



LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE

PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The London Borough of Redbridge Playing Pitch Strategy has been developed in line with Sport England's Playing Pitch Guidance October 2013. The assessment has been undertaken to establish whether there is sufficient playing pitch provision in LB Redbridge both currently, and to meet the future requirements to 2030.

There are a number of strategic recommendations and actions for individual sites which consider a range of options across football, cricket, rugby and hockey.

The report considers current levels of active participation from clubs based within LB Redbridge, their playing pitch requirements and the facilities available for use. Peak time of play and current and future carrying capacity have been considered. Consideration is also given to the potential for clubs to increase teams in the future, the quality of facilities and the secured future of playing pitches.

The analysis within the technical appendices is set out in two stages. Firstly, there is an analysis of the current supply and demand position. Secondly there is an analysis of the predicted future supply and demand.

The assessment has identified that some existing facilities in LB Redbridge are of poor quality and are not able to cope with current demand or standard quality and are not able to cope with future demand. In addition to new facility provision, the strategy identifies qualitative improvements required to improve existing facilities to enable them to cope with increased usage from population growth.

The Playing Pitch Assessment has identified existing and future deficiencies in playing pitch facilities to meet the needs of Redbridge residents. However, the strategy recognises the location of the LB Redbridge and the surrounding local authorities and consequent impact of demand and usage across East London. The requirements set out in the strategy will seek to address the deficiencies by securing provision of new facilities or contributions from development to provide new or improved facilities where required.

The long term future of sites outside the control of the local authority, which form part of the existing useable provision and which make a significant contribution to current and future provision, need to be protected as part of planning policy - particularly football, cricket and rugby pitch sites.

There are 2 playing pitch sites, Oakfield and the Ford Sports Ground, that are being considered for potential allocation as opportunity sites in the Local Plan. The Playing Pitch Strategy has looked at the impact of the loss of these two facilities on supply and demand, and provides different scenarios for the replacement of these facilities, taking into consideration the quality and accessibility of the existing facilities and the quality and extent of facilities that would be required to replace them.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) provides a framework for the improvement of existing playing pitches and facilities, and the provision of new playing pitches and facilities, between 2015 and 2030.
- 1.2 The playing pitches considered in this PPS are Football, Cricket, Rugby Union and Hockey. The individual sport analysis has been undertaken following Sport England's Playing Pitch Guidance October 2013. All projected population data has been taken from Sub National Population Projections 2012.

SCOPE

- 1.3 This LB Redbridge Playing Pitch Strategy document sets out a playing pitch sports facilities assessment which considers the adequacy of provision for key pitch sports, specifically football, cricket, rugby and hockey. It summarises the data collected as part of the assessment and identifies the strategic requirements for provision in LB Redbridge, resulting from the assessment.
- 1.4 The Playing Pitch Strategy will inform the Council's Local Plan and form a part of the evidence base. The allocation of Oakfield and Ford Sports Ground as 'Opportunity Sites' was set out by LB Redbridge in the "Preferred Options Extension – Alternative Development Strategies" (December 2014). The Playing Pitch Strategy has been undertaken, in part, in response to representations received during consultation on this document. This Playing Pitch Strategy will ensure that the Council meets the requirements of paragraph 73 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (i.e. a robust up to date assessment).
- 1.5 The evidence base can also be used by partners and clubs to assist them in applying for funding. The strategy also identifies the need to work with the private and voluntary sectors, schools, and National Governing Bodies (NGB) of Sport to ensure community use of sites now and in the future. As agreed with the Steering Group the study area comprises seven sub areas, making up Redbridge:
 - **Sub Area 1. Snaresbrook and Wanstead**
 - **Sub Area 2. Bridge, Church End, Monkams and Roding**
 - **Sub Area 3. Fairlop, Fullwell and Hainault**
 - **Sub Area 4. Aldborough, Barkingside and Clayhall**
 - **Sub Area 5. Chadwell, Goodmayes and Seven Kings**
 - **Sub Area 6. Clementswood, Loxford and Mayfield**
 - **Sub Area 7. Cranbrook, Newbury and Valentines**

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METHODOLOGY

- 1.6 The Playing Pitch Strategy covers the LB Redbridge Council area and the seven sub areas. The strategy has been developed in line with Sport England (Playing Pitch Guidance, An approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy) 2013.
- **Stage A: (Step 1) of the methodology is to prepare and tailor the approach.**
 - **Stage B: (Steps 2 & 3) - Gather supply and demand information and views. Information was gathered on both the supply of pitches and the demand for these pitches, specifically:**
 - Supply – site details (see Technical Assessments Football, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey Appendix 1) - accessibility and overall quality of current provision, including the use of Sport England’s Active Places database; existing records of pitch provision; Sport England’s non-technical visual quality assessment template; views of Redbridge; NGBs; schools and user clubs.
 - Demand – (see Technical Assessments Football, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey Appendix 1) - teams and their match and training requirements, casual and educational demand as well as displaced and latent demand through consultation with clubs.
 - Details of potential changes to the future pitch stock, as well as projected and aspirational increases in participation.
 - **Stage C: (Steps 4, 5 & 6) – Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views. The supply and demand information collated has been used to:**
 - Understand the situation at individual sites.
 - Develop the current and projected future pictures of provision.
 - Identify the key findings and issues that need to be addressed.
 - **Stage D: Steps 7 & 8 – Developing the recommendations and action plan and writing and adopting the strategy.**

LB REDBRIDGE – SPORT ENGLAND ACTIVE PEOPLE PARTICIPATION IN SPORT

- 1.7 The Sport England Active People Survey tracks people that participate in sport at national, regional, (County Sports Partnership) and local authority level. The first survey, APS1 was conducted between October 2005 and October 2006. It has become a continuous process, with APS8 completed in October 2014 and Quarter 2 APS9 information completed in March 2015.
- 1.8 Each survey gathers data on the type, duration and intensity of people's participation in different types of sport and active recreation, as well as information about volunteering, club membership, tuition as an instructor or coach, participation in competitive sport and overall satisfaction with local sports provision.
- 1.9 The table below identifies that the Adult population (14+) in LB Redbridge 32% participate at least once a week which is lower than the London (39.2%) and England (36.5%) averages.

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Table 1.1: Adult (14+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week)

YEAR	REDBRIDGE	LONDON	ENGLAND
2012/2013	40.6 %	39.4 %	37.5 %
2013/2014	38.6 %	39.0 %	37.1 %
2014/2015	32.0 %	39.2 %	36.5 %

Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Adult participation aged 14+, one session per week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days). Time period(s): 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015

- 1.10 The level of adult (14+) participation in sport has declined in LB Redbridge– from 40.6% in 2012/13 from (London 39.4%) to 38.6% in 2013/14 and 32% in 2014/2015.
- 1.11 The table below shows the former N18 key performance indicator of participating 3 x a week. It shows that participation across LB Redbridge has increased from 2005/2006 (19.2%) to 2014/2015 (21.7%). However, participation in 2014/15 is lower than the London (22.5%) and England (23.9%) averages. Male participation in Redbridge in 2014/15 at 27.8% is higher than London (26.3%) and England (27.2%). Female participation in Redbridge in 2014/15 at 15.8% is lower than London (18.8%) and England (20.8%).

Table 1.2: Sport England Former N18 Participation 3 x a week

INDICATOR	YEAR	LB REDBRIDGE			LONDON			ENGLAND		
		ALL	MALE	FEMALE	ALL	MALE	FEMALE	ALL	MALE	FEMALE
12+ days / 3x30 - N18	2005/06	19.2%	19.8%	18.4%	21.5%	23.9%	19.1%	21.3%	24.0%	18.7%
	2014/15	21.7%	27.8%	15.8%	22.5%	26.3%	18.8%	23.9%	27.2%	20.8%

Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Adult participation aged 16+ by frequency and gender, former N18 Key Indicator is 3 x 30 min. sessions or more of moderate intensity activity per week. Time period(s): 2005/06, 2013/15

- 1.12 The table below (Table 1.3) indicates that, in 2012/2013, the percentage of people in club membership in LB Redbridge (16.7%) was lower than the average in London (22.4%) and England (21.9%).
- 1.13 The number of people that have received tuition/coaching in the last 12 months is lower in Redbridge (14.1%) than both England and London.
- 1.14 The number of people that are very/fairly satisfied with local sports provision shows an increase from 55.5% in 2012/13 to 57% in 2013/14 and then shows a decline to 53% in 2014/15.

Table 1.3: Sport England's Active People – Key Performance Indicators

INDICATOR	REDBRIDGE				LONDON				ENGLAND			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
KPI3 - Club Membership in the last 4 weeks	20.7 %	24.1 %	19.5 %	16.7 %	21.7 %	21.1 %	21.4 %	22.4 %	22.8 %	21.0 %	21.6 %	21.9 %
KPI4 - Received tuition or coaching in	14.5 %	16.7 %	15.4 %	14.1 %	17.0 %	17.5 %	17.1 %	16.8 %	16.8 %	15.8 %	16.4 %	15.7 %

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INDICATOR	REDBRIDGE				LONDON				ENGLAND			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
last 12 months												
KPI5 - Took part in organised competition in last 12 months	12.7 %	10.0 %	*	*	12.2 %	9.8 %	11.4 %	12.3 %	14.4 %	11.2 %	13.3 %	13.6 %
KPI6 - Very/fairly satisfied with local sports provision		55.5 %	57.0 %	53.0 %		60.0 %	58.5 %	59.5 %		60.3 %	61.6 %	61.7 %

Data suppressed due to sample size.

Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Key Performance Indicators 3,4,5,6. Please note that KPI6 was not measured in APS6 (2011/12). Time Period(s): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15

MARKET SEGMENTATION

- 1.15 Sport England has developed nineteen sporting segments to provide a better understanding of people's attitudes to sport, their motivations and barriers. The key data sources were the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), 'Taking Part' survey and Active People. Further data was added from Experian Mosaic databases. Population data is used for people aged 18 and over.
- 1.16 The segmentation model consists of 19 segments – each has a distinct sporting behaviour and attitude. A summary of each market segment is provided below.

Table 1.5: Sport England Market Segmentations (19 Segments)

NAME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TOP THREE PARTICIPATING SPORTS NATIONALLY
Ben	Competitive Male Urbanites	Male (aged 18-25), recent graduates, with a 'work-hard, play-hard' attitude. Most sporty of 19 segments.	Football, Cricket, Keep fit/gym, Cycling
Jamie	Sports Team Drinkers	Young blokes (aged 18-25) enjoying football, pints and pool.	Football, Cricket, Keep fit/gym, Athletics
Chloe	Fitness Class Friends	Young (aged 18-25) image-conscious females keeping fit and trim.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Athletics
Leanne	Supportive Singles	Young (aged 18-25) busy mums and their supportive college mates. Least active segment of her age group.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Athletics

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NAME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TOP THREE PARTICIPATING SPORTS NATIONALLY
Helena	Career Focused Females	Single professional women, enjoying life in the fast lane (aged 26-45).	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
Tim	Settling Down Males	Sporty male professionals (aged 26-45), buying a house and settling down with partner.	Cycling, keep fit/ gym, swimming, football, athletics and golf. Club member and competitive sport. Cycling, keep fit/ gym, swimming, football, golf.
Alison	Stay at Home Mums	Mums with a comfortable, but busy, lifestyle (aged 36-45).	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
Jackie	Middle England Mums	Mums (aged 36-45) juggling work, family and finance.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
Kev	Pub League Team Mates	Blokes (aged 36-45) who enjoy pub league games and watching live sport.	Keep fit/gym, Football , Cycling
Paula	Stretched Single Mums	Single mum (aged 26-45) with financial pressures, childcare issues and little time for pleasure.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
Philip	Comfortable Mid Life Males	Mid-life professional (aged 46-55), sporty males with older children and more time for themselves.	Cycling, keep fit/ gym, swimming, football, golf.
Elaine	Empty Nest Career Ladies	Mid-life professionals who have more time for themselves since their children left home (aged 46-55).	Keep fit/gym, swimming, cycling, athletics or running, tennis and badminton.
Roger & Joy	Early Retirement Couples	Free-time couples nearing the end of their careers (aged 56-65).	Keep fit/gym, swimming, cycling, golf and angling

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NAME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TOP THREE PARTICIPATING SPORTS NATIONALLY
Brenda	Older Working Women	Middle aged ladies (aged 46-65), working to make ends meet.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
Terry	Local 'Old Boys'	Generally inactive older men (aged 56-65), low income and little provision for retirement.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
Norma	Later Life Ladies	Older ladies (aged 56-65), recently retired, with a basic income to enjoy their lifestyles.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Cycling
Ralph & Phyllis	Comfortable Retired Couples	Retired couples (aged 66+), enjoying active and comfortable lifestyles.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Golf
Frank	Twilight Year Gents	Retired men (aged 66+) with some pension provision and limited sporting opportunities.	Golf, Keep fit/gym, Bowls
Elsie & Arnold	Retirement Home Singles	Retired singles or widowers (aged 66+), predominantly female, living in sheltered accommodation.	Keep fit/gym, Swimming, Bowls

1.17 Understanding the dominant market segments in Redbridge is important as it can help direct sports provision and programming. The dominant market segments can be seen from the table below (Table 1.6). These are 'Tim', 'Philip', 'Jamie', 'Kev' and Ben. Tim and Philip are the most dominant segments and typically they participate in football and club team sports. Jamie, Kev and Ben all like to participate in football and cricket.

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Table 1.6: Sport England Dominant Market Segments

NAME	DESCRIPTION	LB REDBRIDGE	
		NUMBER	RATE
Ben	Competitive Male Urbanites	12284	6.4%
Jamie	Sports Team Drinkers	15102	7.9%
Chloe	Fitness Class Friends	11440	5.9%
Leanne	Supportive Singles	11657	6.1%
Helena	Career Focused Females	10416	5.4%
Tim	Settling Down Males	17217	9%
Alison	Stay at Home Mums	7760	4%
Jackie	Middle England Mums	9369	4.9%
Kev	Pub League Team Mates	12722	6.6%
Paula	Stretched Single Mums	5201	2.7%
Philip	Comfortable Mid-Life Males	15184	7.9%
Elaine	Empty Nest Career Ladies	11032	5.7%
Roger & Joy	Early Retirement Couples	10162	5.3%
Brenda	Older Working Women	9599	5.0%
Terry	Local 'Old Boys'	6450	3.4%
Norma	Later Life Ladies	2637	1.4%
Ralph & Phyllis	Comfortable Retired Couples	6594	3.4%
Frank	Twilight Year Gents	6059	3.1%
Elsie & Arnold	Retirement Home Singles	11482	6%
		192,367	100.0%

Source: Sport England, 2010, Measure: Sport Market Segmentation

CRICKET TRENDS

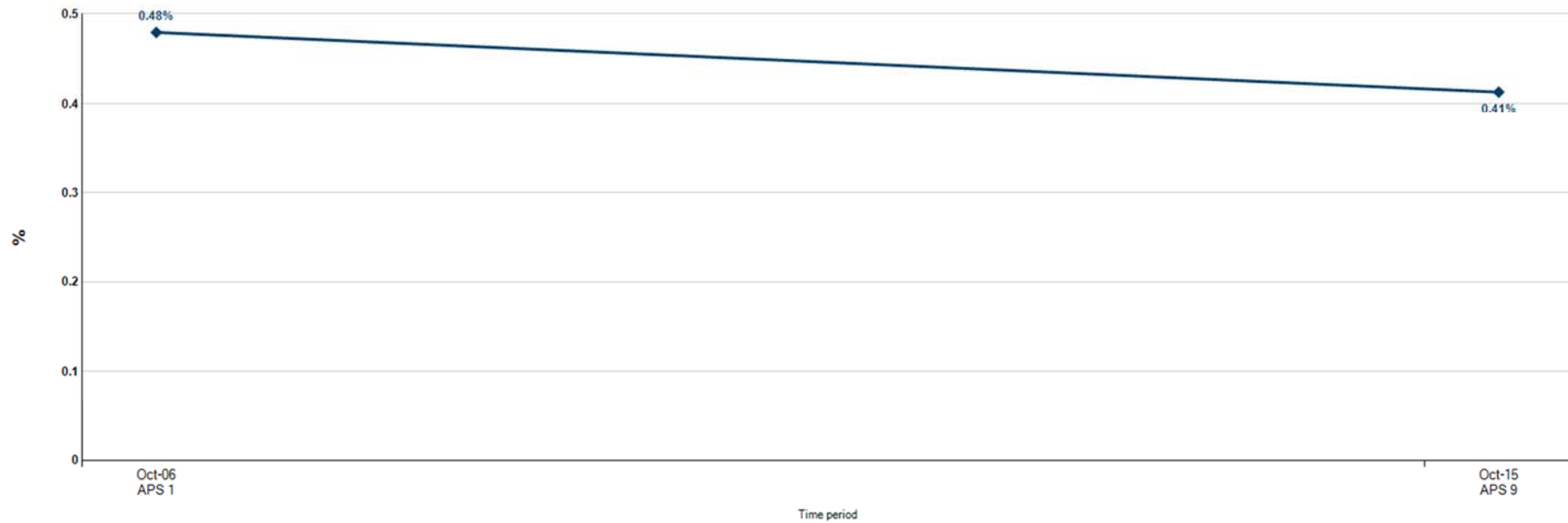
- 1.18 There is significant demand for club cricket, particularly from junior teams, which continue to grow in number. There is a need to consider greater use of artificial wickets for junior matches/training in order to reduce overplay whilst recognising the need to improve the quality of existing provision. Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority and there is a target to establish two girls' and one women's team in every local authority over the next five years. Clubs need to be supported to ensure access to segregated changing and toilet provision and access to good quality cricket pitches to support growth.
- 1.19 The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is working in partnership with its 39 County Cricket Boards undertaking a detailed participation review to tackle key factors which affect participation such as match end time. Travel distance to matches, playing format, length of game and club school links.
- 1.20 There is a massive enthusiasm for cricket in the South Asian communities, who make up one third of cricket's overall participation base. There is a target to encourage an additional 10,000 supporters from the South Asian community by 2017.

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1.21 Thousands of women and girls have been drawn into cricket over the past decade with nearly 600 clubs nationwide now offering access to the game. The target is to increase the number of women playing cricket by 10% by 2017 and also to achieve 10% increase in the number of disabled people playing cricket.

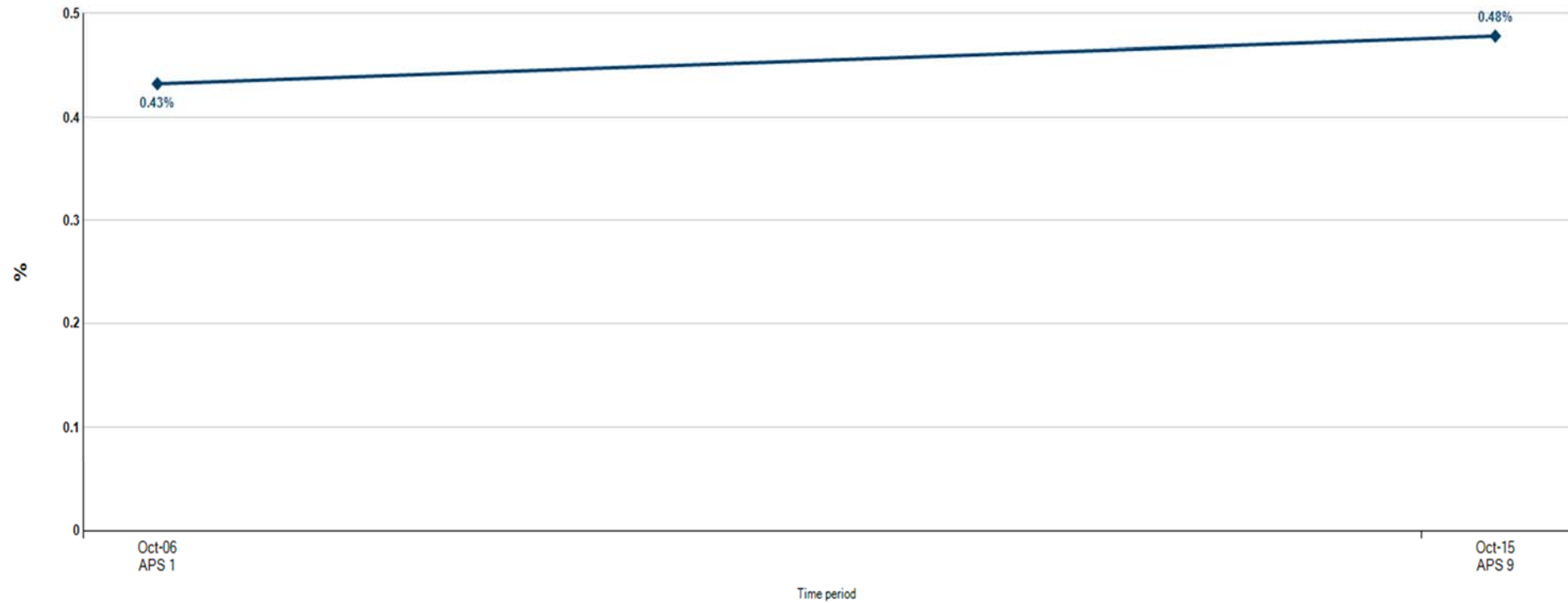
ACTIVE PEOPLE DATA - CRICKET

1.22 The Active people data set for participation in cricket across England (age 16+ participating once a week in cricket) has decreased from 0.48% to 0.41% between 2005/2006 (APS1) and 2014/15 (APS9)



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1.23 The Active people data set for participation in cricket across London (age 16+ participating once a week in cricket) has slightly risen from 0.43% to 0.48% between 2005/2006 (APS1) and 2014/15 (APS9).



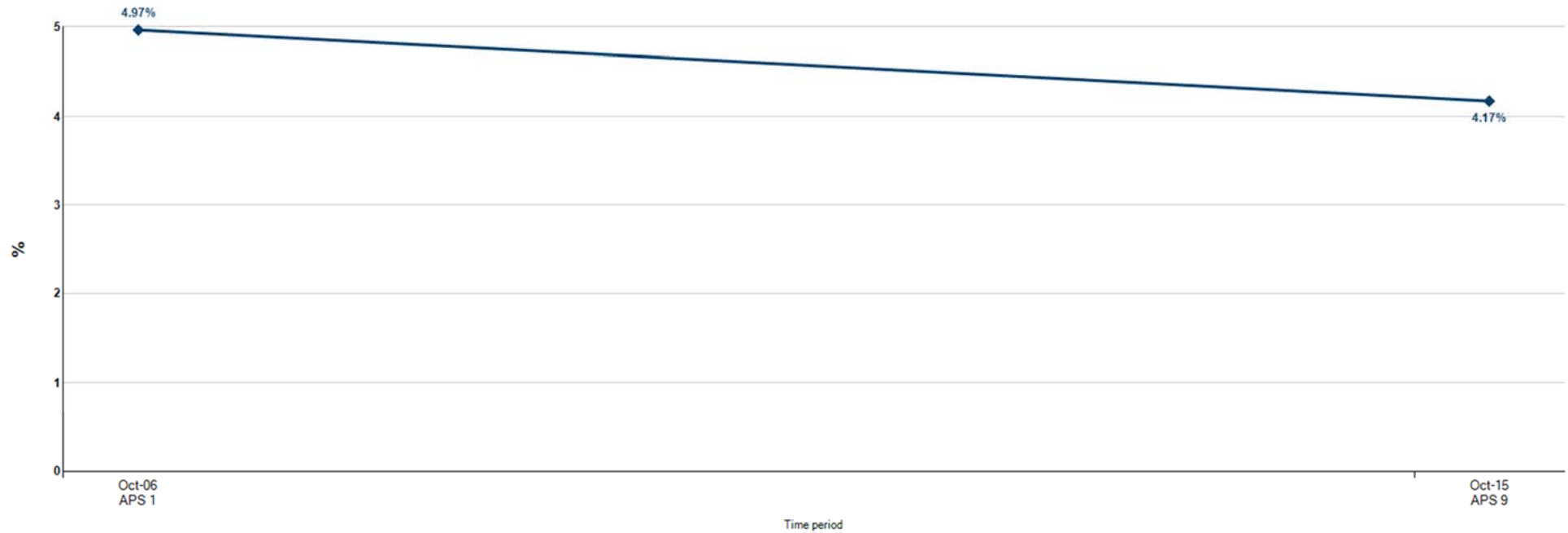
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FOOTBALL TRENDS

- 1.24 Whilst the Active People data demonstrates a sharp decline in the number of adults playing football once a week compared to 2005, the FA argues that their customer insight data – formed from response to 1000 interviews conducted every month – delves more deeply into the habits of the modern grassroots footballer and highlights the changing shape of today's amateur game.
- 1.25 The FA report over the past 5 seasons, the number of adult male teams playing affiliated 11-a-side football has dropped but the average squad size has increased from 18 players to 24 players, suggesting that more people are playing the game but less often. This fits with LB Redbridge not providing as many adult pitches as it has over the years.
- 1.26 The FA recognises that it is not immune from a trend across all team sports which has seen lifestyle change impacting on numbers playing. The consumer has an array of choices. The FA are investing great deal into the changing nature of grassroots and £40 million a year in ensuring they continue to reflect the needs of the modern grassroots in terms of playing opportunities and facilities.
- 1.27 Progress has been made with a significant and encouraging growth in mini-soccer and youth football with an increase in 5,000 children's teams in the past 4 years. This has been achieved by the improved format through the youth review and by introducing 11-a-side at a later age. That introduction has become really popular and more children are playing football.
- 1.28 The FA reports a 100,000 participation increase across 14-25 year olds – driven by initiatives to boost youth and female participation – along with a 14 percent increase in the number of FA-affiliated disability teams.
- 1.29 The FA plan to invest £260 million into football facilities in the next 4 years. The Football Association has unveiled plans to build more than 150 new "football hubs" across the country by 2020.
- 1.30 The plan is to drastically increase investment, building more than 600 new all-weather 3G pitches, focused on 30 of the country's biggest cities, over the next six years.
- 1.31 Whereas grass pitches tend to be used for four to five hours a week, with matches often cancelled due to inclement weather, 3G pitches can be used for 70 to 80 hours. They also promote better technical skills at a younger age, combined with a new approach to concentrating funding and the best coaches on younger age groups.
- 1.32 The vision is for "football hubs" that could host a mixture of school and community sessions during the day, youth coaching and matches in the evening and weekends, and profit-making "pay as you play" sessions in the evening.

