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1 Introduction

1.1 Why this strategy has been developed

East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) initiated this Sports Facilities Strategy as part of a wider study of Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs and Opportunities in response to the following drivers:

The Key Drivers
Public Health This Sports Facilities Strategy, together with its companion strategies for Open Space and Playing Pitches, will support public health in the district by helping to ensure the available and accessible supply of these facilities actively encourages residents to make healthy lifestyle choices. Specifically, sports facilities provide opportunities for people to participate in physical activity for their health, wellbeing and quality of life while also contributing to community cohesion and the local economy through employment and tourism. Sustaining and increasing participation in sports will help address the public health needs in East Hampshire District (identified in the Hampshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2017).
Planning Policies There is a requirement for an updated evidence base to support the relevant policies of EHDC and The South Downs National Park (SDNP) Authority (CP17 & CP18) within the adopted Joint Core Strategy to protect and improve Open Space, Sport and Recreation and Built Facilities. Updated evidence is also important to support the emerging South Downs National Local Plan and the emerging review of the East Hampshire District Local Plan.
Localism & Neighbourhood Planning Since the last districtwide review of sports facilities in 2008, The Localism Act 2011 has introduced the right for communities to shape development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans. At present, the towns of Alton and Petersfield and the neighbourhoods of Bentley, Medstead & Four Marks, East Meon and Liss have plans that are made as part of the Local Plan. Also, growing pressure on local government budgets since 2008, have contributed to the transfer of ownership of some sports facilities to town and parish councils or to sports clubs and associations. There is a need to identify sports facility needs at a neighbourhood level identifying those facilities that need to be protected, those that need to be enhanced, and needs and opportunities for new facilities over the Local Plan period to 2028.
Housing & Population Growth The Joint Core Strategy sets housing targets to meet the objectively assessed needs of the district over the duration of the plan period (2011-2028). These needs will be met through a strategic allocation at Whitehill & Bordon, allocations in the Local Plan: Housing & Employment Allocations, as well as allocations in Neighbourhood Plans. The total target is a minimum of 10,060 new dwellings by 2028 with just over a quarter of this total allocated to Whitehill & Bordon, mainly through development of land occupied by the Ministry of Defence. This planned housing growth - and its likely distribution within the district - is a major driver of the need for updated evidence of the need for open space including playing pitches and sports facilities in the district.
Leisure Centres Joint Venture In April 2017, the Council entered into a new 20 year agreement with Sports and Leisure Management Limited, known as Everyone Active, which will result in investment of £29.5m into two new centres (in Alton and Bordon) and enhancement of the existing centre in Petersfield. The needs assessment and strategy needs to be updated to take account of these changes to supply.
School Expansions Hampshire County Council's School Places Plan for the five year period 2017-2021 includes programmed school expansions in Whitehill & Bordon (relocation and expansion of secondary school, expansion of an infant and junior school and a new primary school), Alton (expansion of two primary schools), expansion of primary schools in Clanfield and in Four Marks and a new primary school in the Horndean area to serve demand from new housing in these areas. The secondary school in Bordon presents a key opportunity to secure new and better quality replacement built sports facilities that afford community access out of school hours.
Developer Contributions & External Grants There is a need to update the priority projects for new and enhanced sports facilities in the district to inform updates of the Infrastructure Delivery Plans of EHDC and the SDNPA and the future investment priorities for the Council's CIL and site-specific S106 Developer Contributions. Priority projects will also inform applications for external grant support to the relevant national sports agencies.

1.2 Report structure and format

This Sports Facilities Strategy is one of three documents which combine to offer a robust and up to date assessment of open space, sport and recreation facility needs across East Hampshire. The three components of the work are summarised in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1 – Study Overview

Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs and Opportunities Assessment

Open Space Strategy
Assesses the quality, quantity and accessibility of existing provision of publicly accessible open spaces in East Hampshire. It provides the basis of a strategy for the protection and improvement of public open spaces and will be used to develop policies within the emerging local plan informing the determination of planning applications against development plan policies.

Sports Facilities Strategy
A robust assessment of need for built sports facilities in East Hampshire (including swimming pools, sports halls, health and fitness, tennis, bowls and athletics facilities) to meet the requirements of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) identifying specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses.

Playing Pitch Strategy
A robust assessment of need for playing pitches in East Hampshire (for cricket, football, hockey and rugby union and other minor pitch sports played in the district) reviewing the supply and demand both now and in the future with the District to meet the requirements of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework.

