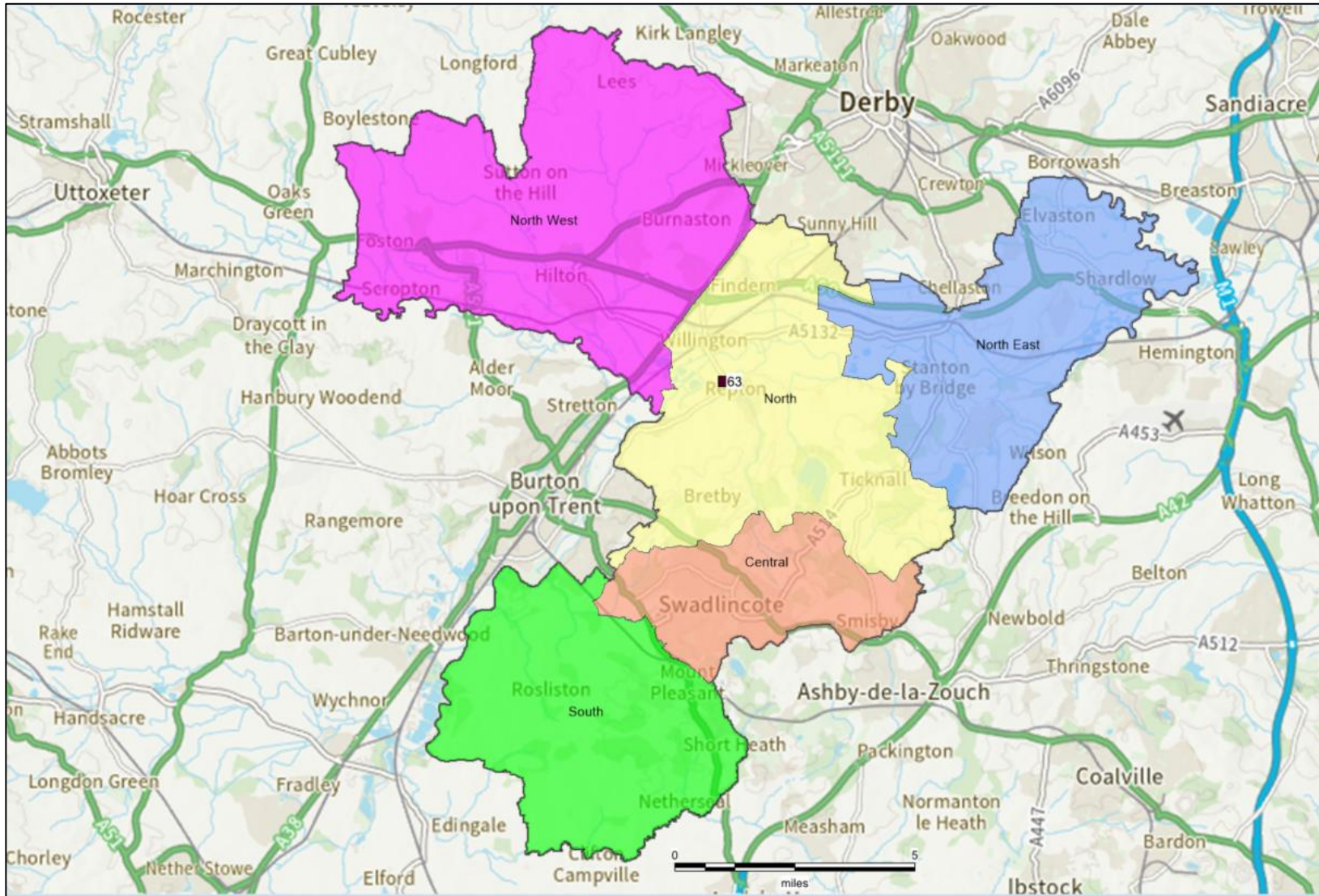


Table 11.1 - Athletics Facilities

Site Name	Sub Area	PPS Site ID	Management Type	Facility Type	Sports Lighting	Community use category	Security of community use
Repton School Sports Centre	North	63	School/ College/ University (in house)	Seasonal Compact Track & Throwing Cage	No	Available for community use and used	Unsecured

Future Proposals

- 11.7 There are no proposals at present to provide new athletics facilities in South Derbyshire. England Athletics would like to explore opportunities to provide Active Tracks in the area in the future.

Disused Sites

- 11.8 A disused site is a site that previously provided pitches/ facilities but no longer does.
- 11.9 No disused athletic facilities have been identified in South Derbyshire.

Ownership and Management

- 11.10 The facilities provided at Repton School Sports Centre are managed by the school. The facilities are used by the school during the day at term times, which means that they are only available to the community in the evening and weekends during term times.

Quality

- 11.11 There are no official quality benchmarks to assess the quality of the compact track. No issues regarding the quality of the facilities have been identified.

Demand

- 11.12 Table 11.2 shows membership numbers from athletics clubs in South Derbyshire. These are based on information provided by clubs and England Athletics. Their registered home venue is also shown in the table.

Table 11.2 – Membership Numbers

Site Name	PPS Site ID	Club Name	Membership Numbers
Greenbank Leisure Centre	N/A	South Derbyshire Road Runners	Unknown

- 11.13 South Derbyshire Road runners didn't participate in the consultation, so their membership numbers are unknown. The club are a road running club who use Greenbank Leisure Centre as meeting point for training. The club competes in the Leicester Road Running League, Burton & District Summer League, and the Derby Runner Cross Country Leagues.

Park Run

- 11.14 There are two Park Run events that takes place every Saturday morning in South Derbyshire, one at Coronation Park, and one at Rosliston Forestry Centre. There is also a junior Park Run event which takes place at Maurice Lea Memorial Park every Sunday morning.
- 11.15 Park Run is a free, community event where people can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Park Run is 5 kilometre course with events taking place every Saturday morning. There is also a junior Park Run offer, which is 2 kilometre course for to 4-14 year olds and their families, every Sunday morning. Parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit, and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along.
- 11.16 There has been an average of 141 participants each week at Coronation Park event and 191 participants at the Rosliston Forestry Centre event. The junior Park Run event at Maurice Lea Memorial Park has attracted an average of 72 participants each week.

Key Issues and Findings

- 11.17 There are no standard outdoor athletics facilities provided in South Derbyshire. There is a seasonal compact running track and throwing cage provided at Repton Sports Centre. This is operated by the school and is available for community use, although there are no athletics clubs based at the site.
- 11.18 South Derbyshire Road runners didn't participate in the consultation, so their membership numbers are unknown. The club are a road running club who use Greenbank Leisure Centre as meeting point for training. The club competes in the Leicester Road Running League, Burton & District Summer League, and the Derby Runner Cross Country Leagues.

Summary

- There are no standard outdoor athletics facilities provided in South Derbyshire. There is a seasonal compact running track and throwing cage provided at Repton Sports Centre;
- There are no proposals at present to provide new athletics facilities in South Derbyshire at present. England Athletics would like to explore opportunities to provide Active Tracks in the area in the future;
- The facilities provided at Repton School Sports Centre are managed by the school. The facilities are used by the school during the day at term times, which means that they are only available to the community in the evening and weekends at term times;
- There are two Park Run events that takes place every Saturday morning in South Derbyshire, one at Coronation Park, and one at Rosliston Forestry Centre. There has been an average of 141 participants each week at Coronation Park event and 191 participants at the Rosliston Forestry Centre event. There is also a junior Park Run event which takes place at Maurice Lea Memorial Park every Sunday morning, has attracted an average of 72 participants each week.