



London Borough of Barnet

Playing Pitch Review

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Glossary & Abbreviations

3G	Third generation (artificial grass pitch)
AGP	Artificial grass pitch
CC	Cricket Club Cricket Club
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CFA	County Football Association
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
HC	Hockey Club
HE	Higher Education
JFC	Junior Football Club
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
NGB	National Governing Body
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PF	Playing Field
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFC	Rugby Football Club
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106
TGR	Team Generation Rate

Secured Community Use For pitches that are available to the community the degree of certainty that this availability will continue needs to be recorded (i.e. how secure is the availability to the community?). Unless local information suggests otherwise it can be assumed that the availability of all pitches in Local Authority, town and parish council and sports club ownership will be secure.

Unsecured Community Use Mainly educational sites where the following should be in place to ensure certainty of secured community use: if not in place, then the site provides unsecured community use.

- **A formal community use agreement**
- **A leasing or management agreement requiring pitches to be available to the community/a community club**
- **A formal policy for community use adopted by the owner and or educational establishment**

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- **Written confirmation from the owner and or educational establishment.**

Match Equivalent Sessions Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is likely to be for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions.

Note on definitions of artificial pitch surfaces.

Sport England has produced guidance on “Selecting the Right Artificial Surface for Hockey, Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union” This guidance should be followed when selecting an artificial surface. The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.sportengland.org/media/4275/selecting-the-right-artificial-surface-rev2-2010.pdf>

Throughout the PPS the following abbreviations are used to describe specific types of playing pitch facility that has an artificial surface rather than natural grass.

NTP or non-turf pitch refers to an artificial turf sports surface designed specifically for cricket.

Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. - third generation pitch. This pitch type comprises blades of polypropylene of 40mm to 65mm in length (i.e. short pile or long pile) supported by a thin base layer of sand and by an infill of rubber crumb. The 3G playing surface is laid on various types of stone base with or without a porous macadam layer and shock pad. FTPs are suitable for football to a high level of competition.

AGP - stands for an England Hockey recognised artificial pitch which is either sand based/dressed or water playing surface

World Rugby Regulation 22 IRB Compliant stands for a long pile FTP 3G with an engineered sub base system (of stone base, porous tarmac layer and shock pad) and are accepted by the rugby governing bodies (RFU and RFL).

1. 2020/21 Review of the 2017 Playing Pitch Strategy

- 1.1. This is a review of the 2017 Barnet Council Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS). The Barnet Council Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) was completed in 2017. In order to ensure it remains up-to-date and relevant, it is important it is updated on a regular basis, to maintain the momentum and commitment that has been built up in developing the PPS, and to ensure the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old.
- 1.2. The following review answers each of the questions set out at Stage E of the PPS guidance, which is about delivering the strategy and keeping it up to date:
1. Are there any new or emerging issues and opportunities?
 2. Are there any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area and other supply and demand information? What does this mean for the overall assessment work and key findings and issues?
 3. Have there been any developments for a specific sport or particular format of sport?
 4. How has the delivery of the recommendations and action plan progressed? Are changes required to the priority afforded to each action?
 5. How has the PPS been applied and what are the lessons learnt?
- 1.3. The aim of the PPS remains the same as previously:
- “The purpose of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is to provide a robust future action plan for sports facilities in Barnet. The outcomes arising from the assessment will inform the LBB Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which will underpin the Local Plan. The IDP’s purpose is to set out an analysis and assessment of existing infrastructure provision within Barnet including playing pitches, and identify existing and future needs and demands for the Council to support new development and a changing population to 2031. This provides evidence for the consideration of inclusion in the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulation 123 Infrastructure List or in the application of S106**
- 1.4. The objectives of the London Borough of Barnet Playing Pitch Strategy follow the Sport England principles of **Protect** facilities providing sport from loss as result of redevelopment; **Enhance** existing facilities through improving their quality, accessibility and management and **Provide** new facilities that are fit for purpose to meet demands for participation now and in the future. The objectives are:
- Help deliver the Public Health agenda;
 - Inform the investment strategy for community sport and health related projects or initiatives;

- **Inform local planning policy and potential developer contributions;**
- **Set the Playing Pitch and Sports Facility Strategy within the context of the Local Plan and wider strategies for parks, green spaces, physically active lifestyles, health and well-being;**
- **Inform sport and physical activity development projects and initiatives;**
- **Reflect wider community asset reviews; and**
- **Help facilitate community use of sports facilities on education and other identified locality based sites.**

2. Are there any new or emerging issues and opportunities?

Emerging Issues and Opportunities

- 2.1 The 2017 PPS considered population growth to 2031. The review considers population growth between 2021 and 2039.
- 2.2 The review looks at the Football Associations revised figure of 38 teams per 3G AGP for training purposes. The 2017 PPS used 42 teams per 3G AGP.
- 2.3 The Barnet Local Football Facilities Plan 2019 identifies a high demand for recreational football on 3G pitches across Barnet.
- 2.4 Public consultation on the development of West Hendon Playing Fields has been undertaken and a Master Plan produced. Barnet Council has given approval to progress the project to planning stage. The development proposals include 2 x 3G football turf pitches and grass football pitches:
- **2 full size adult pitches;**
 - **junior (U13/14) 11 v 11 pitches;**
 - **1 junior 9v9 pitch;**
 - **1 junior 7v7 pitch; and**
 - **1 junior 5v5 pitch.**
- 2.5 Playing pitch Surface, levels and drainage are to be improved throughout to FA standards. Other facilities proposed include, tennis courts, bowls green, wheeled facility, multi-use games area, play areas, outdoor gym and trim trail, adventure golf, high ropes, woodland nature trail, sensory garden and pedestrian and cycling routes.
- 2.6 **Copthall Playing Fields Sports Hub: Still to be finalised but includes:** A cricket oval with turf and hybrid pitches for weekly use by community clubs. Initially prior to the covid pandemic this included Middlesex Men's, Women's and Disability Teams; A six lane outdoor cricket nets complex; A 'green' pavilion with changing rooms, gym, medical facility and offices; An unobtrusive six lane indoor practice centre, set into the slope; Space on grassed banks for up to 4,000 spectators. It is proposed that a facility would potentially be used as the home ground for a local community cricket club as well as a training base for Middlesex Men, Middlesex Women, Middlesex Disability, the new Hundred Team based at Lords, England Women and England Disability. This would also lead to the creation of a new square at nearby Sunny Hill Park, a more enclosed site with purpose built changing and social facilities.
- 2.7 The final Copthall Sports Hub masterplan illustrates athletics track with an approx. north to south orientation. A new 1000 seat stand (identified as (5a) on the final masterplan) has been shown to the west of the track (on the start finish line) also adjacent to the new hub to provide commonality and opportunity to co-locate facilities. In the centre of the athletics track.

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- 2.8 Chase Lodge Playing Field is no longer used as a Central Venue Site for the Capital Girls League – now moved to Gladstone Park in Brent. The site is still used for other football.
- 2.9 Hasmorean High School Planning application is on hold following further discussions with LB Barnet regarding use of Copthall Playing Fields.
- 2.10 North London Business Park Development was sent to the Secretary of State following an appeal and the appeal was granted. North London Business Park (LPA Ref: 15/07932/OUT) – Hybrid planning application for proposal for residential-led mixed use development (1200 units). Detailed element includes 376 residential units and 5 form entry secondary school, a gymnasium, a multi-use sports pitch and associated changing facilities with independent access to sports facilities from basement car park and Brunswick Park Road. Multi-use sports pitch stated to be a new 4,610 sqm all-weather sports pitch and associated 379 sqm (GIA) changing pavilion. Intended to be flood lit with a community access agreement.
- 2.11 Bishop Douglas School – Planning application 20/4107/FUL | New Football Turf Pitch 9v9 and floodlight installation with reconfiguration of existing tennis/netball courts and athletics track. | Bishop Douglass School Hamilton Road London N2 0SQ.
- 2.12 Montrose Playing Fields – 2 new 9v9 junior pitches completed.
- 2.13 Rowley Lane Sports Ground - Planning permission granted December 2015 for Construction of a two storey Clubhouse providing various essential facilities for the Sports Association including changing rooms, spectator areas and a caretaker flat at: Rowley Lane Sports Ground, Rowley Lane, Barnet, EN5 3HW.
- 2.14 Hadley Football Club has submitted a planning application (July 2021) still to be decided for a 3G AGP which would be 50m x 36m (excluding goal recesses) and would include four 8m high floodlighting columns. There will be a 2m runoff around all sides of the pitch so the marked playing area would be 46m x 32m (1472sqm). It is proposed to use the 3G AGP for club training sessions.
- 2.15 The Football Foundation requested that the PPS review 2021 considers the current and future need for 3G football turf pitches across LB Barnet, LB Brent, and LB Camden and to provide the number of 3G Football turf pitches and the locations. This includes the possible provision of 3G football turf pitches at Clitterhouse Playing Fields as part of the Brent Cross Town development. There is a need to ensure that proposed 3G pitch developments at West Hendon Playing Fields and Clitterhouse Playing Fields complement each other. West Hendon Playing Fields will provide for the local catchment and Clitterhouse Playing Fields will provide an offer for a wider catchment area within North- West London.
- 2.16 The Brent Cross Town Development will include the demolition of the existing Whitefield School. The school has 2 existing AGPs used for hockey training and match play by West Hampstead Hockey Club. The existing AGPs will be replaced with 2 new AGPs at Clitterhouse Playing Fields. A new school is to be built to the North of the playing fields and the 2 AGPs will be used by the new school and the community. West Hampstead Hockey Club are the existing users of the 2 AGPs at Whitefield School and this use will be required to be protected and transferred to the new proposed AGPs at Clitterhouse Playing Fields.

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- 2.17 Since the previous 2017 PPS, Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club has been using UCL and Mill Hill School AGPs in Barnet for training and match play. Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club, based in Paddington and the largest hockey club in London. The 2017 PPS identified that these two school facilities were used by the schools only. The club have had discussions with the developers at Brent Cross Town regarding use of AGP provision at Clitterhouse Playing Fields. Facilities would require full access to a minimum of 2 artificial surfaces, sand based or water based. The wider facilities that would be required include a clubhouse containing changing rooms, meeting room, refreshment facilities and the ability to host spectators. This would require an increase in the proposed 2 AGPs required to be provided at Clitterhouse Playing Field.
- 2.18 Southgate and Adelaide Hockey club and Hendon and Mill Hill Hockey Club partner together and have created a junior hockey club named North London Hockey. The club before and during the pandemic used the Dame Alice Owen School AGP in Potters Bar. However, post pandemic the club are training at Ashmole Academy on Sundays.
- 2.19 Belmont Mill Hill Preparatory School, The Ridgeway submitted a planning application for construction of a new synthetic grass hockey pitch, complete with an adjacent spectator viewing strip, floodlighting, fencing, a service access road/footpath and associated surface water drainage in September 2021. The application has since been withdrawn.
- 2.20 Planning permission has been granted for an artificial grass pitch and reduced sized adult rugby union pitch to be built at Lanacre Avenue as part of the Saracens High School development. There appears to be no floodlights and it is unclear from the planning application if the artificial pitch will be sand based or a 3G AGP. Formal community use agreements have been requested as part of planning conditions.
- 2.21 Gaelic Football – Gaelic Football has been provided at King George V Playing Fields Barnet. St Kiernan’s Gaelic Football Club has submitted a planning application (May 2021) to provide changing rooms and a clubhouse at the site. The planning application is awaiting a decision.
- 2.22 Development of the new Pavilion Centre at Dame Alice Owen School and Chandos Avenue has disrupted cricket use of the site. Whilst the building works are undertaken, clubs originally using the site have had to find alternative grounds for a minimum of 3 seasons. The development will benefit cricket and provide a new sports pavilion, non-turf cricket nets, an 8-wicket grass square with adjacent non turf pitch with outfield and a separate junior grass wicket with outfield and ball stop netting when complete.
- 2.23 Cricket quality rating scores have been reduced from the 2017 PPS. In 2021 Christ Church Dollis Finchley has reduced to ‘Standard’ quality. Copthall, Hampstead Heath Extension, Lyttleton Playing Fields, Mill Hill Park, Monkton Hadley Cricket Club, and Oakhill Park have reduced to ‘Poor’ quality. The number of match equivalent sessions per quality rating has changed since 2017. In 2021 a ‘Good’ quality rating equates to capacity of 5 match equivalent sessions per natural grass cricket wicket per season. ‘Standard’ quality rating equates to capacity of 4 match equivalent sessions per natural grass wicket per season and a ‘Poor’ quality rating equates to 0 match equivalent sessions per season.
- 2.24 The reduction in quality rating for the above pitches means that there is a large amount of match equivalent sessions being played on ‘Poor’ quality rated

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pitches that the ECB consider to be unsafe.

