



Playing Pitch Strategy 2017-2020

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Executive summary

The Playing Pitch Strategy will provide a focus for three key areas:

- Sustainable long term management of outdoor sports facilities
- Evidence of need and priorities to support funding bids for continued improvement of facilities
- Provision of new facilities through the development process where a need has been identified.

The strategy focuses on the following sports:

Football	Cricket	Rugby
Hockey	Bowls	Netball
Tennis		

Preparation of the strategy has included the following:

- Review of previous Playing Pitch Strategy (adopted 2013)
- Mapping of facilities and analysis of the current level of pitch provision within the District
- Non-technical assessments of pitches
- Consultation with clubs and educational establishments
- Consultation with Sport England and relevant sports' national governing bodies (NGBs)

From analysis of the information gathered during the preparation of the strategy the following aims have been identified:

1. ACCESS & PROVISION - To protect existing sports facilities and provide new facilities where there is current or future anticipated demand

2. QUALITY & MANAGEMENT - To improve the quality of facilities and support effective management and club development

These aims will be achieved through: adoption of the Local Plan; implementation of the strategy Action Plan with site specific projects incorporated into the Locality Plans for the four main areas of the District (Hucknall, Kirkby, Sutton and the Rurals) and through support to clubs through the Club Accreditation Scheme, Ashfield Club Forum etc.

1.0 Introduction

The strategy provides an overview of provision for the following sports: Football, Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Bowls, Netball and Tennis. The strategy details the requirements for each sport in terms of facilities required and identifies priorities for improvements. The following preparatory work was undertaken to inform the strategy:

- Review of previous Playing Pitch Strategy (adopted 2013)
- Mapping of facilities and analysis of the current level of pitch provision within the District
- Non-technical assessments of pitches
- Consultation with clubs and educational establishments
- Consultation with Sport England and relevant sports' national governing bodies (NGBs).

The Playing Pitch Strategy will be used for the following:

- Provide a supporting document for the Council's Local Plan to:
 a) Ensure the most efficient use of developer contributions and Section 106 agreements
 b) Provide a basis for establishing new pitch requirements arising from housing development
 c) Assist in the protection of existing pitches
- Support sports development planning
- Provide robust evidence to support capital funding applications.

1.1 Vision

To ensure adequate distribution of good quality sports facilities across the district, both now and in the future, to support and increase participation in sport and improve health and wellbeing.

1.2 Approach to developing the strategy

The strategy has been developed through a steering group and project team, following the guidance in Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance (October 2013). The steering group included representatives from the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of the sports included. The NGBs were given the opportunity to check and challenge the information gathered through the pitch assessments and club surveys and establish priorities for their sport.

The strategy covers the district boundary area of Ashfield, the data has been divided into four sub areas; Hucknall, Kirkby, Sutton and the Rurals (Jacksdale, Selston and Underwood). Appendix 2 contains plans of the four sub areas and the pitches assessed as part of the strategy.

A non-technical pitch assessment was undertaken at all identified sites within Ashfield District, an overview of the results is provided for each sport. The assessments included all council owned facilities, private non- professional clubs and educational establishments where there was established community use or potential for community use. Assessments for district managed football pitches were carried out by the IOG (Institute of Groundsmanship) in 2015. All other assessments for football as well as rugby, Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) and tennis were carried out by Neil Allen Associates during January and February 2016 with bowls and cricket assessments carried out in late April/ early May.

82 clubs were identified as being based in Ashfield and all were contacted and asked to complete the club survey, 69 responses were received. The results of the surveys and pitch assessments were analysed within the four sub-areas and have been used to inform the priorities and objectives.

Section 2 provides more detail of the methodology used to develop the strategy.

1.3 National Context

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides a framework for the development of Local and Neighbourhood Plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities. The NPPF states that Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs and that 'access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up to date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessment should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required' (Paragraph 73).

The NPPF states that existing open space, sports and recreation sites, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- \cdot an assessment has been undertaken, which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.' (Paragraph 74).

Sport England

Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications affecting playing pitches and has an established policy on retention. ('A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England').

Sport England will oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would prejudice the use of whole or part of a playing field, unless an assessment has been carried out which confirms that there is an excess in playing field provisions in the catchment area and that the site has no special significance to the interests of sport. In addition, at least one of the following criteria need to be met:

- The proposed development is ancillary to the principal use of the site as a playing field or playing fields, and does not affect the quantity or quality of pitches or adversely affect their use.
- The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming, or forming part of, a playing pitch, and does not result in the loss of or inability to make use of any playing pitch.

- Lost playing fields would be replaced by a playing field or playing fields of an equivalent or better quality and of equivalent or greater quantity, in a suitable location and subject to equivalent or better management arrangements, prior to the commencement of development.
- The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor sports facility, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss of the playing field or playing fields.

Sport England advises that local authorities must have an up to date (within the last three years) assessment of need and a strategy.

Sport England's strategy: **Towards an Active Nation (2016-2021)** sets out how the organisation will invest £250 million over four years to combat inactivity which causes 1 in 6 deaths in England.

As well as continuing to support people who already play sport, there is a much greater emphasis on groups who are typically much less active such as women, disabled people and those from lower-socio-economic backgrounds. The strategy will help deliver against the five health, social and economic outcomes set out in the Government's Sporting Future strategy and focus on the following:

- Dedicated funding to get children and young people active from the age of five, including a new fund for family based activities and training to teachers in secondary schools to help them better meet the needs of all children, irrespective of their level of sporting ability
- Working with the sport sector to put customers at the heart of everything they do, and using the principles of behaviour change to inform their work
- Piloting new ways of working locally by investing in up to 10 places in England a mix of urban and rural areas
- Investing up to £30m in a new volunteering strategy, enabling more people to get the benefits of volunteering and attracting a new, more diverse range of volunteers
- Helping sport keep pace with the digital expectations of customers making it as easy to book a badminton court as a hotel room
- Working closely with governing bodies of sport and others who support people who already play regularly, to help them become more efficient, sustainable and diversify their sources of funding.

1.4 Local Context

Ashfield Local Plan

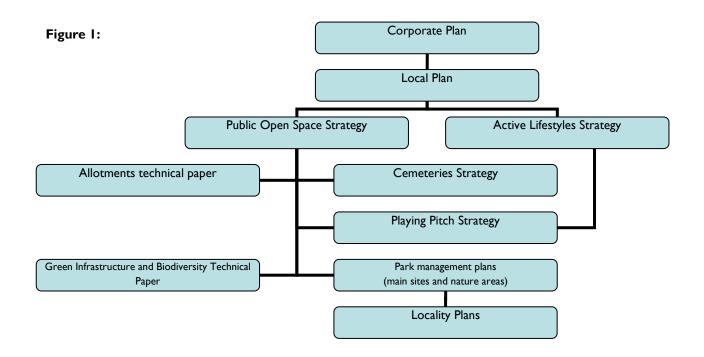
The Council has prepared a 15 year Local Plan, which will guide development across Ashfield up to 2032. By this time the district population is projected to increase by around 13,000 with 480 new homes a year required to meet housing needs. This strategy forms part of the evidence base for the Ashfield Local Plan.

The Ashfield Local Plan provides the basis for delivering the spatial planning strategy of the district and guides future development. The key policies influencing the provision of sport and recreation in the Local Plan are Policy EV5 and Policy HG3.

Policy EV5: Protection of Green Spaces and Recreational Facilities, sets out how green spaces and recreation facilities, identified on the Local Plan Policies Map, will be protected by restricting development to appropriate recreational uses or recreational facilities. It also sets out the criteria which will be used to assess proposals for development that would lead to the loss or partial loss of a green space or recreational facility.

Policy HG3: Public Open Space in New residential Developments, sets out that new residential development should, where appropriate, contribute to open space provision either by the creation of additional areas or the improvement of existing facilities in the locality. In terms of the provision of sports facilities, it is recognised that the establishment of multi pitch sports hub sites in Kirkby and Sutton is important.

The Playing Pitch Strategy replaces the Council's existing Playing Pitch Strategy of 2013, Figure 1 below shows how the strategy fits into the Council's strategic plans.



2.0 Methodology

The methodology is based upon the published guidance from Sport England's (2013) 'Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance – An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy'.

The Guidance comprises 10 steps which are grouped into the following five stages:

Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approachStage B: Gather Information and views on the supply of and demand for provisionStage C: Assess the supply and demand information and viewsStage D: Develop the strategyStage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date.

The key tasks undertaken to deliver the assessment for football, cricket, rugby, hockey, tennis, bowls and netball are summarised in brief below.

2.1 Stage A – Prepare and tailor the approach

Paragraph 1.2 outlines the approach taken to prepare and tailor the strategy.

2.1 Stage B – Gather information and views on the supply of and demand for provision

Supply

The data collection process included a full audit of pitches and outdoor sports facilities across Ashfield. For each site, the following information was collected:

- site name, location, ownership and management type;
- number and type of pitches / courts;
- accessibility of facilities to the local community;
- overall quality of pitches and ancillary facilities (including maintenance regimes);
- level of protection and security of tenure; and
- views of users and providers.

Demand

To evaluate the demand for playing pitches across Ashfield, data was collated on all sports clubs and teams and their match and training requirements;

- casual and other demand;
- educational demand;
- displaced demand (i.e. teams wishing to play within the district but unable to);
- latent demand (i.e. unfulfilled demand, which broadly takes two forms:
 - Suppressed demand those who wish to play but for whatever reason cannot
 - Potential demand those who do not wish to play but who may, under the right circumstances, be persuaded to do so.
- temporal demand (i.e. the analysis of the fluctuation of demand across relevant periods. Most importantly identifying peak demand assessing which days, and at what times, demand for pitches is greatest).

- future demand (including club and team aspirations for development as well as National Governing Body priorities and targets); and
- user views and experiences, including trends and changes in demand.
- 2.2 The following tasks were undertaken to compile the supply and demand information:
 - analysis of existing information; including the previous PPS
 - interpretation of findings of Sport England tools, specifically Active Places, Active People and Market Segmentation
 - a review of National Governing Body (NGB) data on pitches and local participation
 - a review of local league websites, fixture lists and pitch booking records
 - use of available technical quality assessment reports and non-technical site visits
 - a detailed survey to schools
 - consultation with sports clubs
 - engagement with providers of playing pitches and
 - face to face and telephone discussions with NGBs to discuss key issues and priorities.

2.3 Stage C – Assess the supply and demand information and views

The supply and demand information collated during Steps 2 and 3 has been used to:

- understand the situation at individual playing pitch sites;
- develop the current and projected future pictures of provision across the district; and
- identify the key findings and issues that need to be addressed.

2.4 Stage D & Stage E - Develop and deliver the Strategy and keep it robust and up to date

Recommendations and strategy are developed to address the issues identified through the data collection and analysis undertaken in Steps 1-5.

2.0 Assessment Findings

Analysis of the club, educational establishment and provider survey results, pitch assessments and national governing bodies' strategies for each sport is summarised below. This information has been used to form the vision, aims and objectives which have been incorporated into the delivery plan and site specific action plan to implement the strategy.

2.1 Football

Provider/ user consultation

There were 182 teams based in Ashfield registered in the 2016/17 season, playing for over 50 clubs.

The main youth league is Kickstart which uses pitches at Kingsway Park and the Summit Centre in Kirkby, as well as several sites in Mansfield, playing on Sundays. There were approximately 130 teams in the league in the 2016/17 season, across the 7-10 age group, a 22% increase on the previous season. Kickstart provides central venues with referees making it easier for clubs to field teams. The Mansfield CHAD youth League plays on Saturdays for under 7s to under 10s and some teams from the area play in Nottingham's Young Elizabethan league.