ACTIVE PEOPLE DATA – FOOTBALL

1.33 The Active People data set for participation in football across England (age 16+ participating once a week in football) has decreased from 4.97% to 4.17% between 2005/2006 (APS1) and 2014/15 (APS9).



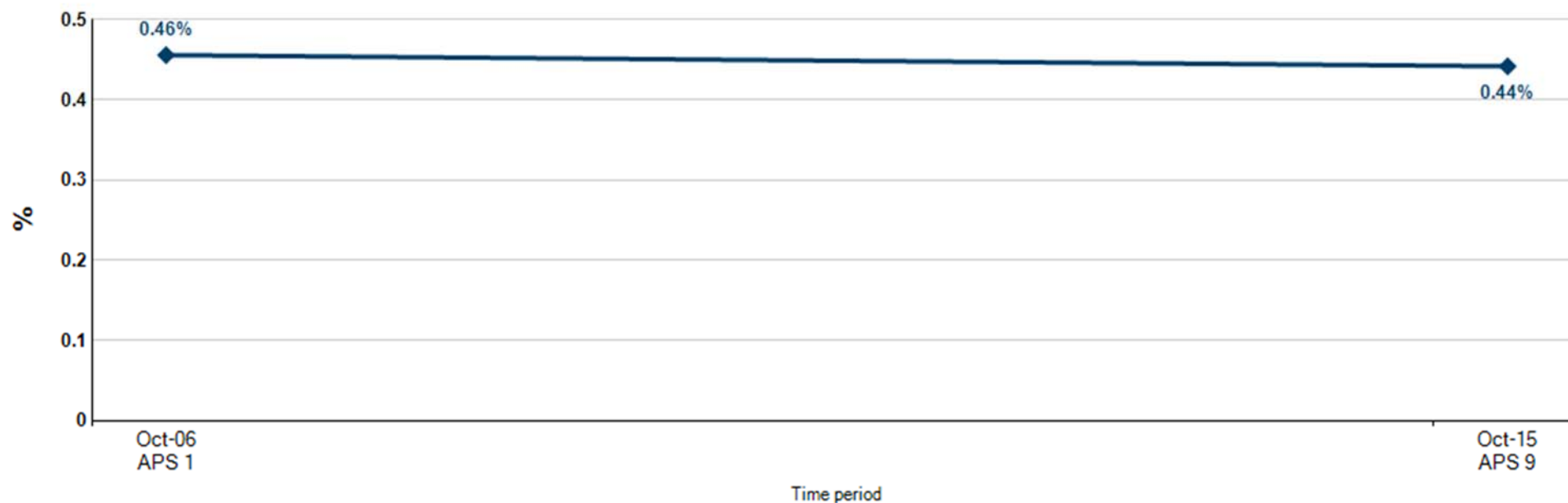
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1.34 The Active People data set for participation in football across London (age 16+ participating once a week in football) has slightly dropped from 4.80% to 4.76% between 2005/2006 (APS1) and 2014/15 (APS9).



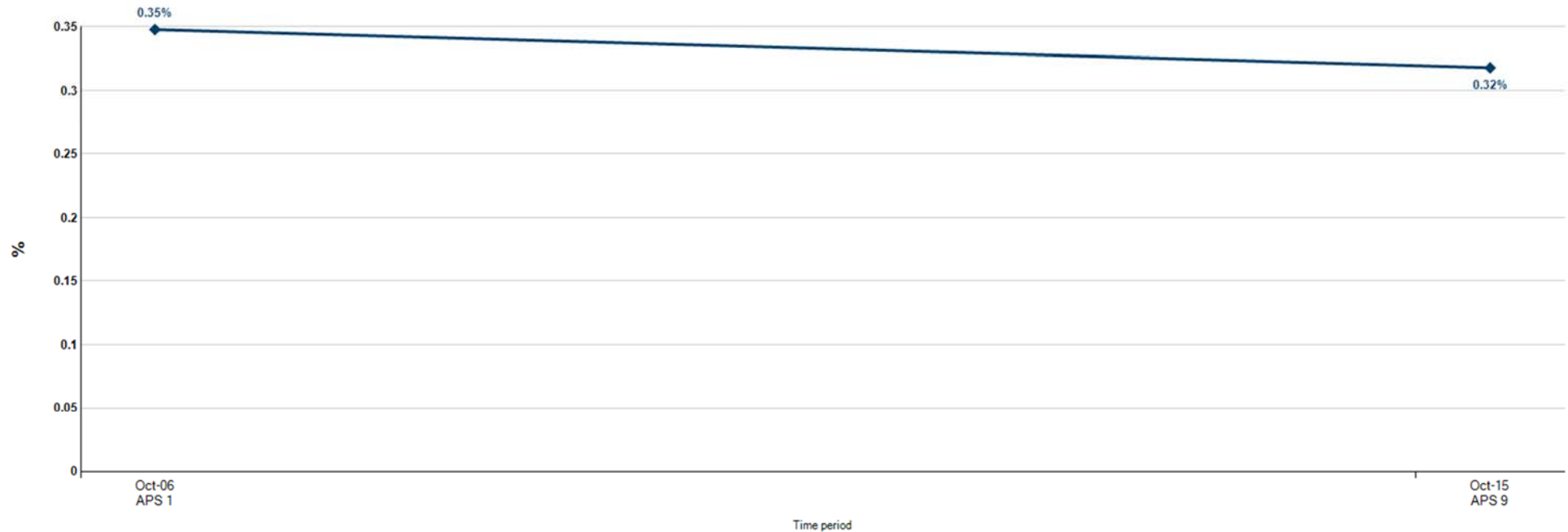
RUGBY TRENDS

- 1.35 It is hoped that the Rugby World Cup 2015 will have created something of a surge of interest in rugby, encouraging more people to become involved as players, volunteers and supporters. The RFU is investing resources to ensure that new people are brought into the game, those who have left are inspired to return and those involved enjoy the best possible experience. By broadening its appeal into new areas the RFU is focused on growing the grassroots game and increasing regular participation. Proof of this is O2 Touch rugby has hit a major milestone of 12,000 registered players in over 275 centres nationwide with a 7% increase in participation since the start of the Rugby World Cup.
- 1.36 Rugby has seen the greatest participation increases in the number of 26 plus year olds participating once a week – now standing at 72, 000. This has only been higher once in the last nine years (since the survey started) and that was in 2007/8 when it was 75,500 – most probably due to O2 Touch and on second XV and below Rugby.
- 1.37 At 14 plus there has been an upward trend over the last three years – from 285 100 in 2012/13 to 325, 900 in 2013/14 and again up to 352, 900 in 2014/15.
- 1.38 The Active People data set for participation in rugby union across England (age 16+ participating once a week) has decreased from 0.46% to 0.44% between 2005/2006 (APS1) and 2014/15 (APS9).



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1.39 The Active people data set for participation in rugby union across London (age 16+ participating once a week in rugby) has slightly dropped from 0.46% to 0.44% between 2005/2006 (APS1) and 2014/15 (APS9).



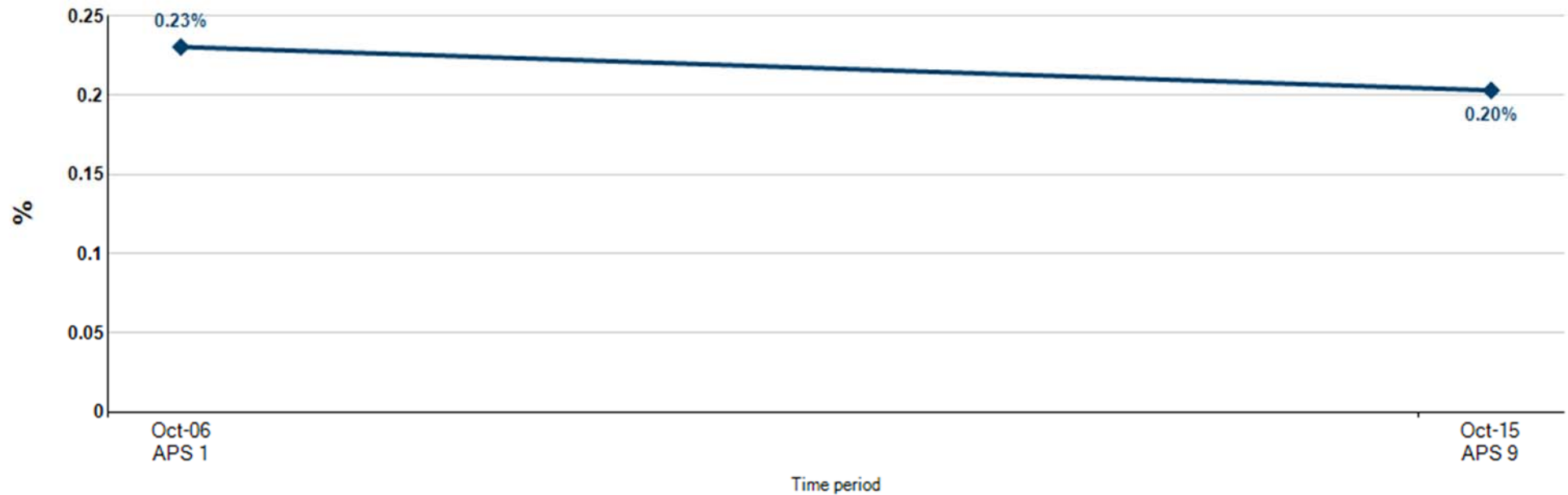
1.40 The RFU announced in December 2015 that it is to invest in 100 artificial floodlit pitches for the grassroots game across the country over a four-year period. The investment will fund two types of pitches in locations across the country to ensure maximum access and rugby participation:

- **60 on rugby club sites to be used by the host club and other local clubs, enabling games to be played and training to be maximised**
- **40 on community sites with a guaranteed number of hours for use by rugby**

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HOCKEY TRENDS

- 1.41 England Hockey states that there are more people playing Hockey since the 2012 London Olympics. Between 2012 and 2014 there has been an increase in hockey teams playing weekly in England.
- 1.42 In 2015 participation in hockey at 16+ was up to 88,200 compared to 84,300 the previous year. The 16 – 25 year age group participation was slightly up from 44,600 in 2013/2014 to 45,100 in 2014/15. The 26 + year age group was up from 39,700 2013/1024 to 42,900 in 2014/2015.
- 1.43 The Active People data set for participation in hockey across England (age 16+ participating once a week) has decreased from 0.23% to 0.20% between 2005/2006 (APS1) and 2014/15 (APS9).



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1.44 The overall aim of the Playing Pitch Strategy is:

“To ensure there is no overall loss of playing pitches in the Borough over the Local Plan period to 2030 by providing the right playing pitch facilities in appropriate places to meet the identified needs of playing pitches for football, rugby union, hockey and cricket; to ensure correct maintenance of the current playing pitch provision; and to plan for future needs of the population.”

1.45 The objectives of the LB Redbridge Playing Pitch Strategy follow the Sport England principles of **PROTECT** sports facilities from loss as result of redevelopment; **ENHANCE** existing facilities through improving their quality, accessibility and management and **PROVIDE** new facilities that are fit for purpose to meet demands for participation now and in the future. The objectives are:

- **SO1: Protect existing supply of playing pitches to meet current and future needs;**
- **SO2: Strive continually to improve the quality and management of playing pitch sites; and**
- **SO3: Provide new playing pitch provision and ancillary facilities where there is an identified current and future demand.**

1.46 The Playing Pitch Strategy also seeks to work in partnership with schools to ensure community access to playing pitch facilities that are provided by schools now and in the future.

2. PLAYING PITCHES - PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

2.1. The NPPF recommends that planning policies should be based on robust up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provisions (paragraph 73). Additionally, paragraph 74 of the NPPF emphasises that existing open space, sports and recreational facilities and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- **An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or**
- **Any loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or**
- **The development is for alternative recreation or open space facilities, the need for which clearly outweighs the loss.**

LONDON BOROUGH REDBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN

2.2. .Within the Council's existing Local Development Framework there are Strategic Policies and Borough wide primary Policies.

2.3. The Strategic Policy 9 Culture and Sports states:

“The cultural life of the Borough will be enhanced for residents and visitors by:

- a. Protecting open space, including allotments.*
- b. Ensuring open space and related facilities are provide, where appropriate, in new developments.*
- c. Developing quality, accessible open space along the River Roding.*
- d. Safeguarding the existing viable cultural, leisure, recreational and sporting facilities and supporting proposals for new and improved facilities.*
- e. Capitalising on opportunities to supply new sporting and associated facilities in the Borough to support the 2012 Olympics.*
- f. Modernising existing cultural facilities and sporting assets.*
- g. Improving access to open space by public transport, cycle and on foot, especially in areas of open space deficiency.*
- h. Providing cultural and sporting facilities and open space for schools and other institutions which can be shared with the community.*

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2.4. The Borough wide Primary Policies for Sport, Leisure and Cultural Facilities and Provision of Open Space states:

CR3 – SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURAL FACILITIES

Planning permission will be granted for proposals for new sports, leisure and cultural facilities and replacement or enhancement of existing facilities, especially in or near to town centres and in areas where there is an identified shortfall or where facilities are provided as part of joint-use community proposals.

Planning permission for any change of use involving the loss of existing indoor and outdoor sport, leisure and cultural facilities will only be granted where the applicant clearly demonstrates that there is no longer a need for that facility and that there are sufficient similar facilities in the nearby area.

CR4 – PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE

Planning permission will be granted for new development where it incorporates appropriate open space and landscaping. This may include other leisure and recreation facilities, including play space for children, appropriate to the scale and nature of the proposal. Where this cannot be achieved within the site, developers will be required to make a contribution towards off-site provision. Guidance is set out in the Planning Obligation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document regarding the provision or enhancement of nearby facilities.

In partnership with other provider organisations, the Council will safeguard existing facilities for community use. Planning permission for a change of use involving the loss of community facilities will only be granted where the applicant clearly demonstrates that there is no longer a need for that facility and where there are sufficient similar facilities nearby.

A NEW STRATEGY FOR SPORT – DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT (CONSULTATION DRAFT AUGUST 2015)

- 2.5. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport issued a consultation paper in August 2015 for comment by October 2015. The development of the new strategy reflects a need to re-invigorate the nation's appetite for participation in sport following what appears to be a significant reduction in participation (the most high profile being swimming), following the upsurge after the 2012 London Olympics.
- 2.6. The Consultation Paper has 10 themes, which explore the future role, remit and influence of sport in the UK into the future:
- **Theme One: Participation**
 - **Theme Two: Physical Activity**
 - **Theme Three: Children and Young People**
 - **Theme Four: Financial Sustainability**
 - **Theme Five: Coaching, Workforce and Good Governance**
 - **Theme Six: Elite and Professional Sport**
 - **Theme Seven: Infrastructure**
 - **Theme Eight: Fairness and Equality**
 - **Theme Nine: Safety and Wellbeing**
 - **Theme Ten: International Influence and Major Sporting Events**
- 2.7. The key driver for the strategy is to increase participation in sport and physical activity and to make activity an integral part of everyday life in the UK, for everyone.
- 2.8. The Consultation paper examines the role of funding, partnerships and priorities for the future of sport and sports facilities. It is anticipated that the full Strategy will be published in early 2016.

GOVERNMENT STRATEGY FOR SPORT – “CREATING A SPORTING HABIT FOR LIFE- A NEW YOUTH SPORT STRATEGY” 2012

- 2.9. Developed by the Department of Culture Media and Sport and with a major role for Sport England in coordinating its delivery, this strategy identifies a significant drop in participation rates in key sports in the 16-25 age range.
- 2.10. The gender difference is particularly stark as only 1 in 3 girls participate, compared with 1 in 2 boys. The focus is therefore to consistently increase the number of young people developing sport as a habit for life.
- 2.11. Over the next 5 years Sport England will invest £1billion pounds working with schools, colleges, universities and County Sport Partnerships.
- 2.12. A key aim is to establish a sustainable network between schools and clubs in local communities, and this will be achieved by;
- **Building a legacy of competitive sport in schools**
An investment of £150m from DCMS, Sport England, Health Education and sponsorship will develop inter and intra school competition, and local, regional and national games.
 - **Improving links between schools and community sport clubs**
Strengthening links between clubs, schools, FE colleges and universities in conjunction with the National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) will develop 6,000 new school club links by 2017 and 150 FE colleges will have full time sport professionals to develop new sporting opportunities for their students.
 - **Working with NGBs focussing on youth**
NGBs will develop new “whole sport plans” for the period 2013-2017 with a focus on the 14-25 age range; they will also be charged with increasing participation in adults, people with disability and establishing development pathways for those with talent to fulfil their potential.
 - **Investing in facilities**
Building on the “Places people Play” programme, Sport England will invest a further £160m of lottery funding in to building or improving facilities and local clubs.
 - **Investing in local facilities and the voluntary sector**
Encouragement will be given to local authorities, clubs not associated with NGBs, and other voluntary groups, to provide quality sporting experiences; and Sport England will establish a dedicated funding stream for local community clubs.

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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FA)

- 2.13. The Football Association is the national governing body responsible for football in England. Facility improvement will be a focus in delivering their 'National Game Strategy' and will underpin the different programmes being rolled out to drive participation.
- 2.14. There are three organisations that have responsibility for football affiliation and administration across LB Redbridge. These are Essex FA, London FA and the Amateur Football Association (AFA).
- 2.15. The FA's priorities for 2015 to 2019 are as follows:

PRIORITIES

2.16. **The FA will make a record £260 million of investment to boost participation and the development of grassroots football in England.**

- **Participation – More Players Playing Football More Often**
 - Boost female youth participation by 11%
 - Retain and support the existing 119,000 affiliated male, female and disability teams.
 - Increase the number of over 16s playing every week by over 200,000 by offering a variety of formats available.
 - Innovative programmes and grants to provide a range of playing opportunities in education, clubs, leagues and other community settings
- **Better Training and Playing Facilities**
 - £48m of FA investment in new and improved facilities through the Football Foundation to create 100 new football turf pitches and improve 2,000 grass pitches.
 - Invest in and roll out a new sustainable model for grassroots facilities in 30 cities through football hubs owned and operated by local communities.
 - Ensure half of mini-soccer and youth matches are played on high quality artificial grass pitches.
- **Player Development – Better quality players being developed and entering the talent pathways**
 - The FA will invest £16m into coach development, education, mentoring and bursary programmes.
 - An extra 1,000 top level (FA Youth Award Module 3) grassroots coaches developed at FA Charter Standard clubs.
 - Create the best competition formats and environment for young players.
 - Ongoing investment in The FA Skills programme to provide high quality age appropriate coaching for 5 – 11 year olds.
- **Football Workforce**
 - Recruiting and developing volunteers and paid staff who service the game

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- **Improved Technology – to run the game more efficiently**
 - Communicate directly with all participants
 - Each County FA to have Inclusion Advisory Board with targets to diversify coaching and refereeing
 - 90% of youth and adult matches to be officiated by a qualified referee.

FA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

- 2.17. The FA has concluded its Youth Development Review, which made changes to formats and facilities within grassroots youth football from the football season 2013/14 onwards.
- 2.18. The proposals included, raising the minimum age for competitive leagues, developing small sided football and introducing a 9 a-side game for Under 12s. The FA has set a range of revised pitch sizes, better suited to the needs of children of different ages. Table 2.1 identifies the youth format age groups and pitch sizes that need to be provided for football in the future across Redbridge.

Table 2.1: Youth Format Ages and Pitch Sizes from 2013/14 Season Onwards

AGE	FORMAT	PITCH SIZE (WITH RUNOFF)	GOAL SIZE
U7/U8	5v5	43m x 33m	3.66m x 1.83m
U9/U10	7v7	61m x 43m	3.66m x 1.83m
U11/U12	9v9	79m x 52m	4.88m x 2.13m
U13/U14	11v11	88m x 56m	6.40m x 2.13m
U15/U16	11v11	97m x 61m	7.32m x 2.44m
U17/U18	11v11	106m x 70m	7.32m x 2.44m

- 2.19. With the new pitch sizes come challenges for provision now and in the future. It is believed that the pressure points for football pitches will be for Junior 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 pitches.

CRICKET

MORE PLAY STRATEGY – ENGLAND AND WALES CRICKET BOARD (ECB) (2016)

2.20. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) produced a More Play Strategy in 2016. The vision of the strategy is **“A Game for Everyone – Cricket Played, Watched and Loved by More People.”**

2.21. The mission of the More Play Strategy is to:

“Drive growth through a more accessible game that inspires the next generation of players, coaches, officials and volunteers.”

2.22. The definition of success will be:

- **Significant growth in participation.**
- **Engender greater passion amongst kids.**
- **Diversification of the game and provide more opportunities to play.**
- **All facilitated through modern administration systems and strong partnerships**

2.23. The key areas of focus and objectives are:

- 1. Clubs, Leagues & Volunteers (Clubs)**
OBJECTIVE: Support the growth ambitions of clubs through creating outstanding experiences for all.
- 2. Children & Young People (Kids)**
OBJECTIVE: Inspire the next generation to take up a lifelong association with the game.
- 3. Community Engagement & Inclusive Participation (Community)**
OBJECTIVE: Diversify our participation base to ensure cricket is at the heart of our communities.
- 4. Casual Cricket and New Formats (Casual)**
OBJECTIVE: Provide more opportunities for people to play social versions of the game.

HOCKEY

2.24. In 2012, England Hockey released its facility guidance, which is intended to assist organisations wishing to build or protect hockey pitches for hockey. It identifies that many existing hockey AGPs are nearing the end of their useful life as a result of the installation boom of the 90's. Significant investment is needed to update the playing stock and protect the sport against inappropriate surfaces for hockey as a result of the rising popularity of AGPs for a number of sports.

2.25. The England Hockey Vision is:

“For every hockey club in England to have appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.”

2.26. The mission is:

“More, Better, Happier Players with access to appropriate and sustainable facilities”

2.27. The 3 main objectives of the facilities strategy are:

- 1. PROTECT:** To conserve the existing hockey provision - we currently have over 800 pitches that are used by hockey clubs (club, school, universities). We need to retain the current provision where appropriate to ensure that hockey is maintained across the country.
- 2. IMPROVE:** To improve the existing facilities stock (physically and administratively) - The current facilities stock is ageing and there needs to be strategic investment in refurbishing the pitches and ancillary facilities. There needs to be more support for clubs to obtain better agreements with facilities providers, and education for them around owning an asset.
- 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.

RUGBY

2.28. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is the national governing body for the development of Rugby Union. The RFU 'Whole Sport Plan 2013 – 2017' aims to use the Sport England funding to capitalise on hosting the Rugby World Cup in 2015 and generate more interest in the sport. The funding will be used over the 4 year period to support the RFU's key priorities.

2.29. The RFU's National Facilities Strategy provides a framework for the sustainable development of facilities for rugby union in England, at a national, regional and local level. The framework enables clubs, Constituent Bodies (CBs) the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and other partners to:

- **Identify priorities for facility developments to meet the various needs of the sport;**
- **Identify what facilities are required to meet the needs of the Government sports policy and the RFU's Strategic Plan;**
- **Support the prioritisation of investment and funding through a detailed set of developmental criteria, technical requirements, management / operational structures and potential financial viability which will be critical to the provision of quality rugby facilities;**
- **Prioritise future investment to ensure that the right facilities are provided in the right locations and for the right reasons; and**
- **Identify and deliver a minimum standard for all facility provision.**

2.30. It is also a high priority for the RFU to target investment in the following:

- **Upgrade and transform social, community and catering facilities, which can support the generation of additional revenues;**
- **Facility upgrades, which result in an increase in energy-efficiency, in order to reduce the running costs of clubs; and**
- **Pitch furniture, including rugby posts and pads, pitch side spectator rails and grounds maintenance equipment.**

3. SPORT SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL

SUPPLY

ACCESSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY USE

3.1. There are 141 individual grass football pitches of different types across Redbridge.

Table 3.1: Football Pitch Provision LB Redbridge by typology (2015)

	ADULT	JUN 11 V 11	JUN 9 V 9	MINI 7 V 7	MINI 5 V 5	TOTALS
TOTAL	85	18	13	17	8	141
SECURED	81	18	12	16	7	134
UNSECURED	4	0	1	1	1	7

3.2. 134 grass football pitches offer secured community use, with 7 grass pitches classed as unsecured community use.

3.3. The table above identifies a total of 85 adult pitches; 81 have secured community use and 4 have unsecured community use. There are 18 junior 11 v 11 pitches, all of which have secured community use. There are 13 junior 9 v 9 pitches, of which 12 have secured community use and 1 has unsecured community use. There are 17 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches; of which 16 have secured community use and 1 has unsecured community use. There are 8 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches of which 7 have secured community use and 1 is unsecured community use.