- 2.25 Middlesex Cricket and ECB would like to see improvements to pavilions and cricket facilities across Barnet and community use at Wilf Slack Memorial Ground improved.
- 2.26 There is a need to include 2 tennis courts of poor quality at Halliwick Park Gardens. This site was omitted from the 2017 tennis court audit and an additional court needs to be added at Northway Gardens Tennis Club.
- 2.27 Requirements generally remain the same for Rugby. Both Mill Hill and Hendon Rugby club lease issues have been resolved with lease for 60 years in place for both clubs. The club has a new women's team and has submitted a planning application to be determined with regards to provision of a car park for 54 cars and associated floodlighting.
- 2.28 Mill Hill Rugby Club has a new lease from 2019 for 60 years and have received planning permission for a single storey side/front extension to provide new changing rooms with associated facilities following demolition of the existing changing rooms. New pitched roof, single storey rear extension and creation of covered viewing terrace to rear of existing clubhouse. The club now provides an Inclusive mixed ability rugby session.
- 2.29 Finchley Rugby Club has a women's and 2 girl's teams and the remainder of the teams remain the same.
- 2.30 Barnet Elizabethans Rugby Club have been left a financial legacy and are keen to expand pitches and provision of a new clubhouse using additional land adjacent to the existing club pitches and facilities.
- 2.31 There is a need for a World 22 regulation 3G pitch. This was to be considered within the Copthall Playing fields Hub development but has not as yet been taken forward.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Revised July 2021

- 2.32 The National Planning Policy Framework has been revised twice since the 2017 PPS. The recent revised 2021 (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies and how these should be applied. It provides a framework within which locally prepared plans for housing and other development can be produced. The NPPF has a key focus in achieving sustainable development and states that the overarching social objective of the planning system is:

“To support strong, vibrant, and healthy communities....by fostering a well-designed, beautiful and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities’ health, social and cultural wellbeing.”

- 2.33 Paragraphs 98 and 99 of the NPPF outline the planning policies for the provision and protection of sport and recreation facilities:

Paragraph 98: “Access to a network of high-quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities, and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport, and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.”

Paragraph 99: “Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- **an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings, or land to be surplus to requirements; or**
- **the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or**
- **the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.”**

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- 2.34 In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, the PPS assesses existing outdoor sports provision including pitches and infrastructure along with the future need for such provision (irrespective of whether it is in public, private, MoD, or educational ownership and regardless of the nature and level of use).
- 2.35 The future picture of provision has been assessed based on potential changes in supply (both committed and planned projects within Barnet and its catchment area), forecast changes in the resident population national trends in participation and the development aspirations of the clubs based in the district.

3. Have there been any developments for a specific sport or particular format of sport?

Football

3.1 Table 3.1 provides a comparison between the Playing Pitch Strategy 2017 and the 2020/21 Season for the number of football Team and number of secured and unsecured natural grass pitches.

Table 3.1: Comparison Football Team Numbers and Secured and Unsecured Grass Pitches 2017 and 2020/21

	PPS 2017	Review 2020/21	Difference 2017/2020/21 Season
Total Number of Teams	355	407	+52
Number of Adult Men's Teams	94	105	+11
Number of Adult Female Teams	3	3	0
Number of Male Youth 11v11 Teams	72	85	+13
Number of Female Youth 11v11 Teams	3	7	+4
Number of Male Junior 9v9 Teams	54	71	+17
Number of Female junior 9v9 teams	3	7	+4
Number of Mini Soccer Teams 7v7	70	71	+1
Number of Mini Soccer Teams 5v5	56	58	+2
Secured Playing Pitch Sites.	30	23	-7
Unsecured Playing Pitch Sites.	5	5	0
Secured community Use Pitches – Adult.	69	49	-20
Secured community Use Youth 11v11 pitches.	11	21	+10
Secured community Use Junior 9v9 pitches.	14	10	-4
Secured community Use Mini Soccer 7 v 7 pitches.	18	12	-6
Secured community Use Mini soccer 5v5 pitches	14	8	-6
Unsecured adult 11v11 pitches	2	6	+4
Unsecured youth 11v11 pitches	6	3	-3

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	PPS 2017	Review 2020/21	Difference 2017/2020/21 Season
Unsecured Junior 9v9 pitches	1	1	0
Unsecured mini soccer 7v7 pitches	4	2	-2
Unsecured mini soccer 5v5 pitches	2	2	0

- 3.2 There are 52 additional football teams in 2020/21 compared to 2017. The highest increase is junior 9v9 teams 21. This is followed by youth 11v11 17 teams and then adult teams 11 and mini soccer teams 3.
- 3.3 There are less playing pitch sites offering football in 2020/21 than in 2017. This does not mean that playing pitches have been lost. These sites can be brought back into use when required.
- 3.4 There are 20 less adult pitches in use in 2020/21 than in 2017, However, there is an increase of 10 youth 11v11 pitches in 2020/21. 5 adult pitches have been reconfigured as youth 11v11 pitches at Copthall. Other sites used in 2017 are currently resting or mothballed but can be brought back into use if required.

2020/21 Peak Time of Play Pitch Capacity – Demand for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) adult 11v11 pitches.

- 3.5 Table 3.2 identifies the capacity and demand at peak time at each individual playing field site used for adult football in the 2020/21 season.

Table 3.2: Peak Time of Play Individual Adult 11 v 11 Football Pitch Sites Across LB Barnet

Adult Pitch Provision – Site and Peak Period	Pitch Rating	Security Of Community Use on Site	Number Of Pitches	Pitch Capacity	Demand (Match Equivalent Sessions weekly)	Difference Between Capacity & Demand Match Equivalent Sessions Weekly	Demand Match Equivalent Sessions Peak Period	Match Equivalent Sessions Actual Spare Capacity in The Peak Period
Ashmole Academy	Poor	Unsecured	1	1	1	0	0.5	0.5
Brunswick Park School	Standard	Unsecured	1	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5
Camdenians Sports (Peak Period Saturday PM)	Standard	Secured	2	4	4.5	-0.5	2.5	-0.5
Chase Lodge Playing Fields (Peak Period Sunday AM))	Standard	Secured	3	6	4.5	1.5	2.5	0.5

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Copthall Playing Fields (Peak Period Sunday) was 10	Standard	Secured	5	10	3	7	2	3
East Barnet Old Grammarians Ludgrove Club (Peak Period Saturday PM)	Standard	Secured	2	4	2.5	1.5	2.5	-0.5
Finchley Catholic High School (Peak period Saturday PM)	Standard	Unsecured	1	2	1.5	0.5	1	0
Glebelands Open Space (Peak Period Sunday AM/PM))	Standard	Secured	2	4	0.5	3.5	0.5	1.5
Hampstead Heath Extension	Standard	Secured	2	4	0.5	3.5	0.5	1.5
HDSA	Good	Secured	1	3	2.5	0.5	2	-1
King George V Playing Fields	Standard	Secured	1	2	1	1	1	0
London Academy	Standard	Unsecured	3	6	1.5	4.5	1	2
Mill Hill Village Sports Club (Peak Period Saturday PM)	Standard	Secured	1	2	1.5	0.5	1	0
Oakhill Park (Peak Period Sunday AM)	Standard	Secured	3	6	1	5	1	2
Old Cholmellians (Peak Period Saturday PM)	Good	Secured	3	6	2.5	3.5	1.5	1.5
Old Elizabethans (Peak Period Sunday PM)	Standard	Secured	3	6	3	3	2	1
Old Finchellians (Peak Period Saturday and Sunday)	Standard	Secured	2	4	5	-1	5	-3

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Princes Park (Peak Period Sunday AM/PM)	Poor	Secured	2	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	1.5
Rowley Lane (Peak period Sunday PM)	Good	Secured	4	8	5	3	4	0
University College Playing Fields	Good	Unsecured			0.5	-0.5	0.5	-0.5
Victoria Recreation Ground	Standard	Secured	2	4	0.5	3.5	0.5	1.5
West Hendon Playing Fields (Peak period Sunday)	Standard	Secured	8	16	1.5	14.5	1	7
Wingate and Finchley (Peak period Saturday PM)	Good	Secured	1	3	0.5	2.5	0.5	0.5
Woodside Park (Peak period Sunday AM)	1 standard 1 good	Secured	2	5	0.5	4.5	0.5	1.5
Totals			55	110	45.5	64.5	34.5	20.5
Total Secured Community Use Adult Pitches			49	105	42.5	62.5	32.5	19.5
Total Unsecured Community Use Adult Pitches			6	5	3	2	2	1
Totals			55	110	45.5	64.5	34.5	20.5

Key:

Under Play
Balanced Play
Over Play

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- 3.6 In 2017 there were 71 adult 11v 11 pitches available in 2020 there are 55 MES available. One reason is the conversion of 5 adult pitches at Cophall to junior 11v 11 pitches leaving 5 adult 11 v 11 pitches at Cophall. Other pitches have been rested but could be brought back into use if required in the future. The sites in Table 3.3 were used and identified in the 2017 PPS for adult football but are not identified as being used in the 2020/21 season.

Table 3.3 Sites Identified in the 2017 PPS as being used for Adult Football and the Number of Pitches

Bethune Recreation Ground (Peak Period Sunday AM))	Standard	Secured	4
Brook Farm Open Space	Poor	Secured	2
Edgewarebury Park	Standard	Secured	2
Mill Hill Park	Poor	Secured	3
New Southgate Recreation Ground	Poor	Secured	1
Watling Park	Standard	Secured	1

- 3.7 Table 3.3 totals 13 adult 11v11 pitches not currently being used that have been used in the past.
- 3.8 3G pitches are being used for match play. Table 3.4 identifies the 3G pitch provision that is being used in the 2020/21 season. These 3G pitches were not used for match play in the 2017 PPS. So, these pitches are an additional source for match play since 2017.

Table 3.4 3G Pitch use for Adult Football Match Play 2020/21 Season

Site	Weekly MES
East Barnet School 3G Pitch (Expired FA Registered Middlesex FA)	0.5
Football Pad Barnet 3G (FA Registered)	1
Jewish Community School 3G Pitch (FA Registered Middlesex FA)	1
Lucozade Power League Finchley 3G (Not FA Registered)	1
St James Catholic High School 3G Pitch (Not FA Registered)	1.5
Woodhouse College 3G Pitch (FA Registered London FA)	1.5
Totals	6.5

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- 3.9 Table 3.4 identifies weekly demand for 6.5 MES on 3G pitches currently. However, 3 of these 3G pitches are not on the FA 3G pitch register (Highlighted Red) East Barnet School registration has expired and St James Catholic High School and Lucozade Power League Finchley have not been registered. This requires 3 MES to be moved to safe alternative match play facilities.
- 3.10 The overall weekly pitch capacity when considering the quality of the 55 available natural grass adult 11v11 pitches is 110 MES compared to 136 MES per week in 2017, and there is demand for 45.5 MES compared to 68 MES in 2017. Some teams now play on 3G pitches, this is equivalent to 6.5 MES for the 2020/21 season.
- 3.11 Peak time of play needs to be considered so that there are sufficient match equivalent sessions required at the peak time of play. There is a requirement for 35 (34.5 rounded up) peak time adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions. There are 55 match equivalent sessions available. The actual spare capacity of adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions across Barnet in 2020/21 is 20 in the peak period.
- 3.12 The unsecured match equivalent sessions (2) can be met from the existing secured capacity.
- 3.13 There are 2 unused adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions that could be available in the future at Basing Hill Park – 1 adult match equivalent session and Finchley Hospital are required to provide an adult 11 v 11 football pitch as a planning condition.
- 3.14 Potentially the PPS review highlights a substantial number of adult football pitches (13) that are not currently being used and are resting but available for use if required.

Future Match Equivalent Requirements Adult 11 v 11 2039 (Current Match Equivalents & Population Growth)

- 3.15 There will be an increase of teams through latent demand and population growth. The increase in population from 2020 to 2039 is estimated to be 68,587. Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool identifies that a population of 68,587 in Barnet will produce approximately 20 adult 11v11 teams requiring 10 MES weekly.
- 3.16 Although there has been a reduction in adult pitch availability since 2017. The current adult pitch availability can meet the expected increase in demand up to 2039 meaning all adult pitches available need to be protected.

2020/21 Peak Time of Play Pitch Capacity – Demand for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) Youth 11v11 pitches.

- 3.17 Current peak time play for youth 11 v 11 is on a Sunday. Peak time cannot be distinguished between morning and afternoon due to the teams being able to organise their games at times convenient to each other and pitch availability. This is the same as in 2017.