There are several large clubs in Ashfield, in Hucknall; Hucknall Town FC with two teams playing in the Central Midlands Football League, Hucknall Sports Youth with 11 mixed teams, from U7 to U10, Hucknall Town Harriers with 8 teams, ranging from adult male to U8 and Rolls Royce with 29 teams mainly mixed or male and one girls U16 team. In Kirkby Beaufort United Youth with 6 teams, including U14 girls, in the Rurals, Bagthorpe Athletic with 7 youth teams, Selston Youth with 9 teams and Underwood Villa with 11 teams. In Sutton Quarrydale United with 9 teams, Teversal Youth with 12 teams, Mansfield Athletic Youth with 6 teams, Mansfield Hosiery Mills with 11 teams, including a women's team and Mansfield Town Youth with 5 teams. Sutton has a relatively large number of clubs with lower numbers of teams – 24 clubs with 57 teams. In Hucknall there are 13 clubs with 62 teams. There are also a number of clubs/teams from outside of Ashfield playing in the district; Mansfield Athletic Youth (6 teams) playing in Sutton and two clubs (4 teams) from Blidworth, playing in Kirkby. There were a relatively low number of teams in Kirkby – 32, compared with the Rural area-31 which has less than half the population of Kirkby.

There are two women's teams in Ashfield, both in Sutton and three girl's teams ranging from U12 (Hucknall), U14 (Kirkby/ Sutton) to U16 (Hucknall). Women's and girl's teams account for less than 3% of teams in the district.

Pitch assessments

Site visits were undertaken in two phases, ADC owned pitches were assessed by the IOG advisor for the area, with all other pitch assessments undertaken by Neil Allen Associates (naa) in January and early February 2016. There were found to be a wide range of facilities with some good pitches and ancillary facilities and also some very poor facilities with no ancillary facilities. The quality of the pitches and facilities are variable, but all of the pitches surveyed were compacted.

There are 15 adult, 4 junior and 7 mini pitches on 14 ADC sites across the District, with a further 3 adult and 3 junior pitches due to be provided at two sites at Papplewick, Hucknall. There are two pitches owned by Selston Parish Council.

ADC pitches had not been adequately maintained for several years and all were in poor condition when inspected by the IOG in 2015. With a grant of 16k from the Football Foundation and support

from the F.A. and IOG, 38k of equipment has been purchased, including a verti drain, disk and fertilizer spreaders and overseeder. An intensive maintenance programme was undertaken in 2016 on the main ADC sites which has resulted in significant improvements to the quality of pitches.

Of the 14 ADC sites, 8 are single pitch sites. Many sites need significant investment and it will not be possible to invest in all of these sites. The number of sites needs to be consolidated in order to maximise investment and enhance the playing experience through better quality pitches and ancillary facilities.

Schools are major providers of pitches within the district and grass pitches at Ashfield, Holgate, National and Quarrydale are of relatively good quality and have further potential. Sutton Community Academy pitches at the Lawn are particularly poor and need improvements to drainage and general maintenance to ensure the sustainability of the pitches.

The facilities need to be maintained or improved at these sites and agreements for community use sought (if not already in place) to ensure the sustainability of community use into the future.

Summary findings from the pitch assessments are provided from page 10 to 14.

Site	Pitch size	Pitch rating	Built facilities	Flood lighting	NOTES
	5120	Tating	rating	inginting	
HUCKNALL					1
Butler's Hill	Adult 11v11	Poor	Poor	No	Pitch due to be closed when Papplewick site opens. Pitch well drained.
Holgate Academy Pitch 1	Youth 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Pitches in reasonable condition. School used as changing accommodation.
Holgate Academy Pitch 2	Youth 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	
Holgate Academy Pitch 3	Youth 9v9	Standard	Standard	No	
Holgate Academy Pitch 4	Youth 9v9	Standard	Standard	No	
Hucknall Town FC Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Good	No	Barriered pitch. Club moving (start of 17/18 season) to a site across the road and no money is being invested into the current facilities. Covered seated stand, pitch has boot marks and sand is used to mitigate areas of wear. Pitch is well maintained.
Hucknall Town FC Pitch 2	Adult 11v11	Standard	Good	No	11v11 pitch which is marked up with 9v9. Pitch 2 is on the other side of the changing accommodation and is badly scuffed in the goals. Evidence of compaction.
Leen Mills Primary School	Youth 7v7	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch marked out ready for play slightly undulating but good grass colour, some weeds. Grass long. School for changing.
Nabbs Lane Park	Adult	Standard	Poor	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016.
National C of E Academy	Youth 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Standard condition.
Rolls Royce Leisure and Fitness Centre Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Good	Yes	The club has 25 teams and 5 pitches, consequently the pitches are overplayed and the amount of grass on them is poor. Further and more intense maintenance is required to sustain the level of play. A full size AGP would help. Pitch 1 is a barriered floodlit pitch the goals are scuffed and the pitch had tractor tracks on it. Pitch compacted. The clubhouse is a leisure club with excellent facilities.
Rolls Royce Leisure Pitch 2	Adult 11v11	Standard	Good	No	Pitch 2 is battered, there are boot marks across the pitch. Scuffing in the goal mouths, Pitch compacted.
Rolls Royce Leisure Pitch 3	Youth 9v9	Standard	Good	No	Pitch 3 is battered there are boot marks across the pitch. Scuffing on the middle area of the pitch, Pitch compacted.
Rolls Royce Leisure Pitch 4	Mini 7v7	Standard	Good	No	Pitch 4 is battered there are boot marks across the pitch. Gaps in the grass on the middle area of the pitch, pitch compacted.
Rolls Royce Leisure Pitch 5	Mini 7v7	Standard	Good	No	Pitch 5 is battered there are boot marks across the pitch. Gaps in the grass on the middle area of the pitch, pitch compacted.
Titchfield Park, Hucknall Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Poor	Good	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016, goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.
Titchfield Park, Hucknall Pitch 2	Adult 11v11	Poor	Good	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016, goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.

Site	Pitch	Pitch	Built	Flood	NOTES
	size	rating	facilities	lighting	
KIRKBY			rating		
Ashfield School	Youth	Standard	Standard	No	The area of the pitches is flexible and allows for
Pitch 1	11v11				several pitches to be laid out - at present there are 3 football pitches and 2 rugby pitches.
Ashfield School Pitch 2	Youth 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Space for 7v7 behind athletics track but not marked out at time of visit.
Ashfield School Pitch 3	Youth 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch 3 is between the two cricket wickets.
Bentinck Miners Welfare Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Pitches accessed through dedicated driveway with car parking on tarmac. The ancillary buildings are portacabin style, with adjacent social club. Pitches are next to a main road. Pitch 1 next to the wall. The pitch is freshly cut and has been slit to aid drainage, but is uneven and compacted with skid marks on it but no scuffing at the goal mouths. The site would benefit from better ancillary facilities
Bentinck Miners Welfare Pitch 2	Youth 9v9	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch 2 at right angles to pitch 1. This pitch has a 7v7 pitch overmarked on it. This pitch is freshly cut and has been slit to help the drainage, but is uneven and compacted. Goals are undulating but not scuffed. There are some weeds in the sward. The pitch would benefit from fertiliser and weed eradication.
Bentinck Miners Welfare Pitch 3	Mini 5v5		Standard	No	Pitch 3 adjacent to pitch 2. The club normally have a 5v5 pitch but not currently marked out as not required.
Bentinck Miners Welfare Pitch 4	Youth 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch 4 at right angles to pitch 3 area. This pitch is freshly cut and slit but is still uneven and compacted. Goals are undulating but not scuffed, some weeds in the sward. The pitch would benefit from fertiliser and weed eradication. One goal is messy.
BRSA	Youth 9v9	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
BRSA	Youth 7v7	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
Kingsway Park Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standard	Yes	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
Kingsway Park Pitch 2	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
Kingsway Park Pitch 3	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
Kingsway Park Pitch 4	Youth 9v9	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
Kingsway Park Pitch 5	Youth 5v5	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
Kingsway Park Pitch 6	Youth 5v5	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
Kingsway Park Pitch 7	Youth 5v5	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016
Kingsway Park Pitch 8	Youth 5v5	Standard	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016

Kingsway Primary School	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standar d	No	Pitch access through gate, pitch on slight slope. School changing rooms.
Mayfield Street	youth 9v9	Poor	Standard	No	Verti drain in 2016. Identify further drainage works required.
Orchard Primary School	Mini 7v7	Standard	Standard	No	Small pitch to rear of school undulating and on slight slope. School could be used for changing.
The Summit Centre	Adult 11v11		Good	No	Pitch barriered, some work undertaken in 2016. The pitch is undulating at goals and the colour suggests that it would benefit from fertiliser, few weeds in the sward. The pitch has dug outs and a covered stand but no floodlights, ancillaries are tired and need updating. Changing within the Summit Centre.
Titchfield Park, Kirkby Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Poor	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016, levels need topping up in some areas.
Site	Pitch size	Pitch rating	Built facilities rating	Flood lighting	NOTES
SUTTON					
Bluebell Wood Way Pitch 1	Mini 5v5	Poor	Standard	No	Requires verti draining and seed drilling at end of 16/17 season
Bluebell Wood Way Pitch 2	Mini 5v5	Poor	Standard	No	Requires verti draining and seed drilling at end of 16/17 season
Brierley Forest Park	Adult	Poor	Standard	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016. Goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.
Cowpasture Lane, Pitch 1	Adult	Poor	Poor	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016. Goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.
Cowpasture Lane, Pitch 2	Adult	Poor	Poor	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016. Goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.
Healdswood Rec Ground Pitch 1	Adult	Standard	Poor	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016. Goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.
Healdswood Rec Ground Pitch 2	Adult	Standard	Poor	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016. Goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.
Hill Crescent Rec	Adult	Poor	Poor	No	Pitch not in use.
Unwin Road (north of Pretty Polly) Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Pitches reached through locked access, some car parking on stone and small pavilion. Pitch 1 is near to the pavilion. The pitch is patchy, compacted and uneven, with boot marks in the field suggesting poor drainage. The pitch would benefit from intensive maintenance. The pitch has some barriers but are temporary rope and spike. The ancillaries whilst adequate are basic and require upgrading.
Unwin Road (north of Pretty Polly) Pitch 2	Adult 11v11	Poor	Standard	No	Pitch 2 is away from the pavilion and is patchy, compacted and uneven, there are boot marks in the field and some skids suggesting very poor drainage. The field is messy right along the pitch from goal to goal.
Unwin Road (north of Pretty Polly) Pitch 3	Mini 7v7	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch 3 is 7v7 with 5v5 marked over it as the area is used flexibly, the area is showing boot marks but is in better condition than either of the other pitches.

