



Basingstoke and Deane
Leisure and Recreation Needs Assessment
2022 Update

Part 1 – Built Facility Strategy

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Section 1 Introduction

1.1 Context and Purpose

The Built Facilities Strategy is one of three parts which together provides the 2022 updated LRNA. This document (Part 1) sits alongside the Community Buildings Strategy (Part 2) and the Playing Pitch Strategy (Part 3) to provide a full assessment of sport and recreation facilities within the Borough. The research for this strategy was completed in 2021 and examines the current built sport facility provision and the future needs of the Borough up to 2040.

The key drivers for updating the 2015 LRNA at the present time are as follows:

Forward Planning

The Borough Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the borough looking at the period up to 2040. The new Local Plan will set out the number and type of new homes, jobs and infrastructure needed to support the Borough's communities. The Local Plan will include planning policies, which by law the Council is required to use as a starting point to determine planning applications in its area.

Further new housing development will take place in the borough over the next Local Plan period with current forecasts based on Basingstoke and Deane's population statistics for approximately 28,525 more people living in Basingstoke and Deane by 2040.

The primary driver is that the existing LRNA is nearing seven years old and with the majority of actions within the previous action plan having been delivered, it is now necessary to look at the changing needs and future growth of the borough to ensure that the appropriate amount of provision is planned for in the future. Sport England recommends that an updated assessment should be undertaken every three to five years. Therefore, the

need for a new strategy for sports facilities, based on robust, up to date assessment of need, is clear. The strategy will inform relevant planning policies in the new Local Plan that will protect, provide, and enhance the provision of sports facilities across the borough to meet the current and future needs of its resident communities.

National Policy Adherence

A strategic approach to sport and physical activity services and provision, which identifies and delivers local priorities, can make a lasting difference. A clear, strategic and sustainable approach to guide the Council when developing capital projects not only can play an important role in making sure investments into services and facilities are effective but also is essential to present to leading partners such as Sport England.

There is also a need to adhere to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Para 98 of the NPPF states: *"Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate"*.

Sport England's guidance includes reference to an overarching view to be taken (ahead of the Protect, Enhance and Provide as detailed within the action planning of the LRNA) with local Needs and Assessments needing to:

1. *Recognise and give significant weight to the benefits of sport and physical activity.*
2. *Undertake, maintain and apply robust and up-to-date assessments of need and strategies for sport and physical activity provision, and base policies, decisions and guidance upon them.*
3. *Plan, design and maintain buildings, developments, facilities, land and environments that enable people to lead active lifestyles.*

Health and Wellbeing

Strategies for sports facilities in the borough are needed to support the county-wide and national strategic priorities to promote positive health behaviours, to improve public health and wellbeing and to reduce health inequalities. Physical inactivity is a key lifestyle risk factor with regard to health and wellbeing.

Effective place making by borough and district councils, which includes planning facilities for sport and physical activity, can encourage and support residents to make healthy lifestyle choices. Good quality, accessible sports facilities provide opportunities for people to take part in sports and informal recreation for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Schools

Access to school sports facilities in the evenings and/or at weekends is critical to the successful operation of many of the community sports clubs based in Basingstoke as well as for individuals as the vast majority of community sports halls and artificial grass pitches are on education sites. With a growing population over the Local Plan period, the role of school sports facilities in providing for community sport is likely to grow in importance. Accordingly, exploring opportunities to both secure existing community use of school and college-based sports facilities and to widen community use - including ensuring planning policies for new schools include provision for community use of built sports facilities and playing pitches (via enforceable Community Use Agreements) are important drivers for the strategies.

Developer Contributions and External Grants

Lastly, there is a need to update the priority projects for new and enhanced sports facilities in the borough and its sub-areas to inform updates of the Borough Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the future investment

priorities for the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and site specific S106 Developer Contributions.

Priority projects will also inform applications for external grant support to sports agencies such as Sport England, the Football Foundation and the national governing bodies of sport.

1.2 Methodology

The method and approach used to develop the Basingstoke and Deane Sports Facility Strategy element of the LRNA is in line with Sport England's Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (ANOG)¹.

During the development of this strategy, the Consultant Team gathered a wide range of supply and demand information through analysis of strategic documents, planning tools, and consultation. It should be noted site audits were not conducted for the built facilities changes to supply where assessed through consultation with providers. The Consultant Team analysed a wide range of strategic documents to help inform this strategy, which included local, regional, and national strategies. The Consultant Team utilised several planning tools including the Facility Planning Model, Sports Facility Calculator and Active Places Power.

To help inform our supply and demand analysis, the Consultant Team undertook an in-depth consultation process by speaking to a wide range of key stakeholders. These included National Governing Bodies of sport (NGBs), the Active Partnership, facility providers, clubs, and parish councils through surveys and interviews. This process was used to develop a robust understanding of the supply and demand of facilities within Basingstoke and Deane. The consultation findings for the surveys and interviews are summarised in the report.

¹ Assessing Needs & Opportunities Guide (ANOG) for Indoor & Outdoor Sports Facilities, Sport England

(July 2014)

Following consideration of the findings, facility needs are identified for each sports facility type according to the following three potential strategic courses of action:

- **PROTECT** sports facilities from loss as a result of development.
- **ENHANCE** existing facilities through improving their quality, accessibility and/or management.
- **PROVIDE** new or larger facilities that are fit for purpose to meet demands for participation now and in the future.

This process culminates in a clear set of priority projects for future investment in sports and recreation facilities in Basingstoke and Deane Borough (other than playing pitch projects which for Part 3 of the LRNA), based on a robust assessment of both facility needs and opportunities for new or enhanced provision.

With regard to future opportunities for facility development, the assessment recognises the need to review the potential of facility projects to be deliverable in so far as securing both the necessary consents and funding and ongoing financial sustainability. Accordingly, in identifying projects, the strategy adopts a pragmatic approach that recognises the growing financial challenge facing all local authorities in continuing to deliver and support non-statutory sports and recreation services.

The recommendations also consider the strategic focus of the Government and Sport England towards sport and recreation as a way to address the national public health crisis of obesity and other health conditions linked to physical inactivity. Increasingly, exchequer and sports lottery grant resources are prioritising those projects considered most effective at impacting sport and physical activity behaviour change among the inactive in local populations, as opposed to simply renewing outdated sports facilities used by those who are already active.

It is noted that the approach to identifying sports facility needs advocated to local planning authorities in Sport England's Assessing Needs & Opportunities Guidance (ANOG) is a significant change to the 'standards-based' methodology in the former Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 17 (PPG17). Since the publication of ANOG in July 2014, Sport England has advised local planning authorities to move away from the use of per capita based standards in assessing and determining quantitative needs for sports and recreation facilities.

In place of setting quantitative standards for each facility type, ANOG advocates gathering detailed local supply and demand data and assessment of area, sport and site-specific needs and opportunities. This is to determine which existing specific sites and facilities should be protected and the priority areas/sites for enhanced, new or expanded facilities. Accordingly, this updated study of sports facility needs in Basingstoke and Deane is based on a detailed local assessment of the picture of supply and demand for each of the sports facility typologies in scope.

1.3 Project Scope – The Sports Included

The scope of the community sports facility types that included in the study (and minimum facility scale thresholds where applicable), are set out as follows:

- Swimming Pools over 20m in length or 160sqm water area
- Sports Halls over 3 courts in size (or 27m x 17m)
- Health and Fitness Suites/Studios (gym space) with over 20 equipment stations
- Indoor and Outdoor Bowls Facilities
- Squash Courts
- Tennis Courts (indoor and outdoor)
- Netball Courts (indoor and outdoor)
- Athletics Facilities (including facilities for Parkrun and Health Walks)
- Climbing Facilities
- Gymnastics Facilities

- Golf Courses
- Cycling Facilities
- Boxing and Martial Arts Centres

It is noted that natural turf playing pitches and Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) are covered within the Playing Pitch Strategy report (part 3 of the LRNA). Community Activity Halls under 3 badminton courts in size are referenced in the sports halls section of this report, where identified as being suitable, available and used regularly by the local community for indoor sports (e.g. dance, keep fit, yoga, short mat bowls, martial arts).

The supply of significant sports facilities located in neighbouring local authority areas with easy access for Basingstoke and Deane residents have been taken into consideration in determining current and future facility needs in the borough.

In terms of demand, the impact of sites in neighbouring authorities close to the borough boundary and allocated for large scale new housing developments is taken into consideration. Also, the impact of 'displaced' demand is considered in relation to the sports and recreation facility needs in the borough. This includes both exported demand (i.e. from Basingstoke and Deane to access facilities in neighbouring local authorities) and imported demand (from neighbouring local authorities to access sports facilities in Basingstoke and Deane). The neighbouring local authority areas are:

- West Berkshire - to the north
- Test Valley - to the southwest
- Winchester - to the south
- East Hampshire - to the southeast
- Hart - to the west

1.4 Leading Influences on the Built Facilities for 2022 and Future Planning

Many of the priorities from the previous strategy have been delivered, for example the extension of the facilities at Tadley Swimming Pool, the refurbishment of Queen Mary's College, the new AGP at Down Grange and other outdoor facilities (as detailed in the Playing Pitch Strategy). However, since the 2015 there have been several influential changes impacting on Basingstoke, and all local authorities, these include changes to the following:

- National strategy and policy guidance regarding physical activity, sport and wellbeing
- National planning policy
- Population projections and key housing plans for Basingstoke
- Key infrastructure plans and facility implications including the future of the Aquadrome and its redevelopment, the future of Basingstoke Sports Centre (a key site for swimming and the only fully accessible main sports hall not in the education sector), closure of Fort Hill community centre and sports hall.

The population projections, housing development and strategy and policy changes are to be applied to the full strategy analysis, The leading issues for sports hall and swimming provision **are** added to by Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM) analysis.

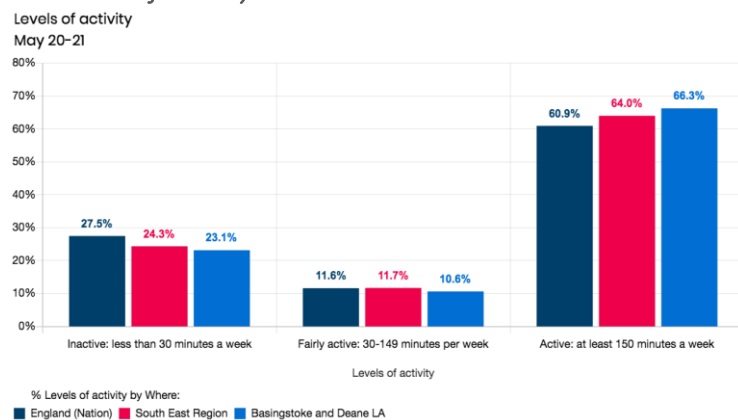
1.5 Participation in Physical Activity

Before considering the specific sports and their facility needs, it is important to set the context of the extent to which the population of Basingstoke and Deane participates in physically activity currently, how this has changed since the last strategy in 2015 and how current levels of physical activity in the population benchmark against the regional and national averages.

Figure 1.1, taken from Sport England's latest Active Lives Survey results, show that fewer adult residents of the borough (aged 16+) are physically

'inactive' (23.1%) compared to the national average (27.5%) and the regional average (24.3%). Conversely, a higher percentage (66.3%) is classed as 'active' than regionally (64%) and nationally (60.9%).

Figure 1.1 Levels of Activity



Regular participation - defined in the survey as participation at least twice in the last 28 days - is also higher among adults in Basingstoke in Deane than across the South East and nationally as shown in Figure 1.2.

Figure 1.2 Participation in the last 28 days

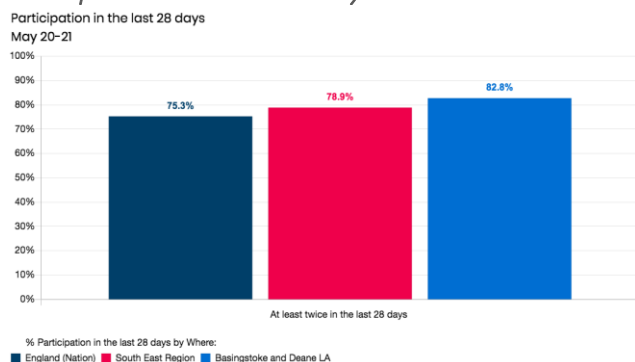
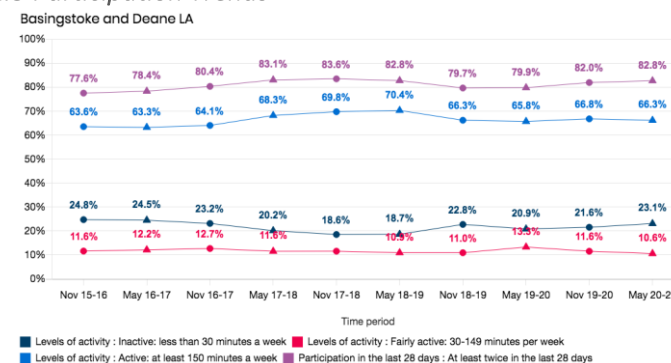


Figure 1.3 shows the borough trend for these measures over the 10 runs of the Active Lives Survey to date. Since the last strategy was completed in 2015/16, the proportion of adults in the borough classed as 'active' (at least 150 minutes a week) has increased by 2.7% (from 63.6% to 66.3%). Over the same period, the figure for 'inactive' (less than 30 minutes a week) has reduced by 1.7% (from 24.8% to 23.1%). Regular adult participation (at least twice in the last 28 days) has increased since the last PPS from 77.6% to 82.8%, an increase of 5.2%.