3.4. The assessment of secured public use was undertaken in the context of the Sport England definition of community use, and embraces:

1. **All Local Authority pitches;**
2. **Educational facilities whether subject to formal dual use, community use agreements or similar formal hire arrangements with local teams or not;**
3. **Any other facilities which are available to the public as a result of formal dual / community use agreements; and**
4. **Any facilities owned, used or maintained by clubs/private individuals, which as a matter of policy or practice are available for use by sections of the public through membership of a club or admission fees.**

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3.5. The Playing Pitch Strategy assessment divides Redbridge into seven sub areas. These are:

- **Area 1. Snaresbrook and Wanstead;**
- **Area 2. Bridge, Church End, Monkams and Roding;**
- **Area 3. Fairlop, Fullwell and Hainault;**
- **Area 4. Aldborough, Barkingside and Clayhall;**
- **Area 5. Chadwell, Goodmayes and Seven Kings;**
- **Area 6. Clementswood, Loxford and Mayfield; and**
- **Area 7. Cranbrook, Newbury and Valentines.**

3.6. The tables below identify the number of pitches in each sub area in 2015 (current) that provide secured community use, unsecured community use and pitches that could be brought back into use.

Table 3.2: Adult Football Pitches – Current (2015) supply and pitches that could be brought back into use

	SENIOR
Current number of pitches with secured community use	81
Current number of pitches providing unsecured community use	4
Pitches that could be brought back into play	23
LB Redbridge Totals	108

3.7. Overall across the whole of Redbridge there are 81 adult pitches available with secured community use, 4 adult pitches provide unsecured community use. There has been a decline in adult football use in Redbridge over the years. Due to this decline 23 adult pitches have been taken out of use. These pitches can be brought back into use for the future. 15 of these adult pitches have been identified at Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road Playing Fields Sub Area 3, 5 football pitches at Goodmayes Park Extension Sub Area 5 and 3 football pitches at Seven Kings Park Sub Area 7.

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Table 3.3: Football junior 11 v 11 Pitches - Current (2015) supply and pitches that could be brought back into use

	JUNIOR
	11 v 11
Current number of pitches in secured community use	18
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0
Pitches that could be brought back into play	2
LB Redbridge Totals	20

- 3.8. There are 18 junior 11 v 11 pitches identified across Redbridge. All of these pitches are in secured community use. There are 2 junior 11 v 11 pitches that can be brought back into play. These are at Goodmayes Park Sub Area 5.

Table 3.4: Football junior 9 v 9 Pitches - Current (2015) supply and pitches that could be brought back into use

	JUNIOR
	9 v 9
Current number of pitches in secured community use	12
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	1
Pitches that could be brought back into play	0
LB Redbridge Totals	13

- 3.9. There are 13 junior 9 v 9 pitches identified across Redbridge. Of these, 12 junior 9 v 9 pitches are in secured community use. There is 1 junior 9 v 9 pitch in unsecured community use. There are no junior 9 v 9 pitches that can be brought back into use.

Table 3.5: Mini Soccer 7 v 7 pitches - Current (2015) supply and pitches that could be brought back into use

	JUNIOR
	7 v 7
Current number of pitches in secured community use	16
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	1
Pitches that could be brought back into play	0
LB Redbridge Totals	17

- 3.10. There are 17 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches identified across Redbridge. Of these, 16 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches are in secured community use. There is 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitch in unsecured community use. There are no mini soccer pitches that can be brought back into use.

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Table 3.6: Mini Soccer 5 v5 pitches – Current (2015) supply and pitches that could be brought back into use

	MINI 5 v5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	7
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	1
Pitches that could be brought back into play	0
LB Redbridge Totals	8

3.11. There are 8 mini soccer pitches identified across Redbridge. Of these, 7 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches in secured community use there is 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitch in unsecured community use. There are no mini soccer pitches that can be brought back into use.

3.12. The following tables identify the number of secured community use, unsecured community use and pitches that can be brought back into play across the seven sub areas.

Table 3.7: Sub Area 1: Current (2015) Secured and Unsecured Community Use Football Pitches and Pitches that could be brought back into use.

SUB AREA 1	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	27	9	6	4	1
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	27	9	6	4	1

3.13. Sub Area 1 has a total of 47 football pitches (2015) in secured community use and 0 pitches in unsecured community use. There are currently no identified pitches in Sub Area 1 that can be brought back into future use.

Table 3.8: Sub Area 2: Current (2015) Secured and Unsecured Community Use Football Pitches and Pitches that could be brought back into use.

SUB AREA 2	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current number of pitches in community use	4	0	0	0	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	2	0	1	1	1
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	6	0	1	1	1

3.14. Sub Area 2 has a total of 9 football pitches (2015). 4 of these have secured community use and 5 pitches have unsecured community use. The pitches with unsecured community use are all at Whitbread's. The Whitbread site is in Education ownership in the London Borough of Redbridge.

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Table 3.9: Sub Area 3: Current (2015) Secured and Unsecured Community Use Football Pitches and Pitches that could be brought back into use.

SUB AREA 3	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	34	7	5	7	4
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	15	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	49	7	5	7	4

- 3.15. Sub Area 3 has a total of 72 pitches. 57 football pitches are in secured community use. There are 0 football pitches with unsecured community use and 15 senior football pitches that could be brought back into use. The 15 pitches that can be brought back into use are at Hainault Recreation Ground and the adjacent Forest Road Playing Fields.

Table 3.10: Sub Area 4: Current (2015) Secured and Unsecured Community Use Football Pitches and Pitches that could be brought back into use.

SUB AREA 4	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	1	1	1	1	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	1	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	2	1	1	1	0

- 3.16. Sub Area 4 has a total of 5 pitches. 4 pitches are in secured community use and 1 pitch is unsecured community use. The unsecured pitch 1 is an adult pitch at Oaks Park High School. There are no current identified football pitches that can be brought back into use in Sub Area 4.

Table 3.11: Sub Area 5: Current (2015) Secured and Unsecured Community Use Football Pitches and Pitches that could be brought back into use.

SUB AREA 5	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	2	0	0	0	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	5	2	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	7	2	0	0	0

- 3.17. Sub Area 5 has a total of 9 football pitches. 2 of these are in secured community use and 0 in unsecured community use. There are 7 pitches that can be brought back into use at Goodmayes Park Extension, 5 senior football pitches and 2 junior football pitches.

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Table 3.12: Sub Area 6: Current (2015) Secured and Unsecured Community Use Football Pitches and Pitches that could be brought back into use.

SUB AREA 6	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	3	0	0	0	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	3	0	0	0	0

- 3.18. Sub Area 6 has a total of 3 senior football pitches, all of which are in secured community use. There are 0 unsecured community use pitches and no pitches currently identified that can be brought back into play.

Table 3.13: Sub Area 6: Current (2015) Secured and Unsecured Community Use Football Pitches and Pitches that could be brought back into use.

SUB AREA 7	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	10	1	0	4	2
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	1	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into play	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	14	1	0	4	2

- 3.19. Sub Area 7 has a total of 21 football pitches. 17 football pitches are in secured community use and 1 senior football pitch has unsecured community use. The unsecured community use pitch is at Seven Kings High School. The 3 senior football pitches that could be brought into use are at Kearley and Tonge. This land is in London Borough of Redbridge education ownership. In addition to these 3 pitches there is playing pitch land at Cranbrook School next to the Frenford Club, at The Drive that could be considered for community use football. Cranbrook School, when built, had changing facility provision built into the school and these are considered to be modern changing facilities for outdoor use.
- 3.20. Sub Area 3 has the most pitches all in secured community use and can provide a further 15 adult football pitches if required in the future, jointly between Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road Playing Fields.
- 3.21. Sub Area 1 has the second highest concentration of pitches followed by Sub Area 7. Sub area 7 has 3 pitches that could be brought back into use and Sub Area 5 has a total of 7 pitches that could be brought back into use.

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OTHER FOOTBALL PITCHES – THESE ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE

3.22. There are a number of sites, mainly school facilities, across Redbridge that are not currently available for Community Use.

- **SUB AREA 1**

- Bancroft School – 2 adult pitches – identified as not available for use in the future.
- Wanstead High School – 1 9 v 9 pitch – identified as currently not available for use but subject to discussion through the LB Redbridge in the future.
- Roding Primary School 1 9 v 9 pitch and 1 7 v 7 pitch – identified as currently not available for use but subject to discussion through the LB Redbridge in the future.

- **SUB AREA 2**

- St Aubyns School Sports Centre - 2 x 7 v 7 pitches – identified as not available for use in the future.
- Churchfields Junior School – 1 7 v 7 junior pitch – identified as not available for use in the future due to the closeness of residential property.
- Nightingale Primary School - 1 x 7 v 7 junior pitch - identified as currently not available for use but subject to discussion through the LB Redbridge in the future.
- Oakdale Junior School – 1x 7 v 7 junior pitch – identified as not available for community use in the future.

- **SUB AREA 3**

- The Forest Academy – 1 adult pitch – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Coppice Primary School – 2 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Fairlop Primary School – 1 junior 9 v 9 – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Glade Primary School – 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Ilford County High School – 2 junior 9 v 9 - identified as not available for community use in the future.
- John Bramston Primary School – 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Manford Primary School – 1 junior 9 v 9 – identified as not available for community use in the future.

- **SUB AREA 4**

- Beal High School – 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Fulwell Primary School – 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Little Heath School – 2 mini soccer 7 v 7 – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Newbury Park Primary School – 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 – identified as not available for community use in the future
- Park Hill Junior School – 2 mini soccer 5 v 5 – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- Redbridge Primary School – 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 – identified as not available for community use in the future
- St Augustines Catholic Primary School - 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 – identified as not available for community use in the future.
- William Torbitt PrimarySchool -1 junior 9 v 9 - identified as not available for community use in the future.

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- **SUB AREA 5**
 - Redbridge College 1 adult pitch – identified as not available for community use
 - Grove Primary School 1 7 v 7 pitch – identified as not available for community use
- **SUB AREA 6**
 - Knox Field -mini soccer – 1 Junior 9 v 9 and 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches – identified as not available for community use
 - St Peters Primary School – 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 – identified as not available for community use
- **SUB AREA 7**
 - Kearley and Tonge – 3 junior 11 v 11 pitches - identified as currently not available for use but subject to discussion through the LB Redbridge in the future.
 - King Solomon High School – 2 adult football pitches, 2 Mini Soccer 5 v 5 – identified as not available for community use
 - Valentines High School – 1 junior 11 v 11 pitch - identified as not available for community use.
 - Cranbrook Primary School – Playing Fields - identified as currently not available for use but subject to discussion through the LB Redbridge in the future.

OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

3.23. LB Redbridge through Vision own and maintain 10 of the 32 identified sites for football. This is 31% of the total sites. 8 sites are owned by Education establishments. 3 sites are owned by the City of London Corporation and 11 sites are in private or leased ownership.

FOOTBALL PITCH QUALITY

3.24. The quality of football pitches across Redbridge have been assessed by site visits and user consultation to come to an agreed rating with the Football Association NGB of either:

- **Good**
- **Standard**
- **Poor**

3.25. Quality of pitches determines the capacity or number of times a pitch can be played. The FA has set guidance standards for the number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without adversely affecting its current quality (pitch capacity).

3.26. The following table identifies the guidelines for quality and capacity that have been used across Redbridge Playing Pitches.

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Table 3.14: Guidelines for Football Pitch Quality across LB Redbridge Council Area Playing Pitches

ADULT PITCHES		YOUTH PITCHES		MINI PITCHES	
PITCH QUALITY	MATCHES PER WEEK	PITCH QUALITY	MATCHES PER WEEK	PITCH QUALITY	MATCHES PER WEEK
Good	3	Good	4	Good	6
Standard	2	Standard	2	Standard	4
Poor	1	Poor	1	Poor	2

3.27. The non-technical site assessments have been used along with club perceptions of the quality of the pitches.

SPORTS CLUB PERCEPTION OF QUALITY

- **Dog fouling is a major problem on playing pitch grounds that have public use or right of way;**
- **Flooding issues with pitches that are on a flood plain, causing concern to clubs;**
- **Hire of changing rooms for some junior clubs is too expensive (Wanstead Flats);**
- **The clay soil means that a number of sites have poor drainage;**
- **There are some sites that require shelter and toilet facilities to be open;**
- **Changing rooms and pitches are not the best quality or well managed, and are expensive; and**
- **Clubs perceive they do not receive value for money when hiring Council pitches mainly due to pitch quality.**

3.28. The majority of respondent clubs rated the pitches that they played on as 'Standard'. The better being at Parkonians FC (Oakfield). All 5 Parkonians football pitches were rated 'good' along with Bealonians junior 9 v 9 and 7 v 7 pitches. Oakside and Cricklefield Stadium pitches were also rated good as was Fords Sports Ground Junior 11 v 11 pitch.

3.29. The pitches rated 'Poor' were Oaks Park High School adult pitch, Seven Kings High School adult pitch and the mini soccer pitch at Clayhall Park. All other pitches were rated as standard.

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PLAYING PITCH CAPACITY

3.30. The quality assessment of pitches assists with the identification of how many games a pitch can be played on per week. This then informs the playing capacity of each football pitch by typology.

SUB AREA 1

3.31. There is capacity for more games to be played on adult pitches in Sub Area 1 and also the 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 pitches. The junior 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 pitches are showing that they are currently over played. The reason for the over play on the junior 11 v 11 and junior 9 v 9 pitches is the pitches and sites at Wanstead Flats in Sub Area 1 are used as Central Venue league* for junior 11 v 11 and junior 9 v 9 football.

****NB Central venue League is a football league that uses a venue where there are a number of pitches for a particular age group league. The games are played as home and away but all at the same venue. Individual clubs do not need to provide their own home pitches at their own ground. The pitches are provided at the Central venue.***

SUB AREA 2

3.32. There is no over playing of football pitches in Sub Area 2. There is under play and therefore some capacity for more games per week on all types of pitches in Sub Area 2.

SUB AREA 3

3.33. In Sub Area 3 there are large amounts of under play on adult pitches and smaller amounts of underplay on the rest of the pitches across all the different types of football pitches. There is a small amount of overplay on junior 11 v11 pitches.

SUB AREA 4

3.34. There is no over play of pitches in Sub Area 4 and a very small amount of under play across all the pitch types in Sub Area 4.

SUB AREA 5

3.35. There is no over or under play of junior or mini soccer pitches and slight amount of under play on adult pitches in Sub Area 5.

SUB AREA 6

3.36. There is no overplay in Sub Area 6 and some under play of adult pitches only.

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SUB AREA 7

3.37. There is under play of adult and junior 11 v 11 pitches in Sub Area 7 and over play of mini soccer 7 v 7 and mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches. The reason for the over play is that these pitches at Ford Sports Ground are used as part of a Central Venue league for this age group.

FOOTBALL PLAYING PITCH DEMAND - CURRENT (2015)

3.38. The audit of demand for this assessment has been undertaken using club survey returns, league information and information provided by the Essex FA, the London FA and the Amateur Football Association. The audit has been agreed with the FA representatives on the PPS Steering Group. The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified that there are currently 478 football teams playing football in Redbridge. There are:

- **175 men's adult teams**
- **4 women's adult teams**
- **89 junior 11 v 11 boys teams**
- **3 junior 11 v 11 girls teams**
- **65 junior 9 v 9 boys teams**
- **0 junior 9 v 9 girls team**
- **88 mini 7 v 7 teams**
- **54 mini 5 v 5 teams**

3.39. The teams playing football across Redbridge are shown by Sub Area:

- **Sub Area 1: Provides for 174 teams**
- **Sub Area 2: Provides for 5 teams**
- **Sub Area 3: Provides for 168 teams**
- **Sub Area 4: Provides for 19 teams**
- **Sub Area 5: Provides for 5 teams**
- **Sub Area 6: Provides for 4 teams**
- **Sub Area 7: Provides for 103 teams**

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3.40. Sub Area 1 had the highest concentration of teams, due to Wanstead Flats (large area of pitches). The area with the second highest proportion of teams is Sub Area 3, followed by Sub Area 7.

ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES – 3G RUBBER CRUMB

3.41. It has been identified that there are insufficient 3G rubber crumb pitches across Redbridge. The three sub areas with the majority of teams have all been highlighted as areas where a minimum of 2 3G rubber crumb pitches should be provided. The most suitable sites for the 3G rubber crumb pitches would be Sub Area 1 Wanstead Flats (It is known that there would be planning issues and covenants with this site), Sub Area 3 Hainault Recreation Ground/ Forest Road or Redbridge Leisure Centre and Sub Area 7 Ford Sports Ground or in the vicinity of Seven Kings Park.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW OR IMPROVED SITES

3.42. Amongst the opportunities of 3G rubber crumb pitches there are possible opportunities to discuss the development of football at Wanstead Flats with the Corporation of London, the National Governing Bodies of Sport and neighbouring Local Authorities. There is an opportunity with investment to relocate and make better use of the playing pitches at Wanstead Flats and provide a master plan for the future sustainability of the playing pitches at this site.

3.43. The FA, apart from the interest in Wanstead Flats, is also keen to develop the area around Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road as a football hub. The FA is also keen on Ford Sports Ground and land in that location that could also be used as a football hub in the future.

3.44. There will also be funding opportunities that may be available for schools, clubs and the local authority to work with the FA to place successful bids for grant funding to improve the quality of facilities or bring new facilities into use. For example, funding such as Planning Contributions, Sport England Playing Pitch Funding, Sport England Inspired Facilities Funding and FA Funding could be applied for in partnership with local clubs.

KEY ISSUES OF CURRENT PROVISION

3.45. The key issues for the provision of football have been assessed through a detailed consultation programme and calculations and scenario testing. The data has been collected by carrying out site by site non-technical assessments, and consultation with clubs, leagues and the FA to identify an agreed assessment of quality for each site. This has then enabled the capacity analysis of each pitch.

3.46. The assessment (as detailed in the Sub Area site by site action plans) reveals that in quantitative terms, when including all pitches that are secured for community use, non-secured community use and pitches that could be brought back into use and taking into account existing teams and pitches and peak periods of play. The model reveals that there is a current surplus of 53 adult pitches across Redbridge spare at peak times. However, there is a deficit of 16 junior 11 v 11 pitches, 24 junior 9 v 9 pitches, 30 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches and 19 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches. The mini soccer pitches 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 deficits can be overcome by playing existing pitches 3 times per day as per FA quality and playing capacity guidance.

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3.47. Sub Area 1 identifies a surplus of 12 adult teams and a deficit of 12 junior football pitches. This points towards the adult pitches that are surplus being used by the junior football teams at Wanstead Flats. There is a deficit of 26 9 v 9 junior pitches; this is to do with the amount of 9 v 9 teams that use and over play on these pitches as part of the Central venue 9 v 9 league that uses Wanstead Flats.

3.48. The FA allows for more use of mini soccer pitches over the course of a week. The mini soccer pitches in Sub Area 1 are all of standard quality and can be played 3 times a week. The current mini soccer pitches in sub area 1 can handle the deficit currently on this basis.

Table 3.15: Sub Area 1 Current (2015) Surplus/ Deficit

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	27	9	6	4	1
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak time of use	15	20.5	31.5	7	3.5
Current Surplus/Deficit	12	-12	-26	-3	-3

3.49. Sub Area 2 identifies a surplus of 3 adult pitches, 1 junior 9 v 9, 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 and 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitch.

Table 3.16: Sub Area 2 Current (2015) Surplus/ Deficit

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	4	0	0	0	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	2	0	1	1	1
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak time of use	2.5	0	0	0	0
Current Surplus/Deficit	3	0	1	1	1

3.50. Sub Area 3 shows a surplus of 22 adult pitches and 1 junior 9 v 9 pitch. There is a deficit of 6 junior 11 v 11 pitches. The junior teams are currently over playing adult pitches.

Table 3.17: Sub Area 3 Current (2015) Surplus/ Deficit

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	34	7	5	7	4
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	15	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	26.5	13	3.5	10.5	7
Surplus /Deficit	22	-6	1	4	-3

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3.51. The FA allows for more use of mini soccer pitches over the course of a week. The mini soccer pitches in Sub Area 3 are all of standard quality and can be played 3 times a week. The current mini soccer pitches in sub area 3 can handle the deficit currently on this basis.

3.52. Sub Area 4 has small deficits of pitches, when rounded up the deficit equals 1 junior 11 v 1, 1 junior 9 v 9 pitch. The deficit of pitches at mini soccer 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 can be met by additional games being played on existing pitches during the course of the day. The FA guide is up to 3 games per week for a standard quality football pitch.

Table 3.18: Sub Area 4 Current (2015) Surplus/ Deficit

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	1	1	1	1	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	1	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	2	1.5	1.5	2	2
Surplus/Deficit	0	-1	-1	-1	-2

3.53. Sub Area 5 shows a surplus of 5 adult and 2 junior pitches.

Table 3.19: Sub Area 5 Current (2015) Surplus/ Deficit

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	2	0	0	0	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	5	2	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	1.5	0	0	0	0
Surplus/Deficit	5	2	0	0	0

3.54. Sub Area 6 shows a surplus of 1 adult pitch.

Table 3.20: Sub Area 6 Current (2015) Surplus/ Deficit

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	3	0	0	0	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	1.5	0	0	0	0
Surplus/Deficit	1	0	0	0	0

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3.55. Sub Area 7 shows a surplus of 9 adult football pitches and a deficit of 23 mini soccer 7 v 7 and 12 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.

Table 3.21: Sub Area 7 Current (2015) Surplus/ Deficit

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	10	1	0	4	2
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	1	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	3	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	6	0.5	0	27	14
Surplus/Deficit	8	0	0	-23	-12

Table 3.22: Total LB Redbridge Current (2015) Surplus/ Deficit

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 v 11	9 v 9	7 v 7	5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured community use	81	18	12	16	7
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	4	0	1	1	1
Pitches that could be brought back into use	23	2	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	55	35.5	36.5	46.5	26.5
Surplus/Deficit	53	-15.5	-23.5	-29.5	-18.5

3.56. The situation tells us that there is an imported demand of junior and mini football teams using central venues at Ford Sports Ground and Wanstead Flats. There are also other teams that come into the Borough and use quality facilities for a reasonable price at places such as Parkonians FC. In the case of Parkonians FC this does not impact on the fact that they need to use all their pitches to meet their own club commitments at peak time of play on a Saturday afternoon. They hire out the pitches at times when the club does not require them itself.

3.57. There is a surplus of 53 senior football pitches and a deficit of secured community use junior 11 v 11 pitches currently at peak times. There is a current deficit of secured community use junior 9 v 9 pitches at peak times.

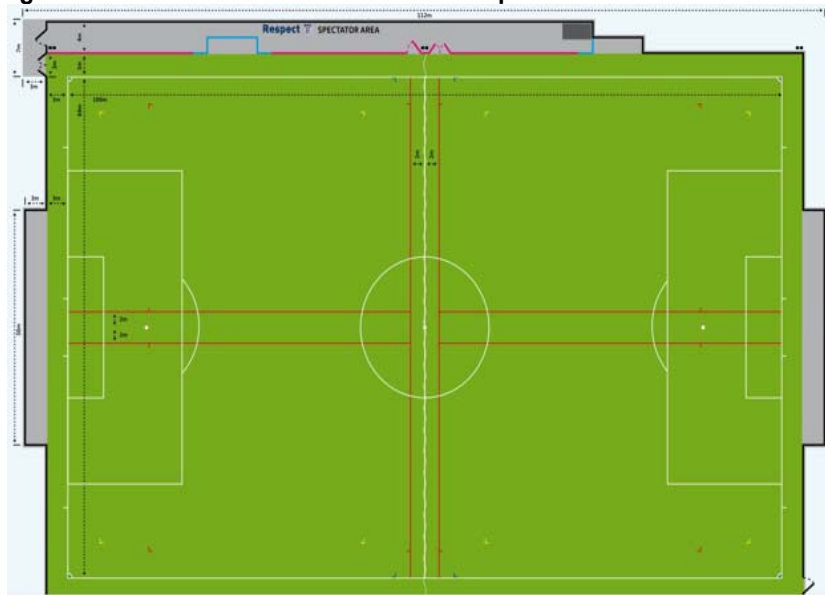
3.58. There is a need to understand that 1 senior football pitch or 1 full size 3G rubber crumb pitch can provide more pitches for the smaller sided game. The Figure below shows 2 junior 9 v 9 pitches on a full size senior football pitch, 4 5 v 5 mini soccer pitches on a full size football pitch.