Mansfield Hosiery Mills Sport Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Good	Yes	Pitches laid out on the cricket outfield 7x7 and 5v5.Pitch 1 is 11v 11 with 9v9 overmarked on it, on other side of access road from cricket, and has dedicated changing rooms, floodlighting, barriers and covered stand. The pitch is uneven, goals are messy but this has been mitigated by sand.
Mansfield Hosiery Mills Pitch 2	Mini 7v7	Standard	Good	No	Pitch 2 is on the cricket outfield and was marked out but the grass was long. The ground was not compacted but the colour suggests that the pitches
Mansfield Hosiery Mills Pitch 3	Mini 5v5	Standard	Good	No	need some fertiliser.
Quarrydale Academy Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Area floods, pitches are compacted but the grass sward is good with very few weeds. Pitch shared with rugby, undulating. School used for ancillaries.
Quarrydale Academy Pitch 2	Youth 7v7	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch 2 is 7v7 and the goals are messy but have been sanded, the rest of the pitch is compacted and undulating.
Quarrydale Academy Pitch 3	Youth 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch 3 is youth pitch and is next to pitch 2 - showing some water retention and is compacted, with gaps in the sward.
Quarrydale Academy Pitch 4	Youth 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Compacted but the grass sward is good with very few weeds.
Quarrydale Academy Pitch 5	Youth 9v9	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch 5 is next to the tennis courts and is in reasonable condition for time of the season. Showing some boot marks and compaction.
Stamper Crescent Recreation Ground/ Forest Road	Adult	Poor	Poor	No	Verti drain and seed drilled in 2016. Goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.
Sutton Community Academy, the Lawn Pitch 1	Youth 9v9	Poor	Good	No	Pitches within large parkland area. Pitch 1 is down the slope in front of the play area. This pitch is a 9v9 and is very wet and the far goal was underwater. Wheel damage at one goal but this may be caused by the line marking machine. Pitch uneven and soggy and compacted. No goals on pitch. The changing accommodation is adequate.
Sutton Community Academy Pitch 2	Adult 11v11	Poor	Good	No	Pitch 2 is behind pitch 1 has goals, but very wet, water not getting away and uneven the area has been churned up from goal to goal. Undulating.
Sutton Community Academy Pitch 3	Adult 11v11	Standard	Good	No	Pitch 3 is next to pitch 2, pitch very slippery and very wet, water not getting away and uneven this pitch is marginally better than pitch 2. Undulating.
Sutton Community Academy Pitch 4	Youth 7v7	Poor	Good	No	Pitch 4 is next to pitch 5, very slippery and wet, water not getting away. Undulating.
Sutton Community Academy (Sutton Lawn) Pitch 5	Youth 11v11	Poor	Good	No	Pitch 5 is next to pitch 4, pitch very slippery and wet, water not getting away. Undulating and there is standing water on the pitch one set of goals have been sanded. Compaction.
Teversal Trust	Adult 11v11	Standard	Good	Yes	The pitch is reached through gates and has well equipped ground with floodlights, barriers, stand and dug outs all in reasonable condition and a social club with bar. Brick changing rooms. The pitch is showing poor drainage and some overplay as there are skids in the surface and generally the turf is not

					bearing up to the use. The pitch will need extensive maintenance to ensure sustainability. The ancillaries seem to be in good condition.
Teversal Old Village Recreation Ground	Youth 11v11	Standard	Poor	No	No dedicated parking, pavilion is small. The pitch is uneven with encroaching mole damage. Verti drain in 2016. Goalmouths need seeding at end of 16/17 season.
Site	Pitch size	Pitch rating	Built facilities rating	Flood lighting	NOTES
RURALS			Tating		
Dixies Arms Bagthorpe Athletic FC	Adult 11v11	Standard	Poor	No	Pitch to the rear of Dixies Arms pub. One barriered pitch on site overmarked with 9v9 pitch overmarked in red. The pitch is well used and is scuffed in some places including parts of the goal mouth. There are some weeds in the sward. Pitch compacted. Changing room and tea is provided here, would benefit from updating.
Friezeland Pitch 1	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Gated access to car park and brick built changing accommodation. The pitches are behind the pavilion down a slope. The pavilion is fairly modern and in good condition. Pitch is barriered, has dug outs and fixed goals. Would benefit from fertiliser, and is compacted, the goals have been sanded to mitigate the scuffing and lack of grass. The pitch is on a slight slope.
Friezeland Pitch 2	Adult 11v11	Poor	Standard	No	Pitch 2 has 2 sets of movable goals, but the pitch area was very wet with no markings, assume this pitch is used for 11v11 and 9v9 matches but is not usable at the moment as it is so wet. The grass on this pitch is a better colour but there is evidence of weeds in the sward.
Jacksdale Miners Welfare	Adult 11v11	Standard	Standard	No	Adequate parking, pitch is close to the main road - wall separates it from the pavement. The pitch was not marked out messy goals that are worn to a dip. Grass long. Bar and changing in the Miner's Welfare.
Selston High School	Youth	Standard		No	Pitches not available for community use - adjacent to
Pitch 1 Selston High School Pitch 2	11v11 Youth 11v11	Standard		No	the parish Hall site. Pitches in reasonable condition for time of the season. School changing rooms.
Selston Parish Hall	Adult 11v11	Standard	Good	No	Pitch accessed through gate with good car parking. Pitch barriered and in reasonable condition for time of season. Parish hall acts as pavilion.
Westwood Recreation Ground	Youth 11v11	Standard	Poor	No	Pitch on rec ground, next to school, no dedicated parking area. Pitch is in slight basin, grass long and pitch compacted, messy goals marked out for match including respect line.

The new Football Facilities Plan is due out in February 2017 which will supersede **The FA National Game Strategy (2011 – 2015)** which identified the following main issues facing grassroots football:

• Growth and retention (young and adult players)

- Raising standards and behaviour
- Better players
- Running the game
- Workforce
- Facilities

The strategy identifies the need to provide affordable, new and improved facilities in schools, clubs and on local authority sites where over 80% of football is played. Cuts to local authority budgets and the loss of playing fields are identified as major threats to the game at a local level.

The growth of the commercial sector in developing custom built five-a-side facilities has resulted in a significant growth in the number of five-a-side teams in recent years with high quality, modern facilities being provided by for example Powerleague, Goals and playfootball.net.

The FA National Facilities Strategy (2013 – 2015) sets out the FA's long term vision for development of facilities to address the needs of nonprofessional football. One of the biggest issues raised from 'the Big Grassroots Football Survey' by 84% of respondents was poor facilities. The FA's vision is to build, protect and enhance sustainable football facilities by:

- Building new facilities and pitches in key locations to FA standards in order to sustain existing participation and support new participation
- Protecting playing pitches and facilities for the benefit of current and future participants
- Investing in existing facilities and pitches, ensuring that participation in the game is sustained as well as expanded.

Over £150m will be invested into facility improvements through priorities for natural grass pitches improved, a network of new and refurbished AGPs, new and improved changing facilities and toilets on selected sites, as well as small grants for club facilities and goalposts.

Findings and key issues	Recommendations
Poor maintenance of pitches, many compacted	ADC explore feasibility of providing service to clubs/ NCC for verti drain/ seed drilling etc
Many changing rooms in poor condition	Identify priority sites with FA, support funding bids for improvements
Lack of funding to bring facilities up to standard	
Oversupply of adult pitches and undersupply of junior and mini pitches	Change pitch types to better meet demand
Number of single pitch sites owned by ADC	Consolidate pitches where possible to create hub sites at Papplewick, Hucknall, Kingsway and Titchfield Parks, Kirkby and Sutton Lawn

2.2 Cricket

Provider/ user consultation

The consultation identified a lack of playing space for the number of teams. 3rd and 4th teams were playing on local park sites with associated issues such as quality of greens and lack of suitable ancillary facilities.

Pitch assessments

There are seven cricket clubs in Ashfield, with 24 adult teams, including one disabled team (Nottingham Disability) and 19 youth teams, including one U14 girls teams (Kirkby Portland). The Rurals have a relatively large number of teams per population with 10, compared with Hucknall 8, Kirkby 9 and Sutton 16. All clubs have a dedicated ground, Hucknall CC and Mansfield Hosiery Mills play their third and fourth teams on Titchfield Park, Hucknall and Kingsway Park, Kirkby. The club grounds are mainly good with excellent facilities and off pitch social opportunities. Schools tend to have an artificial wicket(s) and no permanent cricket square. Holgate Academy publicise their cricket pitch for hire. Indoor cricket nets are provided in Kirkby at Kirkby College (1 lane), in Sutton at the Lammas Leisure Centre (2 lanes) and Quarrydale School (2 lanes) in the Rurals at Selston Leisure Centre (4 lanes), there is no indoor provision in Hucknall.

A new cricket ground is due to be provided at Larwood Park, on the northern side of Kirkby, near Sutton as part of a Section 106 agreement to provide a £1.4 million rugby facility for Ashfield Rugby Club. This will provide a new facility for cricket in the district with clubhouse and parking adjacent to the pitch. It is anticipated that one of the existing cricket clubs in the district will use the Larwood site as a second home ground.

Site Name	No. pitches	No. grass wickets	No. artificial wickets	NOTES	Rating
HUCKNALL					
Holgate School	0		2	Two artificial wickets available for community use.	Standard
Hucknall Cricket Club (The New Gatehouse Ground)	1	6	1	Ground in excellent condition. Sightscreens score box covers rollers - two storey pavilion and storage for equipment. Artificial practice nets are serviceable. The artificial wicket is serviceable but has been patched at either end.	Good
Titchfield Park Hucknall	1	17	1	Many wickets on the cricket square had been used while damp so the wicket showed some signs of foot slippage. Outfield has problem where drain has collapsed, uneven. Changing accommodation in pavilion, shared with football. Artificial wicket needs replacing.	Standard

Site Name	No. pitches	No. grass	No. artificial	NOTES	Rating
		wickets	wickets		
KIRKBY	_				
Ashfield School	0	0	2	No pitches - only artificial wickets, both are not in a good state one has grass growing through it and the surface is breaking up the other is better, both need refurbishment.	N/A
Kingsway Park	1	16	1	Artificial wicket is ripped and needs to be removed. The outfield is very wet and uneven in places. Not many facilities or equipment - use cafe as pavilion. There are 3 lanes of practice lanes need refurbishing or removal.	Poor
Kirkby Portland Cricket Ground	1	6	1	Dedicated dirt access road, ground surrounded by fields. On slight slope - water drains onto the artificial wicket bringing debris with it, club are planning to install drainage ditch. Artificial wicket is serviceable but needs refurbishment. Artificial nets are serviceable but could do with refurbishment. Good pavilion facilities with integral scorebox. Sightscreens, covers and equipment. The club would like to buy/lease an adjacent field but is also in discussion with Ashfield School to use the pitch for the third team which play away all season.	Good
RURALS		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Selston Parish Hall and Recreation Ground	1	12	1	Tarmac car park to village hall and sports facilities. Pavilion shared with football and bowls. Access through dedicated gate from main road. Outfield grass was long, mobile nets, no artificial practice nets. There are sightscreens. Outfield showing some broadleaved weeds.	Standard
Underwood Miners Welfare Cricket Club	1	5	1	Ground next to road and the welfare is over the road. Nice ground but outfield is wet at one end and uneven, drainage problems. Sightscreens, no covers tarpaulins. Artificial wicket needs replacing and the artificial lanes, 2 lanes - one is unusable and the other needs replacing. The ground is serviceable but needs investment.	Standard

Site Name	No. pitches	No. grass wickets	No. artificial wickets	NOTES	Rating
SUTTON					
Mansfield Hosiery Mills Cricket Club	1	8	0	Plenty of car parking - football on the outfield, this area is very compacted and the grass is not growing as well. The ground is well looked after. Sight screens, covers, equipment and scorebox, artificial practice lanes x2 - practice lanes need refurbishment and have no nets on them. Mobile practice net.	Good
Teversal Cricket Club	1	8	0	Outfield damp in some areas particularly at the bottom of the field where the ground slopes away - needs aeration, may need drainage. The wickets are in reasonable condition. Practice nets need refurbishment but serviceable for now, no artificial wicket, sightscreen scorebox (tend not to use it) one artificial net, covers, boundary marked.	Good

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Champion Counties Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017. The vision is to deliver successful England teams at all levels, produce a vibrant domestic game and increase participation.