Figure 1.3 Participation Trends



Whilst activity levels are relatively high, more than a fifth of adults in the borough (23.1%) were found to be 'inactive' in the 2021 ALS. This evidences the importance of provision of accessible and affordable facilities for sport and active recreation in Basingstoke and Deane regardless of the borough's relative affluence and high activity levels.

The Active Lives Children & Young People Survey in 2021 (based on data collected in the academic year 2019/20) found that in Basingstoke and Deane 44.9% of children (aged 5-16) met the recommended level of physical activity (i.e. Active for an average of 60mins or more daily either in

or out of school). This matches the national figure but falls slightly below the regional average of 47.5% (see Figure 1.4).

In terms of the 'Less Active' measure (i.e. Active for an average of less than 30mins a day), the borough figure is 30.7% - i.e. approaching a third of children in the borough is insufficiently active for their health. The picture is slightly worse nationally (31.3%). The regional average is 3% lower than in the borough at 27.7%.

Figure 1.4 Levels of children's physical activity

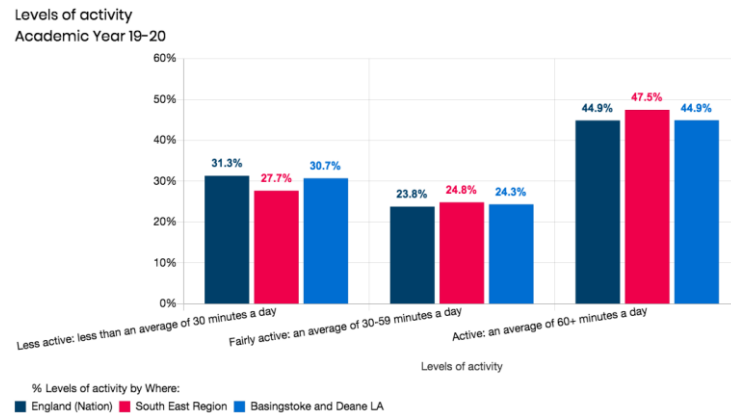
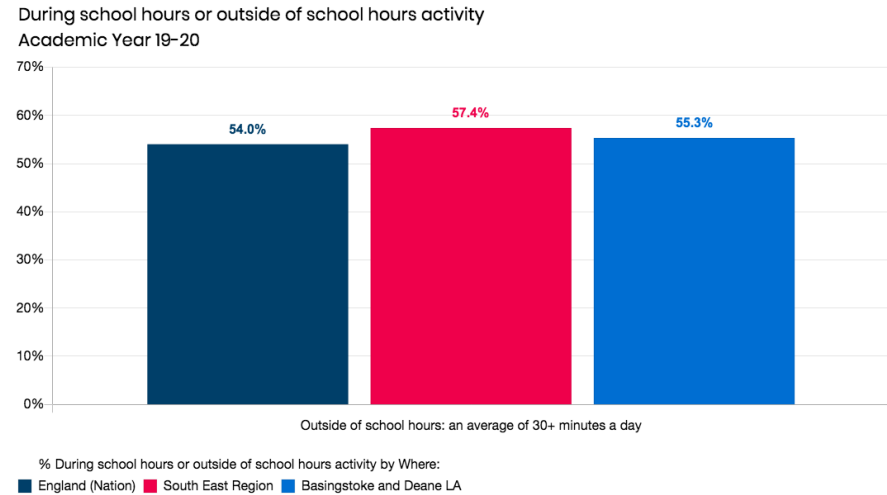


Figure 1.5 considers the extent of activity by children outside of school hours.

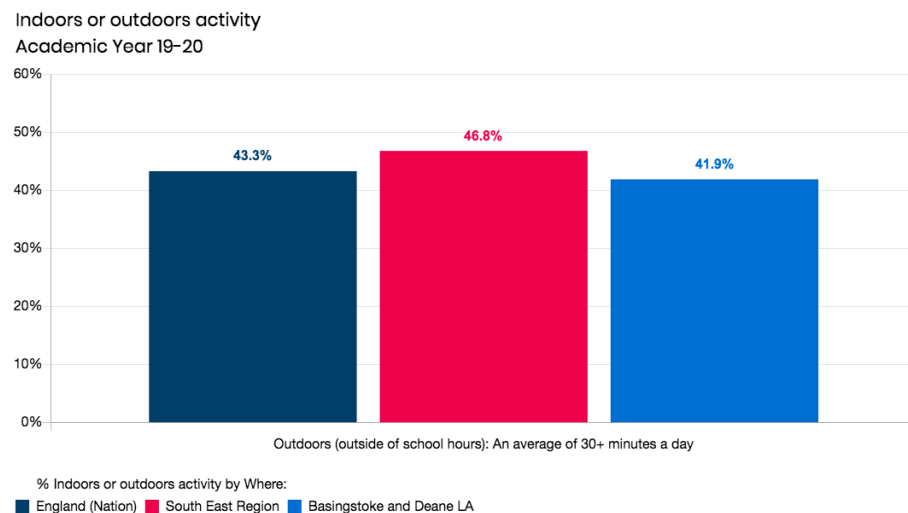
Well over half of children in the borough (55.3%) are physically active outside of school hours for an average of more than 30 minutes daily compared with 57.4% across the region and 54% nationally.

Figure 1.5 Children's physical activity during school hours or outside school hours



The final chart (figure 1.6) shows that 41.9% of children in the borough take part outdoors outside of school hours. This outdoor measure is lower than both the regional average of 46.8% and the national average (43.3%).

Figure 1.6 Children's physical activity outdoor out of school hours



With regard to specific sports, the Active Lives Survey does not provide data at local authority level. However, nationally, the ALS shows there is a general decline in self reported regular participation (i.e. taken part at least twice in the last 28 days) in the leading sports in England by adults (aged 16+). Further Active Lives Survey data covering the period of movement restrictions imposed in response to the coronavirus pandemic indicate that this is likely to be the main cause of the large decrease in regular adult participation in 2020/21. However, apart from fitness activities and cycling for leisure and sport, adult participation in most of the categories of sport in the scope of the strategy has shown a slight downward trend since the last LRNA.

- **Swimming** - down by 6.4% from 8.9% between May 2019 - May 2020 to 2.5% between May 2020 and May 2021. In the previous three years, adult swimming participation fell slightly from 10.8% in 2016/17 to 10.4% in 2018/19.

- **Fitness activities** - down from 30.4% between May 2019 - May 2020 to 24.8% between May 2020 to May 2021. In the three previous years, adult participation in fitness activities increased slightly from 29.5% to 30.4%.
- **Racket Sports** - down from 4.3% to 2.4% between May 2018 - May 2019 and May 2020 - May 2021. In the three previous years, adult participation declined from 5.3% to 4.7%.
- **Roller or Skating Sports** - decreased marginally from a low base from 0.4% between May 2019 - May 2020 to 0.3% between May 2020 to May 2021. In the three previous years, adult participation vacillated between 0.3% and 0.4%. the low base reflects the predominance of participation in these activities by under 16-year-olds.
- **Gymnastics, Trampolining or Cheerleading** - decreased marginally from a low base from 0.4% between May 2019 - May 2020 to 0.3% between May 2020 to May 2021. In the three previous years, adult participation was significantly higher at between 1.1% and 1%. Again, the low adult participation base reflects the predominance of participation in these activities by children.
- **Team Sports** - down from 6.3% to 3.4% between May 2018/19 and May 2020/21 and down from 7.7% to 7.1% over the previous three years.
- **Running, Athletics or Multi-sports** - Stable at 15.1% between May 2019/20 and May 2020/21 although down slightly on the previous three years (15.6%-15.7%).
- **Cycling for leisure and sport** - down from 16.4% to 13.8% between May 2019/20 and May 2020/21. Participation had grown over the previous three years from 14.3% in 2016/17.

- **Combat Sports, Martial Arts or Target Sports** - down from 2.1% to 1.2% between May 2019/20 and May 2020/21. Over the previous three years, adult participation was between 1.7% and 1.8%.
- **Bowls or Boules** - down from 0.6% to 0.2% between May 2019/20 and May 2020/21. Over the previous three years, adult participation was between 0.7% and 0.8%.

1.6 Covid-19: Impact on Basingstoke's Communities and Leisure Provision

At the time of this report the country appears to be coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic with restrictions lifted and life returning to an adjusted but more regular pattern for work, education, entertainment and sport and leisure.

The leisure industry, like many service industries has been hit hard during the last two years and recent research by Sport England by the Moving Communities Team has shown a drop in participation at leisure centres down by 34% on pre-Covid levels. Participation figures at 66% compared to pre-Covid 2019 figures and post-Covid Dec 2021 figures. There has also been a significant decline across female, 65+ and low seg participants.

Post re-opening the industry has seen per visit income decrease, operating costs increase and a negative % cost recovery position.

From a community and health perspective, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on Basingstoke's residents remains uncertain at this stage is the impact of the pandemic on some of the more deprived communities that the leisure centres serve. Anecdotal information suggests that lower socio-economic communities have been impacted more by Covid in terms of higher levels of infection, serious illness and hospitalisation, and by the economic impact through higher levels of furlough and job losses and weaker economic resilience. This is likely to have a knock-on impact on

participation in physical activity, due to for instance higher rates of long Covid or other health issues and the resultant reduction in disposable income to spend on leisure activity. BDBC should continue to closely monitor footfall and activity at the leisure centres to see how they compare across the centres and with other neighbouring Councils.

Provision of leisure and community facilities within Basingstoke will continue to play a vital role in the on-going post-pandemic recovery impacting very significantly on physical and mental health and wellbeing as well as connecting communities and being part of the overall economic recovery for the Borough Council itself and its businesses.

Section 2 – Consultation

To further inform the update to the LRNA and identify leading issues for each sport in the scope of the assessment, key local stakeholder organisations, the national governing bodies of the sports (NGBs) and active sports clubs in the borough were consulted. Understanding the needs of the clubs, NGBs and leading partners is a key part of the Council being able to plan for any future invest that can have the most sustainable impact on levels of activity and the wellbeing of Basingstoke residents.

A range of responses were made to the consultation and the main findings are summarised within this section. Not all NGBs responded to requests for consultation.

2.1 National Governing Bodies

Sport	Views of Current Provision	Future facility needs
Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Basingstoke & Deane has a very strong base of road cycling clubs with a large membership which has grown since the Covid pandemic. o A Breeze network for women and girls established in 2012 is less strong now and would benefit from renewed local support and promotion. o The major new facilities for BMX and Pump in War Memorial Park (part 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o British Cycling's priority is to see War Memorial Park fully established as a cycling hub with safe links to established and new way-marked cycling routes (on and off road) with wide appeal across all ages and abilities. o British Cycling see the next step towards achieving this as development officer time to establish a new community cycle club at the site with a youth coaching structure. o A suitable 'club' space within the existing tennis/football

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	<p>funded by British Cycling and Sport England) are excellent additions to the built facilities, attract new markets to the sport and are well used.</p>	<p>pavilion would be required (if feasible alongside the tennis operation). In the medium term, provided a new inclusive club is successfully established, the addition of a new build modular clubhouse with storage space for bike hire and a workshop area could be supported.</p>
Judo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o There are four well-established martial arts clubs offering judo in the borough - an unusually high quantity of provision all within a 3 miles radius of the town centre. o One club (Shin Gi Tai Academy) is located in a dedicated leased unit in the town. The other clubs rely on hired spaces in education or community buildings: Brighton Hill JC at the QMC Leisure Centre and the largest club - Summit - a sports pavilion at Chute Recreation Ground in Sherborne St John. Summit also deliver classes in schools and other community settings. To the east of the town, Paul Jones School of Judo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o British Judo is not aware of any short-term facility requirements. o In the medium term, it would be beneficial for the large and growing clubs - Summit and Paul Jones - to secure a dedicated base site (or sites) for their classes with the space and time to deliver coach education classes. Additional BJ licensed instructors will be required to facilitate further development of all four clubs / schools and enable more outreach delivery beyond the urban area, for example in the secondary schools located outside the urban area in Whitchurch and Baughurst.

Sport	Views of Current Provision	Future facility needs
	runs its classes from Old Basing Royal British Legion Social Club.	
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The track and field facilities at Down Grange used by Basingstoke & Mid Hants AC are of the appropriate scale to meet the need and are maintained to a good quality. A number of compliance improvements have been completed since the last LRNA (e.g. the throwing cage). However, the priority improvements to the ancillary facilities (including for event spectators and club equipment storage) that were identified in the previous LRNA have yet to be delivered. There is a strong network of local running clubs across the borough including Run Together inclusive community clubs in Silchester and Kingsclere and running clubs based in Chineham and Sherfield. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing track patch repairs and a professional clean will be required in the short term. To secure the necessary funding to implement the long-standing priority enhancement project to the Down Grange Track & Field ancillary facilities (spectators, storage etc). Refurbishment of the track surface is likely to be necessary within approximately 5 years.

