

Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS)

Westmorland and Furness Council



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Strategy and Action Plan

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In October 2022, Tetrattech were appointed to produce a Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) for Westmorland and Furness Council. The work has been delivered by Sports Planning Consultants (SPC), on behalf of Tetrattech under the Sport England Active Environments Framework.
- 1.2 This is the first PPOSS for Westmorland and Furness. It sets a framework for the delivery of playing fields and outdoor sports facilities and guides both proactive and reactive decision making.
- 1.3 It considers facility requirements for the following sports:
- Football (grass pitches and 3G)
 - Rugby Union (grass pitches and 3G)
 - Hockey
 - Cricket
 - Rugby League
 - Tennis
 - Bowls
 - Athletics
 - Archery
 - Golf.
- 1.4 The PPOSS is made up of two documents:
- An Assessment Report
 - A Strategy and Action Plan.
- 1.5 This is the strategy and action plan document. It draws on the issues identified in the assessment report (under separate cover) and sets out how the Council and its partners will respond to these issues and drive improvements to ensure that supply meets demand in future years.
- 1.6 To maximise the opportunities that this PPOSS can bring, the strategy promotes collaborative working with key partners. The production of this written strategy therefore represents only the start of the process. The task of the project steering group is now to deliver the recommendations and action plan.

Vision and Objectives

- 1.7 The overall vision for the strategy is;
- ‘To deliver a range of high quality facilities to meet the current and future needs of local residents and visitors to the area and to promote growth in participation in physical activity.’*
- 1.8 To support the Council and it’s partners in the achievement of this vision, this PPOSS:
- Presents information on the quantity, quality and accessibility of all existing facilities, including pitches in private and public ownership, as well as education sites
 - Provides a clear understanding of the demand for playing pitches and other outdoor sports facilities
 - Outlines the current and future demand and identifies deficiencies or surpluses in provision
 - Includes a robust action plan to address the issues identified.

1.9 The key drivers for the preparation of this PPOSS are:

- To inform the preparation of relevant Local Plans (for Westmorland and Furness, the Lake District National Park and Yorkshire Dales National Park) and policy decision making for Westmorland and Furness Council
- To provide the qualitative and quantitative evidence to help protect and enhance existing provision
- To provide evidence to inform any potential changes to the supply of provision
- To inform decision making in relation to key schemes
- To inform decision making in relation to the determination of planning applications
- To help secure internal and external funding
- To support local objectives as set out in the Westmorland and Furness Council Plan and other local strategies and national objectives and strategies to improve health and wellbeing through participation in sport.

1.10 The PPOSS will support the delivery of the Council's priorities as set out in the Westmorland and Furness Council Plan by:

- Supporting active, healthy happy lives for young and old
- Maximizing the potential use of our open spaces for activity and recreation
- Supporting people in need and reducing inequality. Seeking to reduce some wide inequalities in health outcomes, tackling the wider determinants of health such as access to local environmental quality.
- Driving sustainable, inclusive economic growth
- Creating confident, empowered and resilient communities

1.11 Westmorland and Furness Council is preparing an Active Wellbeing Strategy, which will work in partnership with the PPOSS to inform and support future development of Outdoor Sport and Leisure.

Methodology

1.12 This PPOSS has been produced in line with guidance by Sport England 'Playing Pitch Guidance, An Approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy (2013) and Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities (2014)'. Full details of the methodology are provided in the Assessment Report.

1.13 The Playing Pitch Guidance sets out the process for delivering a strategy for football, cricket, rugby (league and union) and hockey. It advocates a 10 step approach that is summarised in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1 – Ten Step Approach

Outcome	Step
1. Undertaking an Assessment	1. Prepare & Tailor the approach
2. Gather Information on Supply & Demand	2. Gather Supply information and views
2. Gather Information on Supply & Demand	3. Gather demand information and views
3. Assessment Bring the Information Together	4. Understand the situation at individual sites
3. Assessment Bring the Information Together	5. Develop the current and future picture of provision
3. Assessment Bring the Information Together	6. Identify the key findings and issues

Outcome	Step
4. Strategy Development	7. Develop the recommendations and action plan
4. Strategy Development	8. Write and Adopt the strategy
5. Implementation	9. Apply and deliver the strategy
5. Implementation	10. Keep the Strategy Robust and up-to-date

- 1.14 The assessment report encompasses Stages 1 – 6 while this document covers the strategy development phase (Stages 7 and 8). The implementation phase (9 and 10) will take place over the life of the strategy document and will be led by Westmorland and Furness Council.

- 1.15 For non-pitch sports included within the scope (tennis, bowls, archery, golf and athletics) the guidance in Assessing Needs and Opportunities (ANOG) has been applied. Consideration has been given to the quality, quantity and accessibility of facilities.
- 1.16 For all sports, recommendations and priorities have been developed following extensive consultation, analysis and scenario testing and in conjunction with representatives of the following key organisations:
- Westmorland and Furness Council (WaFC)
 - Westmorland Football Association (FA), Lancashire FA, Cumberland FA and The Football Foundation (FF),
 - The England Cricket Board (ECB) and Cumbria Cricket
 - The Rugby Football Union (RFU)
 - The Rugby Football League (RFL)
 - England Hockey (EH)
 - The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA)
 - England Athletics (EA)
 - Archery Great Britain (Archery GB)
 - British Crown Green Bowls Association (BCGB)
 - England Golf (EG)
 - Sport England.
- 1.17 The views of these groups have been used to shape this strategy and to finalise the action and implementation plan. The consultation process does not stop here - many of the identified short-term actions will involve ongoing consultation with wider groups, ensuring that any priorities implemented are reflective of the needs and aspirations of current pitch users.
- 1.18 It should be noted that the strategy aims to capture all outdoor sports facilities and playing fields as well as participation within Westmorland and Furness. There may however be instances where a site / club is unknowingly omitted. Where pitches / playing fields have not been recorded they remain as pitches / playing fields and for planning purposes continue to be so. Furthermore, exclusion of a pitch does not mean that it is not required from a supply and demand point of view.
- 1.19 The strategy monitoring process will ensure that the document is kept up to date as any omissions / errors arise and where changes occur.

Context and Wider Links

- 1.20 The strategy contributes to the delivery of many national, regional and local targets. It will provide an evidence base for decision making, but will also help to deliver on the priorities of Sport England and the relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport.
- 1.21 For the Council and it's partners, the strategy will inform the preparation of the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan, as well as the development of other proactive strategies to support participation in physical activity, health and wellbeing. The Council's Active Well-Being Strategy, which is currently being prepared, will set out how the priorities of this PPOSS will be delivered in the context of facilities owned by the Council.

- 1.22 The key principles of each strategic document, and how the delivery of this PPOSS will contribute is outlined in full in the assessment report. The links between the achievement of the objectives in this strategy document and other national, regional and local strategies and policies are summarised in Table 1.2

Table 1.2 – Contribution of PPOSS towards national and local priorities

Document	Protect the existing supply where it is needed to meet current and future needs	Enhance outdoor sports facilities and playing fields	Provide new sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so.
National Planning Framework	√	√	√
Sport England – Policy on Playing Fields	√	√	√
Sport England: Uniting the Movement	√	√	√
National Football Facilities Strategy (2020)	√	√	√
Survive. Revive. Thrive – Grassroots Football Facility Strategy 2020 - 2024– Delivered through Local Football Facility Plans	√	√	√
Inspiring Generations, ECB, 2020 - 2024	√	√	√
RFU Strategic Plan	√	√	√
RFL National Facilities Strategy (2024 – 2030)			
England Hockey National Facilities Strategy (2017)	√	√	√
LTA Vision for Britain – (2024 – 2026)	√	√	√
GB Archery Strategic Plan (2021 – 2026)	√	√	√
Eden Local Plan (2014 – 2032)	√	√	√
Barrow Local Plan (2016 – 2031)	√	√	√
South Lakeland Local Plan (2003-2025)	√	√	√
Lake District National Park Authority Local Plan (2020-2025)	√	√	√
Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan (2025 – 2040)	√	√	√

- 1.23 Table 1.2 demonstrates that the effective provision of outdoor sports facilities and playing fields can directly contribute to the achievement of many of the strategic goals of local and national organisations.
- 1.24 Sport England's recently published strategic outcomes planning guidance emphasises this, reporting that sport and physical activity are increasingly seen as a co-producer of local outcomes. Local Authorities nationally are using their services, assets, partnerships and infrastructure to make a significant contribution to their residents' lives as a direct provider, commissioner or enabler.
- 1.25 Sport England's guidance shows that having a clear, strategic and sustainable approach to sport and physical activity is essential to making effective investment into provision – both facilities and services. This PPOSS will support the delivery of high-quality facilities that are delivered in the right place to support participation.

Sub Areas

- 1.26 Westmorland and Furness is a large geographic area. Until April 2023, this area was covered by three separate Councils:
- South Lakeland District Council
 - Eden District Council
 - Barrow Borough Council.
- 1.27 This PPOSS seeks to understand the priorities for the delivery of outdoor sports facilities and playing fields across the new Westmorland and Furness Council area as a whole.
- 1.28 The geographical scale and terrain of the area however means that it is also necessary to understand the adequacy of provision at a more local level. To enable this, for the purposes of the preparation of this PPOSS, Westmorland and Furness has been divided into sub areas.
- 1.29 To create these sub areas, the former local authority areas have been used as a base. This ensures that the document is able to effectively support the planning process. These former local authority areas have then been subdivided further to provide a localised understanding of the adequacy of provision. This approach was agreed with the steering group.
- 1.30 The Lake District National Park (LDNP) and Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) represent separate sub areas to ensure that specific information can be extracted to inform the Local Plans in these areas.
- 1.31 Table 1.3 summarises the settlements that fall within each sub area. Map 1.1 displays this visually.

Table 1.3 – Sub Areas across Westmorland and Furness

Former Authority Area	Sub Area	Areas included
Barrow Borough	Barrow and Walney	The town of Barrow and Walney Island.
Barrow Borough	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Remainder of former Barrow Borough – Askam and Dalton (parishes of Askam & Ireleth, Dalton with Newton and Lindal & Marton).

Former Authority Area	Sub Area	Areas included
Eden	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen and the surrounding area – the following parishes excluding those areas that fall within YDNP: Asby, Brough, Brough Sowerby, Hartley, Helbeck, Kaber, Kirkby Stephen Musgrave, Nateby, Soulby, Stainmore, Waitby, Warcop, Winton.
Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	The following parishes excluding those areas that fall within either the LDNP or YDNP; Ainstable, Brougham Castle, Sowerby, Catterlen. Clifton, Crosby, Ravensworth, Dacre, Glassonby, Great Salkeld, Great Strickland, Greystoke, Hesket, Hunsonby, Hutton Kirkoswald, Langwathby, Lazonby, Little Strickland Lowther, Melmerby, Mungrisdale, Orton, Ousby, Penrith, Shap, Skelton, Sockbridge and Tirril, Tebay, Yanwath and Eamont Bridge.
Eden	Appleby	Appleby and the surrounding area (the following parishes excluding those areas that fall within YDNP) Appleby-in-Westmorland, Bandleyside Bolton, Cliburn, Crackenthorpe, Culgaith, Dufton, King's Meaburn, Kirkby Thore, Long Marton, Milburn, Morland, Murton, Newbiggin, Newby, Sleagill, Temple Sowerby
Eden	Alston	Parish of Alston Moor
Eden	LDNP	The areas of the following parishes that fall within the LDNP Dacre, Hutton, Shap, Little Strickland, Lowther, Mungrisdale, Orton, Tebay
Eden	YDNP	The areas of the following parishes that fall within the YDNP Shap, Crosby Ravensworth, Tebay, Kings Meaburn, Asby, Kirkby Stephen, Musgrave, Nateby, Soulby, Waitby.
South Lakeland	Kendal	Kendal and the surrounding area (the following parishes excluding those areas that fall within the LDNP) Kendal with Oxenholme, Natland, Strickland Ketel, Strickland Roger (including Burneside), Skelsmergh and Scalthwaiterigg, Selside and Fawcett Forest, Whinfell, Grayrigg, Lambrigg, Docker, New Hutton, Helsington, Old Hutton and Holmescales, Sedgwick, Stainton, Killington and Firbank.
South Lakeland	Milnthorpe	Milnthorpe and the surrounding area (the following parishes excluding those areas that fall within the LDNP) Hincaster, Heversham, Milnthorpe, Levens, Burton-in-Kendal, Preston Richard (including Endmoor), Holme, Beetham (including Sandside and Storth), Arnside.
South Lakeland	Kirkby Lonsdale	Kirkby Lonsdale and the surrounding area (the following parishes excluding those areas that fall within the YDNP) Kirkby Lonsdale, Hutton Roof, Preston Patrick, Lupton and Mansergh.
South Lakeland	Cartmel Peninsula	Grange-over-Sands, Allithwaite and Cartmel, Lower Holker (including Cark/Flookburgh).
South Lakeland	Ulverston and surrounding area	Ulverston and the surrounding Furness area (the following parishes excluding those areas that fall within the LDNP) Ulverston, Aldingham, Mansrigg, Pennington (including Swarthmoor), Kirkby Ireleth (including Kirkby-in-Furness), Urswick, Egton-with-Newland (including Greenodd/Penny Bridge), Osmotherley, Lowick, Broughton West (including part of Broughton-in-Furness), Blawith and Subberthwaite, Angerton.

Former Authority Area	Sub Area	Areas included
South Lakeland	LDNP	The areas of the following parishes that fall within the LDNP, Selside and Fawcett Forest, Whinfell, Grayrigg, Helsington, Lowick. Blawith and Subberthwaite, Broughton West, Kirkby Ireleth, Egton-with-Newland, Haverthwaite, Broughton East, Staveley-in-Cartmel, Lindale and Newton in Cartmel, Witherslack, Meathop and Ulpha, Levens, Crosthwaite and Lyth, Cartmel Fell, Underbarrow and Bradleyfield, Crook, Strickland Ketel, Strickland Roger, Longsleddale, Over Staveley, Nether Staveley, Hugill, Kentmere, Coniston, Hawkshead, Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere, Lakes including Ambleside and Grasmere, Skelwith, Claife, Satterthwaite, Colton, Dunnerdale-with-Seathwaite, Torver.
South Lakeland	YDNP	The areas of the following parishes that fall within the YDNP Kirkby Lonsdale, Casterton, Barbon, Mansergh, Killington, Middleton, Sedbergh, Dent, Garsdale, Firbank.

1.32 Cross boundary issues with neighbouring authorities are also identified where relevant.

Sub Areas across Westmorland and Furness

Sub Areas

- Alston
- Appleby
- Barrow and Walney
- Cartmel Peninsula
- Kendal
- Kirkby Lonsdale
- Kirkby Stephen
- LDNP
- Milnthorpe
- Penrith and M6 Corridor
- Remainder of Barrow Borough
- Ulverston and surrounding area
- YDNP

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Demographics and Population Profile

- 1.33 Westmorland and Furness covers a geographically vast area, of the southern and eastern parts of Cumbria and population density is the lowest in England.
- 1.34 Sub National Population Data (2018) confirms that Westmorland and Furness is home to 225,400 people, which represents a slight decrease of 0.4% over the last decade. The area is home to an ageing population, with:
- 15.6% of the population aged 0-15, compared to 19.2% nationally
 - 26.3% aged 65 and above, compared to 18.5% nationally.
- 1.35 The sub national projections confirm that total population is expected to increase at a slower pace than anticipated nationally (increase of 1% compared to 5% across England). The majority of growth will take place in the former South Lakeland area, with an increase of 3% by 2040 but there will also be a small amount of growth in the former Eden area (circa 1000 people). Sub national projections suggest that the population of the former Barrow Borough will decline by 2031 and further reduce by 2040.
- 1.36 This means that at face value, and based on population projections alone, there will be little change in the demand for sports facilities.
- 1.37 Critically, almost all of the forecast population increase will take place in those aged 46+. These groups have a lower propensity to participate in most of the sports covered in this assessment and this may therefore impact the type of facilities that are required longer term. This same pattern is evident in all three former Local Authority Areas.
- 1.38 The opposite is true of the younger age groups, with the proportion of the population declining in the 0-18 range in all three former authority areas and a decline in the number of people aged 0-18 in real terms. Notably, there is also a decline in those aged 19 – 45 in the former Barrow Borough and Eden areas, but a small increase in the former South Lakeland area in terms of number of people.
- 1.39 The former Barrow Borough area however has a much younger age profile than the former Eden and former South Lakeland areas. With younger residents having a higher propensity to participate in sport, this may mean that there is a higher potential engagement with sports in this part of Westmorland and Furness. It may also influence the type of facilities that are required.
- 1.40 Statistics suggest that health is slightly poorer than is typical nationally, with 20% of residents (compared to 18%) reporting that their activities are limited by illness or disability. Physical activity can be a key vehicle for improving health and the proactive implementation of recommendations and actions set out in this PPOSS will therefore be critical.
- 1.41 Across the area as a whole, deprivation is low. 12 communities however fall within the most 10% deprived community areas in England. These are all located within the former Barrow Borough area. Localised access to facilities, and consideration of the challenges that may be faced will therefore be critical in delivering a successful network of facilities in these areas.
- 1.42 Whilst overall therefore, the picture is of an ageing population with few areas of deprivation, the scale of the area disguises significant differences between the characteristics of settlements. Whilst some places are overwhelmingly rural in nature, others are very urban and present different challenges. This is taken into account when evaluating the facilities that are required.
- 1.43 In addition to local residents, the tourism industry is a key part of the demographic makeup of Westmorland and Furness. Some facilities are used by tourists as well as residents. The

increasing emphasis on holiday lets is changing the demography of the area, and creates new challenges for sports clubs. It also creates an additional type of demand for some sports facilities.

- 1.44 This PPOSS therefore takes into account the issues identified above to ensure that the priorities of the strategy deliver an effective network of facilities across Westmorland and Furness.

Housing Growth and Location

- 1.45 Importantly however, future housing development may result in levels of long-term population growth that has not been accounted for in the Strategy, as the scale of growth over the next 15-20 years cannot be confirmed at this point in time.
- 1.46 The likely growth will be considered through preparation of the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan, review of the LDNP Local Plan and through the adoption / monitoring of the YDNP Local Plan. It is acknowledged however that this is a long process and in the interim therefore, the Council will continue to be guided by the adopted Local Plan documents of the Councils from which it was formed (Eden, Barrow and South Lakeland Local Plans and the YDNP and LDNP Local Plans).
- 1.47 Scale and location of housing will therefore only become known (other than those associated with allocations in the current adopted Local Plans, and those with planning permission) once the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan is at an advanced stage, this will also be the case for the LDNP as part of future review of the LDNP Local Plan, along with the adoption of the new YDNP Local Plan.
- 1.48 Demand arising for sports facilities as a result of this will then need to be calculated and projected accordingly. This should be incorporated into the monitoring and strategy update process for this PPOSS.
- 1.49 To provide some indication of the likely impact of housing growth, Section 4 considers the potential impact of the development of sites within the identified current 5 year housing land supply for the former Barrow Borough, Eden and South Lakeland Local Plan areas, as well as latest projections for the parts of the LDNP and YDNP within Westmorland and Furness. It also sets out how it is proposed that the impact of new developments will be calculated once their locations are known.

Role of the Playing Pitch Strategy

- 1.50 The end goal of this strategy is to deliver the overarching vision and achieve the aims and objectives set out on the previous pages. To do this, it is essential that provision for each sport continues to evolve and improve to meet with changing needs and aspirations.
- 1.51 The focus of a PPOSS is on facilities. Sport England states that building the right thing in the right place makes taking part in sport and physical activity a realistic option for many and leads to a better experience for those who are already engaged. The clear messages from the government and Sport England are that people need to be more active – this strategy therefore seeks to ensure that the network of facilities facilitates this.

Structure

- 1.52 The remainder of this strategy is set out as follows:

- Section 2 – Sport Specific Issues and Scenario Testing
- Section 3 – Strategic Framework and Sport Specific Recommendations
- Section 4 - Action Plans by Sub Area, Monitoring and Review.

2.0 Sport Specific Issues

Introduction

- 2.1 This section summarises the current and projected future position for each sport across Westmorland and Furness and the key issues that need to be addressed. The detail behind the headlines is provided in the supporting assessment report (October 2024).
- 2.2 To help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, a number of relevant scenario questions are also tested in this section. The results of these scenarios have helped to drive the sport and site-specific recommendations.
- 2.3 Recommendations for delivering on the key issues identified on a sport by sport basis are set out in Section 3, while Section 4 contains a site specific action plan and provides a breakdown of the key issues and actions by former local authority area. This action plan also includes postcodes for each site referenced, enabling easy identification.

Cricket

Supply

- There are 39 grass cricket squares and 1 artificial square in Westmorland and Furness. There is at least one cricket facility in each of the sub areas and a wide geographical dispersion of facilities. Provision is highest in the former South Lakeland area.
- The majority of clubs have security of tenure, either through a lease or ownership of the site.
- There is a general perception that the quality of cricket facilities is improving. Enhanced maintenance procedures / efforts of volunteers were identified as the key reason by all clubs where improvements have been made. Challenges carrying out appropriate maintenance was the main issue at any sites where no improvement was evident.
- As a result of the efforts of clubs, all sites achieving a quality rating of good or standard.
- Although the quality of the squares has improved, there are continuing issues with the condition / availability of training facilities, as well as the need for investment into associated ancillary facilities. The increasing focus on accommodating female (and junior) cricket in particular generates a need to provide improved and segregated facilities.

Demand

- There are 169 teams in total and participation is increasing, with more clubs experiencing growth than decline. Female cricket in particular is increasing rapidly. In response to this, Cumbria Cricket have introduced women and girls cricket hubs which are geographically spread across Westmorland and Furness to maximise availability.
- The former South Lakeland area contains the largest proportion of teams as well as the highest number of pitches. Just 17% of teams are based in the former Barrow Borough area.
- 43% of all teams are junior teams, demonstrating that there are strong foundations for growth in cricket. Strong participation in junior cricket is evident in all three former authority areas.
- Senior participation is also strong - there are good midweek senior cricket opportunities and all clubs have at least one senior team.
- Although there are many large clubs, there are some that have only one team. Clubs with only one team typically struggle more in terms of managing and maintaining facilities, as they have lower income and fewer volunteers. As such, they are considered to be less sustainable.
- There is no evidence of any displaced or latent demand and no imported demand from neighbouring authorities.
- There is more limited cricket being played in schools. The Chance to Shine Programme is successful locally, with half of all responding primary schools indicating that cricket is on their curriculum, but participation in secondary schools is limited. A lack of cricket played in schools was one of the key barriers to cricket development highlighted by clubs.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.4 The adequacy of provision for cricket is measured across a season. The number of wickets available (and the capacity that they offer) is measured against the number of games that they will be required to sustain (measured in Match Equivalent Sessions (MES)).
- 2.5 Across Westmorland and Furness, supply meets demand in quantitative terms. With 77 wickets spare capacity, approximately 385 additional games could be accommodated.

- 2.6 This spare capacity is evident within each of the former local authority areas, to varying degrees, specifically;
- In the former Barrow Borough area, spare capacity is limited (10 wickets)
 - In the former Eden area, spare capacity is higher (17 wickets). This area contains a greater proportion of clubs that have only one team, and many of the grounds in Eden also have small squares, which limits the overall capacity of the site
 - The former South Lakeland area contains the highest levels of spare capacity. With over 50 wickets spare capacity, an additional 250 games could take place.
- 2.7 There is some scope for 6.5 MES additional play at peak time across Westmorland and Furness. This spare capacity is evident in each of the former authority areas, although this is equivalent to just 0.5 MES in the former Barrow area (3 MES in the former Eden area and 3 MES in the former South Lakeland area).
- 2.8 At a site specific level, all active grass cricket pitches accommodate cricket during the playing season. Most grounds offer enough capacity to accommodate their current activity. There are only five clubs that are overplayed, specifically Dalton in Furness Cricket Club, Appleby Eden Cricket Club, Stainton Cricket Club, Lindal Moor Cricket Club and Ulverston Cricket Club.
- 2.9 All clubs that are overplayed are the larger clubs, running multiple teams, participating in the ECB engagement programmes and hosting ad hoc pathway competition. Some additional larger clubs are also close to capacity.
- 2.10 Analysis of the adequacy of provision to meet projected future demand (based on 2018 subnational participation projections and potential increases in participation rates) suggest that provision remains broadly adequate. There would however be insufficient provision in Ulverston and surrounding area and the Remainder of Barrow Borough Sub areas. Overplay at cricket clubs that are already over capacity would be exacerbated.
- 2.11 The key issues that need to be addressed by the strategy in relation to cricket are summarised below.

Cricket - Key Issues

- Protection of existing facilities
- Ongoing importance of quality, some site-specific improvements are required
- Capacity issues at key sites
- Poor quality / lack of existing training facilities
- Requirement for improvement of ancillary facilities.

Scenario Testing for Cricket

- 2.12 While on the whole, there is adequate capacity to meet demand for cricket in Westmorland and Furness, some sites are already at capacity. Scenario testing enables us to evaluate the potential impact of different actions on the adequacy of supply and demand and to determine how well they will help address the issues identified. The results then directly inform the recommendations of this PPOSS. The following scenarios are considered in relation to cricket:

- Qualitative improvements
- Installation of Non Turf Pitch (NTP).

Qualitative Improvements

- 2.13 Ongoing investment into quality is crucial to meet quality criteria for league play and to maximise player experience. Quality of facilities also has a direct impact on capacity (with the number of senior games each wicket is able to accommodate increasing from 4 for a standard quality senior pitch to 5 for a good pitch). Whilst qualitative improvements to enhance playability are important at all sites, they take on greater importance where they can address existing capacity issues.
- 2.14 Table 2.1 summarises the current and future position if sites that are currently standard quality are improved to good (the future position takes into account estimated growth in demand). Table 2.1 includes only those sites that are of standard or poor quality (a full list of cricket grounds is available in the action plan). It demonstrates that most sites achieving standard quality ratings already have adequate capacity. Qualitative improvements will therefore improve the cricket that can be played and the player experience and create additional spare capacity.
- 2.15 Qualitative improvements will only help to address shortfalls at two sites. At Dalton Cricket Club and Temple Sowerby Cricket Club, Table 2.1 demonstrates that current shortfalls will be eliminated if improvements are made to quality (note future figures are rounded down to represent whole wickets for simplicity).
- 2.16 Table 2.1 also demonstrates that whilst qualitative improvement will have positive impact at Stainton Cricket Club in reducing overplay, the pressures on existing provision will remain.

Table 2.1 – Cricket – Qualitative Improvements

Former Local Authority	Sub Area	Club	Pitch Rating	Current Position (Number of Strips)	Future Position following improvement (Number of Strips)
Barrow Borough	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Dalton-in-Furness Cricket Club	Standard	-4.5	0
Barrow Borough	Barrow and Walney	Vickerstown Cricket Club	Standard	5	6
Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Gamblesby Cricket Club	Low standard	1	1
Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Nunwick Cricket Club	Standard	2	2
Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Stainton Cricket Club	Standard	-6	-4
South Lakeland	LDNP	Ambleside Cricket Club	Standard	8	8
South Lakeland	Cartmel Peninsula	Cartmel Cricket Club	Standard	9	9
South Lakeland	Cartmel Peninsula	Holker Cricket Club (friendly only)	Poor	2	1
South Lakeland	LDNP	Leven Valley Cricket Club	Standard	4	4

Former Local Authority	Sub Area	Club	Pitch Rating	Current Position (Number of Strips)	Future Position following improvement (Number of Strips)
South Lakeland	Ulverston and surrounding area	Kirkby-in-Furness Cricket Club	Standard	4	4
South Lakeland	LDNP	Windermere Cricket Club	Standard	2	3
Eden	Appleby	Temple Sowerby Cricket Club	Standard	-1	0

2.17 In addition, improvements to standard quality sites may enable their use as satellite facilities for larger clubs as clubs grow and scheduling of fixtures becomes more difficult.

2.18 Whilst qualitative improvements will have positive impact therefore, there are many grounds that already have good squares, but are at or close to capacity. Alternative solutions to provide additional capacity for these clubs are therefore required.

Non-Turf Wicket (NTP)

2.19 An NTP will sustain 60 MES throughout the season; while a grass wicket can take only 4 or 5 depending upon quality. Consequently, installation of an NTP significantly increases the amount of play that can be accommodated and (where permitted by league regulations) can provide a sustainable option for improving capacity. Kirkby Stephen Cricket Club, Penrith Cricket Club, Arnside Cricket Club and Netherfield Cricket Club all have NTPs that are already used for matchplay.

2.20 Several other sites also have on square NTP. Whilst these NTP are not currently used for match play, in future years they could be should additional need be generated. These are; Sedgwick Cricket Club, Threlkeld Cricket Club, Coniston Cricket Club (currently poor quality), Kendal Cricket Club, Holme Cricket Club, Barrow Cricket Club.

2.21 It is clear therefore that NTPs are already having a significant impact in creating additional capacity across Westmorland and Furness and that there is scope to extend this to other clubs. Dalton Cricket Club, Stainton Cricket Club, Lindal Moor Cricket Club, Milnthorpe Cricket Club, Ulverston Cricket Club, Appleby Cricket Club and Sedgwick Cricket Club are not currently able to sustain the number of games that they need to without overplay and would therefore benefit from an NTP.

2.22 With overplay at all of the above sites recorded as below 60 MES, the installation of an on square NTP would mean that no overplay would remain. It should be noted however that this represents one potential solution only. Depending upon the type of play (and whether league regulations will permit use of NTP), alternative solutions may also be required.

2.23 The ECB however highlight that to meet the needs of some clubs, NTP will be inappropriate, and access to additional capacity (whether through use of an existing satellite facility or a new ground) will be required. The action plan will therefore look at the use of satellite facilities (ground share) and / or provision of new facilities where NTP is not appropriate to address the unmet demand.

Tennis

Supply

- There are 134 courts across Westmorland and Furness as a whole. Of these, 84 are available for community use. These courts are split between club sites, park / recreation sites and school facilities. The remaining courts are at schools that do not offer use of their tennis courts, or private holiday complexes that offer courts just for guests. There are also three known sites where courts are now disused.
- 60% of community courts in Westmorland and Furness are found in the former South Lakeland area. Provision is most limited in the former Barrow Borough area. Sites typically provide more courts in the former Barrow Borough area, whilst in the former Eden area, most facilities offer just one or two courts. This reflects the geographical distribution of the population, with higher density living in the former Barrow Borough area. To effectively provide for residents of the former Eden and former South Lakeland areas, more geographically dispersed facilities are required.
- The quality of tennis courts is varying. Facilities are either of really high quality, or really poor quality, with few courts in the middle. Although many sites have received recent investment, there are numerous courts that will become unusable in the short term without action. Club courts are on the whole, of a higher quality than public courts. In the three former authority areas:
 - 25% courts in the former Barrow Borough area are good and the remainder standard
 - In the former Eden area, 33% of courts are in good condition, however 21% are poor
 - In the former South Lakeland area, 55% of courts are good and 15% are poor.
- Other issues were also identified in relation to the supply of tennis courts, including:
 - Many courts are poorly located and well hidden– There is a lack of signage and this limits awareness
 - Several courts were also uninviting (in part due to quality), again discouraging potential users
 - Many courts were locked, with no clear messages as to how to book the court / use the facility
 - No clarification on courts that are free of charge.

Demand

- There is limited data recording who is using parks tennis courts and when they are being used. Almost all providers report scope to increase usage and there was little evidence of activity.
- Lack of engagement with parks tennis courts cannot necessarily be attributed to a lack of demand. Site visits and feedback from clubs clearly demonstrate a lack of clarity on how courts are booked and promoted and a lack of awareness of the facilities – this impacts directly on the demand (and contributes to the lack of understanding of what demand there actually is).
- Club members participate more regularly and on a less seasonal basis than those that use parks courts. Membership trends vary across the current club base.
- Many clubs are located in very small settlements, consequently they have small catchments and limited potential for growth. These courts have the potential to become a social hub, offering pay and play as well as access for members.
- LTA participation profiles suggest that there is strong potential to attract players to use parks tennis courts, based on the population profiles of the three former authorities. Senior stalwarts are most likely to play tennis in each of the three areas, but these groups are over represented when analysing the profile of current participants, suggesting that with appropriate marketing, there is scope to also attract new players from other segments of the population.
- LTA participation profiles confirm that senior stalwarts are currently the main user group. Their interest spans across both club courts and park courts, and play often takes place during the daytime as many are retired. This means that access to facilities at these times is essential.
- Almost half of all LTA members in the former South Lakeland area use courts within a 10-minute drivetime of their home, and this rises to almost 60% in the former Eden and Barrow Borough areas. This suggests that access to local facilities is important if tennis participation is to be sustained. This emphasises the importance of protecting the existing facilities to maintain local access.
- Padel is new racket sport that is currently being piloted across the UK. Whilst most courts are currently club based, the LTA are also looking to explore the feasibility of padel in park environments. There are no padel courts in Westmorland and Furness currently and no known demand for a court.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.24 LTA parameters suggest that existing tennis courts in Westmorland and Furness can accommodate 5100 players. If 2% of the population will play tennis (based on Sport England Active Lives data), this would equate to 4531 players. Consequently, it can be concluded that the amount of courts is broadly adequate.
- 2.25 Stimulation of new players at a grass roots level is central to increasing participation – provision of facilities to meet the needs of grass roots tennis players (who can then transition into clubs) is therefore critical. Typically, this is provided at public parks, which are located amongst large populations and offer pay and play opportunities. In more rural areas, facilities must become multifunctional, with a range of access opportunities.
- 2.26 Even when taking into account the dual functionality of some facilities, there are some gaps in the tennis infrastructure in Kendal, Barrow and Walney, Cartmel Peninsula and Milnthorpe sub areas. There is a good balance of facility types in the LDNP, although it is clear that like in Westmorland and Furness as a whole, these facilities are underused and there are issues with the customer journey.

- 2.27 Whilst there are gaps in provision (which primarily relate to access to pay and play facilities), there is almost no take up of opportunities for pay and play tennis at club sites where this does exist and limited use of the free to access facilities. The issue is therefore not necessarily one of inadequate facilities, but more of inadequate promotion and customer journey. Even where clubs are offering pay and play it is clear that there is little promotion of these opportunities online. The role of Westmorland and Furness as a tourist destination adds extra weight to the importance of pay and play facilities. Tourists are transient and in the area for a short period of time. They do not have capacity to purchase memberships, and instead will use pay and play sites if they are well promoted.
- 2.28 As a consequence of the role that public facilities play in tennis development, the LTA is working to implement solutions to address these issues and has successfully implemented technology that improves the customer journey to court (involving access gates with key pad entries). Where implemented, the system has been successful in increasing participation rates.
- 2.29 Although the functionality of the public infrastructure could be improved, all clubs have access to appropriate facilities for their existing memberships and there is capacity for growth. The club infrastructure above is therefore good, with only qualitative issues identified. Indeed, some clubs highlight the importance of attracting new members in order to ensure ongoing sustainability. It is necessary however to understand that the nature of the area means that clubs have small catchment areas in terms of potential participants. It is therefore not expected that all clubs will necessarily meet maximum occupancy levels and instead, maintaining stability is crucial.
- 2.30 Modelling suggests that population growth projected in the 2018 subnational population projections can be accommodated within the existing infrastructure. Analysis therefore suggests that focus should remain on addressing the qualitative issues, as well as the need to improve the customer journey.

Key Issues for the Strategy to Address

Tennis - Key Issues

The key issues for the strategy to address are:

- The importance of retaining facilities
- Lack of accessible pay and play opportunities in some areas
- Need for qualitative improvements on both park and club sites
- Opportunity to improve customer journey (and requirement to do so if facility infrastructure is to be properly utilised)
- Need to improve participation to ensure sustainability.

Bowls

Supply

- There are 61 active bowling greens in Westmorland and Furness. Over 50% of these greens are located in the former South Lakeland area. There is greater provision for bowls in the more rural settlements than for many other sports.
- There are five sites containing disused bowling greens. Four of these are located in the former South Lakeland area – Grange-over-Sands, Ulverston Sports Club, Ulverston Lightburn Park and Ulverston Leisure Centre. There are also two disused courts in Barrow Park (former Barrow Borough area).
- Overall, there is a positive perception of green quality and all greens are functioning and playable. While many sites would benefit from improvement, only four greens are in poor condition, and it was clear that significant effort had been made with green preparation. Indeed, many greens are good.
- Irrigation is one of the main quality issues, and some greens suffered from weeds / bumpy surfaces and bare patches. It was highlighted that a focus on winter maintenance could address many of the problems identified. Maintenance was however identified as a key concern, with issues including:
 - Maintenance skills – on a third of sites clubs felt that they did not have the skills to maintain the green properly (and that this compromised green quality)
 - The cost of maintenance – many clubs report struggling with the cost of maintenance, particularly where they must get in contractors to carry out some maintenance tasks
 - Some clubs believe that they do not have appropriate machinery, but that the cost of purchasing what is required is too high
 - Reducing volunteers places greater pressure on a small number of individuals.
- For clubs, the condition of the clubhouse, parking and pathways was also identified as priority.
- Many greens are poorly advertised and promoted, with little visibility to the local community. In a similar vein, there is also a poor online presence for bowls clubs, with few having any digital presence. This may impact on participation rates.

Demand	
75% of current bowlers travel less than 3 miles, and just over 45% travel less than 1 mile. This means that members predominantly choose to play at greens local to their home. - National databases reveal a statistically significant long-term decline in the number of people playing bowls. There has, however, been recent improvement in the last year and participation has now reached levels above those seen in 2018 – 2019. - Despite the national trends, local participation in bowls in Westmorland and Furness is strong. Several schemes have been introduced in Cumbria to reinvigorate bowls and there are multiple leagues operating. Within specific clubs, membership trends are varying. The messages that emerged in relation to participation were however consistent: - Those clubs that are proactively seeking new members are experiencing growth - Lack of interest amongst young people is one of the key barriers to club development - Age and health are the main reasons for declining numbers of members.	

Adequacy of Existing Provision

- 2.31 All active greens are functional, but there are qualitative improvements required at many sites. Investment into maintenance is identified as a particular concern, in terms of the work actually carried out, but also the processes, workforce and machinery.
- 2.32 Guidance from Bowls England suggests that 80-100 members is considered a very healthy membership for a bowls club, while an average club will have 50 - 60 members. The lower the membership numbers, the more a club struggles to put out teams, but equally, the lower income also impacts upon the maintenance that can be carried out. At any one time, a good quality green can accommodate circa 48 players and the number of club members that can therefore be sustained is significantly higher. While there are some sources that suggest that clubs with more than 48 members are subject to overplay, to maximise sustainability, clubs should instead be encouraged to promote a spread of play across different time slots in order to maximise the number of people that are involved in the club.
- 2.33 The average membership across Westmorland and Furness is 56 members. This suggests that clubs are sustainable and membership is broadly in line with national averages. Analysis of how this picture varies geographically confirms that:
- Bowls is strongest in the former Barrow Borough area – with average membership of 85
 - Participation in the former South Lakeland area is in line with the Westmorland and Furness average (52 members)
 - The average number of members is lowest in the former Eden area (32 members).
- 2.34 All clubs report capacity to increase the number of members that they have, and analysis of the distribution of bowling greens demonstrates that there are no clear locational gaps evident. Analysis therefore suggests that the quantity of facilities is adequate to meet current demand, and ongoing investment into quality is the key priority. Bowls England use membership levels as the key reference point for the sustainability of a green, suggesting that the retention of a green is difficult to support where membership is below 16 - 20 people. There are a small number of greens at this level.
- 2.35 Proportionally, the largest increase in population is expected in those aged 65 years (14,210 people). The profile of current participants in bowls means that the ageing population is likely

to increase demand more so than for most other sports. Modelling suggests that this population growth would inflate average membership to 68 across Westmorland and Furness as a whole.

- 2.36 This level of membership is still sustainable within the existing stock and indeed, continues to offer spare capacity, suggesting that there are enough greens to meet current and future demand.

Key Issues for the Strategy to Address

Bowls - Key Issues

The issues to address in relation to bowls are therefore:

- Ensure that existing greens are protected
- Support clubs in addressing ongoing improvements to quality
- Support improvements to maintenance procedures and machinery
- Support ongoing efforts to sustain and increase participation and work with clubs to improve the promotion of bowls.