The plan will take advantage of local partnerships and support local delivery of priorities through the County network. It targets operational excellence to maximise the use of resources and facilities with four pillars; Effective Governance, Vibrant Domestic Game, Enthusing Participation and Successful England teams to support a number of priorities, the most relevant to this strategy are;

- Increase in participation
- Increase in cricket volunteers
- Increase the number of female and disabled players
- Complete a Community Engagement programme with all First Class Counties and MCC
- For each £1 provided in facility grants through the 'Sport England Whole Sport Plan Grant Programme' ensure a multiplier of three with other funding partners
- Provide interest-free loan fund to community clubs of £10 million
- Expand the number of coaches who have received teacher level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications
- Provide a fund of £2 million for community clubs to combat the impact of climate change.

In 2013 there were 155 clubs affiliated to Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, 43 of which were the core 'Focus Clubs' – key partners for development and Youth cricket provision, with 'Clubmark' accreditation with the ECB. In Ashfield Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC, Hucknall CC and Kirkby Portland CC have Focus Club status.

Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Ltd Facilities Strategy 2013-2017

The strategy identifies a number of priorities focused on the following:

- Increase quality and availability of match and practice pitches
- Encourage and support Focus Clubs to improve existing Clubhouses / Pavilions
- Assist Focus Clubs with tenure issues

- Improve ancillary ground facilities; sightscreens, covers and digital scoreboards
- Improve indoor facilities, establish 3 district centres and ensure each local authority area has a leisure centre with indoor nets.

Key findings and issues	Recommendations
 From NCB- gap analysis, 2013 Hucknall Cricket Club - Only 9 strips on main ground rather than 10. No practice facilities on 2nd ground. Kirkby Portland Cricket Club - Single ground. Groundsmen currently have no qualifications, NTP 11 years old (in 2013). Small changing rooms, Scoreboard requires digital upgrade. Mansfield Hosiery Mills - high levels of usage on main ground, no NTP on main ground. No practice facilities on 2nd ground, Small changing rooms on both main & 2nd grounds, No scoreboard on either ground, no sightscreens or covers on 2nd ground. 	Clubs to continue to make improvements where possible. ADC to support funding applications. Clubs to continue to make improvements where possible. ADC to support funding applications.
Kirkby Portland Cricket Club currently do not have 2nd ground.	NCB priority to help Clubs identify and develop opportunities to acquire tenure to a 2nd ground. The NCB will assist in identifying potential grounds – either redundant grounds capable of being brought back into use, or through identifying opportunities to develop new grounds through Section 106 Agreements. Potential for use of new Larwood Park site.
Mansfield Hosiery Mills Cricket Club report usage rates of higher than the equivalent of 6 senior games per fine turf strip per season.	Clubs encouraged to manage usage of their grounds carefully, to ensure that the Games to Pitch ratio is kept, wherever possible to less than 5 per season.
Priority for good non-turf pitches. These are relatively cheap to install (approximately £10,000), and capable of sustaining heavy use and taking the pressure off fine turf pitches.	Clubs to continue to make improvements where possible. ADC to support funding applications

2.3 Rugby Union

Provider/ user consultation

Ashfield Rugby Club and the RFU are working with a housing developer to provide £1.4 million of facilities at the Larwood Park site in Kirkby which will provide two full size pitches, pavilion and car park. The pitches should be in use for the 2017/18 season.

Pitch assessments

Ashfield Rugby Club is the only club in the district with 17 teams. The club currently plays at two sites, the Swans Ground in Kirkby and the Pretty Polly site in Sutton. The Larwood Park development is near to the Swans Ground and together the sites will provide 4 full size pitches.

Site	Pitch	Pitch	Built	Flood	Notes
	size	rating	facilities rating	lighting	
HUCKNALL				1	
Holgate Academy	Senior	Standard	Standard	No	Rugby pitch in reasonable condition not used at present by the community
National C of E Academy	Mini/Midi	Standard	Standard	No	Rugby pitch in reasonable condition not used at present by the community
KIRKBY	•				•
Larwood Park pitch 1	Senior	Poor	Poor	No	Pitches in good condition for time of season, there are some weeds in the sward, some skidding on the surface. The ancillary buildings need updated. Groundsman confirmed that a new clubhouse and further pitches are to be built as part of a new development adjacent to the current site. Rugby club also has another site on Unwin Road/Pretty Polly Site. Pitch 1 is in better condition than pitch 2. Pitch 1 is furthest from the ancillaries. This pitch is in good condition for the time of the season, showing some weed growth and compaction.
Larwood Park pitch 2	Senior	Poor	Poor	No	Pitch 2 is nearest to the ancillaries, Pitch 2 has more boot damage to the surface and is wetter than pitch 1.
Ashfield School pitch 1	Senior	Poor	Standard	No	Pitch in good condition for time in the season
Ashfield School pitch 2	Senior	Poor	Standard	No	Pitch in good condition for time in the season
SUTTON					
Pretty Polly Sports Ground/ Unwin Road pitch 1	Senior	Standard	Standard	No	Second site used by Ashfield Rugby club. Access off main road not much carparking on site - car parking adjacent to school further up the road. Site has two rugby pitches, a floodlit training area and access to changing and social club. The changing accommodation is brick built. The pitches and site is used by the minis and ladies. The pitches are in reasonable condition for the time of the season.
Pretty Polly Sports Ground/ Unwin Road pitch 2	Mini/Midi	Standard	Standard	No	Pitch 2 is to some extent an area that is used flexibly with lots of faint markings on the pitch.
Quarrydale School pitch 1	Senior	Poor	Standard	No	Football marked over pitch.
Quarrydale School pitch 2	Senior	Poor	Standard	No	Pitch in good condition for time in the season.
RURALS		·			
Selston High School	Mini/Midi	Standard	Standard	No	No community access to pitch

The Rugby Football Union National Facilities Strategy (2013-2017) - The strategy provides a framework for the development of high-quality and well-managed facilities that will help to strengthen member clubs and grow the game in communities around them.

The strategy sets out the broad facility needs of the game and identifies investment priorities recognising the need to invest in community club facilities in order to:

- Create a platform for growth in club rugby participation and membership
- Ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of rugby clubs, including capacity to generate revenue through a range of activities and partnerships.

Priorities for investment are:

- Increase the provision of integrated changing facilities that are child- friendly and can sustain concurrent male and female activity at the club
- Improve the quality and quantity of natural turf pitches, including support for enhanced pitch maintenance programmes
- Improve the quality and quantity of floodlighting
- Increase the provision of artificial grass pitches that deliver wider game development outcomes.

The following are also high priorities:

- Social, community and catering facilities, which can support diversification and the generation of additional revenues
- Facility upgrades, which result in an increase in energy-efficiency, in order to reduce the running costs of clubs
- Pitch furniture, including quality rugby posts and pads.

Key findings and issues	Recommendations
Development of new site at Larwood Park, Kirkby	Support club to develop new facilities
Potential loss of school pitches	Club engagement with schools
Potential deficit in midweek capacity - no formal floodlit provision for training Issues with level of usage of pitches for matches and training.	Consider floodlighting at either the Swans or Larwood Park site. Alternatively, Rugby Union to be considered a key user for any additional proposed 3G provision in the district Improve maintenance of pitches and training areas to ensure that capacity is maintained
Vacating of Polly Bowls site by rugby club will lead to loss of these pitches as no other clubs in the area- likely to revert to football use.	Club need to ensure that the capacity of the Swans and Larwood sites is sufficient before vacating Polly Bowls site.

2.4 Hockey

Provider/ user consultation

There are 4 hockey clubs which play in Ashfield, 3 of which are based in the north of the district; Mansfield Hockey Club (3 adult male teams, 1 mixed junior), Ashfield Aztecs Hockey Club (1 adult, 1 junior female teams) and Meridian Ladies Hockey Club (1 adult team). The Aztecs previously played at Kingsway Park but due to the condition of the previous pitch surface moved their matches for adults to Goosedale in Nottingham. The juniors play on Kingsway. Woodthorpe Ladies (1 adult team) play at the National Academy in Hucknall.

Mansfield Hockey Club saw a huge growth in affiliated members in the 2016/17 season compared with the previous season (51 to 161), with the club taking a more proactive approach in working with the local schools and the closure of Ashfield Juniors which had previously been a feeder club, as well as better reporting. Ashfield Aztecs also saw an increase in numbers with Woodthorpe and Meridian remaining fairly static.

The increase in demand could lead to a potential shortfall in access to the Kingsway pitch in future.

Pitch assessments

There are only two AGPs in Ashfield which are suitable for hockey, at Kingsway Park in Kirkby and the National Academy in Hucknall. More detailed information regarding the condition of AGPs is detailed in 2.5, page 27.

Site	Pitch size (metres)	type	Pitch rating	Built facilities rating	0	Year built/ refurbished	Notes
HUCKNALL	•	•					
National Academy	115 x 65	Sand dressed	Standard	Standard	Yes	2005	AGP full size, floodlit, with weldmesh fencing, marked up for football and hockey.
KIRKBY	•	-	-	-	•	-	
Kingsway Park	110 x 70	Sand filled	Standard	Standard	Yes	2015	Home of Mansfield Hockey Club. The AGP is less than two years old and is in good condition, sand based, astroturf, good quality with good markings. The pitch is also used for football training and five a side. Some issues with maintenance contract (sand levels, weed growth etc) in past year which have been addressed through a revised maintenance programme. No sinking fund in place.

England Hockey (EH) - A Nation Where Hockey Matters (2013-2017)

The aims of the strategy are:

- Grow our Participation
- Deliver International Success
- Increase our Visibility
- Enhance our Infrastructure
- Be a strong and respected Governing Body

England Hockey Facilities Strategy 2016

Vision: Every hockey club in England to have appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

As a result of club and player research in 2014 and 2016 the strategy focuses on the provision of appropriate full-sized hockey artificial grass pitches with appropriate ancillary facilities recognising that this is critical to growth and improvement of the sport.

The strategy has 3 key objectives and 4 principles to help retain existing players and attract new players:

Objectives

- 1. PROTECT: To safeguard existing hockey provision
- 2. IMPROVE: To improve the existing facilities stock both at grassroots and elite level
- 3. DEVELOP: To strategically build new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain. This might include consolidating hockey provision in a local area where appropriate.

Principles

- 1. The right pitches are required in the right places
- 2. The sport must retain its geographical reach particularly in more rural areas.
- 3. Appropriate ancillary facilities are required as they are a critical part of the playing experience
- 4. The local Playing Pitch Strategy needs to identify the hockey provision (if in place).

Nationally hockey is a growing sport, with a 63% growth in the number of Under 16 players and 8% increase in adult players since 2010/2011.

The introduction of Long Pile (Third Generation / 3G) pitches has caused issues for hockey provision in some areas as it is not the preferred surface for hockey and is being invested in by the FA and RFU. EH and the FA are working together to ensure that sites suitable for hockey are not lost where there is demand. The England Hockey Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy (June 2016) has replaced the 3G Policy in place from 2009 to 2016 and states that no competitive hockey can be played on 3G pitches. There will be a period of transition for clubs using 3G, however there is no club play on 3G in Ashfield.

Key findings and issues	Recommendations
Availability of suitable AGPs – only two full sized pitches in the district suitable for hockey - Kingsway Park and National Academy	Monitor usage of AGPs, liaise with clubs to ensure sufficient time is available for hockey use. Currently 33 training slots available at National and 26 available at Kingsway (including weekends).

2.5 Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs)

Provider/ user consultation

Some football clubs cited lack of availability/ high cost of AGPs for training.

Pitch assessments

There are a number of AGPs in Ashfield which vary in size and construction, with a mixture of 3G FTP (Football Turf Pitch) and sand filled pitches. All pitches were rated as standard, except Quarrydale School and Titchfield Park, Hucknall which were rated as poor.