Sport	Views of Current Provision	Future facility needs
Boxing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two well-established traditional boxing clubs operating in the urban area each with between 40-50 active members: Baileys Gym based on the Moniton Trading Estate (co-located with a private gym and Basingstoke Tae Kwondo School of Martial Arts); and the more active Basingstoke ABC based in a dedicated gym space in a shared building rented from the Borough Council on Essex Road. The club has 2,500 sqm providing 3 separate activity areas which is ideal. Both clubs provide a valuable community resource and serve a need of some of the most disadvantaged young people in the town. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The short-term priority for England Boxing is to secure the future of Basingstoke ABC either in the Essex Road building where the club's lease from the Council has expired or in a suitable alternative building. If remaining in the current location, the facilities would benefit from a refresh but no significant enhancement is required. Promotion of the sport to attract non-traditional boxing markets - particularly women and girls - where there is large unmet and latent demand should be a priority moving forward. This will require better presented venues - e.g., in health and fitness clubs and leisure centres - with appropriate ancillary facilities.
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basingstoke & Deane has three key outdoor court venues all in the urban area: i) Russell Howard Park – 6 courts (home of district league with 40+ teams aged 14+) and Walking Netball sessions; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No short-term facility needs beyond on-going maintenance of the playing surface, lighting and surrounding fencing of the main league venue at Russell Howard Park. In the medium term (i.e. within 5 years maximum), England

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	<p>ii) The Everest School – 3 courts (England Netball has used to deliver programmes and level 2 coach education courses); Brighton Hill School - 2 courts + a tennis court (base for a new junior netball club 100+ players). The sports halls at The Vyne School and Cranbourne School in the town have also been used for programmes and courses by England Netball.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o There is no youth league in the borough currently. For this reason, on the east side of the borough particularly, demand is exported to the central youth netball league venue at Wavell School, Farnborough. o England Netball has been active since 2020 to recruit community volunteers and establish a new junior club - Hatch Warren Tigers based at Brighton Hill School with a view to establishing a youth league to complement the adult 	<p>Netball consider that the playing surface of the courts at Russell Howard Park will need to be re-laid.</p>

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	<p>league at Russell Howard Park where the governing body consider there to be sufficient unused court capacity.</p>	
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The LTA has been working in partnership with the Council's Sports Team, the tennis centre operator (Totally Tennis) and the club network for some time to develop and broaden the base of participation with a focus on parks tennis which accounts for approximately a third of all tennis players. o The Stratton Park courts upgrade and introduction of the household annual membership scheme is a notable success since the last LRNA and needs to be broadened to courts in other park and parish recreation ground sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Winklebury Park (2 cts) is already identified as the next priority park for court enhancement and inclusion in the household annual membership scheme including the provision of floodlights at this park to enable more year-round evening play. o Further similar opportunities to follow on parish courts in communities outside the urban area. o At the tennis centre site in War Memorial Park, the focus of need in the short term is to secure the operation for the medium term by means of a new or extended lease/management agreement. o Options for improving the quality, appeal and secondary income generation potential of the ancillary facilities should be included in any review of the future management arrangements.

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Table Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basingstoke & Deane has a very active district league (registered with the governing body) and a dedicated Table Tennis Centre in a Council owned building in Essex Road. ○ 8 clubs distributed across the borough compete in the league: Aldworth (Aldworth School Hall); Saints (Essex Rd); AWE Recreation Society (AWE Squash Court); Hannington (village hall); KG (Essex Rd); Oakley (village hall); Overton Memorial Institute (OMI hall); Queens (Essex Rd); St Peter's (Essex Rd); Wanderers (OMI hall). ○ All but one league club (Aldworth TTC based at The Aldworth School in the town) operate independently from the national governing body. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The governing body is aware that the league are keen to secure larger premises as the Essex Road venue only offers sufficient space for a single match table (shared by several clubs) and little in the way of ancillary facilities for changing/shower etc. ○ The governing body supports in principle the proposals of the league to secure larger premises (potentially in a partnership with the Indoor Bowls Club) but does not have a capital grant programme to facilitate facility projects. ○ The governing body is currently focused on growing and broadening the appeal of table tennis as a low cost, easy to access sport with significant health and wellbeing benefits. To this end, the governing body's PING initiative provides table tennis tables (both indoor and outdoor) at reduced cost to clubs and community organisations with suitable venues with a high footfall to accommodate social 'free to access' play. ○ The governing body has identified the Aquadrome as a

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Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Swim England are of the opinion that the current water provision is suitable for the demand of the area, however they recommend that future provision should be investigated alongside population growth and housing developments, especially within the southwest area of the borough. ○ Whilst Swim England are satisfied with the current level of water provision, they have concerns for the aged facility, Basingstoke Sports Centre, which has reached an age where redevelopment / replacement would be expected. Further condition surveys would be needed to assess sustainable longevity. ○ A potential issue in the future could arise, with the educational swimming pools. The aged facilities and tightening of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ potential venue for a social PING table in the borough. ○ The redevelopment of the Aquadrome to provide flexible water space to meet recreational and training / competition needs for short course swimming. ○ Assess future needs for Basingstoke Sports Centre pool. ○ Ensure suitable provision for future population growth and solutions to education sites.

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	funding will make these facilities harder to run sustainably, with ongoing repairs and increased running costs leading to further loss of water space.	

2.2 Club Survey Overview

An email with a link to an online Survey went out to all the sports clubs in the borough via the Council's Sports Infrastructure Team, the Basingstoke Local Sports Council and the NGBs. A summary of the results of the club survey is provided below.

An interview was also held with the Chair of the local sports council which represents the sports clubs, leagues and community sport participants in the borough and is a conduit for these interests to liaise with the Borough Council. The sports council is also a campaigning organisation aiming to grow and broaden participation in sport for health and wellbeing of borough residents. Although fully reliant on its own fund-raising which constrains the scope and scale of its activities, the sports council works to promote its member clubs and sport more generally through initiatives like Get Basingstoke Active

The main issues raised by the local sports council with regard to current provision and future facility needs for community sport were:

- In general, the quantity, range and quality of sports facilities available to the community across the borough were considered as good.
- Although there are many examples of clubs and individuals accessing sports facilities and multi-purpose spaces in schools and community

centres, these settings have a network of facilities that remain an underused resource with the borough. A partnerships and co-ordination resource across these sectors is needed.

- A key consideration for the future planning of sustainable replacement facilities as the current stock reaches the end of its design life is better co-location or clustering of facilities at sporting hubs, for example linking swimming facilities with facilities for sports hall sports. The potential to deliver a sports hub as a legacy of the Manydown development should be a strategic priority for the Council.
- A number of sports clubs and leagues in the borough - notably in gymnastics and dance, martial arts, table tennis - are of a scale that makes a good needs and business case for dedicated specialist facilities in future, possibly utilising vacant light industrial warehouse spaces.
- Key projects from the last LRNA that have still to be actioned should be progressed as a priority, notably the long-standing priority project for athletics (including the necessary storage space) and for rugby at Down Grange.

2.2.1 Club Responses – Spread of Responses

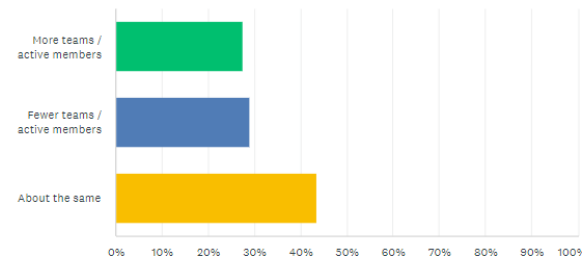
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Athletics	6.35%
▼ Basketball	1.59%
▼ Bowls	7.94%
▼ Cricket	26.98%
▼ Exercise, movement or dance	4.76%
▼ Football	25.40%
▼ Gymnastics	1.59%
▼ Hockey	1.59%
▼ Judo	3.17%
▼ Netball	3.17%
▼ Rugby Union	0.00%
▼ Rugby League	0.00%
▼ Squash	1.59%
▼ Swimming	0.00%
▼ Table Tennis	1.59%
▼ Taekwondo	1.59%
▼ Tennis	6.35%
▼ Volleyball	0.00%
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 22.22%

64 individual sports clubs responded to the invitation to complete the survey including 32 playing pitch sports clubs whose responses are taken into account in more detail in the Playing Pitch Strategy (part 3 of the LRNA).

2.2.2 Club Responses – Growth Trend last 3 years

Does your Club/Association have more or fewer teams / active members than three seasons ago, or has the number of teams / active members stayed about the same?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 2

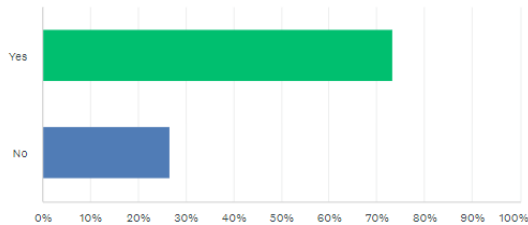


Despite the major restrictions on movement and temporary closure of sports facilities over the past two years due to the Covid pandemic, the sports clubs in the borough have proved resilient with the majority reporting stable membership or growth currently compared to three years/seasons ago.

2.2.3 Future Growth

Does your Club/Association have plans to grow in the next three seasons?

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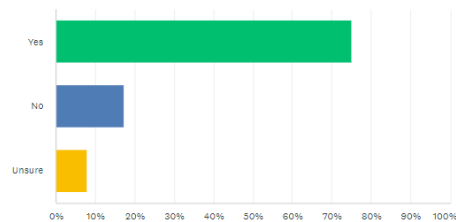


Looking to the future, 73% of the clubs surveyed were positive regarding plans for growth over the next three years/seasons, emphasising further the strength of the club sector in the borough as well as likely rising demand.

2.2.4 Club Needs – Meeting Demand

Is this number of hours sufficient to meet the demand for your club's activities?

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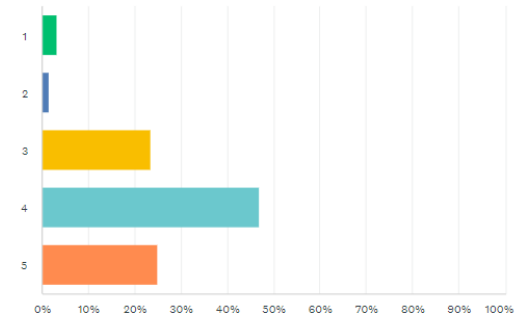


Similarly, more than three quarters of the clubs consider they have sufficient programming time available at the sporting venues they access to meet current demand from their memberships.

2.2.5 Club Response – Ratings

How do you rate the quality of your Club's/Association's main playing facilities? (1 being very poor and 5 being very good)

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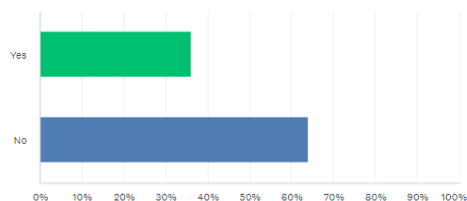


In terms of the quality of the stock of sports facilities available to the borough's sports clubs, around half those surveyed rated the playing facilities they use as 'good' and a further quarter as 'very good'. Very few clubs consider their main playing facilities to be poor/very poor. This finding reflects positively on the investments made in maintaining and enhancing the facility stock by the Borough Council, national sports bodies and the clubs themselves through fund raising.

2.2.6 Main site – improvements

Is there a need to change your Club's/Association's main playing facilities (e.g. relocate to another site /change facility layouts/ sizes) or to improve the quality to sustain or grow your club?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 0



Whilst, overall, the response to the previous question indicates a high level of satisfaction among clubs with the quality of facilities, it is apparent from this response that around a third encounter specific quality issues they would like to address. From the individual survey responses it is clear that a number of clubs across the borough have aspirations to enhance the facilities they access. The specific aspirations from those clubs that engaged with the survey range a great deal in scale as can be seen with examples in the summary table below:

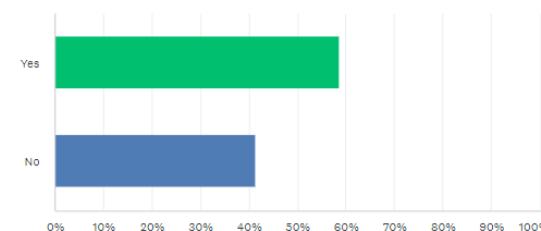
Club/League	Aspiration
Basingstoke Netball League	Improved (cleaner) toilet facilities in the pavilion by the courts in Russell Howard Park
Waverley Tennis Club	Expansion - 3rd hard court and/or floodlights (year-round play)
Loddon Vale Bowls Club	Expansion - additional artificial green alongside the existing fine turf green to meet forecast new demand from housing / population growth and for year-round play outdoors

Club/League	Aspiration
M&M Academy / Meraki Dance Studio	Additional storage space
Junior Bisons Ice Hockey Club	Repair to stands, changing rooms and toilets or consideration by the Council of a new rink
Bluefins Swimming Club - waterpolo	Expansion - a wider pool to increase training capacity (ideally 10 lanes) or additional pool time in the peak hours in another pool

2.2.7 Club Growth and Sustainability

Is there a need to improve/extend these facilities to sustain or grow your Club/Association?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 1



More than half the respondent clubs consider they need to improve their facilities to sustain the appeal of their club to existing members and to attract new members. This is particularly an issue for broadening the playing membership of most sports clubs - e.g. to better accommodate children and young people, women and girls, people with disabilities. Therefore whilst a high majority of clubs are keen to expand, there appears a link to need to invest in the wider infrastructure for clubs such as ancillary / support facilities to support this.