Hockey

Supply

- There are ten full sized sand based Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) suitable for hockey in Westmorland and Furness, nine of which are available for community use.
- There are no sand based AGPs in the former Barrow Borough area and just two in the former Eden area (Kirkby Stephen and Penrith). Most of the pitches are located in the former South Lakeland area. There are two pitches in Kendal (Queen Katherine School and Kirkbie Kendal) and one pitch in Kirkby Lonsdale (Queen Elizabeth). The pitch at Ulverston Leisure Centre services the Ulverston area, but also provides a facility within driving distance of the majority of residents of the town of Barrow. There are also two pitches in Windermere (Lake District National Park) and one in Sedbergh (Yorkshire Dales National Park).
- Facility quality varies. Whilst most facilities are newly laid / recently refurbished, three pitches (Penrith Leisure Centre, Ulverston Leisure Centre, Kirkby Lonsdale) are poor. This means that whilst some facilities offer high quality opportunities for hockey clubs, others are at risk of becoming unplayable if improvements are not prioritised.
- Since the PPOSS assessment was prepared, a new water based AGP (also suitable for hockey) has been provided at Sedbergh School.

Demand

- There are 8 hockey clubs. Reflecting the distribution of facilities, participation in hockey is highest in the former South Lakeland area. There are no hockey teams in the former Barrow Borough area, which is unsurprising given the lack of pitches.
- With the exception of Ambleside Hockey Club (HC), all clubs are running both senior and junior teams. This means that there are strong pathways for hockey development.
- Despite these strong pathways between junior and senior hockey, clubs are generally small (1 – 3 senior teams and a small junior section).
- There is just one club at each venue, with the exception of Ulverston Leisure Centre which is home to two clubs (South Lakes Hockey Club and Ulverston Hockey Club).
- Hockey is important in offering opportunities for female sport, with the number of senior female teams in Westmorland and Furness higher than the number of male teams.
- Participation in adult hockey is static but demand for junior hockey is increasing, particularly at those clubs who are proactively running developmental sessions and liaising with schools. None of the clubs in Westmorland and Furness reported declining participation.

Adequacy of Provision

2.37 Analysis of the adequacy of provision demonstrates that:

- There is a small amount of spare capacity on most sites midweek and spare capacity at peak time on every pitch
- Hockey usage represents only a proportion of the total use on almost all sites - most sand based AGPs are also used by football clubs for training, although they are not an approved surface for football match play

- Whilst the spare capacity means that all clubs have opportunity to grow, this creates challenges around the sustainability of facilities, with almost all hockey venues reliant on football to fill the midweek training slots (and therefore reliant on football to sustain the facility commercially).
- 2.38 Population growth alone (based on 2018 subnational population projections) is unlikely to generate additional demand for hockey and instead, increases in participation are most likely to arise as a result of successful hockey development initiatives.
- 2.39 Some clubs do have aspirations to increase the number of teams that they run. Table 2.2 therefore evaluates the current and projected future adequacy of provision if these aspirations were to be achieved. It demonstrates that there will remain spare capacity on all sites, even if growth targets are reached.

Table 2.2 – Adequacy of Provision for Hockey in Westmorland and Furness

Former Authority	Sub Area	Site Name	Peak Time (MES)	Midweek Capacity (MES)	Future Position	Comments
Eden	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Grammar School	2.5	3	No change. Potential for 5 more teams at peak time	• Spare capacity remains • Quality good, recently renovated • Important venue for hockey • Some scope for growth • Important venue for football
Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Leisure Centre	2	1	No change at peak time. Potential for 4 more teams More use outside peak time.	• Spare capacity remains • Pitch surface now poor • Issues with communication between club and leisure centre • Football use to reduce
South Lakeland	Kendal	Queen Katherine School	2.5	1	2 MES at peak time (4 teams). Growth in midweek usage.	• Pitch in good condition • Club seeking more training hours • Club have aspirations for clubhouse to improve social element of hockey
South Lakeland	Kendal	Kirkbie Kendal School	1.5	2	No change. Spare capacity 1.5 at peak time (3 teams)	• Pitch good condition • Significant scope to increase hockey usage. Currently key venue for football
South Lakeland	Kirkby Lonsdale	Queen Elizabeth School	2.5	5.5	No change. Spare capacity 2.5 at peak time (5 teams)	• Pitch at end of lifespan and requires upgrade • Floodlights and dugouts limited quality and require investment • Club seeking clubhouse
South Lakeland	Ulverston and surrounding area	Ulverston Leisure Centre	2.5	3	Spare capacity 1.5 MES (3 teams)	• Pitch surface now poor – requires immediate refurbishment • Changing facilities would also benefit from improvement • Location of pitch important given lack of provision in former Barrow Borough area

South Lakeland	LDNP	The Lakes School	2.5	2	Spare capacity 2 MES (4 teams)	• Good quality • Requires upgrade of floodlighting • Capacity to accommodate growth peak time • Club have to compete with football for access
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Hockey – Key Issues

The key issues in relation to hockey are therefore:

- The importance of retaining pitches of suitable surface to meet the needs of hockey
- The poor quality of three existing hockey pitches and the impact that this has on participation
- Sustainability / viability of the existing pitches and the importance of participation growth.

Scenario Testing

- 2.40 The assessment report concludes that sustainability and viability is a key consideration for hockey, with most of the pitches offering spare capacity. Given the challenges associated with providing commercially sustainable facilities for hockey, it is necessary to evaluate the number of pitches that are required to effectively meet demand, and the locations where these are needed. Scenario testing enables us to do this.
- 2.41 Current peak time demand for hockey across Westmorland and Furness equates to 11 MES. With each pitch able to accommodate 4 MES at peak time, this would suggest that in quantitative terms alone, all demand could be met by 3 pitches. With club growth aspirations equating to an additional 2.5 MES at peak time, 4 pitches would be required to meet future demand.
- 2.42 At face value and in quantitative terms alone therefore, there are too many sand based AGPs in Westmorland and Furness. This conclusion however ignores the geography of the area and the desire to support ongoing local participation.
- 2.43 To inform decision making in relation to the reconfiguration of the pitch stock, Table 2.3 therefore considers the geographical distribution of each AGP and the role each pitch plays in meeting demand for other sport. It demonstrates that most of the sand based AGPs serve unique catchments, and their removal / conversion to 3G AGPs would likely result in the loss of a hockey club.
- 2.44 It concludes that Kirkby Stephen Grammar School, Penrith Leisure Centre, Ulverston Leisure Centre and The Lakes School all serve unique catchment areas (defined as a 20 minute drivetime). Loss of these sand based surfaces would therefore likely result in the loss of a hockey club. Notably, two of these sites are also poor quality. If not resurfaced therefore it is likely that there would be a reduction in hockey participation due to the lack of alternative facility within an appropriate catchment area.
- 2.45 The remaining sites are located in closer proximity to each other, specifically:
- Queen Elizabeth School – close proximity to Casterton Sedbergh (but this site offers almost no community use) and Sedbergh School (again limited community use)
 - Kirkbie Kendal and Queen Katherine School.

- 2.46 In Kirkby Lonsdale, the sand based AGP is also reaching the end of it's lifespan. There are opportunities to potentially accommodate the demand from Kirkby Lonsdale HC at other venues, particularly at Sedbergh School. It needs to be acknowledged however that this requires a circa 20 minute travelling distance by the club, and a loss of the association with Kirkby Lonsdale. The facility in Kirkby Lonsdale is also used for tennis and football and is therefore valuable as a multi-sport venue, not just for hockey.
- 2.47 There is potential scope to accommodate hockey in Kendal on one pitch. In the short term, this would involve the loss of a good quality pitch, and may limit the potential for hockey to grow. Longer term, depending upon the growth of hockey, it may be appropriate to consider a facility that is more suitable for football, given the deficiencies identified in this area for football.

Table 2.3 – Reconfiguration of Hockey AGPs

Former Authority	Sub Area	Site Name	Catchment	Quality	Other Sports
Eden	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Grammar School	Unique catchment – pitch required to sustain hockey	Good	Important venue for football. Insufficient demand for full sized 3G
Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Leisure Centre	Unique catchment – pitch required to sustain hockey	Poor	Limited. No unmet demand for football, leisure centre location means potential demand for other sports
South Lakeland	Kendal	Queen Katherine School	Overlapping catchment with Kirkbie Kendal School. Total demand at peak time across 2 sites is 2 MES. Potential to rationalise.	Good	New pitch for football sought in Kendal – football usage of sand based AGPs likely to reduce.
South Lakeland	Kendal	Kirkbie Kendal School	Overlapping catchment with Kirkbie Kendal School. Total demand at peak time across 2 sites is 2 MES. Potential to rationalise.	Good	New pitch for football sought in Kendal – football usage of sand based AGPs likely to reduce
South Lakeland	Kirkby Lonsdale	Queen Elizabeth School	Overall demand for 3.5 MES at peak time. Within catchment of Sedbergh School and Casterton Sedbergh. Constraints of use with Independent School fixtures, plus distance, reconfiguration would need to be carefully considered.	Poor	Insufficient demand from football to warrant full size or small pitch. Likely ongoing use of any functional sand based AGP. AGP is also used for tennis.
South Lakeland	YDNP	Sedbergh School	Required for curricular use.	Good	No
South Lakeland	Ulverston and surrounding area	Ulverston Leisure Centre	Unique catchment – pitch required to sustain hockey	Poor	No – 3G also on site
South Lakeland	LDNP	The Lakes School	Unique catchment – pitch required to sustain hockey	Good	Important venue for football use. Demand for full sized 3G in area.

Conversion of Sand Based AGP to Gen2

- 2.48 Whilst the need to retain sand based AGPs is evident, there are commercial sustainability concerns with providing sand based facilities that are not fully utilised by hockey, particularly where football needs are either met elsewhere, or are anticipated to be met through additional 3G AGP within this strategy period.
- 2.49 The provision of a Gen2 surface represents a viable alternative option to a sand based pitch and as an approved surface for tennis / netball, would widen the type of activity that could take place on the pitch. This may offer greater sustainability on some sites where resurfacing is required and demand for hockey in quantitative terms is not sufficient to fully utilise the pitch.
- 2.50 Although conversion to Gen2 may provide improvements in terms of commercial viability, relevant access for hockey clubs should be retained. At peak time (Saturday) this would entail:
- Penrith Leisure Centre (LC)- 2 MES
 - Ulverston LC – 1.5 MES
 - Kirkby Lonsdale – 1.5 MES.
- 2.51 In Kirkby Lonsdale, the AGP already supports the tennis club, primarily outside of the hockey season. This means that if this surface was not replaced (i.e. use is made instead of the pitches at Sedbergh School), then tennis may also be displaced. In this scenario therefore, the installation of a new Gen2 surface may provide a viable option that meets the needs of both the hockey and tennis clubs. It is likely that this pitch would also continue to sustain footballing needs given that demand in this area from football clubs is not sufficient to warrant a pitch by itself.
- 2.52 The assessment of tennis undertaken as part of this strategy suggests that there is no clear evidence of demand for additional facilities or any clear gaps for tennis in Penrith or Ulverston. Netball has not been considered as part of this assessment and we have found no alternative evidence base – there is therefore no clear rationale for the prioritisation of Gen2 over sand in these areas. If shortfalls for netball were identified however in either of these areas, a Gen2 surface would improve the multifunctionality of the site.
- 2.53 Modelling therefore suggests that there are some pitches that have a multisport role to play, spanning both football and hockey. There are pilot projects currently underway exploring new surfaces that are approved for both games, which may provide a solution to some of the issues identified in Westmorland and Furness once available.
- 2.54 Until this point, it will be necessary to ensure that facilities for hockey / gen 2 are safeguarded. The recommendations of this strategy include inclusion of a planning condition to deliver this requirement.

Rugby Union

Supply

- There are 36 formal rugby pitches, of which 22 are available for community use. All pitches not available for community use are located at school sites.
- In addition to the grass pitches, there are two World Rugby Regulation 22 Compliant 3G AGPs located in Penrith and Kendal. These 3G AGPs offer much higher capacity than grass and can be used for training as well as match play.
- Pitches are well distributed. Only the Alston (former Eden area), Cartmel Peninsula, Ulverston and surrounding area (former South Lakeland area) and the Remainder of Barrow Borough sub areas don't have any pitches for rugby union.
- Security of tenure is good, seven out of eight clubs own their own ground.
- Quality of pitches is mixed, however there is scope for improvement on the majority of sites. Drainage is the key issue impacting playability.
- Whilst most clubs evidence recent improvements, limited maintenance programmes continue to influence pitch quality and consequently capacity. There are only 2 pitches (Kendal RUFC and Hawcoat Park Sports Club RUFC) where maintenance regimes are good (M2) and several club sites have pitches receiving very limited maintenance (M0).
- There are also concerns with the quality of ancillary facilities. Windermere RUFC, Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC, Upper Eden RUFC, Penrith RUFC, Furness RUFC and Hawcoat Park Sports Club RUFC all identify the need for improvements in ancillary facilities. Both Penrith RUFC and Upper Eden RUFC indicate that their facilities are not suitable to meet the needs of teams of different genders and age groups and are now at a barrier to increasing participation amongst women and girls and youth participation. On the other side of the coin, the facilities available at Kendal RUFC are excellent, and have been instrumental in attracting new players to the game.

Demand

- There are 8 rugby union clubs, with two clubs in the former Barrow Borough and Eden areas and the remainder located in former South Lakeland area.
- These clubs provide 67 teams in total. Just 17 of these are senior or colts male teams. There are 10 female teams (including 5 senior female teams).
- Senior male rugby is static or declining, with some clubs struggling to reenergise players after the Covid 19 pandemic, and clubs requiring larger squads to put out teams. In contrast, participation in mini and age grade rugby is varying, but on the whole clubs are seeing either static or increasing participation.
- There is growth evident in the female game, with all clubs seeing an increase in players. The number of clubs now fielding female teams is testament to the growth that has been experienced. Increasing female activity places greater pressures on the existing infrastructure.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.55 At most sites, while competitive activity can be accommodated without overplay (and a small element of actual spare capacity remains), overplay is generated once training activity is taken into account. This primarily arises from the limited capacity that pitches have (due to restricted maintenance procedures) rather than an overall lack of pitches. It is clear however that in some instances (Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC, Upper Eden RUFC in particular), the focus of all training activity on the only floodlit pitch generates particular issues on these pitches.
- 2.56 Table 2.4 summarises the current supply and demand position at each club. It demonstrates that there are future capacity pressures at almost every site.

Table 2.4 – Adequacy of Provision at each rugby union club

Club	Current Position across all pitches	Growth Aspirations	Future Picture	Key Issues
Kendal RUFC	-3.75	1.5	-5.25	Requires irrigation system and additional maintenance
Kirkby Lonsdale	-5	0	-5	Stand on first pitch condemned, drainage issues on pitch 4, lights on training pitch. Clubhouse requires upgrade
Ambleside	0.5	0	0.5	No issues identified
Windermere	-0.5	0	-0.5	Maintenance regime limited, waterlogging
Upper Eden RUFC	-4	2	-6	Drainage on training pitches, scope to improve maintenance. Club looking to extend ancillary facilities to facilitate female development
Penrith RUFC	-3.75	0	-3.75	Restricted maintenance regime, changing rooms inadequate
Hawcoat Park Sports Club	-1.5	1	-2.5	Club sustainability, ancillary facilities require refurbishment, lights require upgrading, scope to increase maintenance rating
Furness RUFC	-0.5	1	-1.5	Club sustainability, limited maintenance and poor drainage, ageing changing facilities

Key Facility Issues to Address

Rugby Union – Key Issues for Strategy to address

The key priorities for the strategy to address in relation to rugby union are therefore:

- Protection of existing pitches
- The limited maintenance procedures that are currently evident
- The quality issues that need to be addressed
- Capacity issues at many sites.

Scenario Testing – Rugby Union

2.57 With capacity pressures at the majority of rugby union sites, there is a clear need to increase the amount of matches that can be sustained. Scenario testing enables us to evaluate the potential impact of different actions on the adequacy of supply and demand and to determine how well they will help address the issues identified. Scenario testing directly informs the recommendations of this strategy document (set out in Section 4).

2.58 The assessment report notes that capacity at almost all sites is influenced by the quality of maintenance and drainage issues. Scenario testing is therefore considered to evaluate the impact that improvements will have. Where deficiencies will still remain, issues are then explored on a site by site basis.

Qualitative Improvements

2.59 Table 2.5 therefore considers the impact of improving maintenance procedures at all sites to M2 (good). It assumes that there is no additional investment into drainage. It demonstrates that these improvements will address the capacity issues identified on most sites. Investment into maintenance should therefore be considered a priority.

2.60 It should be noted that Table 2.5 includes only formal grass pitches. Some sites offer additional training areas which can accommodate small quantities of demand. AGPs are also excluded (as capacity is not dependent on quality).

Table 2.5 – Rugby Club Scenario testing

Former Local Authority	Sub Area	Site	Drainage Score	Supply Demand Balance (Match Play)	Supply Demand Balance (including Training)	Future Picture
Former South Lakeland	LDNP	Ambleside RUFC	D0	1.5	1.5	1.5
Former South Lakeland	Kendal	Mintbridge (Kendal RUFC)	D3	-0.25	-3.75	-5.25
Former South Lakeland	Kendal	Mintbridge (Kendal RUFC)	D3	1.5	0	0
Former South Lakeland	Kirkby Lonsdale	Underley Park (Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)	D2	2.25	2.25	2.25
Former South Lakeland	Kirkby Lonsdale	Underley Park (Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)	D2	1.75	-3.75	-3.75

Former Local Authority	Sub Area	Site	Drainage Score	Supply Demand Balance (Match Play)	Supply Demand Balance (including Training)	Future Picture
Former South Lakeland	Kirkby Lonsdale	Underley Park (Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)	D1	1.5	1.5	1.5
Former South Lakeland	Kirkby Lonsdale	Underley Park (Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC)	D0	1	1	1
Former South Lakeland	LDNP	Windermere RUFC	D1	2	2	2
Former Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Frenchfield Sports Park	D1	3	2	2
Former Eden	Kirkby Stephen	Pennine Park – Upper Eden RUFC	D1	1.5	1.5	1.5
Former Eden	Kirkby Stephen	Pennine Park – Upper Eden RUFC	D0	0.5	-4	-6
Former Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith RUFC	D2	0.75	-1.25	-1.25
Former Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith RUFC	D2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Former Barrow Borough	Barrow and Walney	Hawcoat Park RUFC	D1	2	2	1
Former Barrow Borough	Barrow and Walney	Hawcoat Park RUFC	D0	0	0	0
Former Barrow Borough	Barrow and Walney	Strawberry Fields – Furness RUFC	D0	1	1	0.5

2.61 Table 2.5 above demonstrates that improvements will have a significant impact on capacity, but that overplay will remain on one or more pitches at Kendal RUFC, Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC, Pennine Park and Penrith RFC.

2.62 The issues impacting supply and demand at these sites is therefore explored in further detail.

Kendal RUFC

2.63 Pitches at Kendal RUFC are in good condition, with drainage on the main grass pitch and the smaller pitch at D3. Improvements to maintenance will have good impact (demonstrated in Table 2.5) but there is no scope for further impact through drainage works. The capacity pressures experienced reflect the high participation. The club are seeking additional grass playing field land. An additional pitch could provide up to 3.5 MES capacity (depending on drainage and maintenance) which would future proof the site.

2.64 The impact of adding an additional pitch is illustrated in Table 2.6. Table 2.6 assumes that pitch quality improvements have also been undertaken, and that the amount of play on the AGP

remains consistent. It demonstrates that supply would become adequate, with scope for some participation growth.

Table 2.6 – Impact of additional pitch at Kendal RUFC

Pitch	Pitch Quality	Estimated Match Play Demand	Training Demand	Supply Demand Balance (Match Play)	Supply Demand Balance (including Training)
1	M2/D3	3.25		0.25	0.25
2	M2/D3	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.5
New Pitch	M2/D3		3.5	0	0.5

- 2.65 It is important to note however that the site also contains a 3G WR Compliant AGP, which is underused for rugby. Theoretically therefore, the demand that is causing overplay currently could be transferred onto the 3G pitch. Table 2.6 above demonstrates that if 3.5 MES training demand was transferred onto the rugby pitch, there would be no remaining overplay on the grass pitches (and no requirement for a new grass pitch). The assessment report however demonstrates that this pitch is full, and this would generate displacement (of football teams) and create further capacity issues. The rugby club also highlight the importance of football usage on their AGP from a sustainability perspective.

Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC

- 2.66 The pressures at Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC arise from heavy use of one pitch for training (creating overplay of 3.75 MES on this pitch). Even with the benefits that improved maintenance would bring, the reliance on this one pitch mean that overplay is evident on this pitch.
- 2.67 With training equivalent to 5.5 MES, one floodlit pitch is unable to sustain all demand (maximum 3 – 3.5 MES). At least two floodlit pitches (capacity 3 MES per pitch) are required. The addition of floodlights to another pitch would ensure that there is enough capacity for training.
- 2.68 It should be noted however that the spread of training to an additional pitch would increase the usage on this pitch. The assessment report demonstrates that there is almost no remaining capacity on any pitch currently (0.75 on one pitch, overplay on one other pitch). Prior to the provision of the required floodlights therefore, pitch maintenance and drainage improvements are required. This will maximise the capacity and ensure that the additional training load can be accommodated.
- 2.69 Scenario modelling in Table 2.7 demonstrates that there will be enough capacity for all activity if these improvements are made. Floodlighting at least two pitches will ensure that there is enough capacity for training. Floodlighting of three pitches would maximise the availability of pitches at peak times.

Table 2.7 – Impact of Pitch Improvements and Floodlighting

Pitch	Match Play Demand (MES)	Training Demand (MES)	Supply Demand Balance (Match Play)
1	2	0	1.5

Pitch	Match Play Demand (MES)	Training Demand (MES)	Supply Demand Balance (Match Play)
2	1	2.5	0
3	2	0	1.5
4	0	3.5	0

Pennine Park (Upper Eden RUFC)

- 2.70 Similarly, the pressures at Pennine Park arise from heavy use of one pitch for training. Even with the benefits that improved maintenance would bring, there would remain overplay across the site as a whole (-2.5 currently).
- 2.71 It is evident however that the training pitch is poorly drained. Improvement to D2 would generate an additional 1.5 MES on this pitch and help to reduce overall pressures. Installation of drainage into the remaining pitch (currently D1) would improve the position further and ensure that at a baseline level, supply equals demand. With limited opportunity to increase capacity further however, the future growth of the club will be dependent on securing access to additional grass pitches.
- 2.72 It is clear that the existing overplay occurs because of the reliance on one grass pitch for training – this is because only one pitch is floodlit. With training equivalent to 4.5 MES, a minimum of two floodlit pitches are required to meet this demand. An additional floodlit pitch would therefore enable greater spread of training activity.
- 2.73 Even with maintenance and drainage improvements however, the capacity would remain insufficient to meet current demand. There is no scope to meet future demand at this site without access to additional provision.
- 2.74 This is illustrated in Table 2.8, which shows that if high quality pitches are provided and both pitches are floodlit, supply still falls below demand.

Table 2.8 – Upper Eden RUFC

Pitch	Pitch Capacity Rating	Pitch Capacity (MES)	Total Match Play Demand	Total Training Demand	Supply / Demand Position
1	M2/D3	3.5	1.5	2	0
2	M2/D3	3.5	1.5	2.5	-0.5

Penrith RUFC

- 2.75 Whilst maintenance improves the position at Penrith RUFC significantly there will remain a small amount of unmet demand on the grass pitches (0.75 across the site as a whole). This is generated by the use of the grass pitches for training.
- 2.76 With improvements to maintenance (Table 2.5) the shortfall will be small (0.75 MES). Given that the site contains an AGP, these capacity pressures can therefore be managed by maximising the use of the AGP where possible to eliminate overplay on the grass pitches.

Football

Supply

- 243 formal pitches across Westmorland and Furness. Of these 180 (75%) are available for community use. Of these community use pitches, 42% are senior 11v11 pitches, while 30% of pitches are for 7v7 or 5v5 teams. Just under 30% of pitches are sized for youth football (11v11 youth or 9v9).
- 32% of pitches available for community use are in the former Barrow Borough area, 24% in the former Eden area and the remainder are located in the former South Lakeland area.
- The majority of pitches not available are located at school sites. Where secondary school sites are not open to the community, this is typically due to the poor quality of the pitches that they have. Primary schools cite a lack of demand (small fields) and concerns about security.
- 42% of football pitches are managed / maintained by clubs. The Council (19%) and education establishments (18%) also remain important providers.
- More clubs in Westmorland and Furness are dissatisfied with football pitches than are satisfied. These views are consistent across the three former authority areas. A higher proportion of clubs that are concerned about quality are based in the former Barrow Borough and South Lakeland areas than in the former Eden area, while concerns about access to pitches are concentrated in specific locations - particularly in Kendal (former South Lakeland area) and the town of Barrow (former Barrow Borough area).
- Quality of pitches is varying. 51% of pitches are rated as standard, 21% good and 28% poor. Quality in the former Eden area is much higher than in other parts of Westmorland and Furness. 44% of pitches in the former Eden area are good, compared to 21% in the former Barrow Borough area and 17% in the former South Lakeland area. 32% of pitches in the former South Lakeland area are poor.
- The quality of changing facilities varies significantly, with some sites having no provision, and others having excellent facilities. There are key sites where participation is high but ancillary provision is poor / non-existent.

Demand

- Football is the biggest sport in terms of the number of teams. Westmorland and Furness is covered by four different County FAs. and the picture for football is therefore complex, with multiple leagues operating and play taking place at different times across the weekend.
- Football in Cumbria has experienced significant increase, with mini football in particular growing rapidly. More clubs have experienced growth than decline. There is also evidence that female football is now rapidly growing, and further growth is a key focus of the County FAs.
- There are 442 teams playing across Westmorland and Furness. Participation is relatively evenly spread; with 38% of teams in the former South Lakeland area (46% of which are in Kendal) and 34% of teams in the former Barrow Borough area. Corresponding with the lowest number of pitches, the former Eden area also has the fewest teams.
- At a local level, there are higher proportions of teams to pitches in Kendal, Penrith, Barrow and Walney and the Remainder of Barrow Borough sub-areas – this suggests that pitches in these areas will need to sustain more matches if demand is to be met.

Demand

- There is little evidence of imported / exported demand across Westmorland and Furness.
- Barrow AFC is the highest ranked football club, with the first team playing in the English Football League Two (professional). Three teams play in the National League System (NLS) while several clubs are playing in regional feeder leagues. Teams progressing from these leagues will become NLS teams and will then be subject to Ground Grading requirements.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.77 The assessment report provides full details of extensive modelling undertaken for football.
- 2.78 It demonstrates that across Westmorland and Furness, there is limited overplay, but equally very little remaining spare capacity. Some overplay occurs as a result of the use of poor quality school sites that must sustain curricular and extracurricular activity. The remainder arises due to the poor quality of pitches, and / or high demand at specific sites.
- 2.79 The quality of pitches has an impact on the adequacy of provision. In the former South Lakeland and Barrow Borough areas, the proportion of poor quality pitches reduces the capacity available and creates overplay. In the former Eden area, pitches are of higher quality and are therefore able to sustain additional play as a result (hence fewer quantitative issues are identified).
- 2.80 Across Westmorland and Furness (including all pitches that are available to the community):
- All three former authority areas have a large amount of spare capacity across the adult pitch stock (ranging from 28.75 match equivalent sessions (MES) in the former South Lakeland area to 18.75 MES in the former Eden area). The heavy lean towards play at peak time however means that availability at peak time on adult pitches is much lower. There is however enough spare capacity in all areas, with 6.5 MES spare capacity in the former Barrow Borough area and 8 MES in the former South Lakeland area
 - The greatest pressures exist on youth and 9v9 pitches. There is adequate spare capacity on 11v11 youth pitches across the week. Spare capacity is greatest in the former South Lakeland area (10 MES), but is fairly closely matched with demand in the former Eden area (5 MES) and the former Barrow Borough area (3.5 MES). At peak time however, the picture is different. In the former Barrow Borough area, there is inadequate supply (-0.5 MES) and only 4 MES spare capacity in the former South Lakeland area and 1 MES in the former Eden area. This means that at peak time, supply is closely matched with demand and is starting to constrain participation
 - A similar picture exists on 9v9 pitches. There is very limited spare capacity available in the former South Lakeland and former Eden areas (just 1 MES in each area at peak time) and in the former Barrow Borough area there are deficiencies (-5 MES at peak time). This suggests that increasing capacity for 9v9 play is crucial
 - Supply of 7v7 and 5v5 pitches is adequate at peak time in all areas, with over 10 MES spare capacity across the week on 5v5 pitches and more than 5 MES in all areas on 7v7 pitches. Again at peak time, spare capacity is lower but there remains scope to accommodate more play. Capacity pressures at peak time on 7v7 and 5v5 pitches is of lower significance than on larger size pitches, as the short length of games means that they can be played consecutively more easily.

- 2.81 Whilst the majority of pitches that are available are secure, there are a small number of pitches where long term access is not guaranteed by formal agreement. If any spare capacity at any unsecured sites is excluded:
- The stock of adult pitches remains adequate both at peak time and across the week in all areas.
 - The capacity shortfall for youth 11v11 pitches increases and on 9v9 pitches, the loss of spare capacity at unsecured venues results in overplay in the former South Lakeland area.
 - There remains enough 7v7 and 5v5 pitches, but the amount of spare capacity reduces.
- 2.82 If spare capacity on poor quality pitches is also eliminated (in addition to unsecured sites), this generates a significant reduction on spare capacity in adult pitches in both the former Barrow Borough and South Lakeland areas.
- 2.83 Looking to the future, population changes will in theory have little impact on football. The number of people playing football has however significantly grown in recent years and clubs report ongoing increases in participation. The recent explosion of participation in girls and womens football in particular is placing great pressures on the existing infrastructure and it is predicted that the upward trajectory in the number of teams will continue.
- 2.84 While the overall growth in demand will increase the number of games that will need to be sustained (and more capacity will be required to do this), increases in participation in female and girls football add different challenges because matches are often played outside peak time. If pitches are not of sufficient quality to sustain multiple games in the weekend therefore, there is a need to provide additional pitches to meet the needs of women and girls teams. Appropriate changing and ancillary facilities are also required.
- 2.85 Crucially, there is almost no capacity to accommodate growth in youth 11v11 and 9v9 football with unmet demand already evident.
- 2.86 Table 2.9 summarises the overall position for football currently (taking into account just pitches with secured community use) and in future years across Westmorland and Furness and in each of the three former local authority areas.

Table 2.9 – Current and Projected Future Adequacy of Provision

Pitch Type	Scenario	Former Barrow Borough area (MES)	Former South Lakeland area (MES)	Former Eden area (MES)
Adult 11v11	Weekly Position	22	28.75	18.75
Adult 11v11	Peak Time	6.5	10.5	8
Adult 11v11	Peak Time (Secured only)	6.5	8	7
Adult 11v11	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	3.5	5.5	5
Youth 11v11	Weekly Position	5.5	10	5
Youth 11v11	Peak Time	-0.5	4	1
Youth 11v11	Peak Time (Secured only)	-1.5	0	1
Youth 11v11	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	-1.5	-1	1
9v9	Weekly Position	-4.5	5.25	8
9v9	Peak Time	-5	1.25	1
9v9	Peak Time (Secured only)	-5	-0.75	1

Pitch Type	Scenario	Former Barrow Borough area (MES)	Former South Lakeland area (MES)	Former Eden area (MES)
9v9	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	-5	-0.75	1
7v7	Weekly Position	30	33	28
7v7	Peak Time	7.5	6	3.5
7v7	Peak Time (Secured only)	3.5	3.5	3.5
7v7	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	2.5	3.5	3.5
5v5	Weekly Position	14.5	11	15.5
5v5	Peak Time	0.5	2.5	2.5
5v5	Peak Time (Secured only)	0.5	1.5	2.5
5v5	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	0	1	2.5

Football – Summary Issues

The key issues that need to be addressed for football are therefore:

- Poor quality of playing fields, particularly in the former South Lakeland and Barrow Borough areas
- Challenges experienced in performing adequate maintenance regimes – exacerbated by high demand
- Inadequate capacity for 9v9 and youth 11v11 football in most areas (but particularly Kendal, Barrow, Milnthorpe, LDNP)
- Small amount of site specific overplay
- Growth in demand for women and girls football increases the need for pitches to be available in more than one timeslot
- Some changing facilities inadequate for their current uses and / or to support growth in the female game
- Reliance on some unsecured sites for community use.

Football Scenario Testing

- 2.87 Since the production of the assessment report, the grass pitch at Penrith Football Club (FC) has been converted into a 3G AGP. As this new facility is recorded on the FA 3G Pitch Register, it can be used for both match play and training.
- 2.88 This pitch was converted to 3G AGP from a grass pitch. Table 9.15 in the assessment report demonstrated that this grass pitch had no spare capacity at peak time, but potential capacity of 1.5 MES across the week (although the pitch was primarily reserved for the senior team).
- 2.89 For adult football, the new pitch will directly replace the grass pitch at peak time and will have no impact on the calculations that are presented.
- 2.90 The additional capacity that a 3G pitch offers however will ensure that capacity pressures in other timeslots can be reduced. In the former Eden area, peak time for youth football is Saturday morning, whilst the majority of play for younger teams (9v9 and below) takes place on a Sunday morning. This means that in addition to usage for adult football, the 3G AGP can be used to

accommodate 1 – 2 youth 11v11 games on a Saturday morning (assuming games can be played consecutively) as well as either 9v9, 7v7 or 5v5 games on a Sunday afternoon.

- 2.91 This level of activity would see the adult football position remain the same, but spare capacity on both youth 11v11 pitches and 9v9 football pitches increase to 3 MES at peak time.
- 2.92 The majority of usage will be by Penrith FC and Penrith Juniors. This means that the usage will be relocated from Frenchfields (match play) and Newton Rigg (training). This means overplay on 9v9 pitches at Frenchfields will be alleviated and a small amount of spare capacity will be available on youth 11v11 pitches at the same site.

Addressing the Identified Deficiencies

- 2.93 There are a small number of unsecured pitches and the assessment report confirms that these have significant impact on the adequacy of provision if spare capacity at those sites is not available. The assessment notes several sites that are important in sustaining community use.
- 2.94 The match equivalents that would need to be relocated should these sites no longer be available, and the impact that this would have on the current position is set out below:
- Dowdales School - 6 MES to be relocated. There is a small amount of spare capacity in the area to relocate the 7v7 and 5v5 activity, but loss of the 9v9 and youth 11v11 pitches would exacerbate existing deficiencies
 - Cartmel Priory C Of E School - 3 MES to be relocated – lack of spare capacity for youth and 9v9 would generate shortfalls
 - GSK Sports Complex – 2.5 MES to be relocated – generates a deficiency of 9v9 provision and creates a position where there is no remaining spare capacity for adult or youth football
 - University Of Cumbria (Ambleside Campus) – 1.5 MES to be relocated – exacerbates the existing deficiencies in 9v9 football.
- 2.95 The loss of any of the above facilities would therefore be detrimental to the overall position for football. Clubs would need to be relocated and for all sites, either existing deficiencies would be exacerbated or there would be insufficient capacity to relocate teams without creating overplay. Table 2.10 summarises the position if all unsecured sites were secured (without taking into account any changes to quality).

Table 2.10 – Impact of securing sites that are currently unsecured

Pitch Type	Scenario	Former Barrow Borough area (MES)	Former South Lakeland area (MES)	Former Eden area (MES)
Adult 11v11	Weekly Position	22	28.75	18.75
Adult 11v11	Peak Time	6.5	10.5	8
Youth 11v11	Weekly Position	5.5	10	5
Youth 11v11	Peak Time	-0.5	4	1
9v9	Weekly Position	-4.5	5.25	8
9v9	Peak Time	-5	1.25	1
7v7	Weekly Position	30	33	28
7v7	Peak Time	7.5	6	3.5
5v5	Weekly Position	14.5	11	15.5
5v5	Peak Time	0.5	2.5	2.5

Impact of Qualitative Improvements

- 2.96 Pitch quality is the main issue across Westmorland and Furness. This has a direct impact on the amount of capacity that is available. When eliminating the spare capacity offered at poor pitches, supply is more closely balanced with demand and on some sites, poor quality (alongside high demand on specific sites) is responsible for much of the overplay. This is particularly true in the former South Lakeland and Barrow Borough areas.
- 2.97 The scenario testing set out in Table 2.11 evaluates the impact of improving pitches that are poor quality to standard. It demonstrates that almost all overplay (on poor quality pitches) would be alleviated. The only sites where improving quality from poor to standard would not be enough to alleviate overplay are Furness Academy, Furness Cavaliers (both former Barrow Borough area) and University of Cumbria (former South Lakeland area/ LDNP).

Table 2.11 – Impact of Improving Poor Pitches to Standard Quality

Former Authority	Site Name	Sub Area	Final Pitch Details	Number of Pitches	Capacity (all demand)
Barrow Borough	Biggar Bank Playing Fields, Walney	Barrow and Walney	Adult 11v11	2	3.5
Barrow Borough	Biggar Bank Playing Fields, Walney	Barrow and Walney	9v9	1	0
Barrow Borough	Biggar Bank Playing Fields, Walney	Barrow and Walney	7v7	1	3
Barrow Borough	Furness Academy, Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow and Walney	Adult 11v11	1	-1
Barrow Borough	Furness Academy, Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow and Walney	7v7	1	3
Barrow Borough	Furness Cavaliers Association Football Club, Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow and Walney	9v9	1	-1
Barrow Borough	Ormsgill Lane Recreation Ground, Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow and Walney	Adult 11v11	2	3.5
Barrow Borough	Ormsgill Lane Recreation Ground, Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow and Walney	Youth 11v11	1	1
Barrow Borough	Ormsgill Lane Recreation Ground, Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow and Walney	9v9	1	0
Barrow Borough	Ormsgill Lane Recreation Ground, Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow and Walney	7v7	2	6
Barrow Borough	Ormsgill Lane Recreation Ground, Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow and Walney	5v5	1	2.5

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Former Authority	Site Name	Sub Area	Final Pitch Details	Number of Pitches	Capacity (all demand)
Barrow Borough	Rakesmoor Lane (Holker Old Boys FC)	Barrow and Walney	5v5	1	3.5
Eden	Brough Football Club (Colts Ford Common)	Kirkby Stephen	Youth 11v11	1	1
Eden	Maurice Park, Penrith	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Adult 11v11	1	0.5
Eden	The Millennium Field, Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Adult 11v11	1	2
Eden	Tyne Willows Playing Fields, Alston	Alston	Adult 11v11	1	1.5
Eden	Wetheriggs Country Park (The Crescent), Penrith	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Adult 11v11	1	2
South Lakeland	Ayland Recreation Ground, Staveley	LDNP	Adult 11v11	1	1
South Lakeland	Willink Field /Burneside Tennis Club	Kendal	Adult 11v11	1	2
South Lakeland	Coniston Sports And Social Centre	LDNP	Adult 11v11	1	1.5
South Lakeland	Heron Hill School, Kendal	Kendal	9v9	1	1
South Lakeland	Hillard Park (Ambleside Football Club)	LDNP	Adult 11v11	1	1
South Lakeland	Hollins Lane Playing Fields, Burneside	Kendal	Adult 11v11	1	1
South Lakeland	Holme Sports And Community Centre	Milnthorpe	Adult 11v11	1	2
South Lakeland	Holme Sports And Community Centre	Milnthorpe	Youth 11v11	1	2
South Lakeland	Howgill Lane Playing Fields (People's Hall Playing Field), Sedbergh	YDNP	Adult 11v11	1	1
South Lakeland	Kendal Millennium Playing Field	Kendal	9v9	2	1.5
South Lakeland	Kendal Millennium Playing Field	Kendal	7v7	3	9
South Lakeland	Kirkby-in Furness Community Centre	Ulverston and surrounding area	Adult 11v11	1	1
South Lakeland	Queens Park (Windermere)	LDNP	Adult 11v11	1	1
South Lakeland	Rayrigg Meadow Pitch, Windermere	LDNP	Adult 11v11	1	1
South Lakeland	Rothay Park, Ambleside	LDNP	Adult 11v11	1	1.5
South Lakeland	Settlebeck School, Sedbergh	YDNP	Adult 11v11	1	0.75
South Lakeland	Settlebeck School, Sedbergh	YDNP	9v9	1	0
South Lakeland	University Of Cumbria (Ambleside Campus)	LDNP	9v9	1	-0.5
South Lakeland	Wattsfield Playing Field, Kendal	Kendal	7v7	2	4.5
South Lakeland	Woodside Road Playing Field, Endmoor	Milnthorpe	Adult 11v11	1	1
South Lakeland	Yew Tree Playing Fields, Grange-over-Sands	Cartmel Peninsula	Youth 11v11	1	0
South Lakeland	Yew Tree Playing Fields, Grange-over-Sands	Cartmel Peninsula	5v5	1	3.5

2.98 Table 2.12 summarises the impact of improving all poor quality sites to standard. It assumes that sites are also secured.