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Figure 3.1: 2 Mini Soccer 9 v 9 on a full size pitch

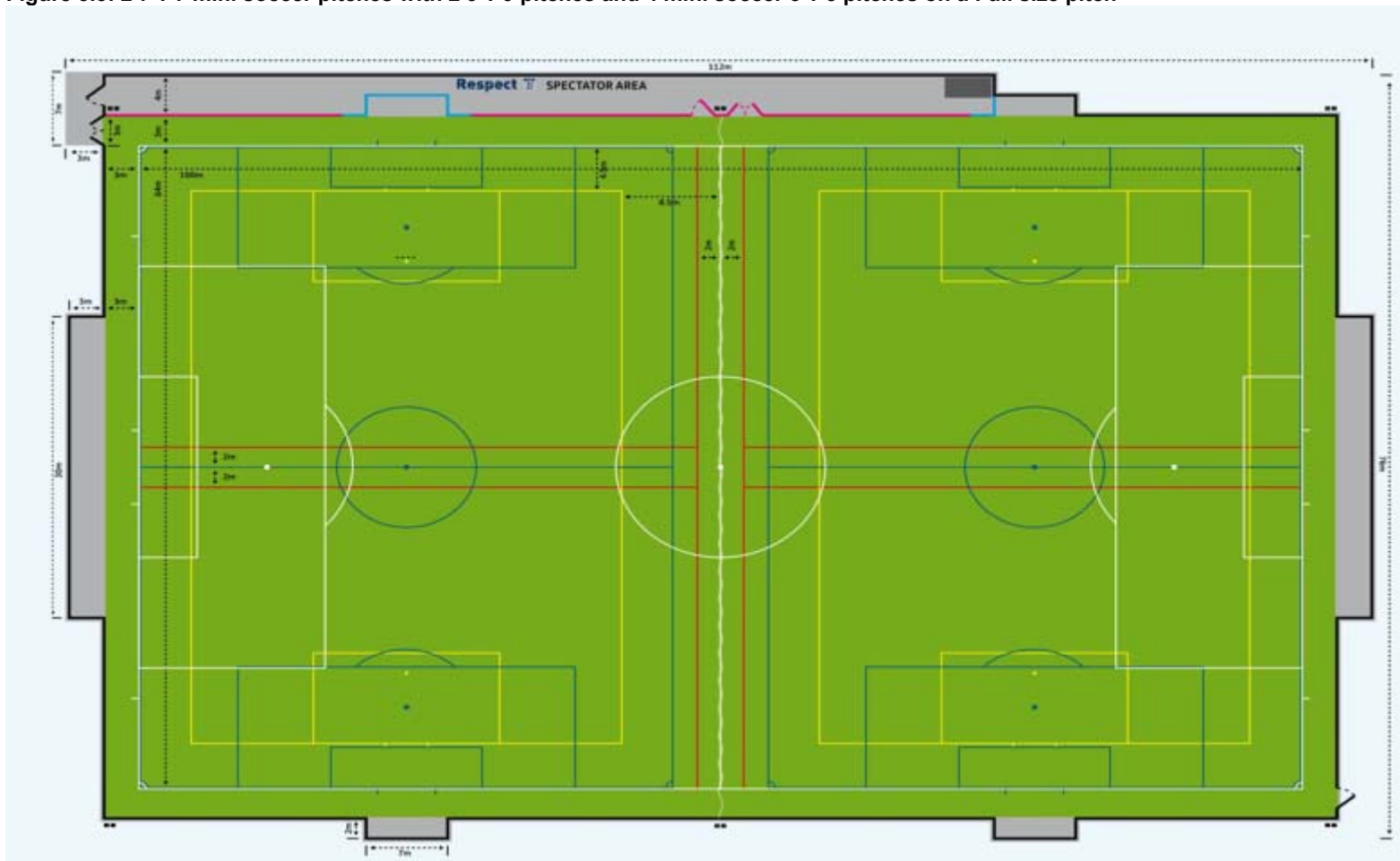


Figure 3.2: 4 Mini Soccer 5 v 5 on a full size pitch



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Figure 3.3: 2 7 v 7 mini soccer pitches with 2 9 v 9 pitches and 4 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches on a Full size pitch



- 3.59. There are currently sufficient 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 mini soccer pitches. These pitches can be played on average up to 3 times a day at peak times. The existing pitches 17 mini soccer 7 v 7 can cater for 51 matches at peak time and the 8 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches can cater for 24 matches at peak times.
- 3.60. There are some imbalances in the levels of usage across some sites across Redbridge. The pitch capacity analysis has identified that some pitches are overplayed. In sub area 1 these are: Wanstead Flats has overplay of junior 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 and under play of adult football pitches.
- 3.61. Parkonians FC and Bealonians FC are marking junior pitches out over adult pitches.

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3.62. There is overplay on junior 11 v 11 pitches at Fairlop Oak in Sub area 3.

3.63. There is overplay of the 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 pitches at Ford Sports Ground.

3.64. The issue for most senior clubs is the quality of local authority pitches and ongoing maintenance.

3.65. Dog fouling issues have been raised and need to be addressed.

3.66. Clubs perceive they do not receive value for money when hiring Council pitches. Specifically, the perceived lack of preparation and ongoing maintenance is not reflected through a reduced cost of pitch hire.

3.67. There is an identified need for a minimum of 2 3G rubber Crumb AGPs in Sub Area 1, 3 and 7.

FUTURE DEMAND

3.68. While it is essential to ensure that provision is adequate to meet current demand, this strategy must also facilitate planning to meet future demand. The tables below identify the requirements for football pitches 2015 – 2030.

3.69. The team generation rates table below has been used to identify the additional number of football teams to 2030 using current population data and projected population data within specific football team age groups. The future team requirements are 16 adult teams, 4 junior 11 v 11 teams, 16 9 v 9 junior teams, 22 mini soccer 7 v 7 teams and 14 mini soccer 5 v 5 teams. The population of Redbridge within the age groups that are likely to participate in playing pitch sports is projected to increase by 27,720 by 2030.

Table 3.23: Team Generation Rates Football 2015 - 2030

SPORT AND AGE GROUPS	NUMBER OF TEAMS IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA	CURRENT POPULATION IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA (2015)	FUTURE POPULATION IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA (2030)	CURRENT TGR	POPULATION CHANGE IN AGE GROUP	POTENTIAL CHANGE IN TEAM NUMBERS IN AGE GROUP	POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL PITCHES REQUIRED
Football Adult Men 11v11 (17-45yrs)	175	63000	74000	360	11000	31	15.3
Football Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	4	66000	75000	16500	9000	1	0.3
Football Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	89	5580	6000	62.6966	420	7	3.3
Football Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	3	5000	6000	1666.67	1000	1	0.3
Football Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	65	2000	3000	30.7692	1000	33	16.3
Football Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	0	1700	3000	0	1300	0	0.0
Football Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	88	4000	6000	45.4545	2000	44	22.0
Football Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	54	4000	6000	74.0741	2000	27	13.5

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3.70. The tables below take into account the current (2015) surplus and deficiency, latent demand, team equivalents, strategic reserve and future population growth using team generation rates. This indicates that by 2030 there will be a surplus of 17 adult pitches and a deficit of 38 junior pitches, deficit of 57 junior 9 v 9 pitches, 69 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches and 47 5 v 5 mini soccer pitches.

Table 3.24: Sub Area 1 Current (2015) and Future (2030) Demand Football

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current number of pitches in secured and unsecured community use	27	9	6	4	1
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak time of use	15	20.5	31.5	7	3.5
Pitches to meet team equivalent requirements	2.5	2.5	3.5	0.5	0.5
Strategic reserve	2	1	1	1	1
Latent and sports development demand	0	2.5	3.5	3	2.5
Future population growth 2030	6	2	6	8	5
Future surplus/deficiency 2030	1.5	-19.5	-39.5	-15.5	-11.5

Table 3.25: Sub Area 2 Current (2015) and Future (2030) Demand Football

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR	MINI	MINI
		11 V 11	9 V 9	7 V 7	5 V 5
Current number of pitches in secured and unsecured community use	6	0	1	1	1
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak time of use	2.5	0	0	0	0
Pitches to meet team equivalent requirements	1	0	0	0	0
Strategic reserve	0.5	0	0	0	0
Latent and sports development demand	0	0	0	0	0
Future population growth 2030	0	0	0	0	0
Future surplus/deficiency 2030	2	0	1	1	1

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Table 3.26: Sub Area 3 Current (2015) and Future (2030) Demand Football

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured and unsecured community use	34	7	5	7	4
Pitches that could be brought back into use	15	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	26.5	13	3.5	10.5	7
Pitches to meet team equivalent requirements	5	1.5	0.5	1	0.5
Strategic reserve	3	1	1	1	1
Latent and sports development demand	3.5	4.5	2.5	5	3.5
Future population growth 2030	6	1	6	8	5
Future surplus/deficiency 2030	5	-14	-8.5	-18.5	-13

Table 3.27: Sub Area 4 Current (2015) and Future (2030) Demand Football

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured and unsecured community use	2	1	1	1	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	2	1.5	1.5	2	2
Pitches to meet team equivalent requirements	0	0	0	0.5	0
Strategic reserve	0	1	1	1	1
Latent and sports development demand	0	-1	-0.5	0	0
Future population growth 2030	1	0	1	1	1
Future surplus/deficiency 2030	-1	-0.5	-1	-2.5	-3

Table 3.28: Sub Area 5 Current (2015) and Future (2030) Demand Football

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured and unsecured community use	2	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	5	2	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	1.5	0	0	0	0
Pitches to meet team equivalent requirements	0.5	0	0	0	0
Strategic reserve	0	0	0	0	0
Latent and sports development demand	0	0	0	0	0
Future population growth 2030	0	0	0	0	0
Future surplus/deficiency 2030	5	2	0	0	0

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Table 3.29: Sub Area 6 Current (2015) and Future (2030) Demand Football

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured and unsecured community use	3	0	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use	0	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	1.5	0	0	0	0
Pitches to meet team equivalent requirements	0	0	0	0	0
Strategic reserve	0	0	0	0	0
Latent and sports development demand	0	0	0	0	0
Future population growth 2030	0	0	0	0	0
Future surplus/deficiency 2030	1.5	0	0	0	0

Table 3.30: Sub Area 7 Current (2015) and Future (2030) Demand Football

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured and unsecured community use	11	1	0	4	2
Pitches that could be brought back into use	3	0	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	6	0.5	0	27	14
Pitches to meet team equivalent requirements	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Strategic reserve	1	1	0	1	1
Latent and sports development demand	0	3.5	4	2.5	2.5
Future population growth 2030	3	1	3	5	3
Future surplus/deficiency 2030	3	-6	-8	-32	-19

Table 3.31: LB Redbride Current (2015) and Future (2030) Demand Football

	SENIOR	JUNIOR 11 v 11	JUNIOR 9 v 9	MINI 7 v 7	MINI 5 v 5
Current number of pitches in secured and unsecured community use	85	18	13	17	8
Pitches that could be brought back into use	23	2	0	0	0
Pitches currently required at peak times of use	55	35.5	36.5	46.5	26.5
Pitches to meet team equivalent requirements	9.5	4.5	4.5	2.5	1.5
Strategic reserve	6.5	4	3	4	4
Latent and sports development demand	3.5	9.5	9.5	10.5	8.5
Future population growth 2030	16	4	16	22	14
Future surplus/deficiency 2030	17.5	-37.5	-56.5	-68.5	-46.5

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES TO ADDRESS

3.71. The key issues to address are:

- 1. Future playing pitch demand to 2030 for senior adult, junior 11 v 11, 9 v 9, mini soccer 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 football as a result of latent and sports development demand, an increase in population, exported club demand and strategic reserve.**
- 2. Improvements need to be made to improve the ongoing maintenance of existing pitches and provision of changing rooms.**
- 3. Imbalance of use between sites, with some facilities at capacity and others hardly used, and the provision of a strategic reserve.**
- 4. Investigate the best sites to provide for a minimum of 2 x 3G artificial grass pitches in Sub Area 1, 3 and 7, in consultation with the FA.**
- 5. Need to ensure sustainability of junior clubs by providing long term security of playing facilities, allowing junior clubs to grow and develop; and investigating and investing in multi pitch hub sites.**
- 6. Should Oakfield be re-developed, the owner of the land will be required to identify replacement quality playing pitch facilities.**
- 7. Should Ford Sports Ground be re-developed, the owner of the land will be required to identify replacement quality playing pitch facilities.**

KEY PRIORITIES

3.72. Strategically the following priorities need to be put in place within the Action Plan:

- 1. Protection of all community use and informal community use pitches across LB Redbridge.**
- 2. Ensure sustainability of junior clubs and investigating and investing in multi pitch hub sites with 3G rubber crumb pitches.**
- 3. The use of existing resources must be optimized, and future deficiencies in senior and junior football must be addressed. This can be achieved through community use agreements at school sites and bringing into use lapsed pitches and other sites that are currently important to sport in Redbridge or have the potential to be. These priority sites include:**
 - Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road Playing Fields bring back into use 15 adult pitches
 - Goodmayes Park Extension – Bring back into use 5 football pitches
 - Seven Kings Park – Bring back into use 3 adult football pitches
 - Playing Pitch land at Cranbrook Primary School, The Drive, Ilford. The school has modern changing facilities but no community use of its playing fields and is adjacent to the Frenford club.
 - Kearley and Tonge Playing Pitches and Whitbread's playing pitches. Both sites are in the ownership of Redbridge Council Education.
- 4. It is essential to investigate the ideal site for 3 x 2 3G rubber crumb fill size pitches with floodlights – this would also assist in providing 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 on “Central Venue” sites for the future as per FA Policy 2015.**
- 5. Improve pitch quality and ancillary provision by:**
 - Seeking to provide changing accommodation at all adult football sites to include facilities for women and girls and, as a minimum, toilet provision at junior and mini football sites including toilets for women and girls.
 - Address the drainage issues for all local authority sites.
 - Address the quality issues of on-going maintenance at local authority owned sites to assist with capacity issues on senior pitches.
 - Consider staggered start times of games to increase capacity of play for youth and mini soccer.
 - Introduce (with leagues and clubs) a call off system that protects pitches from damage in the long term.
- 6. Should Oakfield be allocated as an opportunity site in the Local Plan, then consideration should be given to undertaking feasibility studies to identify whether Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road Playing Fields would meet the playing pitch requirements for existing clubs at Oakfield, along with the identified need for 3G pitch facilities and the appropriate quality ancillary facilities.**

- 7. Should Ford Sports Ground be re-developed, then a feasibility study should also be undertaken to consider if sufficient space is available for the required playing pitches at sites including Seven Kings Park, land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern part of Ford Sports Ground, and other appropriate sites. The feasibility study should also address 3G pitch facilities because this would reduce the need for grass pitches and the appropriate ancillary facilities required to replace Ford Sports Ground. In addition a feasibility study should be undertaken to identify if sites including Cranbrook School Playing Fields could be brought into community use and assist in the replacement of pitches at Oakfield if required.**
- 8. Work with the FA to support clubs applying for funding, planning, undertaking asset transfer / management agreements where clubs are able to demonstrate long term development plans and have achieved the appropriate accreditations and provide player and sports development pathways.**
- 9. Where possible appropriate funding should be identified to develop (match fund) new playing pitch facilities and bring existing facilities up to the required FA and Sport England Guidance Standards for playing pitches and changing accommodation. This needs to be linked to ongoing maintenance to maintain pitch quality.**
- 10. Existing dual use facilities which currently do not provide any secured or unsecured use should be identified as this may bring forward significant sports pitches for public use at a relatively limited cost.**

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CRICKET

PITCH SUPPLY

3.73. The audit of cricket pitches in Redbridge identifies that there are 20 sites that provide cricket throughout the Council area.

3.74. Of these 20 cricket sites 19 provide secure community use providing 44 cricket squares of varying sizes.

3.75. There are 2 cricket squares at Whitbread Sports Ground which is an Education site. This site offers unsecured community use.

3.76. There are 5 sites that provide non turf pitches for secured community use.

3.77. There are 10 other sites that the audit identified that do not provide community use. These provide non turf pitches and are on school sites. In addition Bancroft School and Bancroft School Sports ground provide cricket squares but are not available for community use.

3.78. LB Redbridge have 8 sites of the 20 sites within their ownership. All other secure use community sites are owned or leased by cricket clubs.

3.79. The assessment has identified that there is an opportunity to reinstate 2 cricket squares at Goodmayes Park Extension in the future.

3.80. The assessment of secured public use was undertaken in the context of the Sport England definition of community use, and embraces:

1. **All local authority pitches;**
2. **Educational facilities whether subject to formal dual use, community use agreements or similar formal hire arrangements with local teams or not;**
3. **Any other facilities which are available to the public as a result of formal dual / community use agreements; and**
4. **Any facilities owned, used or maintained by clubs/private individuals, which as a matter of policy or practice are available for use by sections of the public through membership of a club or admission fees.**

3.81. The Playing Pitch Strategy has divided Redbridge into seven sub areas. These are and provide the following cricket grounds:

- **AREA 1:**
 - Snaresbrook and Wanstead – Nutter Lane and Overton Drive

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- **AREA 2:**
 - Bridge, Church End, Monkams and Roding – South Woodford Cricket Club, Whitbread Sports Ground (Unsecured), Woodford Green Cricket Club and Woodford Wells Cricket Club
- **AREA 3:**
 - Fairlop, Fullwell and Hainault – Barkingside Recreation Ground, Fairlop Oak, London Marathon Trust, Hainault Recreation Ground, Jack Carter (Oakfield) and Oakfield’s Cricket Club (Oakfield).
- **AREA 4:**
 - Aldborough, Barkingside and Clayhall - Clayhall Park
- **AREA 5:**
 - Chadwell, Goodmayes and Seven Kings – Goodmayes Park
- **AREA 6:**
 - Clementswood, Loxford and Mayfield – Loxford Park and South Park
- **AREA 7:**
 - Cranbrook, Newbury and Valentines – Valentines Ilford Cricket Club, Valentines Park, Seven Kings, Ford Sports Ground and Frenford Club.

3.82. The tables below identify the number of cricket pitches in each sub area in 2015 (Current) that provide secured community use, unsecured community use and pitches that could be brought back into use.

Table 3.32: Sub Area 1 Cricket Pitches that Provide Current (2015) Secured Community Use, Unsecured Community Use and Pitches that could be brought back into use

SUB AREA 1	CRICKET SQUARES	GRASS PITCHES	NON TURF PITCHES
Current number of pitches in secured community use	2	21	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use or provide cricket pitches	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	2	21	0

Table 3.33: Sub Area 2 Cricket Pitches that Provide Secured Community Use, Unsecured Community Use and Pitches that could be brought back into use

SUB AREA 2	CRICKET SQUARES	GRASS PITCHES	NON TURF PITCHES
Current number of pitches in secured community use	5	55	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	2	8	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use or provide cricket pitches	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	7	63	0

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Table 3.34: Sub Area 3 Cricket Pitches that Provide Current (2015) Secured Community Use, Unsecured Community Use and Pitches that could be brought back into use

SUB AREA 3	CRICKET SQUARES	GRASS PITCHES	NON TURF PITCHES
Current number of pitches in secured community use	21	207	3
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use or provide cricket pitches	2	30	0
TOTAL PITCHES	23	237	3

Table 3.35: Sub Area 4 Cricket Pitches that Provide Current (2015) Secured Community Use, Unsecured Community Use and Pitches that could be brought back into use

SUB AREA 4	CRICKET SQUARES	GRASS PITCHES	NON TURF PITCHES
Current number of pitches in secured community use	2	23	0
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use or provide cricket pitches	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	2	23	0

Table 3.36: Sub Area 5 Cricket Pitches that Provide Current (2015) Secured Community Use, Unsecured Community Use and Pitches that could be brought back into use

SUB AREA 5	CRICKET SQUARES	GRASS PITCHES	NON TURF PITCHES
Current number of pitches in secured community use	2	10	1
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought use into play or provide cricket pitches	2	10	0
TOTAL PITCHES	4	20	1

Table 3.37: Sub Area 6 Cricket Pitches that Provide Current (2015) Secured Community Use, Unsecured Community Use and Pitches that could be brought back into use

SUB AREA 6	GRASS SQUARES	GRASS PITCHES	NON TURF PITCHES
Current number of pitches in secured community use	1	6	1
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use or provide cricket pitches	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	1	6	1

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Table 3.38: Sub Area 7 Cricket Pitches that Provide Current (2015) Secured Community Use, Unsecured Community Use and Pitches that could be brought back into use

SUB AREA 7	GRASS SQUARES	GRASS PITCHES	NON TURF PITCHES
Current number of pitches in secured community use	10	89	2
Current number of pitches in unsecured community use	0	0	0
Pitches that could be brought back into use or provide cricket pitches	0	0	0
TOTAL PITCHES	10	89	2

3.83. Sub Area 3 has the most cricket squares and cricket pitches all of which are in secured community use.

3.84. Sub Area 7 has the second highest concentration of squares and pitches followed by Sub Area 2. Sub Area 3 has land that could provide 2 additional cricket squares and Sub Area 5 has 2 squares that could be brought into use in the future.

OTHER CRICKET FACILITIES – THESE ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE

3.85. There are a number of sites, mainly school facilities across Redbridge which do not offer, or are unavailable for Community Use.

Table 3.39: Sites not currently (2015) offering or currently unavailable for community use

SITE	GRASS PITCHES	NON TURF PITCHES
Barley Lane – No clubs or teams identified	0	1
Bancroft School Sports Grounds – No clubs or teams identified	10	1
Bancroft School – No clubs or teams identified	12	
Churchfield Junior School – No clubs or teams identified		1
Fairlop Primary School – No clubs or teams identified		1
Ilford County High School - No clubs or teams identified		1
Kearley and Tonge - No clubs or teams identified		1
Mayfield School - No clubs or teams identified		1
Oaks Park High School - No clubs or teams identified		1
St Aubyns School No clubs or teams identified		1
Valentine High School - No clubs or teams identified		1
Knox Field - No clubs or teams identified		1

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CRICKET PITCH QUALITY

3.86. The quality of cricket pitches across Redbridge has been assessed by site visits and user consultation to come to an agreed rating with the English Cricket Board NGB of either:

- **Good and Standard - 5 games can be played per pitch per season; and**
- **Poor - 3 games can be played per pitch per season.**

3.87. Quality of pitches determines the capacity or number of times a pitch can be played.

3.88. The non-technical site assessments have been used along with club perceptions of the quality of the pitches.

SPORTS CLUB PERCEPTION OF QUALITY

- **Dog fouling is a major problem on playing pitch grounds that have public use or right of way and some sites have suffered from vandalism in the past;**
- **Flooding issues with pitches that are on a flood plain causing concern to clubs;**
- **Access to changing rooms and toilets are not available at some sites although they are provided on site. There are few changing rooms that provide for women and girls. Some pavilions require refurbishment;**
- **Some changing rooms are too small;**
- **Insufficient car parking at some sites;**
- **There are issues regarding height of fencing at 2 cricket grounds;**
- **There are some sites that require shelter near to the cricket pitches when there is inclement weather;**
- **There is a need for nets and cages at some sites;**
- **Council Cricket pitches are considered to be poor quality due to inadequate maintenance regimes;**
- **Footballers do not respect cricket squares at some sites;**

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- **Clubs perceive they do not receive value for money when hiring Council pitches;**
- **Some clubs have issues around lease payments being high; and**
- **The non-turf pitch at Ilford CC is of a poor quality.**

3.89. The majority of clubs responding rated the pitches that they played on as ‘good’ or standard’, the exception being the Council cricket pitches. This is due to the quality of maintenance.

3.90. Maintaining pitch quality is the most important aspect of cricket. If the pitch is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and can, in some instances, become dangerous.

3.91. To obtain a full technical assessment of wicket and pitches, the ECB recommends a Performance Quality Standard Assessment (PQS). The PQS looks at a cricket square to ascertain whether the pitch meets the Performance Quality Standards which are benchmarked by the Institute of Groundsmanship. The report identifies surface issues and suggests options for remediation together with likely costs.

PLAYING PITCH CAPACITY

3.92. Capacity analysis for cricket is measured on a seasonal rather than weekly basis. This is due to playability (i.e., only one match is generally played per pitch per day at weekends or weekday evening). The exception to this is Oakfield’s Cricket Club where a junior team plays on a Sunday morning and then an adult team plays on a Sunday afternoon. Pitches are rotated throughout the season to reduce wear and allow repair. Therefore, it is more accurate to assess capacity seasonally rather than weekly. The capacity of a pitch to accommodate matches is driven by the number and quality of pitches.

3.93. The quality assessment of pitches assists with the identification of how many games a pitch can be played on per cricket season. This then informs us of the playing capacity of each cricket pitch. The tables below show the current playing capacity per season for each site by Sub Area.

SUB AREA 1

Table 3.40: Sub Area 1 Cricket Pitch Capacity (2015)

SUB AREA 1 - SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015
Nutter Lane	30	-1	0	-1
Overton Drive	85	-11	0	-11
TOTALS	115	-12	0	-12

3.94. Both Nutter Lane and Overton Drive were over played during the 2015 cricket season. Nutter Lane by 1 game and Overton Drive by 11 games.

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SUB AREA 2

Table 3.41: Sub Area 2 Cricket Pitch Capacity (2015)

SUB AREA 2 - SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015
South Woodford	135	0	49	49
Whitbread Sports Ground	40	-11		-11
Woodford Green	45	-3		-3
Woodford Wells	95	-45		-45
TOTALS	315	-59	49	-10

- 3.95. South Woodford cricket pitches were underplayed by 49 games. Whitbread's over played by 11 games. Woodford Green over played by 3 games and Woodford Wells over played by 45 games.

SUB AREA 3

Table 3.42: Sub Area 3 Cricket Pitch Capacity (2015)

SUB AREA 3 – SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015
Barkingside Recreation Ground	54	0	4	4
Fairlop Oak Playing Field	150	0	28	28
London Marathon Trust	70	0	32	32
Hainault Recreation Ground Grass Squares	300	0	195	195
Hainault Recreation Ground Non turf pitches	180	0	42	42
Jack Carter Sports Ground (Oakfield)	105	0	0	0
Oakfield's (Oakfield)	120	0	0	0
TOTALS	799	0	259	301

- 3.96. With the exception of Jack Carter and Oakfield's Cricket Club who neither over played nor under played their cricket pitches, all other sites in Sub Area 3 were underplayed.