1.3 The study area

The study relates to the area within East Hampshire's district boundary sub-divided into the following established district sub-areas (to correspond with all local planning documents):

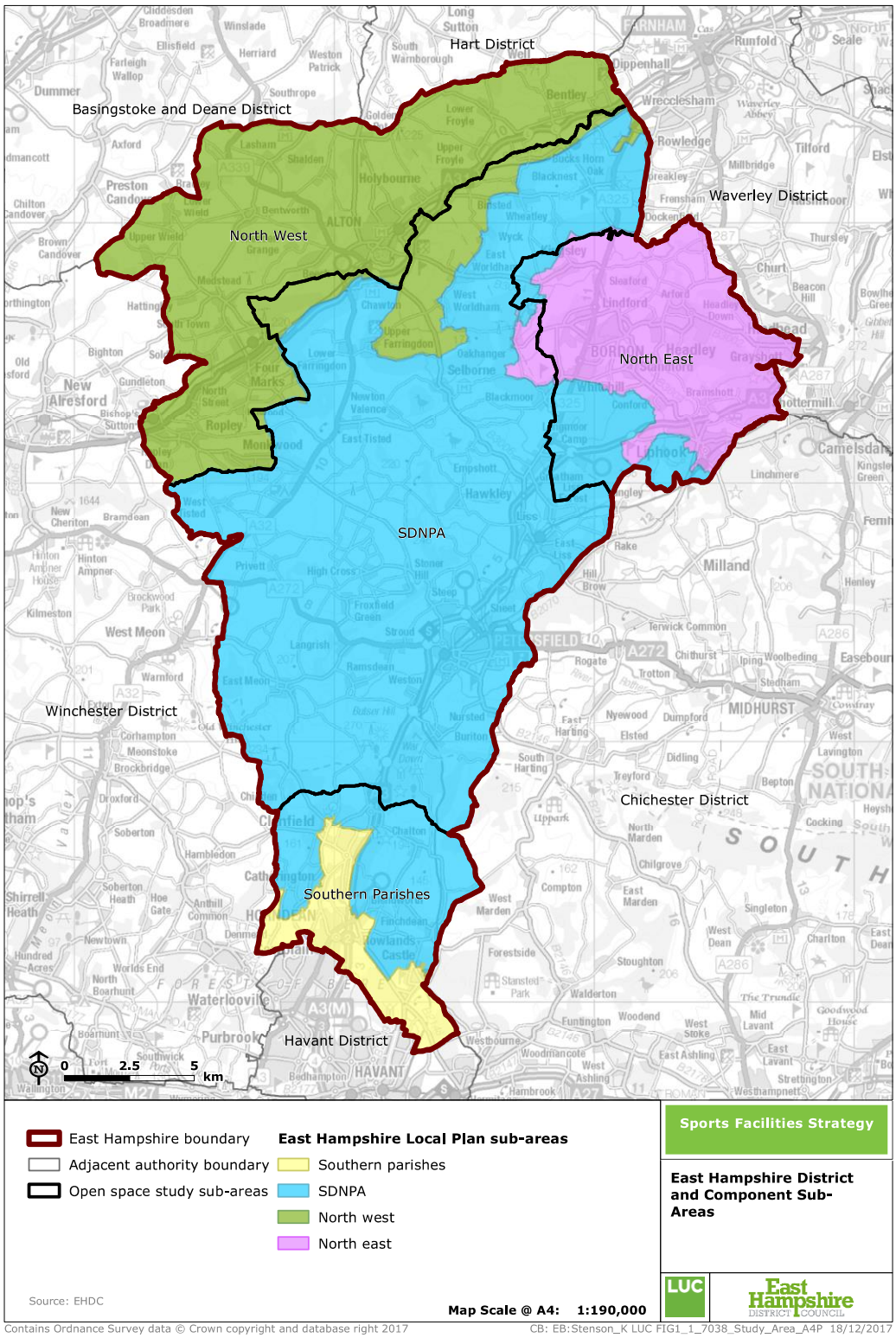
- **South Downs National Park** (Petersfield Town and parishes)
- **North East** (Whitehill & Bordon including Headley, Grayshott and Liphook)
- **North West** (Alton Town and parishes)
- **Southern Parishes** (Horndean, Clanfield and Rowlands Castle)

The sports facility needs and recommendations in this strategy are presented by sub area and for the district as a whole. The four sub areas are shown in Map 1.