Table 2.12 – Impact of Improving all sites to standard

Pitch Type	Scenario	Former Barrow Borough area (MES)	Former South Lakeland area (MES)	Former Eden area (MES)
Adult 11v11	Weekly Position	22	28.75	22.75
Adult 11v11	Peak Time	3.5	10.5	8.5
		3.5		
Adult 11v11	Peak Time (Secured only)	6.5	8	7
Adult 11v11	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	3.5	5.5	5
Youth 11v11	Weekly Position	5.5	10	6
Youth 11v11	Peak Time	-0.5	4	2
Youth 11v11	Peak Time (Secured only)	-1.5	0	1
Youth 11v11	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	-1.5	-1	1
9v9	Weekly Position	-4.5	5.25	8
9v9	Peak Time	-5	1.25	1
9v9	Peak Time (Secured only)	-5	-0.75	1
9v9	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	-5	-0.75	1
7v7	Weekly Position	30	33	28
7v7	Peak Time	7.5	6	3.5
7v7	Peak Time (Secured only)	3.5	3.5	3.5
7v7	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	2.5	3.5	3.5
5v5	Weekly Position	14.5	11	15.5
5v5	Peak Time	0.5	2.5	2.5
5v5	Peak Time (Secured only)	0.5	1.5	2.5
5v5	Peak Time (Secured and appropriate quality)	0	1	2.5

2.99 Whilst improvements to poor quality sites will both increase the amount of spare capacity and address the majority of issues with overplay, there are a small number of additional sites where overplay on at least one pitch is evident due to high demand and / or the requirement to balance curricular and club use. These are:

- **Former Barrow Borough area** - Cavendish Park (high demand), Dowdales School (curricular and community demand), Tummerhill (high demand)
- **Former Eden area** - Appleby Football and Squash Club

- **Former South Lakeland area** -Cartmel Priory C Of E School (curricular and community demand), Dallam School Playing Fields (curricular and community demand), Kendal United Junior Football Club (JFC) (high demand), Kirkbie Kendal School (curricular and community demand), Phoenix Field (high demand).

2.100 With demand known to be increasing, it is clear that the number of sites where high demand is evident will grow. Quality is also important if girls football is to be accommodated, as this often takes place in a different time slot to other participation. This means that unless new pitches are provided, the existing pitches will be required to host games in more timeslots.

2.101 Recent improvements to pitch quality across the former Eden area (primarily delivered through a focus on investment) has resulted in a high proportion of pitches achieving good quality ratings. This demonstrates that with appropriate maintenance it is possible to achieve good quality facilities, even in areas where there are underlying challenges (such as geography, rainfall). Modelling reveals that improving all pitches to good would eliminate all existing deficiencies, with the exception of 0.25 MES overplay at Kendal Town JFC and 0.75 MES overplay at Appleby Sports and Social Club.

2.102 Table 2.13 demonstrates the approximate overall impact that this would have on the supply and demand balance in each of the three former authority areas.

Table 2.13 – Impact of Improving all pitches to good

Pitch Type	Scenario	Former Barrow Borough	Former South Lakeland	Former Eden
Adult 11v11	Weekly Position accounting for overplay	43	67.75	32.75
Adult 11v11	Peak Time	50	12.5	9.5
Youth 11v11	Youth Football (Weekly Position accounting for overplay)	21.5	34.75	12
Youth 11v11	Peak Time	16	7.5	2
9v9	9v9 Football (Weekly Position accounting for overplay)	14	30.25	16
9v9	Peak Time	12.5	7.75	1.5
7v7	Weekly Position accounting for overplay	57.5	69	36
7v7	Peak Time	59.5	6	3.5
5v5	5v5 Football (Weekly Position accounting for overplay)	21	17	32.5
5v5	Peak Time	19.5	2.5	3.5

2.103 Table 2.14 summarises the overall impact that improving all pitches to good would have in terms of spare capacity by sub area. Notably, these qualitative improvements will have fewer impacts on peak time availability of pitches (where there are also pressures), but crucially would add additional availability outside of peak time. With increases in demand driven in part by girls and female football (which typically takes place outside of peak time), the additional capacity that will be created will be instrumental in accommodating the development of football in years to come.

2.104 Table 2.14 demonstrates that improvements of pitches to a good standard will significantly increase the available capacity across the week. It is acknowledged however that there are

challenges in achieving this on all pitches. Added to this, the impact of this will be minimal at peak times. Qualitative improvements will however be absolutely essential to facilitate the growth of womens sport - if girls football grows to the extent it is forecast too, then pitches that are able to sustain play in multiple time slots without impact on quality will be critical.

- 2.105 The challenges in achieving the required levels of pitch improvements, as well as the more limited impact that they will have on peak time availability mean that a combination of pitch improvements and 3G provision will be required to ensure that future demand is met. The provision of 3G AGPs will be of particular importance in combatting the challenges that the Cumbrian weather brings.

Table 2.14 – Impact of Improving all pitches to good

Type of Football	Position	Barrow and Walney	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Kendal	Milnthorpe	Kirkby Lonsdale	Cartmel Peninsula	Ulverston and surrounding area	LDNP	YDNP	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Appleby	Kirkby Stephen	Alston
Adult 11v11	Weekly Position accounting for overplay	37	6	11.5	13.5	4.5	4	11	17	6.25	22.5	2.25	5.5	2.5
Adult 11v11	Peak Time	7	0	1.5	2.5	1	1.5	1.5	3	1.5	6.5	1	1.5	0.5
Youth 11v11	Weekly Position accounting for overplay	6	8.5	12	6	0	4	6.5	3.75	2.5	5.5	0	6.5	0
Youth 11v11	Peak Time	0	1.5	3	1	0	0.5	1.5	1	0.5	1	0	1	0
9v9	Weekly Position accounting for overplay	11	1.5	13.25	1.5	0	2.5	9.5	1.5	2	13	0	3	0
9v9	Peak Time	0	0	4.25	1	0	0.5	1.5	0	0.5	1.5	0	0	0
7v7	Weekly Position accounting for overplay	42.5	15	28.5	21	0	5	14.5	0	0	25	0	11	0
7v7	Peak Time		2	1	3.5	0	0	1.5	0	0	2.5	0	1	0
5v5	Weekly Position accounting for overplay	19	0		5.5	0	5.5	6	0	0	21.5	0	11	0
5v5	Peak Time	0.5	0		1	0	0.5	1	0	0	2.5	0	1	0

- 2.106 Whilst following pitch improvements there will remain some spare capacity across each area, this will remain fairly limited particularly at peak time and additional capacity will therefore be required. The text below explores the impact of other options that are available.

Securing community use of school sites that are not currently available

- 2.107 There are some schools with multi-pitch sites where either a potential willingness to consider community use was expressed during consultation, or access to other sports facilities is available.
- 2.108 The key opportunities for further investigation are:

Former Barrow Borough area

- St Bernard's Catholic High School has 2 senior pitches on site which are poorly drained during the winter months. Pitch improvement works and secured community use would generate additional capacity in this area, as well as improve the school's ability to deliver curricular football.
- Although there are significant pressures in the Remainder of Barrow Borough sub area, there are no clear opportunities to secure additional provision.

Former South Lakeland area

- In Kendal, there are low levels of spare capacity at peak time, even if taking into account the potential impact of qualitative improvements. Most larger sites are already open to the community, however at Queen Katherine School, other sports facilities are available, but grass pitches not currently available for community use
- There are few other clear opportunities in the former South Lakeland area. Although informally available for community use, there is currently limited activity at The Lakes School / John Ruskin School and if these sites were secured, they would ensure that the available capacity is maintained to support growth.

Former Eden area

- In the former Eden area, there are few capacity pressures, but supply still closely matches with demand. There are three clear opportunities to increase the amount of capacity that is available to the community, although all would require qualitative improvements to support the use of the playing fields by the local community. Specifically:
 - Provision in Appleby is constrained, with overplay existing after pitch improvement works. Pitches at Appleby Grammar School are not currently available due to poor and unusable condition of pitches, but improvement works alongside secured community use would generate additional capacity in this area (scope 2 – 3 pitches)
 - In Penrith, both Queen Elizabeth Grammar School and Ullswater Community College have scope for 2 – 3 pitches on site but are currently poorly drained and unusable. Pitch improvement works and secured community use would generate additional capacity in this area (scope 2 – 3 pitches).

3G AGPs

Supply

- At the time of the completion of the assessment report, there were four 11v11 size 3G pitches across Westmorland and Furness, specifically Newton Rigg College (former Eden area), Penrith Rugby Club (former Eden area), Dallam School and Kendal RUFC (both former South Lakeland area). This has since increased to five, with the provision of a new 3G pitch at Penrith AFC.
- There are also smaller (but almost 11v11 sized) 3G AGPs at Furness Academy and Furness College (both former Barrow Borough area).
- In addition, there are 10 sand based AGPs. Two of these are located in the former Eden area and the remainder are all situated in the former South Lakeland area.
- At the time of the assessment, all 11v11 3G pitches were included on the FA 3G Pitch Register and were functional, achieving quality ratings of good or standard. The registration of the pitch at Furness College has recently expired.

Demand

- Demand can be classified into three areas:
 - Matchplay (requires use of a 3G pitch that is included on the FA 3G Pitch Register) – this links with the requirement for grass pitches – as usage of 3G AGPs increases and they become increasingly important, the requirement for grass pitches can reduce
 - Informal / recreational use – pay and play or leagues; and
 - Training (the FA would like to see all teams having access to a 3G pitch for training).
- Clubs primarily use AGPs for training during the winter months. A lot of current usage is on sand based AGPs, which is not considered by the FA to be a supported surface for affiliated football activity.
- Pitches that are included on the 3G Pitch Register can be used for match play. At the time of the assessment, there was matchplay evident on all eligible pitches (although there is scope to increase this).
- Views on the adequacy of facilities for training are divided. The main reasons for discontent are lack of access to 3G, cost of 3G, requirement to use sand based facilities and competing demands with other clubs.

Adequacy of Provision – 3G pitches

- 2.109 When evaluating the current usage of 3G AGPs, midweek there is only 12 hours spare capacity across Westmorland and Furness as a whole.
- 2.110 The largest amount of spare capacity exists in the Penrith and M6 Corridor sub area – this is because there is spare capacity on the 3G AGP at Penrith RUFC. This pitch was provided through the RFU funded rugby 365 programme and primarily serves rugby clubs. It is also available to football clubs, but at a higher cost to some other pitches and availability within the most desirable timeslots is limited given the priority that is given to rugby. Consequently, demand is lower for this pitch.
- 2.111 With an absence of 3G pitches in some areas, and limited spare capacity where pitches are provided, sand based AGPs also play an important role in meeting demand for football across Westmorland and Furness. The following sand based AGPs are currently crucial in meeting demand for football:

- Kirkby Stephen - Kirkby Stephen Grammar School – used due to lack of 3G AGP in area
- Penrith and M6 Corridor - Penrith Leisure Centre – used due to lack of 3G capacity in Penrith
- Kendal - Kirkbie Kendal School/ Queen Katherine School
- Kirkby Lonsdale - Queen Elizabeth School - used due to lack of 3G AGP in area
- LDNP - The Lakes School - used due to lack of 3G AGP in area
- Ulverston and surrounding area - Ulverston Leisure Centre - used due to lack of 3G AGP in area.

2.112 All of these pitches are also important for hockey.

2.113 The FA sets parameters for evaluating the amount of 3G AGPs that are required to meet demand. With clear evidence presented above given the capacity constraints and the use of sand based AGPs that more facilities are required, the model provides a way of determining how many facilities are needed (and where).

2.114 It should be noted that the quantitative model considers only demand for football. With 3G AGPs also being important for both rugby league and rugby union, it is essential that these needs are also taken into account. The need for an AGP to support rugby league totals an additional pitch, and this significantly increases demand in and around the former Barrow Borough area.

2.115 Table 2.15 sets out the supply /demand balance at a sub area level and summarises the key issues, including requirements for other sports. It demonstrates that there is demand for 3G AGPs in several areas of Westmorland and Furness.

Table 2.15 – 3G pitch Modelling at Sub Area Level

Former Authority Area	Sub Area	FA Position	Comments / Opportunities for Consideration
Barrow Borough	Barrow and Walney	-1.1	Grass pitch issues and quality concerns, coupled with lack of AGP and issues accessing training facilities mean a minimum of 1 additional 3G AGP required in short term. Football demand is exacerbated by Rugby League teams in this area, who generate demand for an additional 0.5 – 1 pitch. Demand therefore is sufficient to sustain at least 2 3G AGPs
Barrow Borough	Remainder of Barrow Borough	-0.7	Pitch at Dowdales School provides important facility. Unmet demand for rugby league creates sufficient demand in addition to that for football to justify requirement for an additional 3G pitch to serve this area and Ulverston (former South Lakeland area)
	Barrow Borough Total	-2.3	At least 2 additional 3G AGPs required based on levels of football demand, as many as 3 could potentially be sustained when accounting for demand for rugby league.
South Lakeland	Kendal	-1.1	At least one 3G AGP required short term in Kendal. Second required medium term. Consideration also to be given as to future role of 3G AGP at Kendal RUFC (potential need to increase rugby usage, which will have a knock on to football)
South Lakeland	Milnthorpe	0.5	No requirement for additional provision
South Lakeland	Kirkby Lonsdale	-0.1	Insufficient to demand to warrant additional provision. Shared use of sand based surface with hockey important.
South Lakeland	Cartmel Peninsula	-0.4	Demand insufficient to justify 11v11 pitch. Pressures on grass pitches, alongside unmet demand sufficient however to warrant consideration of 3G provision.

Former Authority Area	Sub Area	FA Position	Comments / Opportunities for Consideration
South Lakeland	Ulverston and surrounding area	-0.6	Additional 3G is required to serve this area and can be sustained in conjunction with rugby league given the levels of demand for rugby league.
South Lakeland	LDNP	-0.7	Pressures on grass pitch stock mean opportunity to consider potential 3G AGP in this area
South Lakeland	YDNP	-0.2	No requirement for provision
	South Lakeland Total	-2.5	At least 2 additional 3G AGPs required based on levels of football demand, as many as 3 more could potentially be sustained when accounting for demand for rugby league in Ulverston specifically.
Eden	Penrith and M6 Corridor	-1 (taking into account impact of new pitch at Penrith RUFC)	New pitch recently provided at Penrith FC equates to 0.6 of a pitch in this model and reduces the deficit from 1.6 to 1 or below. It is unclear at this point in time what impact the new pitch has had in terms of demand.
Eden	Appleby	-0.2	Pressures on grass pitch stock but insufficient demand to warrant 11v11 3G AGP. Opportunities to access 3G or alternative solutions to be explored.
Eden	Kirkby Stephen	-0.3	Pressures on grass pitch stock but insufficient demand to warrant 11v11 3G AGP. Alternative solutions to be explored.
Eden	Alston	0.0	No requirement for provision
-	Eden Total	-1.6	Some additional 3G AGP provision potentially required in Appleby / Kirkby Stephen. Longer term, new provision may be needed in Penrith.

2.116 The above is based upon current participation. Future projections suggest a potential increase of around 70 football teams across the strategy period. This could potentially increase demand by two 3G AGPs, subject to where growth occurs.

2.117 Table 2.15 also clearly demonstrates that there is demand for new 3G provision to meet the needs of rugby league clubs. This level of demand increases the requirement for pitches in the former Barrow Borough area. Growth in rugby league participation would further increase demand for 3G pitches in this part of Westmorland and Furness.

3G AGPs – Summary Issues

The key issues that need to be addressed for 3G football pitches are therefore:

- The need to ensure that all pitches remain on the FA Pitch Register (and therefore that appropriate quality is maintained)
- The requirement for new 3G AGPs (for both football and rugby league).

Rugby League

Supply

- There are 20 rugby league pitches, 16 of which are full sized. Pitches are focused almost exclusively in the former Barrow Borough area.
- The majority of pitches have secured community use, with most clubs leasing or owning their facilities. Ulverston ARLFC are the only rugby league club that do not have security of tenure.
- The quality of facilities available for rugby league is limited. There are issues with both the quality of pitches and the ancillary facilities that are provided. Almost all pitches demonstrate compaction, poor grass coverage and weeds within the grass sward and there are drainage issues on some sites. This means that there is significant scope to increase the capacity of rugby league pitches by enhancing quality.
- Even Craven Park, which is the stadium facility owned by Barrow Raiders, a professional club playing in the 2nd tier of rugby league has quality issues.
- All clubs have access to changing facilities and social facilities, but there are improvements that can be made and are required. Many of the clubs have only communal facilities, and there are insufficient changing rooms / toilets for the number of teams that they are running. Several clubs identify a need to improve their facilities if they are to continue growth in the junior game, as well as to provide facilities for women and girls.
- The poor quality of ancillary provision at Barrow Raiders restricts the developmental programmes that can be run.

Demand

- Barrow Raiders is the highest performing club in Westmorland and Furness, playing in the Betfred Championship. In addition, there are seven community clubs in Westmorland and Furness. Six of these are located within the former Barrow Borough area, with Ulverston ARLFC the only club in the former South Lakeland area.
- The community clubs run a total of 69 community teams, and Barrow Raiders have 7 teams (5 senior male and 2 senior female).
- All clubs are strong and sustainable– all have multiple teams, and offer the opportunity to progress from primary rugby all the way through to senior rugby. With 33 primary rugby teams (and trends of growth continuing) this suggests that there are strong foundations for growth in participation in years to come.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.118 When considering just competitive activity, the majority of rugby league clubs demonstrate overplay – this arises from the limited pitch availability, with most clubs having access to only one pitch. It is however also influenced by the poor quality of pitches, which reduces the amount of games that they are able to sustain.

- 2.119 Only Ulverston ARLFC and Walney Central ARLFC have enough capacity to accommodate match play. Even at these sites, there is very little remaining spare capacity. There is almost no scope for additional play at peak time.
- 2.120 With training also taking place on the grass pitches during the playing season, the activity that pitches are subjected to increases further. Once training is taken into account, all sites experience overplay. The scale of this issue is demonstrated in Table 2.16. This table only includes the former Barrow Borough area and the Ulverston and surrounding area sub area (former South Lakeland area) as these are the only parts of Westmorland and Furness that contain rugby league provision.

Table 2.16 – Overall deficiencies in Rugby League

Former Authority Area	Sub Area	Supply Demand Balance (Match Play Only)	Supply Balance Training	Demand including
Former Barrow Borough	Barrow and Walney	-2.75	-23.4	
Former Barrow Borough	Remainder of Barrow Borough	-3	-12.25	
Former South Lakeland	Ulverston and surrounding area	4	-3	

- 2.121 While changes to the population profile will have minimal impact on the amount of facilities required, Advantage! Barrow Raiders Community Foundation are already successfully driving participation across the local area, introducing new players to rugby league through engagement with schools and in community settings. This activity is likely to stimulate further growth as their programme widens. Added to this, several clubs are actively looking to grow membership and are building relationships with the local community in order to achieve this. The strong levels of existing participation and evidence of recent upward trends in the number of teams suggests that this may well be achieved.
- 2.122 Analysis in Table 2.15 demonstrates that there are also deficiencies in 3G pitch provision for rugby league. These equate to the equivalent of around 1 3G pitch overall.
- 2.123 If growth aspirations are achieved, unmet demand for both grass pitches and 3G will increase.

Key Facility Issues to Address

Rugby League – Key Issues for Strategy to address
The key issues for the strategy to address in relation to rugby league are therefore: • The quality of existing pitches is poor and impacts capacity as well as player experience • There is not enough capacity for matches and training. There is a requirement for additional capacity on grass pitches as well as access to 3G AGP • There is a need to improve existing ancillary facilities if participation is not to be inhibited.

Rugby League Scenario Testing

- 2.124 With almost all sites used by rugby league clubs demonstrating overplay, there is a clear need to increase capacity. The assessment report notes that capacity at almost all sites is influenced by the basic or standard quality or are poor.
- 2.125 Scenario testing enables us to evaluate the potential impact of different actions on the adequacy of supply and demand and to determine how well they will help address the issues identified. Scenario testing directly informs the recommendations of this PPOSS.
- 2.126 The following scenarios are therefore considered in relation to rugby league:
- Qualitative improvements
 - Alternative opportunities to create additional capacity.

Qualitative Improvements

- 2.127 Table 2.17 considers the impact on capacity of improving the quality of all club bases to good. It demonstrates that:
- When taking into account just match play, qualitative improvements eliminate overplay at some sites. Overplay remains at Brisbane Park, Dalton ARLFC, Roose Pioneers and Fallowfield Park
 - When training is also taken into account however, overplay remains on almost all sites.
- 2.128 This suggests that qualitative improvements will significantly improve the opportunities that are provided for match play but that additional capacity will be required over and above this at some sites for match play, and for the majority of clubs for training.

Table 2.17 – Rugby League Scenario Testing (Current)

Sub Area	Site Name	Pitch Type	Number	Supply Demand Balance (Match Play Only)	Supply Demand Balance including Training
Barrow and Walney	Barrow Island ARLFC	Senior	2	1.75	1.75
Barrow and Walney	Barrow Island ARLFC	Junior / training	1	3	-1.5
Barrow and Walney	Brisbane Park	Senior	1	-1.25	-6.25
Barrow and Walney	Roose Pioneers ARLFC	Senior	1	-1.25	-5
Barrow and Walney	Roose School	Training	1	2	-0.5
Barrow and Walney	Walney Central ARLFC	Primary	1	1.5	-0.5
Barrow and Walney	Walney Central ARLFC	Senior	1	1.5	-1.5

Sub Area	Site Name	Pitch Type	Number	Supply Demand Balance (Match Play Only)	Supply Demand Balance including Training
Remainder of Barrow Borough	Dalton ARLFC	Senior	1	-1.25	-6.75
Remainder of Barrow Borough	Fallowfield Park (Askam)	Senior	1	-0.75	-4.5
Ulverston and surrounding area	Dragley Beck (Ulverston)	Senior	1	1.5	-2.5
Ulverston and surrounding area	Dragley Beck (Ulverston)	Junior	2	3.5	0.5

2.129 The significant growth aspirations identified by clubs will place further pressures on the existing infrastructure over and above that set out in Table 2.17.

2.130 Table 2.18 summarises the likely position in each of the sub areas if all pitches were improved to a good standard and evaluates the capacity of pitches to accommodate the projected growth.

2.131 For clarity, it includes only those sub areas where rugby league activity currently takes place. It demonstrates that for match play in both Ulverston and surrounding area and Barrow and Walney sub areas, qualitative improvements would see provision become just about sufficient. Deficiencies would still be evident in the 'Remainder of Barrow' sub area. When also considering the impact of training however (as currently all training must take place on match pitches), provision in all areas will still be inadequate even after qualitative improvements.

Table 2.18 – Projected Future Position

Former Local Authority Area	Sub Area	Position after qualitative improvements (match play only activity)	Position after qualitative improvements (all activity)	Potential Growth by Sub Area (Match Play (MES))	Future Position (Match Play Only)	Potential Growth by Sub Area including training (MES)	Future Adequacy of Provision (MES)
Barrow Borough	Barrow and Walney	7.25	-6.5	4.5	2.75	9	-15.5
Barrow Borough	Remainder of Barrow Borough	-2	-9.25	1	-3	2	-11.25
South Lakeland	Ulverston and surrounding area	5	-2	1.5	3.5	3	-5

Providing alternative rugby league provision

2.132 The above demonstrates that additional capacity needs to be provided. Given the high levels of unmet demand, and the fact that much overplay is generated for midweek training, the use of 3G AGPs for rugby league may be an appropriate vehicle for addressing the issues.

- 2.133 Existing training patterns suggests that demand arising from rugby league clubs equates to:
- Circa 26 sessions in the former Barrow Borough area (of which 11 sessions are in the 'Remainder of Barrow Borough' sub area and the rest in Barrow town itself)
 - Approximately 5 sessions in former South Lakeland area.
- 2.134 The RFL does not have any parameters for determining AGP requirements. Application of FA parameters to rugby league would suggest that demand would equate to a third of a pitch within Barrow town and just under a third of a pitch in the 'Remainder of Barrow' sub area. The demand from rugby league in the former South Lakeland area is lower, but equivalent to circa 0.2 pitches. When combined with the position for football, this means that:
- In the former Barrow Borough area, the overall deficit of 1 pitch in each of the sub areas for football is increased by rugby league activity – this creates a requirement for around 1.5 3G AGPs in each sub area
 - The unmet demand in 'Ulverston and surrounding area' sub area for football (0.7) added to the additional demand for rugby league provides justification for an additional AGP in this area.
- 2.135 To effectively meet demand for rugby league new 3G Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP) provision could be delivered as part of a wider scheme with football, or potentially to serve rugby more directly through the provision of smaller sided training facilities at rugby league sites. Indoor training barns are also useful solutions that have been successfully installed in Cumbria and could be considered.
- 2.136 Notably, the above excludes any daytime demand that could be generated by Barrow Raiders Community Foundation programmes. RFL estimates suggest that if provided with appropriate capacity, activity associated with Barrow Raiders would fill a day-time programme by itself.

Additional Grass Pitches

- 2.137 In addition to provision of additional 3G AGP for rugby league, the deficits in capacity are such that access to additional grass pitches for rugby league should be considered. Assuming that not all demand is at peak time, unmet demand set out in Table 2.4 would equate to 5 good quality pitches in the Barrow and Walney sub area, 4 pitches in the Remainder of Barrow sub area and 2 pitches in Ulverston.
- 2.138 New playing field land (or unused parcels of existing land on which to provide pitches) may therefore be required. There is also potential to consider use of pitches for other sports where available capacity is underused. A review of opportunities suggests that:
- There is currently overplay at both rugby union grounds in Barrow town, but with maintenance improvements, there will be spare capacity. Critically, there is additional playing field at Furness RUFC that has been disused for several years. There may be an opportunity to use this land to create additional capacity for rugby league. .
 - The majority of football in Barrow takes place on a Saturday. With peak time capacity for football very limited, there is almost no spare capacity on Saturdays. There is however scope for rugby league activity on a Sunday on some sites (based on the spare capacity that is available on the pitches). Barrow Wanderers, Biggar Bank Playing Fields, Cavendish Park, Hawcoat Park, Ormsgill Lane, Rakesmoor Lane, Croftlands Recreation Ground, Priory Road Sports Ground and Swarthmoor FC all have capacity of at least 1 MES for additional play.

2.139 Whilst there is some capacity at the above clubs, it is important that any overspill sites are located in close proximity to the existing ground of the rugby league clubs if they are to function effectively as satellite facilities. The following sites therefore offer potential for further review to meet the needs of clubs where existing deficiencies are identified:

- Barrow Island RLFC – Furness RUFC, Barrow Wanderers – up to 8 MES
- Walney ARLFC –Biggar Bank, Cavendish Fields – circa 5 MES (although note Cavendish Fields is a 30minute walk)
- Ulverston RLFC – Croftlands, Priory Road – 6 MES potentially available.

Athletics

Supply

- There is only one fully functioning synthetic outdoor athletics facility in Westmorland and Furness, located in the former Barrow Borough area at Furness Academy. This track is a floodlit 400m 6 lane track with facilities for field events (horizontal jumps, high jump, shot put, discus, hammer and javelin). Facilities are supported by changing rooms.
- There is also an old synthetic track surface at Vickerstown Football Club, Barrow and Walney area. This track is in very poor condition
- The only other formal athletics facilities are gravel perimeter running tracks;
 - around the edge of Frenchfields Sports Centre in Penrith (former Eden area). This is a 1 mile single lane gravel track suitable for recreational running only
 - around Phoenix Field (former South Lakeland area) – This is a single lane 300m gravel track suitable for recreational running only.
- Furness Academy has achieved TrackMark accreditation (to be reassessed in June 2026). This means that the quality of facilities is sufficient for the track to hold a competition license. Although Track Mark Accreditation has been achieved, the track surface is recorded as requiring refurbishment during 2025. Added to this, there is no spectator seating or pole vault at the site, which limits the functionality of the facility for both training and events.
- The track mark programme does not extend to gravel tracks, but the surfaces of both Frenchfields and Phoenix Fields is poor.

Demand

- Active Lives Surveys report a decline in participation in track and field between 2015 – 2021 for both adults and young people. The proportion of young people in particular participating however remains significant. The data between 2021 and 2022 (most recent available) suggests that there has been a recent slight increase in participation.
- Despite the lack of formal track and field facilities, running is particularly popular in Cumbria and the characteristics of the local area mean that there are several fell running clubs in Westmorland and Furness. In addition to activity by local residents, the area is a frequent destination for visiting clubs and there are numerous events organised each year. These events are important in bringing tourists in.
- While most of the clubs focus on fell running / cross country, there is some track and field activity. Barrow and Furness Striders use the synthetic track at Furness Academy, whilst Eden Runners use the gravel track at Frenchfields. Glaxo Hoad Hill Harriers also participate in some track and field (often travelling outside of Westmorland and Furness). England Athletics report that Strava data shows some ad hoc usage of the track at Vickerstown FC
- Consultation identified demand for additional track and field facilities from key clubs in Kendal / Eden to support the growth and development of track and field athletics. Most of the remaining clubs however require little by way of facilities, as they benefit from the natural terrain of the Westmorland and Furness area.
- A lack of coaches is one of the other key barriers to participation.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.140 There are no demand models for athletics. Instead, the adequacy of provision is evaluated by interpretation of issues raised. Across Westmorland and Furness it can be seen that:
- Participation in athletics / track and field running is strong, with fell running taking advantages of the natural characteristics of the area being particularly popular
 - Track and field participation is lower, as it is inhibited by the facilities that are available. Consultation highlights demand specifically for athletics tracks in Kendal and Penrith
 - Catchment mapping reinforces this, demonstrating that there are gaps in access to athletics tracks. Whilst Furness Academy is effective in meeting the needs of residents of Barrow town and the immediate surrounding area, there are gaps in access to tracks across both former Eden and South Lakeland areas, with clubs needing to travel either to Carlisle or Whitehaven (Eden) or Lancaster (South Lakeland).
 - England Athletics identify the provision of two new facilities to meet the needs of these clubs as a priority, but confirm that neither generates sufficient demand to sustain a full 400m synthetic tracks, instead recommending NEWGEN mini track facilities. NEWGEN facilities all have innovative design. Further guidance is available at <https://www.englandathletics.org/clubs-and-facilities/facilities/newgen-tracks/> Refurbishment of the track at Furness Academy will be essential during this strategy period if it is to continue to serve the former Barrow Borough area.

Key Issues for the Strategy to Address

Athletics - Key Issues

The above therefore suggests that the strategy will need to:

- Protect the existing athletics track at Furness Academy
- Ensure that accreditation at Furness Academy is maintained
- Seek improvements to the two running track facilities at Frenchfields and Phoenix Field to encourage greater club/community usage particularly from women and girls and disability groups (e.g. Permanent bound surface and low level lighting.). There may also be an opportunity to upgrade the track at Vickerstown Football Club to provide a free to access community track
- Consider the provision of two NEWGEN MiniTrack athletics facilities meet identified unmet demand in Kendal and Penrith
- Support ongoing efforts to sustain and increase participation and work with the clubs to support the promotion of athletics.

Archery

Supply

- There are five main disciplines of archery – Target, field, flight, clout and para archery. Archery operates on a year round season, with indoor archery taking place between October to April and clubs moving outdoors from April to September.
- The majority of facilities in Westmorland and Furness focus on target archery. There is a good geographical distribution of facilities, with at least one venue in each of the former authorities.
- There are no options for any discipline of archery other than target archery in the former Barrow Borough area. In the former Eden and South Lakeland areas, clubs have access to both target archery and flight venues. There is only one venue for clout archery within Westmorland and Furness (County Showfield) and there is currently no venue for field archery.
- The majority of venues are shared with other sports, with Birkrigg Archery Range the only purpose built venue. This means that archery must compete with other sports for access to facilities.
- Quality of facilities for archery is closely managed, particularly with regards safety. All clubs affiliated with Archery GB must register the ranges that they wish to use and these should be accredited prior to use. The Archery GB rules of shooting includes clear guidelines on the range layout, which includes the standards to be met depending on the distance being shot and/or the bow being used. The range guidelines also include overshoot and side safety areas to account for arrows that may go beyond the targets (either missing or deflections).
- As a result of the need for each range to comply with guidelines, only a small number of issues with quality of venue were raised and there is a strong view that quality is good. There are however a small number of qualitative issues that need to be addressed.
- Almost all venues used are rented by clubs. This means that security of tenure is poor. Lack of security of tenure has a knock-on impact to quality, with clubs reluctant to invest in something that they do not own or have long term guarantee of usage. To secure the future of the sport, addressing security of tenure (consequently enabling qualitative improvements) will be a key issue moving forwards.
- In addition to compliance with safety expectations, storage is one of the key issues for archery clubs.

Demand

- Archery GB seek to stimulate growth in participation in archery. Nationally, Archery GB membership figures suggest that demand has increased since the 2019 covid pandemic. Active Lives demonstrates that demand continues to fluctuate, but evidences that participation is now higher than at the time of the start of the Active Lives Survey (2015 – 2016) but is lower than the peak in 2017 – 2018.
- Despite the positive picture presented at a national level, 60% of responding clubs have experienced recent decline, with all attributing this to the challenges presented by the Covid 19 pandemic. Archery GB comment that clubs in Cumbria were hard hit in the immediate aftermath of the pandemic and therefore the return to normality will be a steeper climb.
- The average membership across Westmorland and Furness is 41 members and participation ranges at individual clubs from 17 to from 50 members. 70% of senior participants are male and less than 20% of archery players are juniors. This suggests that there is scope to target particularly female and junior potential members who are currently underrepresented.
- Archery clubs are demonstrated to have a wide catchment area, with 90% of members travelling at least one mile, and more than 50% above 3 miles. Large numbers travel 20 miles or more.
- The availability of good quality facilities is a key barrier to the development of archery.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.141 The adequacy of facilities for archery is evaluated by determining the key issues impacting current and projected future participation. It can be seen that:
- There is a good spread of venues for target archery, but more limited opportunities for clubs to participate in other forms of archery
 - Whilst quality of facilities is predominantly good, the main concerns relate to a lack of long-term security of tenure at sites that are used. This creates instability around venues, but also inhibits investment into qualitative improvements
 - The lack of specialist venues also means that archery clubs must compete with other users
 - Archery GB confirm that securing tenure for clubs at key sites across Westmorland and Furness is a significant priority, and essential for the future of the sport. Even during the course of the preparation of this assessment an archery club has lost access to the facility that they were using
 - Aspirations for a new purpose-built facility are also highlighted in Kendal, and Furness Bowmen are also seeking new indoor and outdoor venues
 - There is a need to increase participation to ensure that existing clubs remain sustainable.
- 2.142 It is clear therefore that work to secure the long-term future of archery facilities at existing sites is the key priority. There may also be opportunity for the creation of additional facilities should the opportunity arise.

Key Issues for the Strategy to Address

Archery - Key Issues

The above therefore suggests that the strategy will need to:

- Protect existing facilities
- Secure tenure for clubs to key venues across Westmorland and Furness
- Address qualitative issues at existing sites
- Support the creation of new dedicated venues for archery where opportunities arise.

Golf

Supply

- There are 17 standard golf courses in Westmorland and Furness, comprising 255 holes, two par 3 courses with 18 holes in total and 6 GDRs (Golf Driving Ranges) with 68 bays (42 floodlit). The main golf facilities are distributed widely, mainly outside the Lake District National Park, and in close proximity to the area's main settlements
- Most of the standard courses in the new authority area are traditional well established members' courses, mainly 18 hole, with few ancillary facilities, but good access for casual players in payment of a green fee. There is a particular lack of other golf facilities, including par 3 courses and GDRs.
- The provision within Westmorland and Furness is very heavily weighted towards catering for more established golfers and those who choose to become members of clubs.
- The standard courses in Westmorland and Furness are of acceptable or high quality or in good condition. Reviews of courses and other facilities on websites (including Golfshake) and similar broadly confirm that golf courses, and in particular the main standard courses on site, are of good quality.
- The distribution and range of facilities differs throughout the area – the former South Lakeland area is best provided for, mainly in the southern half of the former District, where the main centres of population live, while there is a limited range of golf facilities in the former Barrow Borough area to serve the former authority's population, limited to three private members' courses.

Demand

- Active Lives data from Sport England suggests that participation levels in golf are currently back to the same levels as in 2015/16 (adopting a definition of twice in the last 28 days – regular golfers). The steady fall in participation from 2006 onwards bottomed out in the years of the COVID-19 pandemic, but has been reversed since as the result of changing social and recreational habits.
- At national level, current participation rates are 2.2% for regular golfers, 10.4% for occasional golfers, meaning there are about 1.04m regular golfers or 4.79m occasional golfers in England. The trends are similar in the North West (NW) region, Cumbria Active Partnership and Westmorland and Furness, with the exception that participation in the latter is 3.2%, which is 50% higher than the average in England and elsewhere. It is estimated that there are 6200 regular golfers in Westmorland and Furness.
- Local England Golf (EG) membership data suggests that membership of affiliated clubs has increased significantly since the pandemic, and is higher than at any time since 2015, and 22% higher in 2022 than in 2018. Membership levels are below the average in England (424 members), but only slightly. Total membership of the 14 affiliated clubs stands at about 5500. This figure is broadly compatible with the 6200 golfers which are estimated in Active Lives to play golf (not necessarily as members) with various frequencies in Westmorland and Furness.

Adequacy of Provision

- 2.143 Relative provision for all standard courses in Westmorland and Furness is more than twice the regional and national average, and well above the average for Cumbria. Local relative supply

in the area is therefore very high. This relatively good supply must however be qualified by the area's role as a major tourist centre, which attracts golfers to local facilities on holiday, in addition to local members and casual golfers.

- 2.144 Despite the rural nature of much of Westmorland and Furness, 85% of local residents can gain access to a golf facility within a 20-minute drive, and the majority within 10 minutes in the former South Lakeland and Eden areas. The choice of facility in the areas varies - in Kendal, Grange, Windermere and Kirkby Lonsdale, this is good, though other more rural parts of the area have a limited choice of facility. The only real option in the former Eden area is along the A66 corridor. In the former Barrow Borough area the whole population can access a golf course within a 15-minute drive, and almost all within 10 minutes. All such facilities are within the former Borough itself, and there is no reliance on other courses outside.
- 2.145 Although the standard golf facilities are mainly located at private members' clubs, all types of golfer can currently be accommodated – pay and play is available, with varying daily green fees, as well as membership at a variety of membership fees. Given the apparent lack of waiting lists and joining fees at Westmorland and Furness's existing private standard courses, it is likely that there are sufficient standard courses in the authority, and further afield, to meet current demand.
- 2.146 Only five from seventeen clubs and courses are likely to be appealing for golfers who are infrequent or new to the game, in particular Beckside and Casterton. There is a gap in the leisure and recreational market which provides a stepping stone into more regular golf participation and transition to golf on standard courses. Facilities that cater for those in the first three stages of the journey are important to the future of the sport as they are normally offering a more entry level provision which appears more accessible and offer a variety of different playing opportunities.
- 2.147 Opportunities specifically for coaching/practice and the development of skills for new and improving players may well exist in the area at the private clubs, but are considered secondary to the needs of established golfers and club members. However, EG suggests that most clubs are proactively targeting new audiences through coaching programmes and a wider range of membership and introductory options, which EG will continue to support and encourage.
- 2.148 There are no 'municipal'/pay and play facilities, or any course that currently meets the precise criteria of an academy specifically to cater for new golfers, where, say a short 9 hole standard course together with a par 3 course and good practice facilities, including a floodlit GDR, would offer the opportunity for coaching, teaching and development in accordance with EG priorities.