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- 3.97. There could be situations where a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play. This should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular training sessions, or to protect the quality of the site. Hainault Recreation Ground is an exception to the above statement on the basis that it has 10 squares and has been rated poor quality, capable of only providing 3 games per pitch during the season.
- 3.98. If the quality of the 10 cricket squares was raised to good and provided 5 games per pitch, then the seasonal capacity would be 500 games per season on this site. Hainault Recreation Ground could accommodate additional play in the future.
- 3.99. Hainault Recreation Ground has 3 non turf pitches. These pitches are used for Last Man Stands. LB Redbridge has the most teams playing Last Man Stands in London. The non-turf pitches were used for 138 games in the 2015 cricket season and this is expected to grow in the coming season as Last Man Stands becomes more popular.

SUB AREA 4

Table 3.43: Sub Area 4 Cricket Pitch Capacity (2015)

SUB AREA 4 - SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015
Clayhall Park	69	0	17	17
TOTALS	69	0	17	1

- 3.100. Clayhall Park cricket facility has been rated poor quality, capable of providing only 3 games per pitch per season. If the quality of the 2 cricket squares was raised to good and provided 5 games per pitch then the seasonal capacity would be 115 games per season on this site. Clayhall Park could accommodate additional play in the future.

SUB AREA 5

Table 3.44: Sub Area 5 Cricket Pitch Capacity (2015)

SUB AREA 5 - SITE	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015
Goodmayes Park	30	0	1	1
TOTALS	30	0	1	1

- 3.101. Goodmayes Park cricket facility has been rated poor quality, capable of providing only 3 games per pitch per season. If the quality of the cricket square was raised to good and provided 5 games per pitch then the seasonal capacity would be 50 games per season on this site. Clayhall Park could accommodate additional play in the future.

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SUB AREA 6

Table 3.45: Sub Area 6 Cricket Pitch Capacity (2015)

SUB AREA 6 – SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015
South Park	18	0	0	18
Loxford - Non Turf Pitch	60	0	0	0
TOTALS	18	0	0	18

- 3.102. South Park cricket facility has been rated poor quality, capable of providing only 3 games per pitch per season. . If the quality of the cricket square was raised to good and provided 5 games per pitch then the seasonal capacity would be 30 games per season on this site. South Park currently has no identified usage and could accommodate additional play in the future.
- 3.103. Loxford has a new non turf pitch and will provide for Last Man Stands mid-week cricket in the future.

SUB AREA 7

Table 3.46: Sub Area 7 Cricket Pitch Capacity (2015)

SUB AREA 7 - SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015
Ilford CC	50	0	6	6
Valentines Community	27	-3	0	-3
Ford Sports and Social Club	150	0	60	60
Frenford - The Drive	110	0	91	91
Seven Kings Park	54	0	20	20
TOTALS	391	-3	177	83

- 3.104. The only cricket pitch that was over played in Sub Area 7 is Valentines Park community pitch by 3 games. Valentines Park community pitch and Seven Kings cricket pitches are all rated as poor quality, capable of playing 3 games per pitch per season if the quality was raised to 5 games per season then the capacity at Valentines Park would be 45 games and Seven Kings would be 90 games.

CRICKET DEMAND CURRENT

- 3.105. Cricket clubs across Redbridge generally have several senior and junior teams at different age groups. Demand for competitive cricket is strong in Redbridge with a total of 169 teams with peak time usage for seniors being on a Saturday Afternoon. Sunday afternoons are also peak time for the South Asian Community cricket teams.

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3.106. Hainault and Clayhall Cricket Club has the most teams 10 adult and 8 junior teams and currently play over 3 sites. Woodford Wells Cricket Club has 7 adult, 8 junior boys and 2 junior girls' teams. Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club has 7 adult, 5 boys and 2 junior girls' teams. Oakfield's Cricket club has 8 adult teams and 4 junior teams.

3.107. There is a good level of junior participation in Redbridge with only currently the South Asian Cricket Clubs not fielding any junior teams.

3.108. Latent demand has been identified by the South Asian Cricket Leagues where clubs wish to introduce junior cricket teams to play cricket on Sunday afternoons.

3.109. In addition, the following latent demand has been identified:

- **Oakfield's Cricket Club - 1 women's team and 1 junior team**
- **Iford Cricket Club – 3 adult teams.**

3.110. There are a number of clubs who use other grounds than their home grounds on Saturdays for their 3rd, 4th and 5th teams

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW OR IMPROVED SITES

3.111. There are opportunities to improve playing capacity at Council cricket pitches by improving the quality of the pitches through an adequate maintenance regime.

3.112. One site Goodmayes Park Extension has an opportunity to provide 2 additional cricket squares. A second site at Forest Road Playing Fields may be able to provide 2 cricket squares.

ANCILLARY FACILITIES

3.113. There are a number of clubs which would like to see improved ancillary facilities. These include:

- **South Woodford Cricket Club – 2 of the 3 changing rooms are too small;**
- **Overton Drive Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club;**
- **Barkingside Recreation Ground;**
- **There is no provision of toilet or changing facilities for the Eliot Davis League at Fairlop Oak;**

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- **Hainault Recreation Ground was refurbished 3 years ago but it isn't welcoming; and**
- **London Marathon Trust – Clubs would like to see a refurbishment of the changing rooms.**

3.114. Practice nets and cage are required at:

- **Woodford Green Cricket Club;**
- **Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club; and**
- **Barkingside Recreation Ground.**

3.115. The raising of fencing to stop cricket balls from leaving the grounds are required at:

- **Frenford Club; and**
- **Nutter Lane.**

FUTURE DEMAND

3.116. While it is essential to ensure that provision is adequate to meet current demand, this strategy must also facilitate planning to meet future demand. The tables below identify the requirements for cricket pitches 2015 – 2030.

3.117. The tables below take into account the current 2015 surplus and deficiency, latent demand, team equivalents, and future population growth using team generation rates. This indicates that there will be a surplus of 15 adult pitches and a deficit of 38 junior pitches, 9 v 9 pitches, mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches and 5 v 5 mini soccer pitches.

3.118. Sub Area 1 table below shows an over play of 35 games on grass pitches in 2030. If you divide this by 5 it provides the number of pitches required which is 7.

Table 3.47: Cricket Sub Area 1 – Current Capacity (2015) and Future Capacity (2030)

SUB AREA 1 - SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015	LATENT DEMAND	POPULATION PROJECTIONS	CAPACITY 2030
Nutter Lane	30	-1	0	-1	0		
Overton Drive	85	-11	0	-11	0		
TOTALS	115	-12	0	-12	0	23	-35

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3.119. Sub Area 2 table shows over play of 76 games on grass pitches in 2030. If you divide this by 5 it provides the number of pitches required which are 15 pitches when rounded down.

Table 3.48: Cricket Sub Area 2 – Current Capacity (2015) and Future Capacity (2030)

SUB AREA 2 - SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015	LATENT DEMAND	POPULATION PROJECTIONS	CAPACITY 2030
South Woodford	135	0	49	49	0		
Whitbread Sports Ground	40	-11		-11	0		
Woodford Green	45	-3		-3	0		
Woodford Wells	95	-45		-45	0		
TOTALS	315	-59	49	-10	0	66	-76

3.120. Sub Area 3 table below shows an under play of 124 games on grass pitches in 2030. If you divide this by 5 it provides the number of pitches that this equates to which is 24 pitches when rounded down. The supply is mainly due to the number of cricket pitches at Hainault Recreation Ground. If you were to raise the quality of the 10 squares at Hainault Recreation Ground to 5 you would have a capacity of 500 games per season an increase in 200 games. By dividing by 5 at Hainault this is saying that the quality of the pitches has been raised from 3 games per pitch to 5 games per pitch.

Table 3.49: Cricket Sub Area 3 – Current Capacity (2015) and Future Capacity (2030)

SUB AREA 3 - SITES	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY END OF 2015	LATENT DEMAND	POPULATION PROJECTIONS	CAPACITY 2030
Barkingside Recreation Ground	54	0	4	4	0		
Fairlop Oak Playing Field	150	0	28	28	0		
London Marathon Trust	70	0	32	32	0		
Hainault Recreation Ground	300	0	195	195	0		
Jack Carter Sports Ground (Oakfield)	105	0	0	0	0		
Oakfield's (Oakfield)	120	0	0	0	23		
TOTALS	799	0	259	259	23	112	124

3.121. Sub Area 4 table below shows an under play of 17 games on grass pitches in 2030. If you divide this by 5 it provides the number of pitches that this equates to which is 3 pitches when rounded down.

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Table 3.50: Cricket Sub Area 4 – Current Capacity (2015) and Future Capacity (2030)

SUB AREA 4 - SITE	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY AFTER SEASON 2015	LATENT DEMAND	POPULATION PROJECTIONS	CAPACITY 2030
Clayhall Park	69	0	17	17	0	0	
TOTALS	69	0	17	17	0	0	17

3.122. Sub Area 5 table below shows an under play of 1 game on grass pitches in 2030. Goodmayes Park will be being played to its capacity in 2030.

Table 3.51: Cricket Sub Area 5 – Current Capacity (2015) and Future Capacity (2030)

SUB AREA 5 - SITE	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY AFTER SEASON 2015	LATENT DEMAND	POPULATION PROJECTIONS	CAPACITY 2030
Goodmayes Park	30	0	1	1	0	0	
TOTALS	30	0	1	1	0	0	1

3.123. Sub Area 6 table below shows an under play of 18 games on grass pitches in 2030. This is worked on the basis of 3 games per pitch. If quality was to be raised capacity would rise to 5 games per pitch this would provide for 30 games in 2030. This equals 6 pitches.

Table 3.52: Cricket Sub Area 6 – Current Capacity (2015) and Future Capacity (2030)

SUB AREA 6 - SITE	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY AFTER SEASON 2015	LATENT DEMAND	POPULATION PROJECTIONS	CAPACITY 2030
South Park	18	0	0	18	0	0	
TOTALS	18	0	0	18	0	0	18

3.124. Sub Area 7 table below shows an under play of 73 games on grass pitches in 2030. Seven Kings Park cricket quality is based on 3 games per pitch. If this quality was raised to 5 games per pitch this would allow for a capacity of 90 games to be played at Seven Kings. This would raise the sub area total to 143 games. This is equal to 28 pitches.

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Table 3.53: Cricket Sub Area 7 – Current Capacity (2015) and Future Capacity (2030)

SUB AREA 7 - SITE	CAPACITY CURRENT	OVER PLAY	UNDER PLAY	CAPACITY AFTER SEASON 2015	LATENT DEMAND	POPULATION PROJECTIONS	CAPACITY 2030
Ilford CC	50	0	6	6	-39		
Valentines Community	27	-3	0	-3	0		
Ford Sports Ground	150	0	60	60	-26		
Frenford - The Drive	110	0	91	91	0		
Seven Kings Park	54	0	20	20	0		
TOTALS	391	-3	177	174	-65	36	73

3.125. There is sufficient capacity across Redbridge in 2030 as long as maintenance improves across all Council sites. There is a projected under play of 233 games and over play of 111. This leaves an under play of 122 games. In addition to this there is an opportunity to raise the quality at Hainault Recreation Ground by another 200 games and Seven Kings Park by 36 games per season. In addition, there are additional squares that could be brought into use at Goodmayes Park Extension and Forest Road.

KEY ISSUES

3.126. The future demand identifies that there will be sufficient cricket pitches in 2030 as long as the Council's current cricket sites improve in quality to provide 5 games per pitch per season. In this instance there is not a requirement in the future for additional sites for cricket. However, when considering the upsurge in South Asian Cricket and the demand that will be created by introducing junior teams, there will be a need to ensure that there are sufficient cricket squares allocated for the future, and these will be placed at Goodmayes Park Extension and Forest Road Playing Fields.

3.127. The development of junior cricket fluctuates from year to year. The clubs offer junior training but the number of actual teams fluctuates. The number of non-turf wickets to enable junior teams to train and play matches without impacting on the main cricket strips. Most games are played Sunday mornings and or mid-week.

3.128. There is a need to address the quality issues of Council sites e.g. Hainault Recreation Ground, Barkingside Recreation Ground, Goodmayes Park, Clayhall Park, South Park, Valentines Park and Seven Kings Park. Oakfield's Cricket Club will require a third square in the future. This could be provided at Hainault Recreation Ground if the quality of squares at Hainault Recreation Ground were improved in quality.

KEY PRIORITIES

3.129. Strategically the following priorities need to be put in place within the Action Plan:

- 1. Protection of all secured and unsecured community use and education cricket pitches across Redbridge, including Goodmayes Park Extension and Whitbread Sports Ground**
- 2. Improve pitch quality and ancillary provision by:**
 - Seeking to improve pavilion and changing accommodation at South Woodford Cricket Club, Overton Drive Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club, Barkingside Recreation Ground; open up toilet and changing provision at Fairlop Oak for the Eliot Davis League; improve the welcome at Hainault Recreation Ground; and seek to refurbish London Marathon Trust changing rooms.
 - Work with the ECB, Essex Cricket Board and the South Asian Cricket Leagues and Clubs to improve the maintenance of all Council cricket facilities, bringing them up to a good standard enabling 5 games per pitch per season.
- 3. The Local Authority to work with the Essex Cricket Board and Redbridge Cricket Clubs so that the implication of this strategy and action plans can be implemented; ensuring that there are clear routes of communication; and all decisions are taken with a full understanding of needs and aspirations.**
- 4. The Local Authority with the ECB and Essex Cricket Board to support clubs applying for funding and planning, particularly with clubs that can demonstrate long term development plans, have achieved the appropriate accreditations and provide player and sports development pathways.**
- 5. LB Redbridge to undertake a feasibility study to identify whether Forest Road could be used as a possible future site for cricket clubs at Oakfield should Oakfield be redeveloped. In addition, undertake a feasibility study to replace pitches at Ford Sports Ground should Ford Sports Ground be allocated as an opportunity site in the Local Plan.**
- 6. Where possible identify appropriate sources of funding (match funding) to develop new playing pitch facilities and bring exiting facilities up to the required ECB and Sport England Guidance Standards for playing pitches and changing accommodation.**

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RUGBY UNION

SUPPLY

- 3.130. The audit of Rugby Union pitches in Redbridge identifies that there are 4 club sites with 8 non floodlit senior pitches, 3 floodlit senior pitches and 1.5 training areas. All the club sites provide for secure community use.
- 3.131. Rugby is played in three of the seven sub areas across Redbridge. Sub Area 2 has the most rugby pitches 5 senior pitches non-floodlit, 1 senior pitch floodlit and a smaller sized floodlit training pitch. Sub Area 1 has 2 senior pitches non-floodlit, 1 adult floodlit pitch and 1 small size floodlit training pitch. Sub Area 3 has 1 senior pitch non-floodlit and 1 floodlit senior pitch and a smaller size floodlit training area.
- 3.132. There are other pitches provided on Education sites. The education site that provides rugby pitches across LB Redbridge for school use only is:
- 3.133. Bancrofts School (2 senior pitches on school main site at Monkams Ward and 2 junior pitches at the School Playing Fields at Bridge Ward - both sites are in Sub Area: 2). The school runs 7 teams on Saturdays and mid-week. The pitches have been quality assessed and meet the following ratings: 2 pitches scored 'M2/D3' while the other 2 scored 'M2/D1'.
- 3.134. The current RFU recommendations for mini and youth pitches are:
- **Under 7: 20m x 12m + 5m IGA (in-goal area)**
 - **Under 8: 45m x 22m + 5m IGA**
 - **Under 9: 60m x 30m + 5m IGA**
 - **Under 10: 60m x 35m + 5m IGA**
 - **Under 11/Under 12: 60 x 35m + 5m IGA**
 - **Under 13 Girls: 60m x 35M + 5m IGA**

OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT OF RUGBY PITCHES

- 3.135. There is one site, Wanstead Rugby Club which is owned by the London Borough of Redbridge but is leased to the club for 60 years. The remaining 3 rugby club sites are in the ownership of the clubs.

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DEMAND

3.136. The audit of demand for this assessment has been undertaken using the Spreadsheet information provided by the RFU.

3.137. The Playing Pitch assessment has identified that there are currently 4 rugby clubs playing rugby union within LB Redbridge and these clubs provide 41 teams. There are:

- **13 men's adult teams**
- **0 Ladies Team**
- **20 junior teams**
- **21 mini/midi teams**

3.138. The clubs playing rugby across LB Redbridge are shown by Area in the tables below. Table 3.54 shows the number of clubs and teams in Sub Area 1.

Table 3.54: Current (2015) clubs and teams in LB Redbridge Sub Area 1

CLUB	SUB AREA 1 – LB REDBRIDGE	ADULT TEAMS		JUNIOR TEAMS	MINI / MIDI TEAMS	TOTALS
		SENIOR MEN	SENIOR WOMEN			
New wilderness Eton Manor RFC		5	0	10	4	19
TOTAL		5	0	10	4	19

3.139. Sub Area 1 currently provides for the following teams: 5 senior men, 10 junior and 4 mini/midi teams.

3.140. The table below shows the number of clubs and teams in Sub Area 2.

Table 3.55: Current (2015) clubs and teams in LB Redbridge Sub Area 2

CLUB	SUB AREA 2 – LB REDBRIDGE	ADULT TEAMS		JUNIOR TEAMS	MINI/MIDI TEAMS	TOTALS
		SENIOR MEN	SENIOR WOMEN			
Bancroft RFC		2	0	2	6	10
Wantstead RFC		3	0	7	6	16
TOTAL		5	0	9	12	26

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3.141. Sub Area 2 currently provides for the following teams: 5 senior men, 9 junior and 12 mini/midi teams.

3.142. The table below shows the number of clubs and teams in Sub Area 3.

Table 3.56: Current (2015) clubs and teams in LB Redbridge Sub Area 3

CLUB	SUB AREA 3– LB REDBRIDGE	ADULT TEAMS		JUNIOR TEAMS	MINI/MIDI TEAMS	TOTALS
		SENIOR MEN	SENIOR WOMEN			
Ilford Wanderers RFC		3	0	2	4	9
TOTAL		3	0	2	4	9

3.143. Sub Area 3 currently provides for the following teams: 3 senior men, 2 junior and 4 mini/midi team.

DISPLACED DEMAND

3.144. Displaced demand is where LB Redbridge teams are making use of pitches outside of the area. There are no known clubs accessing pitches outside of the LB Redbridge Area. There are some large clubs on the Redbridge borders such as Woodford RFC in Waltham Forest (18 teams).

LATENT DEMAND

3.145. The following clubs have identified that they would like to increase teams in the future:

- **Sub Area 1 - New Wilderness Eton Manor RFC – 1 additional junior girls’ team.**
 - Pitch equivalents = 0.5 training equivalents and 0.5 game equivalents = 0.5 pitch equivalent per week if training is held on training pitch
- **Sub Area 2 - Bancroft RFC – 1 additional adult team, and U13, U14 and U15 additional junior teams.**
 - Pitch equivalents adults and juniors = 2 training equivalents and 2 game equivalents = 1 pitch equivalent per week.
 - Wanstead RFC – would like to increase mini teams by 2 new mini/midi teams. Pitch equivalents Adults and juniors = 2 training equivalents and 2 game equivalents = 1 pitch equivalent per week.
 - Pitch equivalents mini and midi = 2 x 0.25 training equivalents= 0.5 and 2 x 0.25 games equivalents = 0.5 = 1 pitch equivalent per week.
- **Sub Area 3 - Ilford Wanderers RFC – no identified increase**

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QUALITY OF PROVISION

3.146. The following table identifies the RFU guidelines for quality and capacity that have been used across Rugby Pitches in LB Redbridge. Quality has been decided by undertaking a visual non-technical assessment, consultation with the clubs and the RFU. The numbers in the table identify the number of games that can be played per pitch per week.

Table 3.57: RFU Guidelines Quality and Capacity

		MAINTENANCE		
		POOR (M0)	STANDARD (M1)	GOOD (M2)
DRAINAGE	Natural Inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
	Natural Adequate (D1)	1.5	2	3
	Pipe Drained (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
	Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	2	3	3.5

3.147. The site analysis identifies that when team equivalent games are added for training and touch rugby then all sites become overplayed. It must be noted that pitches with floodlights are training pitches and are the work horse of the club, therefore very heavily used. These pitches will become over played before other pitches as the season progresses.

3.148. New Wilderness Eton Manor – currently overplay their pitches on match days to the equivalent of requiring 1 senior pitch. This could be addressed through improvements in pitches to provide additional match day capacity.

3.149. Bancroft Rugby Club – currently overplay their pitch on match days to the equivalent of requiring 0.25 of a senior pitch. This could be addressed through improvements in pitches to provide additional match day capacity, or by re-designating some football pitches on site as rugby pitches, particularly for mini and midi rugby.

3.150. Wanstead Rugby Club – currently underplay their pitches on match days to the equivalent of 5.5 games 2.25 pitch equivalents

3.151. Ilford Wanderers Rugby Club – currently underplay their pitches on match days by 0.5 games per week 0.25 pitch equivalents.

ANCILLARY FACILITIES

3.152. Clubs have identified their needs for now and in the future these are:

- **New Wilderness Eton Manor - There is a modern club house. The club have recently refurbished their kitchen but would like to provide an additional bar in the loft.**

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- **Bancroft Rugby Club –are to undertake changing room improvements to provide mixed sex facilities and improved disability access will be addressed over the next two years. The priority is to provide a new roof on the pavilion as it is believed to be asbestos that is broken. The RFU are considering a Sport England Inspired Facility Grant in conjunction with the club.**
- **Wanstead Rugby Club – are to consider improved security measures to stop break-ins and vandalism.**

- 3.153. There are issues of capacity for match equivalents at 2 sites when matches are considered these are New Wilderness Eton Manor and Bancroft Rugby Club. The capacity to provide for training and matches would be improved if drainage was improved, in addition to improving the 'quality' of the pitch. Investment is needed to increase the number of floodlights that clubs have. If the amount of floodlights can be increased this will improve the quality of player experience, spread the load between pitches and enable further growth due to increased options for match and training play.
- 3.154. Wanstead Rugby Club lease their facilities and pitches from the London Borough of Redbridge and have concerns regarding the sustainability of this arrangement, due to the rising cost of the lease.

FUTURE PLAYING PITCH (RUGBY) DEMAND – POPULATION GROWTH

- 3.155. While it is essential to ensure that provision is adequate to meet current demand, this strategy must also facilitate planning to meet future demand. The table below identifies the requirements for rugby pitches 2015 – 2030 for population demand using team generation rates. The table below takes into account the current 2015 surplus and deficiency, latent and sports development demand, exported club demand, team equivalents, and future population growth using team generation rates.
- 3.156. The team generation rates project an additional need for 3.5 match equivalent pitches for 2030.

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Table 3.58: Team Generation Rates to identify future pitch requirements through population growth to 2030 (Source: ONS Subnational Population Projections 2012)

SPORT AND AGE GROUPS	NUMBER OF TEAMS IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA	CURRENT POPULATION IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA	FUTURE POPULATION IN AGE GROUP WITHIN THE AREA	CURRENT TGR	POPULATION CHANGE IN AGE GROUP	POTENTIAL CHANGE IN TEAM NUMBERS IN AGE GROUP
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	13	59560	68800	4254.29	9240	2
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	0	60640	70860	0	10220	0
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	11	11480	15560	1043.64	4080	4
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)	0	10640	14160	0	3520	0
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	17	24720	29760	1454.12	5040	4

3.157. The table below shows the overall requirements for 2030 and identifies an additional match day equivalent need for 6.25 pitches.

Table 3.59: Requirements for Rugby Pitches 2014 - 2030

REQUIREMENTS FOR RUGBY PITCHES 2014 – 2029	PITCH EQUIVALENTS
Current (2015) surplus and deficiency – displaced demand and protect all current pitches	+1.25
Latent and sports development demand - additional pitch requirements	-3.5
Future population growth and proposed population growth - additional pitch requirements	-4
FUTURE DEFICIENCY 2030	-6.25

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES TO ADDRESS

3.158. The key issues to address are:

- **Future playing pitch demand for senior adult, junior and mini and midi pitches 6.25 pitches (this can be addressed through improvement in capacity);**
- **Improvements need to be made to drainage and maintenance of existing pitches and improvements to changing facilities and club houses;**
- **Improvements to drainage will improve playing and training capacity;**
- **Ensure clubs have access to high quality floodlit pitches to facilitate training and match play mid-week throughout the season; and**
- **Wanstead Rugby Club to discuss its lease arrangements with the LB Redbridge.**

KEY PRIORITIES

3.159. Strategically the following priorities need to be put in place within the Action Plan:

- 1 Protection of all community use and education use rugby pitches across Redbridge;**
- 2 Ensure all teams are playing on the right size pitches;**
- 3 Improve pitch quality and ancillary provision by:**
 - Over time address the drainage issues for all clubs to assist with current capacity issues
 - Ensure over time that all clubs have two floodlit pitches
 - Address the quality issues that clubs have with ancillary facilities such as changing rooms and club houses.
- 4 Work with the RFU to support clubs applying for funding, planning and leases where clubs are able to demonstrate long term development plans and have achieved the appropriate accreditations, and where they provide player and sports development pathways; and**
- 5 Where possible identify appropriate sources of funding (match funding) to develop new playing pitch facilities and bring existing facilities up to the required RFU and Sport England Guidance Standards for playing pitches, clubhouse and changing accommodation.**

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HOCKEY

SUPPLY

3.160. The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) available across Redbridge for Hockey. The standard across the area has proved adequate however all three AGPs have recently been refurbished but will require carpets to be replaced after 10 years. The expected timescales are: Ashton Playing Fields AGP to be replaced in 2025 and both Redbridge Sports Centre AGPs to be replaced in 2023.