Summary

Key stakeholder organisations including the Basingstoke Local Sports Council and leisure facility operators such as Serco, Totally Tennis, Barlow's Park Management Association, Basingstoke Sports & Social Club and Overton Recreation Centre have been consulted in the course of preparing this update to the LRNA. The national governing bodies of the sports included in the scope of the assessment were also consulted, although restrictions and furlough arrangements during the consultation phase limited the number of NGB responses received.

Critically, more than 60 community sports clubs based in the borough have provided responses to the online survey and further consultation held with representatives of a number of the leading larger clubs within the borough.

The leading outcome from the consultation is that the sports facilities available to the borough's communities continue to be generally well regarded particularly with regard to the range of sports for which playing facilities are in place, the number of facilities and their accessibility.

As to be expected, the consultation highlights issues for the strategy to address moving forward notably the challenges presented by the age, energy inefficiencies and running costs of key facilities - for example for swimming and ice rink. In some venues the priority is to improve ancillary facilities to sustain existing activity, for example at Down Grange for athletics and at War Memorial Park for tennis and cycling. At other sites, there is a need to plan for expansion to meet growing demand both from the resident population and from forecast growth - for example in gymnastics and martial arts and, potentially, table tennis and bowls.

The findings from these consultations summarised in this section of the report feed into the analysis of facility needs and priorities set out in Section 3 - The Sports Specific Analysis.

Section 3 - Sport Specific Analysis

3.1 Swimming

Within Basingstoke, from the analysis conducted, it is considered that whilst there is a 'satisfactory' level of provision (the current supply of pools meeting the current demand for swimming), the borough will be facing an evident challenge of ageing pools within the leisure stock, ageing pools within the education stock (which provide a certain amount of community use at present) and a growing population. The Consultant Team are of the view that, based on experience around the country, school swimming pool provision unless investment is made from the wider budgets within local government, are reducing as educational budgets can no longer support the on-going cost.

The initial research has shown that this satisfactory level of provision will eventually turn to a deficit based purely on population figures, not accounting for the inevitable fall in the quality and accessibility of facilities (based on age) and risks associated with the educational sites which will exacerbate this position even further.

The future of the Aquadrome and the on-going management and availability of Basingstoke Sports Centre are leading factors in the future provision across the borough. Both facilities have a huge influence from a community swimming perspective but the Aquadrome's wider leisure offer and destination venue status has a larger economic influence for the retail park and the borough itself.

The LRNA process is not focused on assessing the full financial details of the options for the Aquadrome (which are being considered separately) but the key strategic needs from the LRNA will feed into the overall assessment and viability testing being carried out.

The overall position for swimming is informed by the FPM analysis

commissioned by the Council from Sport England and reported in February 2022. The key findings are summarised below, and the main report provided as an appendix.

Summary of Swimming Pools Facilities Planning Model (FPM) Assessment

The overall aims of the FPM assessments are to provide a forward assessment of need and an evidence base for swimming pools in the year 2040 based on the projected population change in the Basingstoke and Deane Council area and across the study area.

The FPM was undertaken with two analyses with the following aims:

Run 1 – to provide a forward assessment of demand for swimming pools and its distribution, based on the projected changes in population to year 2040.

Run 2 – to provide an assessment of the impact that the closure of the Basingstoke Aquadrome and the re-provision of a new, smaller pool complex at the Basingstoke Leisure Park (i.e. on the same site as the Aquadrome) has on meeting the forecast demand for swimming pools in 2040.

Run 2 also explores whether a minimum re-provision - a 6 lane 25m main pool and a 15mx7m learner pool (a net reduction of 115sqm of water space i.e. 21%) - will be sufficient and, if not, the likely scale of unmet demand that will result.

Figure 3.1 below shows the locations of the seven existing qualifying pool sites within the borough - i.e. Basingstoke Aquadrome, Basingstoke Sports Centre, Beechdown Club, Cranbourne School, QMC Sports Centre, Tadley Pool and The Club & Spa at Basingstoke Country Hotel - and other pools in neighbouring local authorities located within the drive time catchment.

Figure 3.1 Swimming Pool Supply

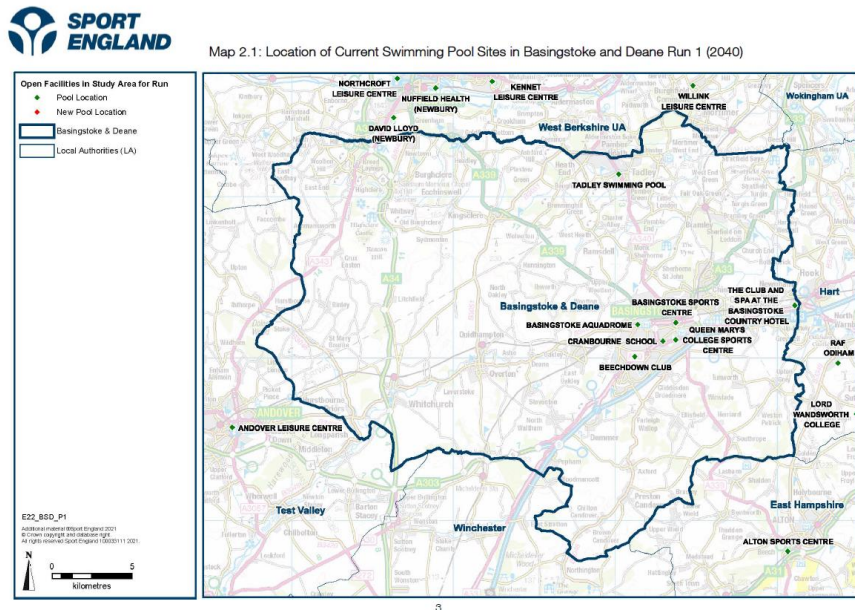


Figure 3.2 Housing Growth

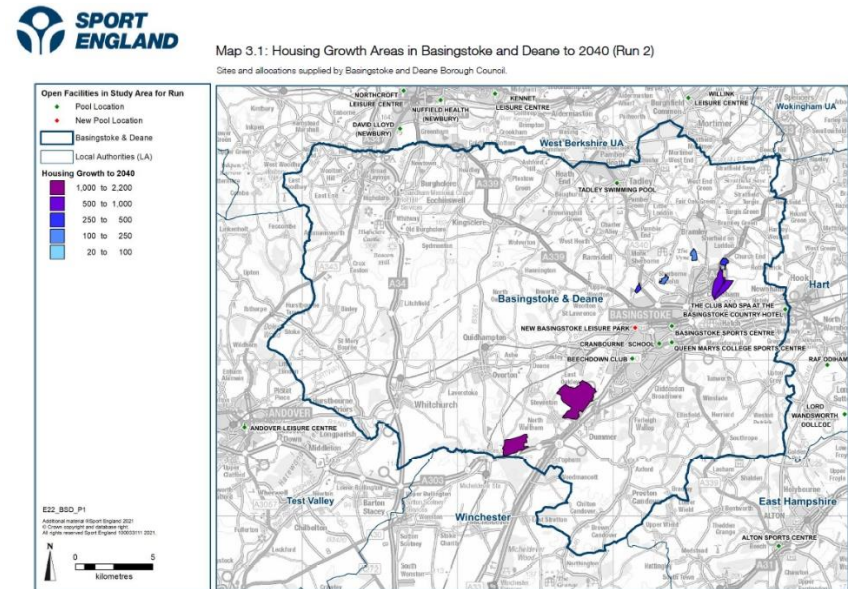


Figure 3.2 that follows shows the locations of three main housing growth areas in the borough in relation to the location of the swimming pools and assumes replacement of the Aquadrome with a new pool complex elsewhere within the Leisure Park site.

The final overview, Figure 3.2 is a heat map showing the distribution of unmet demand at 2040 forecast population levels assuming the main housing growth locations. The FPM identifies that unmet demand is at a low level - between just 10sqm and 19sqm of water space - depending on whether the Aquadrome is retained (run 1) or replaced with a new pool with 115sqm less water (run 2). In both scenarios, the unmet demand will be greatest in Whitchurch, Popham Airfield and Overton.

Figure 3.2 Unmet Demand - Swimming

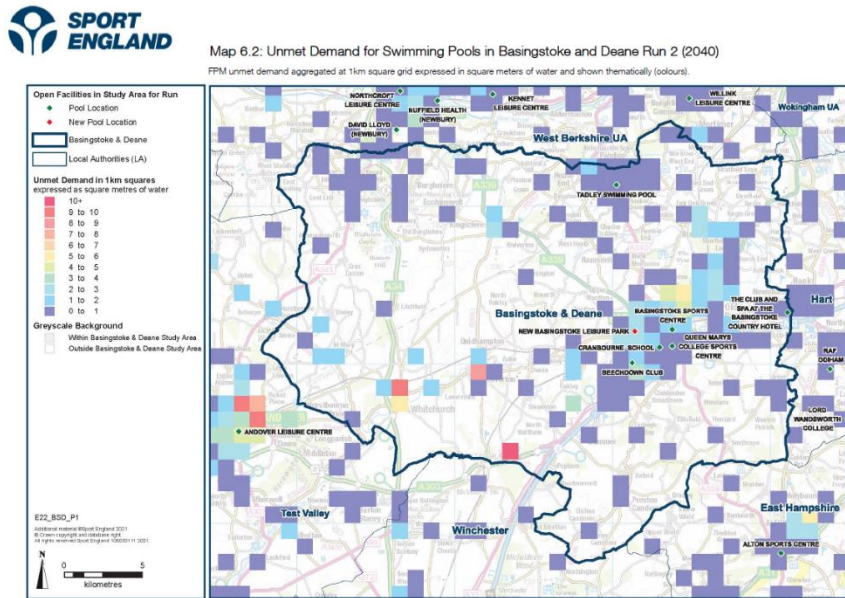
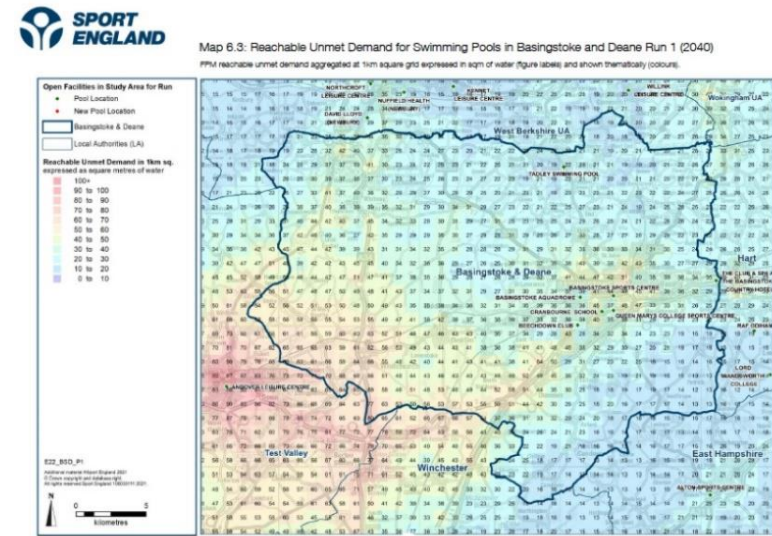


Figure 3.4 Reachable Demand



Whilst the FPM analysis does show the area near Whitchurch as having unmet demand, as it did in the 2015 study, and reachable unmet demand – that is within the catchment of a pool (not outside of any catchment) the value of this unmet demand only 66 sqm of water. See figure 3.4 below. This is confirmed by Sport England as insufficient to warrant any new pool investment within that specific local area (for context a 20m x 8m 4-lane pool is 160 sqm of water).

The conclusion from the key findings of the two runs of the FPM is that the supply at the seven existing qualifying pool sites (i.e.) will meet 96% of the demand for swimming pools in 2040 (run 1), reducing to 91% under the smaller replacement provision scenario (run 2). Under the smaller replacement scenario 9% of total demand in 2040 will therefore be unmet.

The model also finds that a smaller replacement for the Aquadrome (run2) will result in, on average, the boroughs pools operating at 75% full at peak times. This is above the Sport England measure of pools being comfortably full at 70%. Retaining the existing water space (run 1) maintains the average close to 'comfortable capacity' measure at 71% in 2040.

The overall assessment from the collective FPM findings is that if the Aquadrome is replaced, the scale of the Basingstoke Leisure Park should be

increased from any minimum re-provision of 430sqm (i.e. a standard swimming pool / leisure centre of 6 lane 25m pool and 15mx7m learner pool) for the following reasons:

- To accommodate more of the demand and swimmers that would like to access the pool site but cannot do so because it is full.
- To reduce the estimated used capacity of the site and provide a comfortable swimming experience for customers. A pool site estimated to be operating at 100% of capacity will discourage participation, simply because the pools are full and the changing and circulation areas are too crowded.
- Basingstoke Leisure Park remains a very good location for a replacement swimming pool. As a Borough average, 88% of the 91% total satisfied demand in Run 2 is retained within the Borough. Also, Basingstoke is the area of highest demand for swimming pools. The pool site is in the right place, and it is accessible for all swimming activities for all residents.