Key Issues for the Strategy to Address

Golf - Key Issues

The above therefore suggests that the strategy will need to:

- Protect all existing facilities (including all golf courses and GDRs)
- Support creation of opportunities for entry level golf, GDRs and par 3 courses.

Summary

- 2.149 This section has set out the key issues for each sport. Further detail, including a full assessment of the supply / demand position is available in the assessment report.
- 2.150 Section 3 draws therefore upon the information provided in this section and sets out a strategic framework for the delivery of outdoor sports facilities and playing fields. It also outlines the key recommendations on a sport by sport basis.

- 2.151 Section 4 provides a site by site action plan and summarises the priority recommendations in each of the three former authority areas.

3.0 Strategic Framework

Introduction

- 3.1 Section 2 summarised the context for each sport and the key issues that need to be addressed drawing upon consultation, supply and demand modelling and scenario testing. The full assessment of issues identified, modelling and evaluation of options using site specific modelling is set out under separate cover (assessment report).
- 3.2 This section sets out a strategy for the future delivery of outdoor sports and playing fields across Westmorland and Furness.
- 3.3 It seeks to address the issues identified for each sport and to guide proactive improvement. It is focused around the following principles:
- Quality of facilities is as important as the amount of provision – the strategy seeks to ensure that Westmorland and Furness contains the right amount of facilities, of the right quality and type and in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision, but also recognises the need to improve the quality of existing facilities and the impact that qualitative improvements can have on capacity and player experience.
 - The strategy will seek to maximise sustainability – it will seek to build relationships between sports, promote good practice and deliver sustainable solutions for sport and recreation.
 - Accessibility will be a vital component of the provision of outdoor sports facilities and playing fields. The strategy seeks to ensure that residents are able to access usable facilities within an acceptable travel time.
 - Facilities for sport will be delivered in partnership. The strategy seeks to bring together key partners in the delivery of playing fields and outdoor sports facilities and to ensure that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and effectively aligned to maximise the value of assets to the community. The strategy recognises the important roles that Schools, Clubs and others play in the provision of sports facilities across Westmorland and Furness.
- 3.4 Section 1 set out the key objectives for this strategy. To deliver these objectives there are a series of key themes and recommendations which are relevant to all sports. They provide a framework for the protection, management and enhancement of the facility infrastructure and for the sport specific recommendations.
- 3.5 The strategic priorities are set out below and the recommendations for each sport are then summarised in Table 3.1.

Objective 1 – Protect the existing supply of sports facilities to meet current and future needs

The strategy will seek to ensure that there are enough facilities by:

- Providing evidence to protect the supply of outdoor sports facilities and playing fields where required to meet demand – this PPOSS will support the creation and application of local policies protecting playing fields, building on the requirements of National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF paragraph 104) and Sport England’s statutory consultee role on planning applications affecting playing field land
- Securing long term usage agreements for clubs to ensure ongoing security of tenure
- Maximising the role that school facilities play in meeting community need and securing long term community access
- Ensuring new development that generates demand for additional pitches contributes towards playing pitch and outdoor sports provision.

Protection of Playing Fields and Outdoor Sports Facilities

- 3.6 Sport England has been a statutory consultee on planning applications affecting playing pitches since 1996 and has a long-established policy of retention, which is the precursor to the National Planning Policy Framework guidance.
- 3.7 Both Sport England and NPPF (2024) policy require that playing fields are afforded protection unless specific exception criteria are met. This also applies to disused playing fields.
- 3.8 Section 2 has summarised how for some sports, there is insufficient capacity to meet current and /or projected future demand. As such, the focus of this strategy is protection. This does not preclude the development of any site, particularly where sporting benefits could be delivered, but policy should be complied with to ensure that sites are protected where required and that overall, sporting benefits are delivered.
- 3.9 The key principles of this strategy will underpin the preparation of the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan, which should include policies that seek to protect the existing playing fields and outdoor sports facilities, as well as policy that supports the creation of new facilities where they are required.
- 3.10 To inform this, the site specific tables provided in Section 4 set out the recommended action for each site in Westmorland and Furness. This table will be reviewed as part of the ongoing monitoring of this document as strategy recommendations are delivered.

Protecting and Securing Community Use

- 3.11 Secured access to sites is a critical component of the delivery of this strategy. The Council will seek to secure community on any new sports facilities through the planning system, including provision associated with new developments.

- 3.12 School sites are a crucial part of the infrastructure, particularly for community football. The loss of school facilities with community access would exacerbate shortfalls of provision and see numerous clubs displaced. This strategy therefore seeks to promote the use of school sites and prioritises action to work alongside schools to protect and formalise long term agreements as well as securing agreement for access to sites that are not currently available. Scenario modelling demonstrates the impact that the loss of some key community venues would have on the adequacy of provision. Sport England provide guidance to support schools in opening up their facilities, including information, templates and case studies. This information is available at <https://www.sportengland.org/funding-and-campaigns/use-our-school>.
- 3.13 Further reflecting the need to secure tenure (and the benefits that this brings), the value of clubs securing long term leases is also recognised, particularly with regards the opportunities that this brings to secure funding. There is already a strong track record of clubs working alongside the Council (or former Councils) to secure long term leases for Council owned sites. A key outcome of this strategy should be a consistent leasing policy across Westmorland and Furness. This may require that Clubs wishing to secure leases should meet key criteria, including;
- Clubmark / appropriate NGB (National Governing Body) charter mark accreditation
 - Proactive approach to school club links
 - Sustainability both financially and in terms of internal management
 - Processes in place to prove capacity to maintain sites to existing / better standards.
- 3.14 Sites should be leased with the intention that investment can be sourced to contribute towards improvement of the site.

Objective 2 – To enhance outdoor sports facilities and playing fields

The strategy promotes the provision of facilities of adequate quality by:

- Ensuring that all pitches and outdoor sports facilities are maintained using regimes appropriate for the level of use that they sustain and the activities that are undertaken. This should include both regular maintenance and out of season reinstatement and capital investment
- Prioritising improvements and enhancement at sites that do not meet current or projected future need
- Ensuring that pitches are accompanied by appropriate ancillary facilities (e.g. changing / catering where required)
- Supporting clubs that require improved facilities in order to play at a higher standard or to provide opportunities for women and girls and disability sport.

- 3.15 Pitch quality significantly influences the adequacy of provision in Westmorland and Furness across all sports, with clubs facing challenges in capacity caused in full or in part by the quality of facilities, and existing sites not operating at full capacity, or providing a poor player experience due to quality challenges that are faced.
- 3.16 Qualitative issues were highlighted by the majority of clubs as the key issue impacting club development and satisfaction and there is a direct relationship between quality and the number

of games that can be sustained. Qualitative improvements will be the focus of the strategy and are the main vehicle to improve capacity. This will be particularly important for football, rugby union, rugby league and cricket, and the quality of facilities for both tennis and bowls is also a much greater issue than the number of facilities that are provided.

- 3.17 Poor grass pitch / sports facility quality is often not a result of issues with the pitch, but more the appropriateness of the maintenance regime for the pitch conditions that takes into account the level/standard of play. This strategy therefore seeks to ensure that facilities are subjected to appropriate maintenance programmes prior to rectifying any underlying quality issues (to ensure that quality issues are not caused by issues with the maintenance process).
- 3.18 Each NGB in partnership with the Grounds Management Association (GMA) can provide assistance with reviewing pitch maintenance regimes and new tools have been introduced (PitchPower) which enable clubs / providers to proactively seek advice and to tailor the maintenance procedures. The programme of improvement therefore focuses on engagement with these tools in the first instance, ensuring that maintenance is tailored to the characteristics of the pitch and the demand. Capital investment to address specific issues may subsequently be required on some sites (in addition to tailored maintenance schedules) and requirements can also be evaluated through the same pitch improvement programmes. It will be essential that providers have access to appropriate machinery, as well as to the knowledge of the maintenance procedures required. Equally, succession planning will be a key component of ensuring successful maintenance programmes over the long term.
- 3.19 Critically, the recent merge of three former authorities into Westmorland and Furness provides a significant opportunity to make a step change in the maintenance procedures. This strategy seeks to drive a maintenance procedure that produces good quality playing fields ensuring that pitches are both fit for purpose and that capacity is maximised. The level of pitch quality in the former Eden area, is currently much higher than that in the former South Lakeland and Barrow Borough areas. Replication of maintenance carried out in this area across the whole of Westmorland and Furness would have significant benefits for pitch quality.

Objective 3 – Provide new sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so

The strategy seeks to ensure that new facilities are provided where there is demand to do so by:

- Identifying areas where new provision is required, and the types of facilities that are necessary
- Requiring contributions from new development to ensure that future demand is met.

- 3.20 The strategy seeks to ensure that the infrastructure supports sustainable club development. In some instances, growing participation will be essential if facilities are to remain sustainable (tennis, hockey, bowls, archery), whilst in others, additional capacity is required if club growth is not to be inhibited (rugby league, football, athletics in particular). Sustainable participation is vital if quality is to be maintained.
- 3.21 For most sports future demand can be met through a combination of:

- Investing in pitch and facility maintenance to better equip the pitches to sustain the required level of use
 - Improving quality to improve the capacity of pitches where this is identified as being required
 - Maximising the sustainability of existing sites, embracing new technological solutions and opportunities to improve the customer journey
 - Securing long term community use – both in terms of access agreements to school sites but also leases for community clubs.
 - Maximising the use of AGPs for competitive play and training.
- 3.22 Some new playing fields / sports facilities may also be required, particularly where larger deficiencies are identified (rugby league and football). Sport specific recommendations suggest that new playing field land may be required for rugby league and new 3G AGPs will be required for rugby league and football. Opportunities to provide new bespoke facilities for archery for example should also be considered.
- 3.23 Whilst this strategy considers the potential impact of growth in participation, and takes into account population trends evident in the Sub National Population Projections, the proposed location and scale of housing development is currently unknown (other than sites with planning permission or allocated in adopted Local Plans). Future long-term growth will be determined through the preparation of the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan, the review of the Lake District National Park Local Plan, and the adoption of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan. The implications of new development for long-term population growth are unclear. Growth / new development will however place further pressures on the existing facility infrastructure and locational impact will need to be considered on a site by site basis. To support this, Section 4 provides an evaluation of the impact of the 5 year housing land supply in each former local authority area. Updating the PPOSS to reflect housing allocations once known will be a key part of the monitoring process.
- 3.24 This strategy promotes the use of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC) to assess the impact of each specific new development and this will be discussed in Section 4. The PPC will enable the impact of specific developments to be quantified as they arise.
- 3.25 As well as mitigating the impact of any new development, it should also be ensured that the existing sporting use of playing fields is not compromised by new development. For example, where there is a development that may prejudice the use of an existing cricket facility, there is a requirement for a full ball strike risk assessment to be undertaken and appropriate mitigation put in place as part of the development.
- 3.26 The above strategic framework gives rise to general recommendations to support the delivery of this strategy within Westmorland and Furness Council.

Recommendation	Action	Timescale
General 1	Incorporate the key findings of this PPOSS into the preparation of policies of new Local Plans i.e. ensure there are policies in place that protect and support the enhancement of existing facilities, as well as support creation of new facilities Use this PPOSS to support decision making in the determination of any planning application	Ongoing
General 2	Create a consistent leasing policy across the authority, providing clarity on when leases will be provided and the requirements that must be met	Medium Term
General 3	Review maintenance procedures and contract monitoring across the authority, providing a consistent approach that delivers high standards across Westmorland and Furness .	Short Term

Sport Specific Recommendations

- 3.27 The strategic recommendations in previous pages set out the framework for the delivery of playing fields and sports facilities across Westmorland and Furness and guide the sport specific recommendations.
- 3.28 Table 3.1 summarises the recommendations for each sport. It also sets out the priority sites for each recommended action. The recommendations have been informed by the results of the modelling contained in the assessment report, as well as the scenario testing outlined in Section 2 of this document.
- 3.29 Delivery of the recommendations will be the responsibility of all key partners.
- 3.30 While to date and for clarity, each sport has been considered separately within this strategy, recommendations should be implemented strategically, considering opportunities for partnerships between sports. There are some good examples of sustainable clubs and multi-sport partnerships already and these provide foundations for a successful future delivery model. It will be essential to ensure that good practice and insight from these successful ventures is spread across Westmorland and Furness through knowledge sharing and effective training and guidance.
- 3.31 For reference, the Sport Specific Recommendations use the following acronyms:
- ECB – England and Wales Cricket Board
 - WaFC – Westmorland and Furness Council
 - FA – Football Association
 - FF – Football Foundation

- RFU – Rugby Football Union
- RFL – Rugby Football League
- LTA – Lawn Tennis Association
- EA – England Athletics
- GBA – GB Archery
- EG – England Golf
- NTP – Non-Turf Pitch
- AGP – Artificial Grass Pitch
- PQA – Pitch Quality Assessment
- CUA – Community Use Agreement.

3.32 Section 4 builds on the sport specific recommendations and contains a site specific action plan, which brings together all of the recommendations for each of the sports. For clarity and geographical context, this action plan is split down by the three former local authority areas.

Table 3.1 – Sport Specific Recommendations

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Cricket 1 (C1)	Protect all current club sites. Any proposals resulting in the loss of an existing cricket square should comply with NPPF policy. <i>NB: protection of cricket grounds should extend to protection of functionality. This should include ensuring that risk assessments (including ball strike assessments) are undertaken and appropriate mitigation is in place where new developments are located in close proximity to sites.</i>	Protection – all active club sites.	- Keep list in strategy document protecting sites up to date. - Incorporate appropriate protection policy of all existing cricket club sites in Local Plan. Loss of playing fields should only be permitted where a policy compliant solution is presented. - Ensure PPOSS is taken into account when making decisions on playing fields.	WaFC
Cricket 2 (C2)	Secure tenure for cricket clubs through the provision of leases for clubs currently renting their pitches. Work with clubs to ensure timely renewal of existing leases.	<i>Key Priorities:</i> Kirkby-in-Furness Cricket Club – rented from community ground, Arnside Cricket Club – rented from Parish Council, Milnthorpe Cricket Club – sub-let from Parish Council, Stainton Cricket Club – informal agreement with Recreation Ground committee	- Work with clubs renting to agree leases – this will help the clubs gain access to funding support as well as guarantee long term security. - Support clubs to renegotiate existing leases where remaining time falls below accepted levels	Cumbria Cricket Board (CCB) / ECB

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Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Cricket 3 (C3)	Focus on qualitative improvements, ensuring that maintenance regimes are focused and tailored to the needs of each ground. This should be delivered by: - Supporting clubs with the use of the PitchPower tool (and any subsequent technical report work) - Working with clubs to ensure that they have access to appropriate machinery - Supporting clubs in succession planning in relation to maintenance of the ground.	Maintenance is the key focus at all club sites. Particular emphasis is required at sites where squares are currently rated. as standard, as this will positively impact capacity. The following sites are therefore priority; Vickerstown Cricket Club, Gamblesby Recreation Field, Nunwick Cricket Club, Ambleside Cricket Club, Cartmel Park, Holker Cricket Club, King George V Playing Field (Haverthwaite) - Leven Valley Cricket Club, Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre, Queens Park (Windermere Cricket Club)	- Proactively work with clubs / providers to use the Pitch Power tool and / or commission Grounds. management reviews and to act on findings at all sites. - Support clubs in accessing appropriate machinery to maximise the effectiveness of maintenance regimes.	CCB / ECB/ Clubs and providers
Cricket 4 (C4)	Invest in pitch quality improvements where pitch quality assessment (see Cricket 3) suggests this is still required following maintenance improvements and where improvements are necessary to meet with league standards / needed to ensure that play can continue. This may include: - Drainage works - Outfield levelling - Work to improve the square - Provision of appropriate facilities (sight screens etc).	Dependent upon PQA results	Work in partnership to identify detailed improvements required through use of PQA (Recommendation C3). Provide support and guidance to clubs in the submission of external funding bids. This should include the identification of opportunities.	CCB / ECB

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Cricket 5 (C5)	Ensure that all clubs have access to appropriate capacity both to meet current demand, but also future demand. Key vehicles for addressing this issue includes: - Support improvements to quality to improve square capacity (Cricket 3). Improvements to outfield will also ensure that programmes that take place on the outfield (including All Stars) can be effectively sustained - The creation of NTPs on the square - Partnerships with other clubs (where sites accommodating clubs with fewer teams are used by larger clubs to support their junior development / other activities - Longer term, if NTPs are not appropriate, additional capacity (new grounds) may be required.	<i>Priority sites for qualitative issues:</i> Dalton Cricket Club, Stainton Cricket Club, Temple Sowerby Cricket Club <i>Creation of NTP to increase capacity:</i> Dalton Cricket Club, Stainton Cricket Club, Lindal Moor Cricket Club, Milnthorpe Cricket Club, Ulverston Cricket Club, Appleby Eden Cricket Club, Sedgwick Cricket Club To improve capacity of remaining clubs: - Pitch quality improvements to ensure all sites reach good rating (see cricket 3 and 4) - Non turf wickets at other sites nearing capacity to support youth play.	Ensure that local planning policy requiring replacement sites (or agreed alternative mitigation) is applied in order to ensure there is appropriate capacity in Westmorland and Furness . Linking with C2 and C3, improve quality to enhance capacity at sites currently rated standard. Following qualitative improvements, work with clubs and leagues to introduce use of non turf wickets (on the square) in order to maximise capacity across the season. WaFC to ensure that appropriate contributions are collected from new developments to ensure improvements can be made.	CCB / ECB / clubs and providers / WaFC

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Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Cricket 6 (C6)	Improve clubhouse and changing facilities to ensure all clubs have a basic facility of adequate standard (electricity / running water / changing rooms / basic kitchen) and facilities that can sustain use by all user groups. In particular, it should be ensured all sites that are designated as hub sites for junior / female cricket have appropriate facilities to deliver this.	A modern and functional cricket pavilion is a key component of a successful cricket club. The following pavilions supporting larger clubs (with juniors and / or female activity) would benefit from upgrade to support the attraction and retention of players; Barrow Cricket Club, Penrith Cricket Club, Stainton Cricket Club, Burneside Cricket Club, Holme Cricket Club, Milnthorpe Cricket Club, Netherfield Cricket Club, Ulverston Cricket Club. A functional pavilion is however essential at all sites.	Support clubs with proposals to upgrade pavilions / other improvements where necessary to meet recommendation. Where clubs are eligible, provide support and guidance to clubs in the submission of external funding bids. This should include the identification of opportunities for funding.	CCB / ECB Clubs and Providers.
Cricket 7 (C7)	Ensure all clubs have access to an off field training facility to enhance club sustainability and improve overall performance. Facilities provided should be proportional to the scale of the club but may include; - Artificial training nets - Off field NTP	Almost all clubs in Westmorland and Furness are identified as requiring investment into training facilities	Support clubs in the development of appropriate facilities.	CCB / ECB Clubs and Providers.
Tennis 1 (T1)	Protect existing active tennis courts to ensure that the amount of courts is adequate to meet current and projected future demand. To ensure sustainability of existing stock, seek to maximise use of these facilities (see Tennis 2 – 5)	Protection - all existing functional sites. Small number of disused sites exist. If no evident demand, these should be repurposed for other sports	Ensure the facilities recorded in the strategy document are monitored. Include appropriate policy to protect and enhance all existing active sites/facilities within the local plan for tennis. Explore opportunities to repurpose all disused sites (if no evident demand for tennis) for other sports / outdoor recreation opportunities.	WaFC

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Tennis 2 (T2)	To support grass roots tennis across Westmorland and Furness, ensure that there are sites functioning as parks courts in each of the main towns. Sites functioning as parks should offer: • Pay and play access for all users (including recreational users) • High quality and attractive facilities • Consideration should be given to the installation of Lawn Tennis Association customer journey	The following should be prioritised in order to ensure that opportunities for tennis are maximised • Former Barrow Borough area – function of Hawcoat Park to be expanded to support pay and play, promotion of grassroots tennis. Potential opportunity to increase stock of grassroots tennis courts through community use of Furness Academy • Provision of pay and play opportunities in Kendal through either the expansion of the role of Kendal Tennis Club or the provision of new public courts • Pay and play access to existing club sites and promotion of grassroots tennis opportunities in Appleby, Kirkby Stephen, Cartmel Peninsula and Milnthorpe sub areas • Opportunities for tennis in LDNP to attract tourists as well as residents. The existing courts in Bowness-on-Windermere are not listed as being available. Constraints with this site are recognised, but these courts should be reprovided elsewhere if not in the current location to ensure a local presence for the sport Longer term, modelling of the quantity of tennis courts suggests that additional provision may be required in Barrow town if potential maximum participation levels are achieved.	Work alongside the LTA to prioritise the refurbishment of public courts and to integrate LTA systems within the public infrastructure – these include improved booking procedures and gate access. Undertake relevant marketing and promotion to increase awareness. This should also include piloting existing LTA initiatives on public facilities in order to improve grass roots take up of tennis. Marketing should be informed by the use of LTA segmentation data. These efforts should extend to all parks courts. Develop a strategy to improve the sustainability of public park facilities, ensuring that a sinking fund for court repair and maintenance is established.	LTA / WaFC/ Schools.

Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Tennis 3 (T3)	Ensure that all tennis courts are functional and of adequate quality to both sustain existing demand and to attract new demand by supporting qualitative improvements where these are identified as being required: - Courts should be functional with no clear quality issues - Ancillary facilities should support the users adequately. Priority should be given to sites serving unique catchments – if these courts are allowed to fall into disrepair there will be no remaining opportunities for tennis without significant travel.	The following sites serve unique catchments and require improvements. - Former Barrow Borough area – none - Former Eden area – Ravenstonedale (YDNP), Nenthead Village Hall (Alston), Langwathby Village Hall (Penrith and M6 Corridor) - Former South Lakeland area – Grange over Sands Promenade (Cartmel Peninsula), Coniston Tennis Courts LDNP, Holme Sports and Community Centre and Levens Playing Field (Milnthorpe sub area) Improvements to poor quality sites should also be prioritised to ensure they remain functional. The following currently achieve poor scores; Allithwaite Playing Fields, Grange-over-Sands Promenade, Coniston Tennis Courts. Holme Sports and Community Centre, Levens Playing Field (former South Lakeland area) Nenthead Village Hall Tennis Court, Culgaith Recreation Ground, Langwathby Village Hall, Lowther Village Hall, Ravenstonedale Tennis Courts (former Eden area)	Work with providers and clubs to improve quality of facilities. This should include supporting applications for funding.	LTA / Providers / Active Cumbria

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Tennis 4 (T4)	Work with providers to maximise the sustainability of tennis courts and promote usage of facilities. Current usage of facilities is impacted by poor marketing and promotion, as well as poor customer journey. The key priorities should be: • Maximise signage of tennis courts • Provide clear and consistent information about the use of courts and how to book – this information should be clearly available on site, and ideally online • Support improvements to the customer journey where possible (for example online booking / gate access technology etc) Support multifunctionality of smaller sites – there are some examples of smaller sites in Westmorland and Furness that are successfully accommodating both tennis and football.	All sites. Penrith Castle Park, Patterdale LTC and Dallam School provide examples of good practice.	Work alongside the LTA to support tennis providers in improving the customer journey taking into account the needs of both local residents and tourists.	LTA / Providers / Active Cumbria
Tennis 5 (T5)	Monitoring the increasing popularity of Padel, and investigate opportunities to deliver a Padel court if demand arises.	Most Padel courts are currently club based. Pilots on parks sites are now being explored. Potential opportunity to explore opportunities to provide padel at the former Penrith LTC site (now disused due to club relocation with no evident demand for tennis). Potential opportunity to also consider padel at existing courts in Bowness-on-Windermere which are heavily underused.	Monitor demand for Padel across and support the creation of a Padel court should demand arise (and where this is not to the detriment of tennis).	LTA / WaFC / GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited, the Councils Leisure facility Operator) / Rugby Club

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Bowls 1 (BG1)	Protect active bowling greens. Consultation demonstrates that local access to bowling greens is a key determinant of participation.	All sites. Glaxo Bowling Club (Ulverston) known to be at risk. This site has a good membership and should be replaced if lost. Small number of disused sites exist. If no evident demand, these should be repurposed for other sports	Ensure list in strategy is kept up to date Inclusion of appropriate policy in Local Plan to protect all existing active sites and support enhancement of existing facilities. Small number of disused sites exist. If no evident demand, explore opportunities to repurpose these for other sports / outdoor recreation opportunities. Use of this PPOSS for decision making.	WaFC
Bowls 2 (BG2)	Promote the importance of effective maintenance regimes and support clubs in obtaining and implementing external grounds maintenance advice for their greens, as well as obtaining appropriate machinery to undertake the required tasks. Maintenance was highlighted as the key issue for clubs across Westmorland and Furness	All sites.	Promote sustainability at bowling greens by; • Promoting the help that is available on green maintenance / management • Providing support and training for volunteers • Improving knowledge sharing and joint working • Provide regular training and guidance events for the bowls clubs on the management and maintenance of facilities. • Promotion of succession planning - ensure that training targets both existing maintenance teams and other club members to maximise succession planning, enhance knowledge and reduce reliance on small numbers of volunteers • Supporting clubs in the compilation of funding bids for machinery / external funding.	WaFC / Clubs

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Bowls 3 (BG3)	Address quality concerns where these impact upon play and where capital investment is still identified as being necessary following attempts to tailor maintenance procedures (See bowls 2). This should ensure that: - Greens are playable and of good quality - quality issues not caused by shortfalls in the maintenance procedures are addressed - Pavilions are functional and promote inclusive participation – this includes facilitating access for disabled residents.	Key priorities: - Irrigation systems where issues are identified - Other works - Pavilion improvements	Quality issues may be impacted / caused by poor maintenance regimes and this should be eliminated first. Professional assessments should be undertaken in order to ascertain the work required. Where clubs require qualitative improvements but there is not adequate capital, support clubs in the compilation of funding bids and work alongside the committee to identify other means of generating income.	WaFC / Clubs
Bowls 4 (BG4)	Support initiatives to increase participation in bowls. This should include work to remove several key barriers to participation in the sport including: - Poor marketing and a lack of proactive promotion resulting in lack of awareness - Lack of online presence Struggle to recruit volunteers and heavy reliance on volunteers to manage and maintain greens.	Clubs where membership numbers are currently lower and would benefit from immediate support include: - Leven Valley Bowls Club (11) - Hale / Kings Arms Bowls Club, Milnthorpe (20) - Hawkshead Bowls Club (21). - Skelton Bowls Club (20) - Penrith Castle Park (22) - Memorial Park, Shap (23) Temple Sowerby Bowls Club (24 and the club have two greens).	Work alongside the clubs to support club development initiatives and provide advice and guidance to stimulate improvement. Sustainability at clubs should be monitored – sites with less than 20 members are unsustainable and immediate support will be required to increase membership. See Bowls 5 below.	WaFC / Active Cumbria
Bowls 5 (BG5)	Monitor capacity at existing bowling greens. There is currently no clear requirement for new greens.		Monitor club membership annually in order to ensure that there remains scope for growth.	WaFC

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Hockey 1 (H1)	Protect participation in hockey in Westmorland and Furness by ensuring that pitches important to the delivery of hockey are protected and retained for hockey usage.	Former Eden area - Kirkby Stephen Grammar School, Penrith Leisure Centre South Lakeland area - Queen Katherine School (Kendal), Kirkbie Kendal School, Queen Elizabeth School (Kirkby Lonsdale), Sedbergh School, Ulverston Leisure Centre, The Lakes School	Work alongside the providers to ensure the ongoing provision of a pitches of appropriate surface for hockey. Work with providers to ensure that appropriate maintenance programmes are adhered to, ensuring that the lifespan of pitches is maximised To ensure that facilities for hockey are retained in the right location, ensure the proper protection of the hockey surface through the planning process -seek to remove permitted development rights / apply planning conditions to ensure that full consultation with relevant NGBs must be carried out prior to any change in pitch surface. An example condition is set out below; <i>Notwithstanding the provision of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) (or any order amending or re-enacting that order) the surface of the artificial grass pitch shall not be replaced until details of the replacement surface are submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for consideration. The assessment shall include consultation with Sport England, having regard to Sport England's guidance note on Selecting the Right Artificial Surface (as amended from time to time), the relevant local authority's up to date Playing Pitch Strategy and the protection of current sporting usage of the artificial grass pitch. Works to replace the surface will be undertaken and completed in accordance with the details as approved in writing before it is brought into use. The completed works shall be retained in</i>	EH / WaFC / Providers
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			<i>accordance with the approved details for the duration of the development hereby permitted.</i> Longer term, there may be scope to rationalise provision in Kendal (and convert to other sports), however this should be reviewed longer term, depending upon growth of the hockey clubs, as that both pitches are currently in good condition.	
Hockey 2 (H2)	Several existing pitches require improvement works in the short term to ensure that they remain fit for purpose. This links with H1, which highlights the importance of retaining a surface for hockey.	Penrith Leisure Centre Ulverston Leisure Centre Queen Elizabeth School (Kirkby Lonsdale)	Undertake immediate deep cleans of facilities to improve surfaces in the short term (now undertaken) Following deep clean, work in partnership to explore opportunities to replace the surface in circa 2 years. This should involve discussion on appropriate surfaces (Gen 2, new surface following pilot). Work with hockey clubs to create club development plan to expand current activity. Once a sustainable model is devised, refurbish pitches and ensure that sinking fund is maintained.	EH / WMF / Providers

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Rugby Union 1 (RU1)	Protect existing quantity of rugby union pitches. There is currently spare capacity at Furness RUFC as some of the playing field land has not been used for several years. There is no current or projected future demand for this playing area from rugby union (although it is understood that since the assessment report the club has experienced growth. If this continues, the unused playing field may required). Opportunities to create a partnership with clubs from another sport should instead be explored at this site. Given the pressures on the existing pitch stock, partnerships with football and rugby league clubs should be considered. Any loss of playing field land should be justified in line with NPPF policy.	Protect all rugby club bases Explore partnerships with other sports at Strawberry Fields (Barrow).	Ensure appropriate policy is included within Local Plan to protect (and support enhancement) of all existing rugby union sites. Loss of playing fields should only be permitted where a policy compliant solution is presented.	WaFC
Rugby Union 2	Maximise capacity through qualitative improvements. This should entail: - Improve maintenance at rugby club bases across Westmorland and Furness to maximise capacity. To futureproof the pitch stock, all club maintenance programmes should be equivalent to M2 - Undertake qualitative improvement works where required. This should follow on from the guidance given as part of the implementation of the Pitch Improvement programmes and professional PQS.	Scope to improve quality at all sites. At several sites, this alone will address capacity issues; Sites where there are issues with capacity should be prioritised; Kendal RUFC, Kirby Lonsdale RUFC, Pennine Park and Upper Eden Cricket Club (Kirkby Stephen) The following sites may also benefit from investment to quality to improve user experience Strawberry Ground (Barrow-in-Furness), Ambleside RUFC, Hawcoat Park (Barrow-in-Furness), Windermere RUFC	Work with clubs to engage with PitchPower programme and relevant Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund programmes to gain advice on maintenance and support. WaFC to ensure that appropriate contributions are collected from new developments to ensure improvements can be made.	RFU / Clubs WaFC

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Rugby Union 3	In addition to pitch maintenance and qualitative improvement works (Rugby Union 2), address capacity issues at Kendal RUFC by - Using additional slots on the 3G AGP for rugby to reduce pressure on grass pitches, or; - investigating opportunities to secure additional capacity on grass pitches.	Kendal RUFC	Work with Kendal RUFC in order to determine most appropriate way forward to address capacity issues. If additional grass capacity isn't provided, the impact of displacing football from the AGP should be noted and considered.	RFU / Club
Rugby Union 4	In addition to pitch maintenance and qualitative improvement works (Rugby Union 2), address issues at Kirkby Lonsdale by providing an additional set of floodlights in order to spread training and alleviate overplay. The club also have aspirations to improve the existing poor quality stand.	Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC	Work with Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC to install new floodlighting.	RFU / Club
Rugby Union 5	In addition to pitch maintenance and qualitative improvement works (Rugby Union 2), address issues at Upper Eden RUFC by providing an additional set of floodlights in order to spread training and alleviate overplay. Additional capacity is also required to support this club. Seek to identify a new pitch to support the club, potentially by securing additional land at a satellite site.	Pennine Park (Kirkby Stephen)	Work with Upper Eden RUFC to address capacity issues. - This may include securing access to a satellite site. Floodlights are also required on site.	RFU / Club
Rugby Union 6	Ensure that associated ancillary provision meets with club need to maximise sustainability and facilitate the development of women and girls rugby.	- Upper Eden RFC (Kirkby Stephen) (to facilitate female rugby) - Penrith RUFC - Kirkby Lonsdale RFC - Furness RUFC	Support clubs with clubhouse extension / refurbishment work where need is identified	RFU / Club

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Rugby Union 7	Support clubs to increase participation where appropriate, ensuring full use of activities. This may be through partnership working with other sports.	- Furness RUFC (Barrow-in-Furness) - Hawcoat Park (Barrow-in-Furness) Partnership working between football / rugby league and the above clubs should be maximised to ensure that facilities are sustainable. The spare capacity at these sites that is evident	Engage with clubs from other sports with a view to using spare capacity on rugby club bases. Key priorities are rugby league / football.	RFU / Club
Football 1	Protect all football playing fields to ensure that the existing capacity is protected, unless a proposal is brought forward that meets NPPF requirements. There are some sites that are not currently used. Where serving unique catchments, these sites provide important spare capacity that may be needed in future years.	All playing fields.	Incorporate appropriate policy in Local Plan protecting all existing playing fields and supporting enhancement of provision. Loss of playing fields should only be permitted where a policy compliant solution is presented. Ensure PPOSS is taken into account when making decisions on playing fields.	WaFC

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Football 2	Maximise security of tenure by; - seeking to negotiate formal secured use agreements to sites that are currently unsecured - ensure that sites with existing CUA / planning conditions meet their community use requirements - timely negotiation of community use agreements / leases with schools and landowners where appropriate and possible - Ensure that any new schools include community use agreements for playing fields - Providing leases for clubs to secure their tenure where relevant and ensuring renegotiation of these leases where expiring to ensure long term ability to access major capital funding sources to improve facilities. Secured access to key community use venues will be a means of maintaining appropriate levels of capacity. To support this, Westmorland and Furness Council should seek to establish a clear and consistent asset transfer policy.	<i>Key Unsecured Sites</i> Dowdales School (high priority), Cartmel Priory C of E School, GSK Sports Complex, University of Cumbria (Ambleside Campus), The Lakes School, Heron Hill School (Kendal)	- Engage with identified key school sites to put in place long term community use agreements and ensure community access is maintained – whilst there are existing agreements, these are currently subject to change and very regularly reviewed. These facilities are essential to maintaining adequate capacity within the infrastructure. - Seek to negotiate community access agreements to remaining pitch sites to increase pitch stock - Monitor existing CUA and work alongside clubs / schools to address issues where these arise. - Ensure any new schools are developed with a CUA that includes access to playing fields Establish a clear and consistent asset transfer policy.	FF/ Relevant FA / WaFC.

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Football 3	Improve capacity by investing in quality. The key priorities are: - Retaining quality of all pitches that are currently rated as good. - Improvement of pitches identified as poor to a minimum standard rating - Work on all pitches to achieve a good rating. Improvements should be prioritised where this is needed to address overplay The above should be driven through the use of the FF Pitch Power tool by all clubs and pitch providers. Establishing a consistent and high quality maintenance programme at Council sites across Westmorland and Furness will be critical if this goal is to be achieved.	<i>Key priority – poor quality sites:</i> <i>Former Barrow Borough area</i> - Biggar Bank Playing Fields, Furness Academy, Furness Cavaliers Association Football Club, Ormsgill Lane Recreation Ground, Rakesmoor Lane (Holker Old Boys FC) (all Barrow in Furness), <i>Former Eden area-</i> Brough Football Club (Colts Ford Common), Maurice Park (Penrith), The Millennium Field, Tyne Willows Playing Fields (Alston), Wetheriggs Country Park (The Crescent), Penrith, <i>Former South Lakeland area</i> - Ayland Recreation Ground (Staveley), Willink Field /Burneside Tennis Club (Burneside), Coniston Sports and Social Centre, Heron Hill School (Kendal), Hillard Park (Ambleside Football Club), Hollins Lane Playing Fields (Burneside), Holme Sports and Community Centre, Howgill Lane Playing Fields (People's Hall Playing Field - Sedbergh), Kendal Millennium Playing Field, Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre, Queens Park (Windermere), Rayrigg Meadow Pitch (Windermere), Rothay Park (Ambleside), Settlebeck School, University Of Cumbria (Ambleside Campus), Wattsfield Playing Field (Kendal), Woodside Road Playing Field (Endmoor), Yew Tree Playing Fields (Grange-over-Sands) Other Sites that receive heavy use / overplay should also be prioritised. These include Former Barrow Borough area – Cavendish Fields (Barrow Island), Dowdales School (Dalton-in-Furness), Tummerhill (Walney) Former Eden area – Penrith Leisure Centre, Frenchfield (Penrith) Former South Lakeland area - Cartmel Priory C of E School, Dallam School (Milnthorpe), Kendal United	- Review existing procedures and establish a new consistent framework for maintenance across the new authority. The existing standard of maintenance achieved in the former Eden area and the subsequent capacity should function as a benefit. - Work with clubs to promote use of PitchPower and then subsequent access to maintenance improvement support - With maintenance equipment highlighted as a key priority across Pitch Power assessments that have already been completed, explore opportunities to establish a machinery bank or alternative ways of meeting need - Proactively support clubs at multi sports sites to tailor their maintenance to ensure that capacity and quality for both the summer and winter sports is maintained - Support eligible organisations to access funding support to improve grass pitches, e.g. FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.	Football Foundation (FF)/ Relevant FA / WaFC
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		JFC, Kirkbie Kendal School, Phoenix Field (Windermere)– high demand		
Football 4	Support capital investment into improvements where this is still required following maintenance improvements, and where improvements are necessary to meet with league standards / needed to ensure that play can continue. This may include drainage works, which is currently the key issue identified across Westmorland and Furness.	To be determined through implementation of Football 3	Work in partnership with County FAs / Provider / users to identify detailed improvements required through use of PitchPower etc. Provide support and guidance to providers / clubs in the submission of external funding bids. Seek to direct S106 funding towards pitch / facility quality improvements where facilities requiring investment are located within catchment of new development.	FF/ Relevant FA / WaFC.
Football 5	Ensure that quality of existing 3G AGPs is retained through regular inspections and completion of any works required for ongoing inclusion on FA 3G Pitch Register.	All 3G pitches are on Pitch Register at time of PPOSS assessment report.	Work alongside 3G AGP providers to ensure that regular inspections are undertaken. Ensure that all 3G pitches are tested regularly to retain inclusion on 3G Pitch Register.	FF/ Relevant FA / WaFC.