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Table 3.5: Peak Time of Play Individual Youth 11 v 11 Football Pitch Sites

Youth 11 v 11 Pitch Provision – Site	Pitch Rating	Security of Community Use on Site	Number of Pitches	Pitch Capacity	Demand (Match Equivalents) 11 v 11 weekly	Difference Between Capacity & Demand Match Equivalents	Demand Match Equivalent Sessions Peak Period	Match Equivalent Sessions Actual Spare Capacity in The Peak Period
Ashmole Academy	Poor	Unsecured	2	1	1	0	1	1
Brunswick Park	Standard	Secured	1	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5
Chase Lodge Playing Fields	Standard	Secured	2	4	7.5	-3.5	6.5	-4.5
Childs Hill Park (Peak Period Sunday)	Standard	Secured	1	2	2	0	1.5	-0.5
Copthall– new change of adult to junior	Standard	Secured	4	8	7.5	0.5	7.5	-3.5
Finchley Catholic High School Playing Fields	Standard	Unsecured	1	2	1	1	1	0
Hampstead Heath Extension	Standard	Secured	1	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5
King George V Playing Fields	Standard	Secured	1	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5
Mill Hill Village Sports Club 1.5 Sunday Camdenians	Standard	Secured	3	6	1.5	4.5	1.5	1.5
Old Elizabethans Memorial Playing Fields	Good	Secured	2	6	1	5	1	1
Princess Park Youth Sports Club	Poor	Secured	1	1	1.5	-0.5	1.5	-0.5
Rowley Lane	Good	Secured	2	6	5.5	0.5	5	-3

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Youth 11 v 11 Pitch Provision – Site	Pitch Rating	Security of Community Use on Site	Number of Pitches	Pitch Capacity	Demand (Match Equivalents) 11 v 11 weekly	Difference Between Capacity & Demand Match Equivalents	Demand Match Equivalent Sessions Peak Period	Match Equivalent Sessions Actual Spare Capacity in The Peak Period
West Hendon Playing Fields	Standard	Secured	1	2	1.5	0.5	1.5	-0.5
Woodside Park Sports Club	Standard	Secured	2	4	5	-1	4.5	-2.5
			24	48	36.5	11.5	34	-10
Secured Community Use			21	45	34.5	10.5	32	-11
Unsecured Community Use			3	3	2	1	2	1

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- 3.18 Table 3.5 identifies an existing demand of 34 MES at peak time of play and 24 pitches provide 24 MES at peak time of play. There is a deficit of 10 MES equal to 10 pitches. In addition, Table 3.6 below shows sites that do not have any youth 11v11 pitches and these MES are over played on adult 11v11 pitches:

Table 3.6: Youth 11v11 overplayed on adult 11v11 Pitches

Sites	Peak Time MES
East Barnet Old Grammarians	1
Old Chomellians	2.5
Old Finchelians	0.5

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- 3.19 When totalling the existing natural grass site MES requirements at peak time for 2020/21 and the over play on adult pitches 4 MES at peak time, there is a requirement for 38 MES at peak time. With the current sites providing 24 MES at peak time of play there is a deficit of 14 MES at peak time of play.
- 3.20 Since the 2017 PPS, 3G pitches have accommodated some MES for youth 11v11. This equates to 2.5 MES played on 3G pitches. The following MES take place on 3G pitches:
- **Archer Academy 3G Pitch - 0.5 MES weekly and 0.5 MES at peak time of play. (Not FA 3G Pitch Registered)**
 - **Football Pad 3G Pitch – 1 MES weekly and 1 MES at peak time of play (FA 3G Pitch Register).**
 - **Woodhouse College 3G Pitch – 1 MES weekly and 1 MES at peak time of play (FA 3G Pitch Register).**
- 3.21 The Archer Academy is not on the FA 3G Football pitch Register and therefore should not be used for matches. Whitefield School has 2 artificial grass pitches suitable for hockey. However, the FA club and team data identifies that the European Football Academy accesses the school for 3 MES on a Saturday. This requires to be checked as the club should not be playing matches on this type of pitch.
- 3.22 When adding the 3 MES at Whitefield School and 0.5 MES at the Archer Academy to the requirement for 38 MES 9v9 pitches at peak time of play. The total requirement becomes 41.5 MES at peak time of play taking the deficit to 18 (17.5 rounded up) MES for youth 11v11 pitches at peak time of play.
- 3.23 There are currently 3 unsecured community use sites offering 3 youth 11v11 match equivalent sessions. There is a need to ensure community use agreements are in place at these unsecured community use sites to safeguard future football team usage. If the Archer Academy 3G pitch is to be used for match play in the future it requires to be added to the FA 3G Pitch Register.
- 3.24 Youth 11v11 pitches are played currently mainly on a Sunday 37.5 MES. The usage is over capacity if all teams kicked off at the same time. Teams can and do stagger kick offs and there are a number of sites that are not currently being used that could be brought back into play. With teams staggering kick off times there is sufficient weekly capacity of 48 MES to meet demand on a Sunday.
- 3.25 Weekly capacity could be improved by improving the quality of pitches at the Chase Lodge Playing Fields, Princess Park Youth Sports Club and Woodside Park Sports Club. These 3 sites are currently over played against the weekly capacity. By improving the pitches at these sites from standard to good would increase weekly MES.
- Future Match Equivalent Requirements Youth 11 v 11 2039 (Current Match Equivalents and Population Growth).**
- 3.26 There will be an increase of teams through latent demand and population growth. The increase in population from 2020 to 2039 is estimated to be 68,587. Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool identifies that a population of 68,587 in Barnet will produce approximately 16 new youth 11v11 teams requiring 8 MES weekly requiring 8 youth 11v11 pitches.

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- 3.27 These 8 youth 11v 11 pitches required at peak time of play should be delivered from new housing through developer contributions or the contributions should be used to improve existing pitch quality to increase playing MES capacity.
- 3.28 There are several adult pitch sites not currently used that could be reconfigured as youth 11v11 pitches. These are identified below. These sites provide 13 pitches that could be reconfigured to assist with the current deficit of youth 11v 11 pitches.

Table 3.7: Adult 11v11 Pitches that could be Reconfigured to Youth 11v11

Site	No. Pitches
Bethune Recreation Ground (Peak Period Sunday AM))	4
Brook Farm Open Space	2
Edgwarebury Park	2
Mill Hill Park	3
New Southgate Recreation Ground	1
Watling Park	1

- 3.29 Weekly capacity could be improved by improving the quality of pitches at the Chase Lodge Playing Fields, Princess Park Youth Sports Club and Woodside Park Sports Club. These 3 sites are currently over played against the weekly capacity. By improving the pitches at these sites from standard to good would increase weekly MES.
- 3.30 In addition, Burnt Oak Leisure Centre provided 2 youth pitches in the PPS 2017 and Bethune Recreation Ground 1 youth pitch. These 3 pitches are resting and could be brought back into use.
- 3.31 The 2017 PPS also identified that Clitterhouse Playing Fields when developed would provide 3 youth 11 v 11 pitches. This is now not correct as proposals show 2 x 3G football turf pitches. Any small sided pitches (9v9 and smaller) will be catered for on the 3G pitches. The Football Foundation has requested that youth 11v11 pitches are provided to supplement the 3G pitches.
- 3.32 If 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 were to move at least 50% of match equivalent games onto 3G rubber crumb pitches there will be opportunities to provide additional grass youth 11 v 11 match equivalents as a replacement on the grass 9 v 9 and 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions.

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2020/21 Peak Time of Play Pitch Capacity – Demand for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) Junior 9v9 pitches.

- 3.33 2020/21 Peak time play for junior 9v9 is Sunday. Peak time cannot be distinguished between morning and afternoon due to the teams being able to organise their games at times convenient to each other and pitch availability.

Table 3.8: Peak Time of Play Individual Junior 9v9 Football Pitch Sites Across LB Barnet

Junior 9 v 9 Pitch Provision - Site	Pitch Rating	Security of Community Use on Site	Number of Pitches	Pitch Capacity	Weekly Demand (Match Equivalents) 9 v 9	Difference Between Capacity & Demand Match Equivalents	Demand Match Equivalent Sessions Peak Period	Match Equivalent Sessions Actual Spare Capacity in The Peak Period
Ark Pioneer Academy	Standard	Unsecured	1	2	1	1	1	0
Chase Lodge Playing Fields	Standard	Secured	1	2	3	-1	2.5	-1.5
Copthall	Standard	Secured	5	10	6.5	3.5	6	-1
Old Chomellians	Good	Secured	1	4	1.5	2.5	1	0
Princess Park	Poor	Secured	1	1	1.5	-0.5	1.5	-0.5
West Hendon Playing Field	Standard	Secured	1	2	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5
Woodside Park	Good	Secured	1	4	3.5	0.5	3.5	-2.5
Totals			11	25	17.5	7.5	16	-5
Secured Community Use			10	23	16.5	6.5	15	-5
Unsecured Community Use			1	2	1	1	1	0

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- 3.34 Table 3.8 identifies an existing natural grass pitch requirement for 16 MES at peak time of play on sites that have junior 9v9 pitches. There are 11 pitches providing 11 MES at peak time of play. There is a current deficit of 5 MES equal to 5 pitches.
- 3.35 There is some overplay of adult pitches at the following site:
- **Childshill Park - 1 MES**
 - **East Barnet Old Grammarians - 1 MES**
 - **King George V Playing Fields - 0.5 MES**
 - **Old Elizabethens - 2.5 MES**
- 3.36 The over play on adult pitches is equivalent to 5 MES equal to 5 pitches at peak time. This when added to the natural grass deficit is equivalent to a deficit of 10 MES. This is equivalent to 10 9v9 pitches.
- 3.37 Since the 2017 PPS 9v9 play takes place on 3G football turf pitches. The Football Association data identifies the following play on 3G pitches for the 2020/21 season:
- **3G Finchley Catholic High School (Not FA Registered) 1.5 MES**
 - **Lucozade Power League Finchley (Not FA Registered) 1.5 MES**
 - **Millbrook Park Primary (School 0.5 MES (FA Registered)**
 - **Orion Primary School (Not FA Registered) 0.5 MES**
 - **Power League Mill Hill (Not FA Registered) 0.5 MES**
 - **Rowley Lane 6 MES (FA Registered)**
 - **Archer Academy (Not FA Registered) 1 MES**
 - **Football Pad 1 MES (FA Registered)**
 - **Woodhouse College 1.5 MES (FA Registered)**

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- 3.38 Some of the above 3G football turf pitches (highlighted red) are not registered on the FA 3G pitch register and cannot therefore be used for match play. The number of MES that need to be moved to alternative 9v9 pitches total 5 MES or equivalent to 5 pitches.
- 3.39 When adding the 5 MES that need to be moved to alternative pitches from playing over adult pitches, the 5 MES from playing on non-registered FA 3G football turf pitches and the 5 MES deficit for natural grass pitches. There is a total deficit of 15 MES equivalent to 15 9v9 junior pitches.

Future Match Equivalent Requirements Junior 9 v 9 2039 (Current Match Equivalents, Population Growth).

- 3.40 There will be an increase of teams through latent demand and population growth. The increase in population from 2020 to 2039 is estimated to be 68,587. Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool identifies that a population of 68,587 in Barnet will produce approximately 14 new junior 9v9 teams requiring 7 MES at peak time of play. This is equal to 7 junior 9v9 pitches.
- 3.41 These 7 junior 9v9 pitches required at peak time of play should be delivered from new housing development through developer contributions. Or contributions are used to improve pitch quality to increase playing capacity.
- 3.42 Assuming that the increased population match equivalents will be at peak time, then the population increased 7 MES need to be added to the current deficit of 15 MES equivalent to 15 pitches, This totals 23 MES. This is equivalent to 23 pitches.
- 3.43 As a safeguard the unsecured pitch at Ark Pioneer Academy should be used and provided for as part of a community use agreement.
- 3.44 Planned new 3G provision can help meet this deficit, for example 1 x 9v9 at Bishop Douglas - The 2 full size 3Gs at both West Hendon Playing Fields and Clitterhouse Playing Field (x4 3Gs in total - can provide 8 x 9v9) – and the potential for multiple games at different KO times.
- 3.45 There is a need to consider a phased approach to move 50%of competitive games onto 3G rubber crumb pitches. This will assist with meeting the required 9v9 peak time demand match equivalent sessions in 2039.

2020/21 Peak Time of Play Pitch Capacity – Demand for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) Mini soccer 7v7 pitches.

- 3.46 The current peak time of play for mini soccer 7v7 MES is on Sunday. Demand for weekly MES is the same as the peak time demand for MES. The reason for this is all peak time demand is on a Sunday either AM or PM.

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Table 3.9: Peak Time of Play Individual 7 v 7 Football Pitch Sites Across LB Barnet

Mini Soccer 7 V 7 Pitch Provision - Site	Pitch Rating	Security of Community Use on Site	Number of Pitches	Pitch Capacity	Weekly Demand Match Equivalents	Difference Between Capacity & Demand Match Equivalents	Demand Match Equivalent Sessions Peak Period	Match Equivalents Spare Capacity in The Peak Period
					7 v 7			
Chase Lodge Playing Fields (Sunday AM/PM)	Standard	Secured	3	12	1.5	10.5	1.5	1.5
Copthall (Sunday AM/PM)	Standard	Secured	4	16	4.5	11.5	4.5	-0.5
Princess Park (Sunday AM/PM)	3 poor 1 standard	Secured	4	7	1	6	1	3
Livingstone Primary School (Sunday AM/PM)	Standard	Unsecured	3	12	3	9	3	0
Woodside Park (Sunday AM/PM)	Good	Secured	1	6	4.5	1.5	4.5	-3.5
Totals			15	53	14.5	38.5	14.5	0.5
Secured Community Use			12	41	11.5	29.5	11.5	0.5
Unsecured Community Use			3	12	3	9	3	0

Key:

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Balanced Play
Over Play

3.47 Table 3.9 identifies that there is a current natural grass pitch requirement for 15 MES (14.5 rounded up) at peak time of play on sites that have mini soccer 7v7 pitches. The sites in Table 3.9 provide 15 MES at peak time of play. There is a supply/demand balance currently.

