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Glossary and Abbreviations	
Accessibility	The FPM uses a distance decay function where the further a user is from a facility, the less likely they will travel. On average, a 20-minute travel time accounts for approximately 90% of journeys to pools. See travel time definition below.
ATE	Active Travel England
Active Design	Active Design Active Design Sport England was produced in partnership with Public Health England and is a guide to help implement an active environment. It is a combination of ten principles that promote activity, health and stronger communities through the way we design and build our towns and cities. The ten principles have been developed to inspire and inform the layout of cities, towns, villages, neighbourhoods, buildings, streets and open spaces, to promote sport and active lifestyles.
Active Environment	Active Environments Active environments Sport England is about the places and spaces that we move through in our daily lives that can have a bearing on if and how we move more. We know that the physical environment, through the spaces we live and work in, impact on people being physically active. It's about ensuring our built and natural environments and the connections in-between them are designed or adapted around people, creating the opportunities to increase physical activity levels.
Active Lives	The Active Lives Survey Active Lives Sport England comprises both an adult and a children and young people element. The survey is carried out on behalf of Sport England by the leading social research company Ipsos MORI. Active Lives measures the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity across England and their attitudes associated with this. It provides the most comprehensive and authoritative picture of sports participation in England and is central to Sport England's measurement of its own strategy.
Active Places Power	Active Places Power Active Places Power is a website designed to help those involved in providing sport provision with a series of tools to guide investment decisions and develop sport provision strategies. Primarily for local authorities and National Governing Bodies of sport it can help to build an evidence base when identifying and planning where to target interventions for facilities, clubs or other activities.
Active Travel / Active Transport	'Active travel' (or active transportation or mobility) means walking or cycling as an alternative to motorised transport (notably cars, motorbikes/mopeds etc.) for the purpose of making every day journeys. ¹
ANOG	Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance Planning for sport Sport England is a guide to help carry out comprehensive assessment of the needs for a range of indoor and outdoor sports facilities. The guide focuses on the practicalities of producing a clear and robust assessment to help develop and apply local planning policy. As a result, the guide will be able to assist local authorities with meeting the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 98).
Assessment of Needs	An assessment within a given geographical area of the current and future needs for a type of sports facility which takes into account the quantity, quality, accessibility and availability of facilities.
BMA	British Medical Association
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Demand	Who wants to use facilities?
Facility (ies)	The areas available within a centre such as sports hall, pool, tennis courts, changing rooms etc.
FPM	Sport England Facilities Planning Model Facilities Planning Model Sport England is a computer model that helps assess the strategic provision of community sports facilities. It looks to assess whether the capacity of existing facilities are capable of meeting local demand for a particular sport. It covers sports halls, swimming pools and artificial grass pitches, and has also been used for indoor bowls centres.
Leisure Activity	Activities people do to relax or enjoy themselves outside of work and other duties.
Local Share	Which areas have better or worse provision, considering number of people who want to use them? It considers the size, availability and quality of facilities, as well as travel modes. Local share is useful for looking at 'equity' of provision. Local share is the available capacity that people want to visit in an area, divided by the demand for that capacity in the area (considering deprivation). Local share decreases as facilities age.

¹ PHE 'Working Together to Promote Active Travel' A briefing for local authorities 2016

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LSDG	Leisure Services Delivery Guidance Strategic outcomes planning and leisure services delivery Sport England supports understanding of appropriate facility management models to deliver strategic outcomes through public leisure facilities.
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
Members	Current leisure centre known users
Moving Communities	Moving Communities is a service that helps local authorities, leisure providers and policymakers to understand the performance of their leisure centres.
NGBs	National Governing Bodies
NPPF	The National Planning Policy Framework National Planning Policy Framework - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied. It provides a framework guiding the preparation of development plan documents, associated evidence base and supplementary planning documents (Planning Policy). It is also a material consideration which should be taken into account when determining applications for planning permission (Development Management).
OHID	Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
Peak Period	Weekday: 09:00 to 10:00, 12:00 to 13:00, 15:30 to 21:00 Weekend: 08:00 to 15:30
PHE	Public Health England
Physical Activity	Active living, recreational activity, sport, exercise, play and dance
Planning Obligations	Planning obligations under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), commonly known as S106 agreements, are a mechanism which make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms, that would not otherwise be acceptable. They are focused on site specific mitigation of the impact of development. S106 agreements are often referred to as 'developer contributions' along with highway contributions and the Community Infrastructure Levy.
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy sets out recommendations and prioritised actions to ensure the current and future needs of the population in given geographical area can be met.
Satisfied Demand	This represents the proportion of total demand that is met by the capacity at the sites (pools, sports halls) from South Derbyshire residents who live within the driving, walking or public transport travel time of a pool/sports hall. This includes pools/sports halls located both within and outside South Derbyshire.
SDDC	South Derbyshire District Council
SE	Sport England
SFC	The Sports Facility Calculator Sports Facility Calculator Sport England uses the parameters of the FPM and is designed to estimate the demand for sports facilities created by a new community as part of a residential development. The SFC is hosted and accessed through Active Place Power.
Site Capacity	Visits per week in the peak period
SOPG	The Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance Strategic outcomes planning and leisure services delivery Sport England is designed to help create a focus and vision on local outcomes informed by customer insight. This will deliver interventions that affect behavioural change in target audience, ultimately delivering the desired results for that local authority.
South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC)	Also referred to as South Derbyshire or the Council area
Sport	"All forms of physical activity which, through casual or organised participation, aim at expressing or improving physical fitness and mental wellbeing, forming social relationships or obtaining results in competitions at all levels." (Council of Europe, 2001)
Supply	How many facilities are there and what is their capacity
Travel Time	The FPM uses travel time to define facility coverage in terms of driving and walking. The model includes three different modes of travel – car, public transport, and walking. Car access is also considered. The model includes a distance decay function, where the further a user is from a facility, the less likely they will travel. Survey data shows that almost 90% of all visits, both by car and on foot, are made within 20 minutes. Hence, 20 minutes is often used as a rule of thumb for the catchments for sports halls and swimming pools.
Unmet Demand	Who is unable to use facilities and why? Is there insufficient capacity or are people too far away from facilities?
Used Capacity	How full are the facilities and where are people coming from (inside and outside the authority)? This is a measure of usage at pools/sports halls and estimates how well used or full facilities are. The FPM is designed to include a 'comfort factor', beyond which the venues are too full/too crowded to participate comfortably. In the model Sport England

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	assumes that usage of more than 70% of capacity is busy and that the pool/sports hall is operating at an uncomfortable level above that percentage.
Weekly peak period	This is when the majority of visits take place and when users have most flexibility to visit.
VPWPP	Visits per week in peak period.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) commissioned Max Associates to develop a Built Facilities Strategy to support the preparation of the emerging local plan. The local plan is currently in development and will cover the period up to 2039.
- 1.2. The Built Facility Strategy follows Sport England’s Accessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (ANOG) for indoor and outdoor sporting facilities.
- 1.3. One of the key drivers for developing the new Built Facility Strategy is to improve the health and wellbeing of residents within South Derbyshire by planning for the appropriate facilities to meet the needs of the increasing population. This will help achieve the Council’s vision for South Derbyshire:

‘Work together to shape our environment, drive our economy and support our communities’

- 1.4. Another aim of this Built Facilities Strategy is to provide the updated evidence base to support investment into the provision and need to replace Green Bank Leisure Centre, which is at the end of its shelf life.
- 1.5. The new Built Facility Strategy will provide SDDC with a documented assessment of current use and future needs for sports/leisure facilities within the authority; focusing on the quantity and quality issues in relation to supply and demand until 2039.
- 1.6. The strategy will inform and review leisure provision to determine future investment priorities and provide a technical base to inform delivery via current and future planning applications, future policy and funding bids set within the context of:
 - An up-to-date picture of the population.
 - An up-to-date picture of current provision.
 - An up-to-date assessment of future needs in respect of sports and leisure facilities, clearly identifying any under/over provision up to 2039.
 - The role of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 obligations in meeting needs.
- 1.7. The Council needs to understand whether it has the right facilities in the right place to meet the current and future needs of its residents.
- 1.8. Local authorities are under great pressure in terms of budgets, changing demographics and increasing demands on health services, meaning sport, physical activity and health, including mental health, are increasingly being seen as co-producers of local outcomes.
- 1.9. Max Associates has been commissioned to develop a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) in parallel to this Built Facilities Strategy.

1.10. This Built Facilities Strategy will cover the following indoor sports and physical activity provision:

Table 1 – Built Sports and Physical Activity Facilities

Built Sports and Physical Activity Facilities
Sports hall (4 court and over)
Swimming
Indoor tennis
Indoor bowling
Squash
Gymnastics
Health and fitness
Studios

1.11. Consultation has been undertaken with National Governing Bodies, sports clubs and schools and the assessment uses Sport England Tools such as Active Places Power and Active Lives data.

2. Background

- 2.1. Situated in the county of Derbyshire, SDDC is located in The National Forest and is surrounded by the major city of Derby to the north and Leicester to the southeast. The major attraction park, Alton Towers, which is to the northwest of the Council area, is a 45-minute drive from the centre of the district.
- 2.2. The eastern part of South Derbyshire is in close proximity to the M1 motorway providing excellent links to Leicester and the south towards Milton Keynes. The A38 and A50 both traverse the Council area and provide good links to Stoke-on-Trent, Wolverhampton, Lichfield, Derby and Nottingham and slightly further to Birmingham.
- 2.3. The map below shows the Council area and surrounding local authorities.

Map 1 – Location of South Derbyshire District Council



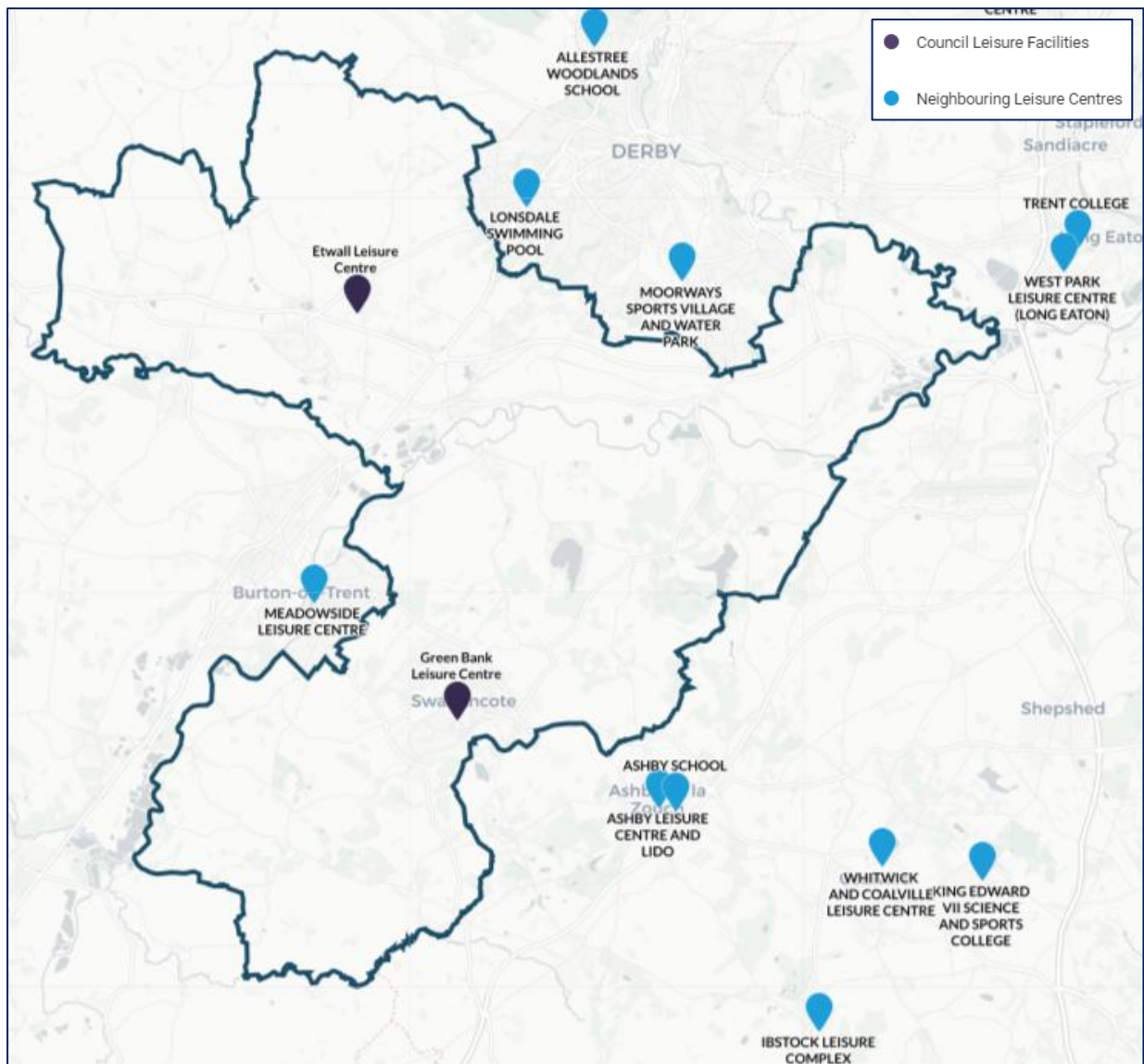
- 2.4. The Council is responsible for two leisure centres, Etwall Leisure Centre and Green Bank Leisure Centre. Etwall Leisure Centre is a dual use facility located at John Port Spencer Academy. Both sites are operated by Everyone Active (SLM).

Table 2 – Council Leisure Centre Facility Mix

Site	Facility Mix
Etwall Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100 station gym - 6 x 25m swimming pool - Group fitness studio - Six court sports hall - 3G artificial football pitch
Green Bank Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100 station gym - 5 x 25m swimming pool - Learner pool - Group fitness - Spin studio - Climbing wall - Six court sports hall - Café - Meeting rooms

- 2.5. The map overleaf sets out the SDDC and neighbouring local authority indoor leisure centres that are closest to the SDDC border.

Map 2 – Location of the South Derbyshire District Council and Neighbouring Border Leisure Facilities

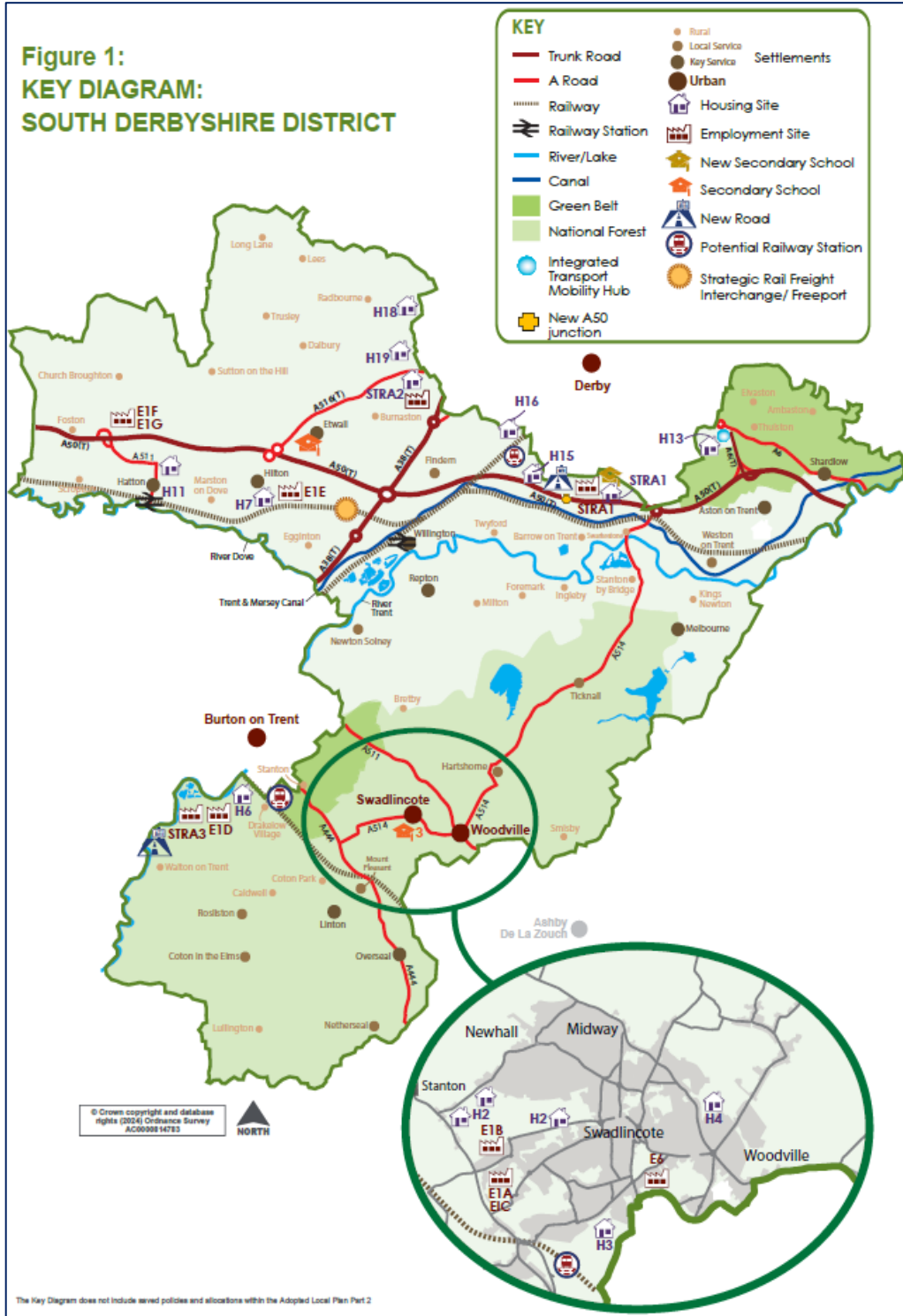


- 2.6. As well as the influence of neighbouring leisure centres, future need and population growth in the Council area should be considered.
- 2.7. In autumn of 2024 the Council published a revised draft of the Local Plan Part 1. This includes provision for 14,483 new dwellings between 2022 – 2039. Of these, two new housing led strategic sites are on the edge of Derby which are expected to deliver 4,500 dwellings².
- 2.8. Map 3 overleaf provides more details of the proposed new housing allocations.

² <https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/assets/attach/12295/Summary-Leaflet.pdf>

- 2.9. The map below shows the planned housing growth set out in the draft Local Plan Part 1 (2022 – 2039).
- 2.10. As can be seen by the map, SDDC took some of Derby’s unmet housing demand with several large allocations on the edge of Derby.

Map 3 – Housing Growth Areas in South Derbyshire Location Map³



- 2.11. The Local Plan Part 2 was adopted in 2017 and included a number of non-strategic site allocations. There are 285 dwellings from this Plan which are yet to be built out, these will now be carried forwards to

³ Draft Local Plan Part 1 Review 2022-2039 (October 2024) p.4

contribute towards the new 14,483 requirement set out in the draft Part 1 Local Plan Review. As these are non-strategic sites with less than 100 dwellings on each it is not anticipated that any of the sites will be required to provide significant infrastructure to enable development to progress.

2.12. However, contributions will be sought towards healthcare, education, open space, affordable housing and any other requirements where appropriate.

2.13. These housing allocations are outlined below:

Figure 1 – South Derbyshire Non-Strategic Housing Allocations

Strategic Site allocations	No of dwelling
STRA 1: Infinity Garden Village	2000
STRA 2: Land South of Mickleover	2500
2016 Local Plan Part 1 allocations	Remaining dwellings carried forward
H2 Land at William Nadin Way, Swadlincote	343
H3 Land at Church Street, Church Gresley	306
H4 Land at Broomy Farm, Woodville	486
H6 Drakelow Park	2046
H7 Hilton Depot, The Mease, Hilton	95
H11 Land North East of Hatton	291
H12 Highfields Farm	33
H13 Boulton Moor	1121
H14 Chellaston Fields	53
H15 Wragley Way	1944
H16 Primula Way, Sunnyhill	500
H17 Holmleigh Way, Chellaston	9
H18 Hackwood Farm, Mickleover	290
H19 Land West of Mickleover	1030
E6 Woodville Regeneration Area	300
Total (STRA1, STRA2, H2-H19, E6)	13347
2017 Local Plan Part 2 allocations	Remaining dwellings carried forward
H23B Jacksons Lane, Etwall	50
H23 C Derby Road, Hilton	9
H23D Station Road, Melbourne	46
H23 I Kingfisher Way, Willington	50
H23 J Oak Close, Castle Gresley	70
H23 L Land North of Scropton Road, Scropton	10
H23 N Stenson Fields	50
Total (H23B-H23N)	285

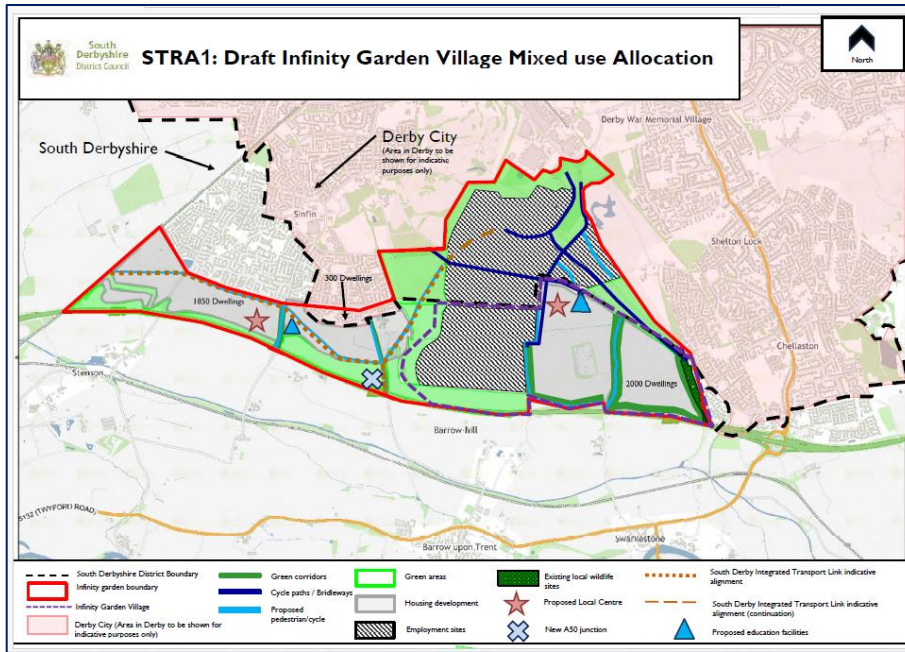
2.14. Jacksons Lane, Etwall will fall into the catchment of Etwall Leisure Centre.

2.15. There are plans for a new school on the Derby City/South Derbyshire boundary to the west of Chellaston, which will be close to the existing Infinity Garden Village allocation (H15 and E4) as shown in the map

below. However, whilst funding has been secured for the school, no precise location or design has been agreed. This will be a secondary school and should therefore have a level of sports provision sufficient to be at least considered as part of this study and ideally be available for some community access. For school projects Sport England recommend a minimum size of 34.5 x 20.0 x 7.5m⁴

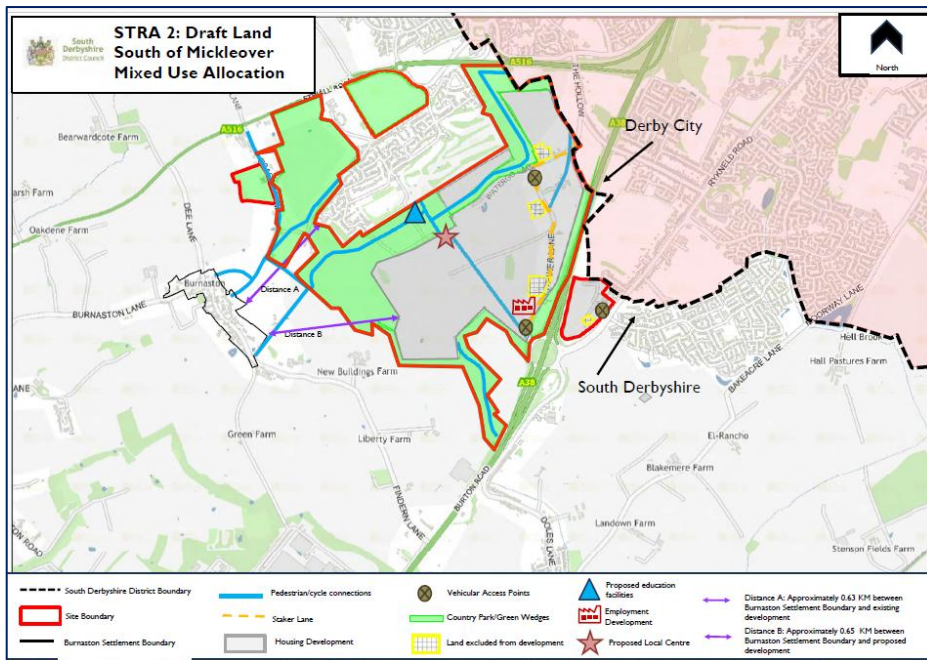
2.16. The maps below show the Southern Derby housing allocations in more detail.

Map 4 – Southern Derby and Infinity Garden Village Housing Allocation



⁴ [Sport England - Sports Halls Design & Layouts - Updated & Combined Guidance.](#)

Map 5 – Southern Derby and Land South of Mickleover housing development



3. Strategic Policy and Context Review

- 3.1. There are a number of key national and local strategies, policies and guidance which inform and influence the development of indoor sports facilities need assessments.
- 3.2. The relationship is three way, firstly other policy, plans, programmes and strategies should inform the development of the Built Facility Strategy. Secondly, they should support the delivery of the Built Facility Strategy and thirdly the Built Facility Strategy should help deliver the aims, purpose and objectives of the PPS.
- 3.3. These policies inform the approach to current and future provision of sports facilities, linked to health improvement, increased participation and the appropriate levels of provision of facilities to meet local needs.
- 3.4. Key priorities from these strategies include ensuring communities have access to local indoor and outdoor facilities they need to enable sport and physical activity to be more inclusive and accessible for all residents. By increasing opportunities to be physically active residents can benefit from improved mental and physical wellbeing which helps to reduce health inequalities, improve health outcomes and connect communities.

Figure 2 – Key National Policies, Guidance and Strategies for Indoor Sports Facilities Needs Assessments

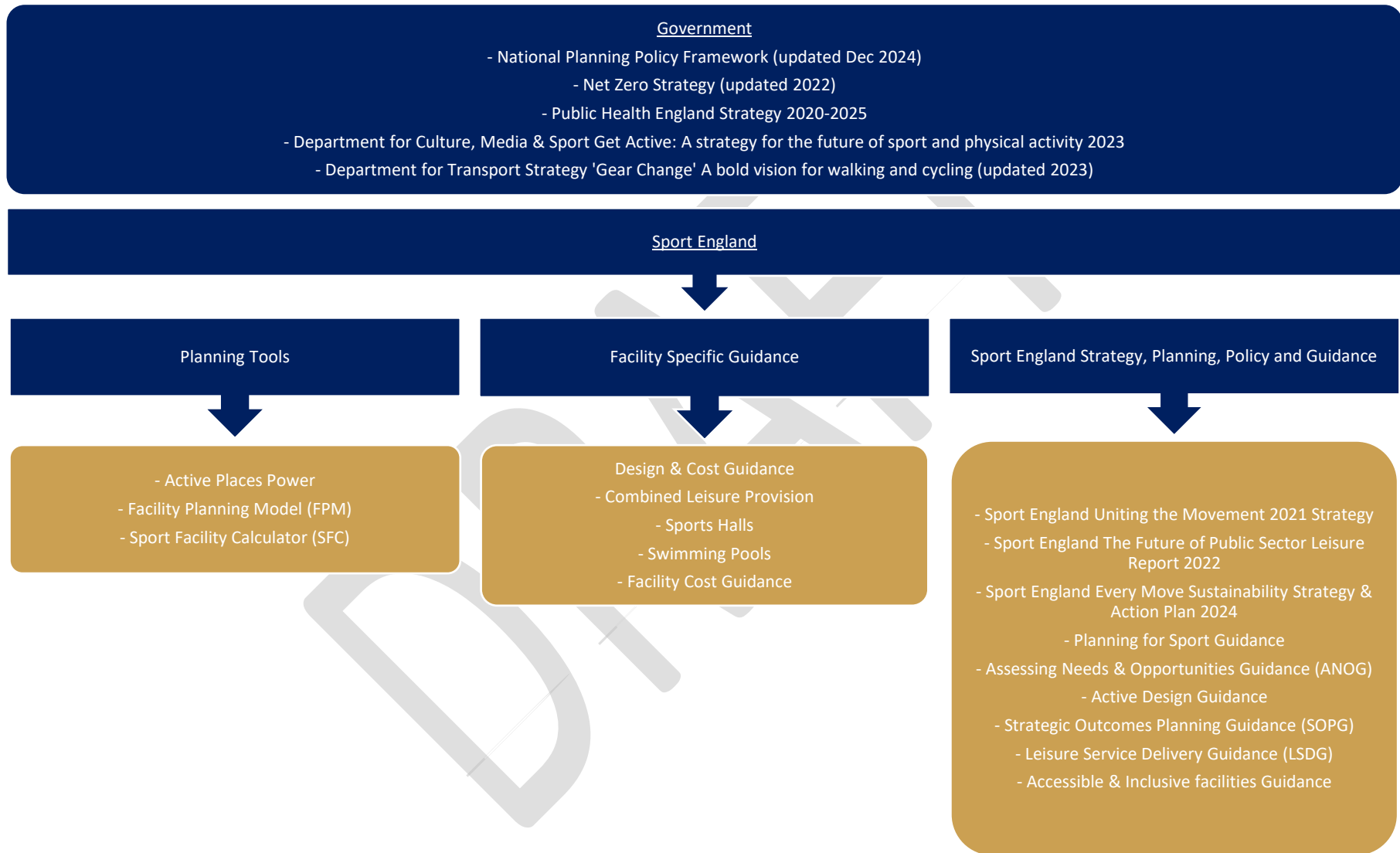


Table 3 – National Key Strategic Context

 <p>Department for Culture Media & Sport</p> <p>Get Active: a strategy for the future of sport and physical activity - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	 <p>Uniting the Movement Sport England 2021-2031</p> <p>Future of public leisure Sport England 2022</p> <p>Every Move sustainability strategy and action plan 2024</p> <p>Sustainable facilities and planning Sport England</p>	 <p>Public Health England</p> <p>PHE Strategy 2020 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	 <p>bma-physical-activity-briefing-get-move-on-oct-19-v2.pdf</p>	 <p>Department for Transport</p> <p>Gear change: a bold vision for cycling and walking (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>The second cycling and walking investment strategy (CWIS2) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) (updated 2023)</p>	 <p>Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) (updated Dec 2024)</p> <p>Planning practice guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) (updated Jan 2024)</p>
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3.4.1. The key priorities outlined in these strategies include:

- More investment in the sector is targeted at inactive groups and a more strategic approach to facilities is needed to ensure communities have access to the facilities they need
- Making sport and physical activity more inclusive and welcoming for all so that everyone can have confidence that there is a place for them in sport
- Connecting Communities - Focusing on sport and physical activity's ability to make better places to live and bring people together
- Positive experiences for children and young people
- Connecting with health and wellbeing
- Transitioning from traditional leisure services into an active wellbeing service
- Provision is place-based (ensuring health and wellbeing services are at the heart of local communities and aligned to the needs of people in the communities)
- Promote good mental health and contribute to the prevention of mental illness
- Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities - Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which;
 - Promote social interaction
 - Are safe and accessible
 - Enable and support healthy lifestyles
- People's health and quality of life is improved by more people walking and cycling
- Sport and physical activity sector to become environmentally sustainable, enabling a greater opportunity for all people to participate in sport and physical activity, now and in the future

3.4.2. Whilst the delivery of sport and physical activity is not a statutory service for local authorities, there are statutory requirements which have implications for the delivery of sports, swimming and physical activity facilities and opportunities. These are;

- Integrated Care Systems (improve outcomes in population health and healthcare and tackle inequalities)
- The Health and Social Care Act (duties on local authorities to improve public health) and
- The Department of Education national curriculum for physical education with all schools to provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2

3.4.3. Further details on the national strategies and requirements can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

3.5. Sport England's Role

3.5.1 Before setting out the document review in full it is useful to highlight the role of Sport England in relation to sport, leisure and recreational facilities and the best practice tools and guidance that they provide

3.5.2 Sport England is a consultee on planning applications that affect sports facilities. Sport England aims to improve the quality, access and management of sports facilities as well as investing in new facilities to meet unmet demand.

3.5.3 Sport England requires local authorities to have an up-to date assessment of sports facility needs and an associated strategy including a recommendation that the evidence base is reviewed every five years. This strategy contributes to that requirement.

3.6. Sport England Planning for Sport Guidance

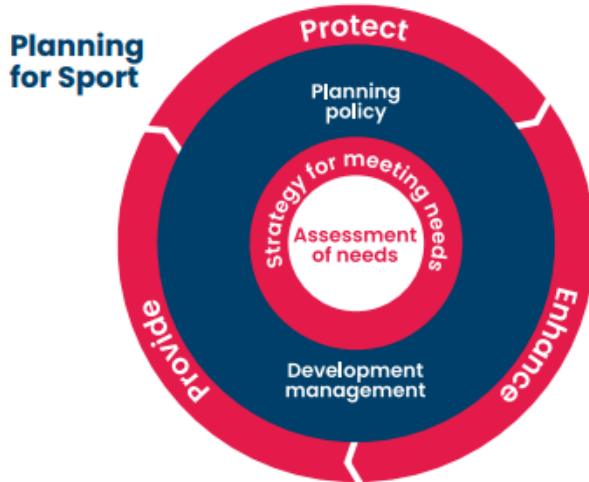
3.6.1. Sport England sets out guidance on how the planning system can help to provide opportunities for all to take part in sport and be physically active.

3.6.2. Sport England's planning aim in working with the planning system is to:

"Help provide active environments that maximise opportunities for sport and physical activity for all, enabling the already active to be more so and the inactive to become active."

3.6.3. This aim is supported by three objectives:

Figure 3 – Sport England Planning Objectives



1. **PROTECT** – To protect the right opportunities in the right places. Existing provision should be protected unless an assessment has demonstrated there is an excess of the provision and the specific buildings or land are surplus to requirements; or the loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the former or current use.
2. **ENHANCE** – To enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision. The use of existing provision should be optimised, for example through quality, access and management improvements supported by appropriate ancillary facilities.
3. **PROVIDE** – To provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations. Appropriate new provision that meets needs and encourages people to play sport and be physically active should be provided by adapting existing places and through new development.

3.6.4. Sport England’s planning aim and objectives are supported by 12 planning-for-sport principles included within the [Planning for Sport Guidance | Sport England](#) which are split into four categories: **overarching**, **protect**, **enhance** and **provide** and are shown below.

Figure 4 – Sport England Planning for Sport Guidance 12 Principles

Overarching

1. Recognise and give significant weight to the **benefits of sport and physical activity**.

2. Undertake, maintain and apply robust and **up-to-date assessments of need and strategies** for sport and physical activity provision, and base policies, decisions and guidance upon them.

3. **Plan, design and maintain** buildings, developments, facilities, land and environments that **enable people to lead active lifestyles**.

Protect

4. **Protect and promote** existing sport and physical activity provision and ensure new development does not prejudice its use.

5. Ensure **long-term viable management and maintenance** of new and existing sport and physical activity provision.

Enhance

6. **Support improvements** to existing sport and physical activity provision **where they are needed**.

7. **Encourage and secure wider community use** of existing and new sport and physical activity provision.

Provide

8. **Support new provision**, including **allocating new sites**, for sport and physical activity **which meets identified needs**.

9. Ensure a **positive approach to meeting the needs generated by new development** for sport and physical activity provision.

10. Provide sport and physical activity provision which is **fit for purpose and well designed**.

11. **Plan positively** for sport and physical activity provision **in designated landscapes and the Green Belt**.

12. **Proactively address any amenity issues** arising from sport and physical activity developments.



12 Planning-for-Sport Principles

3.6.5. Understanding people’s needs for sport and physical activity is fundamental to providing the facilities and land required to meet their needs, enabling them to engage in such activity and helping to create healthy and sustainable communities.

3.6.6. Sport England’s guidance sets out a staged approach to assessing needs and developing and delivering a strategy to meet the needs which focuses on four key elements – the quantity, quality, accessibility and availability of provision.

3.7. Sport England Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance

3.7.1. Sport England sets out, through the Assessing Needs and Opportunities guidance (ANOG) [ANOG Guidance | Sport England](#) mentioned above, a framework for the production of the strategy.