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Football 6	Support additional increases in capacity by providing new 3G AGPs where demand is identified as follows. New 3G AGPs Former Eden area: • Exploration of demand and feasibility for new 3G provision in the Appleby sub area • Longer term, new provision may be required in Penrith area Former Barrow Borough area: • At least 2 additional 3G AGP required (short term) in the Barrow and Walney sub area for rugby and football (to include rugby shockpad). Additional facility required short to medium term (3 in total) • Additional AGP in the Remainder of Barrow or Ulverston and surrounding area (former South Lakeland area) sub areas. To include rugby shockpad Former South Lakeland area: • At least one in Kendal in short term in conjunction with Westmorland FA Second required medium term • As above, AGP in the Remainder of Barrow / Ulverston and surrounding area sub areas to support both football and rugby league • Exploration of opportunities for 3G provision to support demand in the Cartmel Peninsula sub area • Exploration of opportunities to provide new 3G in LDNP Longer term, additional 3G AGP may be required to meet growth in participation.	Sites to be identified as part of work by project delivery group on implementation of strategy document	Form a project delivery group to identify appropriate locations for the proposed new 3G AGPs. Ensure that Local Plan policy supports provision of new 3G AGP where demand is evidenced.	FF/ Relevant FA / WaFC
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Football 7	Secure additional capacity by negotiating secure community use agreements with schools that do not currently permit any access.	Sites offering potential opportunities are; Queen Katherine School (Kendal), St Bernards School (Barrow-in-Furness), Queen Elizabeth School (Penrith), Ullswater Community College (Penrith), Appleby Grammar School	Secure access to identified school sites and seek to work with clubs to relocate teams onto these sites. Secure CUA on any new school sites.	FF/ Relevant FA / WaFC.
Football 8	Support improvement to ancillary facilities to ensure all sites have a facility of adequate standard (toilets / electricity / running water / changing rooms / basic kitchen) where these are required. Facilities serving junior teams should offer a minimum of toilets of appropriate standard. Full changing accommodation is required where senior football and older youth age groups are hosted. Where clubs are delivering football for women / girls, ensure that sites have sufficient ancillary facilities to accommodate this.	Priority should be given to large sites and hub sites where both male and female sport is run; - Kendal Jubilee Playing Fields / Kendal Millenium Playing Fields - Priory Road Sports Ground (Ulverston) - Ormsgill Recreation Ground (Barrow in Furness) Other Sites that require investment include: Former Barrow Borough area - Biggar Bank (Walney), Furness Cavaliers (roof) (Barrow in Furness),Furness Rovers (Barrow-in-Furness) Former Eden area – Appleby, Edenhall Cricket Club, Greystoke, Parrots Park (Kirkby Stephen), Memorial Park, Shap Former South Lakeland area - Allithwaite Playing Fields, Ayland Recreation Ground (Staveley), Cartmel Park, Park Road(Swarthmoor), Dean Gibson Playing Field (Kendal), Wattsfield Playing Field (Kendal), Church Bridge Playing Field (Dent), Holme Community Sports Centre, Howgill Lane (Sedbergh), Levens Playing Field, Rayrigg Meadow (Windermere), Rothay Park (Ambleside), Curwen Woods (Milnthorpe)	Provide support and guidance to clubs / Council in the submission of funding bids. This should include the identification of opportunities for funding.	FF/ Relevant FA / WaFC.

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Football 9	Support clubs in the National League System (NLS) to ensure that there are enough appropriate pitches meet club needs and that facilities meet Ground Grading Standards.	Qualitative improvement works required; • Crooklands Casuals (Dalton-in-Furness)– Car park • Furness Rovers (Barrow-in-Furness) –changing facilities, pitch improvements • Hawcoat Park (Barrow-in-Furness) – ancillary facilities Walney Island – drainage and ancillary facilities	Continue to work with NLS clubs to ensure ongoing access to facilities of appropriate quality.	FF/ Relevant FA / WaFC.
Rugby League 1	Protect existing quantity of rugby league pitches (unless adequately re-provided elsewhere in accordance with NPPF and Sport England Policy).	All rugby club bases	Ensure appropriate policy is included within Local Plan to protect all existing pitches and support enhancements.	WaFC

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Rugby League 2	Use recently completed RFL quality assessments at each club base to improve pitch quality. At all sites, this will entail; Improvements to maintenance programme, tailoring requirements to pitch conditions at each site Potential capital investment to address underlying issues that are not caused by maintenance procedures. This is likely to include drainage works	Key priority is Barrow Island ARLFC as the site is barely functional (ineffective drainage, poor grass coverage) Other works required: • Brisbane Park (Barrow-in-Furness)– weed elimination, decompaction • Roose Park (Barrow-in-Furness)– decompaction, moles • Central Drive (Barrow-in-Furness)– maintenance programme, weeds elimination, decompaction, drainage issues • Fallowfield Park (Askam-in-Furness)– decompaction, weed elimination • Dalton RFLC (Dalton-in-Furness)– decompaction, weed elimination • Dragley Beck (Ulverston) – maintenance, weed elimination, decompaction	Work with clubs to engage with PitchPower programme and relevant GPMF programmes to gain advice on maintenance and support for the implementation of subsequent recommendations.	

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Rugby League 3	Address capacity issues by; • Providing additional capacity in Remainder of Barrow Borough sub area through acquisition of new land and / or use of existing disused areas of land to create new playing fields • Investigating feasibility of providing new full size 3G AGP to function as match pitches to address capacity issues • Working with existing rugby union or football clubs to explore opportunities to share facilities and maximise use of available capacity • Provision of at least one rugby league compliant 3G pitch in Barrow Town either through a full size pitch, or smaller training facility / facilities at rugby league club base. It should be ensured that rugby league use of any new facility is secured by an appropriate mechanism (planning condition, SLA etc). • Provision of rugby league compliant 3G in Ulverston in conjunction with football. Any new facility should secure use for rugby league clubs. It should be ensured that rugby league use of any new facility is secured by an appropriate mechanism (planning condition, SLA etc) It is essential that any rugby league AGP meets with relevant certification and size requirements.	Clubs requiring additional capacity (in addition to qualitative improvements above) include; • Dalton ARLFC • Roose Pioneers	Work with clubs to identify opportunities to provide additional capacity Form a project delivery group to identify appropriate locations for the proposed new 3G AGPs in Barrow / Ulverston sub areas. Ensure local plan policy proactively supports provision of new facilities for rugby league (grass pitches and 3G)	

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Rugby League 4	Ensure that associated ancillary provision meets with club need to maximise sustainability and facilitate the development of women and girls rugby, as well as ensure that clubs remain able to sustain existing activity	Key priorities: Barrow Raiders (essential to enable ongoing development of community activity), Ulverston ARFLC, Dalton ARLFC, Walney ARFLC, Roose Pioneers ARFLC, Barrow Island ARLFC	Support clubs with changing facility / clubhouse extension / refurbishment work where need is identified	
Athletics 1	Protect the track at Furness Academy – this is the only existing synthetic athletics track in Westmorland and Furness	Furness Academy (Barrow-in-Furness)	Ensure protection of all existing athletics sites through local plan policies.	WaFC
Athletics 2	Ensure the track at Furness Academy remains <i>fit for purpose</i> by undertaking relevant qualitative upgrades. The recent TrackMark accreditation suggests that the track is likely to require resurfacing during 2025/2026.	Furness Academy - resurface	Work alongside club and School to deliver required upgrades.	School / EA / WaFC
Athletics 3	Support the growth of athletics in Westmorland and Furness through the provision of two New Gen tracks in Kendal and Penrith This is identified by England Athletics as a national priority.	Sites to be confirmed. Key locations; - Kendal - Penrith	Work with England Athletics and local clubs to determine the most appropriate New Gen facility and deliver two Minitracks in the local area. Work should include identification of location, feasibility and viability analysis. Local Plan policy should proactively support the provision of new athletics facilities in these locations.	WaFC / EA
Athletics 4	Support the resurface of the two existing gravel tracks to ensure ongoing functionality as well as a low cost resurface of the aged synthetic track on Walney Island	Phoenix Field Frenchfield Vickerstown FC	Work with providers to deliver required upgrades. Impact of NewGen track to be delivered in Penrith to be considered in context of required improvements for Frenchfield.	WaFC/EA

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Archery 1	Protect all existing outdoor archery venues	All sites	Ensure protection of all existing archery venue sites through local plan policies. Ensure that any new developments that have the potential to impact on existing archery ranges take into account the requirements of Archery GB (see Archery 3)	WaFC
Archery 2	Work with venues and clubs to secure long term tenure to relevant facilities for archery clubs. This is the key priority for archery and is essential if the sport is to grow long term	Almost all venues are currently unsecure; Furness College (Barrow-in-Furness), Dowdales School (Dalton in Furness), Hunter Hall School (Penrith), Frenchfields, Edenhall and Langwathby Sports Field, Queen Elizabeth School (Kirkby Lonsdale), Kendal Cricket Club, Holme Community Sports Field, County Showfield (Crooklands, near Kendal), Penrith Leisure Centre	Work with archery clubs and the relevant venues to secure long term lease arrangements. Almost all venues are currently accessed by ad hoc rental agreement only.	GBA / Clubs / WaFC
Archery 3	Ensure that facilities meet with Archery GB specifications The Archery GB rules of shooting includes clear guidelines on the range layout, which includes the standards to be met depending on the distance being shot and/or the bow being used. The range guidelines also include overshoot and side safety areas to account for arrows that may go beyond the targets (either missing or deflections). Archery GB has a range assessment process for any range that does not meet the Rules of Shooting compliance to ensure required standards are met and followed at all times. Dispensations are only given where safety expectations can be successfully met.	No immediate issues	Work with clubs to address any immediate issues that arise GB Archery visits venues on a 3 year cycle to issue safety accreditation – this is a key part of ensuring that clubs have access to the type and quality of facilities that are required.	GBA / Clubs / WaFC
Archery 4	Provide appropriate ancillary provision at each venue	- Hutton Park (New Hutton, Kendal) – toilets - County Showfield, Milnthorpe – toilets - Green Lane, Penrith (indoor) – heating and toilets)	Work with clubs to identify where ancillary facilities inhibit the activities of clubs.	GBA / WaFC

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Sport	Recommendation	Key Sites	Key Actions	Responsibilities
Archery 5	Ensure that all clubs have access to facilities appropriate to the type of archery that they wish to participate in and that a lack of facilities does not impact on club development.	Work with Kendal Bowmen to address issues at Hutton Plantation / identify new site to support field archery Bowmen of Furness (Barrow-in-Furness)– seeking indoor and outdoor venue.	Work with clubs to identify opportunities to acquire land to provide permanent dedicated archery venues. Appropriate policy may be required in the local plan – policy that supports provision of new archery facilities Support clubs in the identification of new venues that could support archery (potentially alongside other sports)	GBA / WaFC
Golf 1	Protect all existing golf courses	All sites	Ensure protection of all existing golf course sites (and GDR) through local plan policies. Ensure policies support enhancement of courses where required	WaFC
Golf 2	Support creation of good quality entry golf opportunities	• Casterton, Beckside (former South Lakeland area) • Penrith Golf Hub (short standard course)	Work with clubs to create new entry level golf opportunities on existing sites	EG
Golf 3	To ensure adequate facilities in former Barrow Borough area, support creation of a new floodlit covered GDR and par 3 course	Former Barrow Borough area	In short term, work with clubs in the former Barrow Borough area to provide coaching for entry level golfers. Identify opportunity to provide new GDR / Par 3 course to meet gap in market and ensure local plan policy supports provision of such a facility.	EG

4.0 Action Plan, Implementation and Monitoring

Introduction

- 4.1 This section provides a summary of the key issues and priority recommendations, as well as a site by site action plan, by geographical area. It draws on the sport specific issues (Section 2) and recommendations (Section 3). The site by site action plan provides detail on the key priorities for each site.
- 4.2 To support the work of the Council, which is currently guided by the three existing local plans, the section briefly summarises the key issues for each sport in each of the three former authority areas. An excel version of the action plan including site address etc will also be supplied to the Council so that this can be monitored and updated.
- 4.3 The section concludes by outlining how the strategy proposes to evaluate the impact of new developments, and the monitoring procedures that will be adopted to keep the document up to date.
- 4.4 Please note, the site by site action plan sees to include all playing fields that are usable for sport. There may be some school sites with playing fields functioning primarily as open space that are not specifically referenced. These should also be protected for curricular use.

Disclaimer: If any playing field sites, sport facilities, and/or pitches are not contained within this Playing Pitch Strategy, this is due to an oversight, and does not in anyway mean that they can be redeveloped. Planning applications to develop any omitted sites will still need to be considered against current planning policy.

Former Barrow Borough Area

Key Issues

- 4.5 Table 4.1 summarises the current position and key recommendations for each sport covered in the PPOSS for the former Barrow Borough area. It demonstrates that the key priorities in this area are:
- 3 x new 3G AGP (football and rugby league)
 - Additional capacity required for rugby league to support the following clubs - Roose Pioneers ARLFC, Dalton ARFLC , Walney ARFLC
 - Refurbishment of Furness Academy Athletics track
 - Secured community access (key priority Dowdales School)
 - Pitch maintenance / quality improvements (football)
 - Promotion of pay and play tennis opportunities (Hawcoat Park)
 - Security of tenure for archery clubs, new indoor and outdoor venues for Bowmen of Furness
 - Protection of active bowling greens
 - NTP / quality improvements at Dalton Cricket Club
 - Sustainability of rugby union, improvement to existing club grounds through enhanced maintenance procedures

- Proactive work in Barrow with existing clubs, potential development of a floodlit, covered GDR and a par 3 course at or near one of the existing clubs.

4.6 Building on Table 4.1, the site specific action plan for the former Barrow Borough area is set out in Table 4.2.

Table 4.1 - Current Position and Key Priorities – Former Barrow Borough Area

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Cricket	• Spare capacity at peak time 0.5 MES (Match Equivalent Sessions) • Limited seasonal capacity (10 strips) • The greatest pressures are evident at Dalton Cricket Club –influenced by the quality of the facility (standard) and demand • No NTPs • For four out of five clubs, key priorities relate to improving training facilities	• Protection of all existing sites • Improved maintenance and NTP at Dalton Cricket Club • Improved maintenance at Vickerstown Cricket Club • Pavilion at Barrow Cricket Club • Training facilities at all sites
Tennis	• Club courts good condition and have adequate capacity to meet current and projected future need • Modelling shows that if potential demand is realised, there will not be enough courts in the former Barrow Borough area to meet this demand • Lack of availability of courts outside of Barrow and Walney, however no known latent demand at present • Furness Academy courts offer potential to provide additional pay and play access	• Protection of all existing active sites • Promotion of pay and play opportunities at Hawcoat Park • Longer term additional provision may be needed (depending upon participation / population growth) • Improvement to customer journey / marketing and promotion at all sites
Bowls	• Provision above baseline standards • All clubs operating at sustainable levels • All clubs have capacity for additional members • Indeed, additional members will increase income which in turn will support maintenance • No clear requirement for additional provision, although all existing facilities are valuable	• Protection of all existing active sites • Promotion of effective maintenance regimes (all sites). Qualitative improvements where required. • Support initiatives to increase participation
Hockey	• No existing hockey • No evidence of unmet demand for hockey • Ulverston Leisure Centre (former South Lakeland area) important in serving the needs of the community of the former Barrow Borough area for hockey	• Refurbishment of Ulverston Leisure Centre pitch (located in South Lakeland but also supports residents in former Barrow Borough)
Rugby Union	• Two club bases • At Hawcoat Park Sports Club, supply (2 pitches) is more than adequate to meet rugby union demand. There is no use of the second pitch for rugby union, but this is overmarked for football (and used by football) • At Furness RUFC, there is limited demand (1 MES). The club own additional playing field land which is currently unused. There is no demand from rugby union for these additional pitches • Sustainability of club bases represents key issue in this area	• Protection of both existing club sites • Improved maintenance • Exploration of opportunities to support other sports at Furness RUFC (due to low levels of existing use) • Improved ancillary provision (Furness RUFC) • Support to increase participation at both clubs

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Football	- Adequate supply of adult pitches, although limited by the quality of facilities. Spare capacity is low when quality of facilities is taken into account - Inadequate facilities for youth 11v11 at peak time - Provision for 9v9 football also inadequate - Small amount of spare capacity for 7v7 and 5v5 - Significant quality issues - The above capacity pressures are evident in both Barrow and Walney and Remainder of Barrow Borough sub areas - There is a requirement for additional 3G AGPs	- Protection of all existing football sites - Retain maintenance procedures at good sites, and improve poor quality sites to standard. Overall aim is to increase all sites to good quality - In conjunction with rugby league, short term provision of 2 3G in Barrow and Walney for football. Rugby league usage of these facilities will increase total requirement to 3. Potential requirement long term for additional grass pitch capacity
Rugby League	- All clubs have inadequate provision to meet demand - Pitch quality inhibits the capacity of pitches, however high demand is the key contributor to the deficiencies identified. Pitches are overused (which impacts the quality), but there are not enough pitches to meet demand regardless of the quality - Lack of access to off site AGP training exacerbates deficiencies further - Changing / ancillary provision also deemed to inhibit club growth - In Barrow and Walney, current unmet demand equates to 7.25 MES (Hindpool), -2.25 MES on the main pitch at Barrow Island, -6 MES at Roose Pioneers, -2.5 MES at Walney Central. Unmet demand will increase if participation grows further - Unmet demand equivalent to 12.25 MES in Remainder of Barrow Borough sub area – both Askam and Dalton ARLFC have insufficient provision to meet demand	- Protection of all existing pitches - Improvements to maintenance programme at all sites, but key priority is Barrow Island. Brisbane Park, Roose Park, Central Drive and Dalton RLFC all require improvement works - New 3G AGP to support rugby league activity - New land required to deliver additional grass pitch capacity (potentially delivered through use of available disused land / new land). - Improved ancillary provision at Barrow Raiders, Dalton ARLFC, Walney ARLFC, Roose Pioneers ARLFC and Barrow Island ARLFC
Athletics	- The facility at Furness Academy effectively serves the former Barrow Borough area in terms of quantity of facilities - The quality of the facility is good, but the track will require refurbishment shortly - No gaps in provision identified - England Athletics highlight importance of retaining and maintaining existing track at Furness Academy - Opportunity to improve old track at Vickerstown FC to create community athletics venue - No evidence of a requirement for provision in the Remainder of Barrow Borough sub area	- Protection of existing athletics track at Furness Academy - Resurface of Furness Academy track to ensure that TrackMark Accreditation is retained - Low cost upgrade to old track at Vickerstown FC to provide a community running venue

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Archery	- Venues fit for purpose for outdoor archery - Challenges accessing appropriate indoor facilities for Bowmen of Furness - Lack of security of tenure for Bowmen of Furness – club now looking for new facilities	- Protection of all existing venues - Improve security of tenure - Furness College, Dowdales School - Ensure all venues meet with archery GB specifications - Secure indoor and outdoor venue for Bowmen of Furness
Golf	- There is a limited range of golf facilities in the former Barrow Borough area to serve the former Borough's population, limited to three private members' courses. - There are no 'municipal'/public pay and play courses, but all three clubs in the former Barrow Borough area welcome visitors on a casual pay and play basis, with varying green fees which reflect the tradition and status of the clubs. - Standard golf course provision in the former Borough is slightly above average, and twice as high if Ulverston Golf Club (GC) is considered a reasonable local venue - almost all local residents of the former Borough area can access a course within 10 minutes' drive, as the existing courses are located close to main population centres. - Despite the limited range of types of courses available, most types of golfer can currently be accommodated – pay and play is available, with varying daily green fees, as well as membership at a variety of membership fees. Given the apparent lack of waiting lists and joining fees at the former Borough's existing private standard courses, it may well be that there are sufficient standard courses in this area, and further afield, to meet current demand.	- Protection of all existing courses - Creation of good quality entry level golf opportunities through proactive work with existing clubs - Longer term, potential development of a floodlit, covered GDR and par 3 course at or near an existing club

Table 4.2 – Site by Site Action List – Former Barrow Borough Area

Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
Bowls	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Askam Bowling Green	LA16 7BD	1 bowling green	Good	Well maintained green. Membership above average	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Askam United Football Club	LA16 7FD	Adult 11v11, 7v7 training area	Good	Floodlit and barriered pitch. Slow drainage. Evidence of compaction, standing water just off pitch at time of site visit. Good grass coverage outside of goalmouths. Small amount of spare capacity across the week, none at peak time. Changing accommodation in good condition.	Protect, ensure pitch continues to meet good standard.
School Playing Fields	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Askam Village School	LA16 7DA	General playing field	Unknown	School playing field not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Barrow and Walney	Barrow Celtic Football Club, (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA16 7DA	2 x Adult 11v11	High Standard to good	Dug outs and perimeter fence. Areas of worn grass but in strong condition overall. Changing accommodation recently renovated. Spare capacity across the week, none at peak time.	Protect, improve maintenance to enable pitches to achieve good quality rating.
Cricket	Barrow and Walney	Barrow Cricket Club, (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9JS	Cricket square (16 wickets)	High Standard to Good	Even wickets but uneven outfield and some bare patches. Artificial wicket. Changing rooms adequate but require female facility. Small amount of spare capacity (4 strips). Designated as women and girls hub.	Protect, changing accommodation to support female cricket
Golf	Barrow and Walney	Barrow Golf Club	LA14 4QB	18 holes golf course	Good	18 hole members golf club	Protect, retain quality, investigate opportunities to provide opportunities for entry level golf. Longer term, consider potential development of GDR

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Bowls	Barrow and Walney	Barrow Island Bowling Green	LA14 2SA	1 bowling green	Standard	Nice green, but moss and bare patches, gutters need updating. Maintenance remains key priority. Strong membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	Barrow Park	LA13 9BJ	2 bowling greens, 2 disused	Standard	Two greens in public park. Available for pay and play (no club). Two further greens disused and used for picnic grounds etc.	Protect, 2 disused greens not required to meet need.
Football	Barrow and Walney	Barrow Wanderers Football Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9DY	Adult 11v11	Low standard	Main pitch has perimeter fence and dug outs. Damp, evidence of heavy use, with undulations and skid marks. Spare capacity at peak time and across the week. Basic ancillary facilities.	Protect, improve maintenance to enable pitch to achieve good quality rating.
Football	Barrow and Walney	Biggar Bank Playing Fields, Walney	LA14 3YF	2 x Adult 11v11, 1 9v9, 1 7v7	Poor	Poor quality, dipped goals, weeds and skids on pitches. Dog fouling. Poor changing facilities. Some pitches on site overplayed due to quality / high demand. Club seeking to lease site.	Protect, improve maintenance as a priority to ensure pitch becomes standard quality. Strive to reach good quality rating. Possible requirement for capital investment. Also requires investment into changing facilities. Lease to club to gain access to funding.
Rugby League	Barrow and Walney	Brisbane Park (Hindpool Tigers), (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 1NY	1 senior rugby league pitch	Basic (Standard)	Overplay (7.25 MES) which is likely to increase. Requires weed elimination and decompaction. Changing facilities and clubhouse also require refurbishment and extension	Protect, improve maintenance and address qualitative issues. Upgrade changing / ancillary accommodation.
Football	Barrow and Walney	Cavendish Park, Barrow Island	LA14 2SB	2 Adult 11v11, 1 x 9v9 1 x 7v7	Standard	Some significant drainage issues, skids and divots. Evidence of efforts to maintain. This site is also used heavily for community events - compacted. Good changing accommodation. 9v9 pitch overplayed, small amount of capacity on remaining pitches.	Protect, improve maintenance to enable site to achieve good quality rating. This is key priority due to heavy use of site.

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Rugby League	Barrow and Walney	Central Drive (Walney ARLFC)	LA14 3HY	1 senior and 1 primary rugby league pitch	Poor	Overplay evident (4.5 MES on match pitch). Increased participation will see additional unmet demand generated. Site maintenance is poor, experiences drainage issues and requires decompaction and weed elimination. Clubhouse requires refurbishment.	Protect, improve maintenance and address qualitative issues. Upgrade changing / ancillary accommodation.
School Playing Fields	Barrow and Walney	Chetwynde School	LA13 0NY	General playing field	Unknown	School playing field not available for community use. Understood to have previously been available	Protect for curricular use. Investigate opportunities for community use of site
Tennis	Barrow and Walney	Chetwynde School	LA13 0NY	2 tennis courts	Standard	Tennis courts for school use only. Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use.
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	Coop Sports & Social Club, (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 4JS	1 bowling green	Standard to poor	Nice aspect. Well maintained although tired. Grass coverage poor, leatherjack infestation. Membership high	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Rugby League	Barrow and Walney	Craven Park – Barrow Raiders (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 2PD	1 senior rugby league pitch (stadium)	Standard	Poor quality for professional club. Lack of appropriate ancillary facilities restricts matchplay and development activities.	Protect. If retained as grass, site will require ground improvements (maintenance and capital investment). Refurbish / provide new ancillary provision to enable expansion of activity.
Rugby League	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Dalton ARLFC	LA15 8HB	1 senior rugby league pitch	Basic (Standard)	Overplay evident (7.75 MES). Club seeking extension of land. Issues with compaction and requires weed elimination.	Protect, improve maintenance and address qualitative issues. Support club to acquire additional land. Clubhouse extension also required.
Bowls	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Dalton Cricket Club	LA15 8EY	1 bowling green	Standard	Limited visibility	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Focus on signage and improving awareness
Cricket	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Dalton Cricket Club	LA15 8EY	Cricket square (16 wickets)	Standard	Uneven wickets and evidence of fairy ring. Dated changing facilities and toilets unsuitable. Club require new training facilities. Overplay evident and site is designated as women and girls hub.	Protect, enhance maintenance to improve quality to good. Provision of on square NTP to address deficiencies. New training facilities (nets). Ensure pavilion accommodates all club activity.

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School Playing Fields	Other parts of Barrow Borough	Dalton St Mary's C Of E Primary School	LA15 8QR	General playing field	Standard	School playing field not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Archery	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Dowdales School (Dalton-in-Furness)	LA15 8AH	Target archery	Standard to good	Basic outdoor field site only, access unsecured.	Protect, secure community use
Football	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Dowdales School (Dalton-in-Furness)	LA15 8AH	2 Youth 11v11, 1 9v9, 1 7v7, 1 5v5	Low standard	Heavy usage - evidence of compaction. Poor drainage evident at time of site visit, some undulations in pitches and areas of wear and tear. Maintenance programme insufficient to accommodate level of use pitches receive. Opportunity to create high quality hub, but site is unsecured. Toilet now available but no changing accommodation. 9v9 pitch overplayed and heavy use across remainder of site.	Protect. Secure community use as key priority. Improve maintenance to enable pitches to reach good quality rating. This is key priority due to heavy use of site.
Rugby League	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Dowdales School (Dalton-in-Furness)	LA15 8AH	1 senior rugby league pitch (2 further pitches shared with football)	Basic (standard)	Available for use but not used.	Protect for curricular use.
Football	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Duddon Sports And Social Club (Askam-in-Furness)	LA16 7AH	Youth 11v11, 1 5v5	standard	Good grass coverage and playing surface. Scope to increase play - spare capacity across the week and at peak time.	Protect, improve maintenance to enable pitches to achieve good quality rating.
Golf	Remainder of Barrow	Dunnerholme Golf Club	LA16 7AW	10 hole golf course	Good	10 hole members golf club	Protect, retain quality, investigate opportunities to provide opportunities for entry level golf. Longer term, consider potential development of GDR
Rugby League	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Fallowfield Park - Askam ARLFC	LA16 7BD	1 senior rugby league	Basic (Standard)	Overplay evident (5.5). Scope to improve quality through decompaction and weed elimination	Protect, improve maintenance and address qualitative issues.

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AGP	Barrow and Walney	Furness Academy (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9BB	3G AGP	Standard	3G AGP on FA Register	Protect. Ensure continued registration on FA Pitch Register and replacement of surface when required.
Athletics	Barrow and Walney	Furness Academy (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9BB	400m athletics track	Good	Synthetic 400m athletics track, meets TrackMark Accreditation standards but resurface required estimated 2025	Protect. Support resurface of track.
Rugby League	Barrow and Walney	Furness Academy (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9BB	1 senior rugby league pitch (further pitch shared with football)	Basic (Standard)	No community use although pitch is available.	Protect for curricular use. Seek to improve quality to ensure functionality
Tennis	Barrow and Walney	Furness Academy (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9BB	5 tennis courts	Good	Courts in good condition, clear markings and even surface. No community access.	Protect for curricular use. Potential to provide grassroots community tennis (pay and play) longer term
Football	Barrow and Walney	Furness Academy (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9BB	1 x Adult 11v11, 1 x 7v7	Poor (low standard)	Key site. Poorly drained as installed drainage is no longer effective. Waterlogging means often unusable in winter months. Standing water, playing surface appeared basic, pitches sloping. Basic maintenance programme only. Overplay on senior pitch.	Protect, improve maintenance to enable pitches to achieve good quality rating. Potential requirement for capital investment to support drainage improvements.
Football	Barrow and Walney	Furness Cavaliers Association Football Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 0HN	Adult 11v11, 1 x 9v9	Standard	Suffers from poor drainage . Sloping at one end and some undulations in the pitch surface, high weed content. Good maintenance programme ensures that pitch remains functional (vertidrainage / seeding / weedkilling). Clear evidence of compaction. Requires investment to address identified issues - need for improvement on both pitches. 9v9 pitch overplayed. Changing pavilion also requires investment	Protect, improve maintenance to enable pitches to achieve good quality rating. Potential requirement for capital investment to support drainage improvements on both pitches. Changing facilities also require investment

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Archery	Barrow and Walney	Furness College (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 2PJ	Target archery	Standard to good	Basic outdoor field site only, access unsecured.	Protect, secure community use
AGP	Barrow and Walney	Furness College Campus (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 2PJ	3G AGP	Standard	3G AGP previously on FA 3G Pitch Register. Recently expired.	Protect. Ensure renewal of registration on FA 3G Pitch Register and replacement of surface when required.
School Playing Fields	Barrow in Furness	Furness College Barrow Sixth Form College	LA13 9LE	General playing field	Unknown	School playing field not available for community use	Protect
Cricket	Barrow and Walney	Furness Cricket Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 5PR	Cricket square (12 wickets)	Good	Two squares at right angles sharing same outfield. Hard surface nets that need repair. Supply equals demand	Protect, improve training facilities
Golf	Barrow and Walney	Furness Golf Club	LA14 3LN	18 hole golf course	Good	18 hole members golf club	Protect, retain quality, investigate opportunities to provide opportunities for entry level golf. Longer term, consider potential development of GDR
Football	Barrow and Walney	Furness Rovers (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 5UQ	Adult 11v11, 1 x 5v5	High standard	Adult pitch protected by a wall. Standing areas and perimeter fence. Some compaction. 5v5 pitch located to the side. Note club only have rolling annual lease from Asda and therefore are unable to qualify for any funding. Poor dated ancillary facilities. No remaining spare capacity at peak time.	Protect. Continue strong maintenance programmes to enable pitch to reach good standard. Improve changing facilities and address issues with security of tenure.
Football	Remainder of Barrow Borough	George Romney Junior School (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA15 8SE	7v7	Standard	Basic but functional playing field with cut and mow regime only. No access to changing facilities. Spare capacity	Protect

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Rugby Union	Barrow and Walney	Hawcoat Park Sports And Social Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 4HF	2 rugby pitches, 1 floodlit training area	M1/D1 (main pitch), D0/M0 second pitch. D1/M0 training area	Part of large multi sport club. Rugby union participation experienced recent decline and sustainability is an issue. Scope to improve maintenance rating, lights are poor and ancillary facilities would benefit from investment. Increasing participation / maximising the use of facilities is a key priority. Pitches already used by football as well, which is generating the overplay.	Protect, improve maintenance procedures to M2. Potential investment into ancillary provision. Work alongside rugby club to maximise use of facilities through participation increases and / or improved relationships with other sports.
Cricket	Barrow and Walney	Hawcoat Park Sports And Social Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 4HF	Cricket square (8 wickets)	Good	Good square, some fairy ring on outfield. Dated NTP and training nets, dated clubhouse. Some spare capacity	Protect, improve training facilities
Football	Barrow and Walney	Hawcoat Park Sports And Social Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 4HF	2 x Adult 11v11, 1 x Youth 11v11, 1 x 9v9, 1 7v7, 1 x 5v5	Good / Standard	Main pitches in good condition with full time groundsman. Lower pitches suffer from poor drainage, pitches boggy for much of the year. Lower levels of maintenance. Some spare capacity on all pitches in the week - scope to grow, but no availability at peak time. Clubhouse available on site although dated in parts.	Protect, improve maintenance to enable all pitches to achieve good quality rating. Clubhouse may benefit from modernisation.
Archery	Barrow and Walney	Hawcoat Park Sports Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 4HF	Target archery	Good	Large multi sport site with associated clubhouse facilities.	Protect
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	Hawcoat Park Sports Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 4HF	2 bowling greens	Standard	Tidy and well kept but would benefit from further maintenance - some bare patches and thatching	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality

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Tennis	Barrow and Walney	Hawcoat Park Sports Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 4HF	9 courts of which 3 are floodlit	Mix of good and standard	Acrylic courts good and recently refurbished, grass courts of lower standard with faint markings. Online booking available, lack of promotion	Protect. Work with club to promote use of club as grassroots pay and play venue and to improve customer journey. Some investment required longer term to maintain court quality.
School Playing Fields	Other parts of Barrow Borough	Ireleth St Peters C of E School	LA16 7EY	General playing field	Unknown	School playing field not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	King Alfred Crown Green Bowling (Walney)	LA14 3BX	1 bowling green	Standard	Playing surface good. Some moss and thatching . Clubhouse require upgrade. Very strong membership, close to capacity	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality, clubhouse upgrade
Football	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Longlands Park (Dalton-in-Furness)	LA15 8JF	Adult 11v11, 1 youth 11v11, 1 7v7	Good	Good playing surface. Pitches are able to accommodate the level of use that they sustain - small amount of spare capacity. 7v7 and 5v5 is played over the other pitches. Well drained. Issues with car parking and changing facilities last refurbished 20 years ago.	Protect, retain maintenance programme to ensure pitches continue to be good quality. Potential investment in clubhouse.
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	North Scale Bowling Club (Walney)	LA14 3TB	1 bowling green	Standard	Maintenance requirements, some bare patches and thatching evident at time of site visit. Membership below Barrow average	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Barrow and Walney	Ormsgill Lane Recreation Ground (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 5DR	2 Adult 11v11, 1 youth 11v11, 1 9v9, 2 7v7 and 1 5v5	Poor	Poor drainage, standing water. Dog fouling and weeds in grass ward. Club have recently secured lease to facility and it is anticipated that quality will improve as increases to maintenance take place. 9v9 overplayed, spare capacity on other pitches, but not at peak time. Large ancillary facilities in poor condition.	Protect. Improve maintenance as a priority to enable site to achieve firstly a standard and then good quality rating. Potential requirement for capital investment to support drainage improvements. Improve changing / ancillary provision due to site status as key hub site.

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Rugby League	Barrow and Walney	Ostley Bank - Barrow Island ARLFC	LA13 9LR	2 senior rugby league pitches, 1 training area / junior pitch	Poor	Overplay evident, site capacity significantly restricted by poor quality facilities. Pitches unsuitable for use - ineffective drainage.	Protect, improve maintenance and drainage.
School Playing Fields	Other parts of Barrow Borough	Our Lady Of The Rosary Catholic Primary School	LA15 8LB	General playing field	Unknown	School playing field not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Barrow and Walney	Park Vale Sports Stadium (Walney)	LA14 3XY	1 Adult 11v11	Good / high standard	Well maintained with good grass coverage. Dug outs. No remaining spare capacity	Protect, retain existing maintenance schedules to ensure good quality is retained.
Athletics	Barrow and Walney	Park Vale Sports Stadium (Walney)	LA14 3XY	Poor quality athletics track	Poor	Aged track with little functionality	Protect, consider low cost upgrade to create community running track.
Football	Barrow and Walney	Parkside Academy (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9BY	2 x 7v7	Standard	Well fenced in sight, visible from the road. Fairly flat with good grass coverage. Available but not used by the community currently.	Protect
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	Police Bowls Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 0BJ	1 bowling green	Standard	Green in reasonable condition, well sand dressed but with bare patches and areas of unevenness.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Barrow and Walney	Pulse Soccer (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9DT	3G AGP	Poor	Venue with multiple small 3G AGPs. Poor condition. Ownership / management recently changed and now under the control of Westmorland and Furness Council.	Protect enhance
Football	Remainder of Barrow Borough	Railway Meadow (Dalton-in-Furness)	LA15 8DP	1 Adult 11v11	Good (high standard)	Stand and dugouts, with floodlights. Messy goals but good grass coverage. Capacity across the week but none at peak time.	Protect, retain existing maintenance schedules to ensure good quality is retained.

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Football	Barrow and Walney	Rakesmoor Lane (Holker Old Boys FC) (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 4QB	2 Adult 11v11, 1 9v9, 1 7v7 and 1 5v5	Good	Main pitch has small stand, with dugouts, floodlit. Recent levelling works have seen surface of other pitches improve. Some patches of poor drainage remain, require decompaction and potentially drainage installation. Some spare capacity but almost none at peak time. Ancillary facilities available	Protect, improve maintenance on smaller pitches to achieve good quality rating. Potential requirement for capital investment in drainage.
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	Roose Bowling Club	LA13 0EB	2 greens	Standard to good	2 greens including one that is floodlit. Good membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Rugby League	Barrow and Walney	Roose Park (Roose Pioneers Arlfc) (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 0BZ	1 senior rugby league pitch	Basic (Standard)	Overplay (8 MES) spread across club home ground and school site. Requires decompaction. Site suffers from moles. Scope to improve pitch quality and extension to changing facilities also required.	Protect, improve maintenance and address qualitative issues. Upgrade changing / ancillary accommodation.
Football	Barrow and Walney	Roose Pioneers Arlfc (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 0BZ	Adult 11v11	Standard	Playing surface of limited quality, compaction and weeds in grass sward. Small amount of spare capacity.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitch of a good standard.
Rugby League	Barrow and Walney	Roose Primary School (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 0HF	1 rugby league training area	Basic (Standard)	Overspill venue for club. Club site is overplayed and at capacity. Scope to improve quality.	Protect. Secure community use
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	Salthouse Bowling Club (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA14 2AP	1 bowling green	Standard	Well maintained but facilities would benefit from updating.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Clubhouse upgrade
Football	Barrow and Walney	So Legal Stadium	LA14 5UW	1 x 11 v 11 stadium football pitch	Good	Stadium football pitch hosting National League side	Protect
Rugby League / Football	Barrow and Walney	St Bernards School (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9LE	2 senior rugby league (shared with 2 x youth football and 1 7v7)	Poor	Poor quality pitches not available for community use.	Protect. Explore opportunity to secure community use for rugby league (or football).