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3.48 There is overplay of adult pitches at the following sites:

- **Childs Hill Park – 0.5 MES**
- **East Barnet Old Grammarians – 1.5 MES**
- **Hampstead Heath Extension – 1.5 MES**
- **King George V Playing Fields – 0.5 MES**
- **Old Elizabethans – 2 MES**
- **Wilf Slack Memorial Ground – 0.5 MES**
- **Wingate and Finchley FC – 1.5 MES**

3.49 The over play on adult pitches is equivalent to 8 MES at peak time.

3.50 Since the 2017 PPS more mini soccer 7v7 play takes place on 3G football turf pitches. The Football Association data identifies the following play on 3G pitches for the 2020/21 season equivalent to 12.5 MES.:

- **Millbrook Park Primary School 0.5 MES FA Registered**
- **Jewish community School 1.5 MES FA Registered**
- **Orion Primary School Not FA Registered 1 MES**
- **Power League Mill Hill Not FA Registered 1.5 MES**
- **Rowley Lane 4.5 MES FA Registered**
- **Archer Academy Not FA Registered 2 MES**
- **The Fitness Pod 0.5 MES Not FA Registered**
- **Football Pad 1 MES FA Registered**

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- 3.51 Some of the above 3G football turf pitches are not registered on the FA 3G pitch register and cannot therefore be used for match play. The number of MES that need to be moved to alternative 7v7 pitches total 5 MES or equivalent to 5 pitches.
- 3.52 Whitefield School has 2 artificial grass pitches suitable for hockey. However, the FA club and team data identifies that there is 0.5 MES (PFA United U9 Red) on these pitches. This requires to be checked as these pitches should not have matches played on this type of pitch.
- 3.53 When adding the 8 MES that need to be moved to alternative pitches from playing over adult pitches, the 5 MES from playing on non-registered FA 3G football turf pitches and the 0.5 MES to be removed from Whitefield School. There is a total deficit of 14 (13.5 rounded up) MES equivalent to 14 mini soccer 7v7 pitches.

Future Match Equivalent Requirements Mini 7 v 7 2039 (Current Match Equivalents and Population Growth).

- 3.54 There will be an increase of teams through latent demand and population growth. The increase in population from 2020 to 2039 is estimated to be 68,587. Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool identifies that a population of 68,587 in Barnet will produce approximately 13 new 7v7 teams requiring 4 (3.5 rounded up) MES at peak time of play. This is equal to 4 7v7 pitches.
- 3.55 These 4 mini 7v7 pitches required at peak time of play should be delivered from new housing development through developer contributions.
- 3.56 Assuming that the increased population match equivalents will be at peak time, then the population increased 4 MES need to be added to the current deficit of 13 MES equivalent to 13 pitches, This totals 17 MES. This is equivalent to 17 pitches.
- 3.57 As a safeguard the unsecured pitch at Livingstone Primary School should be provided and a community use agreement put in place.
- 3.58 The previous 2017 PPS identified that Clitterhouse Playing Fields, when developed would provide 2 mini 7v7 pitches. providing 2 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. The current proposal includes 2 x 3G football turf pitches. With the provision of 3G football turf pitches there is no need for natural grass mini soccer pitches. The same applies to West Hendon Playing Fields.
- 3.59 There are opportunities for the deficit of 17 mini soccer match equivalent sessions to be played on 3G football turf pitches in the future.

2020/21 Peak Time of Play Pitch Capacity – Demand for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) Mini soccer 5v5 pitches.

- 3.60 The current peak time of play for mini soccer 5v5 MES is on Sunday. Demand for weekly MES is the same as the peak time demand for MES. The reason for this is all peak time demand is on a Sunday either AM or PM.

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Table 3.10: Peak Time of Play Individual 5v5 Football Pitch Sites Across LB Barnet

Mini Soccer 5 v 5 Pitch Provision - Site	Pitch Rating	Security of Community Use on Site	Number of Pitches	Pitch Capacity	Weekly Demand (Match Equivalents) 11 v 11	Difference Between Capacity Demand & Match Equivalents	Demand Equivalent Sessions Peak Period	Match Peak	Match Equivalents Spare Capacity in The Peak Period
Chase Lodge (Sunday AM/PM)	Standard	Secured	3	12	0.5	11.5	0.5	2.5	
Copthall (Sunday AM/PM)	Standard	Secured	4	16	4	12	4	0	
Woodside Park Sunday AM/PM)	Good	Secured	1	6	2.5	3.5	2.5	-1.5	
Livingstone Primary Sunday AM/PM)	Standard	Unsecured	2	8	2	6	2	0	
			10	42	9	33	9	1	
Secured Community Use			8	34	7	27	7	1	
Unsecured Community Use			2	8	2	6	2	0	

3.61 Table 3.10 identifies that there is a current natural grass pitch requirement for 9 MES at peak time of play on sites that have mini soccer 5v5 pitches. The sites in Table 3.10 provide 10 MES at peak time of play. There is sufficient supply to meet the demand on natural grass pitches.

3.62 There is some overplay of adult pitches at the following sites:

- **East Barnet Old Grammarians – 0.5 MES**
- **Hampstead Heath Extension – 1.5 MES**
- **King George V Playing Fields – 0.5 MES**
- **Old Elizabethans – 2.5 MES**
- **Princess Park – 0.5 MES**
- **Wilf Slack Memorial Ground – 1 MES**
- **Wingate and Finchley FC – 1 MES**

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- 3.63 The over play on adult pitches is equivalent to 7.5 MES at peak time.
- 3.64 Since the 2017 PPS 5v5 play now takes place on 3G football turf pitches. The Football Association data identifies the following play on 3G pitches for the 2020/21 season equivalent to 12.5 MES:
- **Jewish community School 1 MES FA Registered**
 - **Power League Mill Hill Not FA Registered 4 MES**
 - **Rowley Lane 4.5 MES FA Registered**
 - **Archer Academy Not FA Registered 1 MES**
 - **The Fitness Pod 0.5 MES Not FA Registered**
 - **Woodhouse College 0.5 MES FA Registered**
- 3.65 Some of the above 3G football turf pitches are not registered on the FA 3G pitch register and cannot therefore be used for match play. The number of MES that need to be moved to alternative 5v5 pitches total 5.5 MES or equivalent to 6 pitches.
- 3.66 Whitefield School has 2 artificial grass pitches suitable for hockey. However, the FA club and team data identifies that there is 0.5 MES (PFA United U8) on these pitches. This requires to be checked as these pitches should not have matches played on this type of pitch.
- 3.67 When adding the 7.5 MES that need to be moved to alternative pitches from playing over adult pitches, the 5 MES from playing on non-registered FA 3G football turf pitches and the 0.5 MES to be removed from Whitefield School. There is a total deficit of 13 MES equivalent to 13 mini soccer 5v5 pitches.
- Future Match Equivalent Requirements Mini 5 v 5 2039 (Current Match Equivalents and Population Growth).**
- 3.68 There will be an increase of teams through latent demand and population growth. The increase in population from 2020 to 2039 is estimated to be 68,587. Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool identifies that a population of 68,587 in Barnet will produce approximately 10 new 5v5 teams requiring 5 MES at peak time of play. This is equal to 5 5v5 pitches.
- 3.69 These 5 mini 5v5 pitches required at peak time of play should be delivered from new housing development through developer contributions.

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- 3.70 Assuming that the increased population match equivalents will be at peak time, then the population increased 5 MES need to be added to the current deficit of 13 MES equivalent to 13 pitches, This totals 18 MES. This is equivalent to 18 pitches.
- 3.71 As a safeguard the unsecured pitch at Livingstone Primary School should be used and provided for as part of a community use agreement.
- 3.72 The previous 2017 PPS identified that Clitterhouse Playing Fields when developed would provide 2 mini 5v5 pitches providing 2 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. The current proposal includes 2 x 3G football turf pitches. With the provision of 3G football turf pitches there is not a need for natural grass mini soccer pitches.
- 3.73 There are opportunities for the deficit of 18 mini soccer 5v5 match equivalent sessions to be played on 3G football turf pitches in the future.
- 3.74 There is a deficit for both formats 5v5 and 7v7. New 3G provision can go a long way to meeting this deficit. Each single 3G pitch can provide for 2 x 7v7 pitches and 4 5v5 pitches.

Table 3.11: Summary of Natural Grass Pitch Future Demand to 2039

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week) Harrogate					Total Future Demand	
	Actual Capacity	Spare	Overplay Peak time	Current Total	Future Demand – Population Increases		Future Demand Club Aspirations
Adult	0.5		0	6	1.05	0.5	4.45
Youth 11v11			0	0	1.16	2	11.7
Junior 9v9	0.5		20/5	0	0.83	2	3
Mini 7v7			0	4	0.68	3	3.25
Mini 5v5	1			0	0.55	-	5

3G Rubber Crumb Artificial Grass Pitches

Introduction

- 3.75 The Football Foundation requested that the Barnet Council PPS review considered the 3G pitch provision required in Barnet, Brent and Camden and to identify the existing and future demand for 3G pitches in Barnet. In undertaking this work there is a need to consider the sports provision proposed for Clitterhouse Playing Fields Brent Cross Town.
- 3.76 The London Borough of Barnet is a Joint Venture (JV) partner with Argent Related to develop Brent Cross South as the JV Company BXSLP.
- 3.77 Brent Cross South was granted Outline Planning Permission in 2010 and will deliver: 150,000 – 200,000 sq. feet of indoor sport and leisure space and 50 acres approximately of outdoor facilities. Now named Brent Cross Town there will be 6,700 homes and workspace for 25,000.
- 3.78 There will be a new Brent Cross West Station within the development. This station will be on the existing Thameslink train line between Hendon and Cricklewood, just to the south of the North Circular Road. The plan is to have the station open by 2022 and it will take approximately 12 minutes to travel to Kings Cross St Pancras Main Line Station. There is an existing Brent Cross station on the London underground Northern Line. Both stations will serve residents in Camden and are in easy walking distance of Clitterhouse Playing Fields.
- 3.79 The Brent Cross Town development includes spending several million pounds on improving the sports pitch facilities at Clitterhouse Playing Fields.
- 3.80 The Brent Cross Town Development will include the demolition of the existing Whitefield School. The 2 existing AGPs used for hockey and football training will be replaced with 2 new AGPs at Clitterhouse Playing Fields.
- 3.81 The Clitterhouse Playing Fields S106 AGREEMENT - SCHEDULE 28 - PARK IMPROVEMENTS - SPECIFICATION OF OUTLINE DESIGN PRINCIPLES (AS VARIED BY 2ND DEED OF VARIATION 23 OCTOBER 2017 states:

e) Sports Pitch Provision: Sports pitch provision should be a minimum of 6.23 hectares. The following sports pitches and sports courts will be provided for a variety of user groups and split between Part 1 and Part 2 as listed below.

In developing the design of both artificial and natural turf pitches, there will be a focus on refining the ground modelling to ensure the new sports provision delivers a solution within the existing parameters that is more robust than the current situation and in accordance with good practice. Pitch layout and associated re-grading should be developed to fully consider the community events, with access on gradients not precluding such uses.

Part 1 will provide the majority of the formal natural grass pitches within Clitterhouse Playing Fields.

The area can accommodate a variety of winter and summer sport as listed below:

- **3 no senior pitches 110x74m**
- **2 junior pitches (9 aside) 80 x 50m**
- **2 mini soccer pitches (7 aside) 60 x 40m**
- **2 mini soccer pitches (5 aside) 40x30m**
- **6 tennis/MUGA 37 x 18.5m each. The courts will be laid out as 2 separately fenced courts and 1 shared MUGA courts. The fencing will be a minimum of 3.0m increasing to 4.5m where the court layout demands.**
- **Informal level grass pitch area to accommodate 3 mini soccer pitches 40 x 30m min.**

The pitch sizes above comply with the relevant Sport England or governing body guidance and will have necessary bespoke pitch drainage. The area will be remodelled to achieve suitable gradients within the existing site parameters. The area will be left open with no specific pitch lighting or fencing.

Part 2 The area is suitable to accommodate a number of separate sports courts. The dimensions and current combination of sports/pitches are listed below:

- **2 all-weather pitches with artificial grass surface – overall size 101.4 x 61m**
- **4 multi use games courts with asphalt surface – overall area 74 x 38m**

The pitch sizes above comply with the relevant Sport England or governing body guidance and will have necessary bespoke pitch drainage. The area will be remodelled to achieve suitable gradients within the existing site parameters. The fencing will be a minimum of 3.0m increasing to 4.5m where the court layout demands with lighting subject to final design.

3.82 LB Camden has spatial issues with regards to providing locations for 3G full size pitches. In a nutshell there is a shortage of land available for development.

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3.83 The 2011 census for Camden Council residents found that 61% of households had no car, 32% had one car and 7% of households had 2 or more cars. The main forms of transport that residents used to travel to work were:

- **underground, metro, light rail, tram, 21.5% of all residents aged 16–74.**
- **on foot, 9.2%.**
- **bus, minibus, or coach, 9.2%.**
- **driving a car or van, 6.3%.**
- **work mainly at or from home, 5.2%.**
- **train, 4.1%.**
- **bicycle, 4.1%.**

3.84 When adding the usage of the underground, metro, light railway, tram 21.5% and train 4.1%. This amounts to just over 25% of the population use the underground or train for travel to work.