3.7.2. This guidance is currently being reviewed and updated by Sport England.

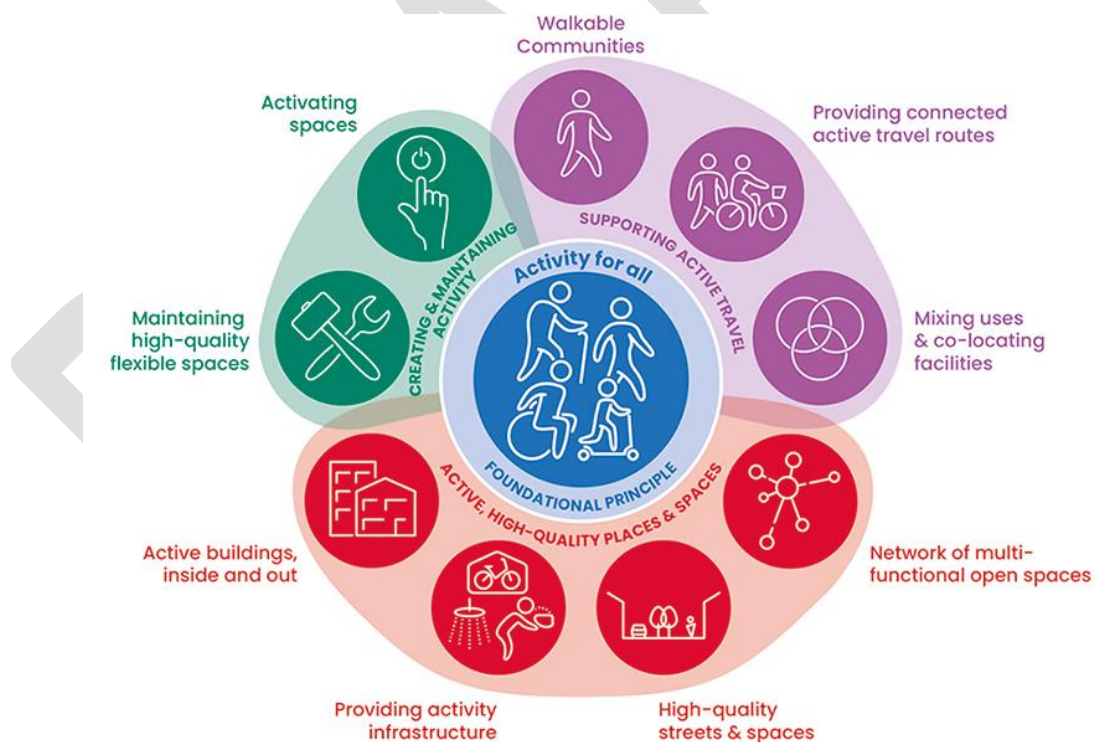
3.7.3. Sport England Active Design Guidance

3.7.4. National Planning Policy Framework (Dec 2024) [paragraph 96]: Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which: c) enable and support healthy lives, through both promoting good health and preventing ill-health, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs and reduce health inequalities between the most and least deprived communities – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.

3.7.5. Active Design and active environment guidelines feed into the Sport England’s Planning for Sport guidance. The updated Active Design guidance [Active Design | Sport England](#) provides ten principles which, when applied to built and natural environments, can create an active environment that encourages people to be active through their everyday lives.

3.7.6. The ten principles are shown in the diagram overleaf, further detail can be found in [Appendix 2](#).

Figure 5 – Sport England’s Active Design Guidance Ten Principles



3.8. Sport England Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance

3.8.1. Sport England recognises that partners will require support to achieve their vision. The “Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance” provides a robust and consistent approach in establishing local need and achieving the best return on the use of resources. The SOPG model is shown in [Appendix 3](#).

3.8.2. This guidance is a forerunner to Sport England's Leisure Services Delivery Guidance document (formerly Sport England’s Procurement Toolkit) which supports a local authority looking to implement its strategic approach [Strategic outcomes planning and leisure services delivery | Sport England](#).

3.9. Sport England Environmental Sustainability guide for sport and physical activity facilities

3.9.1. This checklist highlights key environmental sustainability principles to consider for environmental sustainability and net zero carbon. In some cases, these may determine whether to refurbish an existing building with its carbon already embodied or to build anew. This checklist can be found in [Appendix 4](#).

3.10. Summary

3.10.1. From a planning perspective, the national agenda makes the link between national planning policy, a local plan and population growth at local level, and the need to plan for increased demands for infrastructure and provision, linked to Sport England's 'protect, enhance and provide'.

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3.11. Local Strategies

3.11.1. The figure overleaf outlines the key strategic documents and plans within the Council and surrounding area which the physical activity and sport services have a responsibility to contribute towards. A detailed local strategy analysis can be found in [Appendix 5](#).

Figure 6 – South Derbyshire District Council Local Strategies



3.11.2. In the Council Plan 2024-2028 the vision is to ‘Work together to shape our environment, drive our economy and support our communities.’ There are three main priorities including ‘support our communities’ with the key aim to ‘improve the health and wellbeing of our communities’. Several objectives have direct reference to sports and leisure facilities covered in this strategy.

- 3.11.3. The Council is committed to make SDDC carbon neutral by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before the Government target of 2050.
- 3.11.4. Sport England has produced an environmental sustainability guide for sport and physical activity facilities. This checklist highlights key environmental sustainability principles to consider for environmental sustainability and net zero carbon. In some cases, these may determine whether to refurbish an existing building with its carbon already embodied or to build anew. This checklist can be found in [Appendix 5](#).

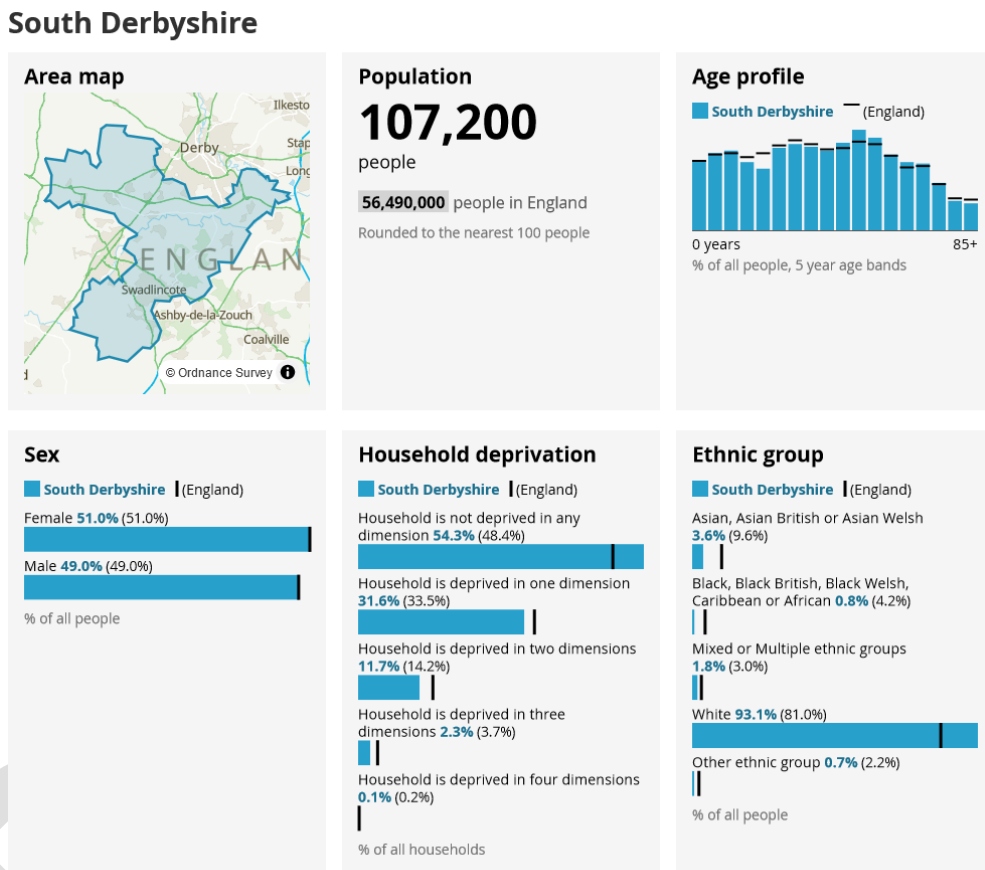
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3.12. Understanding South Derbyshire

3.8.1 To understand the socio demographic context of South Derbyshire and the needs of the future population, a review of the District’s demographic, health and physical activity profile was undertaken and the findings set out below.

3.13. Demographic Profile

Figure 7 – South Derbyshire District Council Demographic Profile



Source: Office for National Statistics - Census 2021

3.13.1. Based on 2018 ONS data,⁵ by 2039, South Derbyshire’s population is projected to increase by 20% from 109,932 in 2021 to 132,208 in 2039. This is one of the largest population growths within the UK.

3.13.2. The Council currently has higher than average numbers of residents aged 45-74 years compared to the national average but lower than average numbers aged 15-39 years.

3.13.3. Based on 2018 Census data, the age group with the biggest increase up to 2039 is predicted to be in the 75-79 years age group. The 45-49 years age group is predicted to be the largest age group by 2039.

3.13.4. The population split is 51% female and 49% male, the same as the England average.

3.13.5. The Council area has a high proportion of residents classed as white, 93.1% and a lower-than-average numbers of residents from minority or other ethnic groups.

⁵ ONS Data 2018/2021

3.13.6. When looking at deprivation, 5.2% of households are within the 20% of the most deprived areas, significantly lower than the national average of 19.9%.⁶

3.13.7. The number of children living in relative low-income families is 17.4%, lower than the England average of 19.8%.⁷

3.13.8. The full demographic profile can be found in [Appendix 6](#).

3.14. Health Profile

Figure 8 – Health Profile



Source: Office for National Statistics - Census 2021

3.14.1. Overall, the health profile of residents is good, with comparable levels to the England average of adults classed as overweight or obese and lower than England average numbers of year 6 children classed as overweight, including obesity.

3.14.2. The number of residents having very good health is comparable to the England average and is the same for the number of residents being classified as 'disabled'.⁸

3.14.3. However, there are higher than the national average levels for hip fractures in the over 65s, estimated diabetes diagnosis, estimated dementia diagnosis rates, hospital admissions for alcohol related conditions and emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm.⁹

3.14.4. The overall health index for South Derbyshire is 111.3, higher than the England health index score of 100.8.¹⁰

⁶ Sport England Area Reports 2019

⁷ PHE Fingertips 2022-23

⁸ ONS Census Data 2021

⁹ PHE Fingertips 2018-2023

¹⁰ ONS Health Index 2021 – A score of 100 in the health index represents health in England in 2021. A higher number always means better health and a lower number means worse health. The Health Index has three domains, covering different areas of health – healthy people, healthy lives, healthy places. Each domain contains several subdomains such as health outcomes, health-related behaviours and personal circumstances, wider drivers of health that relate to the places where people live [Health Index contents and definitions - Office for National Statistics](#)

3.14.5. Life expectancy within the Council area is 79.9 years for men and 83.4 years for women, both higher than the national average. There is inequality in life expectancy for those living in the most and least deprived areas, in South Derbyshire this is 6.7 years for men and 7 years for women.¹¹

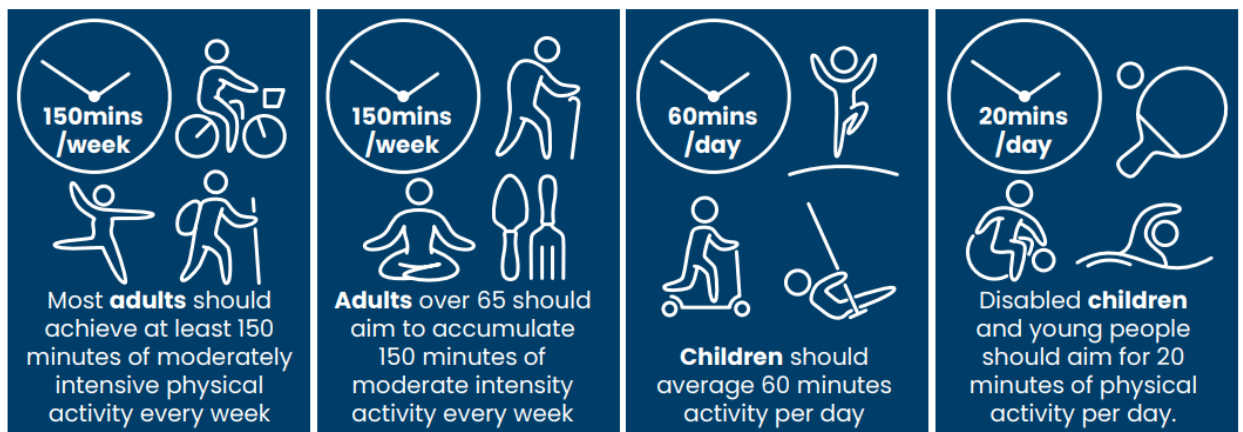
3.14.6. The full health profile can be found in [Appendix 7](#).

3.15. Benefits of Physical Activity

3.15.1. The importance of being active is well documented, there are many mental and physical benefits of being physically active as shown in more detail in [Appendix 8](#). This makes improving physical activity levels important across the district, but especially among deprived communities where inactivity and obesity may be more prevalent.

3.15.2. The UK Chief Medical Officers' (CMO) physical activity guidelines that adults and children need to achieve to gain these mental and physical benefits are shown below.

Figure 9 – CMO Guidelines for Physical Activity



3.16. Current Levels of Activity

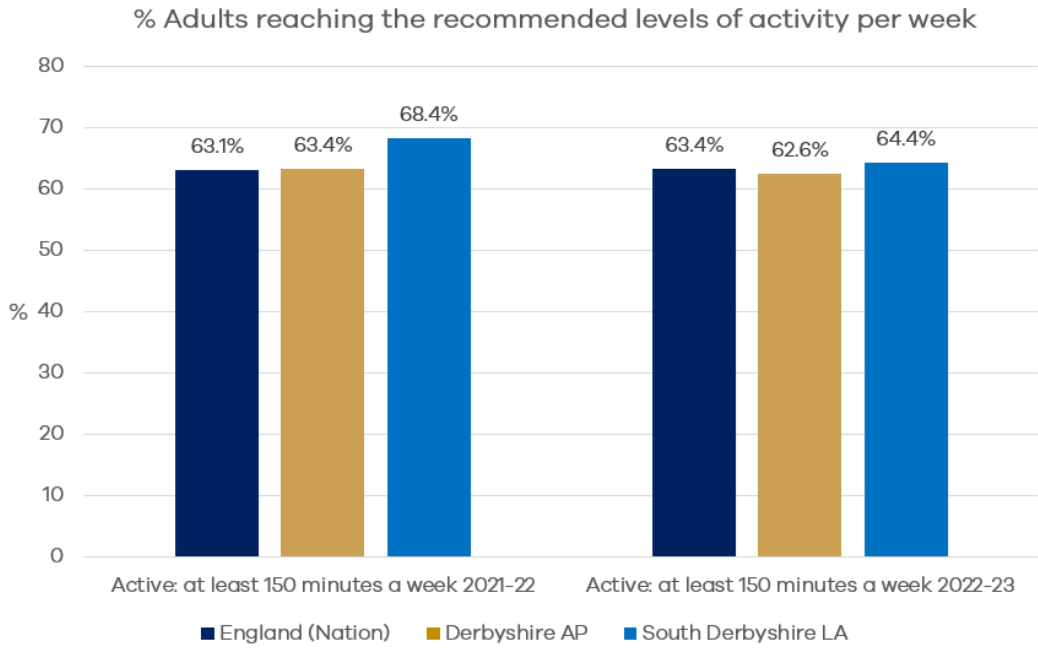
3.16.1. It is important to understand the Council's current activity levels compared to the CMO guidelines and whether levels of activity are impacted by socio-economic and demographic factors.

3.16.2. In 2022-23 64.4% of adults reached the required levels of physical activity in South Derbyshire, slightly higher than the county and national average but 4% lower than in 2021-22.

Figure 10 – South Derbyshire Adults Physical Activity Profile¹²

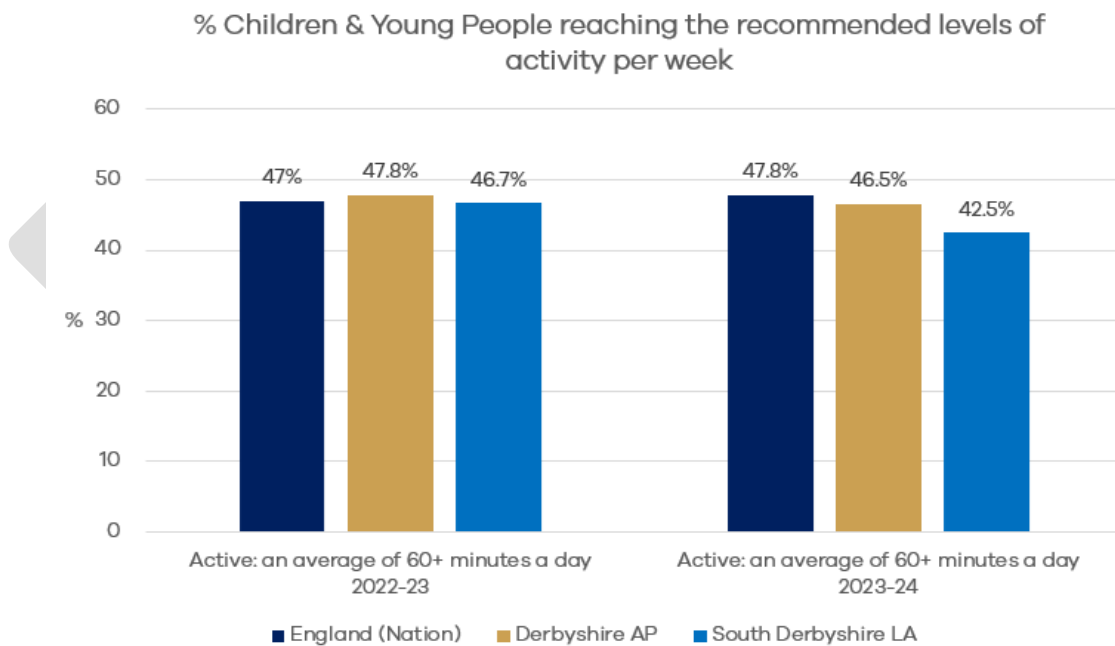
¹¹ PHE Fingertips 2022

¹² Sport England Active Lives 2021/22-2022/23



3.16.3. As shown in figure 11 below, 42.5% of children and young people in the Council area are meeting the CMO guidelines for activity, which is lower than the England and regional average and 4.2% lower when compared to 2022-23. 57.5% of children and young people are not reaching the recommended levels of activity.

Figure 11 – South Derbyshire Children and Young People Physical Activity Profile ¹³



¹³ Sport England Active Lives 2021/22-2022/23

3.16.4. **Deprivation**

3.16.5. There are few areas of high deprivation in the Council area. The map overleaf shows areas of deprivation in South Derbyshire, with several areas in the top 20% most deprived wards in the country (shown outlined in red).

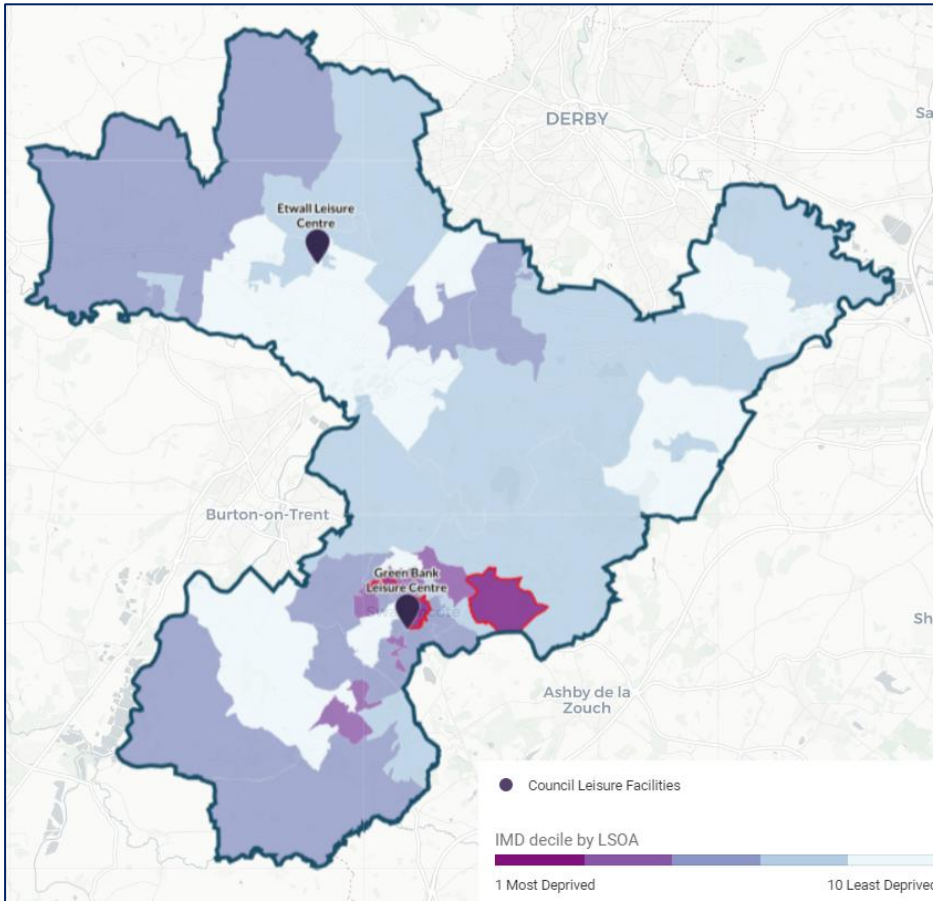
3.16.6. All of these areas of deprivation are within a 20-minute drive time of Green Bank Leisure Centre.

3.16.7. The map overleaf also highlights that the majority of the district is within a 20-minute drive of a leisure facility within the district apart from the east and southwest of the Council area.

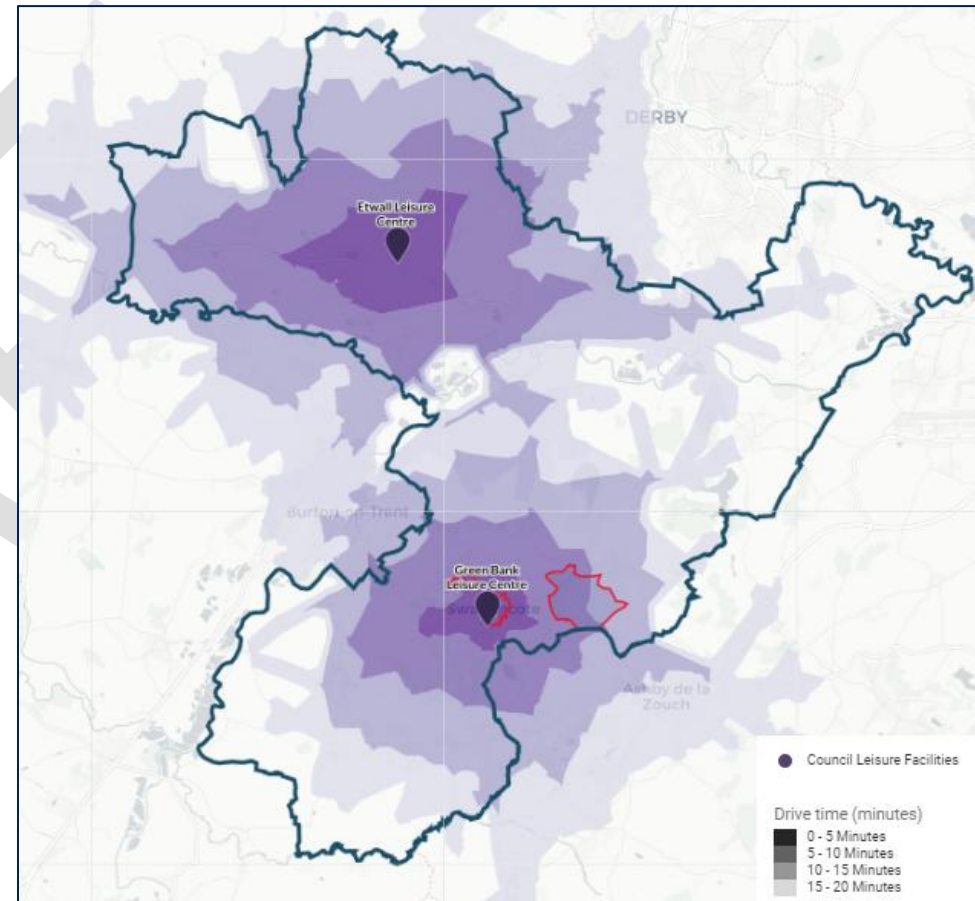
3.16.8. Only a small proportion of the council area is within a 20-minute walk time of a leisure centre. Some of the 20% most deprived pockets in the district are within a 20-minute walk time of Green Bank Leisure Centre, but not the deprived areas in Woodville ward.

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Map 6 – South Derbyshire Deprivation Map with 20% Most Deprived Deciles

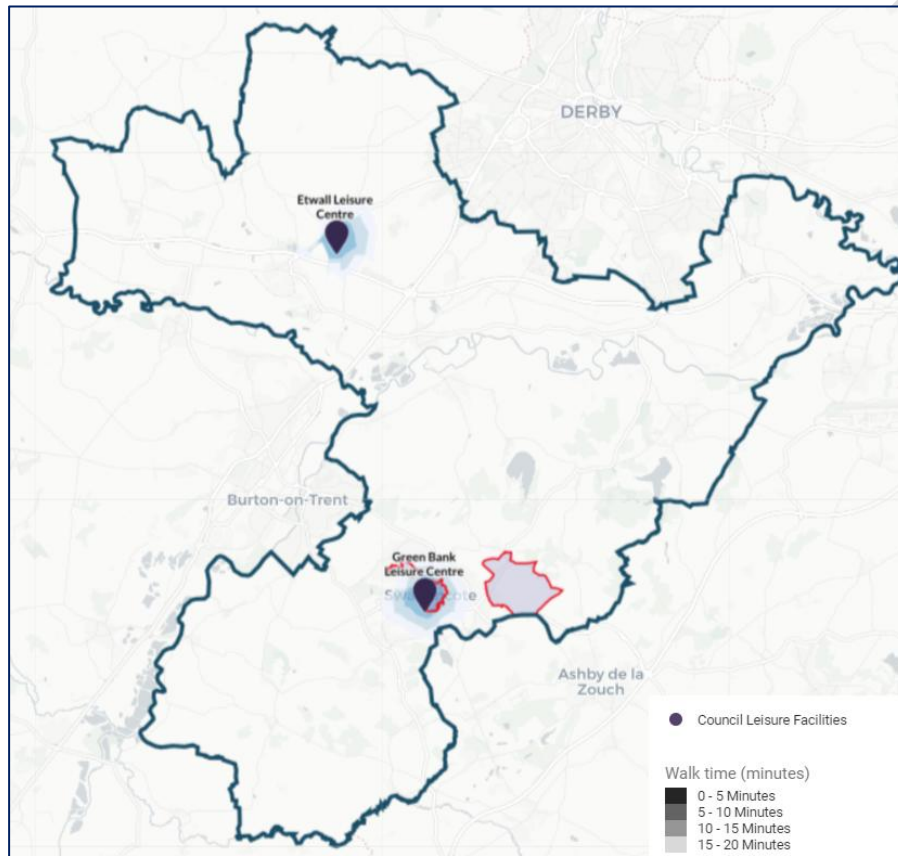


Map 7 – South Derbyshire 20-Minute Drive Time Map with 20% Most Deprived Deciles

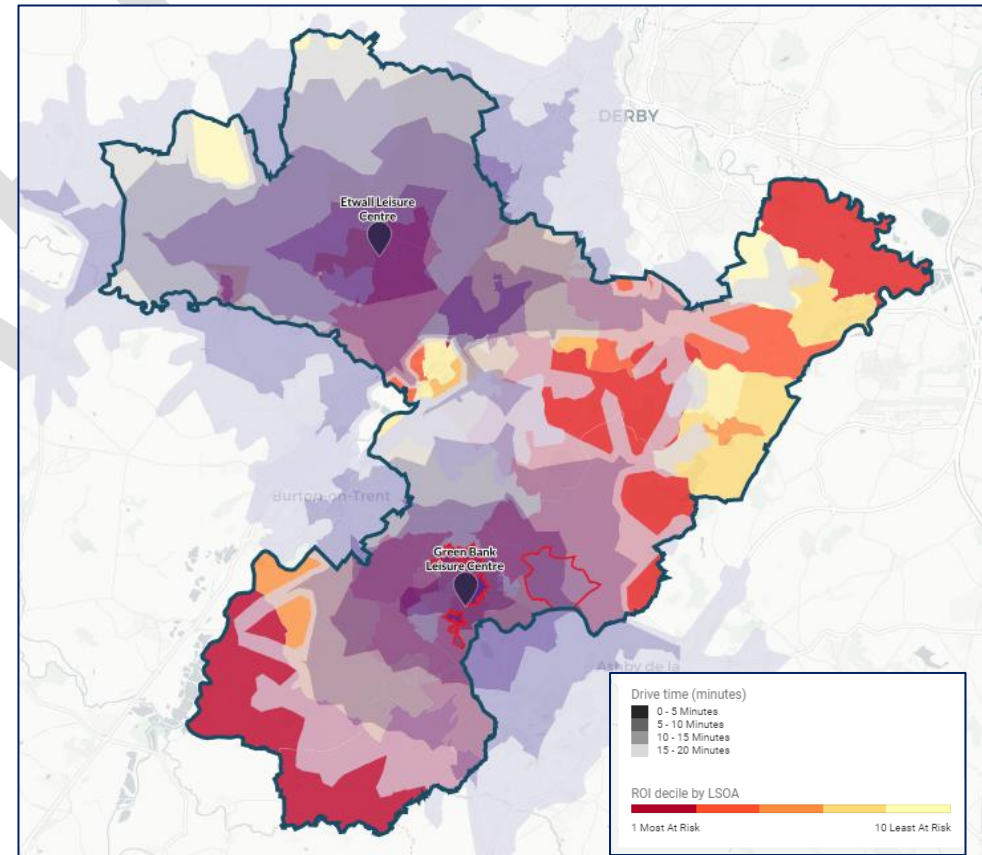


3.16.9. As shown in the maps below, most of the South Derbyshire leisure centres provide provision for most at risk of inactivity and the deprived areas, apart from in the southwest and far east of the district. But this is on the basis that people have access to a car, 23.5% of people do not own a car or van in South Derbyshire. It is important, therefore, to consider both accessibility by public transport and other spaces that people can be active locally within their community.

Map 8 – Current Leisure Portfolio – 20-Minute Walk Time Catchment with 20% most deprived deciles



Map 9 – Current Leisure Portfolio – 20-Minute Drive Time Catchment / Risk of inactivity / Deprivation



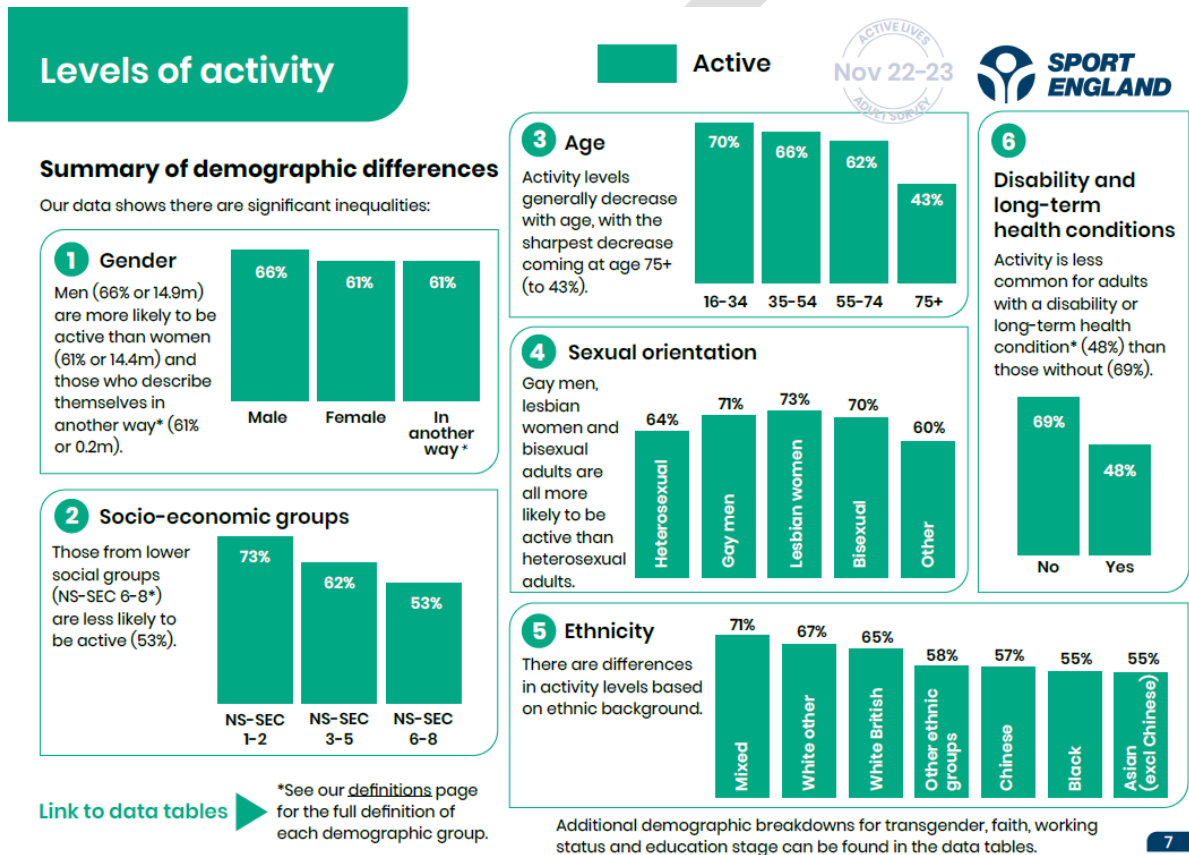
3.17. Summary of Demographic Differences

3.17.1. As well as differences in activity levels by people living in more deprived places, there are also differences in other demographic groups, including gender, age, ethnicity and people who have disabilities and long-term conditions.

3.17.2. Data is available at regional and national levels and demonstrates that levels of inactivity are directly affected by differing demographic groups.

3.17.3. On average, England’s adult activity rate is 63.4%. The infographic below highlights lower average rates for; women, older age groups, people with long-term health conditions and disabilities, people from lower socio-economic groups and people from ethnic minority backgrounds.

Figure 12 – Levels of Activity Demographic Differences ^{14,15}



3.17.4. The figure below demonstrates the differences in activity levels for five different demographic groups within South Derbyshire compared to England averages.

3.17.5. The graph shows that, overall, adults aged 16 years+ are more active than the England average.

¹⁴ * socio-economic groups. Credit: Active Lives survey Nov 2022-23. NS-SEC group definitions

- Most affluent (NS-SEC 1-2): Managerial, administrative and professional occupations
- Mid affluent (NS-SEC 3-5): Intermediate, lower supervisory and technical occupations, self-employed and small employers
- Least affluent (NS-SEC 6-8): Routine occupations, long term unemployment or never worked

¹⁵ ** Limiting disability and long-term health conditions is defined as an individual reporting they have physical or mental health condition or illness that’s lasted, or is expected to last, 12 months or more, and that this has a substantial effect on their ability to do normal daily activities

3.17.6. Activity levels in men are slightly lower than the England average.

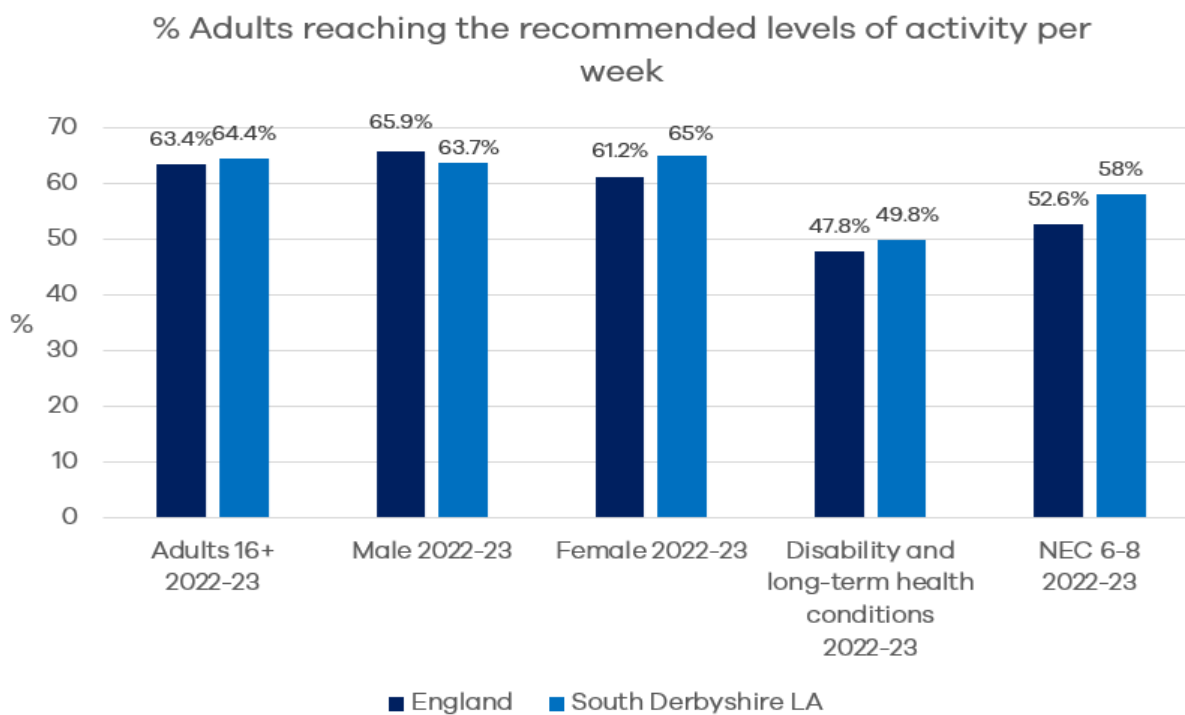
3.17.7. It is encouraging that females and those with a disability or long-term health condition in South Derbyshire are more active than the England averages.

3.17.8. The rate of those who are classed as active within the social status category NEC 6-8 in South Derbyshire is 58%, higher than the England average of 52.6%.

3.17.9. 54.8% of adults aged 65 years+ within South Derbyshire are classed as active, higher than the England average of 52.6%.¹⁶

3.17.10. This data suggests that the cause for the overall lower than average adult activity rate in South Derbyshire is people outside of these groups, so people that have less reason to be inactive.

Figure 13 - Adults Classed As Active Across Five Demographic Groups¹⁷



3.17.11. A summary of the national, local strategic and demographic context and what it means for South Derbyshire built facility and physical activity provision, is found overleaf.