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Tennis	Barrow and Walney	St Bernards School (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9LE	6 tennis courts	Poor	No longer used for sport due to poor condition	Protect. Seek to improve quality to ensure courts are functional for curricular use.
School Playing Fields	Barrow and Walney	St Columba's Primary School	LA14 3AD	General playing field	Unknown	School playing field not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
School Playing Fields	Barrow and Walney	St Pius X Catholic Primary School	LA14 4AA	General playing field	Unknown	School playing field not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Rugby Union	Barrow and Walney	The Strawberry Grounds (Furness Rugby Union Football Club) (Barrow-in-Furness)	LA13 9NH	1 rugby union pitch, training area. Playing field land equivalent to 2 additional grass senior pitches also available but currently disused.	M0/D0	Club sustainability, limited maintenance and poor drainage, ageing changing facilities. Slight overplay	Protect, improve maintenance procedures to M2. Subsequent investment into drainage. Playing field land equivalent in size to two pitches at this site is currently disused. There is no evidence of demand for this land from rugby union. Any disposal of this playing field land should meet with NPPF policy.
Football	Barrow and Walney	Tummerhill (Walney)	LA14 3HN	2 x Adult 11v11, 1 x 5v5	Standard	Perimeter fencing on two areas, flat and good grass coverage. Significant efforts into recent maintenance have seen drainage and surface improve. Informal use evident. Some overplay on one pitch and no capacity at peak time.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches of a good standard. This is key priority due to heavy use of site.
Cricket	Barrow and Walney	Vickerstown Cricket Club (Walney)	LA14 3ND	Cricket square (12 wickets)	Standard	Well maintained site with some evidence of vandalism. Square even. Old and dated nets, dated pavilion. Small amount of spare capacity	Protect, improve maintenance to enhance site quality to good. Provide new training facilities.
School Playing Fields	Barrow and Walney	Victoria Academy	LA14 5NE	General playing field	Poor	Poorly drained playing field area not currently suitable for use	Protect and improve for curricular use
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	Walney Park Bowling Club	LA12 3HZ	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy and floodlit, but with some bare patches, moss and thatching. Some areas uneven. Strong membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality

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Rugby League / Football	Barrow and Walney	Walney School	LA14 3JT	2 dual use rugby league / football pitches	Poor	No community use. Pitches poor quality.	Protect for curricular use. Seek to improve quality to ensure functionality
Tennis	Barrow and Walney	Walney School	LA14 3JT	4 tennis courts	Poor	No community use due to poor quality of facility.	Protect for curricular use. Seek to improve quality to ensure functionality
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	West Mount LTC	LA14 5LQ	2 bowling greens	Unknown	Low visibility and no signage.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Focus on signage and improving awareness
Tennis	Barrow and Walney	West Mount LTC	LA14 5LQ	3 tennis courts	Standard	Spare capacity for additional members no online promotion.	Protect. Work with club to improve marketing and promotion.
Bowls	Barrow and Walney	West Shore Bowling Green - Post Office Bowls / South End Crown Green	LA14 3YF	1 bowling green	Unknown	Issues controlling disease and problems with weed control impacts playing surface. Strong membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality

Former South Lakeland Area

Key Issues

- 4.7 Table 4.3 summarises the current position and key recommendations for each sport covered in the PPOSS for the former South Lakeland area. It demonstrates that the key priorities in this area are:
- At least 1 3G AGP in Kendal (second longer term), additional 3G AGP in Ulverston and surrounding area. Potential need for some form of AGP provision to serve demand in Cartmel Peninsula sub area and the LDNP.
 - Additional capacity for rugby league (new provision / ground share / 3G AGP) – Ulverston and surrounding area sub area
 - Provision of compact athletics track in Kendal
 - Protection of existing hockey sites, refurbishment of Ulverston Leisure Centre AGP, Queen Elizabeth School AGP
 - Secured community access (key priority Cartmel Priory School)
 - Pitch maintenance / quality improvements (football)
 - Promotion of pay and play tennis opportunities in Kendal, qualitative improvements at other poor sites, improvement of customer journey. Review of opportunities for padel (Bowness-on-Windermere)
 - Security of tenure for archery clubs, new field archery site for Kendal Bowmen
 - Protection of bowling greens and support for clubs with sustainability issues (Leven Valley, Hale Kings Arms, Hawkshead, Skelton)
 - NTP at cricket clubs including Lindal Moor Cricket Club, Milnthorpe Cricket Club, Ulverston Cricket Club
 - Improved maintenance at rugby union sites, access to additional capacity for Kendal RUFC, floodlighting of extra pitch at Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC
 - Creation of pay and play golf opportunities (Casterton)
- 4.8 Building on Table 4.3, the site specific action plan for the former South Lakeland area is set out in Table 4.4.

Table 4.3 – Issues and Priorities in Former South Lakeland Area

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Cricket	- Over 70 strips spare capacity, an additional 362 games could take place. - Overplay at Ulverston Cricket Club (high demand and no NTP on square) and Lindal Moor Cricket Club (high demand and no NTP on square) - Spare capacity at peak time of 2.5 MES. - Key issues at a sub area level: - In the Cartmel Peninsula, there is spare capacity but both facilities require improvement - Small amount of spare capacity in Kendal, but limited at peak time. - All three sites in the LDNP have spare capacity across the week, but only Ambleside Cricket Club can accommodate additional demand at peak time - Almost no spare capacity in Milnthorpe, and no availability at peak time - Two sites in Ulverston and the surrounding area are overplayed and the amount of overplay almost eliminates the spare capacity at other sites. - For most clubs, the key priorities are training facilities and improvement works to pavilions and clubhouses. At Holker Cricket Club, Kendal Cricket Club and Ambleside Cricket Club, improvements are also identified as being required to the grounds.	- Protection of all existing cricket sites - Security of tenure – Kirkby-in-Furness Cricket Club, Milnthorpe Cricket Club, Arnside Cricket Club - Maintenance improvements at Cartmel, Kirkby-in-Furness, Leven Valley, Holker - NTP at Lindal Moor, Milnthorpe, Ulverston, Sedgwick Cricket Club - Pavilion works at Arnside Cricket Club, Burneside Cricket Club, Holme Cricket Club, Milnthorpe Cricket Club, Netherfield Cricket Club, Ulverston Cricket Club - Training facilities at almost all sites

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Tennis	• Number of courts sufficient to meet current and projected future demand • Capacity to accommodate additional play at club bases • Some quality / sustainability issues on smaller sites – some sites already disused and others have limited lifespan due to their poor quality • Lack of clarity around use of many facilities – opportunity to improve the customer journey. Underuse of venues primarily associated with this issue • LTA insight suggests that most tennis players are playing local to their home – retention of the facilities in more rural areas is critical if these players are to continue • Lack of pay and play opportunities / poor promotion of opportunities in Kendal and Milnthorpe	• Protection of all existing functional sites • Qualitative improvements – key priorities are Grange over Sands Promenade (Cartmel Peninsula), Coniston Tennis Courts (LDNP), Holme Sports and Community Centre, Levens Playing Field (Milnthorpe), Allithwaite, Coniston, Holme • Promotion of pay and play opportunities at Kendal Tennis Club or provision of new public courts • Pay and play access to existing club / school sites in Cartmel and Milnthorpe • Improvement to customer journey / marketing and promotion at all sites • Consideration of provision of padel tennis in Bowness-on-Windermere
Bowls	• Most clubs operating at sustainable levels • All clubs have capacity for additional members • Indeed, additional members will increase income which in turn will support maintenance • Sustainability issues evident at a small number of greens - Leven Valley Bowls Club, Hale / Kings Arms Bowls Club, Hawkshead Bowls Club. • No clear requirement for additional provision, although all existing facilities are valuable	• Protection of all existing active sites • Promotion of effective maintenance regimes (all sites). Qualitative improvements where required. • Support initiatives to increase participation Prioritise support for clubs where sustainability issues are evident – Leven Valley, Hale / Kings Arms, Hawkshead Bowls Club
Hockey	• Four facilities provided – two in Kendal (Queen Katherine School, Kirkbie Kendal School, Ulverston Leisure Centre, Queen Elizabeth School Kirkby Lonsdale. • Spare capacity at peak time at all sites • Total demand at peak time in Kendal equates to 2 MES – this could be met by one AGP • Good use of all facilities midweek, with all pitches also used heavily for football • Pitch at Ulverston restricted by poor quality surface which causes multiple cancellations and drainage issues	• Protection of all existing sand based AGPs • Refurbishment of Queen Elizabeth School, Ulverston Leisure Centre (following viability / business planning) • Work with clubs to generate sustainability plans • Potential long term rationalisation in Kendal if demand does not increase

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Rugby Union	• Largest stock of facilities, almost all of which are available for community use • At Kirkby Lonsdale, there is spare capacity on three pitches. With training focused on just one pitch, there is significant overplay on this pitch. Capacity impacted by restricted maintenance and drainage. • Activity at Kendal RUFC is spread across an AGP and two rugby pitches (one of which functions as a floodlit training area). The main rugby pitch is overplayed (0.25 MES). Use of grass pitches for some training exacerbates this, and there is a degree of overplay across the site as a whole.	• Protection of all existing club sites • Improved maintenance at Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC and Kendal RUFC • Exploration of opportunities to provide additional capacity at Kendal RUFC • Provision of additional floodlights at Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC and drainage works • Improved ancillary provision at Kirkby Lonsdale RUFC

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Football	- Adequate supply of adult pitches - Supply of 9v9 and youth pitches closely balanced with demand - Small amount of spare capacity for 7v7 and 5v5 - Majority of provision good, but some gaps remain - Kendal demonstrates highest demand. Just adequate adult football pitches at peak time, but inadequate capacity for youth football (-1) excluding poor / unsecured sites and very limited capacity for 9v9 play. - limited playing fields in the Milnthorpe area and particular reliance on Dallam School. 1 MES spare capacity on adult pitches, but no capacity on youth pitches and a small amount of overplay on 9v9 pitches (0.5 MES). There is a comparatively good amount of spare capacity on 7v7 and 5v5 pitches - limited available provision in Kirkby Lonsdale, with only adult 11v11 pitches available (and there is a small amount of spare capacity). - In Cartmel Peninsula, there is less than 1 MES spare capacity on adult pitches and the majority of senior pitches are of poor quality. There is no remaining spare capacity on youth 11v11 pitches or 9v9 pitches once spare capacity at unsecured sites is excluded. - In Ulverston and surrounding area, there is a very small amount of spare capacity currently (1.5 MES at peak time on adult pitches and 0.5 MES on youth 11v11 pitches) but no remaining capacity on 9v9, 7v7 or 5v5 pitches once any spare capacity at unsecured / poor sites is excluded.	- Protection of all existing football sites - Retain maintenance procedures at good sites, and improve poor quality sites to standard. Overall aim is to increase all sites to good quality - Short term provision of new 1 3G AGP in conjunction with Westmorland FA in Kendal. Longer term, potential provision of a second additional 3G AGP in Kendal, to be reviewed in line with levels of future rugby union growth, which may displace current football use from the 3G at Kendal RUFC. - Secure community use at Cartmel Priory - Exploration of options to provide access to 3G AGP for Cartmel Peninsula and LDNP sub areas - Provision of 3G AGP in Ulverston and surrounding area (or potentially in Remainder of Barrow Borough area as an alternative)
Rugby League	- Provision focused in Ulverston area - Existing stock of facilities sufficient to sustain required levels of match play. Once training is also taken into account there are deficiencies in provision equating to -3.5 MES on the senior match pitch - Capacity pressures are exacerbated by the challenges created by the poor ancillary facilities	- Protection of all existing pitches - Improvements to maintenance programme (Dragley Beck) - New capacity required through 3G AGP - Additional land also required (potentially delivered through use of capacity at other sites and / or new land) - Improved ancillary provision

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Athletics	- Lack of track and field facility highlighted as key issue - Club consultation highlights desire for new facility in Kendal - England Athletics identify strategic priority for NEWGEN facility in Kendal to club development	NewGen athletics facility to be delivered in Kendal
Archery	- Some quality issues evident – lack of ancillary facilities at Hutton Park / Showfield. - Hutton Park no longer available for club use (since assessment was undertaken) - Issues competing with other clubs reduces availability - Facilities at Holme and Birkrigg considered good - Lack of security of tenure represents key issue for clubs	- Protection of all existing archery venues - Improve security of tenure -, Queen Elizabeth School, Kendal Cricket Club, Holme Community Sports Field, County Showfield, Crooklands - Ensure all venues meet with archery GB specifications - Work with Kendal Bowmen to secure new venue for field archery
Golf	- All types of golfer can currently be accommodated – pay and play is available, with varying daily green fees, as well as membership at a variety of membership fees. - Given the lack of waiting lists and joining fees at the former District's area existing private and commercial standard courses, it may well be that there are sufficient standard courses in the former South Lakeland area and further afield, to meet current demand. - Membership levels are below the average in England (424 members), but only slightly - Adopting EG's methodology, the former South Lakeland area has a Regular Golfer Demand (RGD) D index of well under 100, which suggests there are more than adequate facilities to meet anticipated demand from the data available, and the loss of any course would mean supply continued to exceed demand.	- Protection of all existing golf courses and GDRs - Creation of good quality entry level golf opportunities –potential sites include Casterton / Beckside

Table 4.4 – Site Specific Actions in Former South Lakeland area

Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
Bowls	Kendal	Abbot Hall Bowling Club (Kendal)	LA9 5AQ	1 bowling green	Standard	Nice green in public park, gated. Bare patches and some thatching.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Kendal	Aikrigg Meadow (Kendal)	LA9 7EN	2 x Youth 11v11	Low standard	Uneven playing surface, grass coverage showing signs of wear and tear. Some drainage issues - standing water. Spare capacity across the week, more limited at peak time.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches that are of a good standard. Potential investment into drainage required.
Bowls	Cartmel Peninsula	Allithwaite Bowling Club	LA11 7QJ	1 bowling green	Standard to poor	Some moss and bare patches. Club struggle with maintenance, issue in preceding year meant green was unplayable. Pavilion would benefit from upgrade. Strong membership numbers	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Pavilion requires upgrade
Football	Cartmel Peninsula	Allithwaite Playing Fields	LA11 7QJ	1 x Adult 11v11, 1 x 7v7	Low standard	Basic quality playing field although maintenance programme is above basic. Playing surface adequate but open for informal use. Small pitch not marked. Changing provision in poor condition	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches that are of a good standard. Potential investment into drainage required. Improve ancillary facilities.
Tennis	Cartmel Peninsula	Allithwaite Playing Fields	LA11 7QJ	1 tennis court	Poor	Court surface very poor and loose. Lines fading. Part of multisport site and only poor facility. Requires immediate refurbishment.	Protect. Refurbish. Support provider with promotion and marketing and improved customer journey
Bowls	LDNP	Ambleside Bowling Club	LA22 0EE	1 bowling green	Good	Well maintained although small amount of moss, requires reseeding. Floodlighting not functioning. Parking poor. Pavilion requires improvement works. Scope to increase membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Pavilion requires improvement works.
Bowls	LDNP	Ambleside Bowling Green (White Platts Recreation Ground)	LA22 9DJ	1 bowling green	Good to standard	Bowling green on busy recreation area in the centre of town, bare patches and thatching.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality

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Cricket	LDNP	Ambleside Cricket Club	LA22 9PN	Cricket square (11 wickets)	Standard	Outfield and wicket uneven, undulating playing surface. Training facilities inadequate. Small changing rooms in good condition. Limited use of site - good spare capacity	Protect, improve maintenance to enhance quality
Rugby Union	LDNP	Ambleside Rugby Football Club	LA22 0EN	1 rugby pitch (floodlit)	M0/D0	Supply meets demand. Limited maintenance and poor drainage.	Protect. Improve maintenance procedures. Subsequent improvement of drainage if still required
Bowls	Milnthorpe	Arnside Bowling Club	LA5 0AJ	1 bowling green	Standard	Nicely located green, the green itself needs some attention with moss and significant bare patches. Will require strong winter maintenance programme to bring it back. Paths would also benefit from improvement. Floodlit.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Tennis	Milnthorpe	Arnside TC	LA5 0DP	2 tennis courts, 1 floodlit	Good	Located on recreation ground, well fenced and clear markings. Clubhouse poor condition. No onsite toilet facilities. Online booking available for members and non-members	Protect. Improve clubhouse
Football	LDNP	Ayland Recreation Ground (Staveley)	LA8 9LU	Adult 11v11	Poor	7v7 played over full sized pitch. Pitch wet with skid marks. Changing block requires upgrade. No spare capacity at peak time.	Protect, improve maintenance as a priority to achieve pitches that are firstly of standard quality, then improve to a good rating. Improve changing accommodation
Golf	LDNP	Beckside Golf Club	LA8 8LE	9 holes	Good	Commercial 9 hole golf course. Important venue for entry level golf	Protect, retain quality
Archery	Ulverston and surrounding area	Birkrigg Archery Range	LA12 0PG	Target archery	Good	New range offering both indoor and outdoor facilities as well as clubhouse. Venue secured for use of club.	Protect
Bowls	LDNP	Bowness Bowling Club	LA23 3AS	1 bowling green	Good	Tidy site with roadside parking which can cause issues. Floodlit. Would benefit from increased membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Tennis	Ulverston and surrounding area	Broughton-In-Furness Tennis Club	LA20 6BL	2 tennis courts	Good	Clear line markings. Portaloo. Online booking for members and non-members.	Protect

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Bowls	Kendal	Burneside Bowling Club	LA9 6QX	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy site but with some small patches of moss and thatching.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Cricket	Kendal	Burneside Cricket Club	LA9 6QL	Cricket square (18 wickets)	Good	Good condition, but outfield floods and would benefit from levelling. NTP requires replacement, changing facilities would benefit from modernisation. Some spare capacity remaining, designated as women and girls hub.	Protect, improve maintenance and address flooding issues, new training provision, support pavilion improvements particularly to ensure that women and girls cricket can be accommodated.
Tennis	Kendal	Burneside TC	LA9 6RA	2 tennis courts	Standard	Standard quality facility with good line markings, recently repainted. Small pavilion / clubhouse. Note these courts are located on land allocated for housing. A replacement site has been identified in the South Lakeland Local Plan.	Protect. Courts likely to be lost if site brought forward for housing as allocated in the South Lakeland Local Plan, replacement site identified in the Local Plan. Replacement should be of high quality and offer pay and play and club activity.
Tennis	Milnthorpe	Burton-in-Kendal	LA6 1LX	2 tennis courts, floodlit	Good	Recently refurbished sand based surface. Clear line markings, but multipurpose (football). Online contact for members that wish to pay and play	Protect
Bowls	Milnthorpe	Burton-in-Kendal Crown Green Bowling	LA6 1NA	1 bowling green	Good	Nice green well presented, tidy.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Cricket	Cartmel Peninsula	Cartmel Park	LA11 6QF	Cricket square (12 wickets)	Standard	Shared use with racecourse impacts outfield quality, NTP on square, pavilion requires upgrade. Capacity good (9 MES)	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good standards. Maintenance should be tailored to take into account shared usage, modernise pavilion and provide new training facilities.
Football	Cartmel Peninsula	Cartmel Park	LA11 6QF	Adult 11v11	Low standard to poor	Part of racecourse complex. Suffering from rabbit damage and some scrapes and skids. Changing facilities dated and require upgrade. No spare capacity at peak time or across the week.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches that are of a good standard. Improve ancillary facilities.
Cricket	Cartmel Peninsula	Cartmel Priory C Of E School	LA11 7SA	NTP	Poor	NTP on school site	Protect for curricular use

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Football	Cartmel Peninsula	Cartmel Priory C Of E School	LA11 7SA	1 x Adult 11v11, 1 youth 11v11, 1 9v9	Standard	Basic school playing fields, important site for community activity. Unsecured access. Well used by the community with some overplay	Protect. Secure community use of site. Improve maintenance to achieve pitches that are of good quality. This is key priority due to heavy use of site.
Tennis	Cartmel Peninsula	Cartmel Priory C Of E School	LA11 7SA	4 tennis courts	Standard	Four tennis courts not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Golf	Kendal	Carus Green Golf Club	LA9 6EB	18 holes, GDR	Good	Commercially owned 18 hole course with GRD	Protect, retain quality
Golf	YDNP	Casterton Golf Course	LA6 2LA	Two 9 hole courses, GDR	Good	9 hole courses and GDR, commercially owned. Important venue for entry level golf	Protect, retain quality, potential to develop site as destination for entry level golf.
AGP	YDNP	Casterton Sedbergh Preparatory School	LA6 2SG	Sand Filled AGP	Good	Good quality pitch which offers ad hoc community use to Kirkby Lonsdale HC	Protect, retain as sand based surface. Ensure sinking fund is in place for surface upgrade.
Cricket	YDNP	Casterton Sedbergh Preparatory School	LA6 2SG	Cricket square (6 wickets)	Good	Cricket square for school use	Protect for curricular use
Grass playing field	YDNP	Casterton Sedbergh Preparatory School	LA6 2SG	Grass playing field	Good	Grass playing field not available for community use. Multifunctional pitches	Protect for curricular use
Football	YDNP	Church Bridge Playing Field (Dent)	LA10 5QL	Adult 11v11	Standard	Dugouts (no barrier). Pitch uneven and undulating with divots. No ancillary facilities. Spare capacity both at peak time and across the week.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good quality rating. Provide ancillary facilities
Tennis	LDNP	Coniston & District Tennis Club	LA21 8AL	2 tennis courts, floodlit	Good	Nice site with well maintained courts with nets on wheels. Website but no direct booking available.	Protect. Improve marketing and promotion, work with club to enhance customer journey.
Bowls	LDNP	Coniston Bowls	LA21 8DU	1 bowling green	Unknown	A well-presented site, but evidence of thatching, moss and bare patches.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	LDNP	Coniston C Of E Primary School	LA21 8AL	7v7	Standard	Grass playing field not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
AGP	LDNP	Coniston Sports And Social Centre	LA21 8AL	Sand Filled AGP (small)	Standard	Used for football training, no role in hockey	Protect

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AGP	LDNP	Coniston Sports And Social Centre	LA21 8AL	Sand Filled AGP (small)	Standard	Used for football training, no role in hockey	Protect
Football	LDNP	Coniston Sports And Social Centre	LA21 8AL	Adult 11v11	Poor	Single adult pitch, limited wear and tear. Clubhouse in good condition. Small amount of spare capacity at peak time and across week	Protect, improve maintenance as a priority to achieve standard quality rating, and then to achieve good quality rating.
Cricket	LDNP	Coniston Sports Field	LA21 8DX	Cricket square (10 wickets)	Good	Outfield and square adequate, but unusable NTP on square. Small pavilion. Small amount of spare capacity identified	Protect. Replace NTP
Tennis	LDNP	Coniston Tennis Courts	LA21 8DX	2 tennis courts	Poor	Courts have faint lines which are not straight. Booking process unclear	Protect. Improve court quality and support provider with marketing and promotion.
Archery	Milnthorpe	County Showfield, Crooklands	LA7 7NH	Clout archery	Standard	venue good quality, but lack of toilets impacts on use by clubs. Venue available for rent only so no security of tenure	Protect, secure long term community access. Address facility issues (toilets)
Football	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Croftlands Junior School, Ulverston	LA12 9JU	7v7	Standard	Grass playing field not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Ulverston and surrounding area	Croftlands Recreation Ground, Ulverston	LA12 9JN	Adult 11v11	Low standard	Undulating and long grass. Not played this season. No changing facilities	Protect. Prepare for play should demand arise. Potential opportunity to use for other sports.
AGP	Kendal	Crosscrake C Of E School, Stainton	LA8 0LB	Sand Filled AGP (small)	Unknown	Curricular use only	Protect for curricular use.
General Playing Field	Kendal	Crosscrake C Of E School, Stainton	LA8 0LB	General Playing Field	Unknown	Curricular use only	Protect for curricular use.
Bowls	LDNP	Crosthwaite & Lyth Bowling Club	LA8 8HT	1 bowling green	Standard	Nice location but the green bare in places. Some rabbit droppings.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality

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Tennis	LDNP	Crosthwaite & Lyth TC	LA8 8HT	1 tennis court	Good	Court in good condition, resurfaced June 2023. Pavilion shared with bowling green. Online booking for members and non-members	Protect.
Football	Milnthorpe	Curwen Woods (Milnthorpe area)	LA6 1NU	Adult 11v11	Standard	Undulating and uneven (although functional). No ancillary facilities. Club seeking to invest in on site changing accommodation.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good standard pitches. Provide on-site ancillary provision
AGP	Milnthorpe	Dallam School (Milnthorpe)	LA7 7DD	3G AGP	Standard	3G AGP on FA Pitch Register	Protect. Ensure continued registration on FA pitch register and replacement of surface when required.
Football	Milnthorpe	Dallam School Playing Fields (Milnthorpe)	LA7 7EW	1 Adult 11v11, 1 youth 11v11, 1 9v9, 2 7v7	Standard	Satellite playing field site for school. Limited curricular use. Large field that can be laid out flexibly. Clubhouse also provided. Some spare capacity, spare capacity very limited at peak time on larger pitches. Ancillary facilities provided.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches that have a good quality rating. This is a key priority due to heavy use of site.
Rugby Union	Milnthorpe	Dallam School Playing Fields, Milnthorpe	LA7 7EW	1 rugby pitch	M0/D0	Overmarked with football	Protect for curricular use.
General Playing Field	Cartmel Peninsula	Dean Barwick School, Grange-over-Sands	LA11 6RS	General Playing Field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Kendal	Dean Gibson Playing Field, Kendal	LA9 5HQ	Youth 11v11	Standard	Some thatch and uneven areas, poor drainage. Important venue for clubs in summer months once cricket is at Netherfield. No ancillary provision	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good quality rating. Provide on site ancillary provision
Rugby League	Ulverston and surrounding area	Dragley Beck / Priors Road (Ulverston Arlfc)	LA8 0HL	2 senior pitches, 1 junior pitch	Basic / Good	Overplay (3.5 MES), potential growth. Lack of security of tenure for two pitches, additional changing facilities also required. Site requires improved maintenance, decompaction.	Protect, improve maintenance and address qualitative issues. Upgrade changing / ancillary accommodation.
Tennis	Milnthorpe	Endmoor & District LTC	LA8 0EY	2 tennis courts	Good	Courts in good condition, newly resurfaced.	Protect

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Bowls	Milnthorpe	Endmoor Crown Green Bowls Club	LA9 4JB	1 bowling green	Standard	Nice green, evidence of moss, bare patches and thatching. Membership average.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Cartmel Peninsula	Flookburgh C Of E School	LA11 7LE	7v7 (2)	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Kendal	Ghyllside Primary School, Kendal	LA12 9DR	7v7	Standard	Small playing field area in primary school.	Protect
Bowls	Ulverston and surrounding area	Glaxo SC Bowling Club, Ulverston	LA9 5HQ	1 bowling green	Standard to good	Tidy green with bare patches, although evidence of maintenance works, requires improved irrigation. Changing facilities are poor. Future of green unclear due to closure of site . Average membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Ensure green is replaced if site is closed
Football	LDNP	Goodly Dale School, Windermere	LA23 2JX	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Cartmel Peninsula	Grange C Of E School	LA11 7JF	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Golf	YDNP	Grange Fell Golf Club	LA11 6HB	9 holes	Good	Member owned 9 hole golf course	Protect, retain quality
Golf	Cartmel Peninsula	Grange-Over-Sands Golf Club	LA11 7AA	18 holes	Good	Member owned 18 hole golf course	Protect, retain quality
Tennis	Cartmel Peninsula	Grange-Over-Sands Promenade Tennis Court	LA11 6QX	1 tennis court	Poor	Some moss, loose tarmac and slippery surface. Court of limited quality with fading markings but functional.	Protect. Refurbish (unless pay and play can be effectively promoted at club base). Support promotion and marketing
Football	Ulverston and surrounding area	GSK Sports Complex, Ulverston	LA12 9DR	1 11v11 adult, 1 11v11 youth, 1 9v9, 1 7v7 and 1 5v5	Good (high standard)	All pitches undulate slightly, but good grass coverage (albeit with some weeds in the sward) . Pitches flat and although some drainage issues were evident, strong maintenance programme ensured that this was minimal. Small amount of spare capacity	Protect until replacement facilities are provided. Replacement facilities should be of higher quality than the current pitches to ensure functionality.

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Bowls	Milnthorpe	Hale Bowls Club / Kings Arms Bowls Club	LA7 7BH	1 bowling green	Standard	Nice green although some bare patches evident. Surroundings and pavilion need updating. Low membership, requires increasing if club is to remain sustainable	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Upgrade pavilion. Support improvements to pavilion to ensure club remains sustainable
Bowls	LDNP	Hawkshead Bowls Club	LA22 0BE	1 bowling green	Good	Well maintained, some limited moss. Membership numbers low and near to point at which sustainability becomes a concern	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Support increases to membership to ensure sustainability
Tennis	LDNP	Hawkshead Tennis Courts	LA22 0NT	2 tennis courts	Standard	Overmarked with basketball but clear markings and playable courts. Booking process unclear	Protect, support provider with marketing and promotion and improvement of customer journey.
Football	Kendal	Heron Hill School (Kendal)	LA9 7JH	9v9	Poor	Pitch poorly drained and poor playing surface. Supports community use although unsecured access	Protect . Secure community use. Improve maintenance on pitches to improve quality to good
Bowls	Milnthorpe	Heversham Bowling Club	LA7 7ET	1 bowling green	Good	Well presented and maintained, some very small bare patches only. Average membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Tennis	Milnthorpe	Heversham With Milnthorpe TC	LA7 7EH	4 tennis courts, floodlit	Good	Courts in good condition, floodlit.	Protect.
Football	LDNP	Hillard Park (Ambleside Football Club)	LA22 0EE	Adult 11v11	Poor	Undulating pitch with moss, compacted and weeds. Good grass coverage. Pitch contains dugouts. No spare capacity. Clubhouse provided on site.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good quality rating
Cricket	Cartmel Peninsula	Holker Cricket Club	LA11 7PL	Cricket square (4 wickets)	Poor	Significant issues with outfield during 2023. No training facilities and small pavilion. Small amount of spare capacity.	Protect. Enhanced maintenance to address quality issues and improve capacity from poor / standard to good
Football	Kendal	Hollins Lane Playing Fields (Burneside)	LA9 5SG	Adult 11v11	Poor	Rabbit damage as well as moles encroaching on the goal line. Grass is wet and long and one goal is dipped. Changing accommodation available on site.	Protect, improve maintenance as a priority to reach standard quality and then good.
Bowls	Milnthorpe	Holme Bowling Club	LA6 1QL	1 bowling green	Good	Well presented. Evidence of good maintenance programme. Average membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality

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Archery	Milnthorpe	Holme Community Sports Field	LA6 1PX	Target	Good	Excellent dedicated 100 yard range	Protect
Cricket	Milnthorpe	Holme Cricket Club	LA6 1QL	Cricket square (10 wickets)	High Standard to Good	Uneven outfield due to ridge and furrow. Small pavilion and grass wicket off main square for training. Supply broadly meets demand but designated as women and girls hub.	Protect, focus on maintenance to enhance site quality to good. Improvement into clubhouse facilities to ensure women and girls cricket can be accommodated, as well as site is suitable for existing users. Potential longer term requirement for on square NTP
Football	Milnthorpe	Holme Sports And Community Centre	LA6 1PX	1 x Adult 11v11, 1 x youth 11v11	Poor	Both pitches suffering from rabbit damage, with pitch 2 particularly undulating. Small amount of spare capacity both across the week and at peak time. No changing accommodation	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good standard pitches. Provide ancillary provision
Tennis	Milnthorpe	Holme Sports And Community Centre	LA6 1PX	1 tennis court, floodlit	Poor	Good surface but the lines are faint, loose chips at edges, debris. Booking process unclear	Protect, improve court quality and customer journey.
Football	YDNP	Howgill Lane Playing Fields (People's Hall Playing Field), Sedbergh	LA10 5DQ	Adult 11v11	Poor	Weeds and thatching, uneven, some divots and damp. Sloping. No changing facilities provided	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good quality pitches. Investment into drainage potentially required. Consider provision of changing accommodation
Archery	Kendal	Hutton Park Plantation, New Hutton	LA8 0BE	Field archery	Standard	Space excellent, but issues with flooding resulted in loss of equipment and destruction of ancillary facilities	Protect and investigate issues at site. Community access lost during the process of Bowmen of Kendal now require new field archery site - to be delivered either through reinstatement of this site or new site. This venue requires improvements to ancillary provision if retained.
Football	Kendal	Kendal County Football Pitches / Netherfield Cricket Club	LA9 7BL	1x Adult 11v11, 1 x 9v9	Good	Barrierred, no dug outs. Compacted but in good condition. Changing facilities available.	Protect, retain strong maintenance programme to sustain good quality rating.

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Archery	Kendal	Kendal Cricket Club	LA9 6BZ	Target	Good	Outdoor field site only, access unsecured. Usage requirements for archery often conflict with the needs of other sports.	Protect, secure community use
Cricket	Kendal	Kendal Cricket Club	LA9 6BZ	Cricket square (14 wickets)	Good	Square includes 2 artificial match play wickets. Dip in main square where water pools in the rain. Capacity only just adequate. Training facilities and pavilion are good	Protect, improved maintenance and address quality issues.
Golf	Kendal	Kendal Golf Club	LA9 4PQ	18 holes	Good	Member owned 18 hole golf course	Protect, retain quality
Golf	Kendal	Kendal Golf Driving Range	LA9 7HG	GDR	Good	Driving range	Protect, retain quality
Football	Kendal	Kendal Jubilee Playing Fields	LA9 6LU	Adult 11v11, 1 youth 11v11, 2 9v9	Low standard to poor	Pitches wet and messy, skids, weeds and rabbit damage. Safety run offs limited. Dog fouling and desire line through one pitch. Compaction evident. No changing accommodation. Heavily used site - almost no spare capacity.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good quality pitches. Investment into drainage potentially required to support this. Provide ancillary facilities as a priority (high usage hub site).
Tennis	Kendal	Kendal LTC	LA9 6HF	4 tennis courts, all floodlit	Good	Courts in good condition, all floodlit. Refurbished in 2021	Protect. Work with club to improve pay and play offer.
Football	Kendal	Kendal Millennium Playing Field	LA9 6DL	2 x 9v9, 3 x 7v7	Poor	Pitches undulating and wet in parts. Signs of heavy usage including compaction. Goal mouths deep and dangerous, issues across the grass sward. Rabbit damage evident across the site. Pitches of limited quality. Changing facilities require refurbishing. Overplay on 9v9 pitches	Protect, prioritise maintenance to improve quality rating to standard and then good. Investment into drainage potentially required. Refurbish ancillary facilities as a priority (high usage site).
Bowls	Kendal	Kendal Subscription Bowling Club	LA9 4PF	1 bowling green	Standard	The green suffers from damage by crows and worms. Car parking also poor. Strong membership numbers	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Kendal	Kendal Town Football Club	LA9 7BL	Adult 11v11	Good	Single pitch site with standard and barriers. Tidy site. Small amount of spare capacity at peak time. Ancillary facilities provided.	Protect, retain strong maintenance programme to sustain good quality rating.

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Football	Kendal	Kendal United JFC	LA9 7BN	1x Adult 11v11, 1 x 9v9	Good	Heavily used, pitches at capacity at peak time. Some rabbit damage, as well as skids and patches of uneven and compacted surface. Pitches wet and club highlight drainage as key issue. Location of pitches over a tip site mean that verti draining can't be done. Strong maintenance programme.	Protect, retain strong maintenance programme to sustain good quality rating. Seek support to address underlying drainage issues. This is a key priority due to heavy use of site.
Bowls	Kendal	Kendal Victoria Bowling Club	LA9 4AL	1 bowling green	Good	Tidy well maintained green but lacks irrigation. Timber and soil gutters with oxalis growing. Strong membership.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Cricket	LDNP	King George V Playing Field (Haverthwaite) - Leven Valley Cricket Club	LA12 8AF	Cricket square (7 wickets)	Standard	Rabbit damage on outfield and poor practice nets. Basic wooden clubhouse. Limited use means additional capacity available	Protect, increase maintenance to improve site to good. Provide new training nets
Bowls	Ulverston and surrounding area	Kings Head Bowling Club, Ulverston	LA12 7AF	1 bowling green	Unknown	Basic green, quality unknown	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
AGP	Kendal	Kirkbie Kendal School (Kendal)	LA9 7EQ	Sand Filled AGP	Good	Recently refurbished, in good condition. No issues identified. Changing facilities available and of standard quality (school site)	Protect, retain as sand based surface. Ensure sinking fund is in place for surface refurbishment. Depending upon club growth, longer term, review sand based AGP provision in Kendal, with one pitch able to accommodate two clubs if participation does not increase significantly.
Football/ rugby	Kendal	Kirkbie Kendal School (Kendal)	LA9 7EQ	Grass playing field	n/a	Grass playing field area on school site by AGP and leisure centre. Used for curricular purposes (athletics track etc)	Protect

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Rugby Union	Kendal	Kirkbie Kendal School, Kendal	LA9 7EQ	1 rugby pitch, second pitch on site disused due to drainage	M0/D0	Limited maintenance, drains have collapsed on second pitch	Protect. Drainage improvement works also required.
Bowls	Kirkby Lonsdale	Kirkby Lonsdale Bowling Club	LA6 2HN	1 bowling green	Good	Well-presented green. Parking on roadside. Membership average.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Golf	Kirkby Lonsdale	Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club	LA6 2LJ	18 holes, GDR	Good	Member owned 18 hole golf course with GDR	Protect, retain quality
Tennis	Kirkby Lonsdale	Kirkby Lonsdale Tennis Club	LA6 2HJ	3 tennis courts, all floodlit	Standard	Multisport courts provided on AGP during summer months for use by club. Portable tennis nets. Astroturf surface adequate. Booking through leisure centre	Protect.
Bowls	Ulverston and surrounding area	Kirkby-in-Furness Bowling Club	LA17 7TG	1 bowling green	Good	Well maintained, floodlit. Strong membership numbers	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Cricket	Ulverston and surrounding area	Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre	LA17 7TG	Cricket square (8 wickets)	Standard	Undulating outfield, slight slope on square. Training nets unusable and require replacement. Small amount of spare capacity remaining. Unsecure tenure	Protect, improve maintenance to reach good standards. Replace training nets. Secure long term tenure of site for club.
Football	Ulverston and surrounding area	Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre	LA17 7TG	Adult 11v11	Poor	Pitch is very sloping. Poor condition. No remaining spare capacity	Protect. Important site for local club. Seek to improve maintenance to improve quality rating to standard and then good
Tennis	Ulverston and surrounding area	Kirkby-In-Furness Community Centre Tennis Court	LA17 7TG	2 tennis courts	Good	Courts in good condition, clear markings. Free of charge paper booking system	Protect, improve customer journey
Football	Cartmel Peninsula	Lakeland Leisure Park, Flookburgh	LA11 7LT	Adult 11v11	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect
Tennis	Cartmel Peninsula	Lakeland Leisure Park, Flookburgh	LA11 7LT	1 tennis court	Unknown	Court not available for community use. Assumed for guest use only	Protect

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Bowls	LDNP	Langdale Bowling Club	LA22 9HP	1 bowling green	Good	Tidy but edges required cutting	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Bowls	LDNP	Leven Valley Bowling Club	LA12 0LA	1 bowling green	Standard	Tired site with weeds and rabbit damage, playing surface uneven and with moss. Clubhouse and visitor facilities require repairs. Low membership numbers mean sustainability is in question	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Work with club to improve membership numbers to ensure sustainability
Football	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Leven Valley C Of E Primary School, Backbarrow	LA12 8QF	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Bowls	Milnthorpe	Levens Bowling Club	LA12 8AD	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy but large sections of moss and bare patches. Requires improved maintenance regime. Partial floodlighting.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Milnthorpe	Levens Playing Field	LA8 8PU	7v7	Low standard	Basic grassed area with no changing accommodation. Not currently used for formal play	Protect
Tennis	Milnthorpe	Levens Playing Field	LA8 8PU	2 tennis courts	Poor	Some loose material and faint lines. Requires refurbishment. Honesty box.	Protect, improve court quality and customer journey. Consider multifunctional use of courts
Bowls	Ulverston and surrounding area	Lindal Bowling Club	LA8 8PU	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy site but the green has areas of bare patches – appears to be lack of irrigation. These are making the green uneven.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Cricket	Ulverston and surrounding area	Lindal Moor Cricket Club	LA12 0LA	Cricket square (12 wickets)	Good	Some capacity pressures on site. Outfield undulating and small. Cricket nets ageing but adequate, new pavilion with grass fronted balcony. Designated as women and girls hub.	Protect. Ongoing investment into maintenance. Provision of on square NTP to address deficiencies.
Bowls	LDNP	Lindale Bowls Club	LA11 6LL	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy, some moss and thatching.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Low Furness C Of E Primary School, Great Urswick	LA12 0TA	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use

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Bowls	Cartmel Peninsula	Lower Holker Village Hall & Bowling Club	LA11 7NU	1 bowling green	Poor	Comparatively poor condition – large bare patches and uneven. Requires enhanced maintenance regime.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	Kirkby Lonsdale	Lunesdale Park (Also Called Lunefield Park), Kirkby Lonsdale	LA6 2DA	Adult 11v11	Good and Standard	One pitch has fixed goals whilst the other has mobile goals. Pitch nearer to pavilion is better quality and is in good condition. Grass sward is good, only slight undulations and goals are adequate. Second pitch is more undulating, with divots, weeds and wet goals which are a bit scuffed. Requires decompaction and aeration. On site clubhouse.	Protect. Improve maintenance programme to ensure both pitches meet good standards.
Cricket	Kirkby Lonsdale	Lunesdale Park, Kirkby Lonsdale	LA6 2DA	Cricket square (10 wickets)	Good	Spare capacity equivalent to 5.2 strips. No permanent training facilities and pavilion tired.	Protect. Ongoing investment into maintenance, new training facilities and investment into pavilion
Cricket	Milnthorpe	Memorial Playing Field (Arnside Cricket Club)	LA5 0DP	Cricket square (9 wickets)	Good	Undulating outfield, fairy ring on square. Capacity closely matched with demand. Poor quality training facilities, basic pavilion. Designated as women and girls hub. Ground currently rented.	Protect. Improve maintenance procedures and ensure that quality of NTP is maintained. Provide new training facilities and upgrade pavilion to facilitate women and girls cricket. Secure long term tenure for club.
Football	Milnthorpe	Memorial Playing Field, Arnside	LA5 0DP	Adult 11v11	Good	Decompaction and weed control required. 0.5 MES spare capacity at peak time	Protect. Retain maintenance programme to ensure good quality pitch is sustained.
Bowls	Milnthorpe	Milnthorpe Bowling Club	LA7 7QU	1 bowling green	Standard	Moss, thatching and large bare patches mean green needs some attention. Requires scarification and slitting - strong winter maintenance required to ensure full reinstatement for next season. Clubhouse also requires refurbishment. Good membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Refurbish clubhouse.