Site	Pitch size- metres	Surface type	Condition	Year built/ refurbished
HUCKNALL	L			•
National Academy - AGP full size, floodlit, with weldmesh fencing, marked up for football and hockey.	115 x 65	Sand dressed	Standard	2005
Rolls Royce - AGP built on old tennis courts, base not properly made and artificial surface is prone to flooding and is damp. Marked up as adult football pitch and 2x 5 aside. Weldmesh fencing and floodlighting.	72 x 30	Sand filled	Standard	
Titchfield Park - Sand based AGP, small pitch, floodlit with markings for 5 aside football, tennis and netball.	33 x 45	Sand filled	Poor	
KIRKBY	I			
Kingsway Park - Home of Mansfield Hockey Club. The AGP is less than two years old and is in good condition, sand based, astroturf, good quality with good markings. The pitch is also used for football training and five a side. Some issues with maintenance contract (sand levels, weed growth etc) in past year which have been addressed through a revised maintenance programme. No sinking fund in place.	110 x 70	Sand filled	Standard	2015
The Summit Centre - small AGP with floodlights. The fence is weldmesh with timber lower panels to the access road side of the AGP. Marked up for 5 aside football.	40 x 18	3G FTP	Standard	2003
RURAL				
Selston Leisure Centre - Attached to Selston Leisure Centre, sand filled, marked out for 5 aside football. Has low concrete walls and weldmesh fence.	35 x 19	Sand filled	Standard	2011

Site	Pitch size-	Surface	Condition	Year built/
	metres	type		refurbished
SUTTON				
Ashfield School - 3G AGP, potential for use as a pitch is limited by its size as it is slightly too small.	95 x 55	3G FTP	Standard	2005
Priestsic School - Half size pitch with no community use, marked up for 5 aside with weldmesh fencing, no floodlighting.	40 x 17	Sand filled	Standard	
Quarrydale School - Very old AGP which is not hired out at present and is in a very poor condition, floodlighting but no fencing. The school has no plans to upgrade the pitch.	100 x 60	Sand filled	Poor	1972/ 1985
Sutton Community Academy, Sutton Lawn - 3G FTP in reasonable condition, some weeds growing through the pile near the gate, issues with water running off the car park onto the pitch. The pitch is accredited by the FA for fixture play. The site is very well used by the school and community with community bookings Saturday and Sunday between 9.45 and 16.45 and five evenings per week from 6pm onwards. There are also occasional community bookings during the day when for example Mansfield Town use the site for training.	100 x 60	3G FTP	Standard	2009

Key findings and issues	Recommendations
Maintenance issues and long term sustainability	Development of sinking funds. Review of maintenance arrangements.

A substantial number of AGPs in the district are over 10 years old and many do not have sinking funds. There is a need to review provision across the district and identify any requirements for investment, as well as to address issues with lack of sinking funds.

Provider/ user consultation

Nine of the 13 greens in Ashfield are managed by the District and Parish Councils. There are 50 teams across the District, the table below shows the average number of teams per green. Well used greens have up to 10 teams whereas some of the District Council owned greens are underused, Titchfield Park, Kirkby has one team, Sutton Lawn number 2 green has one team and Huthwaite Welfare No. 2 doesn't currently have a team/ club.

Area	Number of greens	Number of teams	Average no. teams
			per green
Hucknall	2	15	7.5
Kirkby	3	3	1
Rural	1	10	10
Sutton	7	22	3.1
Total	13	50	

Pitch assessments

Overall bowling greens are in reasonable condition, those that are maintained at private clubs are generally in better condition.

HUCKNALL

Rolls Royce

The ground needs more intensive maintenance to bring it up to a good standard, the pavilion needs upgrading. Members are in talks with the management of the leisure club to maintain the green themselves.

Titchfield Park

The green is very wet, the drainage problem is linked to a similar problem on the cricket outfield. The council is investigating but it seems to be a collapsed drain that is causing these problems, The green has some moss and thatching and would benefit from spring and summer maintenance. The pavilion and the paths are in reasonable condition and there is some seating provided around the green.

KIRKBY

Kingsway Park

Two greens both in reasonable condition with well-maintained sand gutters and boards - a lick of paint to the boards would be useful and the greens were ready for moss and weed removal and fertilising.

Titchfield Park

There are major problems on this green with rabbit scrapes all over it. The green is thatched and needs some intensive maintenance to sustain it. The porta cabin pavilion is shared with football and is very basic and run down. Rabbits need to be deterred, suggest covering the top in pea or similar plastic netting, when not being played or chicken wire fence around the green with a removable section.

RURALS

Selston Parish Hall

The green is in need of investment. The gutter boards are missing and the concrete paths are outdated and need refurbishment. The pavilion is shared with cricket and football.

SUTTON

Sutton Lawn

There are two greens, the top green which has a pavilion and a lower green which has a portacabin and some storage. The upper green was showing some thatching and would benefit from verticutting. Spring and summer maintenance would be beneficial to the greens here.

Huthwaite Welfare Park

Two greens, both in reasonable condition but the second green near Columbia Street is shaded by trees and has a bare patch where users step onto the green. There is a pavilion and the greens were just cut at the time of visit. The second green is not in use by a team/club and there is an opportunity to develop bowling by using the green for junior or casual use or for a club to have their own dedicated green.

Polly Bowls (formerly Pretty Polly Bowling club)

Private club, CIC, very well organised with good facilities on and off the pitch. The maintenance is done by members and the pitch is in excellent condition. The club would benefit from a tarmac surfaced car park.

Teversal Grange Bowling Club (Teversal Trust site)

A well- supported club, neat and tidy and the green is in good condition. The pavilion is small but the space can be supplemented with the café in the visitor centre if required.

Welfare Institute

Little information about this site, maintained, but club not registered with Bowls England.

Bowls England Strategic Plan 2014-2017- Recruitment and retention of members was identified as the top priority for clubs and the plan identifies three themes:

Promote the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

Recruit new participants to the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

Retain current and future participants within the sport of outdoor flat green bowls

Strategic priorities:

- To increase participation in the sport of outdoor flat green bowls
- To support County Associations and Clubs- Development Officer and County Development Plan to be in place by March 2017
- To provide strong leadership and direction.

Key findings and issues	Recommendations
Cost of maintaining greens and usage levels	Review maintenance operations
Poor quality club houses at Titchfield Park,	Identify any funding opportunities to upgrade
Kingsway Park, Kirkby and Sutton Lawn	facilities where identified need

2.7 Tennis

Provider/ user consultation

There are 11 public courts and 15 courts within 3 schools sites in Hucknall and Sutton. Sutton Tennis Club has exclusive use of four public courts on Sutton Lawn, with a further two provided for public use. Some courts in schools are available to the community but not for casual lettings.

Court Assessments

HUCKNALL
Holgate School
3 courts, 2 over marked for netball
National School
6 courts, 4 over marked for netball
Titchfield Park, Hucknall
The tennis courts are three savannah marked on the floodlit, sand based AGP, only one court had
equipment at the time of visit and the courts are overmarked by football and netball. In good
condition and the markings are well defined.

KIRKBY

Kingsway Park

Two tennis courts, tarmac, overmarked for netball and without equipment.

Titchfield Park, Kirkby

Two tennis courts overmarked with netball, area is floodlit and the courts are marked up in red. The tarmac has some debris on it. The chainlink fence is intact. There was no equipment on the courts.

SUTTON

Quarrydale School

6 courts, 4 over marked for netball

Huthwaite Welfare Park

There are two marked tennis courts on tarmac but the fence has been removed next to the skate park, the court nearest the skate ramp has been damaged by fire. The courts have no equipment and the surface of the court is slippery. The courts will require surface refurbishment if they are to be brought back into use.

Sutton Lawn

There are six courts on the park, four courts are fenced off for use by Sutton Tennis Club. The club courts are floodlit, there is some patching on the tarmac, the lines are fairly well defined and there is a pavilion. The courts would benefit from investment with acrylic non slip surfacing and refurbishment. The pavilion and the small practice wall also need refurbishment, Two public courts are next to the private club these need refurbishing as well, the tarmac is covered in debris and the equipment needs replacing. **RURALS** – no provision

The **2015-2018 British Tennis Strategic Plan** aims to get more people playing tennis more often, through the following focus:

1. Deliver great service to Clubs

- a) Provide great support for clubs of all sizes by sharing best practise learning
- b) Apply greater focus on clubs seeking to grow the game in their club and community

c) Help clubs achieve management excellence.

2.Build partnerships in the community:

a) Develop strong local park and other community tennis venue partnerships to deliver inclusive tennis provision for all

- b) Invest in great people delivering great experiences in parks
- c) Targeted investment in "welcoming "park facilities for people to socialise and play.

3.Enhance tennis offer in education

a) Further strengthen schools offer, while introducing new secondary school programme

b) Provide support to develop more effective links between schools and other places where tennis is played

c) Maximise playing opportunities and help build a future workforce in colleges and universities.

There are 18 participation drivers, the most relevant to this strategy are:

- a) Support the delivery of recreational competition for adults in parks
- b) Reinvigorate LTA loans and grants scheme for clubs.

Key findings and issues	Recommendations
Low participation at public sites, courts are not always accessible and nets up	Review provision of courts on park sites and install permanent steel nets at dedicated public tennis courts
Sutton Lawn	Review lease agreement with club

2.8 Netball

Provider/ user consultation

The number of netball clubs in Ashfield has reduced over recent years, falling from five to three and the Ashfield League has closed. Cobra Netball Club has one adult team and plays in the Chesterfield and District League. There are two Hucknall based teams playing in the Nottingham League and training at National School, Hucknall; Hucknall Town Netball Club and Hucknall Torkard Netball Club. The venue for matches is chosen by Nottingham Netball Association (NNA). Hucknall Town Netball Club has 9 squads, ranging from Tots (under 9's), young adult development squad to adult squads.

Court assessments

There are a number of netball courts within the district; Titchfield Park, Kirkby has two, Kingsway Park, two and there are also courts within schools sites, including four at National Academy and five on the Holgate campus. Given that there is no league in Ashfield and that netball is usually an organised sport there is currently little demand for courts on public sites such as parks. However during 2017-2021 England Netball will be identifying new opportunities to develop daytime community sessions to help women who aren't very active to re-engage and take part in recreational/social netball. New programmes, such as 'Walking Netball' require community accessible courts in the daytime and evenings. The public courts at Titchfield Park and Kingsway Park in Kirkby are all in good condition, having being resurfaced in the last few years.

HUCKNALL
Holgate School
2 courts over marked for tennis
National School
4 courts over marked for tennis
KIRKBY
Ashfield School
3 courts over marked with basketball and tennis
Kingsway Park
2 courts over marked for tennis
Titchfield Park
3 floodlit courts, 2 over marked for tennis, not in use
SUTTON
Quarrydale School
4 courts over marked for tennis

England Netball - Your Game, Your Way

England Netball has 4 strategic goals:

- 1. Grow participation by an average of 10,000 per annum
- 2. Deliver a first class member and participant experience
- 3. Establish England as the no.1 team in the world by winning the World Netball Championships
- 4. Lead an effective and progressive infrastructure enabling all involved in the netball experience to collaborate as one team aligned behind one dream.

Key findings and issues	Recommendations
Loss of netball league within Ashfield	Limited opportunities or need to re-establish an
	Ashfield league. Support clubs where necessary

2.9 Educational establishments

The main school/ academy providers of community use of outdoor sports facilities are Holgate and National Schools in Hucknall, Ashfield School, Kirkby, Quarrydale School and Sutton Academy (Sutton Lawn), Sutton. Leen Mills Primary (Hucknall Town Harriers Youth FC) is the only primary school site with current community use. Kingsway Primary and Orchard Primary and Nursery, Kirkby offer pitches but they currently do not have community use.

Key findings and issues	Recommendations
Access after school hours and costs	Work with education establishments to establish secure community use on sites.