The question then arises, by how much should the water space in a replacement pools complex at Basingstoke Leisure Park be increased from the 430sqm modeled in run 2? The 1,889 visits that cannot be allocated under run 2 equate to 216 sqm of water. However, the Council will wish to consider whether the business case can support this level of increase and the optimum type and arrangement of water space to address future needs. For example, options to increase the water area to meet unmet demand in the peak times include one or a combination of the following:

- A larger learner pool
- A larger main pool (8 lane)
- Re-provision and inclusion of leisure water

Swimming Clubs Consultation

Bluefins Swimming Club - Waterpolo section

4 Boys teams at u12, u14, u16, u18 - 44 players

1 Men's team - 10 players

4 Girls teams at u12, u14, u16, u18 - 34 players

1 Women's team - 7 players

Total of 10 teams and 95 players.

Lost approximately 25 members over the past 3 years attributed partly to the impact of the pandemic restrictions but also to restricted pool time.

The club hires the main (25m) pool at the Aquadrome on Saturday and Sunday (pm) and a weekday evening. No spare capacity for growth in the programme times allocated. No other suitable 'all-deep' pools available in area for water polo.

Quality ratings - both the pool and the changing facilities as good (4/5).

Future facility needs - Either more suitable pool time at affordable charges or a larger pool to allow more capacity for training (alongside public or club swimming in the remaining half pool). Clear preference is for a larger pool in Basingstoke. Alternative could be to secure suitable pool time in the new 50m pool at Winchester provided local members are able and prepared to travel.

Priorities and Actions - Swimming Pools

Swimming		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<p>Protection of the current levels of waterspace (2,038sqm) is the minimum baseline position in the short to medium term for the Council. The last LRNA provided a minimum level of waterspace provision per capita population to maintain of 11.53m² per 1,000 population. The findings of the FPM analysis indicates that this figure drop to 9.6m² per 1,000 population if only minimal investment is made.</p> <p>Any updated quantity standard will include the existing supply of water space at Cranbourne. Any reduction in the overall supply of water space across Basingstoke and Deane (e.g. through the closure of any pool) without replacement will make the quantity standard and supply demand balance fall further</p>	<p>Improve the capacity of the existing pools through potential refurbishment and investment into key sites.</p> <p>Priority sites to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on the overall viability, the minimum needs are investment into the Aquadrome (if retained) to address vital refurbishment as well as the growing need to maintain its leisure destination pool status. Cranbourne School improvements to be discussed with the Council regarding advice on viability and the best option for community sport. 	<p>Unmet demand needs for swimming are due to a combination of catchment and capacity at pool sites. The FPM analysis confirms the additional population pressure and impact on provision. Demand in the peak will marginally exceed the 'comfortable capacity' of the existing stock of accessible pools by 2040 (on average, 71% full in the peak against the Sport England 70% measure).</p> <p>Replacement of the aquadrome with new provision at the Basingstoke Leisure Park site providing at least the equivalent or more overall water space, will be the most effective option if deemed financially viable.</p>

Swimming

below the recommended level.

Prioritised Actions:

- The quantity measure per 1,000 population is provided as an indication of ensuring sufficient level of provision – its is not a standard but should be monitored and used to support the need to improve the provision in Basingstoke.
- Refurbishment of the Aquadrome or its replacement on the Basingstoke Leisure Park site to be decided as a priority including water types (competition, learner, leisure) and as a minimum retain the current water area, with the option to provide a larger main 25m pool – 8 to 10 lanes and a larger learner pool, if new build selected in preference to refurbishment.
- Future management of Basingstoke Leisure Centre to be confirmed.
- Cranbourne School – Hampshire County and School to determine viable future with school's own separate management of the site as currently provided.
- Sherfield School – the Council to approach school in relation to opportunities of opening up community use for the new proposed pool once timetable for development is clear.

Sports Halls

The majority of provision of sports halls within Basingstoke are provided within educational facilities with only Basingstoke Sports Centre providing daytime community access. Demand remains high for peak time indoor sports hall use and opportunities to extend the capacity of education sites for better community use remains a key theme for the Council to consider.

Initial review using Sport England's Sports Facility Calculator (SFC) findings indicate that by 2040 population growth within Basingstoke and Deane will generate demand for an additional 8.18 courts which is equivalent to 2.95 of 4-court sports hall. If this future demand of 8.18 courts is added to the identified unmet demand in 2015 and the closure of Fort Hill Community Schools, a needs case for further capacity of 8.18 courts is made i.e. provision of the equivalent of an additional 8 court sports hall (or up to two 4 court halls) with full community availability in the peak period by 2040.

More in depth analysis using the Facilities Planning Model was commissioned by the Council to test the SFC finding. A single run was agreed to provide a forward assessment of community demand for sports halls and its distribution, based on the projected changes in population to year 2040. Figure 3.3 below shows the locations of the 13 existing qualifying sports hall sites within the borough and other sports halls in neighbouring local authorities located within the drive time catchment.

Figure 3.4 Sports Hall Supply - Locations

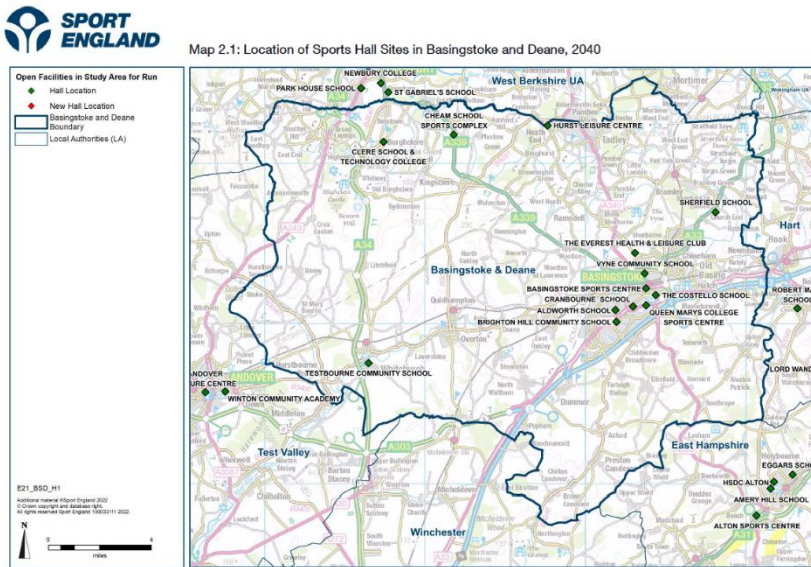
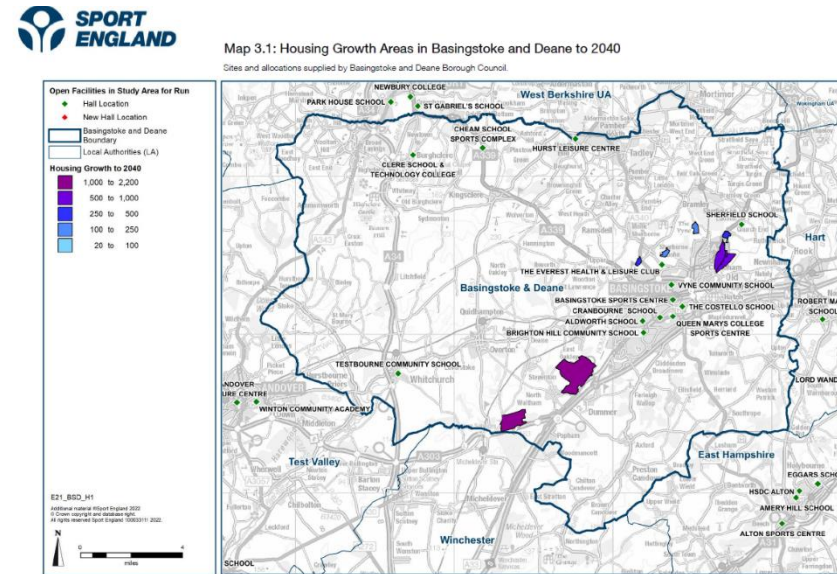


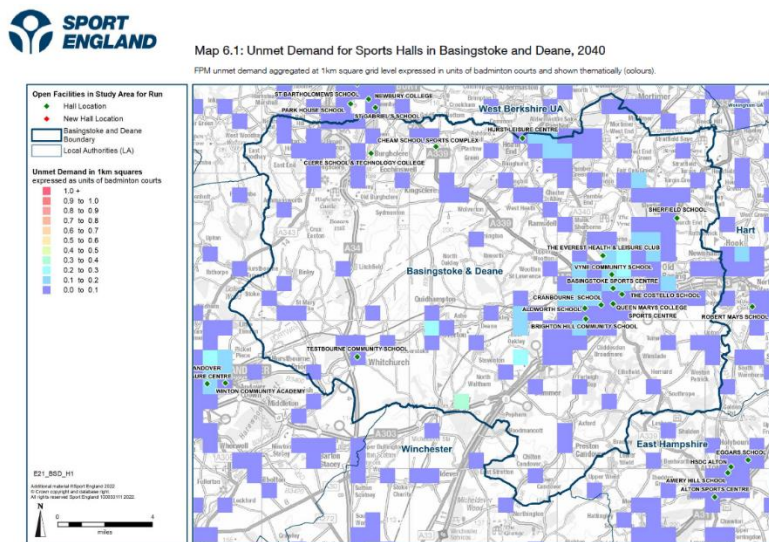
Figure 3.5 Housing Growth



The final map (figure 3.6) provides a "heat map" showing the distribution of unmet demand at 2040 forecast population levels assuming the main housing growth locations.

Figure 3.5 that follows shows the locations of three main housing growth areas in the borough in relation to the location of the sports halls.

Figure 3.6 Unmet Demand - Sports Halls



The main conclusion from the 2040 run of the FPM is that, based on existing supply, in 2040, 93% of the borough's demand for sports halls is met. Unmet demand is at a low level - just 7% of total demand equivalent to four badminton courts - and there is no identified hot-spot location for a potential new facility.

The FPM also identifies the almost total heavy reliance on sports hall on education sites to meet community sports hall demand.

Strengthening security of access to those sports halls on school and college sites without existing planning or funding agreement in place should therefore be the priority action moving forward.

Clubs Consultation

Basingstoke Blizzards Basketball Club

No players were registered in 2020 so as not to incur costs while school and colleges were reluctant to accept club bookings of their sports halls due to covid.

Prior to the pandemic, the club ran 3 junior teams and 2 senior teams plus weekend coaching for minis. The club considers it unlikely that it will be able to re-establish this number of teams in the short term due in part to the need for more volunteer coaches to run the sessions and teams and also concerns as to the affordability of court sessions at sustainable subscription levels.

In normal operation, the club hires the sports hall at Queen Mary's College on a seasonal rate for its senior home matches and/or training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8.15 -9.45pm. The juniors travel to compete in a central league on Friday evenings at Wellington College (independent school in Crowthorne in Bracknell Forest District in Berkshire). From September 2021, junior training has been restarted on Sundays in the Vyne School sports hall.

Quality ratings - the QMC court and changing facilities are both rated as very good (5/5)

Future facility needs - no issues.

Viking Badminton Club

12 men and 6 women, totaling 18 players. The club reports no change in recent seasons and an aspiration to attract additional players to help sustain the club.

The club hires 3 or 4 courts weekly on a weekday evening in the sports hall at Everest Community Academy.

Quality ratings - the sports hall courts are rated as good (4/5) and the changing facilities as poor (2/5)

Future facility needs - no issues.

Aldermaston Badminton Club

14 women players post lockdown, previously 21. The club has no growth plans.

The club hires courts seasonally in the AWE Recreational Society Sports Hall on weekday evenings (2 club nights and 1 match night per week).

Quality ratings - the courts are rated as very good (5/5) and the changing facilities as average (3/5)

Future facility needs - the sports hall lighting requires upgrading

The club hires courts seasonally from Testbourne School (4 court sports hall) on weekday evenings.

Quality ratings - the courts and changing facilities at the school are rated as good (4/5).

Future facility needs - none.

Basingstoke & Deane Table Tennis Association

The Association is based at The Essex Road Table Tennis Centre in Basingstoke where it has approximately 20 years unexpired on its lease. This facility is not wheelchair accessible.

The Centre has only space for a single table tennis table shared between several teams. There are no changing facilities. Community and school halls around the borough are used by other teams belonging to the association, notably Aldworth School sports hall on Friday evenings for training and matches.

Quality ratings - the Centre and its ancillary facilities are both rated as very poor (1/5)

Future facility needs - the association aspires to a larger dedicated table tennis centre in Basingstoke where it can introduce more coaching, social sessions and accommodate players with disabilities. Negotiations are ongoing with Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club to merge and provide dedicated table tennis within these premises (subject to fund raising/grants) with shared changing and social facilities.

Whitchurch Centre Badminton Club

15 men and 3 women players, total 18 playing in two men's teams and one mixed team in the local league. The membership has remained stable at this level for the past 3 years and the club has no growth plans.

Sports Halls

Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to protect the current quantity and the availability of community sports halls through planning policy and to ensure its leisure management service provider maintains the facilities and equipment to a good quality standard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to be part of discussions on the refurbishment of Costello College to maximise community access. Brighton Hill – upgrade of changing facilities and main sports hall flooring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review sports hall facility needs with Sport England, the leisure management service provider and the relevant sports' National Governing Bodies in relation to changes in accessible supply (e.g. potential new community halls in the north and south of the borough, participation trends in sports hall sports and population growth).

Interim Report - Prioritised Actions

Short Term (1-2 years)

- Explore table tennis development opportunities with England Table Tennis and Basingstoke Table Tennis Association respectively both in sports halls and in other community settings.
- Facilitate discussions between Basingstoke Table Tennis Association and Loddon Bowls Club around the potential opportunity to share a facility.