Table 3.60: Sites with Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) that provide community use and suitable for Hockey use (2015)

SITE NAME	SAND FILLED /SAND DRESSED	OWNERSHIP	AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY USE	SIZE (M2)	FLOODLIT	AGE OF PLAYING SURFACE	CONDITION (QUALITY SCORE)
Ashton Playing Fields	Sand dressed	Owned by LBR	Available for community use and used	110x70	Yes	Built 1985 Refurbished 2015	83 - Good
Redbridge Sports & Leisure	Sand dressed	Owned by LBR	Available for community use and used	110x70	Yes	Built 1998 – Refurbished 2013	85 - Good
Redbridge Sports & Leisure	Sand dressed	Owned by LBR	Available for community use and used	110x70	Yes	Built 1998 – Refurbished 2013	85 - Good

3.161. All three pitches are in secured community use and are all in the ownership of the London Borough of Redbridge.

DEMAND

3.162. In total, two clubs play competitive hockey in LB Redbridge – Crostyx Hockey Club, and Redbridge and Ilford Hockey Club.

3.163. The two clubs field a total of 26 teams. There are:

- **9 men’s adult teams;**
- **7 ladies teams;**
- **1 mixed team; and**
- **9 Badger teams.**

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MATCHES AND TRAINING

- 3.164. The Playing Pitch Strategy uses an assumption that 4 matches are played per Saturday on artificial turf pitches and 4 matches on a Sunday.
- 3.165. The majority of matches currently take place on a Saturday. The junior and mixed hockey teams play on a Sunday. Peak time for competitive hockey matches is currently on a Saturday. Across LB Redbridge there is a requirement for 8 match slots on a Saturday and 5.5 match slots on a Sunday.
- 3.166. Crostyx Hockey Club Match Play and Training – The men’s 1st and women’s 1st teams play matches on Saturdays at Lee Valley Hockey and tennis Centre and the remainder of the teams play at Ashton Playing Field AGP. The juniors and mixed team play on a Sunday.
- 3.167. Crostyx adults train on Tuesday evenings at Ashton Playing Fields 7.30pm – 9.30pm and fitness training takes place on Thursday evenings at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre 8.15pm and finishes at 9.30pm.
- 3.168. Crostyx Minis (Under 8, Under 10, Under 12) sessions are held every Saturday morning during the hockey season between 8.45am and 10.30am. These sessions are for children aged 6 – 12 years old. Under 10 and Under 12 sessions are held every Wednesday evening during the hockey season between 6.45pm and 8.30pm. These sessions are for children aged 8 – 12 years.
- 3.169. Redbridge and Ilford Hockey Club – The men’s and women’s teams play matches on Saturdays at Redbridge Leisure Centre. The adults train at Redbridge Leisure Centre on Wednesday evenings 8.00pm. Junior and youth teams train from 6.00pm –7.00pm and 7.00pm – 8.00pm on Wednesdays and the club organises back to hockey on Wednesdays 7.00pm - 8.00pm.
- 3.170. The current capacity is shown in the table below. There are currently sufficient match slots and training slots for Hockey in Redbridge. Ashton Playing Fields includes Crostyx Hockey Clubs Men’s and Women’s 1st teams in the calculations in case they were to lose their match slots at Lee Valley Tennis and Hockey Centre

AGP CAPACITY ANALYSIS – CURRENT

Table 3.61: AGP Capacity Analysis – Current (2015)

SITE NAME	SUPPLY (MATCH SLOTS)			DEMAND (MATCH SLOTS REQUIRED – FOR TRAINING AND MATCHES)			BALANCE (MATCH SLOTS)		
	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Redbridge Sports and Leisure	40	8	8	4	4.5	2	36	3**	6
Ashton Playing Fields	20	4	4	4	3.5*	3	16	0**	1

*This includes Crostyx Men’s 1st Team and Ladies 1st Team currently playing at Lee Valley

** Takes into consideration that 0.5 of a match slot is not useable as a match slot

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JACS AND JDCS

3.171. Junior Development Centres (JDCs) are local training centres for the Under 13 to Under 17 age groups. JDCs are open to any hockey player who has been nominated by their club, school or coach. Players are selected to attend JACs from JDCs. Junior Development Centres (JDCs) are local training centres for the Under 13 to Under 17 age groups. JDCs are open to any hockey player who has been nominated by their club, school or coach. Players are selected to attend JACs from JDCs. The Redbridge Leisure Centre pitches are used for JDC and JAC training.

DISPLACED DEMAND

3.172. Displaced demand is where Redbridge hockey teams access the use of pitches outside of the area. Crostyx Men's and Women's 1st teams use the Lee Valley Tennis and Hockey Centre. There is time for the teams to use Ashton Playing Fields if they wished to.

LATENT DEMAND AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT DEMAND

3.173. Latent demand is identified demand which is not yet expressed, and therefore is not yet being met. Redbridge and Ilford Hockey Club have stated they would like to develop 2 additional junior teams. This will require 1 additional match slot on a Sunday.

FUTURE POPULATION PROJECTIONS

3.174. As well as growth through latent demand and sports development, the assessment has looked at population growth to 2030. Team Generation rates up to 2030 identify 4 additional adult teams and 3 additional junior teams. This would require an additional 2 match slots on a Saturday and 1.5 match slots on a Sunday.

3.175. This would take the total match slots required in 2030 to 11 and leave 1 match slot available at the peak time of play. This indicates that there is no additional demand for AGPs for hockey up to 2030.

Table 3.62: Future (2030) Projected AGP Capacity - Hockey

REDBRIDGE HOCKEY	CURRENT BALANCE (MATCH SLOTS)			ADDITIONAL DEMAND (MATCH SLOTS REQUIRED – FOR TRAINING AND MATCHES) INCLUDING LATENT DEMAND AND POPULATION PROJECTIONS			FUTURE BALANCE (MATCH SLOTS) INCLUDING LATENT DEMAND AND POPULATION PROJECTIONS		
	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	WEEKDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Redbridge Sports and Leisure & Ashton Playing Fields	52	3*	7	2	2	2.5	48	1*	4.5

*This includes Crostyx Men's 1st Team and Ladies 1st Team currently playing at Lee Valley

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3.176. Strategically the following priorities need to be put in place within the Action Plan for Hockey:

- 1. Protection of all community use artificial hockey pitches across LB Redbridge;**
- 2. Ensure hockey continues to have primary use for mid-week training and match slots at weekends when required;**
- 3. Ensure that plans are in place to maintain AGP quality in the long term across all Redbridge Hockey AGPs and that sink funds are in place to replace carpets and refurbish pitches;**
- 4. Encourage the ongoing development of school and Hockey Club links; and**
- 5. Work with England Hockey to promote Back to Hockey and Rush Hockey to increase participation.**

SCENARIO

Implication of options as set out in LB Redbridge in the “Preferred Options Extension – Alternative Development Strategies” (December 2014) to allocate playing field sites (Oakfield Playing Field and Ford Sports and Social Ground) in Sub Area 3 and Sub Area 7 for development.

The LB Redbridge Investment Area Strategy identified investment areas in Barkingside, where Oakfield is located and the Crossrail Corridor where the Ford Sports Ground is located.

In response to a large number of objections to the Oakfield proposals the Council decided a further study should be undertaken to determine what alternative strategies might be available while still delivering the ambitions of the Local Plan.

The Options taken forward for consultation that directly impact on the Playing Pitch Strategy are:

- Strategy 1 – Proceed with the original option – Develop Oakfield; and**
- Strategy 2 – Find a different site capable of accommodating additional large scale development – land surrounding King George and Goodmayes Hospitals and Ford Sports Ground.**

The scenarios below deal with the possible future development of Oakfield and Ford Sports Ground. Any other development solutions with regards to new housing in LB Redbridge that will require new playing pitches will require the use of a facility calculator to provide information on playing pitch provision required for a specific site or area. This will enable the identification of playing pitches required that are accessible for resident populations provided by new housing.

Future strategy should also take into consideration the fact that there is no longer a need to replace all football pitches with grass pitches. 3G rubber crumb facilities are required in Sub Area 3 (Oakfield) and Sub Area 7 (Ford Sports Ground).

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OAKFIELD – OAKFIELD’S CRICKET CLUB AND PARKONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Oakfield is a site that has been divided by areas being leased from the Council – Oakfield’s Cricket Club and Parkonians Football Club have a lease from the London Borough of Redbridge for one part of the Oakfield playing fields and a separate lease for the club house/pavilion.

The playing pitches (both cricket and football) are of a high quality and provide significant capacity in terms of use. The playing pitches are hired to other football and cricket clubs outside the peak time of use by Oakfield’s Cricket Club and Parkonians Football Club.

The Cricket Club cricket pitches are at capacity at peak times of use by the club itself; and the club will be actively seeking additional cricket pitches for its own additional teams in the coming cricket seasons.

The football and cricket club cannot seek funding from grants organisations due to the uncertainty of possible future development of the clubs’ current facilities, and there may also be an impact on membership growth, with prospective new members deciding to join other clubs that are more stable.

If Oakfield is to be developed in the future, there will be a requirement to replace the existing facilities with the same or better quality facilities for use by the existing clubs and teams.

The requirements currently and those for the future are identified in the table below. The “future requirements” identify the facilities required as replacement playing pitches for Oakfield’s Cricket Club and Parkonians Football Club, as identified through the Playing Pitch analysis and consultation.

Table 3.63: Oakfield’s CC and Parkonians FC Current (2015) and Future (2030) Playing Pitch Requirements to replace Current Facilities

CURRENT PITCH REQUIREMENTS		FUTURE PITCH REQUIREMENTS	
Adult Football	5 pitches - quality rating ‘Good’.	Adult Football	6 pitches required at peak time Saturday PM. Quality rating ‘Good’.
Junior 11 v 11	1 pitch – quality rating ‘Good’.	Junior 11 v 11	2 pitches providing for 5 games per week. Quality rating ‘Good’.
Mini Soccer 7 v 7	1 pitch – quality rating ‘Good’.	Mini Soccer 7 v 7	1 pitch providing for 4 games per week. Quality rating ‘Good’.
Mini Soccer 5 v 5	1 pitch – quality rating ‘Good’.	Mini Soccer 5 v 5	1 pitch providing for 4 games per week. Quality rating ‘Good’.
Cricket	2 squares (24 pitches) – quality rating ‘Good’.	Cricket Adult	3 squares (36 pitches). Quality rating ‘Good’.
Ancillary Facilities	8 changing rooms – separate male and female. 1 officials changing with shower & toilet. Bar & kitchen provision in clubhouse – quality rating ‘standard’.	Ancillary Facilities	10 changing rooms- separate male and female. 2 officials changing with shower and toilet, bar and kitchen in clubhouse – quality rating ‘Good’.

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OAKFIELD – JACK CARTER

The Jack Carter Pavilion and playing pitches at Oakfield are currently leased to the Frenford Club. The Frenford Club has moved to The Drive in Sub Area 7 and currently hires the playing pitches at the Jack Carter at Oakfield to other clubs.

Frenford Cricket Club were still using the Jack Carter facility in the 2015 season, along with Hainault & Clayhall Cricket Club and Eithad Cricket Club. East London Cricket Club, Oaks Park School and East London Boys School use the cricket facilities when they require a second square. Old Bealonians Football Club hires the football pitches.

If Oakfield is to be developed in the future, there will be a requirement to provide replacement facilities with the same or better quality facilities for use by the existing clubs and teams.

It is understood that the Frenford Cricket Club will use its new facilities at The Drive, once issues over fencing etc. have been resolved. It is also understood that Hainault & Clayhall Cricket Club will use the Frenford Club cricket facilities in the future. Other cricket clubs will be able to use the cricket facilities at The Drive or other cricket facilities along Forest Road, e.g. Hainault Recreation Ground. If the clubs do not move to the Frenford Club at The Drive, there will be a requirement to provide 2 cricket squares (21 pitches) and a 3 strip practice net facility.

Old Bealonians FC will require playing pitch facilities with changing and clubhouse facilities in the future. The table below identifies the requirements for Old Bealonians FC, should Oakfield be re-developed.

Table 3.64: Pitch Requirements for Old Bealonians should Oakfield be Re-Developed

CURRENT PITCH REQUIREMENTS (2015)		FUTURE PITCH REQUIREMENTS (2030)	
Adult Football	4 pitches - quality rating 'Standard'. Overplay of junior 1 v 11 games on adult pitches.	Adult Football	6 pitches required at peak time Saturday PM. Quality rating 'Good'.
Junior 11 v 11	0	Junior 11 v 11	2 pitches – quality rating 'Good'.
Junior 9 v 9	1 pitch – quality rating 'Good'.	Junior 9 v 9	2 pitches – quality rating 'Good'
Mini Soccer 7 v 7	2 pitch – quality rating 'Good'.	Mini Soccer 7 v 7	2 pitches – quality rating 'Good'
Mini Soccer 5 v 5		Mini Soccer 5 v 5	2 pitches – quality rating 'Good'
Ancillary Facilities	8 changing rooms plus 1 officials changing room, bar and kitchen provision	Ancillary Facilities	12 changing rooms plus 2 officials changing room, bar and kitchen provision

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SUITABLE LOCATION – OAKFIELD’S CRICKET CLUB, PARKONIANS FC AND OLD BEALONIANS

Any new facilities would be required to be reasonably accessible to current users and members of the existing clubs and teams.

The most suitable location for new facilities would be in Sub Area 3. New facilities if possible would be required as near to Forest Road as possible to ensure ease of access for existing club and team members, and provision of public transport. However, it has to be recognised that it may not be feasible to provide all future playing pitch facilities required within Sub Area 3. It may be possible to relocate some playing pitches to other playing field provision in Sub Area 7.

The only current sites that could cater for the required amount of football pitches and cricket pitches is Forest Road Playing Fields and Hainault Recreation Ground. There are lapsed football pitches on both these sites. Forest Road Playing Fields could possibly cater for 2 of the required cricket squares and other existing upgraded cricket pitches could be used at Hainault Recreation Ground.

An alternative site could possibly be in Sub Area 7 – Cranbrook Primary School Playing Fields, adjacent to the Frenford Club – The Drive (PLA).

In addition to the above the FA is keen to provide a minimum of 2 Third Generation rubber crumb artificial grass pitches at Hainault Recreation Ground/Forest Road or possibly Redbridge Sports Centre. The provision of these pitches would release grass junior 9 v 9, mini soccer 7 v 7 and mini soccer 5 v 5 for other pitch use.

FORD SPORTS GROUND

The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified that there are possible other alternative reconfigurations of pitches that may accommodate the current and future playing pitch requirements for the Ford Sports Ground.

A feasibility study would be required to look at using Seven Kings Park playing pitch facilities e.g. 3 senior football pitches currently unused and 3 cricket squares, 2 of which are not used during the cricket season; also at land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern part of the Ford Sports Ground; and any other suitable sites. The feasibility study would need to consider the provision of 2 x 3G rubber crumb pitches and the current and future requirements of the existing teams. The provision of 2x3G rubber crumb pitches would reduce the requirement for grass 9 v 9 junior pitches, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 mini soccer pitches.

Table 3.65: Current (2015) and Future (2030) Pitch Requirements Ford Sports Ground

CURRENT PITCH REQUIREMENTS		FUTURE PITCH REQUIREMENTS	
Adult Football	7 pitches - quality rating 'Standard'.	Adult Football	6 pitches required at peak time Saturday PM. Quality rating 'Good'.
Junior 11 v 11	1 pitch quality rating 'Good'	Junior 11 v 11	2 pitches – quality rating 'Good'.
Junior 9 v 9	0	Junior 9 v 9	0

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CURRENT PITCH REQUIREMENTS		FUTURE PITCH REQUIREMENTS	
Mini Soccer 7 v 7	4 pitches – quality rating ‘Standard’, used as a central venue league site.	Mini Soccer 7 v 7 and Mini Soccer 5 v 5	Provide 2 3G rubber crumb pitches to provide for 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 central venue pitches
Mini Soccer 5 v 5	2 pitches – quality rating ‘Standard’, used as a central venue league site.		As Above
Cricket	3 Squares (30 pitches). 1 non turf pitch	Cricket	3 Squares (30 pitches) 1 non turf pitch
Ancillary Facilities		Ancillary Facilities	12 changing rooms plus 2 officials changing room, bar and kitchen provision

KEY PRIORITIES

A decision will need to be taken as to the future of the Jack Carter site now that the Frenford Club have moved to The Drive. The Local Authority needs to resolve any outstanding issues with the Frenford Club and provide playing facilities for the remaining clubs on the Jack Carter site possibly through a lease in the foreseeable future, whilst undertaking consultation as to possible alternative sites for these clubs to play if it is decided that Oakfield should be re-developed in the long term.

The playing pitches at Oakfield are of higher quality than pitches elsewhere in the Borough. However, if Oakfield was to be re-developed, a feasibility study would need to be undertaken to identify whether replacement pitches and ancillary facilities could be provided at Forest Road and Hainault Recreation Ground, to include 3G rubber crumb facilities. The feasibility study would need to have full consultation with stakeholders and the NGBs.

Should Oakfield be re-developed, then it may be reasonable to allow mitigating provision of suitable alternative replacement provision elsewhere. The feasibility study should, as a minimum, ensure that the football and cricket pitches are retained or replaced elsewhere by equivalent or better facilities in terms of quantity and quality, in a suitable location.

A feasibility study should be undertaken to identify the land requirements for the future needs of Ford Sports Ground. The feasibility study needs to consider 2 3G rubber crumb pitches and the land at Seven Kings Park (3 cricket squares), at land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern part of Ford Sports ground, and any other suitable sites, to ascertain the required land mass for pitches and ancillary facilities.

4. STRATEGY FRAMEWORK AND ACTION PLAN FOR FUTURE DELIVERY OF PLAYING PITCH PROVISION

4.1 The strategy framework will focus on the following three principles:

- **PROTECT:** The strategy seeks to make sure that the right amount of playing pitches and ancillary facilities of the right quality are in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision and recognises the benefits of multi pitch sites.
- **ENHANCE:** Key partners such as LB Redbridge, Vision, local schools, Private and Voluntary Sports Clubs, and NGBs must work together to maximise the full potential of playing pitch assets and the long term sustainability of these assets and recognizes that an improvement in quality and ongoing maintenance can have an impact on the capacity of use.
- **PROVIDE:** In times of public sector austerity, investment needs to be directed at sites which will provide the best impact and highest increase in participation. It is the policy of LB Redbridge to support projects and sports clubs that are able to demonstrate sustainable long term development; to increase participation; and to support those clubs that have achieved the appropriate accreditations e.g. Clubmark and or Charter Standard and which provide player and sports development pathways.

PRIORITY SPORT SPECIFIC ACTIONS

4.2 The Football, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey Individual Sport Specific issues are shown in the table below.

Table 4.1: Priority Sport Specific Actions

	PROTECT	ENHANCE	PROVIDE
FOOTBALL	<p>All football pitches in the Borough should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.</p> <p>Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure to secure their long term future.</p> <p>Ensure Community Use Agreements are in place with Education Establishments providing cricket pitches and non-turf pitches for community use.</p>	<p>The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing football pitches to meet current and future needs of clubs.</p> <p>Particular emphasis on increasing the quality of pitches rated as “poor” through installation of drainage plus improvement of maintenance and access to floodlit all-weather training and competitive facilities.</p> <p>Improve the standard of non-playing pitch facilities including access, car parking and the quality of changing rooms to provide segregated changing for male and females.</p> <p>Work with junior football clubs that meet the Council’s and NGBs’ priorities and support clubs to achieve Charter Standard accreditation as a minimum kite mark standard for the Council to provide future support and funding, and support those clubs that wish to achieve community or development clubs.</p> <p>Support development of junior clubs through the management and improvement of facilities, and ensure security of tenure of playing facilities for junior clubs either through leasing or community asset transfers so clubs can become sustainable in the future.</p> <p>Ensure Community Use Agreements are in place with Education Establishments providing football pitches and artificial grass pitches for community use</p>	<p>Re configured football pitches and new football and 3G rubber crumb pitches commensurate to new population provided by housing development in line with the strategic need for facilities in Sub Area 1, 3 and 7. Not all football pitches need to be replaced with grass. Junior and mini soccer pitches can use 3G rubber crumb.</p> <p>Particular emphasis on dedicated youth and mini pitch provision across Sub Area 1, 3 and 7.</p> <p>Delivery of an additional 6 full size 3G AGPs cross LB Redbridge providing:</p> <p>2 in Sub Area 1 linked to a multi pitch site. 2 in Sub Area 3 linked to a multi pitch site. 2 In Sub Area 7 linked to a multi pitch site.</p>
CRICKET	<p>All cricket pitches in the Borough should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.</p> <p>Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure to secure the long term future of the club.</p> <p>Ensure Community Use Agreements are in place with Education Establishments providing cricket pitches and non-turf pitches for community use.</p>	<p>The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing cricket pitches to be enhanced to meet current and future needs of clubs.</p>	<p>New cricket pitch provision commensurate with new population growth, to be provided in conjunction with housing development in line with the strategic need for facilities in the Sub Areas.</p> <p>Appropriate facilities to meet the needs of local cricket clubs</p>
RUGBY	<p>All rugby pitches in the Borough should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.</p>	<p>The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing rugby pitches to be enhanced to meet current and future needs of clubs. Particular emphasis on installing drainage and access to floodlit training facilities.</p>	<p>New drainage, floodlights and or changing provision commensurate with new population growth, to be provided in conjunction with new housing development in line with the strategic need for facilities in that location.</p>
HOCKEY	<p>All hockey suitable sand-based AGPs in the Borough should be protected, in particular Redbridge Leisure Centre and Ashton Playing Fields.</p> <p>Prioritise peak time match slots and training slots for hockey use.</p> <p>Ensure Community Use Agreements are in place with Education Establishments providing hockey – sand based - artificial grass pitches for community use.</p>	<p>The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing sand-based AGPs in the Borough should be enhanced.</p> <p>There should be particular emphasis on ensuring sink funds are in place for sand based AGPs at Redbridge Leisure Centre and Ashton Playing Fields.</p>	

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ACTION PLAN

- 4.3 The tables below identify the general policy recommendations, Playing Pitch Strategy development recommendations, and general actions which are followed by the sub area site by site action plan.
- 4.4 The actions are given priorities and relevant potential delivery partners are highlighted. By being highlighted as a potential delivery partner, partners are not obligated to fund or facilitate the action but they should be involved in the project.
- 4.5 The action plans are given a priority:
- **PRIORITY 1:** Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the Playing Pitch Strategy)
 - **PRIORITY 2:** Delivered within 6 years
 - **PRIORITY 3:** No specific date – In many instances the action is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not necessarily an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 4.6 It is important that the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering group keep this Strategy alive. This will be achieved by:
- **Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions.**
 - **Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock.**
 - **Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends.**
- 4.7 The on-going monitoring of the strategy will be led by LB Redbridge Council and will be linked to the Playing Pitch Strategy Group. A memorandum of understanding will be put in place to take the Strategy Group forward. The Strategy will be updated every 3 years.
- 4.8 The table below provides general policy recommendations and Playing Pitch Strategy Development recommendations.

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Table 4.2: Planning Policy and Playing Pitch Strategy Development

GENERAL, PLANNING & PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	ACTION
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANNING	<p>Agree the following Actions for the Local Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Local Plan Planning Policy, which is in accordance with the NPPF, which seeks to protect playing pitches unless 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. • Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to CIL or a Section 106 Agreement. Where developer contributions are applicable a Section 106 Agreement must be completed specifying the amount and timing of sums to be paid. • The Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule should include projects for investment in playing pitch facility provision and maintenance for sites. • The Playing Pitch Strategy has considered the implication of options as set out in the LB Redbridge in the “Preferred Options Extension – Alternative Development Strategies” (December 2014) to allocate playing field sites (Oakfield Playing Field and Ford Sports Ground) in Sub Area 3 and Sub Area 7 for development. Feasibility studies should be undertaken to identify whether the existing provision of clubs using Oakfield (Sub Area 3) along with new 3G Pitch facilities and ancillary facilities can be accommodated at sites including Hainault Recreation Ground, Forest Road Playing Fields and Cranbrook School. A further feasibility study should identify whether the existing provision of clubs using Ford Sports Ground, along with new 3G pitch facilities and ancillary facilities can be accommodated at sites including Seven Kings Park, and land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern edge of the Ford Sports Ground. • The Playing Pitch Strategy identifies a need, based on its analysis, to retain all current existing playing field provision. However, the Playing Pitch Strategy also identifies a need to improve the quality of the playing field provision and supporting facilities as well as identifying a need for 3G pitch provision which might enable site operators to run facilities more sustainably. The feasibility studies above would identify whether improved quality facilities and the identified need for 3G pitch provision could be provided. • There are three specific locations where the Football Association is interested in carrying out further feasibility work to consider providing specific ‘football hubs’. These are Wanstead Flats, Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road Playing Fields and thirdly playing field sites such as Seven Kings Park, and land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern edge of Ford Sports Ground.
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	<p>LB Redbridge will work in partnership with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Association Investment and Facilities manager and Essex Football Association, London Football Association and the Amateur Football Association; • English Cricket Board Facilities and Investment Manager and Essex Cricket; • Rugby Football Union Investment and Facilities Manager; • England Hockey Relationship Manager for London; and • Sport England. <p>Short Term Action By April 2016:</p> <p>LB Redbridge will continue working with the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group. The Steering Group will monitor and review the PPS and site action plans on a six monthly basis.</p> <p>Short Term Action April 2016 - Long Term Action April 2018: The action plan from the PPS should be implemented by LB Redbridge with the assistance of the Steering Group.</p> <p>It is important that the Playing Pitch Strategy Steering group keep this Strategy alive. This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions. • Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock. • Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop, and monitoring participation of these changes and trends. <p>The on-going monitoring of the strategy will be led by LB Redbridge and will be linked to the Playing Pitch Strategy Group. The Strategy will be updated every 3 years.</p>

GENERAL, PLANNING & PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	ACTION
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where new pitches are provided, changing rooms should be located on site as a minimum for adult use including provision for women and girls; or as a minimum toilet facilities should be provided for junior and mini football use including toilets for women and girls. • Where schools seek planning permission for outdoor playing pitches and/or artificial grass pitches, the planning conditions must stipulate a formal community use agreement is put in place between the School and the Local Authority to provide for community use of the facility. • There are three specific locations where the Football Association are interested in carrying out further feasibility work to consider providing specific 'football hubs'. These are Wanstead Flats, Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road Playing Fields and thirdly playing field sites such as Seven Kings Park and land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern part of Ford Sports Ground.