¹⁶ Sport England Active Lives 2022-23

¹⁷ Sport England Active Lives 2022-23

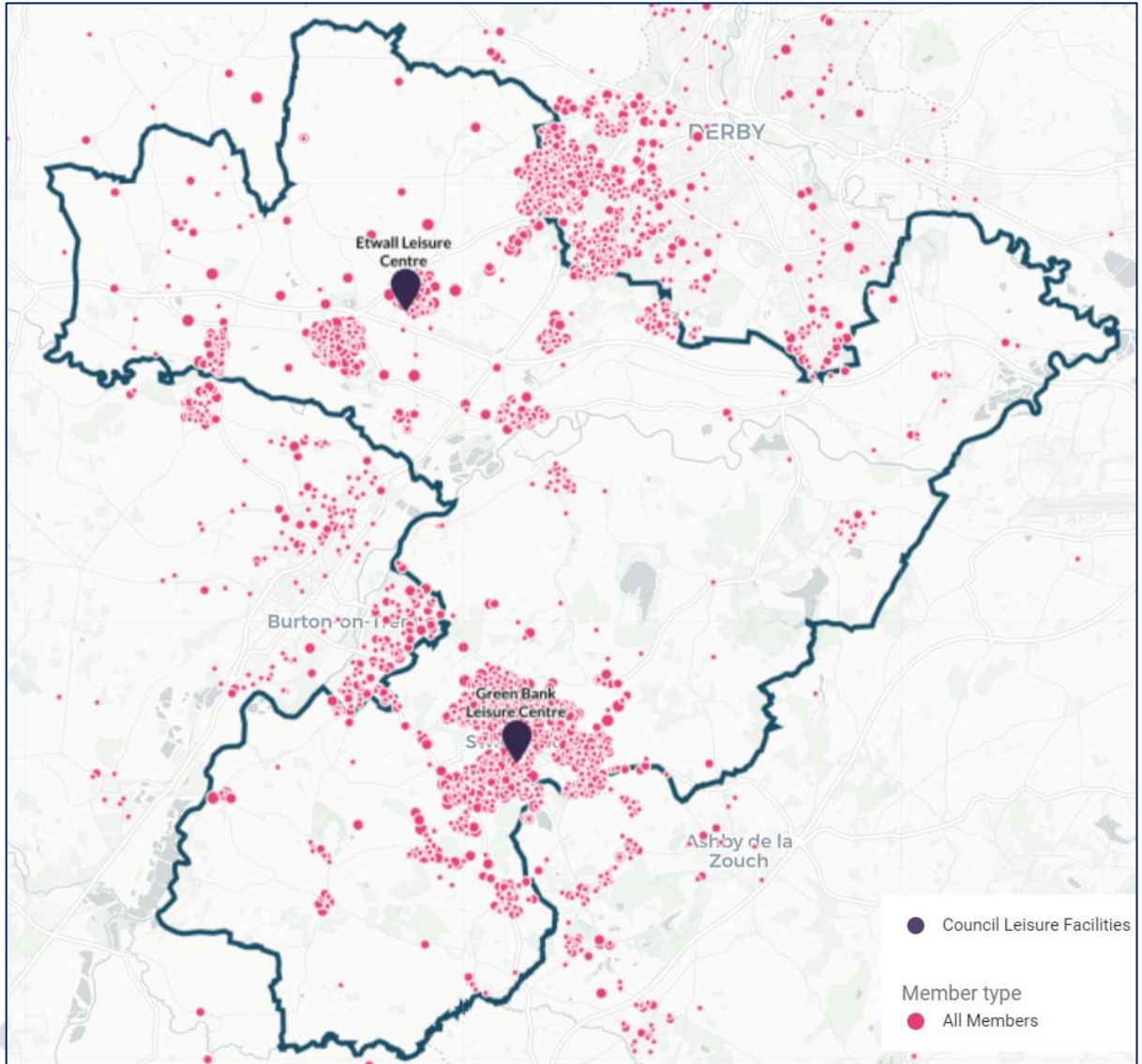
Strategic Policy & Context - What does this mean for indoor built facility and physical activity provision in South Derbyshire?

- There are opportunities for the facilities and services to help meet the following national outcomes and objectives:
 - Improving the active infrastructure and by changing the use of any underutilised space;
 - Developing physical confidence and competence from the earliest age by providing opportunities for children of all ages to be active through play;
 - Encourage and enable the inactive to be more active by introducing new activities aimed at fun and recreation rather than just traditional sport; and,
 - Supporting wellbeing and resilience in communities through physical activity and sport – increasing participation in physical activity will contribute to improved health and wellbeing.
- Ensuring indoor facilities with the Council area are suitable and accessible now and in the future will help residents achieve the Council's vision to make *South Derbyshire a great place to live, visit and invest*.
- The wider value of participation in physical activity, active recreation and sport is recognised across a range of local strategic policy areas, including health, green/climate, economy, culture and education.
- Strategic alignment with the national and local strategies will help to further engage partners and secure support for development opportunities and the sustainability of the overall sport and physical activity facility stock and programmes in the future.
- South Derbyshire's population size is set to increase significantly (20%) by 2039 which is one of the largest population growths within the UK. Planned housing growth particularly in north of district on Derby City border. Leisure facilities need to meet the demands of its growing population.
- 45-49 years will be largest age group by 2039, 70-74 years will be age group to increase the most up to 2039 from 2025. Lower 15-24 year olds than national averages. Leisure provision will need to offer activities to appeal to a variety of age groups.
- Those aged 65+ classed as active is higher than England average. The facility mix in leisure centres should be suitable and attractive to 65+ residents to encourage this cohort to continue or start being active. Being physically active can help prevent age-related health issues such as poor mobility, social isolation and long term health conditions. This is important as South Derbyshire has an ageing population.
- Low ethnic diversity but likely to change with housing growth on Derby City border. Monitor to ensure facilities and programming continue to be suitable for all resident communities.
- Low deprivation but pockets of top 20% most deprived wards in and around Swadlincote. These are within a 20 minute walk time of Green Bank Leisure Centre apart from Woodville ward. People from deprived areas are more likely to be inactive so key group for leisure provision and services.
- Some rural areas at risk of inactivity (east & south west). Important, to consider other spaces that people can be active locally within their community e.g. village halls, community centres
- There are some health issues that increased participation in physical activity could positively contribute towards, such as levels of overweight and obese adults and children, diabetes, hip fractures, mental health and long term health conditions.
- Adults have comparable levels to the England average of adults classed as overweight or obese and slightly higher activity levels than regional and national average. However, men in South Derbyshire are also less active than the national average. Further understanding is required for this cohort on how to encourage them to be more active.
- Children in South Derbyshire have lower activity levels but also lower obesity levels than the England average. It is important to increase activity levels and maintain healthy habits to ensure obesity levels stay low in children and young people through into adulthood.
- South Derbyshire's physical activity and sports offer (encompassing the commercial, public and community sectors) needs to attract those that are inactive.

4. Catchment Analysis

- 4.1 Whilst the section above considers the socio demographic profile of the district that leisure services need to understand for the future, the Council also needs to consider how well its own sport and physical activity facilities are currently meeting the needs of the community.
- 4.2 Consequently, a catchment analysis of current leisure centre users was completed to understand where existing members live to which groups are currently over or underrepresented. This will help the Council consider how well the leisure centres are meeting the needs of the community in terms of accessibility and attracting all members of the community.
- 4.3 The link to this mapping detail is; [South Derbyshire \(datahubmaps.com\)](https://datahubmaps.com)
- 4.4 The member dot map overleaf shows existing members (based on 2022 user data) of Etwall Leisure Centre and Green Bank Leisure Centre. The larger dots represent more people from that postcode.
- 4.5 70.9% of users lived within the South Derbyshire local authority boundary, and comprises 3.9% of South Derbyshire residents.
- 4.6 The average drive time to a leisure centre is 7.2 minutes.
- 4.7 As can be seen in the map overleaf, the predominance of users live within areas of higher population density, with the majority of users from the main settlements within South Derbyshire of Swadlincote and Etwall where the leisure centres are located and surrounding towns and villages of Hilton, Willington, Findern, Repton, and Melbourne. Etwall also attracts users from Derby City urban fringe.
- 4.8 A large number of users visit from across the Council border from Derby for Etwall Leisure Centre and Burton-on-Trent and Ashby de la Zouch for Green Bank Leisure Centre. This is interesting as Derby, Burton-on-Trent and Ashby de la Zouch have their own leisure centres (Moorways, Lonsdale Swimming Pool, Meadowside Leisure Centre and Ashby Leisure Centre and Lido respectively). It may be due to users visiting Etwall and Green Bank on their way to or from work or school in South Derbyshire, as part of their daily pattern. Or, because of ease of road access and parking in comparison to sites in the busier areas of Burton on Trent or Derby.

Map 10 – South Derbyshire Leisure Centre Member Dot Map



4.9 Mosaic Profile of Leisure Centre Users

- 4.9.1 Using Mosaic, a detailed segmentation system, Green Bank Leisure Centre and Etwall user postcodes¹⁸ were assigned a Mosaic code. To ensure like for like comparison, users are compared to the total population in the same area. This gives us a demographic profile of leisure users and the local population, showing how well the council managed facility is penetrating the market.
- 4.9.2 Public leisure centres provide a different offer to the commercial fitness sector. The range of facilities available in public leisure centres, a personalised approach and customer support and interaction are areas where Etwall and Green Bank Leisure Centres can differentiate from the commercial sector.
- 4.9.3 The analysis¹⁹ shows the most under-represented mosaic groups are:

¹⁸ data was from 2022 and a new operator was procured to manage the centres from April 2024.

¹⁹ [South Derbyshire leisure centres member profiles - Sept 2022.xlsx](#)

- **Group C – Country Living** – Well-off owners in rural locations enjoying the benefits of country life. Country Living are owners of rural homes who enjoy a comfortable lifestyle. Many are of an older generation, aged in their fifties or beyond. They are likely to be able to afford private health club membership or have their own fitness equipment.
- **Group D – Rural Reality** – Householders living in less expensive homes in village communities. Most are situated a distance from towns and cities and, therefore, leisure facilities. Many residents are mature in age, but families with children are also included. Cars are a necessity in these areas and shops, schools and services are often a considerable drive away.

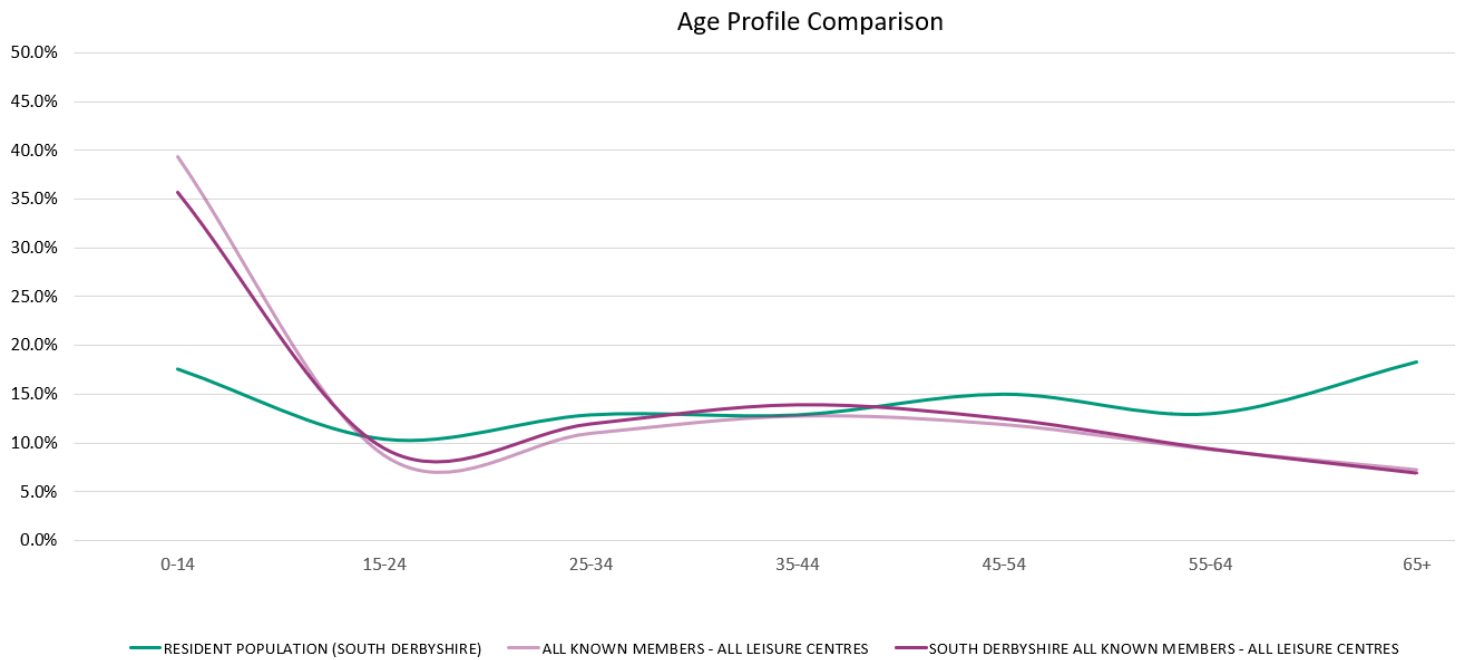
4.9.4 Looking at the deprived communities, there were no residents in the most deprived decile. The second most deprived decile was over-presented which is encouraging as are deciles 3, 4, 6, 9 and 10. The decile with the highest proportion of resident population (18.5%) is decile 8 which is under-represented, as are deciles 5 and 7.

4.9.5 Men were under-represented at the leisure centres compared to the local population and women were over-represented.

4.9.6 As can be seen in the age profile comparison diagram overleaf, leisure centre users had a higher penetration than resident population for 0-14 years then dips for 15-34 years, rises again for 35-44 years with a higher penetration rate but dips again for 45+, who were under-represented, in particular 65+ years.

4.9.7 65+ years is the age group with the highest proportion of resident population (18.3%) but was under-represented the most. Programming and activities for this age group should be considered as older people tend to be less active.

Figure 14 – Leisure Centre User Age Profile



4.9.8 When comparing the two leisure centre user profiles, the age and gender analysis is similar.

4.9.9 However, Green Bank Leisure Centre was over-represented in users from deprivation deciles 2-7 and under-represented in deciles 8-10, whereas Etwall Leisure Centre was the opposite way around. Green Bank Leisure Centre therefore served the more deprived deciles than Etwall Leisure Centre. This is most likely because Swadlincote has higher pockets of deprivation than Etwall.

4.9.10 The other main difference is the distance travelled, with the average drive time to Green Bank Leisure Centre by users of 6.3 minutes and Etwall Leisure Centre 8.2 minutes.

5. Consultation and Engagement

- 5.1. As part of the Built Facilities Strategy surveys were issued to the following groups:
- NGBs;
 - Sports clubs; and
 - Schools.
- 5.2. The surveys aimed to obtain their local knowledge, including an overview of supply and demand, the current and future needs along with their priorities for the local area.
- 5.3. Full reports for each group can be found in [Appendices 9-11](#). A summary of the relevant key findings for each sport being assessed in this strategy is included in each summary table for the individual sports in sections 8-17.

6. Facility Audit

- 6.1. The consultation work above helps to inform which facilities are available, who is using them and any feedback on improvements that can be made to encourage more residents to participate in physical activity.
- 6.2. Continuing to look at provision in the authority area, a facility quality audit of the main leisure centres and sports halls was undertaken.
- 6.3. They were rated²⁰ from very poor to excellent. Those facilities considered as very poor or very poor are likely to require investment to improve them.

²⁰ Rating:

Very poor – Centre is unlikely to be compliant with legislation and requires significant investment.

Poor – Centre is compliant with legislation but building is in need of investment/replacement, the facility is no longer meeting the needs of the local community/not fit for purpose

Average – Centre is functioning but likely to have some areas that are not working and require maintenance/improvements

Good – Centre is likely to be recently refurbished, clean, well maintained

Excellent – Fit for Purpose, recent investment, meets need and demand of local population

Table 4 – Main Leisure Facility Quality Audit

Council Owned Sites	Facility	Year Built	Community Use	Quality	Considerations
<p>Etwall Leisure Centre</p> <p>Facility ID 2080421</p> <p>Hilton Road, Etwall, DE65 6HZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym 6 court sports hall (34m x27m) Activity hall (17m x9m) 6 lane swimming pool (25m x12.5m) Spin studio Group fitness studio Squash courts café 	Built 2009	Public	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good, open, welcoming reception area. Sports hall – used all the time, badminton popular along with netball, indoor cricket, table tennis. Some wear & tear on the floor. Sports hall spectator area has leak. Swimming – busy swim programme. New inflatables. Hoist works but no battery so not operational at present. Swimming pool sprinklers in roof not working. Changing places, changing rooms, group changing room for swimming. New spin studio Studio 2 – wide range of programming e.g. Zumba, body combat Gym - leak in roof recently fixed. Squash – two courts separate to leisure centre, school manage, book online. Parking dual use with John Port Spencer Academy. Good public transport links with bus stop outside gate and bike racks for storage. Good signage at site itself but not from road to site.
<p>Green Bank Leisure Centre</p> <p>Facility ID 2002854</p> <p>Civic Way, Swadlincote, DE11 0AD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 court sports hall (35m x27m) Activity hall (18m x 17m) 4 lane swimming pool (25m x10m) Learner pool (10m x10m) Sauna (poolside) Spin studio Climbing wall Café 	Built 1978 Refurb 2015	Public	Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free parking round side of site. Signage close to site but not on road leading to site. Opportunity to improve. Reception area welcoming. Sports hall – busy programming, no issues apart from chairs, equipment, storage old. Swimming pool – main pool roof big tear at time of visit. Problem with swimming pool hoist battery so not operational. Sauna (on poolside) – newly opened. Gym – new equipment. Spin studio – good size, aircon now back working. Grove Hall separate to main leisure centre. Configuration of split buildings not easy for customer journey. Low visibility & signage. Two court activity hall (newly decorated) Not easy to find. Climbing wall not operational at time of visit.

Other Sites					
<p>Granville Academy</p> <p>Facility ID 30023362</p> <p>Burton Rd, Woodville, Swadlincote, DE11 7JR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 court sports hall (27m x18m) Activity suite Gym 	<p>Built 2020</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Good</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New sports centre. Sports hall – markings for badminton, basketball, football, volleyball and netball. Lettings open 7 days a week with extended opening hours during school holidays. Bookings through schoolhire.co.uk School hall used for exams. Activity hall – bar & mirror so used by dance groups. Also used for gymnastics and tennis. Activity hall used for school exams Gym / Fitness suite – upgrading some of the decorations. Limited parking at school. Bus stop outside and bike racks.
<p>Pingle Academy</p> <p>Facility ID 2002339</p> <p>Coronation St, Swadlincote, DE110QA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 court sports hall (32m x18m) Gymnasium Gym 4 lane swimming pool (20m x8m) 	<p>Built 2000 (sports hall)</p> <p>Built 1970 refurb 2022 (swimming pool)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Good</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports hall functional and no issues. Used for volleyball, indoor football and cricket nets. Gymnasium – old style activity hall with gym apparatus, which has been modernised with new roof and ceiling. New trampoline equipment for school use only. External hiring for boxercise Swimming pool recently refurbished, good condition. Plenty of storage. Downsides are deep end first when come out of the changing rooms, would benefit from a barrier to prevent people tripping into deep water. No hoist (sides not strong enough) so have steps for disability groups which use the pool. Hired out every night Mon-Sun from 3.30 and 8am – 7pm at weekends. Used by Waves Swim School. Bookings through schoolhire.co.uk Gym – very small used as part of PE lessons but not big enough so users spill into corridor. Potential to extend side of sports hall to accommodate a larger gym / dance studio.
<p>Repton School Sports Centre</p> <p>Facility ID 2028802</p> <p>Willington Rd, Repton, DE65 6FP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 court sports hall (32m x 23m) SH1 Activity hall (18m x20m) Sports hall (49.9m x 26.3m) SH2 6 lane swimming pool (25 x12.5m) Gym Strength & conditioning area Squash x 2 Indoor acrylic tennis courts café 	<p>Built 1995 Refurb 2018</p>	<p>Yes²¹</p>	<p>Excellent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Café / reception area – welcoming open to external visitors. Plenty of parking and Repton Sports Centre on separate site to school. Additional hospitality and meeting rooms. Gym / fitness suite good condition, aspiration to increase community membership Strength & conditioning area only accessible to school pupils. Hoping to open to community as well in future. Swimming pool in excellent condition. Learn to swim programme run by the school. Main sports hall (SH1) used for cricket indoor nets, basketball, netball, kickboxing, futsal. No external badminton currently. Also used for school exams. Activity hall old style gymnasium hired out for five-a-side football, Pilates with potential for more programming. Second main sports hall (SH2) regularly used for futsal and indoor hockey. It is available for external bookings. It is not used for exams. Squash courts (glass backed) good condition and external squash membership. Two indoor tennis courts in permanent roof used by Repton Racquets for games, coaching and cardio tennis. Tennis run separately by head of tennis. All sports halls have community use

²¹ Swimming and gym timetable for community use can be found in [Appendix 12](#)

<p>Sarah Bates School of Swimming</p> <p>Facility ID 30010691</p> <p>Stenson, DE73 7HL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2 lane teacher pool (20m x5)	Built 2016	No		Not visited
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7. Condition of Buildings

7.1 The condition surveys undertaken in 2020 support the investment area findings. A summary can be found below for the Council leisure centres. Green Bank Leisure Centre is due to be re-provided and Etwall Leisure Centre is relatively new and out of the Council responsibility as on a dual use site.

7.2 The table shows the varying age of each building and significant condition survey requirements ranked in priority order.

- Priority 1 – Urgent Work
- Priority 2 – Essential Work
- Priority 3 – Desirable Work
- Priority 4 – Long Term Aspirational Work

Table 5 – Condition Surveys – Council Leisure Portfolio Sites

Site	Year Built / Last Refurbishment	Significant Work Required	Backlog	Future Maintenance	Combined Costs TOTAL
<p>Etwall Leisure Centre</p> <p>Summary The building is in a good condition and the plant and equipment have serviceable life remaining, although there is evidence of lack of maintenance on some of the plant and to ensure the systems last to the full life expectancy more robust maintenance procedures are required.</p>	2009	<p><u>Priority 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heating – gas fired boiler 2&3 £40k • BMS - £50k <p><u>Priority 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation (gym/spin studio £10k, other combined £10k) • Fire alarm £25k <p><u>Priority 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation (pool £100k, main hall, £90k, other combined £250k) total £440k. • Heating – boilers £40k, pipework £50k • AC systems – £20k • Hot water plant £20k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation £460k • Heating £130k • AC Systems £20k • Hot water plant £20k <p>Sub total £630,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation £6.5k • Heating £4k • Pool water plant £1.2k <p>Sub total £11,700</p>	£641,700
<p>Green Bank Leisure Centre</p> <p>Summary Grove Hall's plant and equipment is in keeping with a recent fit out in 2015, the ventilation at high level in the climbing wall, fire alarm and AC are all from this fit out period, the plant and equipment is in a good visual condition and continued maintenance is required.</p>		<p><u>Priority 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation – Combined replacement across site £255k • Heating – gas fire boiler & pipework £90k • Hot water plant - £5k • Business Management System £50k <p><u>Priority 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation – AHU in foyer / reception replacement required £35k • AC systems combined total £65k • Hot water plant - £20k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation £290k • Heating £130k • Ac systems £65k • Hot water plant £25k • BMS £50k <p>Sub total £560,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventilation £23k • Heating £2.5k • AC systems £9,750 • Fire alarm £750 <p>Sub total £36,000</p>	£596,000

Site	Year Built / Last Refurbishment	Significant Work Required	Backlog	Future Maintenance	Combined Costs TOTAL
The sites plant and equipment are generally in a poor and sometimes non operational condition, the majority of the plant is beyond economical repair and where some of the plant has not reached the end of its serviceable life, they need to have a robust maintenance and service program to keep them fully operational.					
TOTAL			£1,190,000	£47,700	£1,237,700

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8. Supply and Demand for Sports Halls and Swimming Pools

- 8.1. There are two main tools used to inform the assessment of supply and demand, as well as the current facility audit and the demand information gathered through the consultation. The tools are Sport England's Facility Planning Model (FPM) for Sports Halls and Swimming Pools and, secondly, the Sport England Facility Calculator which is used to estimate future need of facilities from population growth.
- 8.2. Planned housing growth predicts 14,483 dwellings (2022 – 2039) more housing in the district. The Council has recently published a plan that allocated two residential led allocations (STRA1 & STRA2 on the edge of Derby) and an employment allocation at the Former Drakelow Power Station²².
- 8.3. It is, therefore, important to consider future provision up to 2039 to take into account population increases. By 2039, South Derbyshire's population is projected to increase by 20% from 109,932 in 2021 to 132,208 in 2039.
- 8.4. To inform this Built Facilities Strategy, Sport England FPMs were completed for sports halls and swimming pools in April 2022, the key findings of these are set out below. These studies are a quantitative, accessibility and spatial assessment of the supply, demand and access.
- 8.5. The FPM assessments were based on ONS population projection figures up to 2038. The increase in population from 2038 to 2039 (in line with the draft Local Plan) is 983 people.
- 8.6. OHR who undertake the FPM assessments looked at this increase along with housing growth and recommended that the increase in the population wouldn't have a significant impact on the level of demand produced. Therefore, the FPM assessments for both sports halls and swimming pools do not need to be re-run.
- 8.7. Given the nature of being surrounded by other council areas, there is an ease of access to many facilities in nearby local authorities, so the geographical location of provision is also important to consider.
- 8.8. The limitations and reason for use are identified below.

The Facilities Planning Model (FPM) is a computer-based supply/demand model, which has been developed by Edinburgh University in conjunction with sportscotland and Sport England since the 1980's.

The model is a tool to help assess the strategic provision of community sports facilities in an area. It is currently applicable for use in assessing the provision of sports halls that provide three badminton courts and above and provide play and pay community use or sports club community use. It excludes smaller sports halls and those that are private use. The swimming pool FPM assesses the provision of swimming pools larger than 160 m² (four lanes and above), indoor/covered swimming pools that provide pay and play community use or water-based club usage.

Use of FPM

Sport England uses the FPM as one of its principal tools in helping to assess the strategic need for certain community sports facilities. The FPM has been developed as a means of:

- **assessing requirements for different types of community sports facilities on a local, regional or national scale;**
- **helping local authorities to determine an adequate level of sports facility provision to meet their local needs;**
- **helping to identify strategic gaps in the provision of sports facilities; and,**

²² Draft Local Plan Part 1 Review | South Derbyshire District Council (page 48 – 64)

- comparing alternative options for planned provision, taking account of changes in demand and supply. This includes testing the impact of opening, relocating and closing facilities and the likely impact of population changes on the needs for sports facilities.

Its current use is limited to those sports' facility types for which Sport England holds substantial demand data, i.e. swimming pools, sports halls and indoor bowls.

The purpose of the report is to provide SDDC with an updated evidence base for sports halls and swimming pools, which the Council can use to inform their strategic planning for the future provision of these facility types.

The full Sport England Facility Planning Model Report for Sports Halls is provided at [Appendix 13](#). **The Sports Hall FPM only captures three badminton court sports halls and above** and the Sport England Facility Planning Model Report for Swimming Pools is provided at [Appendix 14](#).

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9. Supply and Demand of Sports Halls and Sport Hall Specific Sports

9.1. The FPM modelling runs are:

- Run 1 – a baseline assessment of provision in 2021.
- Run 2 – a forward assessment of demand for sports halls and its distribution, based on the projected changes in population from 2021 to 2038.
- Run 3 – the impact of the closure of the Green Bank Leisure Centre (six courts and activity hall) in 2027 and the opening of a new centre (8 courts and no activity hall) in 2030.

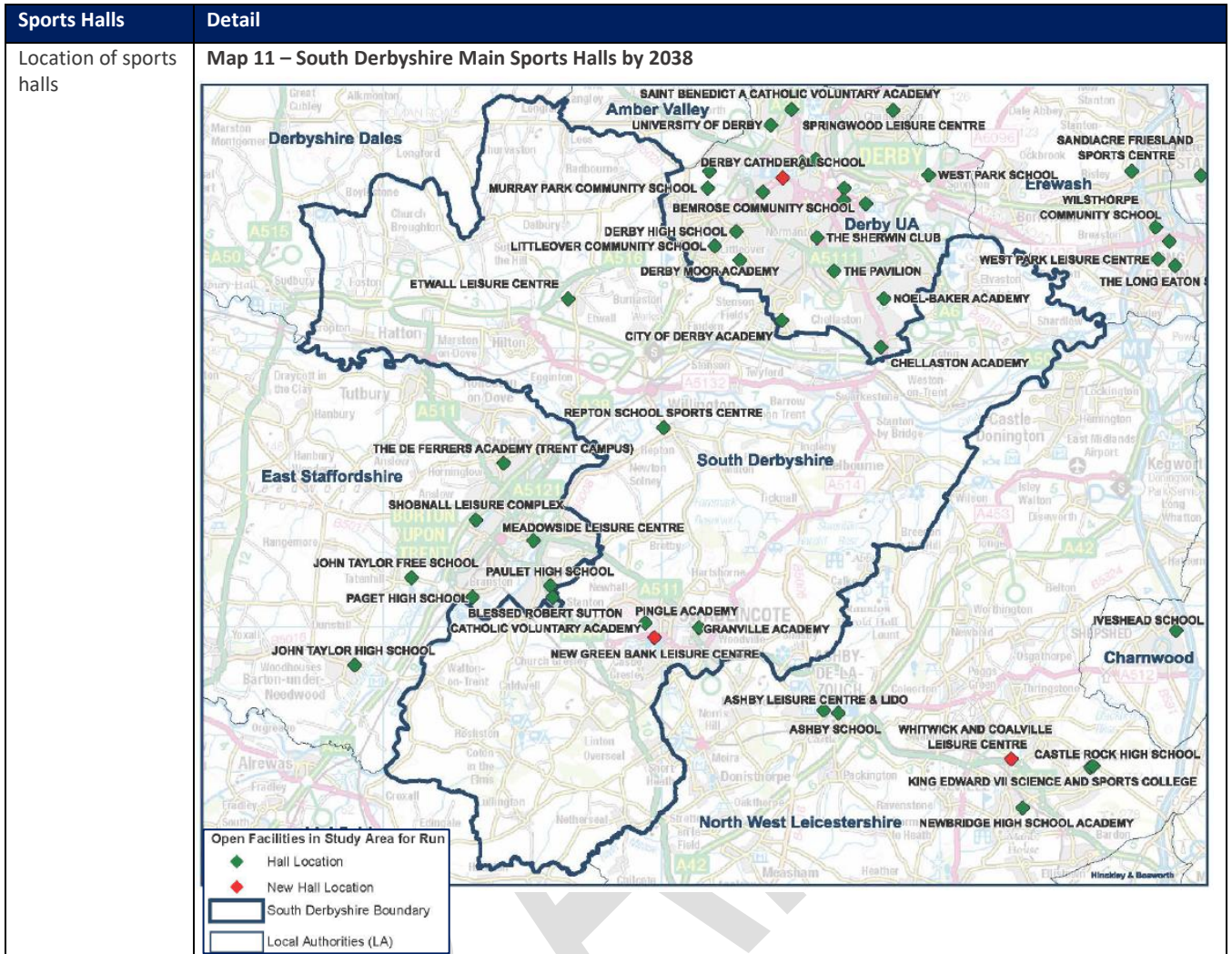
9.2. The supply and demand assessment of sports halls across the South Derbyshire District Council area is provided in the table below:

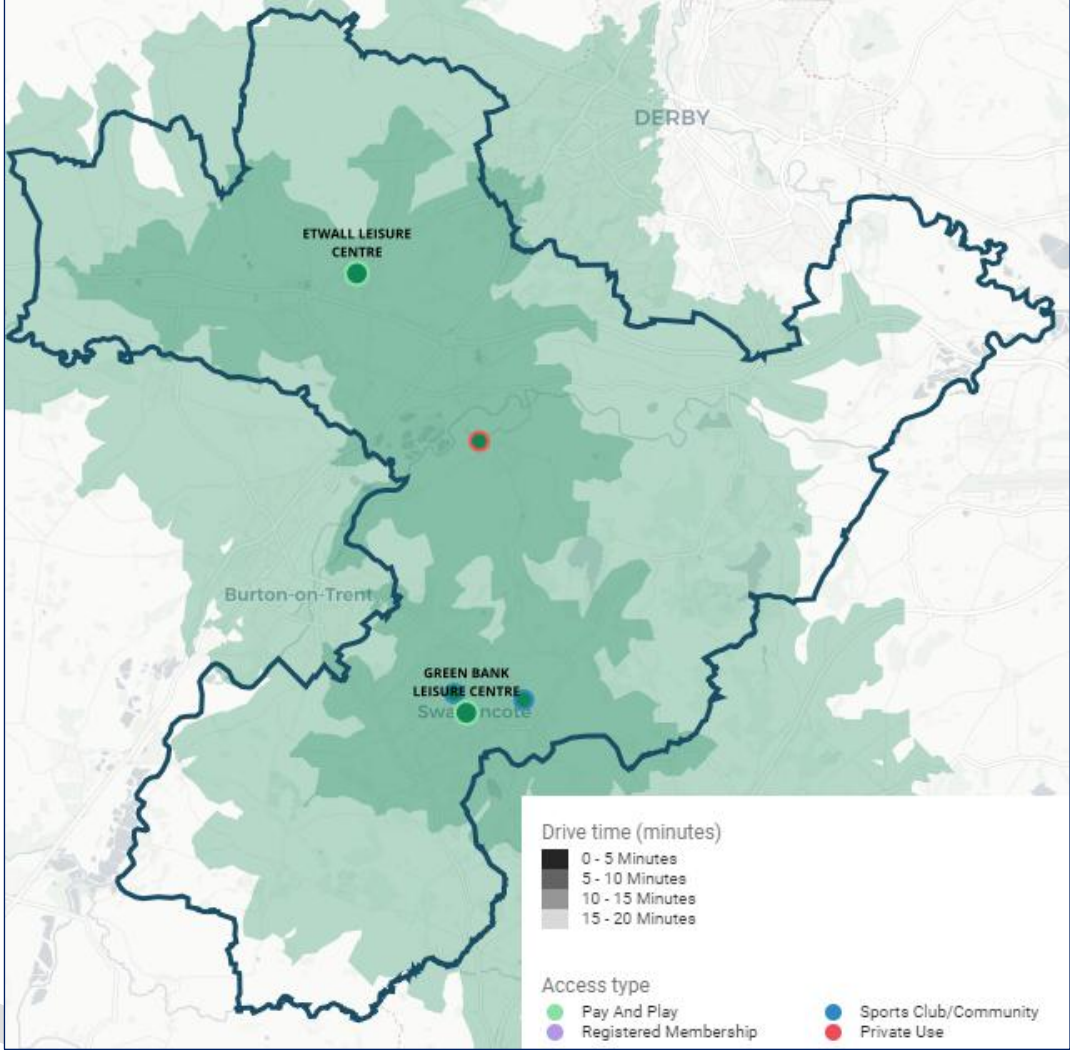
Table 6 – Sports Halls Assessment in South Derbyshire District Council Area (three courts and over) used in FPM

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Number of Sports Hall facilities (supply)	<p>The fpm identified eight individual sports halls across five sites – two sites are public leisure centres, three at educational sites.</p> <p>It is important to highlight that the FPM does not include the additional six court sports hall at Repton Sports Centre. This additional sports hall was identified during the site visit and consultation with the school. This sports hall (SH2) is 49.9m x 26.3m and is open for community use and external bookings. Repton School confirmed that this sports hall (SH2) is not used for exams but the other main sports hall (SH1) which is included in the fpm run is used for exams.</p> <p>Therefore, including the additional six court sports hall at Repton there are a total of nine individual sports halls across five sites.</p> <p>The public leisure centre sports hall offer in South Derbyshire is extensive. Etwall Leisure Centre and Green Bank Leisure Centre can provide for multiple sports use at the same time. The scale of the Repton School Sports Centre can also provide for multiple sports use at the same time.</p> <p>The supply of sports halls across South Derbyshire Council is provided in the table below. This table does not include the additional six court sports hall at Repton Sports Centre.</p> <p>Table 7 – Sports Halls in South Derbyshire Included in the FPM Runs</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site</th> <th>Operation</th> <th>Facility Type</th> <th>Dimensions (m)</th> <th>Area (sqm)</th> <th>Year Built</th> <th>Year Refurb</th> <th>Peak Hours</th> <th>Total Hours</th> <th>Capacity (visits in weekly peak period)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Etwall Leisure Centre</td> <td>Public</td> <td>6-court Activity</td> <td>34 x 27 17 x 9</td> <td>918 153</td> <td>2009</td> <td></td> <td>46 46</td> <td>105.5 105.5</td> <td>2,941</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Granville Academy</td> <td>Edu.</td> <td>3-court</td> <td>27 x 18</td> <td>486</td> <td>2020</td> <td></td> <td>29</td> <td>33</td> <td>696</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green Bank Leisure Centre (Runs 1-2 only)</td> <td>Public</td> <td>6-court Activity</td> <td>35 x 27 18 x 17</td> <td>932 306</td> <td>1978</td> <td>2015</td> <td>46 46</td> <td>100 101</td> <td>3,674</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Green Bank Leisure Centre (3 only)</td> <td>Public</td> <td>8-court</td> <td>40 x 35</td> <td>1,380</td> <td>2030</td> <td></td> <td>41</td> <td>98</td> <td>2,624</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pingle Academy</td> <td>Edu.</td> <td>4-court</td> <td>32 x 18</td> <td>576</td> <td>2000</td> <td></td> <td>25.3</td> <td>35.3</td> <td>810</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repton School Sports Centre</td> <td>Edu.</td> <td>6-court Activity</td> <td>32 x 23 18 x 10</td> <td>736 180</td> <td>1995</td> <td>2018</td> <td>39 39</td> <td>83 83</td> <td>2,184</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The table overleaf shows that the total supply of sports halls in 2021 and 2038 is the equivalent of 32 badminton courts in Runs 1 and 2 and 30 courts in Run 3. Of which, 28 are available in Runs 1 and 2 for community use in the weekly peak period and 25 available in Run 3.</p> <p>The reduction of courts in Run 3 is due to Run 3 being modelled on eight court sport hall at a new Green Bank but with no activity hall. Whilst the court space is increased from six to eight court sport hall the removal of the activity hall in the modelling reduces the court supply as activity halls have a higher at-on-time capacity because the activities are primarily classes, such as martial arts, rather than badminton. Therefore, when the fpm refer to 'badminton court equivalents' activity halls have a larger size because they have almost double the at-one-time capacity. Further details of these calculations can be found in Appendix 15.</p> <p>This illustrates the importance of providing studio / activity space for programming and capacity usage.</p>	Site	Operation	Facility Type	Dimensions (m)	Area (sqm)	Year Built	Year Refurb	Peak Hours	Total Hours	Capacity (visits in weekly peak period)	Etwall Leisure Centre	Public	6-court Activity	34 x 27 17 x 9	918 153	2009		46 46	105.5 105.5	2,941	Granville Academy	Edu.	3-court	27 x 18	486	2020		29	33	696	Green Bank Leisure Centre (Runs 1-2 only)	Public	6-court Activity	35 x 27 18 x 17	932 306	1978	2015	46 46	100 101	3,674	New Green Bank Leisure Centre (3 only)	Public	8-court	40 x 35	1,380	2030		41	98	2,624	Pingle Academy	Edu.	4-court	32 x 18	576	2000		25.3	35.3	810	Repton School Sports Centre	Edu.	6-court Activity	32 x 23 18 x 10	736 180	1995	2018	39 39	83 83	2,184
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²³ Activity halls are included in the modelling where there is a main hall on site that has 3 or more courts.