3.85 The aim of this piece of work is to review the current and future need for 3G football turf pitches across LB Barnet, LB Brent, and LB Camden. This includes the possible provision of 3G football turf pitches at Clitterhouse Playing Fields as part of the Brent Cross Town development and to provide conclusions on the number of 3G football turf pitches required and their location.

3G Football Turf Pitches Current Situation LB Barnet, LB Brent, and LB Camden

3.86 Current Need Based on Football Foundation Training Demand model (38 teams per full size 3G football turf pitch):

3.87 Total number of football teams in LB Barnet, LB Brent and LB Camden are provided in Table 4.1.

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Table 4.1: LB Barnet, LB Brent, and LB Camden total number of teams

	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Junior 9v9		7 v 7	5v5	Totals
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Mixed	Mixed	
London FA	35	4	53	3	45	3	44	25	212
Middlesex FA	58	6	60	9	51	5	53	36	278
Amateur FA	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
Hertfordshire FA	19	0	24	1	21	3	24	19	111
Total	156	10	137	13	117	11	121	80	645

- 3.88 Across LB Barnet, LB Brent, and LB Camden there is a total of 645 teams in the 2020/21 football season. To provide the number of required full size 3G football turf pitches, the FA team training model divides the total number of teams by 38 teams per 3G football turf pitch. This equates to 17 (rounded up) x 3G FTPs for football training only and does not allow for match play, social or recreational use.
- 3.89 The total number of teams in each Local Authority is provided in the tables below:

LB Barnet

Table 4.2: LB Barnet total number of football teams 2020/21 season

LB Barnet Football Team Data 2020 – 2021										
	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Junior 9v9		7 v 7	5v5	Totals	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Mixed	Mixed		
London FA	25	1	26	2	16	1	14	9	94	
Middlesex FA	23	2	35	4	34	3	33	30	164	
Amateur FA	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	
Hertfordshire FA	19	0	24	1	21	3	24	19	111	
Total	105	3	85	7	71	7	71	58	407	
LFFP	72	2	97	14	0	0	152	0	337	398

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- 3.90 The total number of teams identified from Football Association club and team data for the 2020/21 season for LB Barnet equates to 407 teams.
- 3.91 The team data in the Barnet Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP) identifies that football teams in Barnet total 398 teams. However, there appears to be a discrepancy with the number of teams shown in the LFFP, that when number of teams identified by typology are added together the total is 337 teams.
- 3.92 Using the 2020/21 season team data 407 teams divided by 38 teams = 10.71. This equates to a current need for 11 (rounded up) x 3G FTPs for football training. This figure agrees with the current affiliated football team need for 3G football turf pitches in the Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP) for Barnet.
- 3.93 The Barnet Playing Pitch Strategy 2017 did not consider the recreational need for 3G pitches. However, the LFFP has considered this need but has not stated the formulae used to identify the number of 3G football turf pitches required. However, on the basis that the LFFP identified 398 teams and then identified the need for 19 x 3G football turf pitches. The recreational need, 398 teams divided by 19 = 20.94 teams. The current 2020/21 seasons 407 teams divided by 20.94 teams = 19.43 x 3G FTPs. Rounded up this equals a current need for 20 x full size 3G football turf pitches to meet recreational football need.

LB Brent

Table 4.3: LB Brent total football team numbers

LB Brent Football Team Data 2020 – 2021									
	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Junior 9v9		7 v 7	5v5	Totals
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Mixed	Mixed	
London FA	10	3	11	1	5	0	4	0	34
Middlesex FA	35	2	25	5	16	2	20	6	111
Amateur FA	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Total	50	5	36	6	21	2	24	6	150
LFFP	41	1	58	7	0	0	40	0	147

- 3.94 The total number of teams identified from Football Association club and team data for the 2020/21 season for LB Brent equates to 150 teams. The team data in the Barnet Local Football Facilities Plan has a total of 147 teams. The Brent Local Football Facilities Plan states that the 2016 PPS has not identified a need for additional 3G football turf pitch provision.

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- 3.95 Using the 2020/21 season team data 150 teams divided by 38 teams = 3.94. This equates to 4 (rounded up) x 3G football turf pitches for football training.
- 3.96 There are currently 6 x full size 3G football turf pitches in LB Brent and five are available for community use.
- 3.97 The geographic spread of existing facilities is relatively even, although the majority are in the west of the local area. There are provision gaps in east Brent despite high population density and high levels of deprivation in this area. The east of Brent borders on Barnet and Camden.
- 3.98 The LFFP acknowledges that LB Barnet is developing a masterplan for West Hendon Playing Field which is adjacent to Silver Jubilee Park in LB Brent. This consequently may impact on the requirement for 3G football turf pitch provision to be developed at Silver Jubilee Park and identified within the Brent LFFP for a 9v9 3G football turf pitch. Further consideration should be given to this as the masterplan for West Hendon Playing Fields identifies 2 full size 3G football turf pitches. There will not be a need to provide a 9v9 3G football turf pitch at silver Jubilee Park in Brent if West Hendon Playing Fields 2 x 3G pitches are provided.
- 3.99 The LFFP also highlights that there needs to be consideration regarding new housing developments that will be developed at Old Oak and Park Royal on the London Borough of Ealing borders with Brent (Possibly 25,000 new dwellings).

LB Camden

Table 4.4: Camden total football team numbers

Camden Football Team Data 2020 – 2021									
	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Junior 9v9		7 v 7	5v5	Totals
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Mixed	Mixed	
London FA	0	0	16	0	24	2	26	16	84
Middlesex FA	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Amateur FA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1	2	16	0	25	2	26	16	88
LFFP	1	2	15	0	0	0	24	0	42

- 3.100 The total number of teams identified from Football Association club and team data for the 2020/21 season for LB Camden equates to 88 teams. The team data in the LB Camden Local Football Facilities Plan has a total of 42 teams. The Camden Local Football Facilities Plan states there is no standard configuration full-sized (11 v 11) 3G football turf pitch in LB Camden.

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- 3.101 However, Coram's Fields (which is 117m x 50m) is a large football site, which is split into three 7v7 pitches. Although not usable for 11v11 affiliated match play it is an especially important football venue in the borough and is, for the purposes of this plan, treated as the equivalent of a full-sized 3G football turf pitch.
- 3.102 In addition to Coram's Fields, there are currently four small-sided 3G FTPs in Camden.
- 3.103 There is also a significant number of multi-sports AGPs and MUGAs; these facilities are reportedly heavily used for structured recreational football.
- 3.104 Further to the above, the small-sided pitch space at Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre (which is a key site for recreational football) has had a new, short pile 3G surface installed (Spring 2019). Additionally, a new 5V5 3G football turf pitch is due to be installed in July 2019, this facility has been funded by the Football Foundation.
- 3.105 The LB Camden LFFP states Camden does not have a current PPS and, therefore, demand for 3G FTPs has been calculated using FA 3G demand modelling, which in Camden identifies that the demand for recreational football is higher than affiliated demand. Taking account of the facilities noted above (excluding the one at Swiss cottage) there is a shortfall of ten full sized 3G FTPs (or equivalents) relative to assessed demand.
- 3.106 The 2020/21 season football team data, 88 teams divided by 38 teams = 2.31. This equates to 3 (rounded up) x 3G football turf pitches currently required for football team training.
- 3.107 As stated above on a recreational basis the LFFP identified a shortfall of 10 full sized 3G football turf pitches. There is limited if any space for this type of provision in LB Camden.
- 3.108 In conclusion across the 3 local authority areas, there is a current need for 11 x full size 3G football turf pitches in LB Barnet based on current team numbers.
- 3.109 The LB Barnet LFFP identifies a need for 19 x 3G full size football turf pitches to meet recreational need.
- 3.110 The LB Brent LFFP identifies a need for a 9v9 3G football turf pitch at Silver Jubilee Park. The LB Brent current team numbers identify a need for 4x 3G full sized football turf pitches.
- 3.111 The LB Camden current team numbers identify a need for 3 x full size 3G football turf pitches and the LFFP identified a need for 10 x full size 3G football turf pitches to meet recreational need.

Future Requirements 3G Football Turf Pitches – 2039 London Borough Barnet

3.112 The different scenarios below look at different ways of providing population projections to enable identification of the need for 3G football turf provision in 2039.

Scenario 1: Increasing teams to ratio of population in Barnet by 2039:

3.113 Current ratio of teams to population = 407 / Playing pitch calculator tool baseline population 392,452. Ratio of teams to population = 0.00104.

3.114 2039 GLA Barnet projected population = 461,039 (Figure 1 below) x current ratio 0.00106 = 478 teams (rounded up).

3.115 Need for 3G football turf pitches = 478 divided by 38 teams. This equates to 13 (rounded up) full size x 3G football turf pitches required for football training by 2039.

3.116 The recreational need is 478 teams divided by 20.94 teams = 22.82 x 3G football turf pitches. Rounded up this equals a need for 23 x 3G FTPs.

Scenario 2: Barnet Population Increases to 2039 - GLA Data Barnet Population Projections and Playing Pitch Calculator Tool.

3.117 Playing Pitch Calculator Tool Baseline population = 392,452

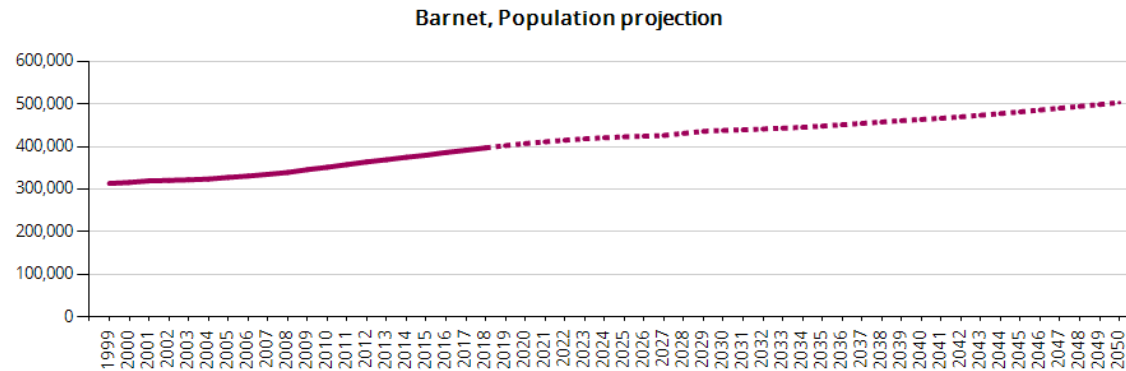
3.118 GLA Data for 2039 taken from Figure 2 below = 461,039

3.119 Additional population by 2039 placed into Playing Pitch Calculator Tool 461,039 – 392,452 = 68,587

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Figure 1: GLA Barnet Population Projections to 2050 ¹



407,148 (2020)

461,039 (2039)

503,490 (2050)

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3.120 Appendix 1 Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator shows an additional need for 1.91 x 3G football turf pitches for training needs in the LB Barnet. This should be rounded up to 2 x 3G Football Turf pitches. It is assumed that the development of 6,700 dwellings at Brent Cross Town are included in the GLA population projections for Barnet.

3.121 With the current provision need for 11 full size x 3G Football turf pitches and the future need for 2 full size x 3G football turf pitches. This equates to 13 x full size 3G FTPs required by 2039.

¹ Source: GLA*

Scenario 3: Brent Cross Town – Regeneration 6,700 Dwellings and ONS Housing and Communities Average Population per Household 2019 and Workspace Provision 25,000.

- 3.122 Brent Cross Town - 6,700 homes x 2.37 average population per household 2019 ONS Housing and Communities total = 15,879.
- 3.123 Playing Pitch Calculator Tool Baseline population 392,452.
- 3.124 Additional population 15,879 placed into playing pitch calculator tool.
- 3.125 Appendix 2 Playing Pitch Calculator shows an additional need for 0.44 x 3G football turf pitches. Rounded up to 1 x 3G football turf pitch.
- 3.126 The regeneration of Brent Cross Town will provide work space for 25,000 people. This provides an opportunity for any 3G or AGPs to provide additional work-based recreational sport and physical activity areas at Clitterhouse Playing Fields. Sport England's new Playing Pitch Development Tool identifies a need for 0.69 3G AGPs for 25,000 people. This would take provision at Clitterhouse Playing Fields to 2 x 3G AGPs.