Sports Halls

Protect	Enhance	Provide
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- o Work with Basingstoke Blizzards to see the potential opportunities to improve the Basketball workforce in the borough.
- o Assess the feasibility of refurbishing the sports hall at Costello College (in partnership with school and County).

Medium / Longer Term

- o School Sports Halls - Assess feasibility of expanding community access and hours of availability in the peak period, prioritising those in the catchments new housing areas or where provision is limited. Key strategic sites include:
- o The **Everest Community Academy** This site already has a community offer - both pay and play and leisure club with membership benefits. Priority to extend and upgrade the AGP to FA accreditation standard. Review extending community access for indoor facilities.
- o **Manydown new housing area (west)**- the current development brief proposes two primary schools and playing fields, land for a secondary school and playing fields, public open spaces. There is also reference to a new 'Sports Hub' with both indoor and outdoor facilities (either stand alone or dual use with protected community access). Plans should centre on creating a dual use site for indoor sport and provision of extended school facilities to accommodate for community use and access.
- o **Costello School** - very limited access and currently in prime location, opening up indoor sport more and in PPS as potentially a site for another AGP subject to feasibility
- o **Hurst School in Baughurst** – a link with the PPS priority for AGP between the school and the dual use leisure centre and upgrade/extension of the indoor offer including changing for the AGP

Health and Fitness

Health and fitness provision is currently playing a key part of the Covid-19 pandemic recovery process for leisure centres and will continue to be vital in improving the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Within Basingstoke and Deane there is currently 13 health and fitness

facilities with approximately 1,100 stations. The existing provision provides accessible opportunities across the range of access types (pay as you go, membership), budget and mid-range price points and types of provision (cardio, weights, functional fitness, circuits, exercise to music classes, studio cycling).

Health and Fitness

Protect	Enhance	Provide
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Borough Council to continue to protect the current quantity and the availability of community health and fitness facilities through planning policy and to ensure its leisure management service provider maintains the facilities and equipment to a good quality standard and affordable pricing. . | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o On those sites which the Council owns or manages to accommodate new demand as a result of planned new housing, assess the feasibility of expanding hours of availability / increasing capacity at the most accessible fitness suite and studio facilities to support the population growth areas. o Whilst recent investment has been made to address the need, as part of any redevelopment of the Aquadrome, assess the demand and feasibility of replacing or expanding the health and fitness provision as part of the Basingstoke Aquadrome to accommodate new demand from housing and population growth and the need for additional studio space for group exercise. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Regularly review health and fitness facility and equipment needs with the leisure management service provider in relation to changes in accessible supply (e.g. 24/7 budget gyms), fitness participation and industry trends and population growth. |
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Interim Report - Prioritised Actions

Health and Fitness		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<p>Short Term (1-2 years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain a community focused presence within the market of health and fitness provision in the borough. ○ Confirm the facility mix and options for appropriate and demand led provision for any new or redeveloped Aquadrome. ○ Future management of Basingstoke Leisure Centre to be confirmed ○ Assess the feasibility of developing a health and fitness facility at Berrydown (Overton Recreation Centre). <p>Longer Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with operators, review any feasibility of expanding community access and hours of availability in the peak period or increasing the capacity of sites, prioritising those in the catchments of large-scale new housing areas. 		

The club used to run a 2nd team but new players joining in the last 3 years have preferred to play social squash. The club aims to grow from 2022 by attracting juniors with support from Hampshire Squash and Testbourne School. A junior club night and a family membership are recent innovations.

The club has adequate capacity for growth on the two courts it owns freehold at Longmeadow Sports Centre.

Quality ratings - the Longmeadow SC courts and changing facilities are both rated as average (3/5)

Future facility needs - no short term issues although the courts are considered to be outdated and need heating in winter.

Squash

The level of overall supply of squash courts in Basingstoke does not currently meet the England Squash benchmark quantitative guidance standard of 1 court per 10,000 people. Based on a supply of 10 accessible courts, the level of provision in Basingstoke and Deane falls below the England Squash benchmark at approximately 1 court per 18,000 people. There is an under supply of approximately 8 accessible squash courts. Based on the boroughs population estimations this would increase to 11 accessible squash courts. The provision of squash however needs to be considered from both a strategic need and a viability assessment with the ability to provide more flexible court spaces which can be used for other activities.

Club Consultation

Whitchurch Squash Club

1 adult men's team - 10 players - plus around 70 other playing members prior to the onset of the pandemic. By mid 2021, renewals were approximately half - i.e. 40 players.

Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Borough Council to continue to protect the current quantity and the availability of community squash facilities through planning policy and to ensure its leisure management service provider maintains the courts to a good quality standard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with the sports club and the NGB the council should consider the refurbishment needs for the squash courts at both the Sports and Social Club and Hurst School. ○ Regularly review squash demand in the peak at the leisure centres and if unmet demand is established in future seek to secure availability to the courts in the Borough. ○ Establish any facility enhancement needs to facilitate this access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regularly review squash facility needs with England Squash and the leisure management service provider in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth.

Interim Report - Prioritised Actions

Protect	Enhance	Provide
<p>Short Term (1-2 years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the sports club and the NGB the council should be part of the discussion related to the refurbishment needs for the squash courts at both the Sports and Social Club and Hurst School. Protect the current stock of squash court provision in the borough (post covid-19). <p>Longer Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep under review the need for to invest into the current facility stock to improve the quality of squash in Basingstoke and Deane. The council must support the providers of squash to ensure this level of provision which, is considered as suitable, is maintained. 		

Gymnastics

Within Basingstoke and Deane there are three gymnastics/trampolining clubs, with two of the three clubs being located within and around Basingstoke town, whilst the other club is in Tadley. There is only one dedicated facility, which is Basingstoke Gym Club, the largest club in the borough., Lynden Dance and Gymnastics and Tadley Trampoline Club hire facilities. Nationally a number of clubs are struggling to return to their school venues as well as to leisure centres due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Clubs Consultation

The M&M Academy / Meraki Dance Studio

120 Families are registered with the academy totaling 150 girl dancers aged from u7 to u15. Activities include gymnastics, movement and musical theatre.

Numbers have reduced a little over the last 3 years due to the pandemic but are forecast by the owner to recover with a re-brand and extended timetable of lessons from September 2021 to approximately 50 a week.

The academy hires the main hall, second hall and mirrored studio at Westside Community Centre (shared with other users including Basingstoke

Netball League). The academy also hires the pavilion to the rear of the Community Centre in Russell Howard Park.

Quality ratings - the Community Centre is rated as average (3/5) and the ancillary facilities as poor (2/5)

Future facility needs - the academy identifies a need for additional storage space to include space for additional tumbling equipment. The academy report concerns with anti-social behaviour and the safety of girls attending its classes in the South Ham area.

Basingstoke Gym Club – need to add in here

Gymnastics		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to protect the current quantity and the availability of community facilities for gymnastics and trampolining through planning policy and to ensure its leisure management service provider maintains the equipment at Invictus Gymnastics, Lynden Dance and Gymnastics and Tadley Trampoline Club to a good quality standard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accommodate new demand as a result of planned new housing, assess the feasibility of expanding hours of availability for gymnastics and trampolining at the most accessible sports halls and leisure centre to the growth areas where this is complementary to existing programmes at the existing facilities. Establish any facility enhancement investment needs to facilitate this access and additional capacity. Assess the feasibility and opportunity for Basingstoke Gymnastics Club to refurbish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review gymnastics facility needs with British Gymnastics, Basingstoke Gymnastics Club, Invictus Gymnastics, Lynden Dance and Gymnastics and Tadley Trampoline Club in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth. Subject to feasibility, funding and planning, where possible provide advice and capacity support for the clubs in the borough to move into a larger specialist

Gymnastics		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
	the current facility and extending to provide a mezzanine above the offices and changing rooms.	permanent facilities and capacity in the borough. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Assess the opportunity to run community gymnastics sessions out of the borough’s schools or leisure centre (to complement the current offer).

Prioritised Actions

Short Term (1-2 years)

- o Assess the feasibility and opportunity for Basingstoke Gymnastics Club to refurbish the current facility and extending to provide a mezzanine above the offices and changing rooms.
- o Assess the opportunity to run community gymnastics sessions out of the borough’s schools or leisure centre (to complement the current offer).

Longer Term

- o Subject to feasibility, funding and planning, support the clubs in the borough to move into a larger specialist permanent facility in the borough. As part of this assess the feasibility of provision of a purpose-designed indoor facility suitable for gymnastics and trampolining with daytime availability in Basingstoke within feasibility assessments and future plans for the replacement of Basingstoke Aquadrome.

It should be noted at the interim reporting stage Basingstoke Gymnastics Club have not responded to requests for consultation which is required to assess their on-going expansion needs and current levels of demand.

Athletics

Down Grange remains a key strategic site for the region for Athletics and a focal point for a number of other outdoor sports clubs. The 400m outdoor track and field facility at Down Grange Sports Facility remains a priority for the Council.

Clubs Consultation

Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club

Future facility needs - The facility priority of this large sports club continues to be to work in partnership with the Borough Council and the sport's governing body to provide a new spectator stand with club facilities in the undercroft as identified in the previous Leisure and Recreational Needs Assessment.

Tadley Runners

Adult male and female road runners with no change in the last 3 years. Club meeting point is The Hurst Leisure Centre in Tadley for club runs on weekday evenings (access to car park and changing facilities). Quality ratings - the facilities are rated as poor (2/5). Future facility needs - no issues identified.

Overton Harriers

The club have reported a reduction during the pandemic due to restricted training group numbers. Juniors train at the Berrydown Playing Fields on the outskirts of Overton on Saturday mornings (using the football pitches, long jump pit and road/cross country running off site). The seniors train around the football pitches at the Overton Recreation Centre in Bridge Street on Sunday mornings and on one weekday evening. Quality ratings - the training sites and pavilions are rated as good (4/5). Future facility needs - no issues identified.

Athletics		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Borough Council to continue to protect the existing 400m outdoor track and field facility at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Basingstoke and Deane Council to work with Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Regularly review athletics and running facility needs with England Athletics, the

Athletics		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
Down Grange Sports Facility and ensure that the venue achieves and maintains UKAs TrackMark accreditation. In partnership with Hampshire County Council, the facilities and equipment, along with the footpaths, lighting, waymarking and other signage in other parks used for jogging and walking for health, are maintained to a good standard.	establish a spectator stand which includes provision for storage and an indoor training area.	Basingstoke and the leisure management service provider in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth.

Prioritised Actions

Short Term (1-2 years)

- Basingstoke and Deane to work with Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club to develop a spectator stand which includes provision for storage and an indoor training area.

Longer Term

- Refurbishment or overlay of the Downs Grange athletics track.
- The previous 2015 strategy highlighted the opportunity for the Installation of a compact track or 'J' track at a minimum of 2 schools including Hurst and Testbourne (this is based on their priority location for sports hall investment and AGPs). These remains to be determined - 2 school compact tracks estimated at £100,000 each (a 60m straight is costed at £86,000 by Sport England) = £200,000 allowance.

Tennis

Within Basingstoke and Deane there is a total of 25 sites that offer accessible tennis courts in the borough. Across the 25 sites, there is a total supply of 74 tennis courts (excluding privately owned courts) which include 9 indoor courts and 64 outdoor courts. There are 20 floodlit courts in the

borough, with the majority of these being based at tennis clubs.

The flagship community tennis venue in the borough is the Council-owned pay and play Tennis Centre with 4 indoor and 4 outdoor floodlit courts in War Memorial Park. Built in 1992, the centre has been managed on behalf of the Council by Totally Tennis, a tennis coaching organisation since the Centre's inception. The current agreement expires in December 2022. The outdoor courts were resurfaced within the last 5 years. The centre has a small reception/office and changing rooms within the Council's Sports Pavilion located adjacent to the courts. Other park users also use the pavilion including Sunday morning football teams for changing. There is also an area within the building occupied by the Council's grounds maintenance team.

Totally Tennis is also contracted by the Council to run tennis coaching programmes and manage pay and play court hire at the Council's secondary tennis site in the town in Stratton Park. Recently resurfaced and re-fenced with funding support from the Lawn Tennis Association, these outdoor courts are accessed by means of a community tennis membership scheme whereby households pay an annual fee (currently £25pa) for a key fob to open the court gate and play at any time a court is free (i.e. when not hired for pay and play - currently £6/ct/hr - or programmed for coaching or community sessions by Totally Tennis).

Clubs Consultation

Herriard Tennis Club

A small village sports club with cricket and tennis sections and a shared pavilion. There are two hard tennis courts without lights. The ground is held on a lease with approximately 6 years unexpired term.

Quality ratings - the courts and pavilion are rated as very good (5/5).

Future facility needs - none identified but club are keen to renew their lease.

Waverley Lawn Tennis Club

12 adult male players entering three teams in winter and summer local leagues. No significant change in the last 3 years. However the club is looking to add a ladies team (and possibly mixed doubles) to the club squads. Although no plans are in place, some members are interested in growing the club with facility development ideas including adding lights (to enable year round play in the evenings) and/or converting one grass court to a third hard court (to enable the club to programme tournaments).

The club leases its site in Fairfield's Road Basingstoke. The site contains 2 hard courts, 3 seasonal grass courts and a clubhouse. The current lease runs to 2023 and requires renewing.

Quality ratings - the courts and pavilion are both rated as average (3/5)

Future facility needs - renew lease in short term, seek consents and funding for lights in medium term to sustain and grow the club.