Sports Halls	Detail
<p>Catchment – access to main sports halls</p>	<p>Map 12 – South Derbyshire Main Sports Halls (20-Minute Drive Time)</p>  <p>The map shows the geographic distribution of the main sports halls across the Council area, with a 20-minute drive time catchment. The areas not covered by the 20-minute drive time catchment include the southwest pocket towards Lichfield and the east pocket towards Long Eaton. However, the drive time catchment of neighbouring sports halls elsewhere extends into these areas.</p> <p>Residents in the northwest of the district have access to the fewest sports hall sites. They can drive to between one and five sport hall sites in 20 minutes. Residents in the centre of the district have access to the most sites.</p> <p>35% of South Derbyshire residents are within a 20-minute walk of a sports hall in Run 1 which decrease to 33% in Run 2 and 3 because of the locations of the new housing sites.</p> <p>The three sports hall sites in Swadlincote are on the edge of areas of higher deprivation.</p> <p>It is estimated that 7.5% of all journeys to sports halls are on foot decreasing to 7% then 6% in Runs 2 and 3 respectively. Not all residents in these areas will walk to a sports hall and some will travel further.</p> <p>It is estimated that 87% of journeys to sports halls by South Derbyshire residents are by car, rising to 89% in Run 3 and 5.2% by public transport in both Run 1 and 3. All the sports hall sites in the district are within a five-minute walk of a bus stop but none are within 15 minutes' walk of railway station. Given the rural nature of the district public transport may not be regular.</p>
<p>Quality of dedicated facilities</p>	<p>The average ages of sports hall sites in South Derbyshire are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sports hall sites – 11.6 years Public Leisure Centres – 12 years

Sports Halls	Detail
	<p>The most recent sports hall site to open is Granville Academy, which was built in 2020. The oldest sports hall is Etwall Leisure Centre, which was built in 2009.</p> <p>The quality and range of the offer, together with the age and condition of a sports hall, are considered. These features are of increasing importance to customers and impact on participation levels. Desirable features include a modern sports hall with a sprung timber floor, good quality lighting, modern changing rooms and other facilities on site, such as a studio and/or a gym. Residents may travel further to use a sports hall with this all-round offer rather than participate at the sports hall closest to where they live. The findings for each individual sports hall site vary from the South Derbyshire average for all these inter-related reasons.</p> <p>Modernisation is defined as one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of the sports hall floor to a sprung timber floor. • Upgrade of the lighting in the sports hall. • Modernisation of the changing accommodation. <p>Where community access is secured, the modernisation presents an opportunity for additional/improved sports hall provision.</p> <p>Out of our audit these sports halls were rated the highest in terms of quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repton School Sports Centre – both main sports halls - Granville Academy – new sports centre and sports hall <p>The following were identified as requiring some improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Etwall Leisure Centre - Sports hall – used all the time, some wear & tear on the floor, not enough to time clean floor due to busy programming. Sports hall spectator area had a leak at time of visit.
Future considerations	<p>It has been identified that two schools are planning to build sports facilities. These are listed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercia Academy Swadlincote (formerly William Allitt School) are building a new permanent school building and sports hall for the 2027-28 academic year. The proposed sports hall is three courts. Planning permission will state community use, and is scheduled for completion Spring 2027. It is at pre-planning stage. Parent and public consultation is taking place in March 2025 prior to the submission of a planning application by Keir, to SDDC on proposals for the redevelopment of Mercia Academy and Newhall Junior School. There is a temporary, 2-court sports hall in place in the interim at Mercia Academy. • There are also plans for a new school on the Derby City/South Derbyshire boundary to the west of Chellaston, which will be close to the existing Infinity Garden Village allocation (H15 and E4), this will be a secondary school and should therefore have a level of sports provision which should be available for some community access.
FPM key findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the following fpm findings do not take into account the additional main sports hall at Repton School. • Between 2022 and 2038, South Derbyshire’s population is projected to increase by 19% and the demand for sports halls by 15%. • South Derbyshire is exporting 33% of its met demand in Run 1 and 45% in Run 3. The largest export of satisfied demand is to Derby in all three runs, accounting for 56% total exported demand in Run 1 and 59% in Run 3. • Unmet demand equates to 1.6 courts in Run 1 (2021) and 2.2 courts in Run 3 (2038). • Unmet demand is highest in the Swadlincote area and totals one court. • In 2021 and 2038, there is enough sports hall capacity within a suitable travel time to meet between 94% and 95% of sports hall demand by South Derbyshire residents. • The district’s sports halls are estimated to be 77% full in the weekly peak period in Run 1, increasing to 82% in Run 3. • Etwall Leisure Centre is estimated to be at 85% used capacity in Run 1 and 95% in Run 3. Green Bank Leisure Centre is estimated to be at 100% used capacity at peak times in Runs 1 and 3 • January 2025 update - based on increase in population to 2039. South Derbyshire used the 2021 parameters, using the same participation and frequency rates, the increase in demand would be 0.3 courts. Therefore,

Sports Halls	Detail
	<p>overall, the small increase in the total population wouldn't have a significant impact on the level of demand produced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, the increase in housing growth is in two areas on the border with Derby, which would re-distribute the demand geographically. The additional population of 9,900 would produce demand of 2.8 courts using the 2021 parameters or 2.6 courts using the 2024 parameters, across the two housing areas. • The additional demand will mainly be accessing school halls in Derby with some demand going to the highly utilised Etwall Leisure Centre. <p>FPM Interventions</p> <p>Intervention One - increase the capacity and hours in the weekly peak period at the new Green Bank Leisure Centre to 46 hours from 41 hours modelled</p> <p>Intervention Two – negotiate more access at the two educational sports halls in Swadlincote and increase capacity for community use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granville Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A modern three-court sports hall opened in 2020 o A possible 17 more hours available • The Pingle Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A 32m x 18m four-court hall opened in 2020 o A possible 21 more hours available <p>Intervention Three: negotiate a community-use agreement for any new educational sports halls in Swadlincote</p> <p>These interventions are not possible in Etwall because Etwall Leisure Centre is already modelled with 46 hours for community use in the weekly peak period and there are no educational sports halls sites in Etwall.</p>
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are nine sports halls across five sites – two sites are public leisure centres, three at educational sites. • High level of the district's demand for sports halls can be met by the accessible supply of sports halls in both 2021 and 2038. • Majority of the met demand is retained within the district in 2021 but this decreases and more demand is met outside the district in 2038. • Unmet demand is low in both years and is mainly due to demand located too far away from a facility. • There is insufficient unmet demand in any one location to justify further sports hall provision. • Unmet demand equates to 2.2 courts in Run 3 (2038) which was based on the new Green Bank having 8 court sports hall including the increase in population from 2038 to 2039 the increase in demand would be 0.3 courts so 2.5 courts unmet demand. (but does not take into account the Repton sports hall). • According to the fpm if the new Green Bank recommended facility mix is for a four court sports hall this would increase the unmet demand to 6.5 courts. However, the additional six court sports hall at Repton will also increase supply of sports halls in South Derbyshire when factored in reducing this unmet demand to 0.5 courts. • In addition, the proposed new sport hall with three courts as part of Mercia Academy redevelopment was not included in the fpm calculations so will increase supply of sports halls when it opens (at pre-planning stage, scheduled for completion Spring 2027) and further reduce the fpm shortfall. This will be in the Swadlincote area which is where Green Bank is located so will help offset a potential reduction in sports hall size at Green Bank. • The public leisure centres are estimated to be operating at an uncomfortably high level at peak times. However, there is scope to increase the hours available for community use at educational sites and thereby increase capacity overall. • Etwall is the oldest sports hall. A programme of maintenance and modernisation should be considered.

Sports Halls	Detail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large housing developments are planned particularly in the north of the district towards Derby. This additional demand will mainly be accessing school halls in Derby with some demand going to the highly utilised Etwall Leisure Centre. • There is low deprivation in South Derbyshire. Pockets of deprivation in Swadlincote are served by the three sports hall sites of Granville Academy, The Pingle Academy and Green Bank Leisure Centre. • Exact planning details to be confirmed for the new secondary school on the border with Derby. Community use agreement to be secured. • If Green Bank Leisure Centre is to be re-provided. The evidence suggests that a four-court hall would meet both current and future demand.

9.2.2. A wide range of sports such as netball, badminton, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, indoor hockey, cricket nets and football take place in sports halls. Where these sports do not have a dedicated indoor facility they are covered in the tables overleaf.

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9.3. Sports Halls – Badminton

Table 9 – Badminton Assessment in South Derbyshire Council Area

Badminton	Detail
Supply of badminton facilities	<p>There are no dedicated indoor badminton facilities</p> <p>Badminton can be played at Green Bank Leisure Centre and Etwall Leisure Centre sports halls as play and pay, every day. Times at Etwall are from 5pm during week days as on a school site.</p> <p>The Etwall site visit confirmed that badminton is very popular at this facility.</p>
Badminton clubs	<p>There are two affiliated badminton clubs in South Derbyshire.</p> <p>Etwall Dragons and Falcon Feathers both train at Etwall Leisure Centre sports hall.</p>
Sports clubs level of competition	<p>Both Etwall Dragons and Falcon Feathers compete regionally.</p>
Consultation	<p>Badminton England priorities: nationally to increase the number of high quality and affordable courts for community use with partnerships and lettings for school and leisure sites.</p> <p>Local response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities are to support clubs and coaches to gain access to facilities to increase participation across the county. • Badminton England requires support to access schools to hire out their facilities • Two clubs, one affiliated, one un-affiliated. We hold high level county competition, junior tournaments and local league • No long term plans or developments • No barriers stated • Unmet demand is -1 court (2030) <p>Currently good supply or 32 badminton courts across 13 sites (10 private use)</p>
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etwall Leisure Centre is a key site for badminton in South Derbyshire. • Ensure sports halls in education sites continue to provide community access to hire out badminton facilities

9.4. Sports Halls – Indoor Cricket

Table 10 – Indoor Cricket Assessment for South Derbyshire Council Area

Indoor Cricket	Detail																		
Facility requirements	<p>Indoor cricket can be played indoors at suitable sports halls. The England Cricket Board has standards for playing indoor cricket. These are measured by the following criteria:</p> <p>Batting ends length 11.22m (10m in front of popping crease) by 2m wide. Bowling ends length 10m (6m behind bowling crease, 4m in front) by 2m wide.</p> <p>LUX Light Meter Readings - ECB Indoor Sports Halls with Cricket Provision states how these are the lighting levels, measured at pitch level, required over the practice net/playing area (wicket and run up):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-level - Club/Local Club - Design illumination: 750 lux average. Design uniformity: min/ave = 0.8 • Mid-Level Competition - Regional/Club level - Design illumination: 1000 lux average. Design uniformity: min/ave = 0.8 • Top-Level Competition - International/National level - Design illumination: 1500 lux average. Design uniformity: min/ave = 0.8 <p>ECB Indoor Sports Halls with Cricket Provision requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net Lane Width of 3.6m per lane. • ECB Indoor Sports Halls with Cricket Provision requires Height of Horizontal top net to be 5m (a clear minimum). • ECB Indoor Sports Halls with Cricket Provision requires Blinkers to be 7.72m from the back netting and 5m in front of popping crease • ECB Indoor Sports Halls with Cricket Provision requires 1.5m of space behind stumps. • A safety margin of at least 1m surrounding the nets • ECB's recommended optimum length is 33.62m. If the length of the sports hall is less than 33.62m, ECB will accept any shortened length down to a min of 31.2m. 																		
Supply of facilities	<p>There are four facilities that have indoor nets for winter training, some of which are regularly used by local cricket clubs. These are:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Facility</th> <th>Cricket Club</th> <th>No's of Nets</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pingle Academy Sports Centre (2002339)</td> <td>Hartshorne Cricket Club Derby Cricket Foundation</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repton School Sports Centre (2028802)</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green Bank Leisure Centre (2002854)</td> <td></td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Etwall Leisure Centre (2080421)</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total nets</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There are four cricket clubs based in South Derbyshire that use cricket nets outside of the council area. These are Swarkestone Cricket Club and Ticknall Cricket Club, using Chellaston Academy's nets, Hilton Cricket Club who use nets at Willows Sports Centre and Etwall Cricket Club who use nets at Sinfin Community School.</p>	Facility	Cricket Club	No's of Nets	Pingle Academy Sports Centre (2002339)	Hartshorne Cricket Club Derby Cricket Foundation	2	Repton School Sports Centre (2028802)		3	Green Bank Leisure Centre (2002854)		2	Etwall Leisure Centre (2080421)		3	Total nets		10
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Number of cricket clubs	<p>There are 11 cricket clubs in South Derbyshire.</p> <p>Aston on Trent Village Cricket Club, Elvaston Cricket Club, Etwall Cricket Club, Hartshorne Cricket Club, Hilton Cricket Club, Lullington Park Cricket Club, Spondon Cricket Club, Ticknall Cricket Club, Walton on Trent Cricket Club, Melbourne Town Cricket Club, Sutton on the Hill Cricket Club</p>																		

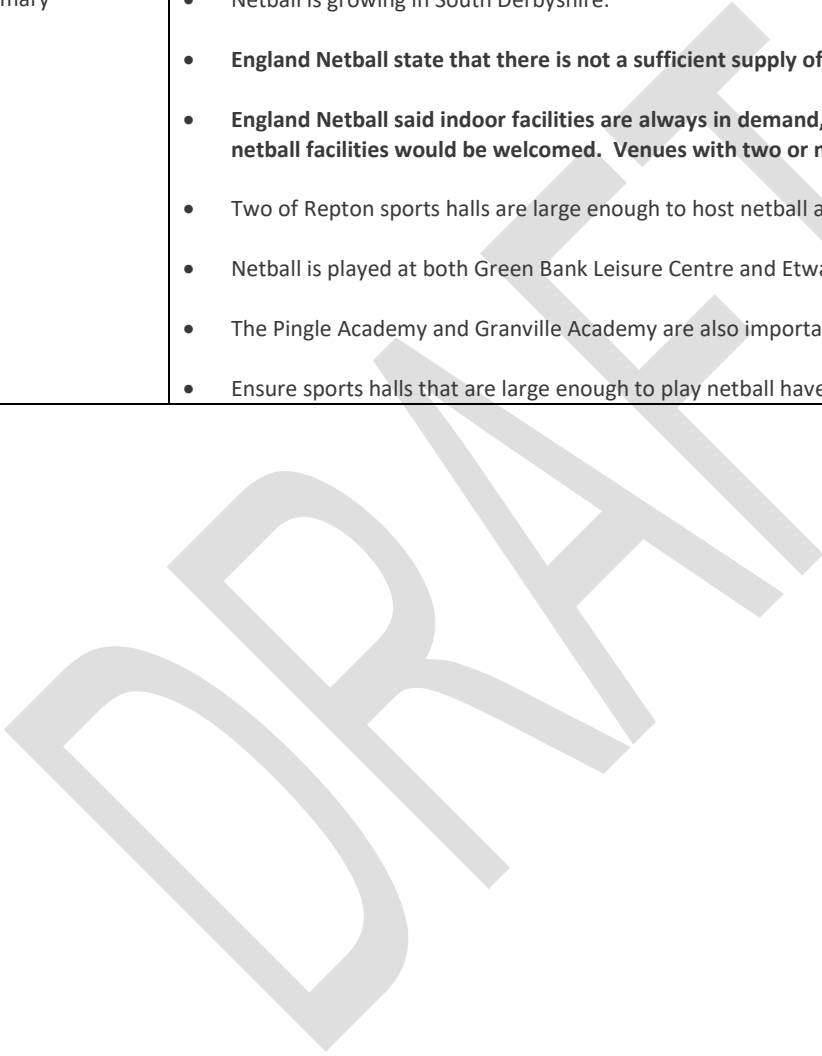
Indoor Cricket	Detail
NGB consultation	<p>Derbyshire Cricket Foundation responded to the consultation with the following information.</p> <p>What are your priorities for indoor cricket in South Derbyshire?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our priority to make sure that all clubs have access to a suitable indoor facility in the winter with nets - inside the district • To generally increase the number of facilities available • Make better use of existing school sites <p>Is there enough supply for now and to meet future demand?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, there are several clubs using venues outside of the district. So, there isn't enough supply to meet current demand. If future demand increased, this situation would become worse <p>Do you have any development plans for indoor cricket in South Derbyshire?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No not specifically in this district, we have some plans for neighbouring Derby City but nothing at the moment for South Derbyshire <p>Are you aware of any barriers cricket clubs are facing in South Derbyshire in terms of accessing indoor cricket nets?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of existing indoor facilities • Locality of existing facilities • School booking systems • Costs
School consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pingle Academy confirmed that Derby Cricket Foundation use the indoor cricket nets at this facility.
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket clubs in South Derbyshire are outsourcing their winter cricket nets. • Ensuring cricket clubs have access to suitable indoor cricket nets in the winter particularly at school sites is a priority.

Sports Halls – Netball

Table 11 – Indoor Netball Assessment for South Derbyshire Council Area

Netball	Detail
Supply of netball facilities	<p>There are no dedicated indoor netball facilities in South Derbyshire.</p> <p>The sports hall at Green Bank Leisure Centre is available to hire for netball on an hourly basis.</p> <p>Netball is also played at Etwall Leisure Centre but no pay as you go booking on their website.</p>
Number of netball clubs	<p>There are nine netball clubs in South Derbyshire, seven of which are registered with England Netball and are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashby Juniors Netball Club • Burton and District Junior Netball Club • Burton Hotshots • Eureka Park Club • Hilton Netball Club • Melbourne Netball • Swadlincote Netball Club <p>Not affiliated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbey Sports Juniors • Overseal Netball Club <p>Ashby Juniors and Burton and District Juniors both use Granville Academy but are also having to use venues outside of South Derbyshire to secure space.</p> <p>Swadlincote Netball Club train inside at The Pingle Academy in the winter and outside at The Granville Academy in the summer.</p>
Sports clubs level of competition	<p>All clubs compete in local and regional leagues, clubs have not specified whether they compete nationally.</p>
NGB consultation	<p>General feedback:</p> <p>England Netball’s programmes of recognised and authorised activities are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven-a-side Netball – single gender full seven aside version of the game in accordance with England Netball and/or World Netball rules • Fast5 / FastNet – single gender five/seven aside version of the game in accordance with England Netball and World Netball rules and regulations • Indoor Netball (or Nets) – single gender or mixed gender version of the game in accordance with England Netball and/or World Indoor Netball Association (WINA) rules and regulations • ParaNetball – Versions of the game that are endorsed by England Netball in recognition of the participants’ disability <p>England Netball participation programmes delivered by approved persons/groups, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to Netball • Bee Netball • Netball Now • Walking Netball <p>Mixed Netball (all versions listed above) – England Netball welcomes Mixed Netball as a growing form of the game and recognises Mixed Netball.</p> <p>Local response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are five affiliated clubs in South Derbyshire, with 72 registered members but lots more non registered members, particularly in Swadlincote area. Between 0-10 qualified coaching. • England Netball identified the main netball clubs within South Derbyshire or just outside (but use venues within South Derbyshire) Burton Hotshots, Eureka Park, Ashby Juniors, Burton and District, Melbourne, Branston, Swadlincote and Castle Donnington. • England Netball report there is not a sufficient supply of indoor netball courts in South Derbyshire. • England Netball said indoor facilities are always in demand, so any future opportunities for more indoor netball facilities would be welcomed. Venues with two or more courts are in short supply and lack indoor netball markings.

Netball	Detail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With netball growing and more clubs and leagues being set up there is a need for facilities to accommodate them. A number of clubs and leagues struggle to secure indoor venues due to either competition with other sports bookings or schools have stopped hiring their facilities out. England Netball have no long-term plans or developments in South Derbyshire.
Sports Club Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melbourne netball club based at Melbourne Sporting Partnership, Cockshut Lane, Melbourne. No indoor netball court, so training weather dependent Membership has increased over the last five years and is predicted to increase over the next five years Currently league games at Coalville leisure centre. Would like to host tournaments at the venue but weather plays too much of a factor and can only run in summer but struggle for numbers due to holidays.
School consultation	<p>Ashby Juniors and Burton and District Juniors both use Granville Academy.</p> <p>The site visit at Repton showed a large enough sports halls for netball but no external netball hiring.</p>
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball is growing in South Derbyshire. England Netball state that there is not a sufficient supply of indoor netball courts. England Netball said indoor facilities are always in demand, so any future opportunities for more indoor netball facilities would be welcomed. Venues with two or more courts are in short supply. Two of Repton sports halls are large enough to host netball and available for community use. Netball is played at both Green Bank Leisure Centre and Etwall Leisure Centre. The Pingle Academy and Granville Academy are also important venues for netball in the district. Ensure sports halls that are large enough to play netball have indoor netball markings and equipment.



9.5. Sports Halls – Futsal / Walking Football

Indoor Football	Detail
Indoor Football Activities	<p>Walking football is a growing sport in the UK. It started as a sport to be played by over 50s men and over 40s in women and now has thousands of players including people in their 70s and 80s playing on a regular basis. It offers a good way to stay fit and healthy for older people and focuses on the social benefits as well. It can take place outdoors or indoors.</p> <p>Indoor football activity includes small-sided teams & leagues, which are organised, and competitive activities; typically with players registered to clubs and affiliated to leagues and their County FAs. Examples include futsal and local small-sided leagues running at venues such as sports halls, 3G FTPs or small-sided 3G centres.</p> <p>Futsal is an exciting, fast-paced, small sided, team game that is widely played across the world. Typically, it's played on an indoor surface with hockey-sized goals and a size four football with reduced ball bounce. It is the FA's aim to ensure futsal is available across the country.</p> <p>Unlike the traditional UK 5-a-side, futsal is not played off walls or rebound boards and there is a runoff requirement around the court. For community and club level of play court sizes and run-offs can be adjusted to allow futsal to fit into a four-court sports hall. The FA recommends there is a 2m run-off around the perimeter of a pitch.</p> <p>The FA Futsal Facilities Guide highlights flexible options on how to adapt sports halls to enable futsal to be played fa-futsal-facilities-guidance-resource.pdf.</p> <p>Futsal has struggled to return to its pre-covid participation levels.</p>
Supply	<p>Small-sided teams & leagues are organised and competitive activities; typically with players registered to clubs and affiliated to leagues and their County FAs. Examples include Futsal and local small-sided leagues running at venues such as sports halls, 3G FTPs or small-sided 3G centres. Key local providers include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Bank Leisure Centre – walking football indoor sports hall, Mondays 8-9pm £5 a session (first session free). • The Pingle Academy, Swadlincote – walking football outdoor 3G pitch Monday 8.30-9.30pm • John Port Spencer Academy (Etwall) • Melbourne Sports Partnership – Melbourne Sports Park outdoor 3G, training most Friday evenings • Repton School - Mondays & Thursdays 7-8pm
Demand	<p>It is a priority for the County FA to grow Futsal for youth players and there has been some interest from Gresley FC. There are Futsal markings in the sports hall at John Port Spencer Academy, on occasion some Derby Futsal League fixtures have been played at this site.</p> <p>Walking football is growing in the area both indoors and outdoors.</p>
Number of football / futsal clubs	<p>There are currently no futsal teams in South Derbyshire.</p> <p>Etwall Walking Football Club and Melbourne both have walking football teams. Hilton Harriers offer disability football sessions.</p>
Sports clubs level of competition	<p>Etwall Walking Football Club and Melbourne Walking Football Club (MWFC) both compete in the Derbyshire Walking Football League. Matches are played indoor at the DW Sports Centre opposite Derby County Football Club.</p>
NGB Consultation	<p>National priorities</p> <p>The Football Association's (FA) strategy Time For Change 2020-2024 has a vision to 'unite the game, inspire the nation' and has the priority objectives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Win a major tournament • Serve 2m+ through a transformed digital platform • Ensure equal opportunities for every girl • Deliver 5,000 quality pitches

Indoor Football	Detail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A game free from discrimination • Maximise the appeal and revenue of the FA cups and draws <p>The FA also published a report ‘The social and economic value of grassroots football in England’ in 2021. Whilst this doesn’t differentiate between outdoor and indoor football, it does look into the benefits of football overall and, more specifically, walking football as an important offering for older adults.</p> <p>Local Priorities Derbyshire FA acknowledged that the LFFP’s prioritises 3G pitches and grass pitches. In terms of Futsal they have seen it struggle to return to its pre-covid participation levels. There were previously two leagues in Derbyshire (Derby Futsal League) & (Chesterfield Futsal League).</p> <p>Derbyshire FA mentioned that there is a Derbyshire Walking Football league which continues to grow each year</p>
Local Football Foundation Plan (LFFP) 2024 (in development)	<p>A draft LFFP is in development. This document has been reviewed.</p> <p>The LFFP doesn’t identify any particular indoor sites as priority projects.</p> <p>There is a priority going forward to deliver small sided facilities (outdoor) to address stubborn inequalities in activity levels and access to sports facilities within four priority groups;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower socio-economic groups • Women and girls • Disabled people and people with long-term health conditions • Ethnically diverse communities <p>This will be achieved via our Football Foundation PlayZones Programme (these are safe and accessible outdoor facilities that bring people together through football and other sports such as netball, cricket, basketball and rugby). These 30m x 20m activity spaces will be available for use day and night, all year round. The PlayZones programme aims to create over 240 PlayZones in England by 2025”.</p> <p>More about the programme can be found on The Football Foundation website here: Football Foundation PlayZones Programme Football Foundation</p>
School Consultation	The Pingle Academy site visit confirmed use of the sports hall for indoor football.
Future Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any new sports hall should consider including indoor futsal markings • Walking football is growing and with an ageing population will continue to be popular both indoor and outdoor
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futsal has struggled to return to its pre-covid participation levels. It is mainly down to the CFA’s whether or not it’s something they wish to develop. • Derbyshire FA continues to support walking football locally.

9.6. Sports Halls – Volleyball

Table 12 – Indoor Volleyball Assessment for South Derbyshire Council Area

Volleyball	Details
Facility requirements	Volleyball can be played in sports halls with a clear height of 7,500mm for premier league level and below or 12,500mm for international level. Therefore, sports halls in South Derbyshire with suitable court markings and nets can be used for volleyball in lower leagues.
Supply of volleyball facilities	There are no dedicated indoor volleyball facilities in the district.
Number of volleyball clubs	There are no affiliated clubs in South Derbyshire, however, there are two of note which are Darkstar and Derby Students, both are based inside Derby and compete at a senior level
Sports clubs level of competition	Darkstar compete in the Women’s Super League. Derby students compete in BUCS.
NGB consultation	General findings: Volleyball England strategy The Game Plan . Three key priorities

Volleyball	Details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get. Keep. Grow • Volleyball For Life • An Ace Service <p>Local feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no affiliated clubs in South Derbyshire. • There is not a sufficient supply of facilities to meet current and future demand, the key clubs in the area are Darkstar and Derby Students. • They are seeking growth in competitive volleyball at junior, higher education institute and adult level. The biggest issue faced by clubs is access to facilities according to their club survey. They also found a need to ensure that new facilities have volleyball post sockets built in floors for safety and there is enough space behind courts for serving. • One of the reported barriers for access by Volleyball England is that they do not have enough hall space and that it is often shared between different sports clubs. • They reported that they do not have access to funds to support their plans and developments but did not suggest what their plans were.
Sports Club Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darkstar are based in Derby and have to train and compete across multiple venues, sometimes outside their usual location, Derbyshire Volleyball Centre.
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no affiliated volleyball clubs in South Derbyshire or dedicated indoor facilities. • Demand is catered for by established volleyball clubs over the border in Derby. • For new sports halls, consider installing volleyball post sockets into floors and providing enough space behind courts for serving.

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9.7. Sports Halls – Basketball

Table 13 – Basketball Assessment for South Derbyshire Council Area

Basketball	Detail
Facility requirements	<p>Basketball can be played in sports halls with dimensions of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall space - 32.1m (Length), 22.1m (wide) and 7m (height) which equates to a four court badminton sports hall ○ Playing area - 28m x 15m x 7m • Premier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall space – 32.1m x 22.1m x 7m ○ Playing area – 26-28m x 14-15m x 7m • Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall space – 32.1m x 22.1m x 7m ○ Playing area - 26-28m x 14-15m x 7m • Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall space - 32.1m x 19.1m x 7m ○ Playing area – 26-28m x 14-15m x 7m <p>The International Basketball Federation (FIBA) official court size is 28m x 15m (measured to the inside of the boundary line). All lines should be 5cm wide and in a contrasting colour to the playing surface and visible to all.</p> <p>There are five sports hall facilities that have large enough playing area space dimensions for all levels of competition including Etwall Leisure Centre, Repton School x 2, Green Bank Leisure Centre and The Pingle Academy.</p> <p>There are no dedicated indoor basketball facilities. Indoor basketball is played at Green Bank Leisure Centre and The Pingle Academy.</p> <p>Etwall Leisure Centre sports hall has basketball hoops and markings so can cater for basketball.</p>
Number of basketball clubs	<p>There are two basketball clubs in South Derbyshire and one just outside the Council area. All are affiliated, these are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swadlincote Lasers – based at Green Bank Leisure Centre • Swadlincote Basketball Club – based at The Pingle Academy • Derby Trailblazers – based outside the Council area towards Alvaston in the Clarence Wiggins Sports Centre. Derby Trailblazers also provide wheelchair basketball. • Powerchair basketball also takes place across the border in Burton (along with powerchair rugby and football)
Sports clubs level of competition	<p>Swadlincote Lasers junior team competes in the Youth Basketball League and the adults team competes in the Midlands League.</p> <p>Derby Trailblazers compete in the NBL division 1.</p> <p>Swadlincote Basketball Club does not suggest which leagues they compete in.</p>
NGB consultation	<p>General findings:</p> <p>Basketball England’s strategy vision is; ‘To be an inspirational sport that is accessible to everyone’. Their four priorities are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain and grow participation – increase participation and grow the community game through a ‘retain and grow’ strategy • Enhance our infrastructure • World-class talent system • Be a high-performing national governing body <p>Local response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are three affiliated clubs (including Derby Trailblazers) with 254 live registered members with 11-20 volunteers. • There are no current long-term plans or developments. South Derbyshire currently ranks outside of the top 150 for Basketball England in terms of supply and demand. • However, there is still an undersupply of facilities to meet demand as there are only five indoor sports hall facilities in the area to cater for the three clubs, each are single basketball courts (four badminton courts). • It is regarded as important to gain more two court (eight badminton court) facilities in South Derbyshire.

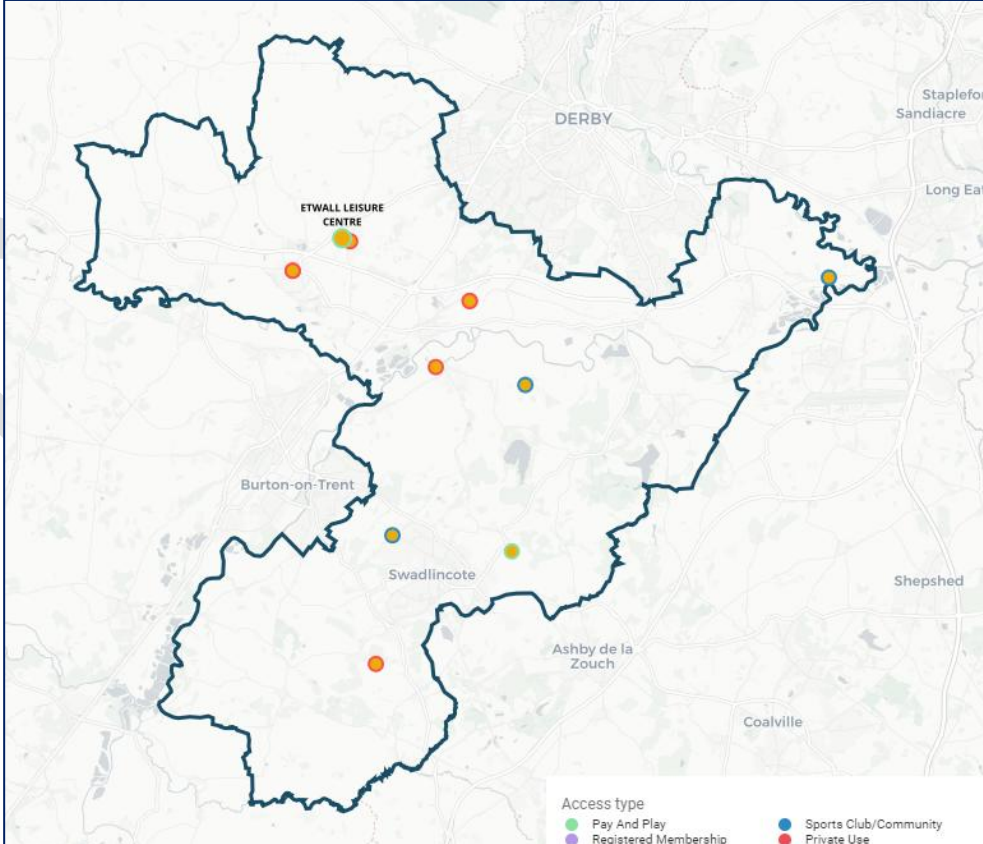
Basketball	Detail
School consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swadlincote Basketball Club play at The Pingle Academy, they used to use Granville Academy but were put off by ceiling height and exam schedule. Donisthorpe Phantoms and Swadlincote Basketball Club also use Granville Academy's facilities.
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball can be played in four-court sports hall with a minimum height of 7m. There are five sports hall facilities that have large enough playing area space dimensions for all levels of competition including Etwall Leisure Centre, Repton School x 2, Green Bank Leisure Centre, The Pingle Academy. Basketball England state that there is an undersupply of basketball facilities to meet demand. Five indoor facilities in the area to cater for three clubs. Green Bank Leisure Centre and The Pingle Academy are important venues for basketball play and clubs in the district.

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10. Activity Halls / Community Spaces

- 10.1 The fpm modelling does not include all halls at education institutions such as Primary Schools and SEND sites which do not meet the three court sports hall threshold but may provide and benefit from community use.
- 10.2 It is therefore worth looking at activity halls and community spaces where physical activities that don't require a high sports hall ceiling can take place e.g. yoga, Pilates and martial arts. This would free up space for activities that require larger and higher ceiling sports courts e.g. basketball, netball, volleyball and badminton.
- 10.3 A separate assessment, below, of community spaces such as halls and community centres that offer some form of physical activity shows a wide provision of local places for people to be active.