Current 3G pitch Provision Barnet

- 3.127 Appendix 5 identifies the current supply of 3G pitches in Barnet. There are 51 football turf pitches of varying size, however a lot are contained in commercial small, sided Soccer Centres as small pens – 29 to be exact.
- 3.128 The Barnet Local Football Facilities Plan identifies the following 7 x 3G pitches as being full size and available for community use:
- **Compton Leisure Centre**
 - **Christ College**
 - **Millbrook Primary School**
 - **Woodhouse College**
 - **Hadley Wood Trust**
 - **East Barnet Academy**
 - **Rowley Lane Sports Ground.**

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- 3.129 St James Catholic School 3G football turf pitch constructed and opened in 2019 is actively hiring its new 3G football turf pitch facility. Bishop Douglas Catholic School, East Finchley has a planning application currently submitted for a 9 v 9 3G football turf pitch, which the Football Foundation is supporting.
- 3.130 The Local football Facilities Plan for Barnet identifies eight small-sided 3G football turf pitch sites (at which provision is listed as full sized 3G football turf pitch equivalents). These are:
- **East Barnet School (0.5)**
 - **Princess Park (0.25)**
 - **Graham Park, (0.25)**
 - **Orion Primary School, (0.5)**
 - **Power League Mill Hill (2)**
 - **Power League Barnet (2)**
 - **Burnt Oak (0.5)**
 - **Archer Academy (0.5)**
- 3.131 This is equivalent to 6.5 full sized 3G FTP equivalents. This with the full-size equivalents above including St James Catholic School and Bishop Douglas Catholic School, equates to 15 3G football turf pitches.
- 3.132 The LFFP stated that in Barnet demand for recreational football is higher than that for affiliated clubs and teams. Consequently, using the recreational calculation, there is estimated to be demand for 19 full sized 3G FTP equivalents, meaning an existing shortfall (based on current supply of 15) of 4 full sized 3G FTPs.
- 3.133 The 2020 – 2021 team data increases the recreational team need to 20 full size x 3G Football turf pitches. A short fall of 5 full size 3G football turf pitches.
- 3.134 In scenario 1 it is projected by 2039 the recreational need could be 24 full size x 3G football turf pitches.

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- 3.135 The current shortfall of 5 x 3G pitches will be met in part by West Hendon and Brent Cross Clitterhouse Playing Fields. The future short fall would then be 5 up to 2039, but this is a high-level scenario and remains to be seen if this will develop into reality.
- 3.136 Future demand to be met by Copthall and a possible 3rd 3G at Brent Cross. It is envisaged that with the transport connections at Brent Cross significant recreational demand from Camden can be picked up. In addition, recreational demand from the Brent Cross 25,000 persons workspace development could be picked up before work, lunch times and after work as well as the new population from housing and this reinforces the sustainability potential.
- 3.137 To meet this short fall the PPS has previously stated that 2 x 3G football turf pitches can be provided at Sports Hubs within Barnet e.g. Copthall Stadium 2 full size x 3G pitches (subject to mitigation for loss of pitches) and West Hendon Playing Fields 2 full size x 3G football turf pitches. The Copthall Hub development is currently delayed and the Clitterhouse development could assist in meeting future requirements for club and recreational needs by providing 2 full size 3G football turf pitches.

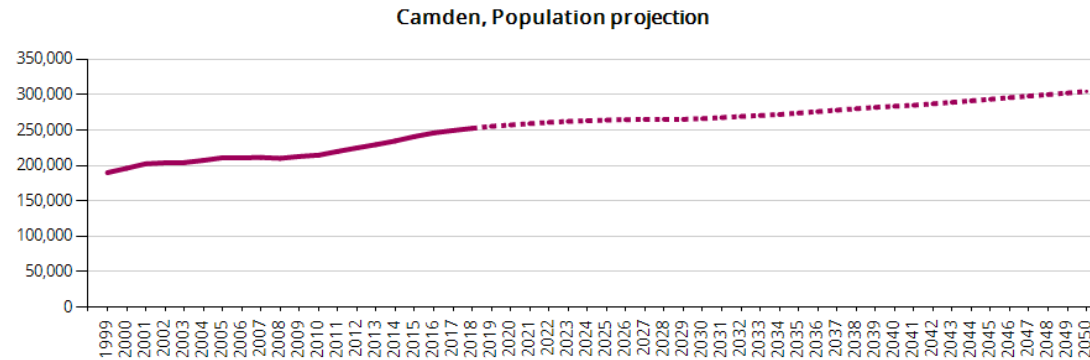
LB Camden

- 3.138 The Camden Local Football Facilities Plan identifies a recreational need for 10 full size 3G football turf pitches. This is to cater for formal team and recreational team training. The 2020/21 season team data identifies a need for 3 full size x 3G football turf pitches. there is an obvious need to provide 3G full size football turf pitches, but no available space in the Borough to provide them.
- 3.139 Camden has a shortfall of 4 full size x 3G football turf pitches for formal teams and an identified shortfall of 10 full size x 3G football turf pitches for recreational football. However, this shortfall is dependent upon how many existing small 3G football turf pitches in Camden are recognised as contributing to a full size 3G football turf pitch by the FA. Appendix 6 below identifies the current supply of 3G football turf pitches in Camden.

Scenario 4: Camden Population Increases to 2039 - GLA Data Camden Population Projections 2038 and Playing Pitch Calculator Tool.

- 3.140 Playing Pitch Calculator Tool Baseline population 255,044.
- 3.141 GLA Population Data for 2039 taken from Figure 2 below 282,304 (2039).
- 3.142 Additional population placed into Playing Pitch Calculator Tool 27,260.

Figure 2: GLA Camden Population Projections to 2050 ²



282,304 (2039)

- 3.143 Appendix 3. Camden 2039 Population Projections Playing Pitch Calculator shows an additional need for 0.25 3G football turf pitches for training needs. This should be rounded up to 1 x 3G Football Turf pitches.
- 3.144 Camden has an existing additional 3 full size x 3G Football turf pitches and the future need for 1 full size x 3G football turf pitches. This equates to 4 x full size 3G FTPs required by 2039.

LB Brent

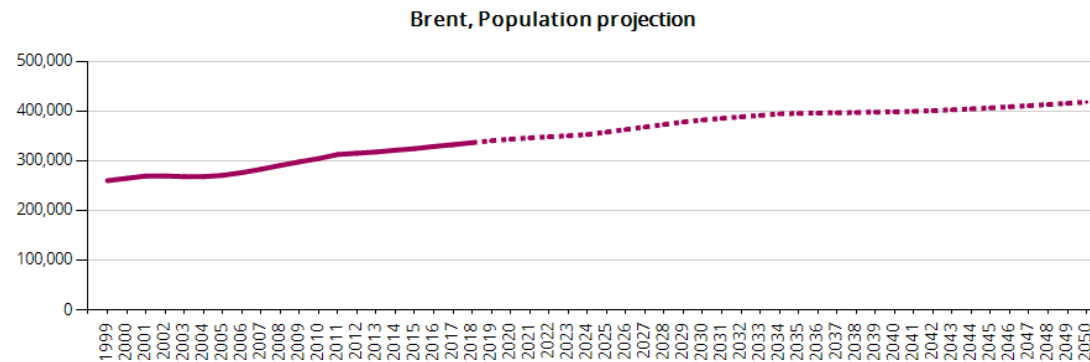
- 3.145 There is no recognised need for additional full size 3G football turf pitches from the modelling for team training currently in Brent. The Brent Local Football Facilities Plan identifies the need for a 9 v 9 3G football turf pitch in Silver Jubilee Park. This is adjacent to the possible development of 2 x full size 3G football turf pitches at West Hendon Playing Fields in Barnet. If the West Hendon Playing Field development went ahead there would be no need for the development of the 9 v 9 3G football turf pitch in Brent as it would be accommodated by the development in Barnet. Appendix 5 provides the current supply of 3G football tur pitches in Brent.

² Source: GLA*

Scenario 5: Brent Population Increases to 2039 utilising GLA Data Brent Population Projections and Playing Pitch Calculator Tool.

- 3.146 Playing Pitch Calculator Tool Baseline population 337,602.
- 3.147 GLA Population Data for 2039 taken from Figure 3 below 398,411 (2039).
- 3.148 Additional population placed into Playing Pitch Calculator Tool 27,260.

Figure 4: GLA Camden Population Projections to 2050 ³



398,411 (2039)

- 3.149 Appendix 5. Brent 2039 Population Projections Playing Pitch Calculator shows an additional need for 0.71 x 3G football turf pitches for training needs. This should be rounded up to 1 x 3G Football Turf pitches.
- 3.150 Barnet Council's existing additional need is 4 full size x 3G Football turf pitches and the future need for 1 full size x 3G football turf pitches. This equates to 5 x full size 3G FTPs required by 2039.

³ Source: GLA*

Summary of Scenarios and Conclusions

- 3.151 Current supply and planned 3G football turf provision, when considering social and recreational use will fall short of what is required in Barnet. The LFFP stated that in Barnet demand for recreational football is higher than that for affiliated clubs and teams. Using the recreational calculation, there is estimated to be demand for 19 full sized 3G FTP equivalents, meaning a current shortfall (based on current supply of 15) of 4 full sized 3G FTPs.
- 3.152 The 2020 – 2021 team data increases the recreational team need to 20 full size x 3G Football turf pitches. A current short fall of 5 full size 3G football turf pitches.
- 3.153 In scenario 1 it is projected by 2039 the recreational need could be 24 full size x 3G football turf pitches.
- 3.154 To meet this short fall the PPS has previously stated that 2 x 3G football turf pitches can be provided at Sports Hubs within Barnet e.g. Copthall Stadium 2 full size x 3G pitches (subject to mitigation for loss of pitches) and West Hendon Playing Fields 2 full size x 3G football turf pitches. The Brent Cross development could assist in meeting future requirements for club and recreational needs by providing 2 full size 3G football turf pitches.
- 3.155 LB Camden has latent demand for 3 full size 3G football turf pitches with no full size 3G football turf pitch currently available in the Borough and no available space to provide for a full size 3G football turf pitch. As stated in the introduction the residents of Camden rely highly on the use of public transport. Brent Cross Underground Station and the new Brent Cross Town Thameslink proposed to be available from 2022 will provide quick 12 minute and 15-minute links from these stations to Camden. We know from the Hockey Playing Pitch assessment that hockey players use the underground and rail network to access artificial grass pitches to train and play hockey in Barnet.
- 3.156 For the projected population and predicted growth in football – both for affiliated teams and social & recreational football in Barnet the Brent Cross Town development could cater for this demand but in the short term provides an over provision scenario for several years, even with 2 x 3G football turf pitches provided – this over-provision, however, could pick up the identified latent demand in the Camden area (if people agree to travel). In addition, there will be demand from the developments 25,000 work space persons. If this is considered and adopted, then the number of 3G football pitches provided in LB Barnet must be under constant review as populations increase further and football habits adapt to modern life.
- 3.157 The completion of LB Barnet West Hendon Playing Fields 2 x 3G football turf pitches would negate the need for a 9v9 3G football turf pitch to be developed at Silver Jubilee Park LB Brent – so decreasing the impact on meeting the demand in Barnet.
- 3.158 It is also understood that the 2 proposed 3G football turf pitches at Copthall are some way from being delivered. The distance between the Copthall development and the Brent Cross Town development, is considered great enough and therefore unlikely to have any impact on demand for the proposed 3G football turf pitch provision at both sites.

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- 3.159 There is justification to use LB Camden latent demand as we know that there is a high proportion of Camden residents that travel by train and underground for work and sport and physical activity. In addition, there will be demand from the 25,000 work space persons once the Brent Cross Town regeneration is completed.
- 3.160 **It is justifiable to justify x 2 3 G football turf pitches for Brent Cross Town development, but it would be wise to future proof and allow for a 3rd to be installed when demand reaches a level to justify this – we cannot justify 3 x 3Gs yet! This as previously stated would need constant monitoring of demand of existing and new provision as it was brought into use.**

Playing Pitch Strategy 2017 key Issues Identified for Football Compared to 2020/21 – Non bold paragraphs represent the PPS 2017, and the revised issues are in bold.

1. There is a need to move away from U15 11 v 11 youth side being offered an adult size pitch. This is not acceptable in terms of player development and the Council need to action this in partnership with MFA and local clubs in their service delivery. **The 2020/21 review identifies that there is less use of adult 11v11 pitches by youth 11v11 teams. For example, Copthall has reconfigured adult 11v11 pitches to youth 11v11 pitches. The developments at West Hendon and Brent Cross Town could be tailored to meet the needs of youth 11v11.**
2. There is a need to protect all existing playing fields across Barnet. However, it must be recognised that some of the pitches if 3G AGPs are introduced as per the scenarios particularly 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 pitches could be used for alternative green space or sport and physical activity initiatives. There will still be a need for grass pitches even if artificial pitches are provided as artificial pitches are unlikely to be able to accommodate all demand in the peak period. **The 2020/21 review identifies that there is a greater use of 3G football turf pitches for 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5v play compare to the 2017 PPS.**
3. The need to introduce formal Community Use Agreements across all unsecured community use sites that have unsecured use. **There is no evidence to suggest this has happened but there is more use of 3G football turf pitches on education sites and these pitches are safeguarded by community use agreements.**
4. Decisions need to be made whether London Borough of Barnet wishes to work with the FA with regards to Parklife or provide its own capital and or seek other funding opportunities for 3G hub provision. **LB Barnet has decided to develop its own master planning for West Hendon Playing Fields and Copthall Playing Fields. This does not mean to say that it would not look at partnership funding on these projects if available. There is a delay to the provision at Copthall. A planning application is proposed to be submitted in 2022 for the development of West Hendon Playing Fields. Brent Cross Town/Clitterhouse Playing Fields. The developer has put forward plans for a minimum of 2 x 3G AGP provision and partners need to concur that 2 x 3G AGPs is justifiable.**

5. Improvements need to be made to improve the ongoing maintenance of existing pitches and provision of changing rooms particularly at Local Authority owned sites. **There will be a better and improved offer at the proposed sports hub sites in the future. This issue still stands in the 2020/21 review for those sites previously identified.**

6. Improvements to Pitch sites:

‘Poor’ site classification:

Brook Farm Open Space

Mill Hill Park

New Southgate Recreation Ground

Princes Park

Barnet Burnt Oak Leisure Centre

Christ College Finchley

Ashmole Academy

Brondesbury Sports

7. Other pitches that require improvement’s:

Bethune Park

Ludgrove Playing Fields

Old Cholmelians – improve drainage

Old Elizabethans Memorial Playing Field - Needs support to improve the maintenance of the pitches and therefore improve the quality.