4.9 General Actions are provided in the table 4.3 below.

Table 4.3: General Actions Football

ACTION PLAN REFERENCE	SITE	PRIORITY SITES/ISSUE	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>G1 SUB AREA 1. FOOTBALL</p>		<p>The playing pitch assessment has identified a surplus of:</p> <p>17 adult football pitches</p> <p>and a deficit of:</p> <p>37 junior 11 v 11 pitches, 57 junior 9 v 9 pitches, 69 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches and 47 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches</p> <p>The identified surplus/deficit in the sub areas is:</p> <p>Sub Area 1:</p> <p>Surplus: 1adult football pitch.</p> <p>Deficit: 20 junior 11 v 11 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit: 40 junior 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit: 16 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit: 12 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.</p>	<p>Sub Area 1 – Work required to reduce the deficit.</p> <p>The FA view Wanstead Flats as one of the three most valuable football sites in Redbridge along with Hainault Recreation Ground and Ford Sports Ground.</p> <p>To negate the deficit of junior, and mini soccer pitches the Football Association would like to consult with the Corporation of the City of London (who own Wanstead Flats), London Borough of Redbridge, and other neighbouring Boroughs with a view to provide a master plan for outdoor sports on Wanstead Flats. The master plan would include re-provision and re location of pitches and ancillary facilities, and if possible 3G rubber crumb provision to assist with sustainability of facilities going forward. It is known that there are covenants that may impact on the provision of 3G rubber crumb provision with floodlights.</p> <p>The current quality of the football pitches across Wanstead Flats is ‘Standard’.</p> <p>Junior 11 v 11</p> <p>Convert the surplus adult pitch into a junior 11 v 11 pitch creating 10 junior pitches. Invest and upgrade the junior pitches to good. These pitches can be played at staggered times for the Central League to play up to 40 games over a weekend.</p> <p>Junior 9 v 9</p> <p>There are currently 6 junior 9 v 9 pitches and by 2030 there will be a requirement for an additional 40 junior 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>If the quality of these pitches was raised to ‘good’ then the FA would recommend that 4 games could be played per pitch per week. This would enable 24 games per week to be played on the current 6 pitches. There would still be a shortfall of 22 games which would require a further 6 grass junior 9 v 9 pitches. The provision of these additional pitches would need to be considered as part of any future master plan.</p> <p>These games could be played at staggered start times on a Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>Mini Soccer 7 v 7</p> <p>There are currently 4 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches and by 2030 there will be a requirement for an additional 16 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches.</p> <p>If the quality of these pitches was raised to ‘good’ then the FA would recommend that 6 games could be played per pitch per week. This would enable 24 games per week to be played on the current 4 pitches. This would cover the required provision of mini soccer 7 v 7 to 2030</p>	<p>1 - 2</p>	<p>Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group</p>

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			<p>Mini Soccer 5 v 5</p> <p>There is currently 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitch and by 2030 there will be a requirement for an additional 12 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitch.</p> <p>If the quality of the existing pitch was raised to 'good' then the FA would recommend that 6 games could be played on the pitch per week. This would enable 6 games per week to be played on the current pitch. There would still be a shortfall of 7 games which would require a further 2 grass mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches. The provision of these additional pitches would need to be considered as part of any future master plan and could be re provided by using the surplus adult football pitch.</p> <p>New Developments and Locations</p> <p>Not all football pitches need to be replaced with grass. Pitch quality improvement is one way to increase the capacity of grass football pitches. This comes at a cost of capital outlay and ongoing maintenance. The use of AGPs should also be considered. A full size AGP can accommodate 4 mini 5 v 5, or 2 x 7 v 7, or 2 x 9 v 9, or 1 junior 11 v 11 per hour.</p> <p>If the use of AGPs are factored in, 1 AGP would cater for all mini soccer 5 v 5 and if 2 AGP pitches were factored in this would cater for the additional 22, 9 v 9 games required in the future.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1282 1058 2439 1663"> <thead> <tr> <th>Time</th> <th>1 AGP - Games per hour</th> <th>2nd AGP – Games per hour</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9.00am – 10.00am</td> <td>4 mini (5v5)</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.00am – 11.00am</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11.00am – 12 noon</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 noon – 1.00pm</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>16 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.00pm – 2.00pm</td> <td>2 Junior (9 v 9)</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.00pm – 3.00pm</td> <td>2 Junior (9 v 9)</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.00pm – 4.00pm</td> <td>2 junior (9 v 9)</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.00pm – 5.00pm</td> <td></td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Games</td> <td>6 junior (9 v 9)</td> <td>16 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Time	1 AGP - Games per hour	2 nd AGP – Games per hour	9.00am – 10.00am	4 mini (5v5)	2 junior 9 v 9	10.00am – 11.00am	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 junior 9 v 9	11.00am – 12 noon	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 junior 9 v 9	12 noon – 1.00pm	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 junior 9 v 9	Total	16 mini (5 v 5)		1.00pm – 2.00pm	2 Junior (9 v 9)	2 junior 9 v 9	2.00pm – 3.00pm	2 Junior (9 v 9)	2 junior 9 v 9	3.00pm – 4.00pm	2 junior (9 v 9)	2 junior 9 v 9	4.00pm – 5.00pm		2 junior 9 v 9	Total Games	6 junior (9 v 9)	16 junior 9 v 9		
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		<p>A surplus of 1 junior 9 v 9 pitch if site was available and provided secure community use.</p> <p>A surplus of 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 if site was available and provided secure community use.</p> <p>Has a surplus of 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 if site was available and provided secure community use.</p>	<p>Whitbread Sports Ground (Unsecured Community Use) This site is an unsecured site. If secured, it could offer the following:</p> <p>2 adult football pitches – ‘standard’ rating 1 junior 9 v 9 – ‘standard’ rating 1 mini soccer 7 v 7 – ‘standard’ rating 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 – ‘standard’ rating</p> <p>There are no known football clubs currently using this site. The site belongs to a school and a community use agreement needs to be put in place to safeguard future community use.</p>		
<p>G3 SUB AREA 3. FOOTBALL</p>		<p>Sub Area 3:</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified:</p> <p>Surplus 5 adult football pitches.</p> <p>Deficit 14 junior 11 v 11 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit 9 junior 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit 19 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit 13 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.</p>	<p>Sub Area 3.</p> <p>Hainault Recreation Ground</p> <p>The FA views this site as one of the three most valuable football sites across Redbridge. The FA would like to discuss development of this site as a hub for football but not to the detriment or loss of cricket pitches at this site.</p> <p>There are currently 6 adult football pitches in use at Hainault Recreation Ground. In the past the site has had 14 adult football pitches. The 8 pitches will in time need to be brought back into use.</p> <p>Forest Road Playing Fields</p> <p>The FA have suggested that Forest Road Playing Fields next to Hainault Recreation Ground could become a more formal Sports ground, providing a football hub. The playing field has provided 7 football pitches in the past. 2 of these pitches will need to be brought back into use to meet the requirements for adult pitches in 2030.</p> <p>The FA have identified the need for a minimum of 2 3G rubber crumb pitches in Sub Area 3 linked to multi pitch sites.</p> <p>The projection is that there will be a surplus of 5 adult pitches in 2030 across sub area 3 and a deficit of 14 junior pitches. The 5 adult pitches can be remarked as junior pitches.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to look at Hainault Recreation Ground in conjunction with Forest Road to reconfigure playing pitches and introduce 2 3G Rubber Crumb pitches.</p> <p>A feasibility study needs to be undertaken to identify the number of grass pitches and 3G pitches that could be provided on this site. The feasibility study should also consider the replacement of pitches at Oakfield on these two sites.</p> <p>2 adult pitches could be relocated from Hainault Recreation ground to Whitbread Sports Ground where there are 2 adult pitches available in Sub Area 2. There would be a requirement for a community use agreement to be put in place at Whitbread Sports Ground. This would free up use of 2 more adult pitches at Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road Recreation Ground, which would in turn allow for remarking of pitches to cater for 7 of the 14 junior pitch deficit</p> <p>The Kearley and Tonge Grounds could accommodate 3 junior 11 v 11 pitches and negate 3 junior pitches from the deficit of 14 junior 11 v 11 pitches in the future. There would need to be a community use agreement put in place.</p>	<p>1 - 2</p>	<p>Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group</p>

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			<p>Should Oakfield be redeveloped, re-provision of playing pitches should be undertaken before redevelopment of Oakfield.</p> <p>The 3G rubber crumb pitches would remove the deficit for junior 9 v 9, mini soccer 7 v 7 and 5 v 5.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1282 491 2445 1045"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>1st AGP - Games per hour Sunday</th> <th>2nd AGP – Games per hour Sunday</th> <th>1st AGP Games Per hour Saturday</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9.00am – 10.00am</td> <td>4 mini (5v5)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.00am – 11.00am</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11.00am – 12 noon</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 noon – 1.00pm</td> <td>1 mini (5 v 5) 1 mini (7 v 7)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> <td>2 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.00pm – 2.00pm</td> <td>2 mini (7 v 7)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> <td>1 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.00pm – 3.00pm</td> <td>2 mini (7 v 7)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.00pm – 4.00pm</td> <td>2 mini (7 v 7)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Games</td> <td>13 mini (5 v 5) 7 mini (7 v 7)</td> <td>12 mini 7 v 7</td> <td>9 junior 9 v 9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Starch House Lane</p> <p>Discussions should be held with Shield Academy to explore a possible move to Goodmayes Park Extension, where clubhouse facilities may be provided in the future, along with the additional pitches that the club requires.</p> <p>If the above is agreed, Starch House Lane could become a 3 junior 11 v 11 pitch facility. If these pitches were provided to a 'good' quality, they would be able to be played 3 times per pitch on a Sunday. This would provide 9 additional match slots. Along with the junior pitches at Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road Playing Fields this would remove the deficit of 14 junior pitches in sub area 3.</p> <p>The use agreement of Starch House Lane needs to be checked to ensure it provides long term security of use.</p>		1st AGP - Games per hour Sunday	2nd AGP – Games per hour Sunday	1st AGP Games Per hour Saturday	9.00am – 10.00am	4 mini (5v5)	2 mini 7 v 7	2 junior 9 v 9	10.00am – 11.00am	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 mini 7 v 7	2 junior 9 v 9	11.00am – 12 noon	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 mini 7 v 7	2 junior 9 v 9	12 noon – 1.00pm	1 mini (5 v 5) 1 mini (7 v 7)	2 mini 7 v 7	2 junior 9 v 9	1.00pm – 2.00pm	2 mini (7 v 7)	2 mini 7 v 7	1 junior 9 v 9	2.00pm – 3.00pm	2 mini (7 v 7)	2 mini 7 v 7		3.00pm – 4.00pm	2 mini (7 v 7)			Total Games	13 mini (5 v 5) 7 mini (7 v 7)	12 mini 7 v 7	9 junior 9 v 9		
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		Deficit 3 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.	In addition, a 5 v 5 mini soccer pitch is required to be marked out at Clayhall Park and be of a 'Good' quality rating.		
G5 SUB AREA 5. FOOTBALL		<p>Sub Area 5:</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified:</p> <p>Surplus 5 adult football pitch.</p> <p>Surplus 2 junior 11 v 11 pitches.</p> <p>Neither a surplus nor deficit 0 junior 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>Neither a surplus nor deficit 0 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches.</p> <p>Neither a surplus nor deficit 0 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.</p>	<p>Sub Area 5 does not currently provide a surplus or a deficit of football pitches for the future.</p> <p>Goodmayes Park Extension offers the possibility to provide a home base for 5 adult football pitches and 2 junior pitches.</p> <p>Mayfield School has a new 3G rubber crumb pitch. The school has submitted a planning application for floodlights. If the planning application is successful and a community use agreement put into place, this would provide a much needed additional training facility and competitive match facility for football and could be used as a Central venue for 7 v 7 and or 5 v 5 in the future.</p> <p>Planning conditions should include a Community Use Agreement and stipulate that the Pitch will be FA registered to allow for competitive play.</p> <p>This facility could also become home to a new 9 v 9 central venue catering for an additional 8 9 v 9 teams that are projected to be generated by 2030. These 8 teams are currently allocated to Sub Area 7.</p> <p>It has been suggested in Sub Area 3 that discussions should be held with Shield Academy to see if they would be interested in a home base at Goodmayes Park Extension.</p> <p>If the discussions were successful there would be a need to provide as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 adult football pitch 1 junior 11 v 11 football pitch 2 junior 9 v 9 pitches 2 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches 1 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitch <p>The above would also allow for a further surplus of 2 adult football pitches to be provided to meet any further deficit or reconfiguration of pitches across Redbridge.</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group
G6. SUB AREA 6. FOOTBALL		<p>Sub Area 6:</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified:</p> <p>Surplus 1.5 but rounded to 1 adult football pitch.</p> <p>Neither a surplus nor deficit 0 junior 11 v 11 pitches.</p> <p>Neither a surplus nor deficit 0 junior 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>Neither a surplus nor deficit 0 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches.</p> <p>Neither a surplus nor deficit 0 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.</p>	<p>There are currently 2 parks that could provide adult football pitches. These are Loxford Park and South Park. 1 adult pitch in each. Neither are currently used. It is suggested that these 2 pitches are kept as reserve pitches for the future.</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group

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G7. SUB AREA 7. FOOTBALL		<p>Sub Area 7:</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified:</p> <p>Surplus 3 adult football pitches.</p> <p>Deficit 6 junior 11 v 11 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit 8 junior 9 v 9 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit 32 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches.</p> <p>Deficit 19 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.</p>	<p>Sub Area 7 is seen by the FA as an area that requires 2 3G rubber crumb pitches.</p> <p>Junior 11 v 11 Football The projected need for an additional 6 junior 11 v 11 football pitches plus the current junior 11 v 11 pitch in Sub Area 7 could be met by providing a community use agreement for the use of Kearley and Tonge Sport Ground.</p> <p>There would need to be investment to improve as a minimum 2 of the 3 current junior pitches at Kearley and Tonge to a 'Good' quality rating.</p> <p>The improvement in quality would lead to an improvement in capacity and would allow 2 of the 3 pitches to be played 4 times a week. Staggered start times on the peak day of play would allow for 8 games covering the 7 games required.</p> <p>The deficit in 9 v 9 pitches could be met as stated above in Sub Area 5 at Mayfield School 3G rubber crumb.</p> <p>Ford Sports Ground and Seven Kings Park Ford Sports Ground is currently well used for football on a Saturday afternoon and is home to a "Central Venue" for mini soccer 7 v 7 - providing for 54 teams on a Sunday - and mini soccer 5 v 5 - providing for 28 teams on a Sunday. Should Ford be redeveloped, the re-provision of playing pitches should be undertaken before redevelopment takes place.</p> <p>The PPS recognises that there is potential for a reconfiguration of pitch space using some of Ford current playing pitch space, Seven Kings Park and land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern end of Ford Sports Ground.</p> <p>The future requirement would be:</p> <p>7 adult football pitches 36 mini soccer 7 v 7 pitches 21 mini soccer 5 v 5 pitches.</p> <p>Seven Kings Park is capable of currently providing 3 adult Football pitches and has no current use.</p> <p>2 full size 3G rubber crumb pitches linked to a multi pitch site would cater for:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1282 1461 2430 1971"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>1 AGP - Games per hour Sunday</th> <th>2nd AGP – Games per hour Sunday</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9.00am – 10.00am</td> <td>4 mini (5v5)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10.00am – 11.00am</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11.00am – 12 noon</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 noon – 1.00pm</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1.00pm – 2.00pm</td> <td>4 mini (5 v 5)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.00pm – 3.00pm</td> <td>1 mini (5 v 5) 1 mini (7 V 7)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.00pm – 4.00pm</td> <td>2 mini (7 v 7)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.00pm – 5.00pm</td> <td>2 mini (7 v 7)</td> <td>2 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Games</td> <td>21 mini (5 v 5) 5 mini (7 v 7)</td> <td>16 mini 7 v 7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		1 AGP - Games per hour Sunday	2 nd AGP – Games per hour Sunday	9.00am – 10.00am	4 mini (5v5)	2 mini 7 v 7	10.00am – 11.00am	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 mini 7 v 7	11.00am – 12 noon	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 mini 7 v 7	12 noon – 1.00pm	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 mini 7 v 7	1.00pm – 2.00pm	4 mini (5 v 5)	2 mini 7 v 7	2.00pm – 3.00pm	1 mini (5 v 5) 1 mini (7 V 7)	2 mini 7 v 7	3.00pm – 4.00pm	2 mini (7 v 7)	2 mini 7 v 7	4.00pm – 5.00pm	2 mini (7 v 7)	2 mini 7 v 7	Total Games	21 mini (5 v 5) 5 mini (7 v 7)	16 mini 7 v 7	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group
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			<p>21 mini soccer 5 v 5 games 21 mini soccer 7 v 7 games</p> <p>The grass pitch additional requirement to meet the current and future requirements for football at Ford/Seven Kings would be:</p> <p>4 adult pitches 'Good' quality rating 3 mini soccer 'Good' quality rating providing capacity for 18 games with staggered start times on peak day of play.</p> <p>A feasibility study would be required to understand this in more detail and provide the best reconfiguration of pitches possible to see if it meets the future requirements for this sub area.</p> <p>Frenford Club – The Drive and Cranbrook Primary School The Frenford Club has 2 5 v 5 rubber crumb pitches that are FA registered but are not suitable for competition as they do not provide the required run offs.</p> <p>There is land currently next to the Frenford Club in the ownership of Cranbrook Primary School. The land is the school's playing fields. If this land was to be available for community use as the school has modern changing facilities for team sports. This unused playing pitch space could possibly provide re location of Bealonians FC if required to relocate from Oakfield in the future.</p> <p>Bealonians FC requirements would be:</p> <p>6 adult pitches 4 junior pitches 4 9 v 9 pitches 5 7 v 7 pitches 4 5 v 5 pitches</p> <p>Agreement would need to be made with the Cranbrook Primary School for use of Playing Fields and existing changing rooms. In addition, agreement would need to be reached with the Frenford Club for use of the Frenford Club existing clubhouse and possibly Frenford football pitches.</p> <p>A feasibility study would be required for this to be understood in more detail should Ford Sports Ground be redeveloped re-provision of playing pitches should be undertaken before the redevelopment of Ford Sports Ground.</p>		

Table 4.4: General Actions Cricket

ACTION PLAN REFERENCE	SITE	PRIORITY SITES/ISSUE	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY
G8 SUB AREA 1. CRICKET		<p>Sub Area 1: Cricket</p> <p>The playing pitch assessment has identified:</p> <p>there is overplay of approximately 12 games per season currently across the two sites in Sub Area 1: Overton Drive and Nutter Lane. This deficit is projected to increase by 2030 to 35 games. Both these sites offer secured community use.</p>	<p>Sub Area 1: Cricket</p> <p>Work required to reduce the deficit.</p> <p>Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club already use 3 sites Overton Drive, Nutter Lane and Fairlop Oak in Sub Area 3.</p> <p>Fairlop Oak is meeting its current capacity, with a number of cricket clubs across Redbridge using the facility on a Saturday to fulfil their clubs 3rd and 4th team fixtures.</p> <p>The addition of a non-turf pitch at Nutter Lane Sub Area 1 will help with a mixture of junior games being played on non-turf and grass pitches to assist in reducing the over play of the two sites.</p> <p>An improvement in the quality of the cricket pitches at Hainault Recreation Ground to a suitable quality would enable the 35 games to be played at this facility in the future.</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group
G9 SUB AREA 2. CRICKET		<p>Sub Area 2: Cricket</p> <p>The playing pitch assessment has identified:</p> <p>There are 4 sites in Sub Area 2. 3 sites with secured community use and 1 site with unsecured community use.</p> <p>Across all sites in Sub Area 2 there is overplay of 10 games a season this is expected to increase to 76 games per season when population projections are considered.</p>	<p>S</p> <p>ub Area 2: Cricket</p> <p>Whitbread Sports Ground (Unsecured Community Use)</p> <p>This site needs a community use agreement to be put in place to safeguard community use in the future.</p> <p>The two squares, both providing 4 pitches, could be expanded to provide an additional 2 pitches and a further 20 games a season. This will not however, cater for peak time play on a Saturday. The squares at Whitbread Sports Ground are already in use throughout the season on a Saturday.</p> <p>A square at Hainault Recreation Ground that has improvement work undertaken to provide 'good' quality could cater for club cricket 5th and 6th teams on a Saturday and provide an additional 26 games per season on a Saturday afternoon. 3 squares at Hainault Recreation Ground would need to be provided to this quality by 2030 in order to meet the needs of Sub Area 2.</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group
G10 SUB AREA 3. CRICKET		<p>Sub Area 3: Cricket</p> <p>The playing pitch assessment has identified:</p> <p>There are six cricket sites in Sub Area 3. All sites offer secured community use.</p> <p>2 sites are at their maximum game play capacity. These 2 sites are both at Oakfield – Oakfield's Cricket Club and the Jack Carter cricket facilities.</p> <p>The site with the highest under play that the Local Authority has control over is Hainault Recreation Ground 10 cricket squares with 10 pitches on each square. The site is currently under played by 195 games per season. This facility has poor quality pitches.</p>	<p>Sub Area 3: Cricket</p> <p>It has already been mentioned in the Action Plan reference above G8 and G9 that Hainault Recreation Ground facilities are required to undergo improvements to be able to provide sufficient quality facilities for teams based in Sub Area 1 and Sub Area 2.</p> <p>Teams from Sub Area 1 would require use of 35 games per season. These games would equate to 26 per season on one square on a Saturday. Sub Area 1 will require the use of at least 2 quality squares on a Saturday in the future.</p> <p>Sub Area 2 will need a further 3 squares on a Saturday at peak time.</p> <p>Sub Area 7 – Ilford Cricket Club have identified that they wish to expand by 3 adult teams. Hainault recreation Ground with improved facilities could provide these facilities on a Saturday.</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group

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		<p>Only 1 team can play on 1 square at any one time – this means that a maximum of 10 teams can play at Hainault on a Saturday and 10 teams on a Sunday.</p> <p>Latent demand has been identified at Oakfield’s Cricket Club for 1 Women’s Team and 1 Junior Team. The Under 11’s currently play some games at Fairlop Oak.</p> <p>Should Oakfield be redeveloped this would mean the loss of Oakfield’s Cricket Club facilities.</p> <p>Oakfield’s Cricket Club facilities are of a very good quality and the club’s infrastructure is excellent. The facilities need to be safeguarded from development unless alternative facilities of the same quality can be provided.</p> <p>Should Oakfield be redeveloped, there would also be a loss of 2 cricket squares at Oakfield at the Jack Carter Pavilion. These 2 squares are currently being used fully by Hainault and Clayhall Cricket Club, the Gujarati League and Frenford Club.</p> <p>2 squares have been provided at the Frenford Club the Drive Ilford. This facility is the Frenford Club replacement for the Jack Carter facility at Oakfield. The 2 squares at the Drive are settling in but other issues have arisen such as the height of the fencing to allow cricket to be played and if the outfield for the 2 squares is sufficient for adult cricket.</p>	<p>The South Asian Cricket community is ever expanding its leagues and is currently looking for quality safe facilities for cricket in LB Redbridge. Hainault Recreation Ground is already used by South Asian leagues that play on a Sunday. The Leagues would utilise the facilities even more if the pitches were improved to a better quality.</p> <p>Meetings between LB Redbridge and the ECB and South Asian Cricket Leagues should be pursued to understand the League’s cricket needs on a regular basis for the future. There will be a particular emphasis on increasing participation in junior cricket from the South Asian cricket clubs on Sundays over the next few years.</p> <p>Hainault Recreation Ground because of its large number of squares is ideal for events such as the Festival of Cricket and the ECB would like to discuss the continuation of events such as this with LB Redbridge to ensure that this type of use can continue with an improvement in quality to the 10 cricket squares and outfields provided.</p> <p>Should Oakfield be redeveloped this would place 2 cricket squares at Oakfield’s Cricket Club at risk and 2 cricket squares at Jack Carter at risk. The projected needs for Oakfield’s Cricket Club will be 3 cricket squares by 2030.</p> <p>It is unclear at this moment in time if the cricket clubs using the Jack Carter Cricket facilities will be using the new Frenford Club facilities. If the clubs do not use the new Frenford Club facilities, there will be a requirement to find alternative provision of the same or improved quality.</p> <p>The 3 squares required for replacement for Oakfield’s Cricket Club would need to be provided alongside the football facilities required by Parkonians FC. Action Plan G3 Football identifies the need for a feasibility study to be undertaken to see if Forest Road could be used as a replacement for the loss of football facilities at Oakfield and 3 cricket squares at Oakfield’s Cricket Club.</p> <p>There are 3 possible options for cricket clubs using Jack Carter if development was to take place – possible use of Goodmayes Park extension of 2 new cricket facilities, part of a feasibility study for development of cricket at land on Cranbrook Primary School or issues at the Frenford Club The Drive are resolved and the pitches are playable by adult cricket teams.</p>		
G11 SUB AREA 4: CRICKET		<p>Sub Area 4: Cricket</p> <p>The playing pitch assessment has identified:</p> <p>There is 1 site for cricket in Sub Area 4 – Clayhall Park. It provides secure community use. There are no current or future surplus or deficit issues with this site</p>	<p>Sub Area 4: Cricket</p> <p>None required</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group
G12 SUB AREA 5: CRICKET		<p>Sub Area 5: Cricket</p> <p>The playing pitch assessment has identified:</p> <p>There is 1 site for cricket in Sub Area 5 – Goodmayes Park. It provides secure community use.</p> <p>There are no current or future surplus or deficit issues with this site</p> <p>There is a possibility that Goodmayes Park Extension could provide 2 cricket squares and outfields in the future.</p>	<p>Sub Area: 5 Cricket</p> <p>Discussion should be held with the South Asian Cricket Leagues to identify if they would make use of the possible 2 squares at Goodmayes Park Extension due to the expansion of the South Asian Cricket Leagues and in particular youth and junior teams in the future.</p> <p>Goodmayes Park extension should also be considered as an option as a possible site for the replacement facilities for those cricket clubs currently using the Jack Carter squares if the use of the Frenford Club facilities do not materialise.</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group