3.0 Supply and Demand

Current supply and future demand for pitches has been calculated as per the guidance provided by Sport England (as outlined in sections 2.1 - 2.4 of this strategy).

Team Generation Rates (TGRs - the ratio between the number of teams within a defined area and the total population within a given age group for that area) have been established and used to predict future demand for pitches using estimated future changes in the population (linked to planned housing areas). TGRs and potential changes in team numbers for each of the four sub areas of the district (Hucknall, Kirkby, Sutton and Rurals) are set out in Appendix 1.

The predicted increase or decrease in demand for pitch types to 2026 are shown in the tables below.

Sub area	Ratio of home games	No. of teams 2016	No. of pitches available 2016	Surplus/ deficit 2016	Temporal demand	Peak demand/ surplus deficit 2016	Future No. of teams 2026 (Appendix 6: A + F)	Future peak time demand 2026
Adult								
Hucknall	0.5	13	10	+3	62%	+6	13	+6
Kirkby	0.5	5	9	+6	80%	+7	5	+7
Rural	0.5	7	8	+5	57%	+6	7	+6
Sutton	0.5	23	17	+5	59%	+10	23	+10
Total		48	44	19		29	48	29
Youth								
Hucknall	0.5	20	6	-4	77%	-2	23	-3
Kirkby	0.5	7	8	+4	57%	+6	8	+6
Rural	0.5	11	0	-6	50%	-3	13	-3
Sutton	0.5	16	6	-2	81%	0	18	-2
Total		54	20	-8		+1	62	-2
Mini								
Hucknall	1.5	5	0	-2	60%	-1	5	-1
Kirkby	1.5	13	5	+1**	100%	+1	13	+1
Rural	1.5	5	0	-2	80%	-2	5	-2
Sutton	1.5	6	7	+5	100%	+5	7	+5
Total		17	12	-31		-28	30	+5

3.1 Football

** All Ashfield based Kickstart League teams which play at Kingsway Park and Summit Centre

The figures for Hucknall don't include the three adult and two youth pitches which are being provided on the new Papplewick housing estate and which are due to come into use in the 2017/18 season, subject to the pitches being ready for adoption by the Council.

There is an undersupply of youth football pitches in Hucknall, the Rurals and Sutton and an undersupply of minis in the Rurals, these shortfalls could potentially be met by converting adult pitches as there is an identified significant oversupply of this type of pitch across all of the four areas. No other issues with supply of football pitches have been identified.

3.2 Cricket

Sub area	Ratio of home games	No. of teams 2016	No. of pitches available 2016	Surplus/ deficit 2016	Temporal demand	Peak demand/ surplus deficit 2016	Future No. of teams 2026 (Appendix 6: A + F)	Future peak time demand 2026
Hucknall	0.5	6	2	-1	50%	0	6	0
Kirkby	0.5	10	2	-3	56%	-1	10	-1
Rural	0.5	10	2	-3	40%	0	10	0
Sutton	0.5	15	2	-6	40%	-1	15	-1

There is a current and future undersupply of one pitch in both Kirkby and Sutton. This can potentially be met by the new ground at Larwood Park, Kirkby (bordering Sutton) which is due to open in 2017 which will be leased/ hired out by Ashfield Rugby Club. No other issues with supply of cricket pitches have been identified.

3.3 Rugby Union

Sub area	Ratio of home games	No. of teams (2016)	No. of pitches available 2016	Surplus/ deficit 2016	Temporal demand	Peak demand/ surplus deficit 2016	Future No. of teams 2026 (Appendix 6: A + F)	Future peak time demand 2026
Hucknall	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kirkby	0.5	17	3	-6	59%	-2	18	-2
Rural	0.5	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Sutton	0.5	0	4	4	0	4	0	4
Total		17	8	-1		3	18	3

There is a current and predicted future peak time deficit of two rugby pitches in Kirkby, this will be met when the new facility at Larwood Park opens for the 2017/18 season. No other issues with supply of rugby pitches have been identified.

3.4 Hockey

Sub area	Ratio of home games	No. of teams (2016)	No. of pitches available 2016	Surplus/ deficit 2016	Temporal demand	Peak demand/ surplus deficit 2016	Future No. of teams 2026 (Appendix 6: A + F)	Future peak time demand 2026
Hucknall	0.5	1	1	0	100%	0	1	0
Kirkby	0.5	7	1	-3	75%	-2	7	-2
Rural	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutton	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		8	2	-3		-2	8	-2

There is a current and predicted future peak time deficit of two hockey pitches in Kirkby, but Ashfield Aztecs play matches at Goosedale in Nottingham and do not want to move. The AGP at the National School in Hucknall which is suitable for hockey is currently available on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am – 5pm.

3.5 AGP – 3G for football

The FA standard has been used to review current demand for 3G Football Turf pitches. The table below shows that additional training slots are required in Hucknall (62), Kirkby (32) and the Rurals (31).

Area	(2013)	affiliated teams	3G per LA - 42 teams per pitch	Full sized 3G (Community	• • • • • •	full size Pro Club	Commercial	60x40 or 80x50 3G	3G			Additional number of training slots to meet current demand
Ashfield	121,600	182	4.3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	£750,000	89
Hucknall	32,832	62	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	£0	62
Kirkby	27,968	32	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	£0	32
Rurals	13,376	31	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	£0	31
Sutton	47,424	57	1.4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	£750,000	-36

*(Historical & proposed 3G Football Turf values as follows; New FS 3GFT = £550k, Resurfaced FS 3GFT = £300K, New 60x40 3GFT = £250k, Resurfaced 60 x 40 3GFT = £100K, New < 60 x 40 3GFT = £150K, Resurfaced <60 x 40 3GFT = £75K, New FS Stadia 3GFT = £350K, Resurfaced FS Stadia 3GFT = £300K, New indoor 60 X 40 3GFT = £800K, New Pro-Club 3GFT - £800K, Pro-Club Resurface = £300k, Commercial 5-a-side 3GFT facilities = £500k

4.0 Delivery

The key aims and objectives of the strategy have been developed to deliver the vision (as set out in 1.1), as well as sport and site specific actions which are detailed in the Delivery Plan (4.2) and Site Specific Action Plan (4.3).

4.1 Key aims and objectives

Aim 1. ACCESS & PROVISION - To protect existing sports facilities and provide new facilities where there is current or future anticipated demand

Objectives

1. Ensure that sports facilities are protected through planning policy

2. Secure tenure and community access to private and educational sites, including community use agreements

3. Identify opportunities to provide additional facilities to meet current and future demand

4. Maximise community use of facilities.

Aim 2. QUALITY & MANAGEMENT - To improve the quality of facilities and support effective management and club development

Objectives

- 1. Develop and improve the quality of facilities
- 2. Support club and educational establishment development
- 3. Promote good design and management practice

4.2 Delivery Plan

Objective	Action	Lead	Timescale
Aim 1: ACCESS & PROVISION - To pro	btect existing sports facilities and provide new facilities where there is cur	rrent or future anticipat	ed demand
1. Ensure that sports pitches are protected through planning policy- where there is established need	All sites identified and protected within Ashfield Local Plan	ADC (FP)	2017-20
2. Secure tenure and community access to private and educational sites, including community use agreements	Identify issues from club survey and support clubs where necessary	ADC (LCE)/ NGBs	2017-20
3. Identify opportunities to provide additional pitches to meet current	FOOTBALL: Develop Hub sites: Papplewick, Hucknall, Kingsway and Titchfield Parks, Kirkby and Sutton Lawn	ADC (WE)/(LCE)/ NCC	2017-20
and future demand	Kingsway Park – Develop site to accommodate more pitches	ADC (LCE)	2017-18
	Titchfield Park, Kirkby - Negotiate additional land and pitches, and new pavilion through development process, develop junior/ mini pitch on former bowling green and surrounding land	ADC (LCE)	2017-20
	Sutton Lawn – Support Nottinghamshire County Council to develop site to increase number of pitches/ improve changing rooms. Improve drainage and quality of existing pitches. Redevelop former shale pitch	NCC/ ADC (LCE)	2017-20
	Review pitch types - convert from adult to junior/ mini to better meet demand	ADC (LCE)/(WE)	2017-18
	Investigate potential need for additional 3G Football Turf pitch – need for additional training slots identified through FA standard/ deficit of floodlit training facilities for rugby club	ADC (LCE)/FA/RFU	2017-18
 Maximise community use of facilities 	TENNIS: Undertake assessment of tennis provision in the district; review number of courts and identify improvements for retained courts	ADC (LCE)/(WE)	2017-18
	Investigate partnership with Tennis for Free to develop district courts	ADC (LCE)	2017-18
	Consider use of online booking/ fob access system for district courts	ADC(WE)	2017-18
	Install steel nets at designated courts on district sites	ADC (LCE)	2017-18
	Review lease arrangement with tennis club at Sutton Lawn	ADC (WE)	2017
	BOWLS: Investigate opportunities for pay and play at ADC sites to increase usage	ADC (WE)	2017-18

Objective	Action	Lead	Timescale
Aim 2: QUALITY & MANAGEMENT -	To improve the quality of facilities and support effective management an	d club development	•
1. Develop and improve the quality of facilities	FOOTBALL: Develop Hub sites at: Papplewick, Hucknall, Kingsway and Titchfield Parks, Kirkby and Sutton Lawn	ADC (LCE)/(WE)	2017-20
	FOOTBALL/ BOWLS/ TENNIS: Improve the quality of changing rooms/ facilities at ADC sites, working with clubs to access funding	Clubs/ ADC (LCE)	2017-20
	CRICKET: Support Focus Clubs to improve facilities Reduce overplay through access to additional pitches and work to increase the quality of existing provision	Clubs/ ADC (LCE)	2017-20
	RUGBY: Support Ashfield Rugby Club with development plans	Club/ ADC (LCE)	2017-18
	HOCKEY: Support clubs at Kingsway Park	Clubs/ ADC (LCE)	2017-20
	 ALL SPORTS: Promote leasing of Local sites to enable clubs to access funding/ develop their own ground/ pitch Support sports clubs to access funding to improve facilities 	ADC (LCE)	2017-20
2. Support club and educational establishment development	ALL SPORTS: Promote Active Ashfield accreditation scheme/ National Governing Body/ClubMark accreditation	ADC (LCE)	2017-20
	RUGBY: Support secondary schools to ensure that rugby is played	RFU/ Club/ ADC (LCE)	2017-20
3. Promote good design and management practice	Work with NGBs and clubs to improve pitch maintenance	ADC (WE)/ clubs	2017-20
management practice	Undertake pitch assessment every 3 years	ADC (LCE)	2017-20
	Investigate potential self-management/ leasing of Local (non-hub) sites	ADC (LCE)	2017-20