8. Ancillary Facility Improvements’:

Bethune Park - Changing rooms require additional security to stop break-ins.

Chase Lodge Park - Improved integration of Chase Lodge with Copthall and improved car parking.
Copthall - Consider the replacement of current changing facilities and pavilions in the master plan.

Hadley Disability Sports Association - Currently seeking funds to refurbish the clubhouse.

Ludgrove Club – Clubhouse is currently being refurbished.

Ludgrove Playing Fields - Clubhouse is poor and quality of pitches is impacted upon by poor drainage.

Old Cholmelians Sports Ground - The current clubhouse is old, and requires updating.

Rowley Lane – ageing ancillary facilities

9. The Council would need to identify sites for future 3G rubber crumb pitch requirements and agree the location of these apart from Copthall, needs to be looked at more closely as an additional exercise. **Consultation and a master Planning exercise has been undertaken at West Hendon Playing Fields and the proposal is moving towards a planning application that includes 2 x 3G pitches. Provision of 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5 pitches could be met on the 3G pitch provision.**

The 2020/21 review considers the revised Football Associations number of teams per 3G football turf pitches for training purposes compared to the 2017 PPS. The review also identifies the amount of recreational football that is played in LB Barnet on 3G football turf pitches and looks at provision across LB Brent and LB Camden. The new recommendation is to provide 2 x 3G football turf pitches at the West Hendon Sports Hub and 2 x 3G football turf pitches at Copthall Sports Hub. Copthall Sport Hub may be delayed. The Brent Cross Town Development at Clitterhouse could provide a further 2 x 3G football turf pitches with a 3rd in reserve for later development. The latter needs to be agreed by the Steering Group as justifiable.

Provision of changing rooms on the hub sites needs to be considered. The Football foundation have advised:

A set of changing rooms (X2 teams changing rooms) should be provided for every 2x adult pitches - no changing rooms are required for youth or mini football. Youth and mini football require access to WC and catering facilities.

Brent Cross/Clitterhouse: The number of changing rooms required would need to be assessed to meet the needs of the site - with 2x sand and 2x 3G full size pitches - 2 sets (4 in total) would seem appropriate with suitable bag storage options. If 1 of the sand-based pitches was to be water based then a further 2 changing rooms would be required to meet the standards of the high level of competition.

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Once the identified 3G hub sites are delivered, the current demand in theory is met and the focus should switch to intensifying use and ensuring each 3G site is putting provisions away to replace the carpet when required to do so. A watching brief should be maintained for any changes in demand up to 2039.

West Hendon Sports Hub – Possible Partner clubs and organisations – Hendon FC, Hendon Youth FC, Princes Park Youth FC, St Lawrence Youth FC, Temple Fortune FC, Springfield FC, West Hendon Wallabies FC, Fireside FC, Westbourne Utd FC, Chefchauen Berbers, NW Galaticus FC, Alpha & Omega Youth FC, Kinja Youth FC, AFC Wembley Youth FC, FC Irish of London and University Campus of Football Business Wembley.

Brent Cross/Clitterhouse – Possible partner clubs and organisations – Eagles United, Hadley Youth FC, Highgate and Muswell Hill Youth FC, Soccer Stars Youth FC, Alyth Belsize Youth FC, PFA United and European Football Academy.

Bishop Douglas School - Possible partner clubs and organisations – Sintra AFA FC, Camden Town and East Finchley, Hinton and Finchley Revolution,

10. Need to ensure sustainability of junior clubs by providing long term security of playing facilities, allowing junior clubs to grow and develop and investigating and investing in multi pitch hub sites, where possible. One way of assisting junior clubs will be via the LB Barnet's Community Benefit Assessment Tool (CBAT). **This key issue still needs to be considered**
11. There needs to be a drive for more 3G rubber crumb pitches to achieve the FIFA Quality Performance Standard and that for all 3G pitches going forward a condition of planning is that they achieve this performance standard otherwise these pitches have nil impact of weekend match play.

There are a few 3G football turf pitches that meet the FIFA Quality standard and are on the Football Associations 3G Football Turf Pitch Register. Registration means these 3G pitches can be used for match play. The PPS 2017 identified 4 x 3G pitches on the FA 3G Pitch Register. The 2020/21 review identifies 8 x 3G football turf pitches registered on the Football Association 3G Pitch Register. This is an improvement of 4 since the PPS 2017. However, the 2020/21 review identifies from the data supplied by the County FAs that some match play is being undertaken on non-registered 3G pitch provision in the Borough.

The data also implies that there is match play occurring at Whitefield School on the artificial grass pitches. This information needs to be checked and clubs informed if required, that they need to move their match play from these pitches. The Leagues should also be notified of the pitches that are not compliant and fixtures should not be scheduled for these sites.

12. There is a lot of club ownership in the borough who are maintaining their own sites. A priority should be to develop a grounds maintenance service/equipment bank to support these clubs. **This is still required.**

There is a significant level of investment from the FF that is directed towards pitch maintenance - this includes funding to purchase maintenance equipment and a recent/live fund for accessing revenue funding to improve the maintenance of pitches - this should be pushed for the priority clubs in conjunction with the Middlesex County Football Association.

13. New pitches to be provided by housing development.

This should be explored, but numerous single pitch options should be avoided due to operational, maintenance and security issues. A large site should be identified to pool contributions into or invest in the Hub sites to create sustainable and well used sites. Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator tool should be used to identify on-site or off-site developer contributions.

Cricket

- 3.161 Cricket quality rating scores have been reduced from the 2017 PPS. In 2021 Christ Church Dollis Finchley has reduced to 'Standard' quality. Copthall, Hampstead Heath Extension, Lyttleton Playing Fields, Mill Hill Park, Monkton Hadley Cricket Club, and Oakhill Park have reduced to 'Poor' quality. The number of match equivalent sessions per quality rating has changed since 2017. In 2021 a 'Good' quality rating equates to capacity of 5 match equivalent sessions per natural grass cricket wicket per season. 'Standard' quality rating equates to capacity of 4 match equivalent sessions per natural grass wicket per season and a 'Poor' quality rating equates to 0 match equivalent sessions per season.
- 3.162 The capacity of match equivalent sessions across the season in Barnet in 2017 was 941 match equivalent sessions. With the changes in the quality ratings at sites above and the planned new facility at The Pavilion Centre Chandos Avenue. The capacity of match equivalent sessions has reduced to 893 match equivalent sessions. This is sufficient to meet the existing demand.
- 3.163 Development of the new Pavilion Centre at Dame Alice Owen School Chandos Avenue has disrupted cricket use of the site. Whilst the building work is undertaken, clubs originally using the site have had to find alternative grounds for a minimum of 3 seasons. The development will provide a new sports pavilion, non-turf cricket nets, an 8-wicket grass square with adjacent non turf pitch and a separate junior grass wicket and ball stop netting when complete. There were 2 squares on site with 16 wickets rated as standard quality allowing 3 match equivalent sessions per season per wicket. There was an overall season capacity of 48 match equivalent sessions. the squares could not be played at the same time. The new square will be of good quality providing 45 match equivalent sessions per season. The previous cricket square had demand for 29 match equivalent sessions per season.
- 3.164 **Copthall Playing Fields Sports Hub: Still to be finalised. Pre covid pandemic included:** A cricket oval with turf and hybrid pitches for weekly use by community clubs and Middlesex Men's, Women's and Disability Teams; A six lane outdoor cricket nets complex; A 'green' pavilion with changing rooms, gym, medical facility and offices; An unobtrusive six lane indoor practice centre, set into the slope; Space on grassed banks for up to 4,000 spectators. It is proposed that a facility would potentially be used as the home ground for a local community cricket club as well as a training base for Middlesex Men, Middlesex Women, Middlesex Disability, the new Hundred Team based at Lords, England Women and England Disability. This would

also lead to the creation of a new square at nearby Sunny Hill Park, a more enclosed site with purpose built changing and social facilities.

- 3.165 Middlesex Cricket and ECB would like to see improvements to pavilions and cricket facilities across Barnet. The continued development of the Copthall master plan and the improvements that this will bring for cricket and the development of Sunnyhill Park cricket facility in conjunction with developments at Copthall will improve annual capacity.

Playing Pitch Strategy 2017 key Issues Identified for Cricket Compared to 2020/21 – Non bold paragraphs represent the PPS 2017, and the revised issues are in bold.

1. Address the issue of quality pitch provision at Council cricket facilities. **The quality issue has increased since 2017. There is a need to continue discussions re the master plan for Copthall and development of Sunnyhill Park.**
2. Protection of all secured and unsecured community use and education cricket pitches across LB Barnet. With the mount of poor-quality sites, **it is important that all existing secured and unsecured cricket pitch sites are protected.**
3. The Local Authority to work with the ECB and Middlesex Cricket Board to develop cricket participation and capacity building amongst Barnet communities to ensure sufficient volunteers, coaches and umpires and concentrating on developing cricket participation in the South Asian Community. **This needs to continue**
4. Where possible use CIL or Section 106 funding (match funding) to bring existing facilities up to the required ECB and Sport England Guidance Standards for playing pitches and changing accommodation. **Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator Tool should be used to identify developer contributions on-site or off-site.**

Rugby

- 3.166 Both Hendon and Mill Hill Rugby Club have resolved their security of tenure issues and both have been granted 60-year leases.
- 3.167 Hendon Rugby Club has a current planning application to be determined regarding development of a 54-car parking space and associated car parking and the club has a new women’s team.

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- 3.168 Mill Hill Rugby Club has received planning permission for a single storey side/front extension to provide new changing rooms with associated facilities following demolition of the existing changing rooms. New pitched roof, single storey rear extension and creation of covered viewing terrace to rear of existing clubhouse. The club now provides an Inclusive mixed ability rugby session.
- 3.169 Finchley Rugby Club has additional women's and 2 girl's teams and the remainder of the teams remain the same.
- 3.170 Barnet Elizabethans Rugby Club have been left a financial legacy and are keen to expand pitches and provision of a new clubhouse using additional land adjacent to the existing club pitches and facilities.
- 3.171 The club has use of 3 adult pitches (plus use of additional space to the west of Bying Road Playing Fields that is not leased to the club).
- 3.172 There is 1 good pitch, other pitches do not meet the required quality standard. From November - February drainage is the main issue, and the club must look to train and play matches elsewhere. Land further down the valley is waterlogged. This land is used for minis and juniors, but it is not fit for purpose. The playing fields are open and used by dog walkers that cause problems with dog excretion on the pitches. This leads to health and safety issues
- 3.173 The club has over 500 children and parents in its mini and junior section and a total paying membership of over 700. There are 2 senior teams with aspirations for a 3rd team. The club has teams at mini and junior age form U7 – U17. 80% of the mini and juniors live within a 20-minute drive time of the club. There is an aspiration to grow women and girl's participation.
- 3.174 The club requires 4 – 5 quality pitches to meet its needs. There simply is not the space to provide these additional pitches at the existing club site.
- 3.175 The clubhouse is an old timber framed building over 50 years old that is no longer fit for purpose and does not cater for women and girl's usage. The club are maintaining the building on the basis that if it needs repairing, they will do so to keep the clubhouse functioning. For example, the club must undertake works to the roof soon. The clubhouse requires replacing with a modern fit for purpose building providing the required social and catering facilities, function facilities, changing and toilet facilities that help to make a rugby club sustainable in today's world.
- 3.176 The club house, car park and playing fields are at the end of a residential road. The club have a serious antisocial behaviour issue when the club is not in use, for example, loud music being played in the car park, the bar being broken into and windows smashed on a regular basis. There is a need to design a solution that addresses this but also looks at partly restricting access.
- 3.177 The club is discussing with the Council acquiring land under lease that is understood to be Christ Church Primary School Playing Fields adjacent to the club's current playing fields and club house. The use of this land would enable the club to invest in the 4 – 5 pitches that they require where currently they do not have enough space to provide for additional grass pitches.
- 3.178 The club would like to discuss further and come to an agreement with LB Barnet the lease of Christchurch School Playing Fields in conjunction with the

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current leased land. This is to provide space for additional rugby pitches within a new layout and a fit for purpose new clubhouse and car park, to ensure sustainable, quality and fit for purpose facilities for the future.