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Rugby Union	Kendal	Mintbridge (Kendal RUFC)	LA9 6NY	2 rugby pitches of which is small. Floodlit training area.	D3/M1 (M0)	Site includes 3G AGP and grass pitches. Overplayed (5.25 MES future). Requires irrigation system and improved maintenance procedures. AGP heavily used for football, which impacts on role that it is playing in rugby union	Protect. Improve maintenance on remaining pitches to M2. Installation of drainage.
Rugby Union	Kendal	Mintbridge (Kendal RUFC)	LA9 6NY	3G AGP	AGP	Large rugby club with 3G AGP as well as grass pitches. Opportunities to improve pitch maintenance, but site is currently at capacity.	Protect. Ensure continued registration on FA Pitch Register and World Rugby Regulation 22 Certification. Ensure replacement of surface when required. Opportunities to increase usage of pitch for rugby although it should be acknowledged that this would result in displacement of football, and potential subsequent increase in demand for 3G provision elsewhere for football
Bowls	Kendal	Netherfield Bowling Club, Kendal	LA9 7BL	1 bowling green	Good	Floodlit green. Some improvements to maintenance could further enhance site, good ancillary facilities. Good membership numbers	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Cricket	Kendal	Netherfield Cricket Club, Kendal	LA9 7BL	2 cricket squares (16 and 12) square (16 wickets)	Good	Two squares, one of which has an NTP. Square good, outfield slightly uneven. Training facilities require upgrade, pavilion requires new roof and alterations required to ensure that facilities remain fit for purpose. Designated as women and girls hub.	Protect, ongoing investment into maintenance. New training facilities and upgrades to pavilion. Ensure quality of NTP is retained.
Tennis	Cartmel Peninsula	North Lonsdale Tennis Club	LA11 7AA	3 tennis courts, 2 of which are floodlit	Mix of good and standard	Carpet wearing in places, courts recently deep cleaned. Issues with leaves / seedlings. Small pavilion but no water. Spare capacity for additional members	Protect. Improvements to pavilion. Work with club to consider potential to offer pay and play and to improve customer journey
General Playing Field	Cartmel Peninsula	Oversands School, Grange-over-Sands	LA11 6SD	General Playing Field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use

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Cricket	Milnthorpe	Park Road Recreation Ground, Milnthorpe	LA7 7AD	Cricket square (9 wickets)	Good	Weeds in outfield and some damage on square. Limited training facilities and overplay. Site at capacity	Protect. Improved maintenance. Provision of on square NTP to address deficiencies. Investment into training facilities. Secure long term tenure for club.
Football	Milnthorpe	Park Road Recreation Ground, Milnthorpe	LA7 7AD	1x Adult 11v11, 1 x 7v7, 1 x 5v5	Good	One pitch is better than the other. Pitch 1 has covered stand and dugouts. Some undulations, wet and compacted. Metal barriers and floodlights. Pitch 2 appears less compacted, but is wet with weeds. This is currently used as a 7v7 and 5v5 rather than a full sized pitch. Site includes clubhouse and changing accommodation. No capacity on main pitch, small amount on smaller pitches.	Protect. Retain maintenance programme to ensure good quality pitch is sustained. Improve other playing areas to also reach good standard. Some ancillary provision improvements required if club progress.
Football	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Pennington C Of E Primary School, Ulverston	LA12 0RR	5v5	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Athletics	LDNP	Phoenix Field, Windermere	LA23 1BZ	Gravel athletics track	Poor	Poor quality gravel track for recreational use	Protect for recreational use. Would benefit from improvement
Football	LDNP	Phoenix Field, Windermere	LA23 1BZ	Youth 11v11	standard	Floodlit. Compacted, with weeds, moss and skids. Changing pavilion leased from youth club. Site overplayed.	Protect. Improve maintenance programme to create good quality pitch.
Cricket	Ulverston and surrounding area	Priory Road Sports Ground, Ulverston	LA12 9HT	Cricket square (10 wickets)	Good	Some bare patches and weeds on outfield. Suffers from anti-social behaviour, vandalism and unofficial use. New training facilities. Poor changing accommodation impacts opportunities to sustain and grow female cricket. Designated as women and girls hub.	Protect. Ongoing investment into maintenance. Provision of on square NTP to address capacity issues. Improvements to changing accommodation.
Football	Ulverston and surrounding area	Priory Road Sports Ground, Ulverston	LA12 9HT	Adult 11v11, 7v7, 9v9	Standard	Pitch on cricket outfield in better condition. Slight undulation but good grass coverage. Second pitch has messy goals and is compacted. Drainage issues. Changing pavilion requires refurbishment.	Protect. Improve maintenance programme to create good quality pitches (on land not used by 3G). Improve changing accommodation as a key priority due to site status as hub site.

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AGP	Kirkby Lonsdale	Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale	LA6 2HJ	Sand Filled AGP	Poor	Floodlights consistently poor, tennis lines now painted on and are a trip hazard. Some issues with grip underfoot, holes in surface and damage to the surface. Dugouts are broken and pitch suffers from litter issues. Overall quality of pitch is now poor, club indicate that it plays slow.	Protect, refurbish as sand based surface unless alternative arrangements are made at Sedbergh School / Casterton Sedbergh that meet with club priorities.
Archery	Kirkby Lonsdale	Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale	LA6 2HJ	Target	Good	Outdoor field site only, access unsecured.	Protect, secure community use
Cricket	Kirkby Lonsdale	Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale	LA6 2HJ	Cricket square	Poor	School use only, no community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Kendal	Queen Katherine School	LA9 6PJ	1 adult 11v11, 2 youth, 1 9v9	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use. Explore potential for community use of grass football pitches
AGP	Kendal	Queen Katherine School, Kendal	LA9 6PJ	Sand Dressed AGP	Good	Pitch in good condition, even surface and good grip underfoot. No issues identified, although club highlight that they require improved and larger dugouts. Club has access to adequate changing facilities, but no social facilities / clubhouse.	Protect, retain as sand based surface. Ensure sinking fund is in place for surface refurbishment. Depending upon club growth, longer term, review sand based AGP provision in Kendal, with one pitch able to accommodate two clubs if participation does not increase significantly.
Rugby Union	Kendal	Queen Katherine School, Kendal	LA9 6PJ	1 rugby pitch	Unknown	Not available for community use.	Protect for curricular use
Cricket	LDNP	Queens Park (Windermere Cricket Club)	LA23 2LR	Cricket square (8 wickets)	Standard	Uneven outfield. Training NTP unusable.	Protect, improve maintenance to address quality issues. Investment into NTP.
Football	LDNP	Queens Park (Windermere)	LA23 2LR	Adult 11v11	Poor	Pitch compacted, mossy, uneven divots, some standing water in centre. No spare capacity	Protect. Improve maintenance as a priority to create standard and then good quality pitch

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Bowls	LDNP	Queen's Park Bowling Club, Windermere	LA23 2LR	1 bowling green	Good	Well presented (despite some moss and thatching) . Floodlit. Timber pavilion	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Football	LDNP	Rayrigg Meadow Pitch, Windermere	LA23 1BP	Adult 11v11	poor	Location adjacent to lake. On a slope and suffering from moles which are encroaching onto pitches. Skid marks. No changing available. 0.5 MES spare capacity at peak time	Protect. Improve maintenance as a priority to create standard and then good quality pitch. Consider provision of changing accommodation
Football	LDNP	Rothay Park, Ambleside	LA22 9AD	Adult 11v11	Poor	Town centre location but wet pitch. No changing available. 0.5 MES capacity at peak time	Protect. Improve maintenance as a priority to create standard and then good quality pitch. Consider provision of changing accommodation
Bowls	YDNP	Sedbergh Bowling Club	LA10 5DP	1 bowling green	Good	Well maintained but with some bare patches (opportunities to improve grass coverage). Clubhouse is in need of repair. Poorly signed and so awareness is a key issue for club.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Golf	YDNPA	Sedbergh Golf Club	LA10 5SS	10 holes	Good	Commercial small golf course	Protect, retain quality
AGP	YDNP	Sedbergh School	LA10 5HG	Sand Filled AGP	Good	Sand based AGP on independent school site. Water based pitch now also provided since assessment was completed.	Protect, retain as sand based surface. Explore opportunities to provide community use of this site.
Cricket	YDNP	Sedbergh School	LA10 5HG	4 cricket squares (40 wickets total)	Good	High quality facilities for use by independent school	Protect for curricular use
Football	YDNP	Sedbergh School	LA10 5HG	Youth 11v11	Good	Pitch in good condition	Protect for curricular use
Rugby Union	YDNP	Sedbergh School	LA10 5HG	7 rugby pitches	Good	High quality rugby pitches used for Independent school fixtures	Protect for curricular use
Tennis	YDNP	Sedbergh School	LA10 5HG	3 tennis courts	Good	High quality courts at Independent School	Protect for curricular use

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Tennis	YDNP	Sedbergh Tennis Club	LA10 5DE	2 tennis courts, floodlit	Good	Newly refurbished courts, good clear marking and even surface. Free access	Protect
Cricket	Kendal	Sedgwick Cricket Club	LA8 0JX	Cricket square (12 wickets)	Good	Pitch in good condition, striving to improve further. Designated as women and girls hub. Requires additional nets.	Protect. Ongoing maintenance improvements. Potential longer term requirement for on square NTP
Football	Kendal	Selside Endowed CE School	LA8 9LB	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Cricket	YDNP	Settlebeck School, Sedbergh	LA10 5AL	NTP	Unknown	No community use of site, facility for school use.	Protect for curricular use
Football	YDNP	Settlebeck School, Sedbergh	LA10 5AL	1x Adult 11v11, 1x 9v9	poor	Poor quality pitches - collapsed drains. Overplay evident	Protect. Improve maintenance to create good quality pitches. Potential requirement for capital investment to address drains issues
Tennis	YDNP	Settlebeck School, Sedbergh	LA10 5AL	4 tennis courts	Unknown	Tennis courts on school site. Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	LDNP	St Martin & St Mary Church Of England Primary School, Windermere	LA23 2DD	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
AGP	LDNP	St Martin & St Mary Church Of England Primary School, Windermere	LA23 2DD	3G AGP (small)	Unknown	No community use of facility. Curricular use only.	Protect for curricular use.
Football	Ulverston and surrounding area	St Marys Catholic Primary School, Ulverston	LA12 0EA	1 x 7v7, 1 x 9v9	Standard	Large primary school site with multiple pitches. Basic pitch provision. Drainage good but no maintenance other than grass cutting	Protect.
Football	Kirkby Lonsdale	St Marys CE Primary School, Kirkby Lonsdale	LA6 2DN	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use

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General Playing Field	Kendal	St Oswalds CE Primary School, Burneside	LA9 6QR	General playing field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Kendal	St. Marks C Of E School, Natland	LA9 7QH	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Milnthorpe	St. Patricks C Of E School, Endmoor	LA8 0HH	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Bowls	LDNP	Staveley Bowling Club	LA8 9LN	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy, but green is uneven with bare patches.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
General Playing Field	LDNP	Staveley C Of E School	LA8 9PH	General playing field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Tennis	LDNP	Staveley Tennis Courts	LA8 9LN	Disused tennis	Poor	Still fenced off, but no lines on surface and loose material. Requires significant investment if to be used for tennis	Investigate opportunities to repurpose as an alternative sports facility
Football	Kendal	Stramongate School	LA9 4BT	2 x 9v9	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Ulverston and surrounding area	Swarthmoor Football Club	LA12 0HJ	1x Adult 11v11, 1 youth 11v11	Medium to high standard	Main pitch has barriers, dug outs. Some undulations, weeds and small divots, lines need attention. Second pitch of lower quality. Drainage issues and poor maintenance hamper site quality. Ageing changing accommodation. Limited spare capacity with almost no additional play possible at peak time.	Protect. Improve maintenance to create good quality pitches. Potential requirement for capital investment to address drainage issues. Improve changing accommodation
Tennis	LDNP	The Glebe Park, Bowness-on-Windermere	LA23 3HE	3 tennis courts	Standard	Synthetic tennis courts hosting public market at time of site visit in very busy central, tourist location. Lack of use of site raised as key issue by provider. Pay and play, but booking process unclear.	Protect or relocate. Requires improved marketing and promotion. Potential opportunity to convert to padel as an alternative to reprovision of tennis.
Cricket	LDNP	The John Ruskin School, Coniston	LA21 8EW	NTP	Unknown	No community use of facility. Curricular use only.	Protect for curricular use
Football	LDNP	The John Ruskin School, Coniston	LA21 8EW	Adult 11v11	Standard	School playing field not currently used by the community	Protect. Explore opportunity for community use by clubs
Tennis	LDNP	The John Ruskin School, Coniston	LA21 8EW	3	Unknown	No community use of facility. Curricular use only.	Protect for curricular use

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Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
AGP	LDNP	The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge	LA23 1HW	Sand Filled AGP	Good	Pitch surface improving due to enhanced maintenance. Some moss but grip and linemarking good. Floodlighting poor - only 6 out of 8 masts are working. Match day dugouts makeshift only. Changing facilities of basic quality, separate pitch pavilion.	Protect, retain as sand based surface. Ensure sinking fund is in place for surface upgrade.
Cricket	LDNP	The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge	LA23 1HW	NTP	Unknown	No community use of facility. Curricular use only.	Protect for curricular use
Football	LDNP	The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge	LA23 1HW	Adult 11v11, 1x youth 11v11	Standard	School playing field not currently used by the community	Protect. Explore opportunity for community use by clubs
Rugby Union	LDNP	The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge	LA23 1HW	1 rugby pitch	M0/D1	Limited maintenance regime. Not currently used by community	Protect for curricular use
Tennis	LDNP	The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge	LA23 1HW	3	Standard to poor	Old tarmac tennis / netball courts. Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Bowls	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Ulverston Cons Bowls Club	LA12 7EW	1 bowling green	Good	Green well maintained and good playing surface. Poor parking and disability access. Good membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Golf	Ulverston and surrounding area	Ulverston Golf Club	LA12 9QJ	18 holes	Good	Member owned 18 hole golf course	Protect, retain quality

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Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
AGP	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Ulverston Leisure Centre	LA12 9HT	Sand Filled AGP	Poor	Recent issues with pitch - until recently, fungicide was used to treat pitch and new sand was added and pitch swept frequently. Reduced maintenance means now build-up of silt in the carpet and this is causing the pitch to flood. Lots of match cancellations. Some rips in surface, line marking now poor and pitch is starting to dip in parts. Carpet compacted and slippery, no cushioning. In addition to the poor surface, the rubber around the edge of pitch is degrading and consequentially, slippery. Dugouts are broken and the floodlights fail regularly. Changing facilities are dirty and showers are poor.	Protect and retain as sand. Refurbish surface immediately.
AGP	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Ulverston Leisure Centre	LA12 9HT	3G AGP	Good	3G AGP at full capacity. Pitch listed on FA 3G register	Protect. Ensure continued registration on FA Pitch Register and replacement of surface when required.
Tennis	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Ulverston Leisure Centre / Ulverston Tennis Club / Wanderers Tennis Club	LA12 9HT	2 tennis courts, floodlit. Indoor tennis also available	Standard	Ageing surface (20 years) and require refurbishment. Condensation impacting use of indoor facilities.	Protect and refurbish
Football	Ulverston and the surrounding area	Ulverston Victoria High School	LA12 0EB	Adult 11v11, 1 9v9	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use. Investigate opportunities to provide community use
Rugby Union	Kirkby Lonsdale	Underley Park, Kirkby Lonsdale	LA6 2DS	4 rugby pitches plus training areas	M0/D1 (2 pitches) M0/D2 (1 pitch and mini) M0/D0 (1 pitch)	Significant overplay based on current position. Maintenance very limited, drainage issues on pitch 4. Stand on first pitch condemned, lights on training pitch poor. Clubhouse requires upgrade	Protect, improve maintenance to M2 and invest in drainage to increase site capacity. Provide additional set of floodlights and support refurbishment of ancillary provision. Address concerns with existing stand.

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Football	LDNP	University Of Cumbria (Ambleside Campus)	LA22 9BB	9v9	Poor	Drainage issues, poor grass coverage and playing surface	Protect. Improve maintenance to achieve pitch of good standard. Potential requirement for capital investment into drainage.
Football	Kendal	Wattsfield Playing Field, Kendal	LA9 5QZ	2 x 7v7	Poor	Pitches on slight slope with moss, some thatched and uneven areas. No toilets provided. No spare capacity at peak time.	Protect. Improve maintenance to achieve pitches to standard and then good quality. Provide toilets
Tennis	LDNP	White Platts Recreation Ground, Ambleside	LA22 9DJ	3 tennis courts	Standard	Tennis courts in recreation area in centre of town. Courts have debris on them and lines are faint. Parking locally problematic. Tickets on sale on site, no online booking	Protect, Enhance quality. Support provider in improving customer journey
Football	Kendal	Willink Field /Burnside Tennis Club	LA9 6RB	Adult 11v11	Poor	Poor - Significant thatching, moles encroaching onto pitch. One goal particularly messy. This pitch is allocated for housing in South Lakeland Local Plan. Replacement allocation site (Hollins Lane) identified.	Protect until replacement facilities are provided. Replacement facilities should be of higher quality than the current pitch to ensure functionality.
Golf	LDNP	Windermere Golf Club	LA23 3NB	18 holes	4.42	18 hole golf course in good condition	Protect
Tennis	LDNP	Windermere LTC	LA23 2LR	2 tennis courts	Good	Good tennis courts with clear markings. Online contact but no online booking for pay and play	Protect, improve customer journey
Rugby Union	LDNP	Windermere Rugby Union Football Club	LA23 3AS	1 rugby pitch, 1 training area	M1/D1 (M1/D0 training area)	Small amount of overplay, maintenance regime limited and drainage issues experienced.	Protect. Improve maintenance regime to M2. Potential requirement for subsequent investment into drainage.
AGP	LDNP	Windermere School	LA23 1NW	Sand Dressed AGP	Standard	No community use of facility. Curricular use only.	Protect for curricular use.
Football	LDNP	Windermere School	LA23 1NW	11v11 youth	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use.
General Playing Field	Milnthorpe	Wings School	LA7 7DN	General Playing Field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use. Investigate opportunities to provide community use

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Football	Milnthorpe	Woodside Road Playing Field, Endmoor	LA8 0HH	Adult 11v11	Poor	Standing water. No spare capacity on site across the week or at peak time.	Protect. Improve maintenance as a priority to create standard and then good quality pitch. Potential requirement for capital investment into drainage
Football	Cartmel Peninsula	Yew Tree Playing Fields, Grange-over- Sands	LA11 7AA	Youth 11v11, 1 x 5v5	Poor	Situated at the bottom of a large slope. Pitch undulating and wet. Dated changing accommodation	Protect. Improve maintenance as a priority to create standard and then good quality pitch. Potential requirement for capital investment into drainage.

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Key Issues

- 4.9 Table 4.5 summarises the current position and key recommendations for each sport covered in the PPOSS for the former Eden area. It demonstrates that the key priorities in this area are:
- Access to 3G AGP to meet demand in Appleby, which could include the provision of a 3G AGP in the sub area
 - Provision of compact athletics track in Penrith
 - Secured community access
 - Protection of existing hockey sites, refurbishment of Penrith Leisure Centre AGP
 - Promotion of pay and play tennis opportunities in Appleby, Kirkby Stephen.
 - Qualitative improvements at other poor tennis sites. Improvement of customer journey. Potential opportunity for Padel at Penrith RUFC
 - Security of tenure for archery clubs, new field archery site for Kendal Bowmen (any area)
 - Protection of bowling greens and support for clubs with sustainability issues (Penrith Castle Park, Memorial Park Shap, Temple Sowerby)
 - NTP / quality improvements at Stainton Cricket Club. NTP at Appleby Eden Cricket Club, qualitative investment at Temple Sowerby Cricket Club
 - Improved maintenance at rugby union sites, floodlighting of extra pitch at Upper Eden RUFC (Kirkby Stephen), access to additional pitch required for this club
 - Creation of pay and play golf opportunities (Penrith Golf Hub).
- 4.10 Building on Table 4.5, the site specific action plan for the former Eden area is set out in Table 4.6.

Table 4.5 – Issues and Priorities in the Former Eden Area

Sport	Current Position	Key Recommendations
Cricket	• Spare capacity - 17 strips (circa 85 matches) • 3 MES spare capacity at peak time • Pressures most evident at Appleby Cricket Club (high demand and no NTP on square) and Stainton Cricket Club (small square and also host junior activity) • Spare capacity on most other sites (minimal) • By sub area: • Insufficient capacity in Appleby sub area, overplay focused at Appleby Cricket Club • Kirkby Stephen Cricket Club has limited spare capacity, none at peak time. The club have significant aspirations for improvement and growth • Both sites in the LDNP have spare capacity at peak time and across the season • Adequate capacity in Penrith and M6 Corridor area across the season and at peak time. Stainton Cricket Club is the only site in this area where provision is at capacity,	• Protection of all existing sites • Security of tenure – Stainton Cricket Club • Improved maintenance at Gamblesby Cricket Club, Nunwick Cricket Club, Stainton Cricket Club • NTP at Stainton Cricket Club, Appleby Eden Cricket Club • Pavilion at Penrith Cricket Club, Stainton Cricket Club • Training facilities at almost all sites require improvement
Tennis	• Number of courts sufficient to meet current and projected future demand • Capacity to accommodate additional play at club bases • Some quality / sustainability issues on smaller sites – some sites already disused and others have limited lifespan due to their poor quality • Lack of clarity around use of some facilities – opportunity to improve the customer journey. Underuse of venues primarily associated with this issue • LTA insight suggests that most tennis players are playing local to their home – retention of the facilities in more rural areas is critical if these players are to continue • Lack of pay and play opportunities / poor promotion of opportunities in Appleby and Kirkby Stephen	• Protection of all existing functional sites • Qualitative improvements needed – key priorities are Ravenstonedale (YDNP), Nenthead Village Hall (Alston), Langwathby Village Hall (Penrith), Culgaith Recreation Ground, Lowther Village Hall • Promotion of pay and play opportunities in Appleby, Kirkby Stephen • Improvement to customer journey / marketing and promotion at all sites • Consideration of padel tennis at former Penrith Tennis Court site

Sport	Current Position	Key Recommendations
Bowls	- Clubs in former Eden area less sustainable than in other parts of Westmorland and Furness - Four clubs have memberships which are at very low levels – Skelton, Penrith Castle, Memorial Park and Temple Sowerby Bowls Clubs. Increases in members are required if these greens are to remain sustainable - Quality of facilities is lower than in other areas - No clear requirement for additional provision, although all existing facilities are valuable	- Protection of all existing active sites - Promotion of effective maintenance regimes (all sites) - Qualitative improvements where required. - Support initiatives to increase participation - Support for clubs where sustainability issues are evident – Penrith Castle Park, Memorial Park Shap, Temple Sowerby Bowls Club, Skelton Bowls Club
Hockey	- Penrith LC and Kirkby Stephen Grammar School pitches both accommodate a hockey club - Penrith HC – 2 MES spare capacity at peak time, but pitch well used midweek. Current dual role for football and hockey – role for football is likely to diminish now new 3G AGP is built at Penrith FC, but site serves unique catchment for hockey. Pitch is poor quality - Kirkby Stephen Grammar School – 2.5 MES available at peak time, but pitch busy midweek. Pitch serves unique catchment	- Protection of all existing sand based AGPs - Refurbishment of Queen Elizabeth School, Ulverston Leisure Centre (following viability / business planning) - Work with clubs to generate sustainability plans
Rugby Union	- Upper Eden Rugby Club is able to accommodate match play, but there are shortfalls once training on the training pitch is taken into account. Overall therefore there is a picture of overplay. Increased capacity could be created through maintenance improvements. - At Penrith RUFC there is overplay evident when taking into account both training and match play. Grass pitch capacity is however restricted by limited maintenance procedures.	- Protection of all existing club sites - Improved maintenance at both sites - Exploration of opportunities to provide additional capacity for Upper Eden RUFC - Provision of additional floodlights at Upper Eden RUFC - Improved ancillary provision at both sites to facilitate female rugby

Sport	Current Position	Key Recommendations
Football	- Adequate supply of adult pitches - Supply of 9v9 and youth pitches closely balanced with demand - Small amount of spare capacity for 7v7 and 5v5 - Majority of provision good, but some gaps remain - Bulk of provision located in Penrith. Good amount of capacity available across the week (primarily due to the quality of pitches) but more constrained at peak time. There are 4 MES available at peak time on adult pitches but none on youth pitches. Availability also restricted on 9v9 pitches and supply of 5v5 and 7v7 pitches is also constrained. Provision of new 3G AGP in Penrith has helped create additional capacity - Limited opportunities for football in the Kirkby Stephen area, with Parrots Park being the main site. 0.5 MES spare capacity on adult pitches and 1 MES on youth pitches, but no capacity on any other pitch types at peak time - Limited available provision in Appleby sub area. Appleby Football and Squash Club is overplayed. There is no unused capacity in Appleby - Only one adult pitch provided in Alston – poor quality - Lack of 3G AGP provision in Kirkby Stephen and Appleby sub areas. Potential longer term requirement in Penrith and M6 Corridor sub area.	- Protection of all existing football pitch sites - Focus on retaining maintenance procedures at good sites, and improving poor quality sites to standard. Overall aim is to increase all sites to good - Exploration of opportunities to provide access to 3G pitch provision to accommodate demand in Appleby and Kirkby Stephen sub areas - Longer term, monitor demand for additional 3G AGP in Penrith
Rugby League	No supply and no evidence of demand	N/a
Athletics	- Lack of access to track and field facility highlighted as key issue - Club consultation highlights desire for new facility in Penrith - England Athletics identify strategic priority for NEWGEN facility in Penrith to club development	NewGen athletics facility to be delivered in Penrith
Archery	- Some quality issues evident – lack of ancillary facilities at Green Lane - Issues competing with other clubs reduces availability - Lack of security of tenure at all sites	- Protection of all existing archery venues - Improve security of tenure -, Hunter Hall School, Frenchfields, Edenhall and Langwathby Sports Field, Penrith Leisure Centre - Ensure all venues meet with archery GB specifications

Sport	Current Position	Key Recommendations
Golf	• Most residents in the former Eden area can access a golf facility within a 20-minute drive • Although the standard golf facilities are mainly located at private members' clubs, all types of golfer can currently be accommodated – pay and play is available, with varying daily green fees, as well as membership at a variety of membership fees. Given the apparent lack of waiting lists and joining fees at the former District's existing private standard courses, it is likely that there are sufficient standard courses in the former Eden area, and further afield, to meet current demand. • Adopting EG's methodology, the former Eden area has an Regular Golfer Demand (RGD) index of well under 100, which suggests there are more than adequate facilities to meet anticipated demand from the data available, and the loss of any course would mean supply continued to exceed demand.	• Protection all existing golf courses and GDR • Creation of good quality entry level golf opportunities –Penrith Golf Hub offers potential to deliver this

Table 4.6 – Site Specific Recommendations – Former Eden Local Authority Area

Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
Bowls	Alston	Alston Bowls Club	CA9 3UB	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy but a bit tired, green needs attention due to bare patches and thatching.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Golf	Alston	Alston Moor Golf Club	CA9 3DB	10 holes	Good	Member owned 10 hole golf course.	Protect
Bowls	Appleby	Appleby Bowling Club	CA16 6XH	1 bowling green	Standard	Well presented green in good surroundings. Small amount of weeds. Flooding is a major issue, with significant floods in recent years meaning that the club cannot now secure insurance. Good membership numbers	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Cricket	Appleby	Appleby Eden Cricket Club	CA16 6QR	Cricket square (12 wickets)	Good	Drainage recently installed following flood. 2 lane practice area, new pavilion in excellent condition. Key priority is practice facilities. Overplay evident and site is designated as women and girls hub.	Protect, provide on square NTP to address projected deficiencies and ensure site can function as hub. Improve training facilities.
Football	Appleby	Appleby Football And Squash Club	CA16 6QR	Adult 11v11	Standard	Drainage installed in pitches but became overdried and unplayable during 2022. Pitch relaid within last 6 months and currently adequate and improving. Heavy usage causing significant compaction, skid marks, poor grass coverage and weak grass sward. Multiple pitches overmarked. Potentially impacted by use. Clubhouse dated inside.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches of a good standard.. Refurbish clubhouse interior.
Golf	Appleby	Appleby Golf Club	CA16 6LP	18 holes	Good	Member owned 18 hole golf course.	Protect
Rugby Union / Football	Appleby	Appleby Grammar School	CA16 6XU	1 rugby pitch	M0/D0	Overmarked with football	Protect for curricular use.

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Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
Football	Appleby	Appleby Grammar School	CA16 6XU	2x Adult 11v11	Poor	One overmarked with rugby league, barely usable due to ground conditions	Protect, seek to improve quality and functionality
Tennis	Appleby	Appleby Grammar School	CA16 6XU	3	Poor	3 unplayable tennis courts to be lost as part of proposals for school remodelling/	Ensure opportunity for tennis is retained at school site
Tennis	Appleby	Appleby TC (Appleby Grammar Sports Centre)	CA16 6XU	2 tennis courts (floodlit)	Standard	Courts located on edge of school site as part of sports centre. Two courts of adequate standard. Access difficult and unwelcoming	Protect. Consider opportunity to offer pay and play access.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Armathwaite School	CA4 9PW	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Beaconside C Of E Primary School, Hutton Hill	CA11 8EN	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
General playing field	Appleby	Bolton Primary School, Bolton Appleby-in-Westmorland	CA16 6AW	General playing field	Poor	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Kirkby Stephen	Brough Football Club (Colts Ford Common)	CA17 4EW	Youth 11v11	Poor	Accessed by footbridge. Messy goals and weeds evident. Poor grass coverage. No spare capacity.	Protect. Improve maintenance to firstly improve pitch to standard quality and then to good.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Castletown Recreation Field, Penrith	CA11 9BL	1 Adult 11v11, 1 7v7	Good	Compaction, skids and messy goals, new goals recently provided. Some undulations. 7v7 pitch very muddy. Strong and varied maintenance programme by Westmorland and Furness Council. Small amount of spare capacity (none at peak time)	Protect. Ensure maintenance procedures continue to retain good pitch quality.
AGP	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Center Parcs (Whinfell Forest)	CA10 2DW	3G AGP	Good	Private facility for Centre Parcs customers only	Protect
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Center Parcs (Whinfell Forest)	CA10 2DW	6 tennis courts	Good	Private facility for Centre Parcs customers only	Protect
Tennis	Kirkby Stephen	Church Brough Tennis Court	CA17 4EW	1 tennis court	Good	Refurbished 2023. Markings and surface good. Open access	Protect. Consider improvements to customer journey

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Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Church Field, Penrith	CA11 9QT	1 x Youth 11v11, 1 9v9, 1 7v7 and 1 5v5	Standard	Wet and compacted. Some undulations and weeds evident. Some overmarking. Heavily used and evident on the pitches. Some drainage works completed by club. Ancillary facilities available. Small amount of spare capacity	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches of a good standard
Football	Appleby	Culgaith Recreation Ground	CA10 1QL	Adult 11v11	Standard	Long grass. Not currently used for formal play.	Protect. Retain as green space until demand arises for formal pitch provision.
Tennis	Appleby	Culgaith Recreation Ground	CA10 1QL	1 tennis court	Poor	Loose material on court surface and faint lines.	Protect. Improve quality and support customer journey improvements. Consider multifunctionality of site
Archery	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Edenhall And Langwathby Sports Field	CA11 8SY	Target and clout archery	Good	Facilities adequate for club needs, but access restricted due to use for other sports, rented for archery only.	Protect, secure community use
Cricket	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Edenhall Cricket Club	CA11 8SY	Cricket square (8 wickets)	High Standard to Good	Outfield shared with football, roll on training cage and training bay in poor condition. 2 small changing rooms. Small amount of spare capacity	Protect, improve maintenance to enhance with quality to good.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Edenhall Cricket Club	CA11 8SY	1 Adult 11v11, 1 9x9, 1 7v7	Good	Clear evidence of heavy usage. Very limited remaining spare capacity, particularly at peak time.	Protect, retain maintenance programme to ensure pitches continue to be good quality. Potential investment in clubhouse.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Fell View, Penrith	CA11 8RP	1x youth 11v11, 1 x 9v9, 1 x 7v7, 1 x 5v5	Good	Pitches free draining and in good condition. Good grass coverage and flat.	Protect, retain maintenance programme to ensure pitches continue to achieve good quality rating.
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Former Penrith LTC	CA11 8RQ	2 tennis courts (floodlit)	Poor	Tennis courts part of rackets club in the grounds of the rugby club, site looks tired and courts almost derelict. Former home of Penrith Tennis Club. Future now unclear.	Consider conversion to alternative sport

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Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Frenchfield Sports Centre - Penrith Fc Stadium Pitch	CA11 8UA	6 x Adult 11v11, 2 x 9v9, 2 7v7, 2 x 5v5	Good and Standard	Large sports hub, evidence of heavy use, some overplay on 9v9. Some compaction evident, minor drainage issues. Strong maintenance programme. Main pitch converted to AGP in September 2023.	Protect, continue strong maintenance programme to ensure that all pitches continue to meet good standard. Potential location for compact athletics track.
Rugby Union	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Frenchfield Sports Centre, Penrith	CA11 8UA	1 rugby pitch	M1/D1	Pitch used as overspill training venue. Important site for local rugby	Protect. Improve maintenance procedures to M2.
Archery	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Frenchfields, Penrith	CA11 8UA	Flight archery	Good	Outdoor field site only, access unsecured.	Protect, secure community use
Athletics	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Frenchfields, Penrith	CA11 8UA	Gravel athletics track	Poor	Limited quality gravel track, would benefit from floodlighting	Protect, consider opportunities to meet future athletics needs in the area.
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Galloper Park Tennis Court, Tebay		Disused tennis	N/a	No nets, court is overgrown with weeds and unusable. Requires significant investment it to be used for tennis. No clear requirement with other courts in the settlement	Investigate opportunities to repurpose as an alternative sports facility
Cricket	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Gamblesby Recreation Field	CA10 1HY	Cricket square (4 wickets)	Low standard	Small cricket square, weeds in outfield. Single training net. Basic pavilion with no water, showers or electricity. 1 strip spare capacity	Protect, improve site maintenance to enhance quality to good and upgrade pavilion
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Greystoke And District Sports Association	CA11 0TW	Adult 11v11	Good	Some compaction and evidence of wear and tear. Slow draining but adequate. No spare capacity at peak time, minimum capacity across the week. Ageing changing accommodation.	Protect, retain existing maintenance schedules to ensure good quality continues. Potential investment into changing accommodation
General playing field	Penrith and M6 Corridor	High Hesket C Of E School	CA4 0HU	General playing field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Archery	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Hunter Hall School, Penrith	CA11 8UA	Target archery	Standard to good	Basic outdoor field site only, access unsecured.	Protect, secure community use
General playing field	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Ivegill C Of E School	CA4 0PA	General playing field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Golf	LDNP	Keswick Golf Club	CA12 4SX	18 holes	Good	Member owned 18 hole golf course.	Protect

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Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	King George V Playing Fields (Penrith)	CA11 0PJ	Adult 11v11	Good	Some undulations in surface and evidence of compaction. Strong maintenance programme enables quick recovery from drainage issues.	Protect, retain existing maintenance schedules to ensure good quality is retained.
Cricket	LDNP	King George V Playing Fields (Penrith) - Patterdale Cricket Club	CA11 0PJ	Cricket square (8 wickets)	Good	Well presented cricket ground, no NTP or training bay. New pavilion with facilities for female cricket. Opportunity to increase participation - 5.6 strips spare capacity	Protect, improve training facilities
Bowls	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Bowling Green, Mill Lane	CA17 4AB	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy site but green needs attention - very bare in parts and grass coverage is minimal. Bowling hut small and requires updating.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality, Upgrade pavilion
Cricket	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Cricket Club	CA17 4AB	Cricket square (5 wickets)	Good	Strong maintenance regime on small square, dated outdoor training nets and small basic changing facilities. Supply closely matched with demand	Protect, improve training facilities and ancillary provision. Ensure NTP remains in good condition to continue to support match play
AGP	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Grammar School	CA17 4HA	Sand Filled AGP	Good	Spare capacity at peak time (2.5 MES). Pitch in good condition, important venue for hockey in the area. No issues identified and some scope for growth. Site is also used for football	Protect, retain as sand based surface. Ensure sinking fund is in place for surface upgrade.
Rugby Union	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Grammar School	CA17 4HA	1 pitch	Unknown	Not available for community use.	Protect for curricular use
Football	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Grammar School	CA17 4HA	Adult 11v11,	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use, explore opportunity to secure community use
Tennis	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen LTC (Kirkby Stephen School). Small Club / User Group.	CA17 4HA	3 tennis courts (floodlit)	Standard	Tennis courts in school grounds. Not actively promoted	Protect. Consider opportunity to offer pay and play access.
Football	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Primary School	CA10 1UU	9v9	Poor	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use

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Football	Appleby	Kirkby Thore School	CA10 1ND	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Langwathby C Of E School	CA10 1ND	5v5	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Langwathby Village Hall	CA10 1LJ	1 tennis court	Poor	Some loose debris on surface and lines fading, but court is functional. Fencing tired. Booking processes unclear.	Protect. Improve quality. Support customer journey improvements and consider multi functionality of site
Bowls	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Lazonby Bowling Club	CA10 1AQ	1 bowling green	Standard to poor	Worms, bare patches and moss weeds evident in addition to thatching, playing surface is uneven. Green would benefit from additional maintenance.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
General playing field	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Lazonby C Of E School	CA10 1BL	General Playing Field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Appleby	Long Marton School	CA16 6BT	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
General playing field	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Lowther Endowed School	CA10 2HT	General Playing Field	Poor	Not available for community use. Poorly drained	Protect for curricular use
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Lowther Village Hall	CA10 2HT	1 tennis court	Poor	Faint lines and no equipment. Refurbishment required if to remain fit for purpose.	Protect. Improve quality. Consider promoting multi use of site.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Maurice Park, Penrith	CA10 3SZ	Adult 11v11	Poor	Uneven pitch wet/poor drainage. Grass long. Overplayed. Dated ancillary facilities that impact club activity.	Protect, improve maintenance as a priority to achieve pitches of a standard and then good quality rating. Investment also required to improve changing accommodation.
Bowls	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Memorial Park, Shap	CA13 3NR	1 bowling green	Good	Well maintained, some bare patches and small patches of thatch. Small membership	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Support increases to membership to ensure sustainability
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Memorial Park, Shap	CA10 3NR	1 tennis court (floodlit)	Good	Single court appears newly refurbished. In good condition.	Protect. Support customer journey improvements

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Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
Tennis	Appleby	Morland Tennis Court	CA10 3AS	1 tennis court	Standard	Single court at village hall location. Fading lines but functional court. Pay and play	Protect. Support customer journey improvements
Tennis	Alston	Nenthead Village Hall Tennis Court	CA9 3PN	1 tennis court	Poor	Poor court with loose material. Line markings sprayed and loose material on fence.	Protect. Improve quality
AGP	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Newton Rigg College	CA11 0AH	3G AGP	Good	3G AGP at full capacity	Protect. Ensure continued registration on FA Pitch Register and replacement of surface when required.
Rugby Union	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Newton Rigg College	CA11 0AH	1 rugby pitch	Unknown	Not available for community use.	Protect.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Newton Rigg College	CA11 0AH	Adult 11v11	Standard	Space available for additional pitches. Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use, explore opportunity to secure community use
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	North Lakes School, Penrith	CA11 8NU	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Cricket	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Nunwick Cricket Club	CA11 9LN	Cricket square (5 wickets)	Standard	Large ground with mole and rabbit damage, NTP old and requires replacement, training bay in good condition. Large pavilion. 2 strips spare capacity - limited	Protect, improve maintenance to enhance quality to good. NTP old and requires replacement, training bay in training facilities.
Football	Kirkby Stephen	Parrots Park, Kirkby Stephen	CA17 4RU	1 x Adult 11v11, 1 x youth 11v11, 1 x 9v9, 2 x 7v7, 2 x 5v5	Standard	Pitch quality is strong, although evidence of heavy use. Small amount of spare capacity both midweek and at peak time. Important venue for local club.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches of a good standard. Provide clubhouse.
General playing field	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Patterdale C Of E School	CA11 0NL	General playing field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Tennis	LDNP	Patterdale Tennis & Croquet Club	CA11 0PJ	2 tennis courts	Good	Small pavilion. Overmarked with basketball. Line markings are clear. Online booking available	Protect. Promote pay and play access to the site

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Rugby Union	Kirkby Stephen	Pennine Park, Kirkby Stephen	CA17 4TF	2 rugby pitches, mini training areas	D1/M1 (D0/M1 on one pitch)	Poor drainage on training pitches, scope to improve maintenance. Club looking to extend ancillary facilities to facilitate female rugby development. Overlay evident based on both current and projected activity.	Protect, improve maintenance procedures to M2. Drainage works on training pitch. Extend ancillary facilities to facilitate female rugby development. Additional capacity (offsite) required to support the needs of this club.
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Castle Park	CA11 7QF	4 tennis courts (floodlit)	Good	Courts fully refurbished in 2023. New hard surfaces, nets, post and fencing and automated gate access installed. Floodlit. New home for club. Work still required on pavilion to ensure that both tennis and bowls can be accommodated.	Protect
Bowls	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Castle Park Bowls Club	CA11 7JQ	1 bowling green	Good	Green in public park, tidy site but some bare patches. Large pavilion. Membership numbers are low.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Support increases to membership to ensure sustainability
Cricket	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Cricket Club	CA11 8PE	Cricket square (10 wickets), 2nd ground NTP square	Good	Site contains two grounds, first pitch in good condition overall, second square is NTP. New 3 lane practice area, large clubhouse. New changing pavilion planned to serve both pitches and support club growth and women and girls cricket. First pitch at capacity, second ground provides additional capacity. Designated as women and girls hub.	Protect, ensure maintenance remains at high standard. Ensure NTP remains in good condition to sustain match play. Support development of new pavilion to facilitate club growth and women and girls cricket.
Bowls	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Friars Bowling Club	CA11 7XR	1 bowling green	Standard	Floodlit green, requires investment into maintenance. Strong membership.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality
Golf	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Golf Club	CA11 8SG	6 Bays GDR, 18 hole course	Good	Good quality golf course with associate GDR	Protect
Golf	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Golf Hub	CA11 0DR	8 hole course, 14 Bays GDR	Good	GDR and short course.	Protect. Potential to develop additional short golf course on this site subject to space to cater for entry level golf.