Whitchurch Tennis Club

6 men and 10 women playing members.

2 Courts, a Mini Court and a Training Wall in Laverstoke leased (15 years unexpired) from the parish council with free access at all times for club members. The club shares a room within a re-claimed building with a Men's Shed project. Historically, the club used courts at the secondary school in Whitchurch only available out of school hours. After a fruitless search for a suitable site to build club courts in Whitchurch, the option of leasing courts from Laverstoke PC arose. The club has improved these playing facilities replacing old courts, re-fencing, lights, maintaining court surfaces through fund raising and grants from the borough council.

Quality ratings - the playing facilities are rated as good (4/5). The current situation of shared facilities with the Men's Shed in the old Portals clubroom, provides the tennis club with a room for shelter and storage, sufficient for a small rural club, although rated as poor (2/5).

Future needs - A purpose-built sports pavilion located adjacent to the courts with disabled access would be ideal, perhaps shared with Overton Black

Arrows Archery Club. However the club recognise that the running costs of a dedicated pavilion would be too onerous for a club of this size to sustain without significant growth in its membership.

Totally Tennis

The key facility issues identified in the consultation with Totally Tennis relate to the inadequacy of the ancillary facilities - i.e. reception/office, changing/toilets, storage and the catering offer - available within the outdated Sports Pavilion.

A number of minor changes have been made over the past 30 years to make the facility more accessible (e.g. for disabled users and for juniors including the installation of shower screens etc). However the facilities are outdated, cramped and unappealing which works against the success of the Tennis Centre in attracting new players to the game and retaining those who learn to play by attending the coaching courses and beginners' programmes. Currently new players developed at the Centre tend to transition to members' clubs in the area.

The demand for use of the toilets and changing areas from other park users contributes to this concern, particularly so since the opening of the new Cycle Pump Track the success of which has attracted many more users into the park without access to toilets close to the track.

The lack of adequate catering facilities to generate secondary income is also highlighted in the consultation as an unresolved issue since the last LRNA in 2016.

Finally, a larger flexible clubroom/meeting space is very desirable as this would support the running of regular coach education courses at the Tennis Centre to help build the number of locally based qualified coaches able to

grow the game on park, community centre, school and club courts right across the borough.

Tennis		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to protect the current quantity and availability of community facilities for tennis through planning policy. The Borough Council to ensure courts, fencing and nets in parks and club sites are maintained to a good quality standard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To re-design the interior layout and refurbish the Sports Pavilion to better serve the needs of the tennis centre users and operator and provide better opportunities for secondary income from tennis and other park users. To assess the feasibility, costs and funding strategy to upgrade poor quality provision at Winklebury Park. Assess the opportunity for Waverley Lawn Tennis Club to develop another hard court and/or floodlights. Assess the opportunity to install floodlights at tennis club or park sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review tennis facility needs with the Lawn Tennis Association, the tennis clubs based in Basingstoke and Deane and the leisure management service provider in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth.

Interim Report - Prioritised Actions

Short Term (1-2 years)

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to review the tenancy arrangements with totally Tennis as the current lease/contract is due to end in December 2022. The scope of the review should include the current arrangements at Stratton Park including pay and play charges.
- Assess the opportunity to refurbish the courts at Winklebury Park and implement a gated system (similar to that now in operation at Stratton Park).

Tennis		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
Longer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the opportunity for Waverley LTC to develop another hard court by extending the current area of land in their lease and/or provide floodlighting. Assess the opportunity to install addition floodlights at other tennis clubs or priority parish recreation ground sites to provide more opportunities to play tennis year-round outside the urban area. 		

Netball

Within Basingstoke and Deane there are a total of 27 courts across 11 different facilities. There are 20 outdoor courts (13 with floodlights) and 7 indoor courts within the borough.

Clubs Consultation

Basingstoke Netball League

Summer 2021 - 26 teams with approximately 300 players

Winter 21/22 - 34 teams with approximately 390 players

All female - range of age groups.

The league lost 10 teams in the 2021 summer leagues compared to 2019 due to covid, recovering to a net loss of two teams in the current winter league. The league forecasts full recovery and some growth stimulated by England Netball committed support with Back to Netball courses.

The leagues run on weekday evenings on the 6 dedicated floodlit courts hired annually from the Borough Council in Russell Howard Park in Basingstoke. The courts provide sufficient capacity.

Quality ratings - the courts are rated very good (5/5) including in wet conditions. The changing/pavilion (owned by Westside Community Centre) are rated by the league as good (4/5).

Future facility needs - no issues identified.

Ants Netball Club

This club is based on courts in Anstey Park, Alton in East Hampshire where all its training activities take place. League match play (for the club's three adult and three junior teams) takes place on the Russell Howard Park courts in South Ham, Basingstoke as the central league venue for the area.

Quality ratings - the Ants club consider the Russell Howard courts to be good and the toilet facilities as adequate. Most of the girls and women do not use the changing rooms arriving ready changed or changing in cars.

Future facility needs - none identified.

Netball		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to protect the current quantity and the availability of community facilities for netball through planning policy. The Borough Council should ensure the courts, fencing and nets at all venues are maintained to a good quality standard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the existing maintenance regime at Russell Howard Park and make improvements where necessary. To assess the feasibility, costs and funding strategy to refurbish the courts at Russell Howard Park. Work with England Netball to improve the Netball workforce within the borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review netball facility needs with England Netball, Basingstoke Netball League, netball clubs and the leisure management service provider in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth. Assess the feasibility of providing a purpose-designed sports hall of at least 6 courts (suitable for netball) with daytime availability in

Netball		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
		Basingstoke within feasibility assessments and future plans for the replacement of Basingstoke Aquadrome.
Interim Report - Prioritised Actions		
Short Term (1-2 years)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbish the courts at Russell Howard Park to improve the quality of the site for netball. Support the growth of Basingstoke Netball League and the number of "Back to Netball" sessions where possible. 		
Longer Term		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the strategic school's investment - assess the feasibility of providing a purpose-designed sports hall of at least 6 courts (suitable for netball) with daytime availability in Basingstoke. Indoor sports halls to be assessed further with the up-coming Sport England FPM analysis. 		

Cycling

There is one BMX facility in Basingstoke and Deane, at War Memorial Park in Basingstoke Town. This track opened in April 2021 and funded by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and the British Cycling's Places to Ride programme.

Cycling		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to protect the existing facilities for the various cycling disciplines through planning policy. The Borough Council should ensure, in partnership with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to work with other partners to inform future investment in infrastructure needed to support cycling opportunities. This should 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to protect the existing facilities for the various cycling disciplines through planning policy. The Borough Council

Cycling		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
local cycling clubs and Hampshire County Council, that the BMX sites in War Memorial Park along with existing cycle paths, cycle routes, lighting, waymarking and other signage are maintained to a good standard.	include seeking to facilitate greater physical activity and support those with health conditions and / or disabilities. This should include input from British Cycling, Cycling UK, Bikeability Cycle Training, Sustrans and Energise Me.	should ensure, in partnership with local cycling clubs and Hampshire County Council, that the BMX sites in War Memorial Park along with existing cycle paths, cycle routes, lighting, waymarking and other signage are maintained to a good standard.

Interim Report - Prioritised Actions

Short Term (1-2 years)

- War Memorial BMX Track – Support and establish a BMX club on site and create a hub for cycling.
- Establish the feasibility of using Totally Tennis facilities as the ancillary provision of the BMX track. If this route is not possible, the Council should explore modular clubhouses to provide the ancillary and bike rental facilities.
- Basingstoke and Deane to seek opportunities to access revenue funding (officer time or cycling development role) to support the implementation of the War Memorial BMX Track development plan.

Longer Term

- Improve way marking and promotion of shorter/easier road routes attractive to novice riders linked to the wider cycling strategy and priorities from previous 2017 study.
- Improve route marking and promotion of more off-road routes.
- Consider potential location and site opportunities for a destination off-road bike park and/or cyclocross track in the Borough.

Ice Skating

The Planet Ice Silverdome Arena in Basingstoke has operated at the Leisure Park site in the town since April 1988. The facility has an Olympic size (60x40m pad) and a spectator capacity of 2,000. In addition to recreational

skating and ice dance classes, the arena hosts a home ice hockey team - Basingstoke Bison with a large junior section - and competes in the national league structure for the sport drawing a crowd of up to 1,500 for some matches. The club produces conference level, England and GB players.

Other rinks in the region are in Gosport to the south - also operated by Planet Ice. A new Ozone Ice rink facility to replace the former John Nike Ice Rink has recently secured planning consent as part of a large new warehouse development scheme in development in Bracknell.

Basingstoke Junior Bison Ice Hockey Club

Boys aged to u9 to u18 - 88 players

Men - 13 players

The club hires the Planet Ice rink weekly for weekend and weekday evening club sessions and matches.

The club has grown over the past 3 years partly due to the closure of The John Nike Bracknell Ice Rink. The club consider there is potential for further growth due to the reputation of the club's coaches drawing new players from a wide catchment area. However, at the same time, the perceived threat of closure is a disincentive to potential new members.

Quality ratings - the rink and changing facilities are both rated as very poor (1/5)

Future facility needs - the stands, changing rooms and toilets highlighted as in urgent need of repair or replacement, ideally as part of a new rink.

Although the facility is a privately operated business, the future of the leisure park which includes the Aquadrome will have an influence of the levels of provision and activity within Basingstoke. The decision to retain the ice rink will form part of the wider commercial review of the leisure park. As part of this review there is an opportunity to consider a replacement ice rink

as one component of a larger commercial leisure complex incorporating a new leisure centre similar to the leisure centre development at Streatham Leisure Centre in south London. The strategy does not present any options for the ice rink as this would be a wider commercial decision by the Council, operators and developers as part of the leisure park redevelopment and planning.

Bowls

Within Basingstoke and Deane there are 10 bowls facilities with a total of 66 rinks (54 outdoor and 12 indoor).

Clubs Consultation

Longmeadow Indoor Bowls Club

The indoor bowls club also lost members during the pandemic and has actively promoted the recently refurbished facilities (new roof, LED lighting, redecoration) to recover membership levels since re-opening in September 2021.

The club has 4 rinks and is on a site in the ownership of Whitchurch Football Club.

Quality ratings - the Longmeadow IBC rinks are rated as very good (5/5) and the changing facilities are rated as average (3/5)

Future facility needs - installation of a more energy efficient and effective heating system.

Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club

9 boys u9 to u18, 100 men, 100 women. 4 adults with a disability. Total of 210 players approximately and 300 members including social non-players.

The recent trend has been fewer players particularly due to the age profile of the membership and the impact of covid and shielding among many of the older players or their partners. The club recognises the need to attract more junior members and proposes to visit local schools to this end. The club estimates that with 8 rinks it has capacity for 500 playing members.

Leagues and roll-ups are played four sessions daily, Monday to Friday. Friendly games are played during the afternoons at weekends.

The centre has 8 rinks, changing and social facilities and is held by the club on a long lease from the Borough Council.

Quality ratings - the rinks and ancillary facilities are both rated as very good (5/5)

Future facility needs - no issues identified

Whitchurch Bowls Club

8 men and 8 women - 16 players. The club has fewer members than 3 years ago and no current plans for growth.

The club is a section of Whitchurch Sports & Social Club with a green, changing rooms and office.

Quality ratings - the green and ancillary facilities are both rated as very good (5/5)

Future facility needs - no issues identified.

Basingstoke Town Bowling Club

39 men and 29 women players, total 68 playing members.

The club reports no change in the size of the playing membership over the last 3 years. However, recent access adaptations highlighted and wish to be known as an inclusive club and to attract more people with a disability in future, including wheelchair users.

Quality ratings - the green is rated as good (4/5) and the ancillary facilities as very good (5/5)

Future facility needs - no issues. Focus on maintaining the green to a high standard.

Oakley Bowling Club

Approximately 100 playing members including juniors. Membership has reduced by 20 for 2021 partly due to Covid restrictions. The Club did not open in 2020. The club expects by 2023 to be back to a situation where membership numbers are such that there is pressure on green space. The club competes in 11 leagues as well as playing friendlies against other clubs. Six of these leagues require mixed teams and our juniors compete alongside adults. Many members also compete in a variety of National, County and District Competitions.

Apart from maintenance times, the green is open in the summer from 9 am to 9 pm with the peak times being 6 to 9pm on weekday evenings when there is, in a normal season, not enough rinks to meet demand.

The club has a lease on the facilities (6 rinks with space for 7) with 16 years unexpired.

Quality ratings - the green and pavilion are both rated as good (4/5)

Future facility needs - The Club, in 2019, identified a requirement to lay an additional artificial green alongside the existing green to ease pressure on the existing green and allow use for most of the year. The landlord offered additional land and a new lease. An unsuccessful application for Local Infrastructure Funding was submitted to the Borough Council with the expected population growth within the catchment area (at Manydown) cited as part of the needs case. The club plans to revisit this project and reapply for funding support.

Howard Park Bowling Club

The club has 55 men and 23 women playing members, growing by approximately 25% over the past 3 years driven by advertising for members on line and in local supermarkets.

The club is seeking to extend its building to accommodate a second short mat rink to provide more winter capacity and to enable league short mat play.

The green and pavilion are in Russell Howard Park and leased from the Borough Council (approximately 23 years unexpired).

Quality ratings - the green is rated as average (3/5) and the pavilion as very good (5/5).