- 3.179 The length of any lease on Christ Church School Playing Field would need to be realigned with any existing lease to avoid staggering of end of the terms.
- 3.180 The club are also keen to provide a rugby world 22 3G pitch but understand the cost could be prohibitive. The club would be keen to explore working with the local authority, schools the RFU and other partners in a joint venture to achieve this. As a minimum the club would like to provide a MUGA that would encourage other sports such as netball to use the club's facilities in the future.

Playing Pitch Strategy 2017 key Issues Identified for Rugby Union Compared to 2020/21 – Non bold paragraphs represent the PPS 2017, and the revised issues are in bold.

3.181 The key issues for the strategy to address are therefore:

1. LB Barnet to work with the RFU, Hendon Rugby club and Mill Hill Rugby Club to provide new leases (currently working through CBAT) for both Mill Hill and Hendon Rugby Clubs and work in partnership with other stakeholders in producing the master plan for Copthall Sports Hub. Consideration of Community Asset Transfer of these two facilities should be considered. **Both Clubs lease issues have been resolved.**
2. Need to consider the reconfiguration of football pitches to rugby pitches at Glebelands, Finchley Memorial Hospital and possibly Lyttleton Playing Fields. **The reconfiguration of football pitches at these sites would assist in providing Finchley Rugby club with additional pitches.**
3. LB Barnet to work with the RFU and all Barnet based rugby clubs to support clubs where practically possible to improve the quality of playing pitches by improving pitch drainage, clubhouse facilities and floodlighting where practicable. **Needs to continue.**
4. Barnet Elizabethan's RFC - pitches are on London clay and they lose a large number of games and training sessions each season. Finchley RFC is a growing club that would really struggle without the use of the additional space on Glebelands. These pitches are also struggling due to poor maintenance. **There is a requirement to investigate if land adjacent to the existing Barnet Elizabethans RFC can be leased to the club. If so, a lease should be negotiated that is aligned to their existing lease.**

5. The quality of pitch maintenance is reflected on the poor quality of the pitches, a far better maintenance programme needs to be developed on the pitches or negotiation with the clubs on how they can develop their own programmes via better leases. LB Barnet to work with NGBs to deliver improved maintenance. **Work has taken place with regards to leases but maintenance programmes still need to be developed.**

6. Barnet to work with the RFU to support the development of 3G rugby compliant World Regulation 22 pitches either at Barnet Elizabethans Rugby Club and or Cophall. **Work initially has been undertaken to discuss a 3G World Rugby Regulation 22 pitch at Cophall as part of the sports hub. No decision has been made on this provision. There may be opportunities to consider such a pitch at Barnet Elizabethans RFC if additional use of land can be negotiated.**

Hockey

- 3.182 The Brent Cross Town Development will include the demolition of the existing Whitefield School. The school has 2 existing AGPs used for hockey training and match play by West Hampstead Hockey Club. The existing AGPs will be replaced with 2 new AGPs at Clitterhouse Playing Fields. A new school is to be built to the North of the playing fields and the 2 AGPs will be used by the new school and the community. West Hampstead Hockey Club are the existing users of the 2 AGPs at Whitefield School and this use will be required to be protected and transferred to the new proposed AGPs at Clitterhouse Playing Fields. The match play use will leave 1 match slot vacant on a Saturday across the two pitches.
- 3.183 Ashmole Academy School had considered changing the carpet surface from a sand based to a 3G carpet. England Hockey and Sport England successfully negotiated with the school for the carpet to remain as a sand-based carpet safeguarding hockey use.
- 3.184 Since the previous 2017 PPS, Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club have used UCL and Mill Hill School AGPs in Barnet as overflow pitches for training and match play. Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club, based in Paddington is one of four clubs in England to field both men's and ladies' teams in the National Premier Division. The club has 11 men's teams and 7 ladies' teams.
- 3.185 The 2017 PPS identified that these two school facilities were used by the schools only. The current use is unsecured community use.
- 3.186 The UCL AGP is used by Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club juniors on a Sunday and adult teams for training on a Wednesday:

Sunday

- 9am - 10.15am U9 & U10 Boys, U10 Girls
- 10.20am - 11.35am U11 Girls
- 11.40am - 12.55pm U12 Girls

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Wednesday

- 8.00pm – 9.30pm Men's 3s, Zak Hond, Men's 4s, Spaniards, Thirsts, Men's Vets, Supervets, London GM, Men's Colts and Back to Hockey

3.187 The Mill Hill School is used on a Sunday for junior training:

Sunday

- 9am - 10.15am session Year 3 - Year 4
- 10.15am - 11.30am session Year 5 - Year 6
- 1.30am - 12.45pm session Year 7 - Year 8

3.188 The club use the pitches on Saturdays when there is a need for an overflow pitch for match play.

3.189 Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club have discussed use of the future AGP provision at Clitterhouse Playing Fields, with the developers at Brent Cross Town. The club would require full access to a minimum of 2 artificial surfaces, sand based or water based. The wider facilities that would be required include a clubhouse containing changing rooms, meeting room, refreshment facilities and the ability to host spectators. This would require an increase in the proposed 2 AGPs required to be provided at Clitterhouse Playing Field as the 2 new AGPs to be provided at Clitterhouse Playing Fields will be protected for use by the existing West Hampstead Hockey Club at Whitefield's School.

3.190 Southgate and Adelaide Hockey club and Hendon and Mill Hill Hockey Club have partnered together since the 2017 PPS and have created a junior hockey club named North London Hockey. The club before and during the covid pandemic used the Dame Alice Owen School AGP in Potters Bar (outside Barnet). However, post pandemic the club are training at Ashmole Academy on Sundays. There is sufficient capacity for the new club at Ashmole Academy school AGP.

3.191 Belmont Mill Hill Preparatory School, The Ridgeway submitted a planning application for construction of a new synthetic grass hockey pitch, complete with an adjacent spectator viewing strip, floodlighting, fencing, a service access road/footpath and associated surface water drainage in September 2021. The application has since been withdrawn. It is not known why the application was withdrawn, there may be an opportunity if the planning application is represented to consider a formal community use agreement to be put in place.

3.192 Planning permission has been granted for an artificial grass pitch and reduced sized adult rugby union pitch to be built at Lanacre Avenue as part of the Saracens High School development. There appears to be no floodlights and it is unclear from the planning application if the artificial pitch will be sand based or a 3G AGP. Formal community use agreements have been requested as part of planning conditions.

Playing Pitch Strategy 2017 key Issues Identified for Hockey Compared to 2020/21 – Non bold paragraphs represent the PPS 2017, and the revised issues are in bold.

1. Protection of all community use artificial hockey pitches across LB Barnet. (Protect). **This needs to remain in place. The provision of 2 new AGPs at Clitterhouse Playing Fields are replacement AGPs for Whitefield’s School existing 2 AGPs. The school is to be demolished and rebuilt without AGPs. The existing use of the Whitefield’s AGPs by West Hampstead hockey club needs to be safeguarded as does the schools use and transferred to the new AGP pitches.**
2. LB Barnet need to ensure community use agreements are in place for Whitefield’s School and Ashmole Academy artificial grass pitches. This is to ensure current and future hockey use to safeguard the required training and match slots currently required and that will be required in the future. There is an opportunity to protect use of the artificial pitch at Ashmole through a planning condition with regards to the new school build. (Protect). **A formal community use agreements will be required for the 2 new AGPs at Clitterhouse Playing Fields with West Hampstead Hockey Club.**
3. Encourage the ongoing development of junior hockey through school and Hockey Club links. (Enhance) Southgate Adelaide and Mill Hill have potential links with primary schools – it is intended to work through London Sport on satellite programmes and a programme of Teacher Training will be implemented through England Hockey. There will be continued use of the Primary Premium in Primary Schools to develop hockey. **Southgate Adelaide and Mill Hill Hockey Club have successfully set up a junior club North London Hockey Club. Hampstead and Westminster Hockey club are currently providing junior hockey sessions at UCL and Mill Hill School on Sundays. West Hampstead Hockey club are relaunching their junior section post pandemic.**
4. Ensure that sink funds are in place to maintain the existing hockey facilities and replacement carpets at Whitefield’s School and Ashmole Academy. Encourage clubs to use Club Matters (Sport England online resources www.sportenglandclubmatters.com) and enable clubs to become self-sufficient. **The Whitefield’s School AGPs will be replaced in the next few years by the new AGPs at Clitterhouse Playing Fields there will be a need to ensure sink funds are in place for any new AGP facilities.**

5. Clubs to continue working with England Hockey to promote Back to Hockey and other programmes to increase participation in hockey. There has been an increase in participation since the Rio 2016 Olympics but this will take time to impact on clubs. **All hockey clubs in Barnet are providing Back to hockey sessions.**
6. Ensure that a change of surface requires a planning application and detailed consultation between England Hockey, the Football Association, Rugby Football Union, and the Local Authority at pre-planning stage. **This needs to be continued.**

Tennis

3.193 There is a need to include 2 tennis courts of poor quality at Halliwick Park Gardens. This site was omitted from the 2017 tennis court audit and an additional court needs to be added at Northway Gardens Tennis Club.

3.194 The addition of the above will take the overall tennis sites in Barnet to 45 providing 205 outdoor tennis courts across the London Borough of Barnet. 78 of these courts are floodlit. All floodlit courts are at private tennis club sites.

1. Protection of all community use tennis courts across LB Barnet area.
2. LB Barnet and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to work together to:
 - Developing strong local park and other community tennis venue partnerships to deliver inclusive and sustainable tennis provision for all.
 - Invest in great people delivering great experiences in parks.
 - Target investment in “welcoming “park facilities for people to socialise and play.
3. Facilities with 3 or more courts could be developed further e.g.
 - Mill Hill Park - Rebuild and resurface 4 porous macadam courts, install new weld mesh fencing, and add floodlights. Small renovation of pavilion next to courts.
 - Oak Hill Park - The courts are to have a specialist resin applied and colour coated.

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- Old Courthouse Rec - Minor works and colour coating will keep the courts ok for 10 years. Will need new fencing on four of the six courts to upgrade the existing chain link to rebound. (Two courts already have rebound fencing). ETC. have an order to colour coat and carry out minor repairs to 3 of the six courts. The other 3 will be done under the new contract.
 - Sunny Hill Park – Courts require a complete resurface. A fourth court could also be good here given infrastructure. Could be good to try and light courts if accessible and park opening hours' permit.
 - Victoria Park - Rebuild and resurface 4 porous macadam courts. **Tennis courts have been refurbished.**
 - Lyttleton Playing Fields - Rebuild and resurface porous macadam courts
 - Victoria Recreation Ground - Proposed to replace as part of Leisure Centre Scheme and new courts would be floodlit.
4. 1 and 2 court sites that require upgrading in order of preference from current and latent demand
- Northway Gardens - Floodlight two courts where the level of screening between the courts and houses is good.
 - Cherry Tree Wood Park - Rebuild and resurface 2 porous macadam courts and add new weld mesh perimeter fencing.
 - Bethune Park - Resurface 1 Porous Macadam Court. - Both courts resurfaced about 7-8 years ago, but minor patch work required. Resin coating required to extend the life of the surface and colour coating required. New tennis rebound fencing required to upgrade the existing chain link.
 - Friary Park - Rebuild and resurface 2 porous macadam courts and add new weld mesh perimeter fencing.
 - Montrose Park -Courts require rebuild and resurface. New fencing also required. Not suitable for lights. – To be developed as part of the Montrose Master Planning exercise and investment plans. **Completed as part of park refurbishment**
 - New Southgate Recreation Ground - resurface in 2017/18 - resin coating to extend the life of the surface and colour coating required. Fencing is galvanised weldmesh which is still ok, but could replace with new tennis rebound to complete the works and provide users with high specification courts. **Completed**

- West Hendon Playing Fields - Rebuild and resurface 2 porous macadam courts and add new weld mesh perimeter fencing. **To be completed as part of the development of West Hendon Playing Fields.**
 - Stonegrove Park - Main play area is ok, will need repainting. Attention needed to tree root damage in the runbacks needs to be dealt with. Lights would be possible – Root damage may require installation of root protection zone to protect the trees and courts. - (one court (basketball) has subsidence and will require root barriers and also some or all of the self-set ash along the fence line removed. Both courts need relaying and a new entrance added for the basketball court. At the moment, it is necessary to cross the tennis court. New tennis rebound fencing needed).
 - Rushgrove Park Courts require rebuild and resurface. New fencing also required.
 - Bittacy Hill Park - Courts are poor and have lots of cracks and undulations which need to be addressed. - (need new surfacing, root barriers along with the new rebound tennis fencing. Additional entrance required DDA compliant as these are double courts and the existing entrance is steps).
 - Halliwick Recreation Ground – 2 courts in poor condition requiring rebuild and resurface including a new weld mesh fence and gates.
5. LB Barnet need to broadly encourage and support the work to link between venues, coaches and schools to ensure the young people across Barnet have an opportunity to participate in tennis.
6. The LTA to work with clubs through its club network to develop opportunities for growth in the tennis workforce to support the tennis environments.

4. Review of the PPS Action Plan

- 4.1. Appendix 8 provides a review of the PPS Action Plan with action changes highlighted.