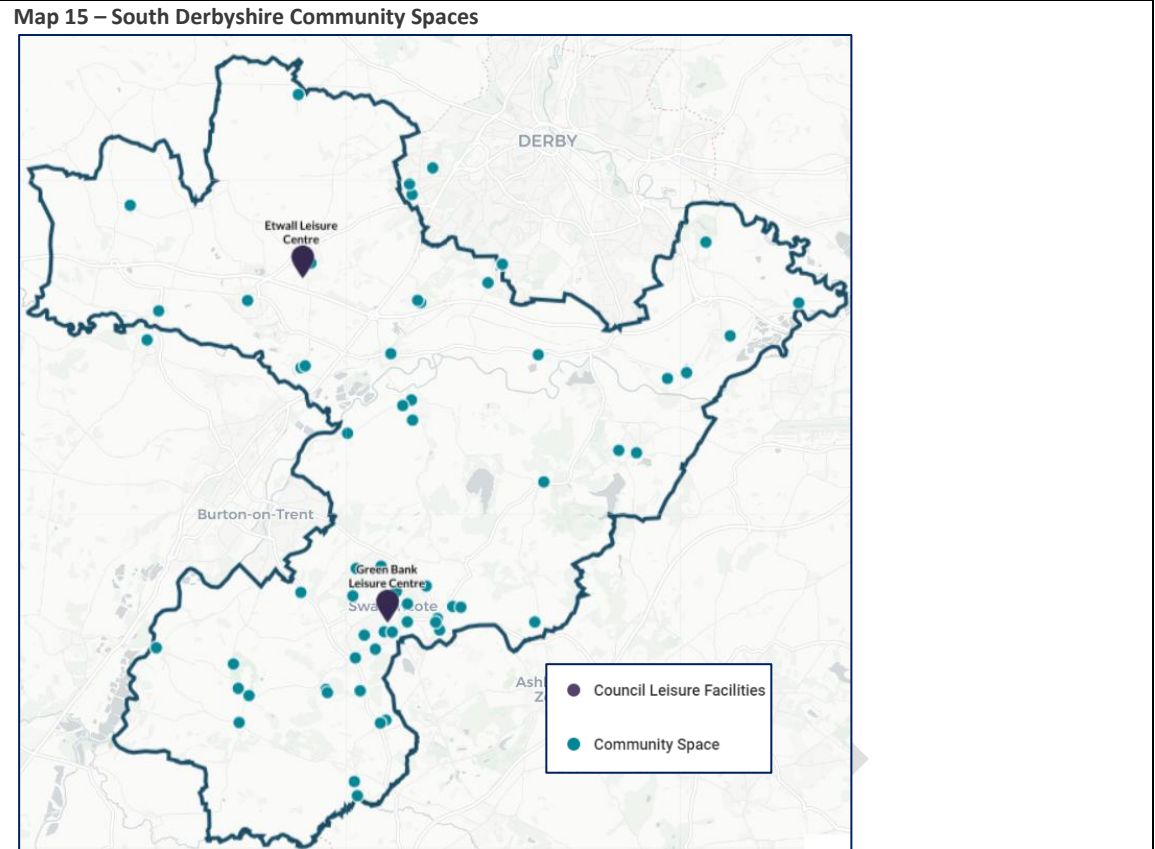
Table 14 – Activity Hall and Community Spaces Assessment for South Derbyshire Council Area (less than three courts)

Activity Halls	Detail
Number of facilities (supply)	<p>There are ten activity halls across ten sites. Five of which are private educational, three are sports club/community association/educational and two are pay and play. There is a wide range of activity halls but the majority are for private or member use only.</p> <p>Community spaces – There are 57 community spaces which offer some form of physical activity. This is a good number of local spaces available to residents to be physically active in places they feel comfortable. These community spaces vary from community centres, village halls, faith places and voluntary organisations.</p>
Location of activity sports halls	<p>Map 13 – South Derbyshire Activity Sports Halls</p> 

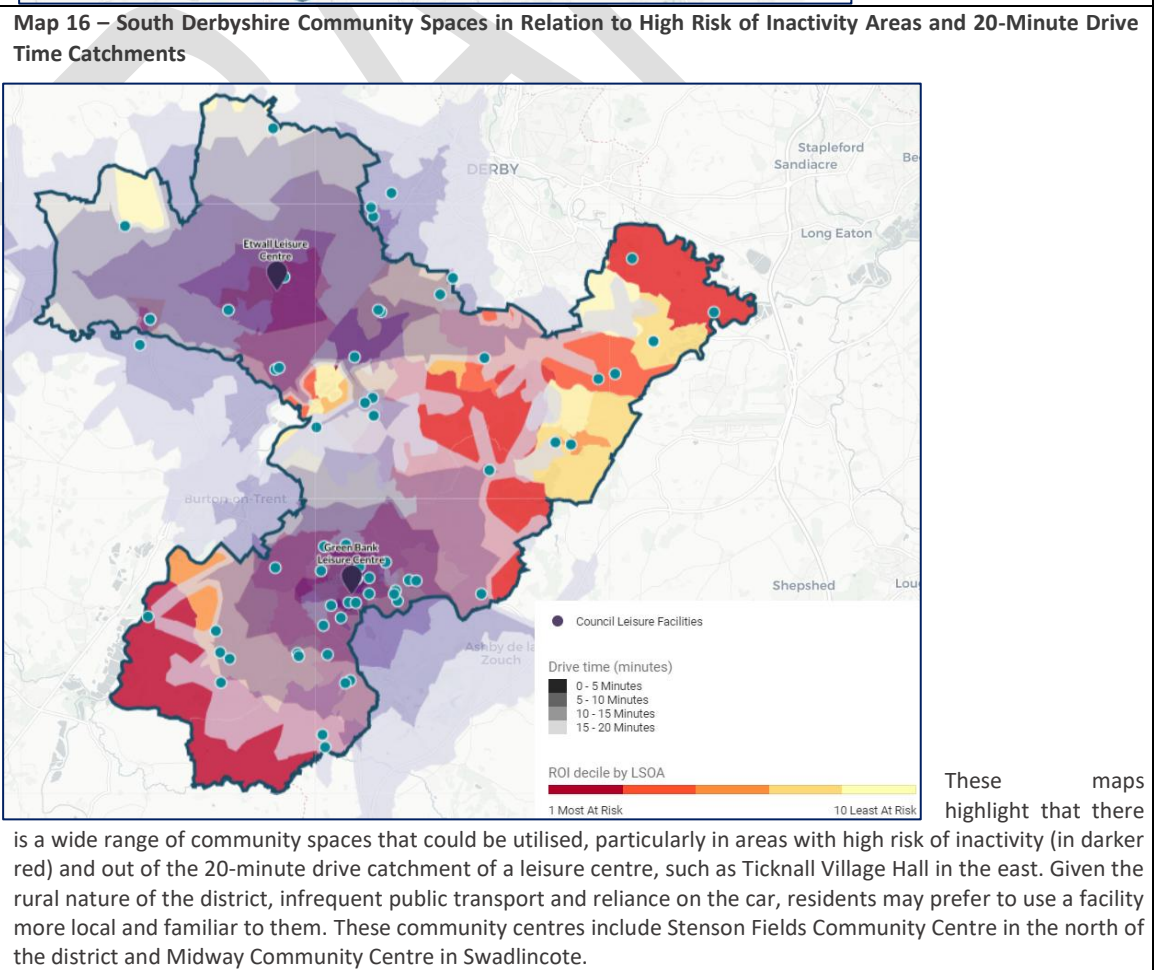
Activity Halls	Detail
<p>Catchment – access to activity sports halls</p>	<p>Map 14 – South Derbyshire Activity Sports Halls (20-Minute Drive Time)</p> <p>The map shows the geographic distribution of the activity halls across the Council area, with a catchment area for each of 20-minutes' drive time. The 20-minute drive time catchment area of the existing activity halls covers the Council area.</p>

Activity Halls **Detail**

Location of community spaces



Catchment – access to community spaces



These maps highlight that there is a wide range of community spaces that could be utilised, particularly in areas with high risk of inactivity (in darker red) and out of the 20-minute drive catchment of a leisure centre, such as Ticknall Village Hall in the east. Given the rural nature of the district, infrequent public transport and reliance on the car, residents may prefer to use a facility more local and familiar to them. These community centres include Stenson Fields Community Centre in the north of the district and Midway Community Centre in Swadlincote.

Activity Halls	Detail
Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with Active Derbyshire recognised the importance of using local community facilities for physical activity on people's doorstep. This supports Active Derbyshire's place shaping from doorstep focus with people feeling safe to access opportunities to be active locally in their community without using their car to get there
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is good range of activity halls, but the majority are for private or member use only with only half open for community access. There are 57 community spaces which offer some form of physical activity. This is a good number of local spaces available to residents to be physically active in places they feel comfortable. These community spaces vary from community centres, village halls, faith places and voluntary organisations. All of the District is within 20-minute drive time of an activity hall or community centre/space. However, this relies on car ownership or access to public transport. There is a wide range of community spaces that offer some type of physical activity that could be utilised by people living in areas with high risk of inactivity and in rural areas. Activity halls and community spaces provide space for activities that do not require such large spaces e.g. Pilates, dance, yoga, martial arts. This allows larger sport halls session times to be freed up for sports that require higher ceilings and space e.g. badminton, volleyball, basketball.

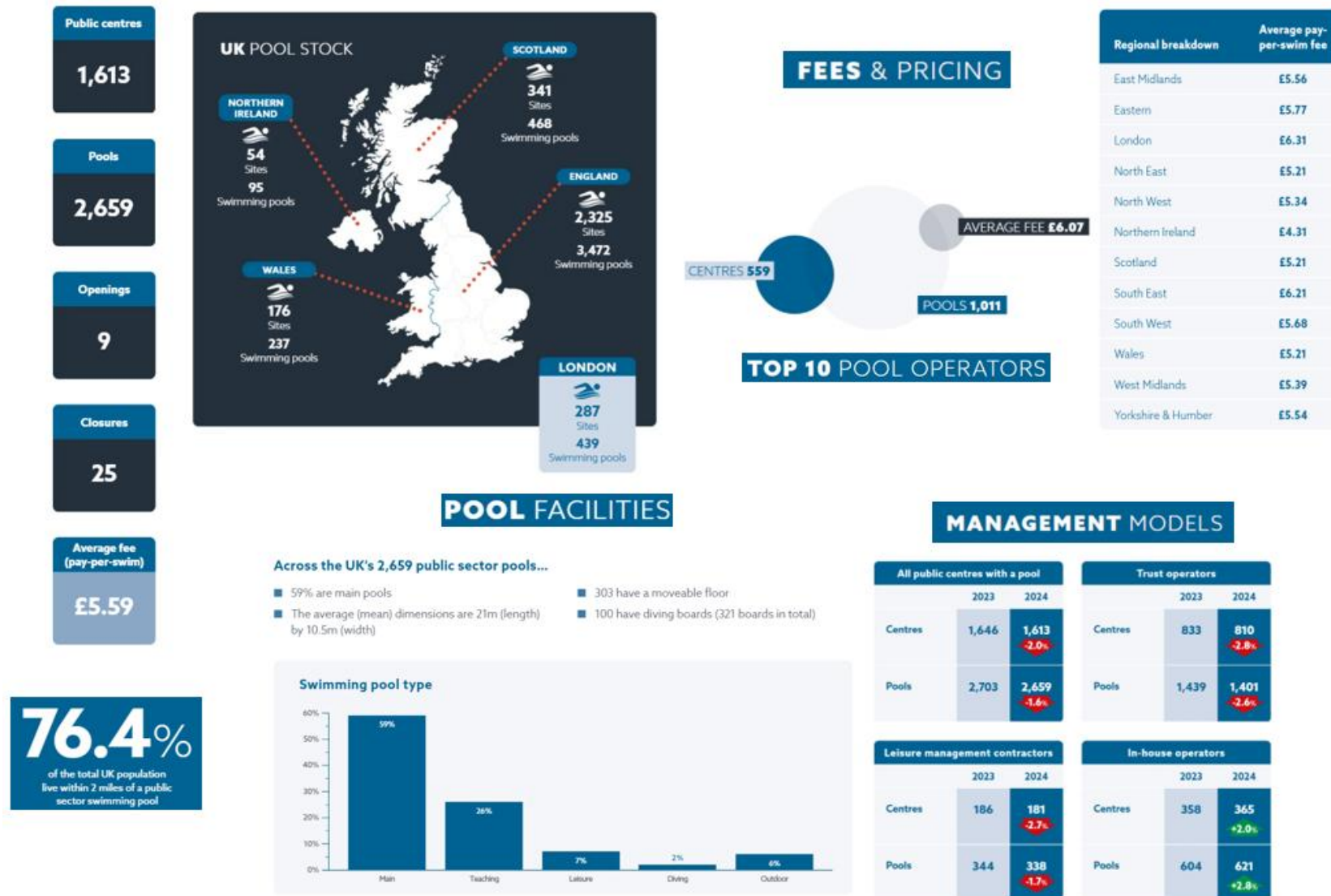
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11. Swimming Pool Supply and Demand Assessment

11.1 State of the UK Swimming Industry Report 2024 - The most recent state of the UK Swimming Industry Report key findings are below;

- Across the UK, there are now 1,613 public sector centres with pools, down 2% from 1,646 in 2023.
- The average pay-per-swim fee across the top ten public sectors operators is £6.07, passing £6 for the first time. This represents an increase of 7.1% on 2023, when the average fee was £5.67. In comparison, the average fee for the whole of the UK has risen to £5.59 past £5.50 for the first time, a 7% increase on 2023.
- 76.4% of the total UK population live within two miles of a public sector swimming pool, dropping 0.6% from 2023.
- The sector is seeing high levels of demand and decreasing levels of supply.
- School swimming is increasing by 4% year-on-year with over 220,000 swim students every week and casual swimming being up 10%, the decrease in public sector swimming pools is looking to be a future concern with demand exceeding supply.
- Furthermore, the consistent decrease in public swimming pools is concerning, leaving 8,000 vacant swim teacher positions across the UK, with an estimated 370,000 children missing out on swimming lessons this year as a result.
- AI driven data is going to level up the insight sites are getting from their pools, at the moment only turnstile data is available, i.e. how many people are using the pools and when. With AI lifeguarding technology, its intelligent camera system is able to detect everyone in the pool. With this data users will be able to create heat maps to show hotspots and under-used capacity in pools, enabling the fine tuning of programming to maximise yield.

Figure 15 – State of the UK Swimming Industry Report 2024



11.2 The supply and demand assessment of swimming pools across the South Derbyshire Council area is provided in the table below:

Table 15 – Swimming Pools Assessment in South Derbyshire District Council

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Number of swimming pools (supply)	<p>There are six swimming pool sites in both 2021 and 2038, with three ownership types: two public leisure centres, three educational sites and one commercial pool. Collectively, they provide different programmes of use with varying levels of access for residents.</p> <p>The public leisure centres account for 33% of the sites. The existing and new Green Bank Leisure Centre is the only site that has a main pool and a learner pool.</p> <p>Etwall Leisure Centre has a 25m six-lane pool. It can also provide for all swimming activities. However, because it is a single-pool site, it may not be able to provide more than one activity at the same time.</p> <p>Table 16 – Swimming Pools in South Derbyshire Included in the FPM Runs</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site</th> <th>Operation</th> <th>Facility Type</th> <th>Dimensions (m)</th> <th>Area (sqm)</th> <th>Year Built</th> <th>Year Refurb</th> <th>Peak Hours</th> <th>Total Hours</th> <th>Capacity (visits in weekly peak period)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Etwall Leisure Centre</td> <td>Public</td> <td>6-lane</td> <td>25 x 12.5</td> <td>312.5</td> <td>2009</td> <td></td> <td>52.5</td> <td>105.5</td> <td>2,739</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foremarke Hall Repton Prep School</td> <td>Edu.</td> <td>6-lane</td> <td>25 x 13</td> <td>325</td> <td>1985</td> <td></td> <td>13</td> <td>16</td> <td>704</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Green Bank Leisure Centre (Runs 1 and 2 only)</td> <td rowspan="2">Public</td> <td>4-lane</td> <td>25 x 10</td> <td>250</td> <td rowspan="2">1978</td> <td rowspan="2">2015</td> <td>52.5</td> <td>100</td> <td rowspan="2">3,063</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Learner</td> <td>10 x 10</td> <td>100</td> <td>52.5</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">New Green Bank Leisure Centre (Run 3 only)</td> <td rowspan="2">Public</td> <td>8-lane</td> <td>25 x 17</td> <td>425</td> <td rowspan="2">2030</td> <td></td> <td>52.5</td> <td>93</td> <td rowspan="2">4,769</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Learner</td> <td>12 x 10</td> <td>120</td> <td></td> <td>52.5</td> <td>93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pingle Academy</td> <td>Edu.</td> <td>4-lane</td> <td>20 x 8</td> <td>160</td> <td>1970</td> <td>2022</td> <td>20.5</td> <td>35.3</td> <td>547</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repton School Sports Centre</td> <td>Edu.</td> <td>6-lane</td> <td>25 x 12.5</td> <td>312.5</td> <td>1995</td> <td></td> <td>47.5</td> <td>47.5</td> <td>2,478</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Bates School of Swimming</td> <td>Comm.</td> <td>2-lane</td> <td>20 x 5</td> <td>100</td> <td>2016</td> <td></td> <td>50.5</td> <td>84</td> <td>842</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Table 17 – Supply of Swimming Pools by FPM</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Total Supply</th> <th>RUN 1</th> <th>RUN 2</th> <th>RUN 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>South Derbyshire</td> <td>2021</td> <td>2038</td> <td>2038</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of pools</td> <td>7</td> <td>7</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of pool sites</td> <td>6</td> <td>6</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supply in sqm of water</td> <td>1,561</td> <td>1,561</td> <td>1,756</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supply in sqm of water scaled with hours available in peak period</td> <td>1,185</td> <td>1,185</td> <td>1,380</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supply in visits per week in peak period</td> <td>10,372</td> <td>10,372</td> <td>12,078</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average year built of sites</td> <td>1992</td> <td>1992</td> <td>2001</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average age of sites</td> <td>29</td> <td>46</td> <td>37</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Run 3 has the highest water space.</p>	Site	Operation	Facility Type	Dimensions (m)	Area (sqm)	Year Built	Year Refurb	Peak Hours	Total Hours	Capacity (visits in weekly peak period)	Etwall Leisure Centre	Public	6-lane	25 x 12.5	312.5	2009		52.5	105.5	2,739	Foremarke Hall Repton Prep School	Edu.	6-lane	25 x 13	325	1985		13	16	704	Green Bank Leisure Centre (Runs 1 and 2 only)	Public	4-lane	25 x 10	250	1978	2015	52.5	100	3,063	Learner	10 x 10	100	52.5	100	New Green Bank Leisure Centre (Run 3 only)	Public	8-lane	25 x 17	425	2030		52.5	93	4,769	Learner	12 x 10	120		52.5	93	Pingle Academy	Edu.	4-lane	20 x 8	160	1970	2022	20.5	35.3	547	Repton School Sports Centre	Edu.	6-lane	25 x 12.5	312.5	1995		47.5	47.5	2,478	Sarah Bates School of Swimming	Comm.	2-lane	20 x 5	100	2016		50.5	84	842	Total Supply	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	South Derbyshire	2021	2038	2038	Number of pools	7	7	7	Number of pool sites	6	6	6	Supply in sqm of water	1,561	1,561	1,756	Supply in sqm of water scaled with hours available in peak period	1,185	1,185	1,380	Supply in visits per week in peak period	10,372	10,372	12,078	Average year built of sites	1992	1992	2001	Average age of sites	29	46	37
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Swimming Pools	Detail
<p>Catchment – access to swimming pools</p>	<p>Map 18 – South Derbyshire Swimming Pools by 20-Minute Drive Time Catchment</p> <p>The map shows the geographic distribution of the main swimming pools across the Council, with a catchment area for each of 20-minutes’ drive time. Similarly to the sports halls, there are gaps in the southwest pocket towards Lichfield and the east pocket towards Long Eaton. When considering the catchment times of neighbouring facilities with swimming pools, the east side is fully covered.</p> <p>27% of the resident population in South Derbyshire are within a 20-minute walk of a swimming pool. This decreases to 23% in Runs 2 and 3 because of the change in location of demand due to the new housing sites.</p> <p>Four of the swimming pools in the district are within five-minutes’ walk of a bus stop but none are within 15-minutes’ walk of a railway station.</p> <p>Residents in the northwest and southwest of the district have access to the fewest swimming pool sites. They can drive to between one and five swimming pool sites in 20 minutes. Residents in the centre of the district have access to the most sites, with between 10 and 15 swimming pool sites within a 20-minute drive.</p>
<p>Number of sports clubs</p>	<p>There two affiliated swimming clubs and one affiliated water polo club in South Derbyshire. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etwall Eagles Swimming Club (215 members - affiliated) use Etwall Leisure Centre and Etwall Primary School • Swadlincote Swimming Club ‘The Dolphins’ (168 members – affiliated) use Green Bank Leisure Centre • Repton Swimming Club – use Repton School • South Derbyshire Water Polo Club – juniors train at Moorways swimming pool (Fridays 7-8pm), the seniors train (ladies & men Mondays and Wednesdays 8.30-9.30pm) and play matches in local leagues at Repton School <p>Derby British Sub-Aqua Club lies just north of the Council area towards Allenton, in Moorways Sports Village.</p> <p>There are no diving clubs in South Derbyshire. The nearest is Wyndley Learn to Dive, 23 miles away from Etwall Leisure Centre. It is important to note that Green Bank Leisure Centre hosts bookable diving crash courses.</p>

Swimming Pools	Detail
	<p>There are no Triathlon Clubs in South Derbyshire, the three nearest are Derby Triathlon Club based in Derby, 4Life Tri who are based at East Leake Leisure Centre or Belper Ten Twenty who are based at Belper Leisure Centre. Derby Triathlon Club has coached pool swimming on Thursdays evenings at Etwall Leisure Centre between October – April for adults & juniors. Derby Triathlon has historically hosted an annual event at Etwall Leisure Centre and run their Summer Series May – September 7-9pm at Etwall Pool and surrounding areas.</p>
Sports clubs level of competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swadlincote Dolphins host galas and compete in local / regional leagues throughout the year. • South Derbyshire Water Polo Club compete regionally. • Etwall Eagles Swimming Club provide access routes into regional, district and national and have active members who compete in these leagues. • Repton Swimming Club compete locally and regionally. • Swim England stated: No real competitions can be held in the SDDC pools as competitions pools would need to have a good spectator area, minimum 6 lanes but ideally 8, with diving blocks.
NGB consultation	<p>Swim England’s national priorities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide county facilities big enough to cater to the numbers of athletes, spectators and event officials and a venue with capabilities’ to hold meetings, officials and coaches briefings etc. • Deep water to enable opportunities for entry level to the other aquatic sports - a strategic priority to grow the other sports (include depth figures and moveable floor) • Ability to home a timing suite to hold high quality events • A seamless pathway from learn to swim to performance swimming <p>Local Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local priorities - to protect the current water space, particularly any deep water used by the South Derbyshire Water Polo club. Any new pool space or availability for swimming clubs would always be hugely welcomed. To maintain water space. To improve facilities. Environmental sustainability • Required to support swimming priorities in SDDC – capital investment when needed. “Consistent access to water time at convenient times, at a fair fee. Clear communication between operators and clubs. Open approach to “Club Links” programmes – creating a pathway between learn to swim schemes and clubs. We do not want to lose either of the pools currently in the SDDC area as the loss of either pool would result in the likely closure of the linked club (Swadlincote or Etwall). If there was a new development we would love to see spectator seating and deeper water to accommodate competitions and water polo.” • Future water provision should consider ensuring it has open community access, making the water space even more accessible to the local population. • Facility mixes in the future need to consider the versatility of its water space and the use of a movable floor/boom system. • Involve Swim England’s Business Engagement Team to help maximise operations. • “A 50m pool would of course be absolutely ideal but we appreciate this is likely not possible. A moveable floor, or good depth would be helpful for water polo and also to give the opportunity for Artistic Swimming clubs.” • Not a sufficient supply – Green Bank and Etwall pools are not deep enough for the South Derbyshire Water Polo Club to use. They also do not meet requirements for swimming competitions (foremost spectator seating). • The Swadlincote (Green Bank) pool does not have enough pool space/availability to accommodate all of Swadlincote Swimming Clubs training, so they have to use another pool three evenings a week for some of their squads – if the club were to grow (which they need to do to be sustainable and viable) they will have to source even more pool time. • The district as a whole shows its water deficit in the area. However, the fpm findings state a deficit of 83 sqm of water, is insufficient to consider providing a new swimming pool. • No long term plans but we would continue to support clubs in developing and growing, and would hope they can continue to access the pool space they need. Any club who approached us with development plans, be it a new club or existing club, we would support this. We do not have any specific development plans/projects in progress or in mind. • Barriers – A combination of fees and available time slots • Access to funds - No
Sports club consultation findings	<p>Etwall Eagles Swimming Club (81+ members with 30+ volunteers) uses Etwall Leisure Centre which it rated as a ‘standard’ quality of facility. The number of members has decreased in the last five years and is predicted to stay the same over the next five years. The club's reported barriers are the quality of facilities/equipment, not meeting competition standards due to lack of spectator seating, insufficient space around poolside and that they require improvements to the pool area.</p>

Swimming Pools	Detail
	<p>Repton Swimming Club (175 members with 20 volunteers) uses Repton Sports Centre pool which was rated as a ‘good’ standard of facility. Its number of members has increased over the last five years and is predicted to increase over the next five years. The club's reported barriers are the availability of facility space due to school use which limits external users. This has to be the school's priority to provide for pupils, so opening hours are restricted. The club would like another pool to train at.</p> <p>Swadlincote Swimming Club (61-70 members with 20+ volunteers) uses Green Bank Leisure Centre which is rated a ‘standard’ quality of facility. Its number of members has not increased over the last five years but is predicted to increase over the next five years. The club’s reported barriers are the changing facilities, travel, car parking, the quality of the facility, availability of facility space and the meeting of competition standards. The club has received funding to develop coach education. Future indoor facilities required are an improved swimming pool with spectator area, space to store pool kit and yoga mats, room and good flooring for athletes to perform pre pool warm ups and cool downs.</p>
Schools consultation	<p>Two schools that responded to the consultation have swimming pools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hilton Spencer Academy (10m x 5m) – no clubs use this pool The Pingle Academy –The pool is hired out every night Mon-Sun from 3.30 and 8am – 7pm at weekends. Used by Waves Swim School. Bookings through schoolhire.co.uk Repton School confirmed in the site visit that Derby Phoenix Swimming Club also use their pool along with Repton Swimming Club. The Swimming timetable for community use can be found in Appendix 12
Future considerations	<p>No known future planning approvals relating to swimming pools.</p>
Quality of dedicated facilities	<p>The average ages of swimming pools in South Derbyshire are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All swimming pool sites - 17 years Public leisure centres - 12 years <p>The most recent swimming pool site to open is The Pingle Academy which was built in 1970 but refurbished in 2022. The oldest swimming pool is Foremark Hall Repton Prep School which was built in 1985.</p> <p>Out of our audit these swimming pools were rated the highest in terms of quality;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repton School The Pingle Academy <p>The following were identified as requiring some improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Bank Leisure Centre – large tear in swimming pool roof at time of visit, general ageing condition of pool area Etwall Leisure Centre – pool sprinklers not working at time of visit
FPM key findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 2021 and 2038, South Derbyshire’s population is projected to increase by 19% and the district’s demand for swimming pools is projected to increase by 15%. In 2021 and 2038, South Derbyshire’s met demand is 94% of total demand for swimming pools. Therefore, the pools are in the right places, are accessible and appeal to the majority of South Derbyshire residents. Unmet demand is 6% of demand in 2021 and 2038. This represents 75 sqm of water in Run 1 and 87 sqm of water in Run 3. Demand located too far from a facility is 91% of unmet demand in Run 1 and 97% in Run 3. Unmet demand from lack of facility capacity is 9% and 4% respectively. The area with the highest reachable unmet demand is southeast of Thulston. However, at 83 sqm of water, this is insufficient to consider providing a new swimming pool to improve access for residents. The overall estimated used capacity of swimming pools in the district in the weekly peak period is 82% in Run 1 and 78% in Run 3. The following sites are operating at estimated 100% used capacity in the weekly peak period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Etwall Leisure Centre in all runs. The current Green Bank Leisure Centre in Run 1. The new Green Bank Leisure Centre in Run 3.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2025 update - based on increase in population to 2039. South Derbyshire used the 2021 parameters, using the same participation and frequency rates, the increase in demand would be 11 sqm of water. Therefore, overall, the small increase in the total population wouldn't have a significant impact on the level of demand produced. • However, the increase in housing growth is in two areas on the border with Derby, which would redistribute the demand geographically. The additional population of 9,900 would produce demand of 108 sqm of water using the 2021 parameters or 105sqm of water using the 2024 parameters, across the two housing areas. • The additional demand will mainly be accessing school halls in Derby with some demand going to the highly utilised Etwall Leisure Centre. • The increase in demand in these areas will not change the findings in the swimming pool fpm report. For pools, the public pools are full, so will need to make more use of the educational pools, and the additional demand will be drawn to the Moorways Sports Village. <p>Interventions and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most important finding in terms of interventions is the estimated used capacity of the public leisure centres. While the projected 15% increase in the demand for swimming pools between 2021 and 2038 can be met by the supply of swimming pools, the two public leisure centres are estimated to be full at peak times. <p>Table 18 – Used Capacity of South Derbyshire Swimming Pools in Percentages by Run</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="480 947 1342 1279"> <thead> <tr> <th>Utilised Capacity</th> <th>RUN 1</th> <th>RUN 2</th> <th>RUN 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Individual Sites</td> <td>2021</td> <td>2038</td> <td>2038</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Etwall Leisure Centre</td> <td>100</td> <td>100</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School</td> <td>30</td> <td>14</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green Bank Leisure Centre</td> <td>100</td> <td>92</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Green Bank Leisure Centre</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pingle Academy</td> <td>53</td> <td>96</td> <td>37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repton School Sports Centre</td> <td>62</td> <td>41</td> <td>36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Bates School of Swimming</td> <td>82</td> <td>86</td> <td>84</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Etwall Leisure Centre and the new Green Bank Leisure Centre are modelled with the maximum 52.5 hours available in the weekly peak period. There is no scope to increase the hours at peak times for either centre. • In Run 3, 545 visits in the weekly peak period cannot be met at the new Green Bank Leisure Centre. This is 11% of the centre's capacity in the weekly peak period. • High used capacity is driven by the draw effect of public leisure centres and the amount of demand in the Swadlincote area. Also, the new Green Bank Leisure Centre has the highest attraction weighting because it has a greater draw than the older pool sites. <p>Intervention One - Increase the capacity and hours in the weekly peak period at The Pingle Academy swimming pool, also in Swadlincote. It has 20.5 hours available for community use in the weekly peak period. It has 53% of pool capacity used at peak times in Run 1 and 37% in Run 3. The pool site was modernised in 2022.</p> <p>At The Pingle Academy there is scope to increase the hours available for community use and the pool capacity to accommodate some of the demand that cannot be met at the new Green Bank Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Intervention Two - Ensure pool programming at Etwall Leisure Centre accommodates the most popular activities at peak times. In effect, ensuring there is no unused capacity. Etwall Leisure Centre has a 25m six-lane pool and there may be scope to programme more than one activity at the same time.</p>	Utilised Capacity	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	Individual Sites	2021	2038	2038	Etwall Leisure Centre	100	100	100	Foremarke Hall Repton Preparatory School	30	14	12	Green Bank Leisure Centre	100	92	-	New Green Bank Leisure Centre	-	-	100	Pingle Academy	53	96	37	Repton School Sports Centre	62	41	36	Sarah Bates School of Swimming	82	86	84
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Swimming Pools	Detail
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are six swimming pool sites in both 2021 and 2038 runs, with three ownership types: two public leisure centres, three educational sites and one commercial pool. • Swimming pools are in the right places, are accessible and appeal to the majority of South Derbyshire residents. • There is low deprivation in South Derbyshire but pockets of deprivation in Swadlincote are served by swimming pool sites at The Pingle Academy and Green Bank Leisure Centre. • Swimming club consultation confirmed that the swimming pool facilities at Green Bank Leisure Centre need improving, and that Repton Swimming Club are looking for additional water space. These findings support a new and increased water space at the new Green Bank Leisure Centre. • The increased population in the north near Etwall Leisure Centre is likely to translate into increased demand for facilities, however with residents unconcerned by Council area boundaries, this demand is likely to be exported to facilities in neighbouring Derby. Moorways Sports Village in Derby has an extensive pool offer with main, leisure and learner. • Increase in demand in the housing growth areas will need to make more use of educational pools as the public pools are full. Additional demand will be drawn to the Moorways Sports Village and there are smaller pools such as Gayton Pool close to the south Derby border that were not factored in the fpm run but provide community swimming activities and access. • This may, therefore, add pressure to facilities, particularly swimming and is likely to push demand south to Green Bank Leisure Centre, which is the only centre that has a main and learner pool within the Council area. • The FPM Run 3 modelled the provision of an increased provision of water space by 2038, with an eight lane 25m pool and a 12m x 10m learner pool at Green Bank Leisure Centre. • Despite additional water space, the FPM shows 100% utilised capacity for “peak hours” at both Green Bank Leisure Centre and Etwall Leisure Centre. To provide greater capacity in the district, it is recommended to increase the capacity and hours in the weekly peak period at The Pingle Academy swimming pool and to ensure pool programming at Etwall Leisure Centre accommodates the most popular activities at peak times. • Given age/condition of Etwall Leisure Centre swimming pool remedial work is required.

12. Health & Fitness Facilities Supply and Demand Assessment

12.1. A fitness station is a piece of static fitness equipment; health and fitness centres, with over 20 stations, are generally able to make a more attractive offer to both members and pay and play users.

12.2. State of the UK Fitness Industry Report 2024

12.2.2. The key findings from the Leisure Database 2024 report for public gyms are set out below and shown in the infographic overleaf.

12.2.3. There are now 2,496 public sector gyms in the UK, down 1.7% from 2,538 in 2023, but member numbers are up 1.9% to 3.36 million and the penetration rate has reached 5%, both metrics remain below their previous highs but continue to move in the right direction.

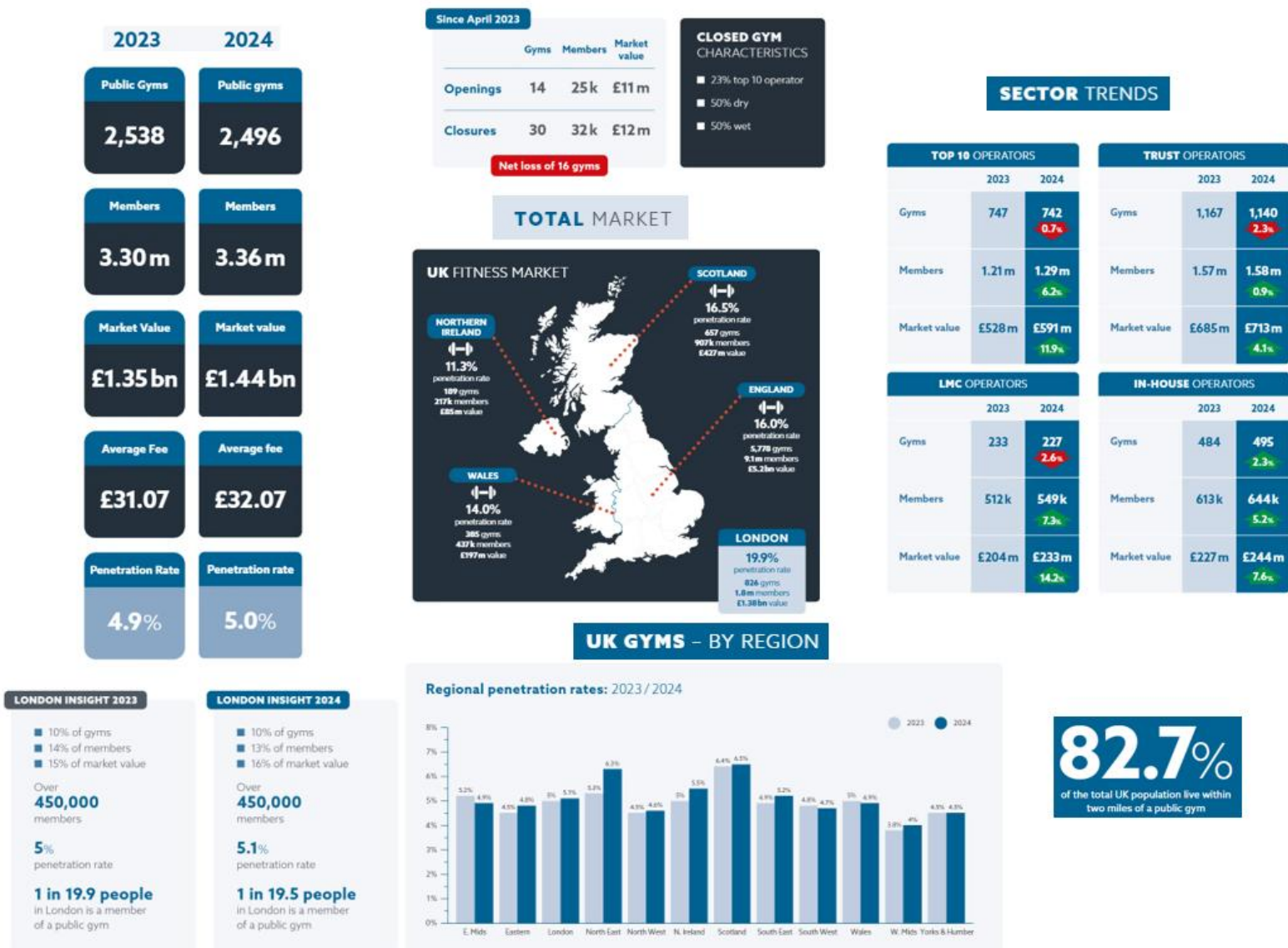
12.2.4. There was a net loss of 16 public sector gyms in 2024.

12.2.5. The top ten operators account for 30% of all public sector gyms, 38% of public sector members and 41% of public sector market value. The top three operators account for 19% of all public sector gyms in the UK. GLL remains the leading UK public sector operator, with the trust operating 195 gyms.

- 12.2.6. SLM have launched a wellbeing service to memberships for an additional fee per month which includes a GP call within 24 hours, this membership now accounts for 25% of all adult fitness memberships.
- 12.2.7. The total number of members across the top ten operators has risen by 75,000 and the combined market value by £63m (+11.9%).
- 12.2.8. One in 20 people are a member of a public gym.