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G13. SUB AREA 6. CRICKET		<p>Sub Area 6: Cricket</p> <p>The playing pitch assessment has identified:</p> <p>There is 1 site for cricket in Sub Area 6 – South Park. It provides secure community use.</p> <p>The facility is poor and currently not used.</p>	<p>Sub Area: 6 Cricket</p> <p>South Park is used for unstructured cricket by the community. A non-turf wicket should be pursued for this site to encourage a more structured approach to cricket at this facility.</p> <p>Discussion with the South Asian Cricket Leagues should also be held to discuss the future use of South Park. Improvements will need to be made to provide a good enough playing surface for cricket.</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group
G14. SUB AREA 7. CRICKET		<p>Sub Area 7: Cricket</p> <p>The playing pitch assessment has identified:</p> <p>There are 5 cricket sites in Sub Area 7.</p> <p>Iford Cricket Club Valentines Park – currently played to the grounds capacity at peak times. The club uses other alternative cricket grounds for its lower teams and wishes to provide an additional 3 teams. This would require additional pitches and squares. The facility provides secured community use.</p> <p>Valentines Cricket Facility is currently played to the ground’s capacity, but is of a poor quality at peak times of use Saturday and Sunday. The facility provides secured community use.</p> <p>Seven Kings Park has 3 cricket squares and is not used to capacity. The London Underground Cricket League use the facility for 20 games per season. This equals 1 square per season. The facility provides secured community use.</p> <p>The Frenford Club Cricket facilities are currently underutilised. These are new cricket facilities, however, it is unclear if they will provide cricket facilities for adults in the future or just juniors. The facility provides secured community use.</p> <p>Ford Sports Ground provides 3 squares. 2 squares are currently used on a Saturday and the NCL South Asian League uses the cricket squares on a Sunday with a Sunday League Team. The facility provides secured community use.</p>	<p>Sub Area 7: Cricket</p> <p>Iford Cricket Club 3 additional Saturday teams could be accommodated at Hainault Recreation Ground this would require use of 3 squares on a Saturday.</p> <p>Decisions on the future use of the new Frenford Club Cricket facilities are required. This will then answer what would happen to the clubs that are currently using the Jack Carter cricket squares.</p> <p>G7 above suggests a feasibility study should be undertaken to look at land next to the Frenford Club at Cranbrook School for additional football pitches. Cricket facilities should be included in this feasibility study to see if there is an alternative option for clubs using Jack Carter cricket facilities if development of the site was to take place and the facilities were not of sufficient size or the fencing is too low at the Frenford Club.</p> <p>Ford Sports Ground – If there was to be development of the Ford Sports Ground G7 Football suggests there is a possible solution through relocation of provision of playing pitches.</p> <p>Relocation or re-provision of playing pitches could involve using Seven Kings Park, land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern part of Ford Sports Ground, or another suitable location</p> <p>The current Seven Kings Cricket pitches would need improving to a ‘good’ quality. 3 good quality squares would be able to cater for the current capacity of play at Ford Sports Ground and Seven Kings Park.</p> <p>Cricket should be included in any feasibility study around the re provision of playing pitches in Sub Area 7.</p>	1 - 2	Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group

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Table 4.3: Individual Site Action Plans

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION PLAN	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY
SUB AREA 1 (SNARESBROOK AND WANSTEAD)				
Nutter Lane – Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide	Provision of a non-turf pitch would assist in reducing over play on the current cricket square. Provision of nets would assist the club with additional training facilities.	3	Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club. ECB Essex Cricket
Overton Drive – Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	ECB and Club need to work in partnership to seek funding to improve the pavilion. The existing cage training facility needs replacing along with the surface	3	Wanstead and Snaresbrook Cricket Club. ECB Essex Cricket
	Provide			
Bancroft Rugby Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Rugby Club are to undertake levelling of existing subsidence and maximise rugby pitches for mini and midi and junior reducing football provision as necessary. This will increase capacity for rugby pitches. Football could go to the school site (Old Boys Football). Club are to undertake changing room changes to provide mixed sex facilities and improved disability access will be addressed over the next two years. The club also has a plan to improve the floodlights on the first team pitch. This would improve capacity of play.	1	Bancroft Rugby Club RFU
	Provide	The priority is to provide a new roof on the pavilion. The RFU are considering, in conjunction with the club, an Inspired Facility Grant. Possible future need to find alternative playing pitches for football teams using this site if the rugby club needs to re-designate the current football pitches as rugby pitches.	1	Bancroft Rugby Club RFU
Wanstead Flats (Aldersbrook Road)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	LB Redbridge, the Football Association and ECB to discuss sustainability with the City of London, and neighbouring boroughs Waltham Forest and Newham to look at a possible master plan for the site to ensure sustainability in the future.	3	LB Redbridge City of London Corporation Football Association ECB LB Waltham Forest Newham
	Provide	To provide a feasibility study to reconfigure pitches that will consider the requirements for all typology of pitches for the future and provide 3G rubber crumb pitches.	3	LB Redbridge City of London Corporation Football Association ECB LB Waltham Forest LB Newham
Wanstead Flats (Capel Road)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge

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SUB AREA 1 (SNARES BROOK AND WANSTEAD)				
	Enhance	LB Redbridge, the Football Association, and ECB to discuss sustainability with the City of London, and neighbouring boroughs Waltham Forest and Newham to look at a possible master plan for the site to ensure sustainability in the future.	3	LB Redbridge City of London Corporation Football Association ECB LB Waltham Forest LB Newham
	Provide	To provide a feasibility study to reconfigure pitches that will consider the requirements for all typology of pitches for the future and provide 3G rubber crumb pitches.	3	LB Redbridge City of London Corporation Football Association ECB LB Waltham Forest LB Newham
Wanstead Flats (Harrow Road)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	LB Redbridge, Football Association, ECB to discuss sustainability with City of London, and neighbouring boroughs Waltham Forest and Newham to look at a possible master plan for the site to ensure sustainability in the future.	3	LB Redbridge City of London Corporation Football Association ECB LB Waltham Forest LB Newham
	Provide	To provide a feasibility study to reconfigure pitches that will consider the requirements for all typology of pitches for the future and provide 3G rubber crumb pitches.	3	LB Redbridge City of London Corporation Football Association ECB LB Waltham Forest LB Newham
New Wilderness Eton Manor Rugby Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Rugby Club to continue to work to improve training area to improve capacity of play. The Rugby Club to work to improve its social facilities. Need to enhance the maintenance and drainage of playing pitches to provide additional capacity for match day play and weekday training	3	New Wilderness Eton Manor Rugby Club RFU
	Provide			

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SUB AREA 2 (BRIDGE, CHURCHEND, MONKHAMS AND RODING)				
Woodbridge High School	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. All School 3G rubber crumb pitches must be registered with the FA if they are to be used for any affiliated match games. If not registered the pitch can only be used for training purposes. This includes school affiliated matches.	1 1	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge Woodbridge High School Essex FA
	Enhance	Need to ensure a financial sink fund is in place to replace the 3G carpet in 2017.	1	LB Redbridge
	Provide			
Broadmead Playing Fields (LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Seek to improve drainage issues (site is on a flood plain) no identified teams. Obtain an agronomist report to identify improvements to playing surface and ongoing maintenance requirements.	3	LB Redbridge Essex FA FA
	Provide			
Whitbread Sports Ground (LB Redbridge Education)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. Put in place a community use agreement for secured use in the future.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Obtain an agronomist report to identify improvements to playing surface and ongoing maintenance requirements.	1	LB Redbridge FA ECB
	Provide	Facility could be used to reduce future deficit of pitches projected to 2030 for football and an increase in cricket pitch capacity would help in providing increased cricket pitch capacity.	1	LB Redbridge FA ECB
Ashton Playing Fields (LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. Ensure hockey continues to have primary use for training mid-week and match slots at weekends.	1 1 - 3	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide	Ensure that the AGP Sand filled facility has a sink fund to replace the carpet in 2025.	1	LB Redbridge
South Woodford Cricket Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. The cricket club have issues around sustainability due to costs. There is a need for discussion between South Woodford Cricket Club and LB Redbridge relating to this.	1 1	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge South Woodford Cricket Club ECB
	Enhance	The cricket club will work with the ECB and Essex Cricket Board to improve facilities wherever possible	3	South Woodford Cricket Club ECB Essex Cricket Board
	Provide			

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SUB AREA 2 (BRIDGE, CHURCHEND, MONKHAMS AND RODING)				
Woodford Green Cricket Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide	Cricket club require practise nets and cage	3	Woodford Green Cricket Club ECB Essex Cricket Board
Woodford Wells Cricket Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide			
Wanstead Rugby Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
		The Rugby club have issues around sustainability due to the rent and would like to discuss the rent with LB Redbridge.	1	LB Redbridge Wanstead Rugby Club
	Enhance	Rugby Club to work with the RFU to further upgrade floodlighting to improve capacity for midweek training.	3	Wanstead Rugby Club RFU
	Provide	Rugby Club to provide improved security measures to stop vandalism and burglaries.	3	Wanstead Rugby Club

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SUB AREA 3 (FAIRLOP, FULLWELL AND HAINAULT)				
Barkingside Recreation Ground (LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	LB Redbridge to work with ECB and FA to provide improved quality cricket pitches and football pitches. An agronomist report will be required to identify pitch work improvements.	1	LB Redbridge ECB FA
		LB Redbridge to protect cricket squares in the closed season to avoid unauthorised use The pavilion requires a survey to identify cost of refurbishment.	1	LB Redbridge
	Provide	Requirement for a mobile cricket cage to provide cricket training on site.	3	ECB Essex Cricket Board LB Redbridge
Caterham High School Sports Ground (LB Redbridge Education)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
		All Schools with 3G rubber crumb pitches must be made aware of the fact that the 3G rubber crumb pitches need to be registered with the FA if they are to be used for any affiliated match games. If not registered the pitch can only be used for training purposes. This includes school affiliated matches.	1	LB Redbridge Caterham High School Essex FA
	Enhance			
	Provide	Need to ensure that this facility has a sink fund to replace AGP carpets in 2017.	1	LB Redbridge
Fairlop Oak Playing Fields (London Marathon Trust)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	ECB and Essex Cricket need to discuss with London Marathon Trust an enhancement of the playing experience by providing shelters around the ground particularly furthest from the pavilion.	1	London Marathon Trust ECB Essex Cricket Board
	Provide	ECB and Essex Cricket need to discuss with London Marathon Trust access to the pavilion and toilet provision during the use of the facility for cricket		London Marathon Trust ECB Essex Cricket Board
Forest Road Playing Fields (London Borough Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Identify through an agronomist report the costs of improving the football and cricket facilities to a good standard to meet the needs of playing pitches in the future. Work with the FA and ECB to implement the improvements.	6	LB Redbridge FA ECB
	Provide	This facility requires a feasibility study and an agronomist report as to what pitches can be provided at this site and the works required in conjunction with the adjacent site Hainault Recreation Ground. If the decision is made to allocate Oakfield as an "Opportunity Site" as part of the Local Plan, then this facility with the adjacent Hainault Recreation Ground, needs to be considered as a facility to replace Oakfield. Consideration of 2 3G rubber crumb pitches need to be considered in the Feasibility Study and the development and location of the future football and cricket provision required by those clubs currently playing at Oakfield.	1	LB Redbridge FA ECB Oakfield Clubs

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SUB AREA 3 (FAIRLOP, FULLWELL AND HAINAULT)				
Hainault Recreation Ground	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Identify through an agronomist report the costs of improving the football and cricket facilities to a good standard to meet the needs of playing pitches in the future. Work with the FA and ECB to implement the improvements.	6	LB Redbridge
	Provide	This facility requires a feasibility study and an agronomist report as to what pitches can be provided at this site and the works required in conjunction with the adjacent site Forest Road. If the decision is made to allocate Oakfield as an 'Opportunity Site' as part of the Local Plan then this facility, with the adjacent Forest Road playing fields, needs to be considered as a facility to replace Oakfield. Consideration of 2 3G rubber crumb pitches need to be considered in the Feasibility Study and the development and location of the future football and cricket provision required by those clubs currently playing at Oakfield.	1	LB Redbridge FA ECB Oakfield Clubs
Iford Wanderers Rugby Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide	There is a need for Iford Rugby Club to work with the RFU to improve its pitches for match play capacity and to provide additional floodlighting to improve the clubs mid-week training capacity.	3	Iford Rugby Club RFU
Jack Carter Pavilion (Oakfield)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. If the decision is taken to allocate this site as an 'Opportunity Site' as part of the Local Plan then the existing provision should be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality prior to redevelopment. Any replacement site should likewise be identified in the Local Plan. LB Redbridge to discuss use of the playing pitches with existing clubs to identify use following the Frenford Club relinquishing its lease.	1	LB Redbridge Existing Clubs
	Enhance			
	Provide	There is a need to consider a 3G rubber crumb in close proximity to this facility e.g. Redbridge Leisure Centre, Hainault Recreation Ground/Forest Road Playing Fields. There will be a need to provide alternative cricket and football facilities for existing clubs if the decision is taken to allocate this site as an 'Opportunity Site' as part of the Local Plan.		LB Redbridge FA LB Redbridge Existing Clubs
London Marathon Playing Fields (London Marathon Trust)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	The FA and ECB to discuss with the London Marathon trust improvements to drainage and refurbishment and improvements to changing rooms.	3	London Marathon Trust ECB FA
	Provide			

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SUB AREA 3 (FAIRLOP, FULLWELL AND HAINAULT)				
Oakfield's Cricket Club and Parkonians Football Club	Protect	<p>LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.</p> <p>If the decision is taken to allocate Oakfield as an 'Opportunity Site' as part of the Local Plan then the existing provision should be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality prior to redevelopment. Any replacement site should likewise be identified in the Local Plan.</p> <p>There is a need to review the lease arrangements on this site. Currently there are two leases one for the playing pitches and one for the pavilion/clubhouse. They are not succinct. The pavilion/clubhouse ends before the playing pitch lease.</p> <p>Until a decision is made on development of the site as part of the local plan Oakfield's Cricket Club and Parkonians FC cannot obtain grant funding.</p>	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide	<p>Oakfield's Cricket Club are at capacity for cricket and will require to hire an additional square off site to be able to provide its 5th X1 with a home ground. In addition additional pitches will be required on the existing squares to provide for junior use in the coming seasons. Need to provide an additional cricket square for use.</p> <p>There will be a need to provide alternative provision for the existing clubs using this facility if the decision is taken to develop this site as part of the Local Plan.</p>	1 1	LB Redbridge ECB Oakfield's Cricket Club LB Redbridge Existing Clubs
Starch House Lane Playing Fields (LB Redbridge Education)	Protect	<p>LB Redbridge ensure protection of this site as a playing field.</p> <p>Need to ensure that the existing clubs (Shield Academy) partnership arrangements with the school are robust and provide security.</p>	1 1	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge Shield Academy FA
	Enhance	LB Redbridge and the FA need to work with this club to assist in enhancing its playing pitch and ancillary facilities.	3	LB Redbridge Shield Academy FA
	Provide	If the partnership arrangements with the school fail discuss alternative arrangements with the club to have a sustainable home base e.g. Goodmayes Park extension.	3 - 6	LB Redbridge Shield Academy FA
Redbridge Sports and Leisure Centre	Protect	<p>LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.</p> <p>Ensure hockey use continues as the primary purpose on the 2 AGPS for training mid-week and match slot provision at weekends.</p>	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Identify through an agronomist report the costs of improving the grass football facilities to a good standard to meet the needs of playing pitches in the future. Work with the FA to implement the improvements.	3	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge Sports and Leisure Centre FA
	Provide	<p>Ensure there are sufficient sink funds to replace the carpets in 2023 for both Sand Filled AGPs.</p> <p>Sub Area 3 requires 2 3G rubber crumb pitches. This site should be considered in the feasibility study alongside Hainault Recreation Ground and Forest Road to provide the additional 2 3G rubber crumb pitches alongside the existing 2 sand filled AGPs for hockey.</p>	1	LB Redbridge FA

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SUB AREA 4. (ALDBOROUGH, BARKINGSIDE AND CLAYHALL)				
Oak Park High School (LB Redbridge Education)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
		Ensure a community use agreement is in place	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide			
Oakside Stadium	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide			
Clayhall Park (LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	The ECB and LB Redbridge need to work together to identify the cost of bringing the cricket square up to a higher quality to increase capacity and play.	3	LB Redbridge ECB Essex Cricket Board
		FA and LB Redbridge need to work together to identify the cost of bringing the football pitches up to a good standard to increase capacity and play.	3	FA Essex FA
	Provide			

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SUB AREA 5 (CHADWELL, GOODMAYES AND SEVEN KINGS)				
Mayfield School (LB Redbridge Education)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. (3G Rubber Crumb pitch) All School 3G rubber crumb pitches must be registered with the FA if they are to be used for any affiliated match games. If not registered the pitch can only be used for training purposes. This includes school affiliated matches.	1	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge (Education) Mayfield School FA
	Enhance	There is a planning application for floodlights for the 3G pitch (October 2015). If the planning application is successful Planning Conditions should request a Community Use Agreement to be put in place and that the pitch is registered with the FA.	1	LB Redbridge (Planning)
	Provide			
Goodmayes Park and Goodmayes Park Extension	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	The ECB and LB Redbridge need to work together to identify the cost of bringing the cricket square up to a higher quality to increase capacity and play.	3	LB Redbridge ECB Essex Cricket Board FA Essex FA
		FA and LB Redbridge need to work together to identify the cost of bringing the football pitches up to a good standard to increase capacity and play.	3	
Provide	LB Redbridge to investigate whether Goodmayes Park Extension would be suitable for a youth team to be based at the facility and liaise with the FA on the pitch and clubs suitability to be able to sustain a home base.	3	LB Redbridge FA	
	Goodmayes Park Extension to provide 2 new cricket squares and 5 adult and 2 junior football pitches of good quality in the future to assist with meeting the projected requirements of playing pitches to 2020.	6	LB Redbridge ECB	
	LB Redbridge to hold discussions with the South Asian Cricket community as to the use of the Goodmayes Park Extension site for junior cricket.	3		

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SUB AREA 6 (CLEMENSWOOD, LOXFORD AND MAYFIELD)				
Cricklefield Stadium	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide			
Loxford Park (LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide	The site has a new non turf pitch for cricket and will be promoted as a last man stands site. There is a football pitch that is not currently used but should be kept as a pitch to meet the needs of the future.	1 6	LB Redbridge ECB Essex Cricket Board LB Redbridge
South Park (LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Unstructured use leads to the need to introduce a Non Turf pitch to encourage participation specifically junior development.	1	LB Redbridge
	Provide	This site could provide additional playing pitch space for football and cricket as no teams have been identified as playing here currently. Discussions with the South Asian Cricket Community should be held regarding Cricket.	3	LB Redbridge South Asian Cricket Community ECB Essex Cricket Board

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SUB AREA 7 (CRANBROOK, NEWBURY AND VALENTINES)				
Seven Kings High School (LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. A Community Use Agreement should be put in place for use of the grass football pitches and 3G rubber crumb pitch (non-floodlit). All School 3G rubber crumb pitches must be registered with the FA if they are to be used for any affiliated match games. If not registered the pitch can only be used for training purposes. This includes school affiliated matches.	1 1	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge Seven Kings High School LB Redbridge Seven Kings High School FA
	Enhance	Approach the school to identify if they would be able to apply for floodlighting on the 3G pitch to provide for community use in the future.	1	LB Redbridge
	Provide	Ensure that there is a sink fund in place to replace the carpet after 10 years of use	1	Seven Kings High School
Ford Sports Ground	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. If the decision is taken to allocate this site as an 'Opportunity Site' as part of the Local Plan then the existing provision should be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality prior to redevelopment.	1 3	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge
	Enhance	The ECB and Essex Cricket Board to discuss with Ford Sports Ground the possibility of shelters around the ground for parents and children to take shelter in inclement weather. ECB and Essex Cricket to meet with Fords and discuss the cost of hiring cricket facilities.	1	ECB Essex Cricket Board Ford Sports Ground
	Provide	The PPS recognises that there is potential for a reconfiguration of pitch space using some of Ford Sports Ground current playing pitch space, Seven Kings Park and land located between Seven Kings Park and the southern end of Ford Sports Ground. This would need to be subject to a feasibility study to ensure all pitch needs for the future could be catered for, to include the 2 3G pitches currently provided.	1	LB Redbridge ECB FA
Seven Kings Park (LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Identify through an agronomist report the costs of improving the football and cricket facilities to a good standard to meet the needs of playing pitches in the future. Work with the FA and ECB to implement the improvements.	1	LB Redbridge FA ECB
	Provide	The PPS recognises that there is potential for a reconfiguration of pitch space using some of Fords current playing pitch space, Seven Kings Park and educational land between Seven Kings Park and Ford. This would need to be subject to a feasibility study to ensure all pitch needs for the future could be catered for with 2 3G rubber crumb pitches provided.	1	LB Redbridge FA ECB
Valentines High School (London Borough Redbridge - Education)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. (3G rubber crumb pitch non floodlit) A Community Use Agreement should be put in place for use of the 3G rubber crumb pitch (non-floodlit). All School 3G rubber crumb pitches must be registered with the FA if they are to be used for any affiliated match games. If not registered the pitch can only be used for training purposes. This includes school affiliated matches.	1 1 1	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge Valentines High School LB Redbridge Valentines High School FA

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SUB AREA 7 (CRANBROOK, NEWBURY AND VALENTINES)				
	Enhance			
	Provide	Ensure that there is a sink fund in place to replace the carpet after 10 years of use.	1	Valentines High School
Frenford Club – The Drive	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Decisions need to be made as to the use of the new cricket facilities at the Frenford Club. Are they to be used for junior cricket only or are they to be used for adult cricket as well. The size of the outfield and the height of the current fencing has implications for adult cricket participating on these squares.	1	LB Redbridge Frenford Club
	Provide			
Cranbrook School Playing Field – The Drive	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. There is need to ensure a community use agreement is in place.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide	A feasibility study needs to be undertaken to identify if this site adjacent to the new Frenford Club could be developed into a football hub and sustain some of the existing use from Oakfield. The feasibility study should consider the use of the new changing facilities built into the school and use of the Frenford Club Pavilion for social facilities.	1	LB Redbridge FA ECB Cranbrook Primary School Frenford Club
Valentines Park – Ilford Cricket Club	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	Ilford Cricket Club will work to improve the condition of the current pitches to improve playing capacity.	3	Ilford Cricket Club
	Provide	Ilford cricket club will require additional squares for use in the future. By improving the quality of existing Council cricket squares this would be catered for at other cricket facilities. The club would like to replace their non-turf pitch.	3 6	LB Redbridge Ilford Cricket Club Essex Cricket Board ECB Ilford Cricket Club
Valentines Park (Cricket LB Redbridge)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field.	1	LB Redbridge
	Enhance	LB Redbridge needs to work in partnership with the ECB to improve the quality of the pitches and the capacity of play. Subject to agronomist report.	1	LB Redbridge ECB
	Provide			
Kearley and Tonge (LB Redbridge Education)	Protect	LB Redbridge to ensure protection of this site as a playing field. Ensure a community use agreement is in place.	1 1	LB Redbridge LB Redbridge
	Enhance			
	Provide	This facility has the potential to be used to assist in the delivery of pitches football and cricket required in the future. Work should be undertaken as to decide what the facility could provide.	1	LB Redbridge