4.3 Site specific action plan

Site Name	Sport	Management Type	Current status	Recommended actions	Partners	Time scale	Cost
KEY: Timescales: (S) and above.	-Short (1-2	years); (M) -	Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years).Cost (L) Lowe	er - less than £20k; (M) -Medium - £20k	-£150k; (H)	-High £	150k
ASHFIELD	Football	School (in	3 Adult Football pitches, standard condition.	School has no plans to improve	-	-	-
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL, KIRKBY	CHOOL, KIRKBY	house)	Medium pile 3G, not quite full size youth football size, standard condition	facilities.	-	-	-
Cric	Cricket		No pitches, 2 artificial wickets in poor state, need refurbishment. No permanent cricket square. Kirkby Portland CC potentially going to use site for 3 rd team.		-	-	-
	Rugby Union		1 Rugby union pitch, standard condition		-	-	-
B.R.S.A GROUND, KIRKBY	Football	ADC	2 Junior Football pitches, pitches and changing rooms in poor condition	Site not transferred from developer- agree land transfer and advertise for lease by local club	ADC/ clubs	S	L
BENTINCK MINERS WELFARE, KIRKBY	Football	Commercial Mgmt	1 Adult Football, 2 junior, 1 mini pitches, standard condition. Ancillary buildings are portacabins with adjacent social club building. Pitch 1 next to the wall. This pitch is freshly cut and has been slit to help the drainage, the pitch is still uneven and compacted. The site would benefit from better ancillary facilities	The ground is leased from CISWO by Quarrydale Utd until 2020. Drainage requires improvement	Club	S	L
BLUEBELL WOOD WAY REC. GROUND, SUTTON	Football	ADC	2 Mini Soccer in standard condition	Improve drainage and general maintenance. Verti drain and seed at end of 16/17 season	ADC	S	L
BRIERLEY FOREST PARK, SUTTON	Football	ADC	Adult Football	Advertise for club to lease site. Seed goalmouths at end of 16/17 season	ADC	S	L

COWPASTURE	Football	ADC	2 Adult Football pitches, poor condition, changing	Upgrade pitches, changing rooms	ADC	S/L	М
LANE RECREATION			rooms and car park require upgrade	and car park. Seed goalmouths at			
GROUND, SUTTON				end of 16/17 season			
DIXIE'S ARMS,	Football	Club	1 Adult Football pitch, standard condition, barriered	Bagthorpe Athletic YFC has a lease	Club	S	L
UNDERWOOD			pitch on site overmarked with 9v9 pitch. The pitch is	on the ground until 2020 from Trust			
			well used and compacted. The pavilion/ changing	Inns. Limited opportunity to obtain			
			rooms would benefit from updating.	funding due to length of lease.			
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FOREST ROAD/	Football	ADC	1 Adult Football pitch in poor condition	Advertise for club to lease site. Seed	ADC	S	
STAMPER REC. GROUND, SUTTON				goalmouths at end of 16/17 season			
BRACKEN PARK,	Football	Club	2 Adult Football pitches, one poor and one standard	Club want to install floodlighting and	Club	М	М
UNDERWOOD	TOOLDan	Club	condition. Issues with drainage. The pavilion fairly	create an additional junior pitch.	Club	101	101
ONDERWOOD			modern and in good condition. The first pitch is	create an additional junior piten.			
			barriered with dug outs and fixed goals. The pitch is				
			compacted and on a slight slope.				
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HEALDSWOOD,	Football	ADC	2 Adult Football pitches in use.	Explore potential for reinstating	ADC	S/L	L/M
SUTTON				mini/ junior pitches. Changing rooms			
				require upgrade/ replacement.			
HILL CRESCENT REC	Football	ADC	1 Adult Football pitch in poor condition, not in use.	Pitch not required- demolish	ADC	S	L
GROUND, SUTTON				changing rooms			
HOLGATE	Football	School (in	2 Adult and 2 junior Football pitches in standard	School has no plans to improve	-	-	-
ACADEMY,		house)	condition	facilities.			
HUCKNALL	Cricket	1	2 artificial wickets available for community use, not	1	-	-	-
			used, standard condition				
	Rugby	-	Pitch standard condition not used by the community	1	-	-	-
	union						

HUCKNALL CRICKET CLUB, HUCKNALL	Cricket	Sport Club	1 Pitch, 6 grass wickets, 1 artificial wicket. Ground in excellent condition, at Premier League level, 2 storey pavilion and storage for equipment, artificial practice nets. The artificial wicket is serviceable but patched at either end.	None planned by club, as recently made significant investment in facilities.	-	-	-
HUCKNALL TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	Football	Sport Club	2 Adult Football pitches, a barriered pitch with covered seated stand, and an 11v11 which is marked up as required with 9v9. The football club is moving to a site across the road. Pitches are well maintained.	Club relocating to new facility for 2017/18 season	HTFC	S	H
HUTHWAITE WELFARE PARK, SUTTON	Bowls	ADC	2 bowling greens, one not used in 2016, standard condition, large pavilion.	Review site usage.	ADC	S	L
JACKSDALE MINERS WELFARE, JACKSDALE	Football	Community Org.	1 Adult Football pitch, standard condition.	No improvements planned by club or pitch provider	-	-	-
KINGSWAY PARK, KIRKBY	Football	ADC	3 adult, 4 mini and I junior pitches, all in good condition. Pitch 1 being upgraded for Level 7 use, including fencing	Upgrade pitch 1 for Level 7 use, including fencing. Continue to improve maintenance to all pitches.	ADC	S	L
	Cricket		1 Pitch, 16 grass wickets, 1 artificial wicket. Cricket square behind cafe - the square would benefit from some investment. Artificial wicket is ripped and needs to be removed. The outfield is very wet and uneven in places. 3 practice lanes which are not used and need to be removed. Generally poor facilities	Review cricket use at this site, identify more suitable alternative sites in the area.	ADC	S	L
	AGP		Pitch replaced in 2015, standard condition sand filled, suitable for hockey and football training	Maintenance issues have been addressed, continue to monitor condition, England Hockey to visit	ADC	S	L

	Bowls		2 Bowling greens in standard condition, pavilion is small.	No actions identified.	-	-	-
KINGSWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL, KIRKBY	Football	School (in house)	Junior Football pitch on slight slope, used by community	No actions identified.	-	-	-
KIRKBY PORTLAND CRICKET CLUB, KIRKBY	Cricket	Sport Club	1 Pitch, 6 grass wickets, 1 artificial wicket. On slight slope, water and debris drain onto the artificial wicket. Artificial wicket serviceable but needs refurbishment. The artificial nets could do with refurbishment. Good pavilion facilities	Club is planning to install a ditch to improve drainage. Club would like to extend to have 2 pitches on site and to extend the clubhouse.	Club	S-L	L-M
LARWOOD PARK (SWANS GROUND), KIRKBY	Rugby union	Sport Club	1 Junior and 2 senior pitches in standard condition. Pitches in good condition for time of season, some weeds in the sward, some skidding on the surface. The ancillary buildings need updating	Pitches will be served by new clubhouse being built on nearby site	Club	S	Н
LEEN MILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL, HUCKNALL	Football	School (in house)	Junior Football, slightly undulating, standard condition.	No actions identified.	-	-	-
MANSFIELD HOSIERY MILLS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, SUTTON	Football	Sport Club	1 Adult and 2 mini Football pitches, all in standard condition. Pitches laid out on the cricket outfield 7x7 and 5v5.Pitch 1 is 11v 11 with 9v9 overmarked on it with dedicated changing rooms, floodlighting, barriers and covered stand. The pitch is uneven.	Club looking to extend ground to accommodate more pitches, would require land acquisition/ lease	Club	L	M-H
	Cricket		1 Pitch, 8 grass wickets, no artificial wicket. Football played on the outfield, very compacted. The ground is well looked after, share club facilities with football. Practice lanes need refurbishment, mobile practice net.	Club looking to create second cricket oval at the site, would require land acquisition	Club	L	M-H
MAYFIELD STREET REC. GROUND, KIRKBY	Football	ADC	9v9 Football. Pitch not currently in use due to drainage issues, poor condition.	Work with FA to resolve drainage issues. Advertise for club to lease site.	ADC/FA	S	L - M

NABBS LANE REC.	Football	ADC	1 Adult Football pitch in standard condition,	Improve drainage and general	ADC	S	L
GROUND, HUCKNALL			changing rooms ok but will need upgrading in future.	maintenance. Advertise for club to lease site.			
ORCHARD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL, KIRKBY	Football	School (in house)	Mini 7v7, undulating and on slight slope, standard condition.	No actions identified.	-	-	-
PRETTY POLLY SPORTS GROUND, SUTTON	Rugby union		2 pitches, standard condition, used as second site by Ashfield Rugby Club for minis and ladies. Access off main road not much car parking on site - car parking adjacent to school a bit further up the road. Floodlit training area, changing and social club.	Use may change once Rugby Club move to new site at Larwood Park in 2017.	-	-	-
	Bowls	Club	Well supported club run by volunteers, green in good condition.	No actions identified.	-	-	-
PRIESTSIC PRIMARY, SUTTON		School (in house)	Small AGP, not floodlit - not available for community use	No actions identified.	-	-	-
QUARRYDALE SCHOOL, SUTTON	Football	School (in house)	1 Adult (shared with rugby) , 2 youth 11v11, 1x 9v9, 1x 7v7 pitches, all standard condition and have community use.	School has no plans to improve facilities.	-	-	-
	Rugby Union		2 Senior rugby pitches, both standard condition. Football marked over one pitch. Available but not used by community.		-	-	-
	Cricket		2 Cricket pitches, 1 standard and 1 poor condition	Explore whether better alternative to Kingsway Park	ADC/ School/ Clubs	S	L
	AGP		Full size, sand filled, poor condition, no fencing, requires replacement	School has no plans to improve facilities.	-	-	-

ROLLS ROYCE FITNESS CENTRE, HUCKNALL	Football	Industry Sports Club	5 pitches 2x7v7, 1x9v9, 2x11v11. The pitches are in good condition. All pitches are overplayed (25 teams) and the amount of grass on them is poor. More intense maintenance required to sustain the level of play on the pitches. Pitch 1 is a barriered floodlit pitch. The clubhouse is a leisure club with excellent facilities.	The club has submitted an expression of interest to the FA for a new full size 3G facility. This will include a new changing area.	Club	L	H
ROLLS ROYCE FITNESS CENTRE, HUCKNALL	Bowls	-	Bowling green is maintained by the Leisure club - this is likely to change and will be done by volunteers, standard condition.	No actions identified.	-	-	-
HUCKNALL	AGP	-	Half size, sand filled, standard condition, 3x 5-a-side pitches	The club has submitted an expression of interest to the FA for a new full size 3G facility.	Club	L	Н
SELSTON HIGH SCHOOL, SELSTON	Football	School (in house)	2 youth 11v11. Standard condition, no community use.	No actions identified.	-	-	-
	Senior Rugby Union		1 Senior pitch, not available for community use	No actions identified.	-	-	-
SELSTON LEISURE CENTRE, SELSTON	AGP	Commerci al Managem ent	Half size, sand filled, standard condition	Pitch surface replaced c. 2013/14. Costs to extend the pitch would be prohibitive due to levels. No actions identified.	-	-	-
SELSTON PARISH REC. GROUND, SELSTON	Football	ADC contracte d by	1 adult pitch, good car parking facilities. Pitch barriered, standard condition. Parish hall acts as pavilion.	FA contacted regarding funding opportunities for refurbishment of pavilion	Selston Parish Council	L	М
	Cricket	Selston Parish Council	1 Pitch, 12 grass wickets, 1 artificial wicket. Pavilion shared with football and bowls, mobile nets, no artificial practice nets.	New scoreboard required. Club doesn't own ground and doesn't have a long term lease. Facilities are generally adequate.	Selston Parish Council/ Selston Town CC	S-M	L