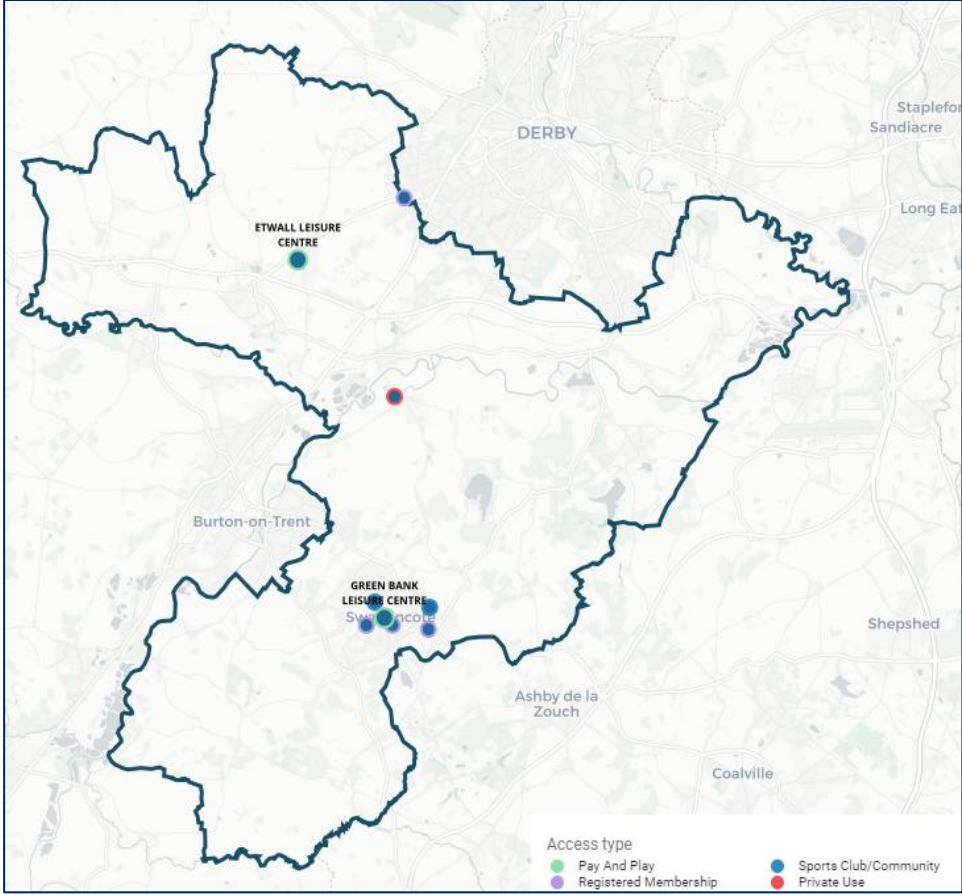
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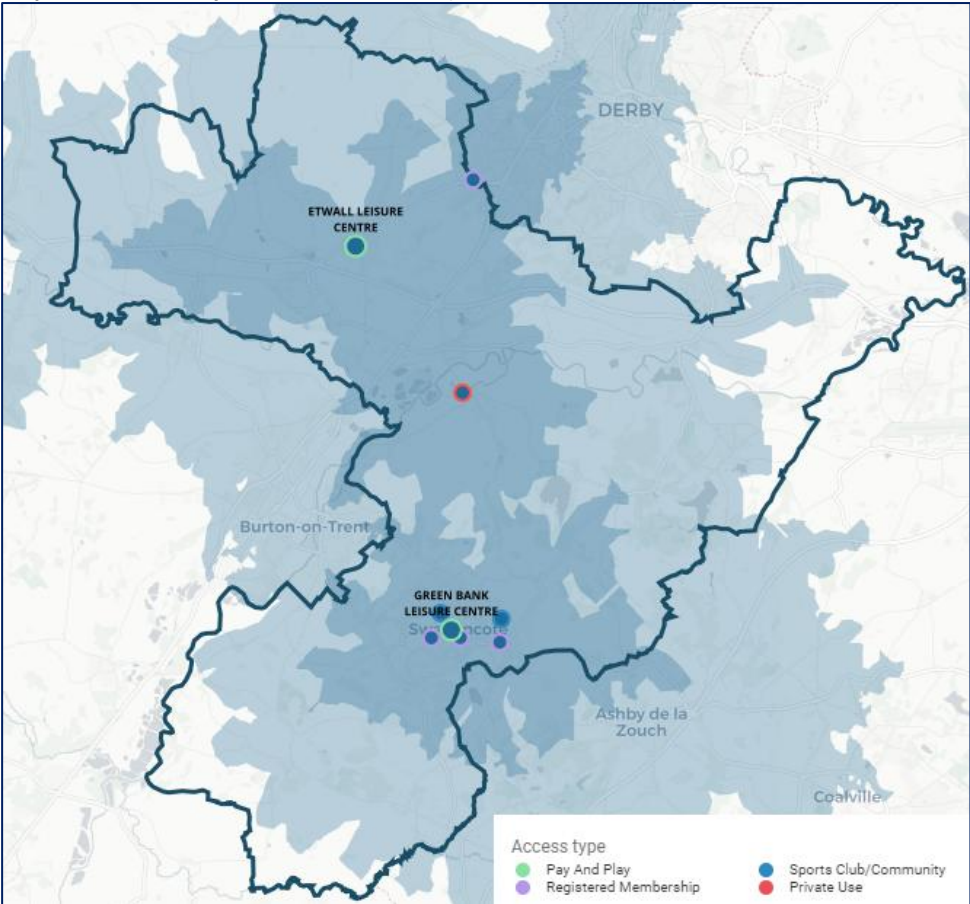
Figure 16 – State of the UK Fitness Industry Report 2024

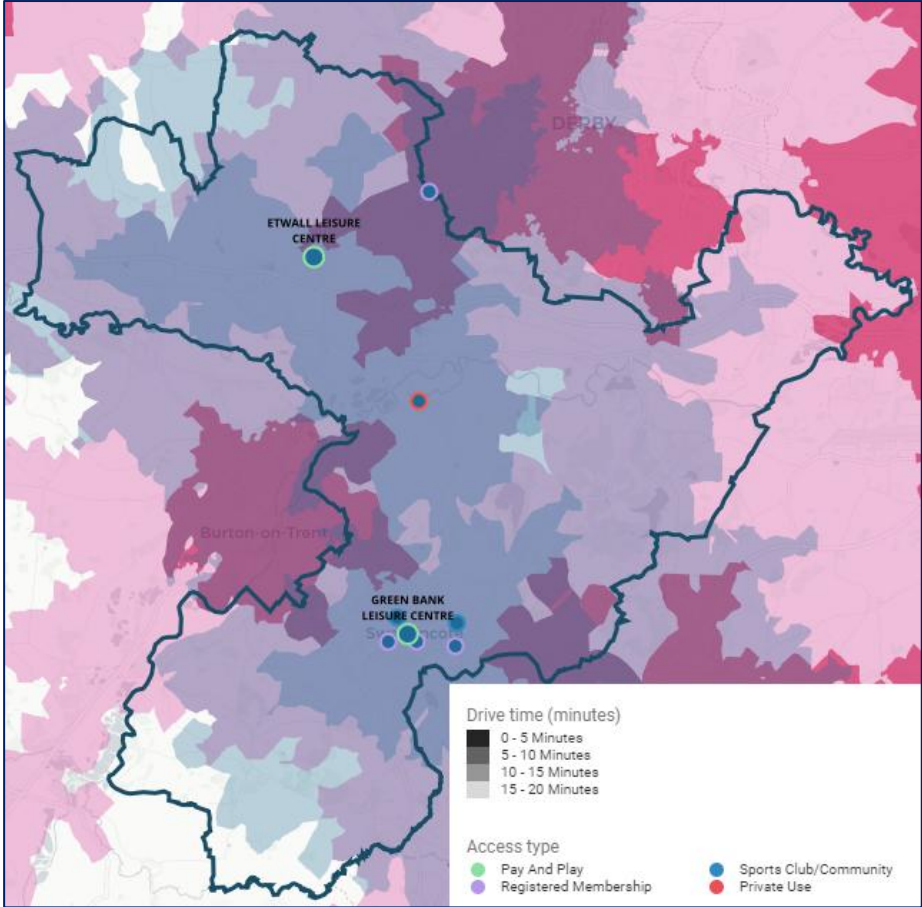


12.2.9. The supply and demand assessment of health and fitness facilities across the South Derbyshire Council area is provided in the table below.

Table 19 – Health & Fitness Assessment in South Derbyshire District Council Area

Health and Fitness	Detail
Number of facilities (supply)	There are nine health and fitness facilities, of these two are pay and play, four are registered membership use, one is private educational and two are sports club/community association/educational.
Location of health and fitness dedicated facilities	<p>Map 19 – South Derbyshire Health & Fitness Facilities</p> 

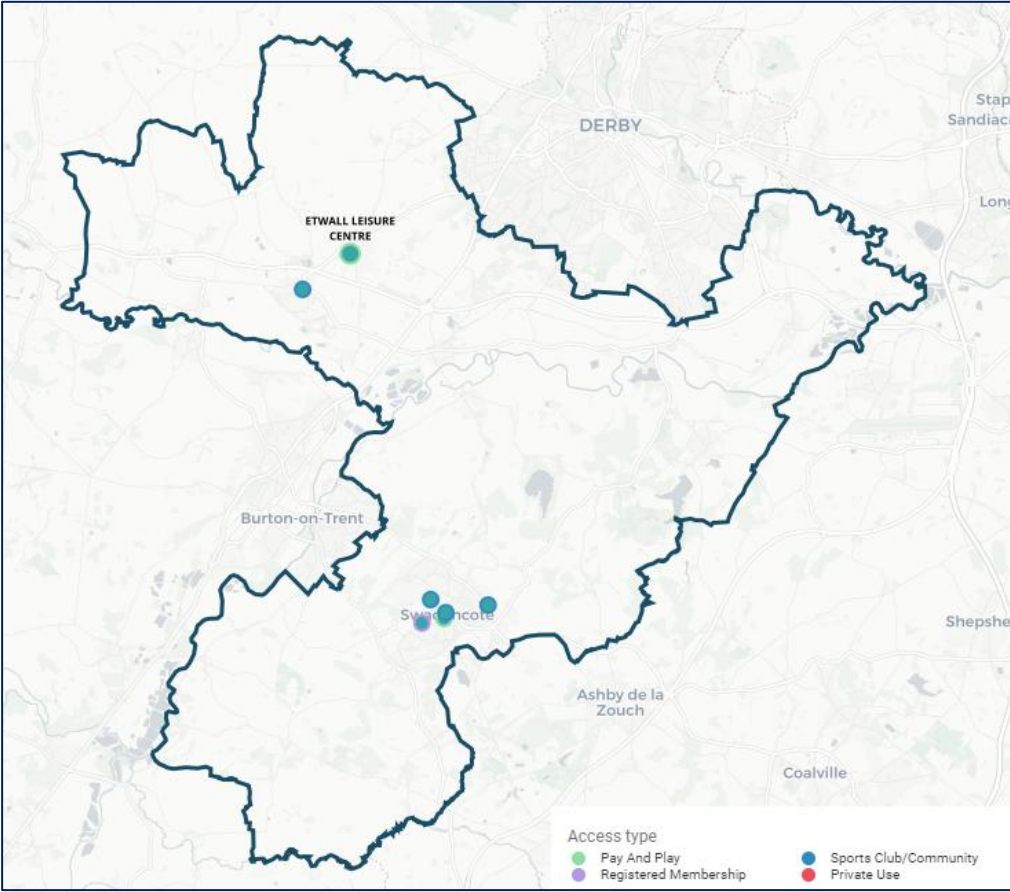
Health and Fitness	Detail
<p>Catchment – access to health and fitness dedicated facilities</p>	<p>Map 20 – South Derbyshire Health & Fitness (20-Minute Drive Time)</p>  <p>The map shows the geographic distribution of the main health and fitness facilities across the Council area, with a catchment area for each of 20-minutes' drive time.</p> <p>Most of the Council area is covered apart from the southwest pocket towards Lichfield and the east pocket towards Long Eaton. When considering the catchment times of neighbouring facilities based on the assumption that these leisure centres have a gym the east side is fully covered.</p> <p>It is likely that the health and fitness offer at Moorways Sports Village towards Derby will draw residents from the north of the Council area to visit. If residents are travelling to swim at Moorways Sports Village it is likely that the same customers would also travel to go to the gym particularly as the health and fitness facilities have been recently extended so appealing to customers.</p>

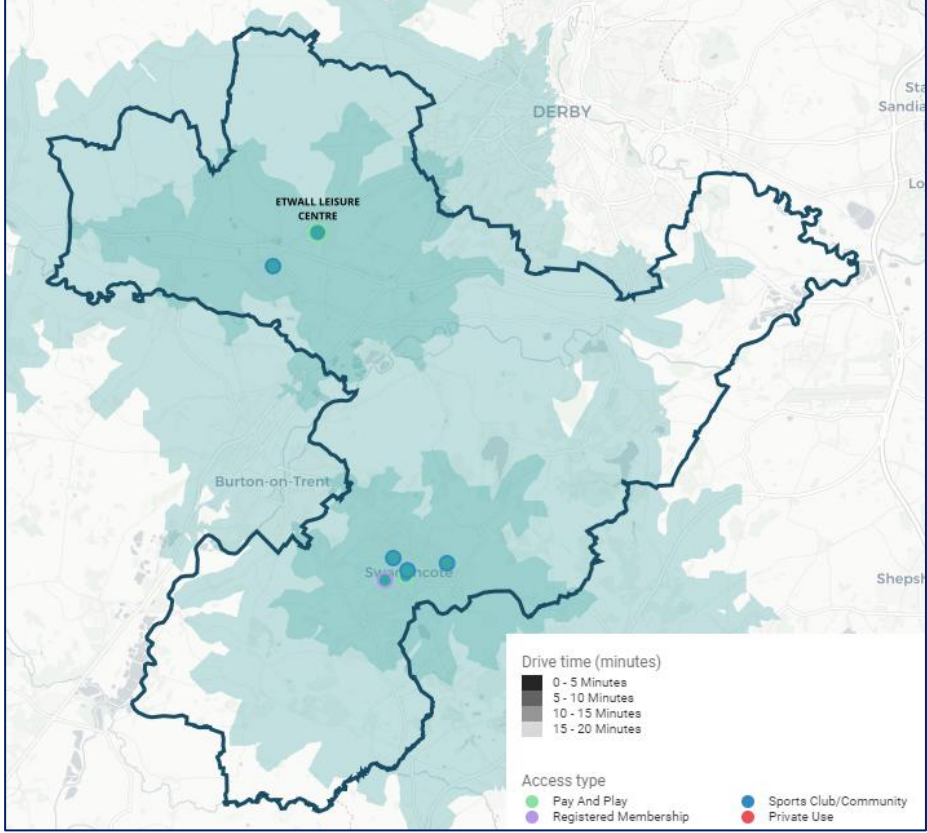
Health and Fitness	Detail
	<p>Map 21 – South Derbyshire Health & Fitness with Neighbouring Facilities (20-Minute Drive Time)</p> 
<p>Quality of dedicated facilities</p>	<p>Site visits identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repton School - gym / fitness suite in very good condition, aspiration to increase community membership numbers. Separate performance gym only available to students. • Green Bank Leisure Centre – new equipment recently installed. • The Pingle Academy – the gym is very small and used as part of PE lessons but not big enough so users spill into corridor. Potential to extend side of sports hall to accommodate a larger gym / dance studio.
<p>Future considerations</p>	<p>The latent demand report for a gym at the new Green Bank Leisure Centre indicates that local competition in Swadlincote is limited with no other gyms offering a pool or a gym of comparable size to the current facility. A 10-minute catchment of the centre was used to project demand.</p> <p>The projected demand for health and fitness is 2,668 members.</p>
<p>Summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latent demand for fitness for a potential new Green Bank Leisure Centre indicates to increase the gym size to approximately 110 stations, covering an area of around 550m². Latent demand for fitness details can be found in Appendix 16. • Integrate Innerva/assisted fitness equipment within the gym to cater to the needs of older adults and those requiring additional support. • Potential to support The Pingle Academy in applying for funding to expand their gym.

13. Studios Supply and Demand Assessment

13.1. The supply and demand assessment of studio facilities across South Derbyshire District Council is provided in the table below.

Table 20 – Studio Assessment in South Derbyshire District Council Area

Studios	Detail
<p>Facility Requirements</p>	<p>Health and fitness suites and studios tend to focus on group exercise such as spin, aerobics, dance, Tai Chi and yoga.</p> <p>There is currently a national growing market for boutique fitness studios that are generally viewed as a small gym, 800 – 3500 square feet, that focus on group exercise and specialise in one or two fitness areas. It is anticipated that South Derbyshire will be following the national trend with boutique studios popping up across the authority area.</p>
<p>Supply of studio facilities</p>	<p>There are seven studios, of these two are pay and play, two are sports club/community association, two are sports club/community association/educational and one is registered membership use.</p>
<p>Location of studio facilities</p>	<p>Map 22 – South Derbyshire Studios</p> 
<p>Catchment – access to Studios</p>	<p>Map 23 – South Derbyshire Studios (20-Minute Drive Time)</p>

Studios	Detail
	 <p>The map shows the geographic distribution of the strategic main studios across the Council area, with a catchment area for each of 20-minutes' drive time. As shown, most of South Derbyshire is within the 20-minute catchment area.</p>
Quality of dedicated facilities	<p>Site visits identified;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Etwall Leisure Centre - new spin studio but limited to one class a day due to lack of instructors at time of visit. Granville Academy has a good quality dance studio that is used by Swadlincote Table Tennis Club and Arose Gymnastics. Green Bank Leisure Centre has a new spin studio and large group exercise studio but in a separate building to main leisure centre.
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spin classes popular, sometimes lack of qualified instructors. Flexible studio space popular and allows for fitness classes, community activities and wellness programmes. A replacement Green Bank Leisure Centre should consider multiple studio spaces to support the fitness membership base, provide a variety of fitness options and activity space for non-traditional sports.

14. Gymnastics Supply and Demand Assessment

14.1 The supply and demand assessment of gymnastics facilities across the South Derbyshire Council area is provided in the table below.

Table 21 – Gymnastics Assessment in South Derbyshire Council Area

Gymnastics	Detail
Number of facilities	There are no dedicated gymnastics facilities in South Derbyshire.
Number of gymnastic clubs	British Gymnastics has two affiliated clubs in South Derbyshire - Delta Trampoline and Sharecroft Gymnastics Club.

Gymnastics	Detail
	<p>Sharecroft Gymnastics Club uses Green Bank Leisure Centre and Blackfordby Village Hall. Delta Trampoline Club trains at Etwall Leisure Centre on a Tuesday & Thursday evening and Sunday morning. Sessions are available for novice, club and squad training.</p> <p>Arose Gymnastics offers private and group gymnastic sessions with a Level 2 gymnastics coach based in Swadlincote. They use Granville Academy.</p> <p>Instep Academy of Performing Arts based at The Pingle Academy also offers some gymnastics acrobatic and tumbling classes</p>
Gymnastic clubs level of competition	<p>Sharecroft Gymnastics Club competes at all levels of competition.</p> <p>Delta Trampoline Club compete at local, regional and national level</p>
NGB consultation	<p>British Gymnastics identified the main issue for gymnastic development is having access to sufficient dedicated space so that clubs are able to grow and extend their programmes.</p> <p>Dedicated provision enables clubs to deal with their waiting lists and expand their operations – as a general rule, clubs experience a 50% growth within a year of relocating. The main element of income for gymnastics is recreational gymnastics for young people, which is also an attraction for leisure operators in terms of their key goal of increasing income generation. British Gymnastics will support clubs to find dedicated gymnastic space.</p> <p>Local findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Derbyshire is host to two affiliated gymnastics clubs with 551 live registered members and between 11-20 qualified coaches. • British Gymnastics don't have any long-term plans or developments in mind / progress within the SDDC area and are not aware of any plans from the gymnastic clubs but will support if a club wishes to develop into a dedicated space. • British Gymnastics has reported that there is not a sufficient supply of future facilities to meet the current and future demand. • The key barrier sport is facing is the challenges with the availability of a qualified coach workforce. • The long-term plan is the Leap Without Limits initiative, which is a shared vision for gymnastics across all four home nations. • A facility development team is available to support, develop and guide clubs, leisure providers and other partners to help achieve their facility requirements. • Eligible British Gymnastics clubs are able to apply for Club Capital, a social investment impact loan. The £10m Club Capital fund offers unsecured loans of between £25,000 to £250,000 (up to £750,000 in exceptional circumstances) to enable clubs to move into new, or expand or safeguard existing dedicated gymnastics facilities. Most loans will be over four years at an interest rate of 4% Club Capital – Helping Communities Thrive.
Sports club consultation	<p>Sharecroft Gymnastics has 400 members, the majority are junior members. Membership numbers are increasing. Blackfordby Village Hall is the main venue which the club rated as poor. Sharecroft Gymnastics Club would like bigger premises and move to a dedicated gymnastics facility.</p>
School consultation	<p>Granville Academy indicated, as part of the consultation, that Arose Gymnastics use their studio for gymnastics.</p>
Catchment Map of neighbouring facilities	<p>Map 24 – Dedicated gymnastic facilities in the South Derbyshire area (20-Minute Drive Time)</p>

Gymnastics	Detail
	<p>As shown by the catchment map above, there are three dedicated gymnastics sites just across the border of the Council area. These are J Star Gymnastics (Burton on Trent), Mickleover Gymnastics Academy (South of Derby City) and The Mill Gymnastics Academy (NE towards Long Eaton). East Staffs Olympic Gymnastics Club are an established affiliated gymnastics club just over the west council border based at Paulet High School, Burton on Trent.</p>
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No dedicated gymnastic facility in the South Derbyshire District Council area. • There are two affiliated gymnastics clubs in South Derbyshire. Sharecroft Gymnastics and Delta Trampoline Club. • British Gymnastics don't have any long-term plans or developments in mind / progress within the SDDC area and are not aware of any plans from the gymnastic clubs but will support if a club wishes to develop into a dedicated space. • Sharecroft Gymnastics wish to move to a dedicated gymnastic facility. • British Gymnastics has reported that there is not a sufficient supply of future facilities to meet the current and future demand. • British Gymnastics expects an increased number of clubs to move their activities to dedicated spaces/facilities. There is limited provision of access to facilities to gymnastic activities due to the lack of time within both dedicated and non-dedicated facilities and access to workforce. The majority of clubs report a waiting list. • Increasing inclusive access with a focus on equality, diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) is a priority to British Gymnastics. • The key barrier gymnastics is facing is availability of a qualified coach workforce.

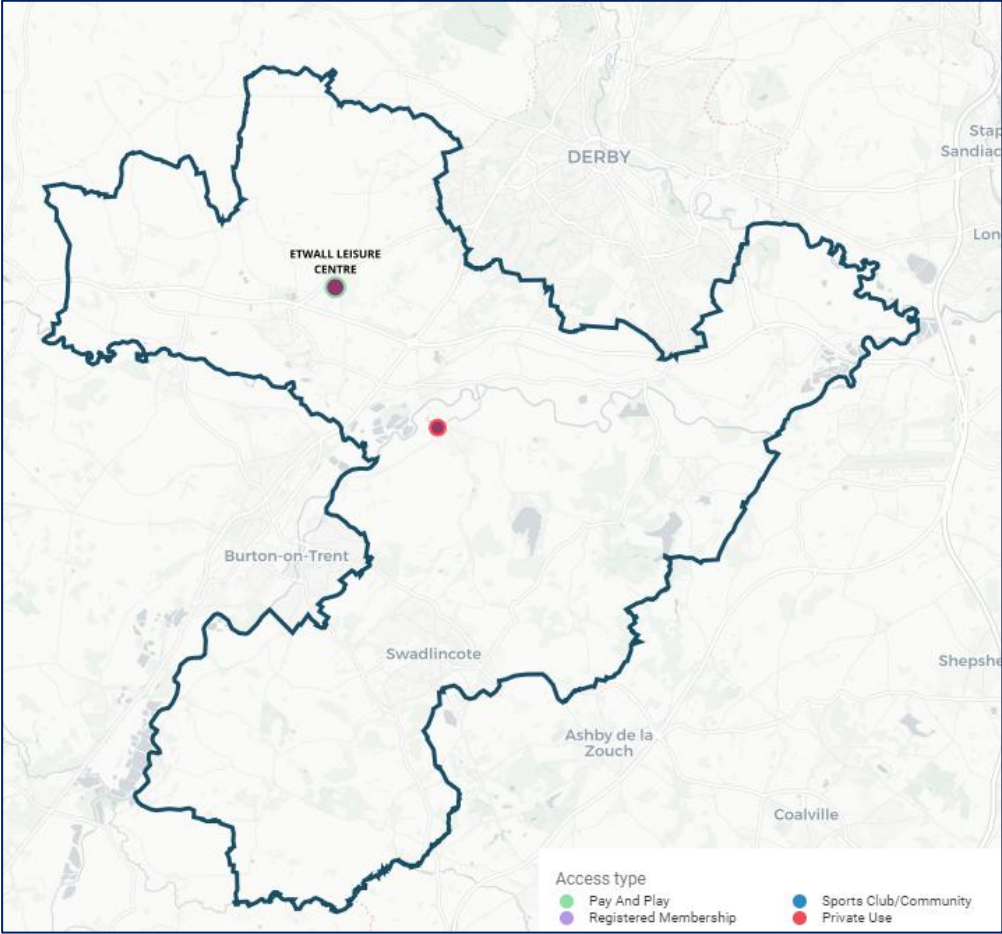
15. Squash Supply and Demand Assessment

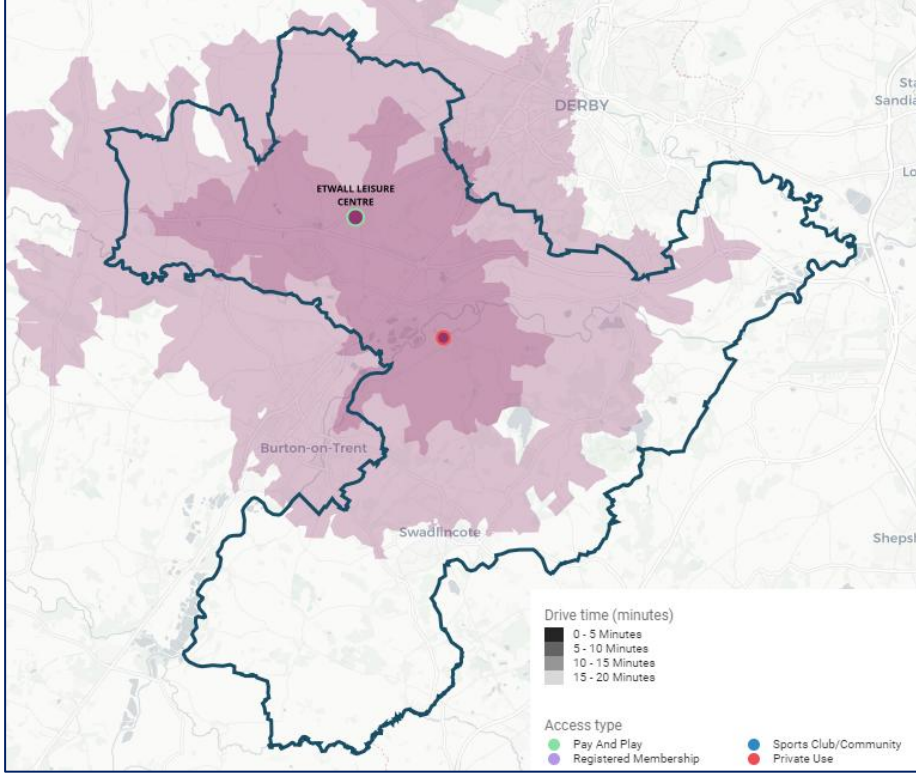
15.1 Increasingly, squash courts are provided through squash clubs/multi-sport clubs, as opposed to local authority leisure facilities. This reflects the fact that participation in the sport has reduced from its massive growth in the 1970's and there is less demand for community access squash courts.

15.2 The supply and demand assessment of squash facilities across the South Derbyshire Council area is provided in the table below.

Table 22 – Squash Assessment in South Derbyshire Council Area

Squash	Detail
Number of facilities (supply)	There are two sites providing four squash courts, both on education sites. The two squash courts at Etwall have recently been handed over to the school to manage. Repton School has two glass backed squash courts that can be used as part of a squash membership.

Squash	Detail
<p>Location of dedicated squash facilities</p>	<p>Map 25 – Location of Dedicated Squash Facilities in South Derbyshire</p> 
<p>Catchment – access to squash courts</p>	<p>Map 26 – South Derbyshire Squash Facilities (20-Minute Drive Time)</p>

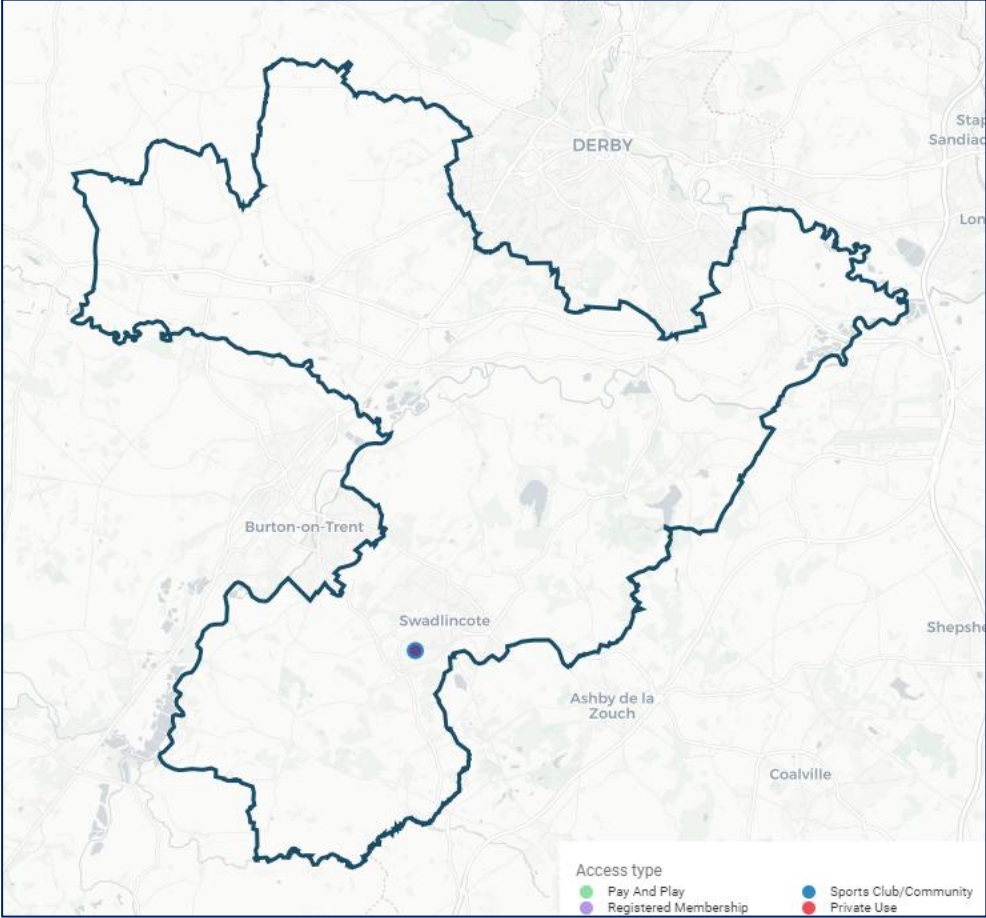
Squash	Detail
	 <p>The map shows the geographic distribution of the main squash facilities across the Council area, with a catchment area for each of 20-minutes' drive time. Most of north and central South Derbyshire are covered in a 20-minute drive time catchment, the east pocket and southwest pocket are not covered.</p>
Number of squash clubs	There are no affiliated squash clubs in South Derbyshire.
NGB Consultation	<p>England Squash national priorities are increasing participation, enhancing diversity and nurturing talent.</p> <p>Local Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers - With no three court venue facilities in the SDDC area we are unable to hold competitions. Any three court venue is capable of delivering festivals, team squash, junior coaching and 'Copper' events (local junior competitions that form the first level of the England Squash Talent pathway). Sites with 5 or more courts can play a major part in delivering national and international events. Closure of Melbourne Assembly Room squash court has reduced supply of squash courts • Future Plans – England Squash are creating a new primary schools programme for either teachers or squash coaches to deliver in schools in dinner halls/assembly halls/outside etc. The programme will have training and session plans for teacher and coaches so they can deliver the programme in PE lessons. The programme is curriculum aligned and offers children the opportunity to learn about a new sport whilst developing transferable skills. The programme will be announced during 2025 and we'll work with Active Partnerships to offer training to teachers. The programme will be free to deliver, there will be kit the school or coach can purchase but we want the programme to be as flexible as possible to ensure there are no barriers to people delivering it. • Funding - we currently have funding to support clubs with delivery of specific squash activities, for this the club needs to be affiliated or the coach applying needs to be an England Squash Coaches Club member. With the new schools programme we may offer discounts for schools to purchase kit. • Using England Squash modelling there is an insufficient supply of courts to people ratio. The recommended ratio is 1:10,000, however, the current ratio is 1:27,483, this will change to 1:33,052 by 2039. • England Squash said "with four courts this falls below what we would recommend but if courts in the area were previously underutilised it would be good to improve the use of the ones in the area first. With the courts/venues not being affiliated to us we can't support with grants but we can speak to the managers and talk them through the different participation programmes we have on offer to see if it is something they are interested in delivering."
Quality of dedicated facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality of two glass backed squash courts at Repton Sports Centre.

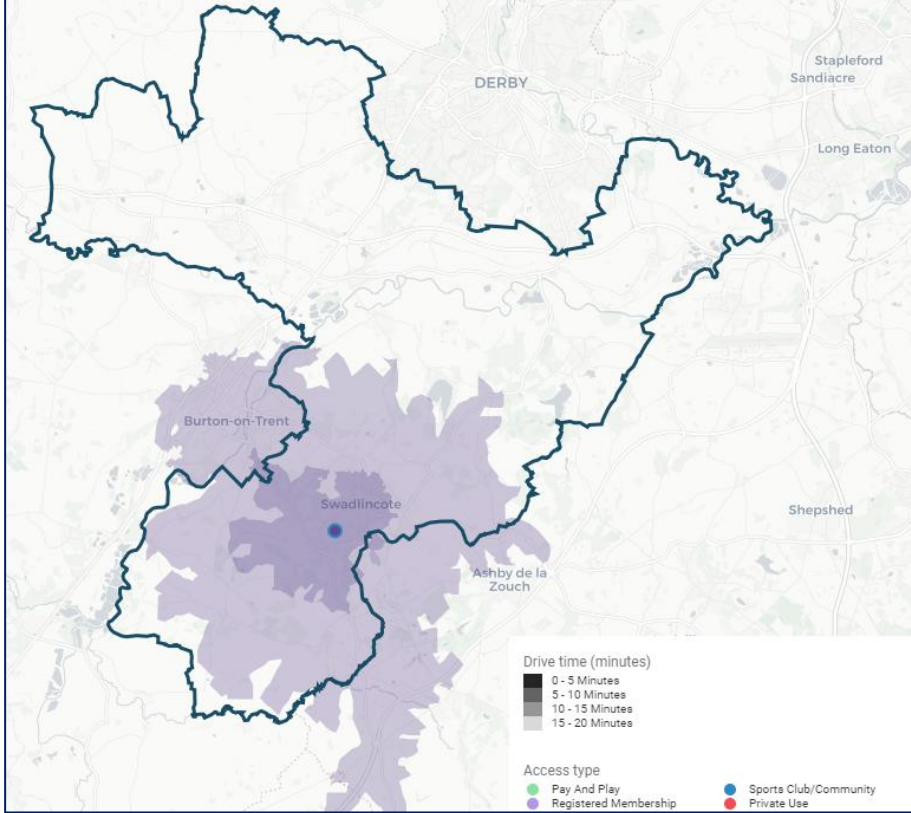
Squash	Detail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etwall School squash courts in separate block by outdoor sports pitches. Changing rooms on site.
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are four squash courts across two education sites. • There is an insufficient supply of courts to people ratio now and up to 2039. • The new primary schools programme may increase demand and interest in playing squash in South Derbyshire in the future • Funding by England Squash is available to affiliated squash clubs but no such clubs in the council area

16. Indoor Bowling Supply and Demand Assessment

- 16.1 An indoor bowls facility comprises several indoor rinks (usually a minimum of three rinks). Indoor bowls is a more specialist sport and tends to be used by bowlers who play outside in the summer, to practise and compete during the winter months.
- 16.2 The supply and demand assessment of indoor bowls facilities across the South Derbyshire Council area is provided in the table below.