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AGP	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Leisure Centre	CA11 8JH	Sand Dressed AGP	Poor	Pitch compacted and worn with significant drainage issues. Regular cancellations for flooding. Overly sandy, issues with lighting. Spare capacity, particularly as football use will reduce in 2024.	Protect and retain as sand (or Gen2). Refurbish surface immediately.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith Leisure Centre	CA11 8JH	9v9	Good	Good location adjacent to leisure centre, recent works carried out on pitch Verti draining and fertilisation. Benefits from limited use during the football season. Spare capacity available both across the week and at peak time.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitches that are of a good standard.
AGP	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith RUFC	CA11 8RQ	3G AGP	Standard	Small amount of overplay, maintenance regime limited. AGP important in meeting club demand. Changing rooms also inadequate to meet demand	Protect. Ensure sinking fund is in place for surface upgrade. Ensure ongoing registration of pitch on FA Pitch Register alongside compliance with World Rugby Regulation 22.
Rugby Union	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penrith RUFC	CA11 8RQ	2 senior rugby (floodlit)	D2/M0	Small amount of overplay, maintenance regime limited. AGP important in meeting club demand. Changing rooms also inadequate to meet demand	Protect, improve maintenance procedures to M2.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Penriddock Primary School	CA11 0QU	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Tennis	Appleby	Piper Lane Recreation Ground, (Kirkby Thore)	CA10 1XF	Disused tennis	N/a	– area still fenced, but lines no longer visible and nets not on site	Investigate opportunities to repurpose as an alternative sports facility
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Plumpton School	CA11 9PA	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Rugby Union	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School	CA11 7EG	1 rugby pitch, training area	M0/D0	Not available for community use. Limited maintenance undertaken.	Protect for curricular use. Require improvement if to be usable.

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Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith	CA11 7EG	Adult 11v11, 9v9	Poor	Poor drainage, pitches unusable for most of the year. Limited maintenance. Not available for community use due to quality	Protect for curricular use, improve quality to maximise functionality.
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith	CA11 7EG	3 tennis courts	Poor	Basic tennis courts overmarked with netball courts. Surface requires replacement - courts are now slippery.	Protect for curricular use, improve quality to maximise functionality.
Tennis	YDNP	Ravenstonedale Tennis Courts	CA17 4NH	1 tennis court	Poor	Basic tarmac tennis court, faint line markings and some loose material. Open access and honesty box	Protect. Enhance. Support customer journey improvements. Consider multifunctionality of site
AGP	Alston	Samuel Kings School	CA9 3QU	3G (small)	Unknown	Small sized 3G AGP	Protect for curricular use.
General playing field	Alston	Samuel Kings School, Alston	CA9 3QU	n/a	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
General playing field	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Shap Endowed C Of E School	CA10 3NL	General playing field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Bowls	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Skelton Bowls Club	CA11 9SE	1 bowling green	Standard	Tidy, but would benefit from specific reinstatement work to the bare patches and thatching. Membership low.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Support increases to membership to ensure sustainability
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Skelton School	CA11 9SE	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	St Catherines Catholic Primary School, Penrith	CA11 9EL	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Stainton C Of E School	CA11 0ET	7v7	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use

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Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
Cricket	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Stainton Recreation Ground	CA11 0DZ	Cricket square (5 wickets)	Standard	Functional cricket ground, 2 bay artificial net and NTP require replacement. Small changing facilities, toilets require upgrading. Overplayed. Designated as women and girls hub. No security of tenure	Protect, improve maintenance to enhance quality to good to address capacity issues. Improvement works to outfield. Provision of on square NTP to address deficiencies. Upgrade toilets, replace training facilities. Secure long term tenure for club.
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Tebay Recreation Ground	CA10 3TL	1 tennis court	Standard	Single court in recreation area. Functional but playing surface has loose areas. Line markings clear. Free access	Protect. Support customer journey improvements
Bowls	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Temple Sowerby Bowling Club	CA10 1RW	2 bowling greens	Standard	Nice site, two greens, with thatching, worm casts and bare patches. Uneven in parts. Would benefit from improved maintenance. Club highlight that drainage is also an issue and that the path requires improvement. Buildings would benefit from upgrade. Membership is low.	Protect, invest in maintenance to improve quality. Support increases to membership to ensure sustainability
Football	Appleby	Temple Sowerby C Of E Primary School	CA10 1RZ	5v5	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use
Cricket	Appleby	Temple Sowerby Cricket Club	CA10 1SB	Cricket square (5 wickets)	Standard	Rabbits and holes on outfield, NTP on square. Wooden pavilion with 2 changing rooms. Supply meets demand	Protect, improve maintenance to increase capacity to good.
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	The Memorial Park, Penrith	CA10 3NS	Adult 11v11	Low standard	Grass is long and the surface is slightly uneven. Spare capacity across week and at peak time. Club currently applying for grant to refurbish clubhouse and changing rooms.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve good quality rating. Refurbish changing accommodation
Football	Kirkby Stephen	The Millennium Field, Kirkby Stephen	CA17 4NQ	Adult 11v11	Poor	No line markings, rough grass. Goals in position and nets are ready to play. Grass coverage good, but does not appear to have been used due to length of grass	Protect. Retain as green space and then prepare as pitch with strong maintenance programme when demand is identified

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Sport	Sub Area	Site Name	Postcode	Facility	Quality	Summary Position	Recommendation
Cricket	Penrith and M6 Corridor	The Old Show Field - Staffield Cricket Club	CA10 1DL	Cricket square (7 wickets)	Good	Wicket suffering from moss issues, 1 training bay in adequate condition. Basic small pavilion which requires modernisation. Some spare capacity	Protect, ongoing maintenance improvements. Improve pavilion
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	The Old Show Field, Penrith	CA10 1DQ	Adult 11v11	Good	Pitch on slight slope. Well drained, good grass coverage. Site also includes recreational 7v7 pitch. No spare capacity at peak time, but scope to accommodate additional activity across the week	Protect, retain existing maintenance schedules to ensure good quality continues.
Cricket	LDNP	Threlkeld Cricket Ground	CA12 4ST	Cricket square (14 wickets)	Good	Square dipped in parts and has suffered from flooding. Poor surface on NTP and training nets also require replacement. Large pavilion and small amount of spare capacity. Designated as women and girls hub.	Protect. Ongoing maintenance and replace NTP
Football	Alston	Tyne Willows Playing Fields, Alston	CA9 3HZ	Adult 11v11	Poor (low standard)	Site suffers from poor drainage, weeds and moss in grass sward. Compacted and rabbit damage. Burnt line markings. No changing facilities. Some capacity available.	Protect, improve maintenance to achieve pitch of a good standard. Investment into changing facilities. Site also contains former rugby pitch which is unused. Scope to provide additional pitch if demand arises.
Rugby Union	Alston	Tyne Willows Playing Fields, Alston	CA9 3HZ	Disused	N/a	Pitch not currently provided due to lack of demand	Protect playing field land. Retain as green space until demand is expressed for reinstatement of pitch (or conversion to alternative sport).
Tennis	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Ullswater & Eden Junior Tennis Club, Penrith	CA11 8NG	2 tennis courts	Standard	School courts (Ullswater Community College) used by club. Standard condition. School note aspiration for additional courts as part of school refurbishment programme.	Protect.
Rugby Union	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Ullswater Community College, Penrith	CA11 8NG	2 rugby pitches	M0/D1	Limited maintenance regime. Not currently used by community although available	Protect for curricular use. Consider potential to secure site for community use for football
Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Ullswater Community College, Penrith	CA11 8NG	Adult 11v11, 9v9	Poor	Poor drainage, pitches unusable for most of the year. Not available for community use due to quality	Protect for curricular use, improve quality to maximise functionality.

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Football	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Wetheriggs Country Park (The Crescent), Penrith	CA11 8QE	Adult 11v11	Poor	Standing water. Slight slope and dog fouling. Used only during the summer months (due to drainage issues). No changing facilities or toilets.	Protect, improve maintenance address quality issues. Potential capital investment into drainage. Site potentially at risk due to widening of road. Functionality for summer training to be replaced elsewhere.
General playing field	Penrith and M6 Corridor	Yanwath Primary School	CA10 2LA	General playing field	Standard	Not available for community use	Protect for curricular use

4.11 Although geographically, sites in the LDNP and YDNP are located within the boundaries of the three former local authorities, and are administered by Westmorland and Furness Council, it is acknowledged that there are separate planning authorities for these areas. A summary for each is therefore provided in Tables 4.7 and 4.8. Site specific data is contained within the local authority tables 4.4 and 4.6.

Table 4.7 – Issues and Priorities in LDNP

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Cricket	- All sites in the LDNP have spare capacity across the season - Only Ambleside Cricket Club and Leven Valley Cricket Club can accommodate additional demand at peak time	- Protection of all existing sites - Improved maintenance at Ambleside Cricket Club, Windermere Cricket Club - Training facility works
Tennis	- No requirement for additional provision - Adequate facilities available to meet current and projected future growth - Some qualitative improvements required - Focus on increasing participation to maximise sustainability of existing venues - Lack of clarity on booking / customer journey	- Protection of all existing functional sites - Qualitative improvements –Coniston Tennis Courts - Improvement to customer journey / marketing and promotion at all sites - Consideration of provision of padel tennis in Bowness-on-Windermere
Bowls	- Most clubs operating at sustainable levels, - All clubs have capacity for additional members - Indeed, additional members will increase income which in turn will support maintenance - No clear requirement for additional provision, although all existing facilities are valuable	- Protection of all existing active sites - Promotion of effective maintenance regimes (all sites). - Qualitative improvements where required. - Support initiatives to increase participation - Prioritise support for clubs where sustainability issues are evident – Hawkshead Bowls Club
Hockey	- One pitch provided at The Lakes School - Spare capacity at peak time (2.5) means scope for additional play - Pitch well used across the week as it also serves football clubs - Hockey club highlight that they would like additional training night but unavailable due to football usage	Protection of existing pitch
Rugby Union	- At Windermere RUFC there is spare capacity on the main pitch (0.5 MES) however the training area is overplayed (due to it's restricted capacity) - The pitch at Ambleside RUFC is used for ad hoc friendlies and is played to capacity	- Protection of both club bases - Improved maintenance procedures

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Football	- Modelling identified that there are some pressures on youth (-1) and 9v9 (-1.5) pitches. These arise once the security of tenure and quality of pitches are taken into account. There is overplay on Phoenix Field and at the University of Cumbria. - There is also no remaining spare capacity on adult football pitches once capacity at poor pitches and unsecured sites is excluded. - The LDNP has the highest proportion of poor quality pitches – this creates limitations on capacity. The travel distances involved however mean that teams continue to play on the poor quality facilities, which include University of Cumbria Campus Ambleside, Rothay Park Ambleside, Rayrigg Meadow, Queens Park, Hillard Park, Coniston and Ayland Recreation Ground. - Quality is therefore the greatest issue	- Protection of all existing football sites - Retain maintenance procedures at good sites, and improve poor quality sites to standard. Overall aim is to increase all sites to good quality - Exploration of potential to provide 3G AGP to service LDNP area.
Rugby League	No supply and no evidence of demand	N/a
Athletics	- Lack of track and field facility highlighted as key issue in the former South Lakeland area through catchment mapping - No issues identified however specific to LDNP authority in terms of requirement for track - Gravel track around perimeter of Phoenix Field is the only track in this area and in Westmorland and Furness as a whole	Resurface of track at Phoenix Field

Table 4.8 – Issues and Priorities in YDNP

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Cricket	- No community use cricket grounds - Extensive cricket available at Sedbergh School	Protection of all facilities for curricular use
Tennis	4 tennis courts in area - No requirement for additional provision - Some qualitative improvements required - Focus on increasing participation to maximise sustainability of existing venues	- Protection of all existing functional sites - Qualitative improvements (Ravenstonedale) - Improvement to customer journey / marketing and promotion at all sites

Sport	Current Position	Priority Recommendations
Bowls	Sedbergh Bowls Club is only existing venue	- Protection of all existing active sites - Promotion of effective maintenance regimes (all sites). - Qualitative improvements where required. - Support initiatives to increase participation - Prioritise support for clubs where sustainability issues are evident – Hawkshead Bowls Club
Hockey	- Two school sites – Casterton Sedbergh Preparatory School and Sedbergh School - Both sites in good condition - Additional water based pitch now provided - One site used by Kirkby Lonsdale juniors, club keen to maintain relationship with school and therefore comfortable with travel arrangements - Limited availability at weekends due to school use - Scope to expand usage of facilities by community	- Protection of all existing sites - Refurbish sand based AGP or provide Gen2 pitch at Queen Elizabeth School
Rugby Union	- Sedbergh School offers 7 rugby union pitches. These grass pitches are of good quality, but are not available for community use - No community clubs	Protection of all facilities for curricular use
Football	- Provision in the YDNP is largely of poor quality and this influences capacity significantly. There is less than 1 MES spare capacity on adult pitches and this is offset by a deficit of youth football pitches. - Provision at Howgill Lane is poor, and Settlebeck School facilities are of limited quality, but must sustain community use as well as curricular activity	- Protection of all existing football sites - Retain maintenance procedures at good sites, and improve poor quality sites to standard. Overall aim is to increase all sites to good quality
Rugby League	No supply and no evidence of demand	N/a
Athletics	No supply for track and field athletics and no evidence of demand	N/a

New Development and Potential Future Growth

- 4.12 The NPPF (2024) advises that specific evidence of need should be provided alongside clarity of what facilities are required. Sport England guidance and advice indicates that local authorities should develop and maintain a robust and up to date evidence base for sporting provision (this PPOSS provides a starting point for this) and use this to:

- Estimate the nature and level of needs that may be generated from new development(s) for sporting provision (this should be informed by the Playing Pitch Calculator and for built sports facilities, Sport England's Sports Facility Calculator); and
 - Establish clear deliverable actions that have the potential to help meet the needs that will be generated from new development in the area.
 - Based on the nature of the actions, the level of new development in an area, and the realistic ability to secure investment into sport through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) where in place (currently within the former South Lakeland Local Planning Authority area only) or planning obligations, decide how best to use the CIL and planning obligations alongside one another to deliver sporting infrastructure and to support development.
- 4.13 The Westmorland and Furness Local Plan that will cover areas outside of the LDNP and YDNP is at an early stage of preparation and the existing Local Plans from the three former authorities will remain in place until new Local Plans are adopted. The existing Local Plans will therefore be used to guide the location of new housing development in the interim. Future long term growth will be determined by the preparation of the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan. Given the early stages that this document is at however, there is currently no clarity around the proposed locations for growth (other than those associated with current Local Plan allocations and planning permissions as identified in current five year housing land supply projections). This is also the case for the Lake District National Park Local Plan, where long term growth will be determined through its review and in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, through the adoption of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan.
- 4.14 This strategy therefore does not take into account the impact of future specific housing growth. Once the amount of growth is established through the review/preparation/adoption of the Local Plans, the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC) should be used to evaluate the potential impact of this growth in terms of overall new grass pitch and AGP requirements. If substantial growth is to take place in a particular location, this may generate a need for significant additional provision, which should be reflected in the new Local Plan as allocations for sports facilities. New facilities will only be required where the existing infrastructure will be inadequate to meet the additional demand that will be generated. If not enough demand is generated to warrant new provision (or existing capacity is adequate) qualitative improvements may be required.
- 4.15 In addition to determining where any strategic housing will take place, the new Local Plans should also set out a mechanism for agreeing contributions towards outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches. This will ensure that the impact of new development is accounted for appropriately.
- 4.16 This strategy promotes the use of up to date tools in order to provide a clear and transparent means of evaluating demand and consistently calculating required contributions and the impact of growth.

Application of Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator

- 4.17 Use of the Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC) is the recommended approach for determining the contributions that are required / whether any new provision is necessary in relation to grass playing fields and AGPs. The calculator does not consider all sports included within this assessment, but does take into account demand for football, cricket, rugby union, rugby league and hockey.

- 4.18 Currently the calculator is set up to provide requirements bespoke to each of the three former local authority areas. It is anticipated that this will change as the calculator is updated and data will then be presented across Westmorland and Furness as a whole. The information required to use the calculator is available in the assessment report both for the three authorities individually but also across Westmorland and Furness as whole (ready for when this version of the calculator is available).
- 4.19 The PPC estimates the additional demand for pitches arising from specific or cumulative developments. It does that by quantifying the number of Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) that will be generated in the peak period for each pitch type and converts that into a number of pitches that will therefore be required to meet this demand. The costs associated with that pitch provision are also given. Using the PPOSS the Council can assess whether on site pitch provision is acceptable and sustainable or if improvements to existing pitches in the locality are required. The costs provided can help identify the likely financial contribution that would be required if pitches/improvements were to be provided off site.
- 4.20 The PPC can only be accurately used in areas where a PPOSS has been developed, and remains up to date, as it directly uses information from this document to provide an estimate of the demand that the additional population will produce. The demand will be specific to the local area as it is based upon the existing levels of demand. It considers:
- a) The likely number of people from the new population in each of the individual pitch sport age groups (Derived from the profile of the current population)
 - b) Using the number of teams identified in the PPOSS and the profile of the population (a), the likely number of teams that will be generated by the new development
 - c) The number of match equivalent sessions that will be generated by the new population and the subsequent demand in terms of pitches and changing rooms required. The pitch requirements are split into natural turf to support match play and artificial surfaces to support training.
- 4.21 The PPC does not itself take into account the current levels of unmet demand in the area. The calculator details the number of new pitches that the new population generates demand for in the peak period for each sport. However, using the PPOSS the Steering Group will be able to assess whether:
- Existing pitches have sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional demand at the times required;
 - Improvements are needed to specific pitches to accommodate the additional demand from the housing located in that sub area, or;
 - New pitches are required.
- 4.22 As documented in this assessment, pitch provision requires improvement across Westmorland and Furness. While there are enough adult football pitches to meet demand, there are pressures on youth and 9v9 football pitches in many areas and there are significant gaps in the provision of 3G AGPs. There are also shortfalls of capacity for rugby union and rugby league. In addition, for almost all sports, there are significant quality issues, with improvements required to the quality of other facilities to ensure that the facility stock is able to meet current and projected future demand.

4.23 Once the impact of a specific development is understood, this PPOSS should be used to determine whether the existing infrastructure is able to accommodate the impact of the new development or whether additional provision and / or contributions towards improvements to increase capacity are required. For most sports, and for most developments, contributions will be required with a view to investing in quality to improve capacity. For larger developments, some on site provision focusing on junior / 9v9 provision may need to be considered. Even where there are quantitative deficiencies, it may be that on site provision does not necessarily represent the most appropriate solution for sport. Decision making will therefore need to take place on a site by site basis with regards to the local position.

4.24 The Council should work with Sport England to integrate the use of the PPC into their planning processes.

Sports Facility Calculator (SFC)

4.25 The SFC covers Swimming pools, Sports halls, Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) and Indoor bowls centres. It has recently been extended to also include tennis.

4.26 Like the PPC, it helps to quantify the demand for these facilities, providing an understanding of the additional demand that the population is likely to generate. It does not however take into account the existing supply of facilities – this means that the results must then be considered in the context of the supply that is available.

4.27 This calculator should be used alongside the PPC to quantify demand for these indoor facilities.

Recommendation	Action	Timescale
Planning 1	Ensure that planning policy requires contributions towards playing field provision, indoor and outdoor sports facilities from new development	Ongoing
Planning 2	Work with Sport England to integrate the PPC and SFC into Westmorland and Furness Council planning processes. This will ensure that contributions can be collected for all relevant developments in a transparent manner.	Short Term
Planning 3	Update the PPOSS once levels of future growth and likely location of housing across Westmorland and Furness associated with Local Plans are known	Medium Term

4.28 To provide an understanding of the potential implications of population growth across Westmorland and Furness, as well as an understanding of the calculations that can be undertaken using the PPC, we have used the PPC to evaluate the impact that delivery of sites within the current five year land supply would have. For the former South Lakeland, Eden and Barrow, these figures are based on the position end (March 2023) and are for 2023 – 28 as set out in Westmorland and Furness Housing Land Position Report (2022 – 2023). The likely number of new dwellings are;

- South Lakeland – 1959 units
 - Eden – 1464 units
 - Barrow Borough – 751 units.
- 4.29 In the LDNP an estimate in August 2024 notes that 246 units will be created (source LDNPA Housing Land Position Statement August 2021). The YDNPA interim Housing Land Availability Assessment (August 2024) suggests that 150 units will be provided in YNDP.
- 4.30 At the time of calculation of the scenarios (October 2024), the PPC tool was offline, and data could not be calculated using Westmorland and Furness as a baseline. Instead it was reliant on input for each of the former local authority areas. There is no separate report available for LDNP / YNDP. It is assumed that this will be addressed when the online platform resumes.
- 4.31 Tables 4.9 – 4.14 present the outputs of the Playing Pitch Calculator for each area. They assume an occupancy rate of 2.3 people per dwelling.
- 4.32 The text below each table interprets the findings in the context of this PPOSS. Typically, if any new provision is required, this would not be expected on the site of a new development unless the calculator suggests demand exceeds (or is close to) 1 pitch. Where there is a large scale development and demand exceeds these levels, on site provision should be considered. Where the PPS identifies issues that need to be addressed, contributions towards qualitative improvements should be required if demand generated will be insufficient to warrant new provision.
- 4.33 It is important to note that this information is indicative only at this stage, and represents the impact of housing across the whole former authority area (which is geographically extensive).

Table 4.9 – Impact of Five Year Housing Land Supply in Barrow Borough Local Plan area (end March 2023)

Pitch Type	Demand (Number of Pitches)	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost
Adult Football	0.42	£45,826	£9,028
Youth Football	1.08	£97,040	£19,602
Mini Soccer	0.56	£16,740	£3,314
Rugby Union	0.04	£6,800	£1,258
Rugby League	0.47	£68,364	£12,647
Cricket	0.15	£52,449	£9,651
Artificial Grass Pitches	0.11	£123,169	£3,695
Sand Based	0.00	£0	£0
3G	0.11	£123,169	£3,695

4.34 The key conclusions from Table 4.9 for Barrow Borough Local Plan area are;

- The increases that will be generated by the new population are limited, particularly when considered that these figures are for housing development across the whole former Borough area. In reality, new development is likely to impact sites that are in close proximity and demand will therefore be spread across multiple venues.
- Across the whole area, demand for an additional 0.42 senior grass football pitches will be created. There is adequate capacity both across the week and at peak time to accommodate this demand, but little spare remaining capacity. For youth / 9v9 football, there are already deficiencies and these will be exacerbated by new developments (which will generate total demand equivalent to 1 pitch). Improvements to the capacity will therefore be necessary particularly for youth / 9v9 otherwise developments will exacerbate these facilities. The PPS recommends that additional capacity is created primarily through new 3G pitches and by quality improvements.
- The new housing will have very limited impact on demand for cricket (equivalent to 0.15 pitches) and this can be accommodated, but there are qualitative issues that need to be addressed to maximise the capacity of the infrastructure. The PPS also notes that additional squares may be required longer term.
- For rugby league, there are existing deficiencies and these will be exacerbated further (by less than one pitch). Existing provision is therefore insufficient. Recommendations in the strategy seek to deliver additional capacity through enhanced and new provision.
- For rugby union, there is more than adequate capacity to meet the additional demand that will be generated, although there are quality issues that need to be addressed.
- There is no hockey in the former Barrow Borough area currently and therefore no impact on demand based on the calculator. In reality however, the new population may generate demand for hockey that will be directed to Ulverston Leisure Centre. When the calculator is refined therefore, this is likely to demonstrate that some demand will be generated. The existing pitch stock is adequate in quantitative terms to meet an increase in demand, but the strategy highlights that qualitative improvements are required.

4.35 Table 4.10 sets out the findings of the PPC for South Lakeland Local Plan Area.

Table 4.10 – Impact of Five Year Housing Land Supply in South Lakeland Local Plan area (end March 2023)

Pitch Type	Demand (Number of Pitches)	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost
Adult Football	1.12	£123,557	£24,341
Youth Football	1.97	£177,467	£35,848
Mini Soccer	1.73	£51,756	£10,248
Rugby Union	0.66	£108,251	£20,026
Rugby League	0.17	£24,019	£4,443
Cricket	0.81	£279,363	£51,403
Sand Based AGP	0.08	£71,964	£1,871
3G	0.25	£289,217	£8,677

4.36 The key conclusions from Table 4.10 for South Lakeland Local Plan area are;

- The increases that will be generated by the new population in South Lakeland are the highest of all parts of Westmorland and Furness. Importantly, they will be spread across a very large geographical area. In reality, new development will likely to impact sites that are in close proximity and impact will therefore be spread across multiple venues. The location and scale of each new development will therefore need to be considered in order to fully understand demand.
- Across the former South Lakeland area, demand for an additional 1.12 senior grass pitches will be created. There is adequate capacity both across the week and at peak time to accommodate this demand, but little spare remaining capacity. For youth / 9v9 football however, there is already no spare capacity when taking into account the quality and security of facilities. This will therefore be exacerbated by new developments (2 pitches equivalent overall although this is likely spread across numerous sites). Improvements to the capacity will therefore be critical, particularly for youth / 9v9 if development is not to exacerbate deficiencies. The PPS recommends that additional capacity is created primarily through by quality improvements and 3G AGP provision in the first instance.
- There is adequate capacity for mini soccer to accommodate the projected growth, although qualitative improvements are required to maximise this capacity
- The new housing will create demand for the equivalent of 0.8 cricket pitches. There is little spare capacity remaining and this will be exacerbated by new development. The PPS focuses on addressing qualitative issues to maximise the capacity of the infrastructure, as well as NTP. It does however note that additional squares may be required longer term. Whether this is justified as part of new development would depend upon the location of housing growth.
- For rugby union, there are pressures on sites in the former South Lakeland area, and although small, the growth will generate the equivalent of 0.66 pitches additional demand and improvements to capacity will therefore be required. Recommendations seek to increase capacity by improving maintenance and drainage in the first instance. Some additional pitch provision is also noted as being required.
- For rugby league, there are existing deficiencies in Ulverston and these will be exacerbated further (by 0.17 pitch) by new housing development. Recommendations in the strategy seek to deliver additional capacity through enhanced and new provision.
- The additional demand generated for hockey equates to only 0.08 pitch. This can be met, but the strategy identifies requirement for qualitative improvements.

4.37 Table 4.11 considers the impact of the five year housing land supply in Former Eden.

Table 4.11 – Impact of Five Year Housing Land Supply in Eden Local Plan area (end March 2023)

Pitch Type	Demand (Number of Pitches)	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost
Adult Football	1.35	£147,952	£29,146
Youth Football	2.01	£180,915	£36,545
Mini Soccer	1.61	£48,392	£9,582
Rugby Union	0.78	£129,139	£23,891
Rugby League	0.00	£0	£0
Cricket	0.62	£212,971	£39,187
Sand Based AGP	0.06	£58,086	£1,510
3G AGP	0.26	£298,094	£8,943

4.38 Table 4.11 therefore demonstrates that the key conclusions in the Eden Local Plan area are;

- The increases that will be generated by the new population will be spread across a very large geographical area. In reality, new development is likely to impact sites that are in close proximity and impact will therefore be spread across multiple venues.
- Across the former Eden area, demand for the equivalent of an additional 1.35 senior grass football pitches, 2 youth pitches and 1.6 mini pitches will be created. There is just adequate capacity both across the week and at peak time to accommodate this demand, but little spare remaining capacity afterwards. The recently completed AGP has improved the overall position. This means that pitch improvements are likely to take priority, although the location of the new housing development will need to be considered (particularly for youth football, where new provision may be needed).
- The new housing will create demand for the equivalent of 0.6 cricket pitches. There is little spare capacity remaining on many sites, but the PPS focuses on addressing qualitative issues to maximise the capacity of the infrastructure as well as the provision of NTP. It does however note that additional squares may be required longer term as supply is closely matched with demand.
- There are already pressures on existing rugby union pitches identified. New development will exacerbate this. The PPS identifies that qualitative improvements are required to address capacity issues, as well as some new provision.
- There are no implications for rugby league in this area.
- The additional demand generated for hockey equates to only 0.08 pitch. This can be met, but the strategy identifies requirement for qualitative improvements.

4.39 Table 4.12 considers the impact of housing development in LDNP.

Table 4.12 – Impact of Five Year Housing Land Supply in LDNP (August 2024 estimate)

Pitch Type	Demand (Number of Pitches)	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost
Adult Football	0.14	£15,497	£3,053
Youth Football	0.25	£22,256	£4,496
Mini Soccer	0.22	£6,492	£1,285
Rugby Union	0.08	£13,576	£2,511
Rugby League	0.02	£3,012	£557
Cricket	0.10	£35,038	£6,447

Pitch Type	Demand (Number of Pitches)	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost
Sand Based AGP	0.01	£9,025	£235
3G AGP	0.03	£36,273	£1,088

4.40 Table 4.12 therefore demonstrates that the key conclusions of the PPC for the LDNP are:

- Growth will have minimal impact in terms of pitch equivalents for any sport and will be spread across a large geographical area.
- For all forms of football, a small amount of additional demand will be generated, equivalent to less than 0.25 pitch. With existing supply closely matched with demand, improvements to the capacity will still be critical. The PPS recommends that additional capacity is created through qualitative improvements in this area – pitch quality is particularly poor and this limits the ability of football pitches to meet demand.
- The new housing will create demand for the equivalent of 0.1 cricket pitches. There is currently a small amount of capacity available to accommodate this, but the PPS focuses on addressing qualitative issues to maximise the capacity of the infrastructure.
- For rugby union, only a small increase in demand will be generated. There is adequate capacity to accommodate this but a need for qualitative improvements to enhance the position.
- The additional demand generated for hockey equates to only 0.01 pitch. This can be met, but the strategy identifies requirement for qualitative improvements.

4.41 Table 4.13 summarises the impact in the YDNP.

Table 4.13 – Impact of Five Year Housing Land Supply in YDNP (August 2024)

	Demand (Number of Pitches)	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost
Adult Football	0.09	£9,460	£1,864
Youth Football	0.15	£13,595	£2,746
Mini Soccer	0.13	£3,963	£785
Rugby Union	0	£0	£0
Rugby League	0	£0	£0
Cricket	0.06	£21,394	£3,937
Sand Based AGP	0.01	£5,510	£143
3G AGP	0.02	£22,149	£664

4.42 Table 4.13 therefore demonstrates that; in the Yorkshire Dales National Park

- Growth will have minimal impact in terms of pitch equivalents for any sport and will be spread across a large geographical area.
- For all forms of football, additional demand is equivalent to less than 0.20 pitch. This can be accommodated, but given that supply is closely matched with demand improvements to the

capacity will still be critical. The PPS recommends that additional capacity is created primarily through qualitative improvements in this area.

- The new housing will create demand for the equivalent of 0.06 cricket pitches. This can be accommodated, but the PPS focuses on addressing qualitative issues to maximise the capacity of the infrastructure
- There are no rugby union sites in the YDNP and no impact for rugby league
- The additional demand generated for hockey equates to only 0.01 pitch. This can be met, but the strategy identifies requirement for qualitative improvements.

4.43 The PPC therefore demonstrates that whilst in quantitative terms, the additional demand that can be generated by the housing growth that will be generated by the delivery of the 5 year housing land supply can largely be accommodated, it will place additional pressures on the existing infrastructure. Site by site analysis will be critical to fully understand the impact of each development as impact will be felt locally.

Implementation

4.44 Given the potential level of funding required, investment will only be achieved through a combination of opportunities and funding sources as well as partnership opportunities.

4.45 Local authority finances remain under pressure as a result of increasing costs and demands and previous major national funding programmes are no longer available. Some funding opportunities however still remain and it is essential that these are capitalised upon in order to maximise the opportunities to protect and improve pitch provision.

4.46 The Council is not responsible for the ownership and management of all the sites and facilities listed. The Council will therefore seek to work on a multi-agency approach to address the facility requirements in the strategy and partnership working will be central to the achievement of this objective

4.47 The main funding delivery mechanisms for the Council and others in delivering the strategy are:

- Section 106 developer contributions (using the PPC as a base)
- Capital Grant funding: From schools and national agencies such as Sport England, including its small grants, community asset fund and strategic facilities fund
- National Governing Body (NGB) support.

4.48 There are currently many funding streams which are accessible to clubs and some providers. To support the delivery of this strategy therefore, clubs will be encouraged to work alongside the respective sports bodies to apply for funding.

New Facilities

4.49 In addition to the overarching strategy principles outlined earlier in this section, the following should be considered when providing any new facilities:

- **Location** - When planning new facilities, the existing sporting infrastructure should be taken into account. In particular, the provision of single or double pitch sites with no or limited supporting facilities should be avoided
 - **Quality** - Any new pitch provision should meet with the design and quality standards guidance provided by Sport England and/or the relevant NGB (detailed below). The following general criteria must also be met:
 - a high standard of design, construction and maintenance, enabling the pitch to be played at least twice per week without detrimental impact and ensuring that sites are clean and attractive facilities
 - adequate changing facilities that:
 - are flexible, fit for a variety of purposes
 - fully comply with the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act
 - provide for a number of different groups to use the facility at the same time, in safety and comfort
 - meet current standards - Sport England & NGB guidelines
 - managed community access
 - accessible by public transport and by car
 - sufficient car and coach parking
 - size of pitches and run offs complies with NGB specification
 - located in a no-flood zone
 - security of tenure (at least 20 years) if a club is to be based at the site
 - for rugby clubs in particular, sites should include floodlit training facilities.
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- 4.50 All new and enhanced sports facilities must be designed in accordance with the relevant Sport England and (where applicable) National Governing Body (NGB) design guidance in order to ensure that the facilities are fit for purpose and of a suitable quality.
- 4.51 Sport England's web site contains a range of current guidance documents which provide detailed specifications and information regarding the design of sporting and ancillary facilities.
- 4.52 It should be ensured that any new facilities that are delivered as mitigation meet with the above requirements and adhere to NGB technical specifications and guidance.

Monitoring and Review

- 4.53 The evolving context of participation in sport means that monitoring and review of the strategy is as important as the initial preparation of the document to ensure it remains sufficiently robust to fulfil the above roles. This is particularly important in Westmorland and Furness, where the recent merge of three Councils means that processes are still being developed and different approaches are being integrated into one.
- 4.54 Reflecting the importance of this phase of work, monitoring of the strategy represents Step 10 of the approach to the production of a PPS in the guidance for the delivery of a playing pitch Strategy (Sport England 2013).

- 4.55 This strategy document has been developed in conjunction with a large steering group. A working group derived from members of this steering group will therefore be retained to deliver the implementation phase. Further people with appropriate expertise may be brought into the process as and when required to maximise the benefits that the strategy can bring.
- 4.56 Following adoption of the PPOSS, a series of project steering groups will be set up, comprising members of this group, designed to support the implementation of specific recommendations. These may include groups to evolve the developer contributions process, groups targeting maintenance improvements and groups seeking to deliver an appropriate network of 3G AGPs. These subgroups will meet regularly.
- 4.57 The Operational Lead for Leisure Facilities in collaboration with Project Steering Groups will seek to deliver the key actions of the strategy document, but will also keep the strategy alive by:
- Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions and identifying any changes that are required to the priority afforded to each action
 - Recording changes to the pitch stock in Westmorland and Furness and evaluating the impact of this on the supply and demand information
 - Assessing the impact of changes to participation, including changing trends and the development of new formats of the game
 - Assessing the impact of demographic changes and new population estimates / housing growth as and when this emerges from the Local Plan making Processes
 - Undertaking ongoing consultation to understand the evolving needs of clubs and governing bodies
 - Analysing funding sources and new funding opportunities for the provision/improvement of sports facilities
 - Reviewing growth of emerging sports, their participation rates, facilities available for them and likely facilities necessary for their support and development.
- 4.58 The delivery, implementation and monitoring process is formalised in action plan format in Table 4.15.

Table 4.15 – Monitoring Processes

Recommendation	Action	Timescale
M1	Create PPOSS Project Steering group to drive the implementation of key actions.	Short Term

Recommendation	Action	Timescale
M2	Within the PPOSS Project Steering group, establish project groups when appropriate to implement key actions. In the short term, these may include: • Maintenance improvement group • Development of an AGP strategy • Creation of process for collecting developer contributions • Alignment of current contractual arrangements	Short Term
M3	Development of a process to record individual updates to pitch provision and any key changes that have occurred. This should include: • New pitches • Pitch improvements • Pitch re-configuration • Pitch loss/threat • Community Access agreements (e.g. education or private sites) • Plans for future provision • Changes arising as a result of new development.	Ongoing – led by Westmorland and Furness Council
M4	PPOSS Project Steering group to agree process to monitor and update the strategy document.	Ongoing – led by Westmorland and Furness Council
M5	The preparation of this PPOSS should inform updates to NGB sport specific strategies and investment plans, in particular: • Local Football Facilities Plan (update likely in 2025) • Cricket Facilities Strategy, Cumbria Cricket Board.	Ongoing