	Bowls		The bowling green grass is well maintained, boards are in a poor state - standard condition. Needs some investment, maintained by ADC for the Parish.	No actions identified.	Selston Parish Council	-	-
SUTTON LAWN, SUTTON	Football	School (in house)	Youth 11v11 poor condition, Youth 9v9- poor, Youth 7v7 poor, 2 adult pitches- 1 poor, 1 standard. Pitch 2 (adult) is very wet, water not getting away and undulating. The changing accommodation is adequate.	Establish as main football hub site for Sutton. Potential for additional pitches on the site. In shorter term improve existing pitches - drainage. Potential for redeveloping old shale pitch	Academ y/ ADC	M-L	M-H
SUTTON LAWN, SUTTON	AGP		Medium pile 3G, standard condition, very well used by community out of school use	Address drainage issues in car park which affect the pitch with run off.	Academ y/ ADC	S	L
	Bowls	ADC	2 bowling greens, standard condition. Pavilion on No. 1 green needs investment.	Small scale improvements to main pavilion.	ADC	S-M	L
TEVERSAL GRANGE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CENTRE, SUTTON	Football	Sport Club	1 adult, 1 mini pitch in standard condition. Large car park, well equipped ground with floodlights, barriers stand and dug outs all in reasonable condition and a social club with bar. Brick changing rooms. The pitch is showing poor drainage and some overplay. The pitch will need extensive maintenance to ensure sustainability.	Club wants to build new clubhouse and increase number of pitches.	Club	M-L	Н
	Cricket		1 Pitch, 8 grass wickets, no artificial wicket. Outfield damp in some areas needs aeration, may need drainage. Practice nets need refurbishment. New pavilion.	New pavilion required. Temporary pavilion provided by ADC.	Club/ ADC	L	M
	Bowls		1 green, well supported club run by volunteers, green in good condition.	No actions identified.	-	-	-

TEVERSAL OLD VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND, SUTTON	Football	Local Authority (in house)	1 youth 11v11 Football pitch in standard condition, Pavilion small and needs upgrade. The pitch is accessed down bridleway, no dedicated parking. The pitch is uneven, mole damage, compacted, needs intensive maintenance.	Advertise for club to lease site	ADC	S	L
THE NATIONAL C OF E ACADEMY, HUCKNALL	Football	School (in house)	1 youth 11v11 in standard condition, not available for community use.	School has no plans to improve facilities.	-	-	-
	Rugby union		Pitch in reasonable condition not used at present by the community		-	-	-
	AGP		Full size sand filled, standard condition, community use, including hockey		-	-	-
THE SUMMIT CENTRE, KIRKBY	Football	Trust	1 Adult pitch in standard condition. Pitch barriered, undulating at goals. Dug outs and a covered stand but no floodlights, all ancillaries need updating. Changing facilities are provided within the Summit Centre.	Centre has no plans to improve facilities.	-	-	-
	AGP		Half size medium pile 3G, suitable for training , community use, standard condition	Used by Quarrydale Utd for 13 training sessions each week. No actions identified.	-	-	-
TITCHFIELD PARK HUCKNALL	Football	ADC	2 Adult pitches in poor condition, changing rooms in good condition.	Convert 1 adult pitch to junior to meet demand	ADC	S	L
	Cricket		1 Pitch, 17 grass wickets, 1 artificial wicket. Drain has collapsed in outfield, outfield uneven. Changing accommodation within main park pavilion (also used by football).	Explore whether better alternative to Titchfield Park, Holgate School has wickets.	ADC	S	L
	Bowls		1 Bowling green- wet due to collapsed drain which allows water to seep onto the green and the top half of the green is wet. Standard condition. Drainage issues need to be resolved.	Address drainage issues	ADC	S	L

	AGP		Half size, sand filled, poor condition, floodlighting, community use	Improve maintenance and encourage usage. Remove at end of useful life - alternative provision available at Holgate and National schools in Hucknall.	ADC	S-M	L
TITCHFIELD PARK KIRKBY	Football	ADC	1 adult pitch, in poor condition. Pavilion very poor inside.	Replacement pavilion required. In shorter term improve existing pitch and establish mini on old bowling green	ADC/ clubs	S-L	L-H
	Bowls		Green has problem with rabbit scrapes, standard condition. Pavilion very poor inside.	Review demand/ use of the site.	ADC/ club	S	L
UNDERWOOD MINER'S WELFARE, UNDERWOOD	Cricket	Sport Club	1 Pitch, 5 grass wickets, 1 artificial wicket. Ground next to road and the welfare is over the road. Outfield is wet at one end and uneven. Drainage problems need to be resolved. Artificial wicket and the artificial lanes need replacing.	Improve drainage	Club	S	L
UNWIN ROAD (to the north of Pretty Polly Social Club)	Football	Club	2 Adult (1 standard and 1 poor condition) and 1 mini pitch (standard condition). Limited car parking on stone and small pavilion. The pitch would benefit from some intensive maintenance. The pitch has some temporary rope and spike barriers. The ancillaries are adequate but basic and require upgrading. M A Sunnydale lease the site from CISWO and maintain the pitches.	Club rate maintenance as good and no actions have been identified.	-	-	-
WESTWOOD RECREATION GROUND, WESTWOOD	Football	ADC contracted by Selston Parish Council	1 youth 11v11 pitch, standard condition. No dedicated parking area. Pitch in slight basin and compacted.	No actions identified.	-	-	-
WOODLAND VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUTTON	Football	School	1 Adult Football - school being rebuilt at time of survey	Pitch not currently available as school was rebuilt in 2016	-	-	-

5.0 Review, monitoring and updating

Annual monitoring of the strategy action plan will be undertaken by Ashfield District Council which will be reported to the NGBs. There will be opportunity to make suggestions and provide updates throughout the year and the steering group will meet annually to agree any amendments to the action plan.

A review and update will need to be carried out within three years of the Playing Pitch Strategy being approved by the NGBs, in order to be recognised as up to date by Sport England.

The annual review will highlight:

- Progress against the action plan
- Any changes to sites and/or clubs and other supply and demand information
- Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport
- Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.

The council will maintain the data within the Playing Pitch Database on a regular basis.

6.0 Appendices

Appendix 1: Team Generation Rates (TGRs) and Potential Change in Team Numbers

In order to assess future demand for sports pitches in Ashfield up to 2026, current TGRs have been applied to estimated future changes in the population (linked to planned housing areas). By breaking down population estimates into age groups, future demand among the team-generating age group can be identified.

The information provided in the tables below has been used in section 3 of the strategy to identify current supply and future demand for pitches

	А	В	С	D	E	F
Sport and Age Groups	Number of teams in age group	Current population in age group	Future population in age group	Current TGR	Population Change in Age Group	Potential Change in Team Numbers
Football Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	13	6208	6299	478	91	0.2
Football Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	0	6553	6458	0	-95	0.0
Football Youth Boys (10-15yrs)	16	1122	1278	70	156	2.2
Football Youth Girls (10-15yrs)	4	1119	1280	280	161	0.6
Football Mini Soccer Mixed (6-9yrs)	5	1612	1754	322	142	0.4
Cricket Open Age Mens (18-55yrs)	4	8223	7884	2056	-339	-0.2
Cricket Open Age Womens (18-55yrs)	0	8679	8178	0	-501	0.0
Cricket Junior Boys (7-17yrs)	4	2152	2368	538	216	0.4
Cricket Junior Girls (7-17yrs)	0	2054	2303	0	249	0.0
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	0	5619	5706	0	87	0.0
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	0	5992	5880	0	-112	0.0
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	0	1164	1226	0	62	0.0
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)	0	1123	1211	0	88	0.0
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	0	2305	2606	0	301	0.0
Hockey Senior Men (16-45yrs)	0	6208	6299	0	91	0.0
Hockey Senior Women (16-45yrs)	0	6553	6458	0	-95	0.0
Hockey Junior Boys (11-15yrs)	0	941	1067	0	126	0.0
Hockey Junior Girls (11-15yrs)	0	931	1059	0	128	0.0

Hucknall

Kirkby

	А	В	С	D	Е	F
Sport and Age Groups	Number of teams in age group	Current population in age group	Future population in age group	Current TGR	Population Change in Age Group	Potential Change in Team Numbers
Football Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	5	5103	5178	1020.6	75	0.1
Football Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	0	5375	5297	0	-78	0.0
Football Youth Boys (10-15yrs)	7	963	1097	137.57	134	1.0
Football Youth Girls (10-15yrs)	0	935	1070	0	135	0.0
Football Mini Soccer Mixed (6-9yrs)	1	1351	1470	1351	119	0.1
Cricket Open Age Mens (18-55yrs)	6	6879	6595	1146.5	-284	-0.2
Cricket Open Age Womens (18-55yrs)	0	7215	6799	0	-416	0.0
Cricket Junior Boys (7-17yrs)	4	1814	1996	453.5	182	0.4
Cricket Junior Girls (7-17yrs)	1	1792	2010	1792	218	0.1
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	3	4587	4658	1529	71	0.0
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	1	4840	4749	4840	-91	0.0
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	4	1024	1079	256	55	0.2
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)	3	1009	1088	336.33	79	0.2
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	6	1927	2179	321.17	252	0.8
Hockey Senior Men (16-45yrs)	3	5103	5178	1701	75	0.0
Hockey Senior Women (16-45yrs)	1	5375	5297	5375	-78	0.0
Hockey Junior Boys (11-15yrs)	1	799	906	799	107	0.1
Hockey Junior Girls (11-15yrs)	1	790	898	790	108	0.1

Rurals

	А	В	С	D	Е	F
Sport and Age Groups	Number of teams in age group	Current population in age group	Future population in age group	Current TGR	Population Change in Age Group	Potential Change in Team Numbers
Football Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	7	2108	2139	301	31	0.1
Football Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	0	2120	2089	0	-31	0.0
Football Youth Boys (10-15yrs)	10	404	460	40	56	1.4
Football Youth Girls (10-15yrs)	1	435	498	435	63	0.1
Football Mini Soccer Mixed (6-9yrs)	5	508	553	102	45	0.4
Cricket Open Age Mens (18-55yrs)	6	2942	2821	490	-121	-0.2
Cricket Open Age Womens (18-55yrs)	0	2958	2787	0	-171	0.0
Cricket Junior Boys (7-17yrs)	4	782	861	196	79	0.4
Cricket Junior Girls (7-17yrs)	0	776	870	0	94	0.0
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	0	1850	1879	0	29	0.0
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	0	1896	1861	0	-35	0.0
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	0	471	496	0	25	0.0
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)	0	439	473	0	34	0.0
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	0	790	893	0	103	0.0
Hockey Senior Men (16-45yrs)	0	2108	2139	0	31	0.0
Hockey Senior Women (16-45yrs)	0	2120	2089	0	-31	0.0
Hockey Junior Boys (11-15yrs)	0	347	393	0	46	0.0
Hockey Junior Girls (11-15yrs)	0	362	412	0	50	0.0

Sutton

	А	В	С	D	E	F
Sport and Age Groups	Number of teams in age group	Current population in age group	Future population in age group	Current TGR	Population Change in Age Group	Potential Change in Team Numbers
Football Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	22	8920	9051	405	131	0.3
Football Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	1	9124	8992	9124	-132	0.0
Football Youth Boys (10-15yrs)	16	1664	1895	104	231	2.2
Football Youth Girls (10-15yrs)	0	1552	1776	0	224	0.0
Football Mini Soccer Mixed (6-9yrs)	6	2256	2455	376	199	0.5
Cricket Open Age Mens (18-55yrs)	7	11895	11405	1699	-490	-0.3
Cricket Open Age Womens (18-55yrs)	0	12127	11427	0	-700	0.0
Cricket Junior Boys (7-17yrs)	6	3107	3419	518	312	0.6
Cricket Junior Girls (7-17yrs)	0	2932	3288	0	356	0.0
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	0	7991	8115	0	124	0.0
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	0	8269	8114	0	-155	0.0
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	0	1788	1884	0	96	0.0
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)	0	1648	1777	0	129	0.0
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	0	3241	3664	0	423	0.0
Hockey Senior Men (16-45yrs)	0	8920	9051	0	131	0.0
Hockey Senior Women (16-45yrs)	0	9124	8992	0	-132	0.0
Hockey Junior Boys (11-15yrs)	0	1390	1575	0	185	0.0
Hockey Junior Girls (11-15yrs)	0	1303	1482	0	179	0.0