Table 23 – Indoor Bowling Assessment in South Derbyshire Council Area

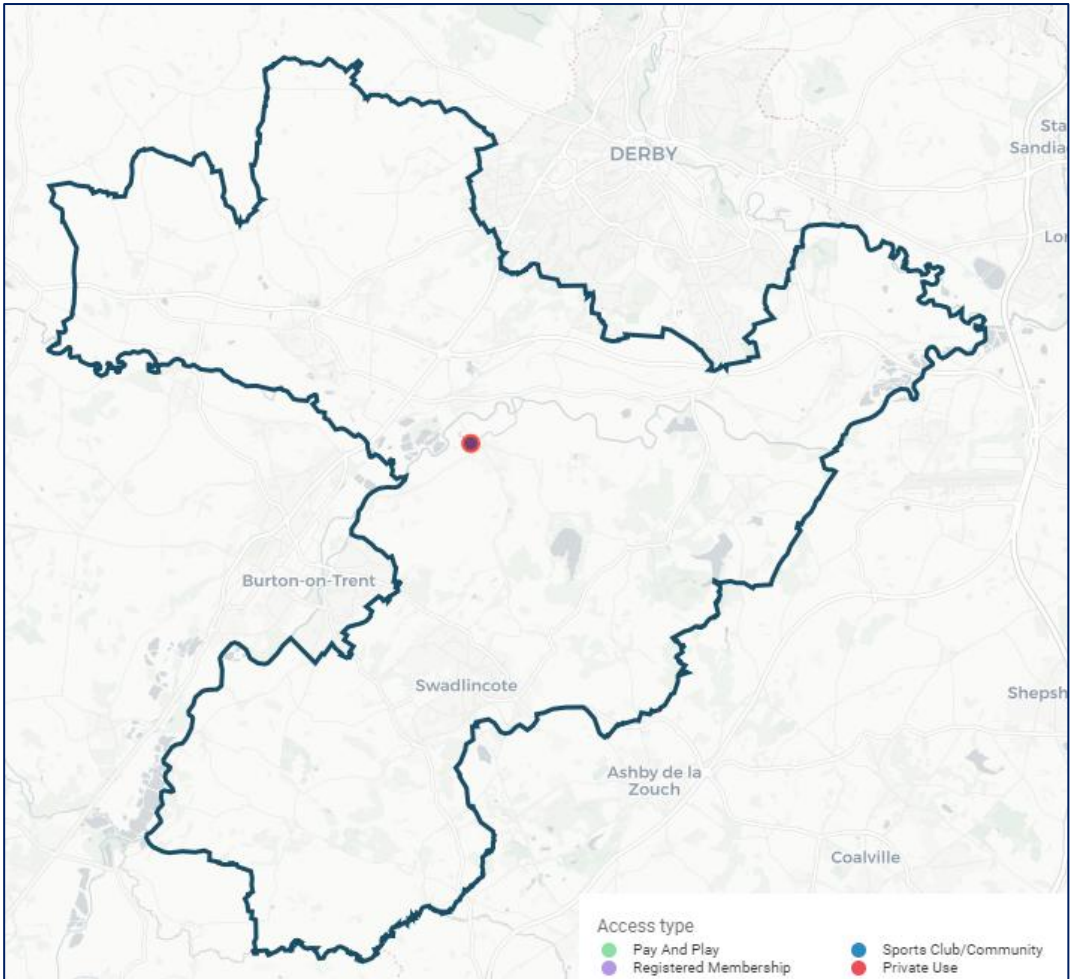
Indoor Bowling	Detail
Number of bowling facilities	There is one indoor bowls facility which is private.
Location of dedicated indoor bowling facilities	<p>Map 27 – Location of South Derbyshire Indoor Bowling</p> 
Catchment – access to indoor bowling	Map 28 – South Derbyshire Indoor Bowling (20-Minute Drive Time)

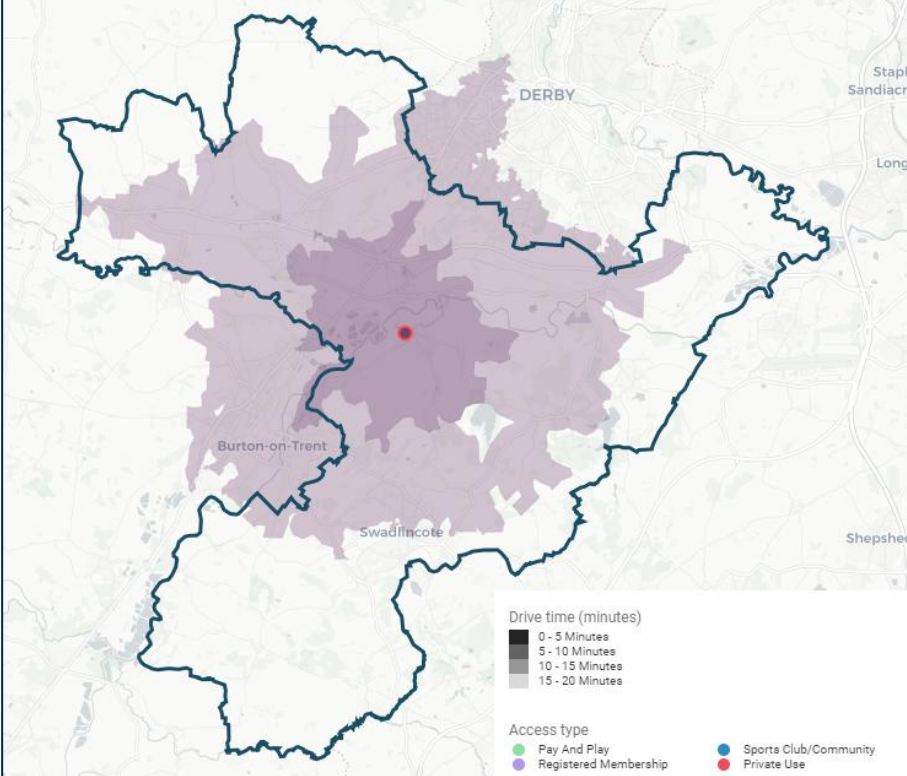
Indoor Bowling	Detail
	 <p>The map shows the geographic distribution of the strategic main indoor bowling sites across the Council area, with a catchment area for each of 20-minutes' drive time. Most of the southwest of South Derbyshire is within a 20-minute drive time of the bowls club. However, the north and northeast area do not have an indoor bowls club in South Derbyshire within a 20-minute catchment.</p>
Number of sports clubs	There is one indoor bowling club (Gresley Old Hall Club) in South Derbyshire, which is affiliated.
Sports clubs level of competition	Gresley Old Hall Club provides access to inter-club leagues, county and national competitions.
Consultation findings	<p>English Indoor Bowling Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is one affiliated Indoor Bowling Association in South Derbyshire, with 205 live registered members. • There is a sufficient supply of facilities to meet current and future demand. • NGB priorities are the long-term sustainability of the eight rink Church Gresley Old Hall bowling facility. • No barriers reported.
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One eight rink indoor bowling club in South Derbyshire. • The English Indoor Bowling Association, when consulted confirmed there is a sufficient supply of facilities to meet current and future demand.

17. Indoor Tennis Supply and Demand Assessment

17.1 The supply and demand assessment of indoor tennis facilities across the South Derbyshire Council area is provided in the table below.

Table 24 – Indoor Tennis & Padel Assessment in South Derbyshire Council Area

Indoor Tennis	Detail
Number of facilities (supply)	<p>There is one dedicated indoor tennis facility which is a private educational site (Repton School). This facility has community use. The school book the indoor courts 2-6pm during term time. Lessons and community use takes place around these times and out of term time. Bookings can be made through clubspark.</p> <p>There are no padel indoor tennis courts in the South Derbyshire Council area. The nearest is located at We are Padel in Derby, which has 11 indoor / covered courts. There is one outdoor padel court at Church Broughton Tennis Club.</p>
Location of indoor tennis dedicated facilities	<p>Map 29 – Location of Indoor Tennis Facilities in South Derbyshire</p> 
Catchment – access to indoor tennis	<p>Map 30 – South Derbyshire Indoor Tennis (20-Minute Drive Time)</p>

Indoor Tennis	Detail
	 <p>As shown by the 20-minute catchment map most of the north and central section is covered in a 20-minute drive time. Some of the areas out of catchment in the northwest and north east will fall into the catchment of facilities in Derby. Outside any catchment is the south corner of the Council area.</p>
<p>Number of tennis clubs</p>	<p>There are six tennis clubs in South Derbyshire, all of which are affiliated. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club • Church Broughton Tennis Club • The Grangewood Tennis Centre • Melbourne Tennis Club • Etwall Tennis Club • Repton Tennis & Rackets Club <p>There are two clubs that use the indoor tennis facility at Repton School particularly during the winter. These are Repton Tennis and Racquets Club, and Etwall Tennis Club</p>
<p>Sports clubs level of competition</p>	<p>Of the indoor tennis clubs, Repton Tennis and Racquets Club compete at local, regional and national level.</p>
<p>NGB Consultation findings</p>	<p>General Feedback:</p> <p>The Lawn Tennis Association’s (LTA) vision for tennis has recently been introduced following a major consultative process. The vision is ‘Tennis Opened Up’ and the mission is to grow tennis and padel by making them accessible, welcoming and enjoyable. Ensuring local communities have access to quality facilities is critical to attracting and retaining more players. As such, the LTA’s Quick Access Loan Scheme aims to provide interest-free loans to support venues investment in facilities, prioritising the installation and construction of covered courts.</p> <p>The objectives of the fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide covered or sports-lit playing facilities to encourage community accessible play all year. • Retain and increase the number of participants at the venue. • Offer and increase both non-members pay and play usage and coaching opportunities. • Grow the numbers of adults and juniors on the coaching programme. • Provide seamless booking of tennis courts and lessons through an <u>online booking system</u>. <p>The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) has modelled data from existing successful Community Indoor Tennis Centres. This has helped to identify the demographic type, volume and catchment size of a successful Community Indoor</p>

Indoor Tennis	Detail
	<p>Tennis Centre. This modelling was applied across England, Scotland and Wales to establish the areas of potential demand.</p> <p>The key metrics established are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A target location must demonstrate a minimum threshold population of 70,000 within a 20-minute drive time of a target location. Of this population, at least 12,500 must identify as having an interest in playing tennis. Please note this drive time extends to 30 minutes for rural areas. • Filtered for competition within the catchment in order to prioritise the addressing of indoor tennis provision gaps. <p>This methodology has enabled the Lawn Tennis Association to identify 72 target locations for new indoor tennis venues in England. South Derbyshire has not been identified as a target location for a new indoor tennis venue.</p> <p>Padel</p> <p>Padel is rapidly growing in GB with almost 600 courts, the majority of which have been constructed in the last 2 years. Courts are located within existing tennis clubs (member and community offer), local authority venues (parks and leisure centres) and standalone padel venues. Interest in the sport is growing with many sectors expressing an interest in developing courts, including continued growth within the club sector (tennis, rugby, cricket, football, squash); parks and leisure centres, education (secondary and HE) and continued growth delivered by the private sector.</p> <p>It is played mainly in a doubles format on an enclosed court about a third of the size of a tennis court 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.</p> <p>To grow the sport, the LTA is focused on improving the infrastructure and the coach education pathway. At the end of 2020, there were 87 padel courts, whereas there are now 275, with a projected growth to 450 in 2023²⁴. It is therefore envisaged that the infrastructure and participation in padel will increase significantly in the next five years.</p> <p>Consultation with LTA has outlined that “the development of padel provision is a key priority for the LTA and a potential income stream for clubs and operators. We would be keen to engage in discussions with the Council regarding potential opportunities in this area.”</p> <p>The LTA states that padel court development at leisure centre sites can be particularly beneficial as provision can be tied into other sports facilities and profit from an already established operating model. Furthermore, it identifies that they can benefit clubs and particularly those that may be otherwise struggling, due to the additional revenue that they can provide.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the LTA also states that it is not encouraging clubs to convert existing tennis courts to padel courts, unless it can be shown that they have the capacity to support this. This is to ensure that the provision of tennis courts remains sufficient.</p> <p>South Derbyshire Specific feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two indoor courts at Repton School, our priority currently is to help ensure that these courts are well used. • Outdoor priorities - Enabling online booking/ access gate technology for the three tennis courts at Maurice Lee Memorial park and the two tennis courts at Eureka Park. • There are 11 covered padel courts in Derby which are a 22 minute drive away from Repton, and two indoor tennis courts in Derby which are 17 minutes drive away from Repton. We have identified strategic locations for indoor tennis provision, one of which is in Derbyshire (Amber Valley). East Staffordshire is also identified as a location requiring indoor courts, the catchment for these courts falls within South Derbyshire. • There are long term plans for park tennis and padel development. <p>LTA has developed a methodology to determine the demand for padel in a Local Authority area based on population size. For South Derbyshire;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total population 94,611

²⁴ [Find a Padel court in Britain | LTA](#)

Indoor Tennis	Detail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padel demand = 20% of total population (figure taken from YouGov survey which estimates 20% of the population would be interested in playing if there were local facilities available) : 18,922 • Padel penetration – 8% of the demand we estimate could convert participants (fitness/sports industry conversion %) : 1,514 <p>Working on the basis of 200 players being accommodated per court (benchmarking figure used for sustainability) this indicates that 8 padel courts could be sustained across South Derbyshire. This number should not 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.</p> <p>LTA quick access loan funding can support Padel - https://www.lta.org.uk/roles-and-venues/venues/tennis-padel-facility-funding-advice/quick-access-loan-scheme/</p> <p>This above is a start point from which to strategically plan , perhaps with a focus is on how padel facilities can be community accessible and contribute to Local Authority outcomes.</p> <p>Ambition from LTA to discuss further with SDDC and look at potential locations, catchment areas and funding options</p> <p>Melbourne Tennis Club has expressed an interest to the Council in building outdoor padel courts. This will be picked up in the Playing Pitch Strategy</p>
Quality of dedicated facilities	<p>The tennis centre at Repton School was of a high standard and run separately by the school’s head of tennis. They run a varied programme from lessons to cardio tennis.</p>
Summary	<p>Indoor Tennis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are two indoor tennis courts at Repton School which are used by tennis clubs and the community. • There is a sufficient supply of indoor courts in South Derbyshire. • South Derbyshire has not been identified as a target location for a new indoor tennis venue. <p>Padel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTA long term plans are for park tennis and padel development. Council to start a dialogue with LTA about future plans for indoor padel courts in South Derbyshire. • Outdoor padel court development will be picked up in the PPS.

18. Recommendations

18.1 Key recommendations from the report are provided in the tables below.

Table 25 – Key Recommendations

Activity / Facility	Recommendation	Enhance, Protect, Provide
Sports Halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to work with education providers to increase access to existing sports halls with secured community use agreements. • Council to continue to work with education providers to gain further understanding of their sports halls usage and any potential limitations e.g. exams to gauge how many hours available for community use and what restrictions might be in place. • Consider new housing developments and whether sports hall provision included in plans. • Need to ensure aging stock is refurbished. • Work with Mercia Academy and new secondary school near to Infinity Garden Village to secure community use agreement for new sports halls. • Main housing growth is towards Derby so continue a dialogue with the Derby Council about future plans. • Consider utilising sports hall at neighbourhood centre sites. • The FPM Run 3 projected an expansion to include an eight-court sports hall at the new Green Bank Leisure Centre. Acknowledging the demand projected in the FPM Run, the additional hall space identified at Repton School Sports Centre is likely to reduce the level of projected demand (100% at peak times) of an eight-court sports hall. However, it is recognised that education sites have some limitations even when community use secured due to school scheduling. • It is recommended to assess the feasibility of reducing the existing six-court hall to a four-court configuration at Green Bank Leisure Centre with supporting large flexible studio space for activities that are less focused on traditional sports. • Proposed facility mix and Green Bank plans to be shared at consultation stage with NGBs and users. • Council to ensure that all new school 4 court sport hall projects meet Sport England recommended minimum size of 34.5 x30.0 x 7.5m ²⁵ 	PROTECT, PROVIDE AND ENHANCE
Community Halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the majority of sports halls based within educational sites, it is also worth looking at community spaces (particularly in areas of greatest unmet demand) where physical activities, that don't require a high sports hall ceiling, can take place e.g. yoga, Pilates and martial arts. This would free up space for activities that require larger and higher ceiling sports courts e.g. basketball, netball, volleyball and badminton. 	PROTECT, PROVIDE AND ENHANCE

²⁵ [Sport England sports hall design and layout guidance](#)

Activity / Facility	Recommendation	Enhance, Protect, Provide
Swimming Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given age/condition of Etwall Leisure Centre swimming pool remedial work is required. FPM findings support including a 25m x 17m eight lane main pool with moveable floor and learner pool at the new Green Bank Leisure Centre. To provide greater capacity in the district, it is recommended to increase the capacity and hours in the weekly peak period at The Pingle Academy swimming pool and to ensure pool programming at Etwall Leisure Centre accommodates the most popular activities at peak times. Future water provision should consider ensuring it has open community access, making the water space even more accessible to the local population. Facility mixes in the future need to consider the versatility of its water space e.g. use of a movable floor/boom system. 	PROTECT, PROVIDE AND ENHANCE
Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure any new sports hall has badminton markings Support Badminton England to access schools to hire out their facilities See sports hall recommendations 	PROTECT AND PROVIDE
Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball England state that there is an undersupply of basketball facilities to meet demand. Five indoor facilities in the area to cater for three clubs. Green Bank Leisure Centre and The Pingle Academy are important venues for basketball play and clubs in the district. Protect community use and access for basketball. Ensure any new sports hall has basketball markings, hoops and fittings to enable basketball to be played. See sports hall recommendations. 	PROTECT AND PROVIDE
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> England Netball state that there is not a sufficient supply of indoor netball courts. Approach Repton School to discuss community use for indoor netball. Ensure any new sports halls that are large enough to play netball have indoor netball markings and equipment installed. See sports hall recommendations. 	PROTECT AND PROVIDE
Volleyball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand is catered for by established volleyball clubs over the border in Derby. For new sports halls consider installing volleyball post sockets into floors and providing enough space behind courts for serving. See sports hall recommendations. 	PROTECT AND PROVIDE

Activity / Facility	Recommendation	Enhance, Protect, Provide
Health & Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and fitness is not just provided by the Council, the private and education sectors also have a role to play in provision. The latent demand report for fitness at a new Green Bank Leisure Centre projected demand of 2,668 members based on increasing the gym size to approximately 110 stations, covering an area of 550m². It is recommended to integrate Innerva/assisted fitness equipment within the gym to cater to the needs of older adults and those requiring additional support. The provision of additional fitness facilities in the future should be subject to a business case to test financial viability. Potential to support The Pingle Academy in applying for funding to expand their gym to meet student demand. 	PROVIDE AND PROTECT
Studios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is demand for health and fitness classes and therefore studios. Studios should be considered within new builds or refurbishments to ensure sports hall activities are not occupied by fitness classes. It is recommended for the new Green Bank Leisure Centre to develop a large split studio of 240m², to support the fitness membership base, provide an activity space for non-traditional sports and include a second studio of 100m² for additional fitness classes and activities. Incorporate a dedicated spin studio to enhance the variety of fitness options available. 	PROVIDE AND PROTECT
Gymnastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council could support Sharecroft Gymnastics and British Gymnastics to further explore the potential of facilitating club-led development of additional gymnastics facilities. This could be, for example, providing support through any planning applications. 	PROVIDE
Squash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council should ensure that the courts at Etwall School continue to be available for community use now the school is managing them. Existing provision should be maintained and protected, however any future changes to squash provision (increase or decrease) should be subject to a feasibility assessment. Support England Squash in delivering new primary school programme (being announced in 2025) for either teachers or squash coaches to deliver in schools in dinner halls/assembly halls/outside. To be delivered with Active Partnerships. When considering refurbishment or replacement squash courts, England Squash recommend the ASB Movable Side Wall. With this innovation a squash court becomes a flexible, multiuse area providing an answer to challenges around off-peak usage. 	PROVIDE AND PROTECT
Indoor Tennis	<p>Indoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no need for additional indoor provision. Support provision at Repton Sports Centre to help ensure that these courts are well used. <p>Outdoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor tennis courts to be maintained and protected. 	PROTECT AND PROVIDE

Activity / Facility	Recommendation	Enhance, Protect, Provide
	<p>Padel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to start a dialogue with LTA about future plans for padel courts in South Derbyshire. This will be picked up in the PPS recommendations 	
Indoor Bowling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a sufficient supply of facilities to meet current and future demand. The eight rink Church Gresley Old Hall bowling facility should be maintained and protected. 	PROTECT
Indoor Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derbyshire Cricket Foundation state that there is not enough supply of indoor cricket nets to meet current demand during the Winter months with several clubs travelling outside the District. Their priority is to make better use of existing school sites Any new provision of sports halls should consider facilities for indoor cricket. Indoor cricket facilities should meet the ECB guidance document (ECB TS3) that provides detailed information on the specific requirements on lighting, flooring, and netting that are required for indoor cricket. 	PROTECT AND PROVIDE
Indoor Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Bank provides an important facility for indoor walking football. Protect this provision and continue this programming if Green Bank redeveloped. Continue promoting walking football in the District. 	PROVIDE & PROTECT
Community Use Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDDC to continue working in partnership with schools to secure community use of sports facilities for community or club use There is a requirement for formal community use agreements to be negotiated, if possible, at existing educational establishments with sports facilities and new future educational establishments. For older facilities opportunities for a formal community use agreement may arise through the need for additional funding to update facilities or improve playing fields. For new facilities, a community use agreement can be provided as part of planning obligations through the planning process. This should help to secure and safeguard well-managed and safe community use by detailing how the arrangements are intended to operate, and typically should cover things like hours of availability, management arrangements and pricing policy. This is needed to ensure continued community / sports club use of these sites. However, it should be noted the Council has no direct control to enforce community use at schools. If existing community use agreements are lost then there will be additional pressure for provision of sports halls for community use in the South Derbyshire Council area. Sport England guidance on producing formal community use agreements, can be found here Community Use Agreements Sport England 	PROVIDE & PROTECT
Developer contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where appropriate, SDDC and its partners seek to secure developer contributions from strategic developments that could contribute towards the development of facilities, additional and safe walking, running and cycling routes, and, where possible, to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active. Sport England's CIL & Planning Obligations Advice Note (or the future Developer Contributions guidance that will supersede it) Sport England CIL and Planning Obligations Advice Note provides a step by step guide to assist the Council to use the findings of the strategy to secure financial contribution from developers. 	PROVIDE & PROTECT




Activity / Facility	Recommendation	Enhance, Protect, Provide
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of Sport England’s Sports Facility Calculator should specifically be referenced with assisting to identify demand for and financial contributions towards halls and pools. The Council should look beyond its administrative boundaries in considering the scope of community infrastructure Levy and planning obligations. 	
Local Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect built leisure and sports facilities within new local plan. This is to ensure against loss of strategically valuable sports facilities that are available for community use or could contribute to meeting future community needs, unless replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location 	PROTECT
Derby City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share learnings between councils to enable further understanding of clubs, catchments and leisure usage across the Derby / South Derbyshire border 	



APPENDIX 1 – National Strategic Review

National Strategic Priorities



A summary of the key strategies and their respective strategy outcomes/KPIs, such as Sport England, Public Health England (PHE) and the British Medical Association (BMA) are outlined below and overleaf.


Table 26 – National Strategies

National Strategy	Vision	Key Priorities
 <p>Department for Culture Media & Sport</p> <p>Get Active: A strategy for the future of sport and physical activity 2023 (DCMS)</p> <p>Get Active: a strategy for the future of sport and physical activity - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	<p>Our vision is to make sport and physical activity accessible, resilient, fun and fair, for now and the years to come - for the benefit of individuals and the country</p> <p>Building a healthier nation by tackling high levels of inactivity, and making sure that the sport and physical activity sector thrives for future generations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being unapologetically ambitious in making the nation more active, whether in government or in the sport sector • Making sport and physical activity more inclusive and welcoming for all so that everyone can have confidence that there is a place for them in sport • Moving towards a more sustainable sector that is more financially resilient and robust
 <p>Sport England Future of Public Sector Leisure Report (2022) Future of public leisure Sport England 2022</p>	<p>We will evolve the sector, transitioning from traditional leisure services into an active wellbeing service</p> <p>This report provides an overview of the current position of leisure services in the public sector and outlines a model that will enable the sector to create a more sustainable future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new approach that formalises the relationship between health and leisure on; social prescribing, co-location, delivery of preventative activity and collaboration through integrated care systems • Provision that is place-based and at the heart of local communities • An approach that brings forward new thinking, products and services requires proactive and skilled leadership • Provision that is low carbon and delivers a step change in carbon emissions at the local authority level
 <p>Uniting the movement</p>	<p>Imagine a nation of more equal, inclusive and connected communities. A country where people live happier, healthier and more fulfilled lives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recover and Reinvent; • Connecting Communities; • Positive Experiences for Young Children and Young People; • Connecting with Health & Wellbeing; and,

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<p>2021-2031</p> <p>Uniting the Movement Sport England 2021-2031</p>	<p>A 10 year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Environments
 <p>Every Move Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan 2024</p> <p>Every Move sustainability strategy and action plan 2024 Sport England</p>	<p>Vision for the sector: A positive and regenerative sport and physical activity sector championing environmental sustainability with every move</p> <p>Mission: Sport England will lead, inspire and support the sector to become environmentally sustainable, enabling greater opportunity for all people to participate in sport and physical activity, now and in the future</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just transition: inequalities, inclusion and participation • Carbon emissions: travel and facilities • Circular economy: supply chains, products and waste • Blue-green environment quality and use • Biodiversity • Adapting to climate change and extreme weather events
 <p>Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework (updated Dec 2024)</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) (updated Dec 2024)</p>	<p>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how they should be applied including to establish and provide adequate and proper leisure facilities to meet local needs</p>	<p>Paragraph 20 of the NPPF states that: Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of places and make sufficient provision for:</p> <p>a) homes (including affordable housing), employment, retail, leisure and other commercial development.</p> <p>b) infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat).</p> <p>c) community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure); and d) conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes and green infrastructure, and planning measures to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>Para 32 - the NPPF requires that Local Planning Authorities (LPA) ensure that their Local Plans are based on up-to-date and relevant evidence. This should be adequate and proportionate, focused tightly on supporting and justifying the policies concerned, and consider relevant market signals</p> <p>Building a strong, competitive economy</p> <p>Para 88(d) the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities – Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which; <p>Para 96(a) promote social interaction, including opportunities for meetings between people who might not otherwise come into contact with each other – for example through mixed-use developments, strong</p>

National Strategy	Vision	Key Priorities
		<p>neighbourhood centres, street layouts that allow for easy pedestrian and cycle connections within and between neighbourhoods, and active street frontages</p> <p>Para 96(b) are safe and accessible , so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of beautiful, well-designed, clear and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas;</p> <p>Para 96(c) - enable and support healthy lives, through both promoting good health and preventing ill-health, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs and reduce health inequalities between the most and least deprived communities – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.</p> <p>Para 97(a) plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments</p> <p>Para 98 - of the NPPF emphasises the need for Local Plans to deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services a community needs. In doing so, policies should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments. b) take into account and support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community. c) guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day-to-day needs. d) ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise, and are retained for the benefit of the community; and e) ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services. <p>Open Space and Recreation</p> <p>Para 102 - 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</p>

National Strategy	Vision	Key Priorities
		<p>assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate</p> <p>Paragraph 103 outlines the planning policies for the provision and protection of sport and recreation facilities: “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.”</p> <p>Paragraph 104 of the NPPF specifies that: Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields and formal play spaces, should not be built on unless:</p> <p>a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to require</p>
<p>National Planning Practice Guidance (DLUHC)</p> <p>Planning practice guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) (updated Jan 2024)</p>	<p>National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) is a web-based resource which brings together planning guidance on various topics into one place. It adds further context to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When considering how local planning authorities and developers assess the needs for sports and recreation facilities the guidance states that authorities and developers may refer to Sport England guidance
 <p>Public Health England PHE Strategy 2020-2025</p> <p>PHE Strategy 2020 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>	<p>Our vision for 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower smoking rates • Less sugar, calories and salt in the food eaten every day • Less pollution in the air that we breathe • Measurable improvements in mental health • Improved mental health literacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take steps towards creating a smoke-free society by 2030; • Help make the healthy choice the easy choice to improve diets and reduce rates of childhood obesity; • Develop and share advice on how best to reduce air pollution levels and people’s exposure to polluted air; and • Promote good mental health and contribute to the prevention of mental illness
 <p>Department for Transport</p>	<p>England will be a great walking and cycling nation. Places will be truly walkable. A travel revolution in our streets, towns and communities will have made cycling a mass form of transit. Cycling and walking will be the natural first</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Streets for cycling and people • Putting cycling and walking at the heart of transport, pace-making, and health policy • Empowering and encouraging local authorities • We will enable people to cycle and protect them when they cycle

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<p>Gear Change “A bold vision for cycling and walking” 2020 (DFT)</p> <p>Gear change: a bold vision for cycling and walking (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>The second cycling and walking investment strategy (CWIS2) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) (updated 2023)</p>	<p>choice for many journeys with half of all journeys in towns and cities being cycled or walked by 2030</p>	
 <p>BMA Get Moving Report 2019</p>	<p>This briefing paper does not have a vision but its purpose is to highlight the wide range of benefits of physical activity and where policy should be influenced to increase activity levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel (increased investment in active travel); • Leisure (access to open spaces and recreation facilities); • School (physical education recognised and protected as an essential part of the school curriculum); and, • Work (encourage active travel)

The table overleaf shows the priority of the new government department, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and the importance of achieving net zero by 2050.

These both highlight the focus central government is putting on physical activity and levelling health inequalities and the green agenda as the country recovers from the health and other impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Table 27 – National Priorities

National Priority	Vision	Key Priorities
Office for Health Improvement and Disparities –	We focus on improving the nation’s health so that everyone can expect to live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and address health disparities, focusing on those groups and areas where health inequalities have greatest effect • Take action on the biggest preventable risk factors for ill health and premature death including tobacco, obesity and harmful use of alcohol and drugs

part of DH&SC	more of life in good health, and on levelling up health disparities to break the link between background and prospects for a healthy life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the NHS and local government to improve access to the services which detect and act on health risks and conditions, as early as possible • Develop strong partnerships across government, communities, industry and employers, to act on the wider factors that contribute to people’s health, such as work, housing and education • Drive innovation in health improvement, harnessing the best of technology, analytics, and innovations in policy and delivery, to help deliver change where it is needed most
Net Zero Strategy – build back greener October 2021	Levelling up the country, ending our domestic contribution to climate change, and leading the world to a greener, more sustainable future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This strategy sets out this Government’s long-term plan to finish the job and end the UK’s domestic contribution to man-made climate change by 2050 • Work with the grain of consumer choice • Ensure the biggest polluters pay the most for the transition • Ensure that the most vulnerable are protected through Government support • Work with businesses to continue delivering deep cost reductions in low carbon tech

Whilst the delivery of sport and physical activity is not a statutory service for local authorities, the following summaries outline the statutory requirements which have implications for the delivery of sports, swimming and physical activity facilities and opportunities.

Table 28 – National Legislation

National Legislation	Key Priorities
Integrated Care Systems (ICS)	<p>42 Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) were established on a statutory basis on 1st July 2022. ICSs are partnerships of organisations that come together to plan & deliver joined up health and care services and to improve the lives of people who live and work in their area. The Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) is responsible for producing a strategy on how to meet health and wellbeing needs of the population in the ICS area to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve outcomes in population health and healthcare and tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access • ICSs will help health and care organisations tackle complex challenges, including: • improving the health of children and young people • supporting people to stay well and independent

National Legislation	Key Priorities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acting sooner to help those with preventable conditions • supporting those with long-term conditions or mental health issues • caring for those with multiple needs as populations age
Health and Social Care Act	<p>Local authorities' statutory responsibilities for public health services are set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Act conferred duties on local authorities to improve public health.</p> <p>It abolished primary care trusts and transferred much of their responsibility for public health to local authorities from 1st April 2013. From this date local authorities have had a new duty to take such steps as they consider appropriate. Local authorities may deliver this by providing a "health wellbeing service", across their leisure portfolio and service; contributing to health prevention and help address health inequalities</p>
National Curriculum (Jul 2014) (DoE) National curriculum in England: physical education programmes of study - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	<p>As part of The Department of Education national curriculum for physical education all schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres • use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke] • perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Incorporating opportunities to be active in the wider environment are acknowledged within national strategies and guidance , which are set out in the summary overleaf.

Table 29 – Active Design, 20-Minute Neighbourhood and Active Transport Principles

Strategy/Guidance	Key Priorities
Active Design	<p>Sport England's Active Design guidance developed in partnership with Active Travel England and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), sets out how the design of our environments can help people to lead more physically active and healthy lives. It provides ten key principles to help create 'active environments' under three main themes of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting active travel • Active, high-quality places & spaces • Creating & maintaining activity
The 20-Minute Neighbourhood	<p>The idea of the '20-minute neighbourhood' is around the importance of the 'liveability' of where we live. It is a complete, compact, and connected neighbourhood, where people can meet their everyday needs within a short walk or cycle. It presents multiple benefits including boosting local economies, improving people's health and wellbeing, increasing social connections in communities, and tackling climate change.</p>

APPENDIX 2 – Active Design

The foundation principle of ‘Activity for all’ is supported by the remaining principles which are brought together under the three themes of ‘Supporting active travel’, ‘Active, high-quality places & spaces’ and ‘Creating & maintaining activity’.

Figure 17 – Sport England’s Active Design Guidance 10 Principles

The ten principles of Active Design

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE



Principle 1 – Activity for all

All environments should support physical activity equitably across all ages, ethnicities, genders, and abilities, enabling everyone to be active and build long-term active habits and behaviours. This is essential for the delivery of all the principles of Active Design and is its foundational principle.

SUPPORTING ACTIVE TRAVEL



Principle 2 – Walkable communities

Facilities for daily essentials and recreation should be within easy reach of each other by active travel means, making it more likely that people will make the journey by using active travel modes (defined in Theme 1). Good active travel connections should be provided to extend the range of services that are accessible while remaining physically active.



Principle 3 – Providing connected active travel routes

Encourage active travel for all ages and abilities by creating a continuous network of routes connecting places safely and directly. Networks should be easy to use, supported by signage and landmarks to help people find their way.



Principle 4 – Mixing uses and co-locating facilities

People are more likely to combine trips and use active travel to get to destinations with multiple reasons to visit. Places with more variety, higher densities, and a mix of uses also reduce the perception of distance when travelling through spaces. They also generate the critical mass of travel demand to better support public transport services.

ACTIVE HIGH-QUALITY PLACES AND SPACES



Principle 5 – Network of multi-functional open spaces

Accessible and high quality open space should be promoted across cities, towns and villages to provide opportunities for sport and physical activity, as well as active travel connections and natural or civic space for people to congregate in and enjoy.



Principle 6 – High-quality streets and spaces

Streets and outdoor public spaces should be Active Environments in their own right. They should be safe, attractive, functional, prioritise people and able to host a mix of uses, with durable, high quality materials, street furniture in the right places and easy-to-use signage. High quality streets and spaces encourage activity, whereas poor quality streets and spaces are much less likely to be used to the same degree.



Principle 7 – Providing activity infrastructure

Infrastructure to enable sport, recreation and physical activity to take place should be provided across all contexts including workplaces, sports facilities and public space, to facilitate activity for all.



Principle 8 – Active buildings, inside and out

Buildings we occupy shape our everyday lives, both when users are inside and outside. Buildings should be designed with providing opportunities for physical activity at the forefront, considering the arrival experience, internal circulation, opportunities to get up and move about, and making the building an active destination.

CREATING AND MAINTAINING ACTIVITY



Principle 9 – Maintaining high-quality flexible spaces

Spaces and facilities should be effectively maintained and managed to support physical activity. These places should be monitored to understand how they are used, and flexible so that they can be adapted as needed.



Principle 10 – Activating spaces

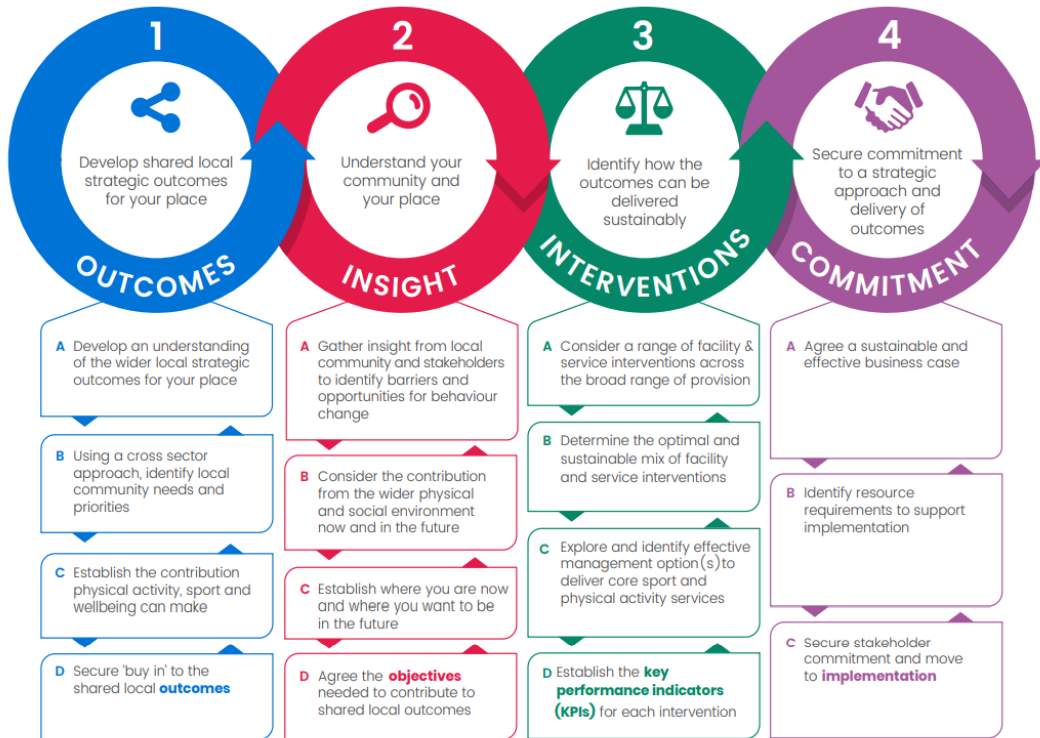
The provision of spaces and facilities which can help to improve physical activity should be supported by a commitment to activate them, encouraging people to be more physically active and increasing the awareness of activity opportunities within a community.



APPENDIX 3 – Sport England Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance

Having a clear, strategic and sustainable approach to sport and physical activity is essential to making effective investment into provision – both facilities and services. Creating a focus and vision on local outcomes, informed by customer insight and delivering interventions (capital and revenue) that affect behaviour change in the target audience, which will ultimately deliver local outcomes for a place.