Future facility needs - the priorities of the club are: 1) to work with the Borough Council to improve the playing quality of the green which, due to cut backs in the Council's maintenance budgets is gradually in decline and, 2) in the medium term, to extend the pavilion to provide a second shortmat rink.

Bowls

Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to protect the current quantity and availability of community facilities for indoor and outdoor bowls through planning policy and, in liaison with the clubs, seek to ensure the existing facilities for bowls continue to be maintained to a good quality standard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review key grounds where the council maintenance needs to be improved – Howard Park in particular. Continue to improve signage at all council-maintained sites both on road signs working with highways and within parks and open spaces linking other open space sports facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review bowls facility needs in the Borough with the Bowls Development Alliance, England Bowls, England Indoor Bowls Association and the established bowls clubs based in Basingstoke and Deane in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth. Support Loddon Vale in any future negotiations regarding

Bowls		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
		the leisure park plans and replacement / redevelopment as appropriate in order to protect its future provision
Prioritised Actions Short Term (1-2 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review key grounds where the council maintenance needs to be improved – Howard Park in particular. Continue to improve signage at all council-maintained sites both on road signs working with highways and within parks and open spaces linking other open space sports facilities. Longer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Loddon Vale to ensure the most appropriate options are considered to protect the required future provision. Assess the opportunity for Howard Park Bowls Club to expand their clubhouse to accommodate another shortmat. Assess the feasibility for Oakley Bowls club to develop an artificial green alongside their current facilities (subject to funding and demand). 		

Golf

Within Basingstoke and Deane, there are six 18-hole courses across 4 sites, seven 9-hole courses across 6 sites, and six driving ranges with a minimum of ten bays.

Golf		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Borough Council to continue to protect the current availability of community golf facilities through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assess options to improve the security of the on-site storage facilities at Town Meadow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review entry level golf facility needs in the Borough with England Golf, The Golf Foundation, the

Golf		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> planning policy and to continue to maintain golf facilities in its ownership to a good quality standard. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> leisure management services provider and Town Meadow in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth.
Interim Report - Prioritised Actions Short Term (1-2 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with England Golf regarding market profiling and development initiatives to increase the number of rounds played at the Town Meadow golf facilities. Consider any available, proportionate, and cost-effective measures to reduce the number of break ins and anti-social behaviour at Town Meadow. Longer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None – Continue to review the golf courses and the participation levels for golf being maintained from post covid bounce. 		

Climbing

There are no climbing facilities within Basingstoke currently. There are a number of facilities in neighbouring local authorities, which include: Oakwood Climbing Centre (Bracknell), Parthian Climbing Reading (Reading), Surrey Summit Climbing (Surrey), Craggy Island Guildford (Surrey), and Sparsholt College Climbing Wall (Winchester). The two closest facilities to Basingstoke and Deane are Andover Leisure Centre and Sparsholt College Climbing Wall near Winchester, which are both approximately a 25–30-minute drive from Basingstoke Town.

Climbing		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review climbing facility needs

Climbing		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
		<p>in the Borough with British Mountain Climbing, the leisure management services provider in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider the needs/business case for providing a climbing facility as part of the redevelopment of the Aquadrome

Interim Report - Prioritised Actions

Short Term (1-2 years)

- Consider the needs/business case for providing a climbing facility as part of the redevelopment of the Aquadrome to diversify the offer as part of the wider leisure mix.

Longer Term

- Based on any inclusion of climbing facilities within any new Aquadrome, the Council to assess demand related to the need for purpose built climbing facility provision in Basingstoke and Deane.

Martial Arts

There are three main facilities that provide dedicated martial provision, including Basingstoke School of Martial Arts, Bluewave Martial Arts and Shin Gi Tai Martial Arts. Across other indoor facilities there are Judo, Taekwondo and Karate Clubs as detailed within the full report.

Club Consultation

Summit Judo Club

Stable membership over the past 3 years.

Hire space for dojo (14m x 7m mat) seasonally on weekday evenings in The Chute Pavilion (community building) in Sherborne St John.

Sufficient capacity in the programme times allocated.

Quality ratings - both the space and the changing facilities as very good (5/5).

Future facility needs - no issues identified.

Shin Gi Tai Martial Arts Academy

This academy offers classes in judo, Tai Chi, Karate, Kung Fu, Ladies only Kickboxing, Ladies only Karate, Wheelchair Tai Chi, Wheelchair Karate, Wheelchair Fitness classes and HIIT Fitness classes (standing and seated).

When the survey was completed, the academy had enrolled: Males - 23 u7, 92 u15, 25 men; Females - 10 u7, 40 u15 girls 60 women. 15 of the juniors and 10 of the adults with a disability. The total membership was in excess of 200. Classes which run on Sundays and weekday evenings have been greatly reduced in number during the pandemic to maintain social distancing. The coach forecast growth in attendances post pandemic.

The academy has 19 years unexpired on a lease of an industrial unit in the town at Daneshill Central in Armstrong Road.

Quality ratings - the terrain and ancillary facilities are both rated as good (4/5)

Future facility needs - increased parking spaces, showers in the unit, CCTV, a dividing internal wall between the training and waiting areas

Su-ha-ri Karate School

10 boy and 10 girls aged u7 to u11. Total 20 pupils.

The school report 30% fewer pupils attending since the onset of the pandemic and is seeking to increase numbers with improved marketing of the classes which are held in the dance studio at the Basingstoke Sports Centre in Festival Place on weekday evenings. Some outdoor classes are held at Down Grange Outdoor Sports Complex in the summer months.

Quality ratings - the Sports Centre studio is rated as good (4/5) and the ancillary facilities as very good (5/5)

Future facility needs - no issues identified

Bluewave Korean Martial Arts

No membership numbers are provided. However the club reports no significant impact of the pandemic and stable attendances. The club aspires to grow the membership and programme additional classes and secure an additional coach/instructor when demand requires.

The club leases an industrial unit on the Vickers Business Centre site in the town with classes on weekday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Quality ratings - the facilities are rated as very good (5/5).

Future facility needs - none identified.

Martial Arts		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
seek to ensure the facilities are to be maintained to a good quality standard.	arts programming where this is complementary to existing programmes (as opposed to displacing existing members and use).	service provider, and clubs based in the Borough and England Boxing in relation to changes in accessible supply, participation trends and population growth.

Interim Report - Prioritised Actions

Short Term (1-2 years)

- o Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to discuss the long-term lease arrangements with Basingstoke ACB.
- o Provide advice and guidance for Shin Gi Tai Martial Arts to build showers and a separating wall between the training and waiting areas.
- o Review the parking and security arrangements at Shin Gi Tai Martial Arts.

Longer Term

- o None – continue to monitor the longer-term needs of Boxing and Martial Arts - If the opportunity of a new dedicated centre is deliverable, dependent on viability and funding – the longer-term aim is a martial arts hub-site for Basingstoke.

Martial Arts		
Protect	Enhance	Provide
o The Borough Council to continue to protect the current quantity and availability of community facilities for boxing and martial arts through planning policy and, in liaison with the local clubs,	o To accommodate new demand for martial arts as a result of planned new housing, assess the feasibility of expanding hours of availability to the most accessible school studio facilities for martial	o Regularly review facility needs for judo, karate, boxing and other martial arts in the Borough with the leisure management

Summary

This section has highlighted a notable number of facility investment needs for the Council and partners bringing together the analysis, consultation and assessment work. The priority projects and outline capital costs are presented in Section 4 with the associated timescale for potential development as the Council sets out their plan to address the priority needs for sport in Basingstoke and Deane.

Section 4 – Action Plan

This section of the strategy provides an outline draft delivery plan for the Council related to the potential priority projects and facility needs for sport and recreation as set out in the previous section.

The likely investment needs and costs identified within this section should serve only as a guide at this stage. A number of project proposals within the strategy are subject to design and cost analysis and for some projects feasibility testing and options appraisals.

Where possible the Consultant Team has used Sport England cost guidelines from Sport England’s Design guidance.

4.1 Short Term Priorities and Actions

Project and Sport	Description	Cost (£)	Potential Funding Sources
Swimming - on Aquadrome	Viability and future direction fully assessed and established	n/a	n/a
Swimming - Cranbourne School	School and County Council direction and future of provision established	n/a	n/a
Sports Halls - Costello School	Confirm future provision and opportunities to extend community access.	n/a	n/a
Health and Fitness - Berrydown	Assess the feasibility of developing a health and fitness facility at Berrydown (Overton Recreation Centre).	n/a	n/a
Squash - Basingstoke Sports and Social Club and Hurst School.	Squash court refurbishment at key sites – Sports and Social Club and Hurst School	tbc	tbc
Gymnastics – short term club priority refurbishment	Add from gym club consultation	tbc	tbc
Gymnastics – assess future opportunity for a dedicated gymnastics centre	Assess the feasibility of provision of a purpose-designed indoor facility suitable for gymnastics and trampolining with daytime availability in Basingstoke within feasibility assessments and future plans for the replacement of Basingstoke Aquadrome.	tbc	tbc
Athletics – Down Grange	New spectator stand	tbc	tbc
Athletics – schools’ investment	2 x J compact tracks at suitable community school locations	tbc	tbc
Tennis – Park Investment	Refurbish the courts at Winklebury Park	tbc	tbc
Netball – Park Investment	Refurbish the courts at Russell Howard Park to improve the quality of the site for netball.	tbc	tbc
Cycling	Establish the feasibility of using Totally Tennis facilities as the ancillary provision of the BMX track. If this route is not possible, the Council should explore modular clubhouses to provide the ancillary and bike rental facilities.	tbc	tbc

Project and Sport	Description	Cost (£)	Potential Funding Sources
Ice Skating	Assess option of new Aquadrome to include ice rink provision as part of leisure centre redevelopment	tbc	tbc

4.2 Medium / Long Term Priorities and Actions

Project and Sport	Description	Cost (£)	Potential Funding Sources
1. Swimming - New Aquadrome Provision	Full leisure water and swimming pool specification for replacement Aquadrome	£35million	Developer and NDBC capital / finance
2. Sports Halls - community accessible sports halls at key school locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everest Community Academy - Costello School - - Hurst School in Bournemouth - Many down new housing area (west)- the current development brief proposes two primary schools and playing fields, land for a secondary school and playing fields, public open spaces. There is also reference to a new 'Sports Hub' with both indoor and outdoor facilities (either stand alone or dual use with protected community access). Plans should centre on creating a dual use site for indoor sport and provision of extended school facilities to accommodate for community use and access. 	Everest – combine the proposed new AGP with investment into indoor access and investment needs to sustain community access. Costello – combined opportunity for AGP and sports hall project. Hurst – a further opportunity to combine potential AGP priorities with indoor sport	Tbc	Hampshire County / BDBC / Football Foundation (for AGPs – as identified within the PPS)
2. Dedicated Gymnastics and Martial Arts Facility	Timetable and delivery established in short term	tbc	tbc
3. Maintain and refurbish Down Grange Athletics track.	On-going maintenance and protected provision	tbc	tbc
4. Netball – Indoor	As part of the strategic school’s investment - assess the feasibility of providing a purpose-designed sports hall of at least 6 courts (suitable for netball) with daytime availability in Basingstoke.	tbc	tbc

Project and Sport	Description	Cost (£)	Potential Funding Sources
5. Bowls	<p>Support Loddon Vale to ensure the most appropriate options are considered to protect the required future provision.</p> <p>Assess the opportunity for Howard Park Bowls Club to expand their clubhouse to accommodate another shortmat.</p> <p>Assess the feasibility for Oakley Bowls club to develop an artificial green alongside their current facilities (subject to funding and demand).</p>	tbc	tbc

Section 5 - Summary

5.1 Summary

Although the Council has seen notable and successful investment since the 2015 strategy, due to the strength of the community sport sector (notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19 on some sports), and population pressures on the current facility stock, some of which is now ageing, a notable number of opportunities exist for continued investing in and supporting built sports facilities within the borough.

The primary needs are to protect the overall quantity, maintain the quality and secure availability to the wider community of the existing supply of sports facilities. The majority of the sports halls, which are located on school or college sites need to be utilised further for community sport.

The facility review and consultations has also highlighted the high average age of much of the leisure stock of buildings and a number of facilities that are in urgent need of enhancing by means of upgrades or full refurbishment.

The analysis from Sport England's FPM pools report should be used to influence the largest investment priority for the strategy namely to secure the long term future of swimming pool provision within the town.

In this regard, it is clear from the planning model findings that the future of the Basingstoke Leisure Park is of notable importance given this remains the optimum location for the borough's main swimming provision and will remain so in the context of the housing growth areas set out in the Local Plan Update.

Subject to business planning and the available finance, the assessment of needs strongly supports the case for the minimum of retaining and or preferably aiming to increase the overall water area currently provided at the Aquadrome ideally within a replacement pools complex with an

updated mix of teaching, competition / training and leisure water or if this is not viable, a full refurbishment of the existing provision.

As the country as a whole and the public sector, as a key provider of these essential services for leisure and physical activity, begins to recover the role of physical activity has taken on an even more integral part of the health of the nation. Investment into the health and wellbeing of the Council's residents will be impacted very positively by the investment priorities highlighted within this part of the LRNA 2022 Update. However what the Council has always recognised and must continue to do, despite the on-going challenges, is continue to invest and support community clubs and organisations who also play a critical role in providing opportunities for Basingstoke's residents.