Figure 18 – Sport England Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance Model

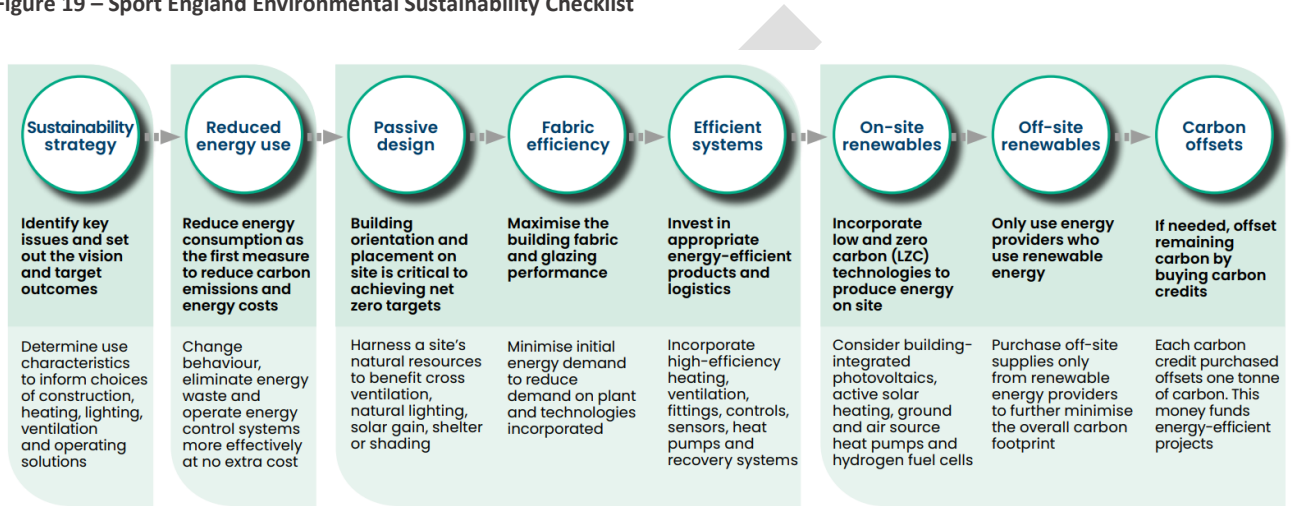


APPENDIX 4 – Sport England Environmental Sustainability Checklist

The diagram below indicates a possible framework for developing a robust strategy for any facility. It is based on a practical and cost-effective approach to achieving environmental sustainability and reducing carbon emissions. It includes:

- Establishing a sustainability strategy early on
- Reducing carbon/ energy consumption
- Improving carbon/ energy efficiency
- Using renewable energy technologies

Figure 19 – Sport England Environmental Sustainability Checklist



APPENDIX 5 – Local Strategy Analysis

Table 30 – Local Strategy Analysis

Strategy	Vision	Key Priorities
<p>South Derbyshire Draft Local Plan Part 1 Review 2022-2039 October 2024</p> <p>https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/planning-and-building-control/planning/policy/current-consultations-version-two/draft-local-plan-part-1-review</p> <p>The South Derbyshire Local Plan is the key document that sets out a strategy for future development in South Derbyshire up to 2039. The Local Plan sets out an ambitious vision and objectives, followed by a clear spatial strategy focusing on strategic allocations. These are followed by policies for managing development and infrastructure to meet the identified challenges facing the District until 2039 to help ensure the vision is met. Having a plan in place will ensure that development comes forward in a sustainable plan-led manner.</p>	<p>The vision for South Derbyshire is one of sustainable growth, renewal and opportunity. By 2039, the economy will have grown with more jobs in a more diverse business environment supported by a more skilled, diverse workforce.</p> <p>Local communities will be healthy and inclusive and will have access to a range of jobs, housing, education, health, shops, services, facilities and green space by a choice of travel options including sustainable travel options such as public transport and other non-car modes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the needs of an ageing population and a higher than average proportion of younger people are recognised in shaping all aspects of our communities. To ensure our communities are safe, clean, vibrant, active and healthy To reduce the need to travel and to encourage necessary travel to be by sustainable modes of transport, providing access to jobs, shopping, leisure, services and facilities from all parts of the district. To ensure future development is locally distinctive and environmentally, socially and economically sustainable through the achievement of design excellence, addressing the causes and effects of climate change and reducing waste and pollution.
<p>Council Plan 2024-2028</p>	<p>Work together to shape our environment, drive our economy and support our communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shape our Environment - A sustainable future adapting to and mitigating climate change to deliver our net zero commitments so that future generations can thrive. Drive our Economy - A thriving economy and place that has jobs, skills, education, infrastructure and opportunity. Support our Communities - People and communities are supported to live safely, healthily and independently. Transform our Council - Providing modernised, high performing, value for money and customer focused services.
<p>South Derbyshire Corporate Plan 2020-2024</p>	<p>To make South Derbyshire a great place to live, visit and invest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping a clean, green district for future generations. Working with communities and meeting the future needs of the district. Growing our district and our skills base.
<p>South Derbyshire Economic Development and Growth Strategy 2023-2027</p>	<p>To promote greater sustainable economic development and growth in South Derbyshire, in order that it becomes a more prosperous place to live, with better jobs and prospects for its residents and businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Support & Productivity Low Carbon / Clean Growth Connectivity & Inclusion

Strategy	Vision	Key Priorities
Derbyshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2024 - 2027	<p>By focusing on prevention and the wider determinants of health, the Board will reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing across all stages of life by working in partnership with our communities.</p> <p>Reduce health inequalities and increase healthy life expectancy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle the four main risk factors that lead to poor health (smoking, alcohol use, poor diet and physical inactivity) • Support good mental health • Support communities to be resilient and independent • Tackle child poverty and enable children and young people in Derbyshire to start well • Develop the Health and Wellbeing Board to effectively deliver on the areas of focus
South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport and Community Facilities Strategy (Adopted 2016)	Partners of South Derbyshire Sport will work together to improve opportunities within sport and health activity across the district of South Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All villages and urban neighbourhoods to have a basic level of local community provision or more within easy walking distance. • All villages and urban neighbourhoods to have a choice of community sport and recreation provision within easy cycling distance, through designated key service villages and neighbourhood hubs. • Each sub-area to have a hub with a range of sport and active recreational facilities. • Large scale and specialist provision within the district.
Active South Derbyshire Strategy 2017-2022	We will be more outcomes driven and aim to have a long term impact for South Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To target development work at the physically inactive, including those in under-represented groups to become more active. • To support the development and promotion of physical activity offers for older people that promote and support independent living. • To develop, promote and support events which encourage family participation. • To support the development of mass participation activities and events including walking, running, cycling and dance. • The activity offer will reflect 'insight' gained from national, county and local research and surveys. • To utilise sport, health, physical and recreational activity as a tool to promote and support positive mental wellbeing. • To utilise sport, health, physical and recreational activity as a health improvement tool. • To utilise sport, health, physical and recreational activity as a tool to support workforce health and wellbeing.
<p>South Derbyshire Playing Pitch Strategy 2018</p> <p>New Playing Pitch Strategy in development</p>	The primary purpose of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is to provide a strategic framework which ensures that the provision of outdoor playing pitches meet the local needs of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It can help improve management of assets, which should result in more efficient use of resources and reduced overheads. • The Action Plan will identify sites where quality of provision can be enhanced.

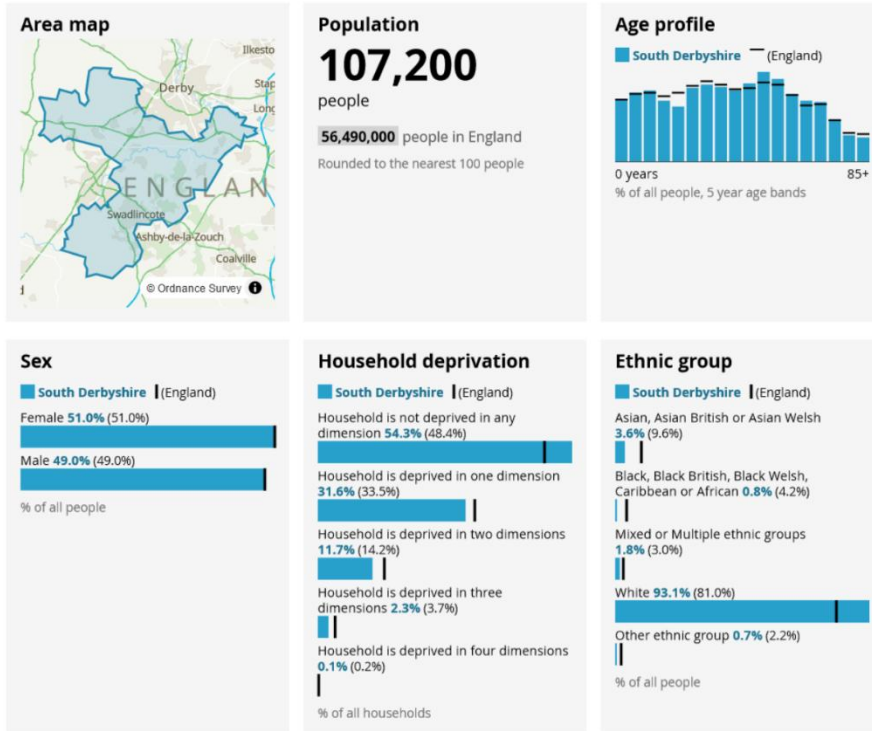
Strategy	Vision	Key Priorities
	existing and future residents across South Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment of all pitches (in use and lapsed) will be undertaken to understand how pitches are used and whether the current maintenance and management regimes are appropriate or require change. It helps identify which sites have community use and whether that use is secure or not. • It helps identify where community use of school sports pitches is most needed to address any identified deficits in pitch provision. • It provides better information to residents and other users of sports pitches available for use. This includes information about both pitches and sports teams/user groups. • It promotes sports development
South Derbyshire Climate and Environment Strategy (revised 2021)	Strive to make South Derbyshire District Council carbon neutral by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before the Government target of 2050	<p>Improve the Environment of the District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce waste and increase composting and recycling. • Reduce fly tipping and litter through education, engagement and zero tolerance enforcement action where appropriate. • Enhance biodiversity across the district. <p>Tackle Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive to make South Derbyshire District Council carbon neutral by 2030. • Work with residents, businesses and partners to reduce their carbon footprint.
Making Our Move – Our shared vision for Uniting the Movement in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire	Together, we will address inequality and empower everyone to be active in a way that works for them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a culture where everyone can be active and move more. • Enabling children and young people to have positive experiences of being active throughout their childhood. • Maximising the potential of being active to improve physical and mental health. • Working with people and communities who experience the greatest inequality. • Creating accessible, safe, and inclusive places and environments for physical activity.

APPENDIX 6 – South Derbyshire Demographic Profile

Figure 20 – Demographic Profile

Demographic Profile

South Derbyshire



Source: Office for National Statistics - Census 2021

The population in 2021 was circa 107,200 and is predicted to increase to 132,208 by 2039 with the largest rise within the 75-79 age group by 55%¹

17.4% of all dependent children under 16 live in **relative low income families**. This is **lower** than the England average of 19.8%²

45-49 is predicted to be the largest age group in 2039³

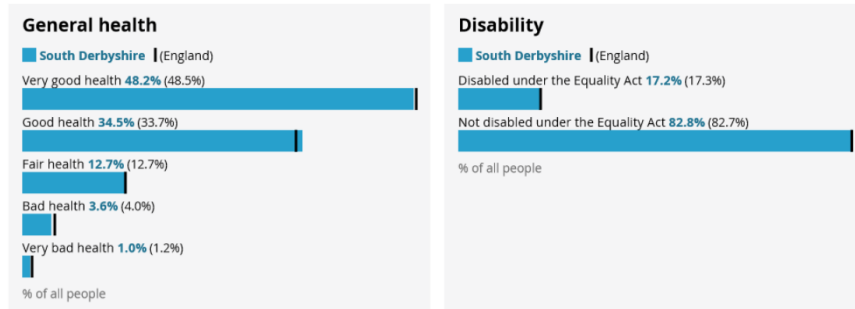
SOURCE:
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APPENDIX 7 – South Derbyshire Health Profile

Figure 21 – Health Profile

Health Profile

South Derbyshire



Source: Office for National Statistics - Census 2021

64.8%

of adults aged 18+ are classified as overweight or obese which is **higher** than the England average of 64%¹

18.3%

of Year 6 children are classified as overweight (including obesity) which is **lower** than the England average of 22.7%²



Life expectancy is 79.9 years for males and 83.4 years for females, both **higher** than the England average.

Life expectancy is 6.7 years lower for men and 7 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of the council area than in the least deprived areas.³

per 100,000 people



Hip fractures in people aged 65 and over is 571, **higher** than the national average of 558⁴

116.3 is the under 75 mortality rate from cancer, **lower** than the England average of 122.4⁵



68.7 per 100 people is the estimated dementia diagnosis rate, **higher** than the England average of 63⁶



88.2% is the estimated diabetes diagnosis rate, **higher** than the England average of 78%⁷



Emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm is 134.8 per 100,000 people, **higher** than the England rate of 126.3⁸

554

per 100,000 people is the rate of hospital admission episodes for alcohol-related conditions, **higher** than the England average of 475⁹

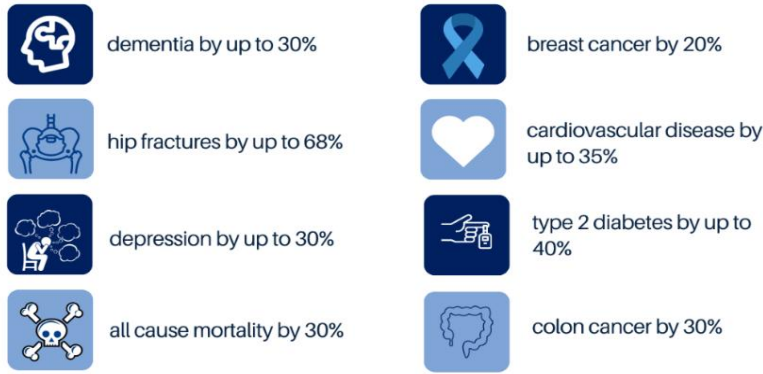
SOURCE 1-9 – PHE FINGERTIPS 2018-2023

APPENDIX 8 – Benefits of Physical Activity

Figure 22 – Benefits of Physical Activity

Benefits of Physical Activity

Data shows there is a strong correlation between regular physical activity and reducing the risk of a number of health conditions including;

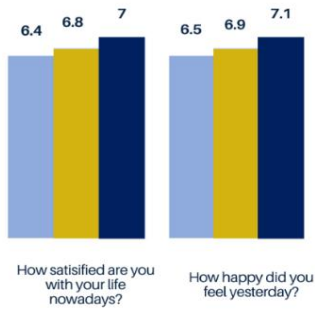


Mental Wellbeing

There's a positive association between activity levels and mental wellbeing - some activity is good, more is better

Sport England's Active Lives survey has demonstrated the positive association between activity levels and mental wellbeing. In the latest survey findings, adults reaching the recommended levels of activity were more 'satisfied with their life' and 'happy' than less active people.

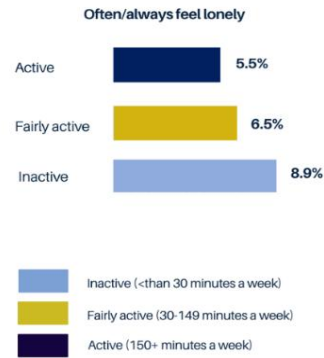
(mean score out of 10)



Loneliness

People who engage in sport and physical activity are less likely to feel lonely

Those who are active are less likely to feel lonely than those who are fairly active, who in turn are less likely to feel lonely than those who are inactive. Many forms of sport and physical activity include a social element, so this is perhaps not surprising.



SOURCE: PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (2018)/SPORT ENGLAND ACTIVE LIVES ADULTS SURVEY NOVEMBER 20-21

APPENDIX 9 – NGB Consultation Report

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APPENDIX 10 – Sports Club Consultation Report

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An overview of how the NGB responses compared to the sports club feedback is shown overleaf by sport /activity type.

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Table 31 – NGB and Sports Club Responses

Sport / Activity Type	NGB Response	Sports Club Response
Badminton	<p>Badminton England:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities are to support clubs and coaches to gain access to facilities to increase participation across the county. • Badminton England require support to access schools to hire out their facilities • Two clubs, one affiliated, one un-affiliated. We hold high level county competition, junior tournaments and local league • No long term plans or developments • No barriers states • Unmet demand is -1 court (2030) • Currently good supply or 32 badminton courts across 13 sites (10 private use) 	There was no response from either of the two badminton clubs
Basketball	<p>Basketball England:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are three affiliated clubs (including Derby Trailblazers) with 254 live registered members with 11-20 volunteers. • There are no current long-term plans or developments. South Derbyshire currently ranks outside of the top 150 for Basketball England in terms of supply and demand. • However, there is still an undersupply of facilities to meet demand. With there being only five indoor sports hall facilities in the area to cater for the three clubs, each are single basketball courts (four badminton courts). • It is regarded as important to gain more two court (eight badminton court) facilities in South Derbyshire. 	There was no basketball club response
Gymnastics	<p>British Gymnastics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Derbyshire is host to two affiliated gymnastics clubs (Sharecroft Gymnastics and Delta Trampoline Club) with 551 live registered members and between 11-20 qualified coaches. • British Gymnastics don't have any long-term plans or developments in mind / progress within the SDDC area and not aware of any plans from the gymnastic clubs but will support if a club wishes to develop into a dedicated space. 	<p>Sharecroft Gymnastics (400 members, including 100+ juniors) numbers increasing. Blackfordby Village Hall main venue which the club rated as poor Bigger premises needed. Club would like to move to a dedicated site</p>

Sport / Activity Type	NGB Response	Sports Club Response
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Gymnastics has reported that there is not a sufficient supply of future facilities to meet the current and future demand. The key barrier sport is facing is the challenges with the availability of a qualified coach workforce. The long-term plan is the Leap Without Limits initiative, which is a shared vision for gymnastics across all four home nations. A facility development team is available to support, develop and guide clubs, leisure providers and other partners to help achieve their facility requirements. Eligible British Gymnastics clubs are able to apply for Club Capital, a social investment impact loan. The £10m Club Capital fund offers unsecured loans of between £25,000 to £250,000 (up to £750,000 in exceptional circumstances) to enable clubs to move into new, or expand or safeguard existing dedicated gymnastics facilities. Most loans will be over four years at an interest rate of 4% Club Capital – Helping Communities Thrive. 	
Indoor Bowling	<p>English Indoor Bowling Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is one affiliated Indoor Bowling Association in South Derbyshire, with 205 live registered members. There is a sufficient supply of facilities to meet current and future demand. NGB priorities are the long-term sustainability of the eight rink Church Gresley Old Hall bowling facility. They report no barriers. 	There was no response from any bowling clubs
Indoor Cricket	<p>Derbyshire Cricket Foundation</p> <p>Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make sure that all clubs have access to a suitable indoor facility in the winter with nets - inside the district To increase the number of facilities available Make better use of existing school sites Not enough supply - there are several clubs using venues outside of the district. So, there isn't enough supply to meet current demand. If future demand increased, this situation would become worse No development plans within South Derbyshire - plans for neighbouring Derby City but nothing at the moment for South Derbyshire Barriers - Availability of existing indoor facilities, locality of existing facilities, school booking systems, costs 	PPS consultation confirmed which clubs were using which indoor cricket net venues

Sport / Activity Type	NGB Response	Sports Club Response
Indoor Football	<p>Derbyshire FA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No priorities in LFFP 2024 for indoor football Futsal struggling to return to its pre-covid participation levels. Previously had two leagues in Derbyshire (Derby Futsal League) & (Chesterfield Futsal League). Walking Football popular. Derbyshire Walking Football league which continues to grow each year 	<p>Add any football clubs comments from PPS consultation if indoor football mentioned</p>
Indoor Netball	<p>England Netball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five affiliated clubs in South Derbyshire, with 72 registered members but lots more non registered members, particularly in Swadlincote area. Between 0-10 qualified coaching. England Netball identified main netball clubs within South Derbyshire or just outside (but use venues within South Derbyshire) Burton Hotshots, Eureka Park, Ashby Juniors, Burton and District, Melbourne, Branston, Swadlincote and Castle Donnington. England Netball report there is not a sufficient supply of indoor netball courts in South Derbyshire. England Netball said indoor facilities are always in demand, so any future opportunities for more indoor netball facilities would be welcomed. Venues with two or more courts are in short supply & lack of indoor netball markings. With netball growing and more clubs and leagues being set up there is a need for facilities to accommodate them. A number of clubs and leagues struggle to secure indoor venues due to other sports or that the facilities are schools so have reduced or have stopped hiring out. England Netball have no long-term plans or developments in South Derbyshire. 	<p>Melbourne Netball Club (11-20 members) numbers increasing due to marketing and more presence in local community</p> <p>Based at Melbourne Sporting Partnership in Melbourne. They rated this facility as 'Good'</p> <p>No indoor netball court so training weather dependent</p> <p>Improvements to the facility e.g. equipment, building works</p> <p>Currently have league games at Coalville leisure centre. Would like to host tournaments at the venue but weather plays too much of a factor and can only run in summer but struggle for numbers due to holidays</p> <p>No further plans for further development</p> <p>Gained EMA (education maintenance) funding and have various sponsors</p>
Indoor Tennis	<p>South Derbyshire specific feedback:</p> <p>There are two indoor courts at Repton School, our priority currently is to help ensure that these courts are well used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor priorities - Enabling online booking/ access gate technology for the three tennis courts at Maurice Lee Memorial park and the two tennis courts at Eureka Park. There are 11 covered Padel courts in Derby which are a 22 minute drive away from Repton, and two indoor tennis courts in Derby which are 17 minutes drive away from Repton. We have identified strategic locations for indoor tennis provision, one of which is in Derbyshire (Amber Valley). East Staffordshire is also identified as a location 	<p>There was no response from any tennis clubs</p>

Sport / Activity Type	NGB Response	Sports Club Response
	<p>requiring indoor courts, the catchment for these courts falls within South Derbyshire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are long term plans for park tennis and Padel development. • There is funding for a park investment programme including court renovations and access gate technology, however, funding is only available until the end of the summer. • LTA has developed a methodology to determine the demand for padel in a Local Authority area based on population size. For South Derbyshire; • Total population 94,611 • Padel demand = 20% of total population (figure taken from YouGov survey which estimates 20% of the population would be interested in playing if there were local facilities available) : 18,922 • Padel penetration – 8% of the demand we estimate could convert participants (fitness/sports industry conversion %) : 1,514 • Working on the basis of 200 players being accommodated per court (benchmarking figure used for sustainability) this indicates that 8 padel courts could be sustained across South Derbyshire. This number should not 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. • Ambition from LTA to discuss further with SDDC and look at potential locations, catchment areas and funding options 	
Squash	<p>England Squash</p> <p>Priorities - England Squash work across three facility types: education, leisure providers (commercial and public) and clubs to drive a player and coach centric approach to squash that enhances the squash experience for those involved in the game. Enabling our partners to deliver using our programmes and campaigns will help them engage with the current squash community and attract new players to the game.</p> <p>Squash in a Changing World is England Squash’s ambitious strategy to grow the game in England for 2021 - 2025. At the heart of the strategy lie three key strategic priorities; to increase participation, enhance diversity and nurture talent.</p>	No affiliated squash clubs in South Derbyshire

Sport / Activity Type	NGB Response	Sports Club Response
	<p>2016 facilities report shows that deteriorating court condition has not been the primary reason for the closure of courts in recent years; rather the sustainability of facilities is inextricably linked to participation in the sport.</p> <p>Over and above the physical playing structure, the provider of the facility has a level of responsibility to encourage participation through marketing and provision of programmes and initiatives. Therefore, the success of squash relies on a facility building a link between the two aspects of the game - an appropriate facility and appropriate squash court activities.</p> <p>By working alongside us as we can help centres increase footfall, offer a better membership proposition and improve the squash experience resulting in an increase in revenue for court space. Where squash is not generating sufficient income we can recommend alternative uses for the area during off peak times to ensure the space is profitable and still offers opportunities to play squash during peak times.</p> <p>South Derbyshire Supply - With a population of 107,205 (2021 Census), we would recommend 1 courts per 10,000 people. With 4 courts this falls below what we would recommend but if courts in the area were previously underutilised it would be good to improve the use of the ones in the area first. With the courts/venues not being affiliated to us we can't support with grants but we can speak to the managers and talk them through the different participation programmes we have on offer to see if it is something they are interested in delivering.</p> <p>Barriers - Etwall Leisure Centre – “We have this venue listed as having two courts. When looking online I am unable to see that the venue still has the courts as there is no process for booking the courts of the leisure centres site.”</p> <p>With no facilities in the SDDC area we are unable to hold competitions. Any three court venue is capable of delivering festivals, team squash, junior coaching and ‘Copper’ events (local junior competitions that form the first level of the England Squash Talent pathway). Sites with five or more courts can play a major part in delivering national and international events.</p>	

Sport / Activity Type	NGB Response	Sports Club Response
	<p>Long term plans - creating a new primary school programme for either teachers or squash coaches to deliver in schools in dinner halls/assembly halls/outside etc.</p> <p>The programme will have training and session plans for teachers and coaches so they can deliver the programme in their PE lessons. The programme is curriculum aligned and offers children the opportunity to learn about a new sport whilst developing transferable skills. The programme will be announced during 2025 and we'll work with Active Partnerships to offer training to teachers. The programme will be free to deliver and there will be kit the school or coach can purchase, but we want the programme to be as flexible as possible to ensure there are no barriers to people delivering it.</p> <p>There is access to funding to support affiliated clubs deliver squash activities. New schools programme potential to offer discount for schools to purchase kit</p>	
<p>Swimming</p>	<p>Swim England response:</p> <p>Key clubs in area – Swadlincote Swim Club and Etwall Eagles Swim Club</p> <p>Priorities - To maintain water space. To improve facilities. Environmental sustainability. To protect the current water space, particularly any deep water used by the South Derbyshire Water Polo club. Any new pool space or availability for our clubs would always be hugely welcomed.</p> <p>Support needed to meet priorities - Capital investment when needed.</p> <p>Future water provision should consider ensuring it has open community access, making the water space even more accessible to the local population.</p> <p>Facility mixes in the future need to consider the versatility of its water space and the use of a movable floor/boom system.</p>	<p>Etwall Eagles Swimming Club (81+ members with 30+ volunteers) uses Etwall Leisure Centre which it rated as a ‘standard’ quality of facility. The number of members has decreased in the last five years and is predicted to stay the same over the next five years. The club's reported barriers are the quality of facilities/equipment, not meeting competition standards due to lack of spectator seating, insufficient space around poolside and improvements required to pool area.</p> <p>Repton Swimming Club (175 members with 20 volunteers) uses Repton Sports Centre pool which was rated as “good” standard of facility. Its number of members has increased over last five years and is predicted to increase over the next five years. The club's reported barriers are availability of facility space due to school use so limits external users. This has to be school's priority to provide for pupils so opening hours are restricted. The club would like another pool to train at.</p> <p>Swadlincote Swimming Club (61-70 members with 20+ volunteers) uses Green Bank Leisure Centre which is rated a “standard” quality of facility. Its number of members has not increased over last five years but is predicted to increase over next five years. The club’s reported barriers are the</p>

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	<p>Involve Swim England’s Business Engagement Team to help maximise operations.</p> <p>Consistent access to water time at convenient times, at a fair fee. Clear communication between operators and clubs. Open approach to “Club Links” programmes – creating a pathway between learn to swim schemes and clubs. We do not want to lose either of the pools currently in the SDDC area as the loss of either pool would result in the likely closure of the linked club (Swadlincote or Etwall). If there was a new development we would love to see spectator seating and deeper water to accommodate competitions and water polo.</p> <p>Is there a sufficient supply? – No according to Swim England the two pools in the SDDC area are unfortunately not deep enough for the South Derbyshire Water Polo Club to use. They also do not meet requirements for swimming competitions (foremost spectator seating).</p> <p>The Swadlincote (Green Banks) pool does not have enough pool space/availability to accommodate all of Swadlincote Swimming Clubs training, so they have to use another pool three evenings a week for some of their squads – if the club were to grow (which they need to do to be sustainable and viable) they will have to source even more pool time.</p> <p>The district as a whole shows its water provision to be a deficit based on the recommended 12m² per 1,000 population at this current time of 571 square metres.</p> <p>The fpm run findings are different with 6% unmet demand in 2021 which represents 75 sqm water. The area with the highest reachable unmet demand is southeast of Thulston. However, at 83 sqm of water, this is insufficient to consider providing a new swimming pool to improve access for residents.</p> <p>Competition level - No real competitions can be held in the SDDC pools as competitions pools would need to have a good spectator area, minimum 6 lanes but ideally 8, with diving blocks. A 50m pool would of course be absolutely ideal but we appreciate this is likely not possible. A moveable</p>	<p>changing facilities, travel, car parking, the quality of the facility, availability of facility space and the meeting of competition standards. The club has received funding to develop coach education. Future indoor facilities required are an improved swimming pool, with spectator area, space to store pool kit and yoga mats, room and good flooring for athletes to perform pre pool warm ups and cool downs.</p>

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	<p>floor, or good depth would be helpful for water polo and also to give the opportunity for Artistic Swimming clubs.</p> <p>Long term plans – No, we would continue to support clubs in developing and growing, and would hope they can continue to access the pool space they need. Any club who approached us with development plans, be it a new club or existing club, we would support this. We do not have any specific development plans/projects in progress or in mind.</p> <p>Barriers – Yes, combination of fees and available time slots</p> <p>Access to funds - No</p>	
<p>Volleyball</p>	<p>Volleyball England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no affiliated clubs in South Derbyshire. • There is not a sufficient supply of facilities to meet current and future demand, the key clubs in the area are Darkstar and Derby Students. • They are seeking growth in competitive volleyball at junior, higher education institute and adult level. The biggest issue faced by clubs is access to facilities according to their club survey. They also found a need to ensure that new facilities have volleyball post sockets built in floors for safety and there is enough space behind courts for serving. • One of the reported barriers for access by Volleyball England is that they do not have enough hall space and that it is often shared between different sports clubs. • They reported that they do not have access to funds to support their plans and developments but did not suggest what their plans were. 	<p>No volleyball clubs in South Derbyshire so no response</p>

APPENDIX 11 – School Consultation Report

<https://max-associates.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/South-Derbyshire-District-Council-School-Consultation-Report-FINAL-February-2025.docx>

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APPENDIX 12 - Repton School Sports Centre community access timetable



SWIMMING POOL TIMETABLE

Date Range: 1st Feb 2025 – 14th Feb 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6.00							
7.00	Adult Swim** 7:45 – 9.00	Adult Swim** 7:45 – 9.00	Adult Swim** 7:45 – 9.15	Adult Swim** 7:45 – 8.30		Adults Swim 6.30 - 9.00	Adults Swim 7.00 - 8.30
8.00					Adult Swim** 8:00 – 10.00*		
9.00	Aqua Fit 9:30-10:20						
10.00					Family Swim 10.30 - 11.30	Family Swim 9.30 - 12.30*	Family Swim 8.30 - 11.30*
11.00		Adult Swim 11:30 - 13:30	Adult Swim* 11:15 – 13.45		Adult Swim 11:30 – 12.30		
12.00				Adult Swim 12.15 - 13.45		Adult Swim 13.00 - 14.30	Adult Swim 12.15 - 13.15
13.00							
14.00						Family Swim 14:30-15:30	
15.00						Fun Floats session 15:30-16:30	
16.00							
17.00						Adult Swim 17.30 – 19.30	
Late							

Children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by a parent or adult aged 16 years or above. A maximum of 2 children between the age of 4 and 8 is permitted per parent/adult.
Children under the age of 4 must be accompanied on a 1 to 1 basis.
REPTON SPORTS CENTRE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR CANCEL ANY SESSION AT ANY TIME
*ADULT SWIM 5TH FEBRUARY WILL BE 12:15-13:45
*TEAM TRAINING – 7TH FEBRUARY, ONLY HALF THE POOL AVAILABLE FOR ADULT SWIM SESSION
*FAMILY SWIM ON SAT/SUN WILL BE ALONGSIDE SWIM LESSONS, NO LANE SWIM WILL BE AVAILABLE
**ONE LANE IN USE FOR PRIVATE TRAINING SESSION
For Learn 2 Swim registrations, please email: sportscentre@repton.org.uk

Repton Sports Centre
Willington Road, Repton, DE65 6FH
01283 559326 sportscentre@repton.org.uk

Gym Timetable & Prices →

GYM TIMETABLE & PRICES



TERM TIMETABLE		
Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5.45 – 6.45	5.45 – 06.45	9.15 – 10.45
7.50 – 8.40	8.00 – 11.45	12.45 – 13.45
12.30 – 14.00	12.30 – 13.30	16.15 – 20.30
18.00 – 20.45	18.00 - 20.30	

NON-TERM TIMETABLE		
Monday to Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6.00 – 22.00	6.00 – 20.30	7.00 – 20.30

Membership Type	Swim & Fitness Individual	Swim Family (2 adults & up to 2 children)	Swim & Fitness Family (2 adults & up to 2 children)
1 Month	£26	£46	£52
3 Months	£65	£125	£145
12 Months	£234	£414	£525

PAYG	Price
Gym	£5.00
Adult Swim	£5.00
Child Swim	£3.50
Under 5's Swim	£1.00
Aqua Fit	£5.00
HIIT / Abs Blast Classes	£4.50
Legs, Bums & Tums / Circuits	£5.50

APPENDIX 13 – Sport England FPMS Runs – Sports Halls

[20220413 South Derbyshire Bespoke FPM Halls Report \(13 April 2022\).pdf](#)

APPENDIX 14 – Sport England FPMS Runs – Swimming Pools

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APPENDIX 15 – Sport England FPMS Runs – Sports Hall supply calculations

Note - in the TechSpec, the Repton School activity hall was recorded as being 1 FPM Courts.

Runs 1 and 2

Site	Facility Type	Dimensions (m)	Area (sqm)	Total FPM Courts	Peak Hours	Courts Scaled
Etwall Leisure Centre	6-court Activity	34 x 27 17 x 9	918 153	6.0	46	6.0
				2.0	46	2.0
Granville Academy	3-court	27 x 18	486	3.0	29	1.9
Green Bank Leisure Centre	6-court Activity	35 x 27 18 x 17	932 306	6.0	46	6.0
				4.0	46	4.0
Pingle Academy	4-court	32 x 18	576	4.0	25.3	2.2
Repton School Sports Centre	6-court 1-court	32 x 23 18 x 10	736 180	6.0	39	5.1
				1.0	39	0.8
				32.0		28.0

Run 3

Site	Facility Type	Dimensions (m)	Area (sqm)	Total FPM Courts	Peak Hours	Courts Scaled
Etwall Leisure Centre	6-court Activity	34 x 27 17 x 9	918 153	6.0	46	6.0
				2.0	46	2.0
Granville Academy	3-court	27 x 18	486	3.0	29	1.9
New Green Bank Leisure Centre	8-court	40 x 35	1,380	8.0	41	7.1
Pingle Academy	4-court	32 x 18	576	4.0	25.3	2.2
Repton School Sports Centre	6-court 1-court	32 x 23 18 x 10	736 180	6.0	39	5.1
				1.0	39	0.8
				30.0		25.1

APPENDIX 16 – Latent Demand for Fitness
Reports

ESTIMATE OF LATENT DEMAND FOR HEALTH & FITNESS
(NEW) GREEN BANK LEISURE CENTRE, SWADLINCOTE - adj. 10
minute drive

MOSAIC UK Type	Total Adult Population (15+)	Total Health & Fitness Demand
B06 Diamond Days	7	0
B07 Alpha Families	141	9
B08 Bank of Mum and Dad	22	1
B09 Empty-Nest Adventure	169	10
C10 Wealthy Landowners	285	12
C11 Rural Vogue	32	1
C12 Scattered Homesteads	12	0
C13 Village Retirement	508	21
D14 Satellite Settlers	2,421	108
D15 Local Focus	1,567	50
D16 Outlying Seniors	402	9
E18 Legacy Elders	1	0
E19 Bungalow Haven	2,192	83
E20 Classic Grandparents	90	5
E21 Solo Retirees	120	6
F22 Boomerang Boarders	205	12
F23 Family Ties	1,454	100
F24 Fledgling Free	2,400	128
F25 Dependable Me	514	28
G27 Thriving Independence	2	0
G28 Modern Parents	3,085	237
G29 Mid-Career Convention	1,409	97
H30 Primary Ambitions	568	34
H31 Affordable Fringe	6,209	363
H32 First-Rung Futures	1,009	58

MOSAIC UK Type	Total Adult Population (15+)	Total Health & Fitness Demand
H33 Contemporary Starts	3,821	202
H34 New Foundations	302	14
H35 Flying Solo	766	31
I36 Solid Economy	110	5
I37 Budget Generations	1,383	68
I38 Economical Families	1,725	90
I39 Families on a Budget	1,106	37
J40 Value Rentals	2,054	89
J41 Youthful Endeavours	319	13
J42 Midlife Renters	890	47
J43 Renting Rooms	72	4
K47 Single Essentials	129	3
K48 Mature Workers	793	28
L49 Flatlet Seniors	113	2
L50 Pocket Pensions	1,240	19
L52 Estate Veterans	195	7
L53 Seasoned Survivors	199	10
M54 Down-to-Earth Owners	1,970	81
M55 Back with the Folks	952	57
M56 Self Supporters	2,442	125
O64 Bus-Route Renters	204	9
Sub Total	45,610	2,313
<i>Add consideration for 15% of members from outside catchment</i>		408
<i>Add consideration for workforce (@ 3% of additional 1,580 people within c. 10 minute walk)</i>		47
<i>Minus consideration for competition / decay on catchment fringes</i>		-100
Estimate of Total Demand for Health & Fitness		2,668
<i>Minus current membership number (approx.)</i>		-1,900
Estimate of Latent Demand for Health & Fitness		768

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