Sports facility supply in neighbouring local authority areas with easy access for East Hampshire residents has been taken into consideration in determining current and future facility needs in the District. In terms of demand, the impact of sites in neighbouring authorities close to the district boundary and allocated for large scale new housing developments is taken into consideration in assessing the needs and priorities for the sports in scope. Also, the impact of 'displaced' demand is considered in relation to the facility needs in the district and each sub area. This includes both demand from residents of East Hampshire playing or training at facilities in neighbouring local authorities and those based outside the district but playing or training at facilities in East Hampshire. The neighbouring local authority areas to East Hampshire are:

- **Basingstoke & Deane** - to the north of the North West sub area (east side)
- **Hart** - to north - to the north of the North West sub area (west side)
- **Waverley** - to the north east of the North East sub area
- **Havant** - to the south of The Southern Parishes sub area
- **Winchester** - to the west of the SDNP and North West sub areas
- **Chichester** - to the east of the SDNP and North East sub areas

Map 1 – East Hampshire Sub Areas



1.4 The approach to developing the strategy

The approach to developing the sports facilities strategy is in line with Sport England's *'Assessing Needs & Opportunities Guide (ANOG) for Indoor & Outdoor Sports Facilities' (July 2014)*, and tailored to the study area as per details set out in this brief.

Specifically, the approach adheres to the following three stages as advocated in ANOG:

Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach

An Inception meeting was convened with the District Council and SDNP in March 2017 to plan the approach and scope of the overall study of Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs and Opportunities.

With regard to the sports facilities (other than playing pitches which are the subject of a separate guidance methology), the Consultant Team and the lead representatives of EHDC (representing the Council's planning policy and sports development services) agreed the following approach to the assessment:

- Relevant strategies, studies, reports, survey data etc. to be included in a document review
- The sports facility planning tools to be used
- The sports facility typologies to be included in the scope of the needs assessment and de minimus thresholds
- The approach to the quality assessments
- The consultees and methods of consultation
- The approach to project management, communications and reporting

The scope of the sports facility types it was agreed would be included in the study (and any minimum scale thresholds) are set out below:

- Swimming Pools over 20m in length or 160sqm water area
- Sports Halls over 3 courts in size (or 27m x 17m)
- Health and Fitness Suites (gym space) with over 20 equipment stations
- Bowling Greens (indoor and outdoor) and Petanque terrains
- Squash Courts
- Tennis Courts (indoor and outdoor)
- Netball Courts (indoor and outdoor)
- Athletics facilities
- Climbing facilities
- Gymnastics facilities
- Golf courses

It is noted that natural turf and Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) are covered within the Playing Pitch Strategy report. Community activity Halls under 3 courts in size are referenced where these have been identified in parishes as being suitable and used regularly for indoor sports (e.g. dance, keep fit, yoga, Short mat bowls, martial arts).

Stage B: Gather supply and demand information and views

<u>Document Review</u>

The Consultant Team analysed the available data relevant to planning built sports facilities in East Hampshire District, including:

- Adopted Joint Core Strategy, EHDC (May 2014)
- Planning Contributions & Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Supplementary Planning Document, EHDC (2016)
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan, EHDC (2015)
- Open Space, Sport & Recreation Assessment, Part 2 Built Facilities, EHDC (2008)
- Leisure Built Facilities Strategy 2012-2026 (June 2012)
- Southern Parishes - Leisure Needs Assessment (March 2015)
- South Downs National Park Draft Local Plan Summary of Main Issues, SDNPA (2016)
- Neighbourhood Development Plans as at November 2017 (i.e. made plans for Petersfield, Alton, Medstead & Four Marks, Bentley, East Meon and Liss)
- Southern Parishes Leisure Needs Assessment, EHDC (2015)
- North East Area Study (2011)

- East Hampshire Residents Survey Report of Findings, EHDC (2016)
- Serving Hampshire - Strategic Plan for 2017 - 2021, HCC (2016)
- Hampshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment, HCC (2013)
- Hampshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment/Health and Wellbeing Strategy, HCC (2015)
- Hampshire School Places Plan 2017-2021, HCC (2016)
- Energise Me Partnership Strategy 2013-2017 (2012)
- Everybody Active, Everyday, Public Health England (2014)
- Sporting Future - a New Strategy for an Active Nation, DCMS (2015)
- Towards an Active Nation 2017-2021, Sport England (2016)
- Alton Sports Centre Feasibility Study (July 2013)
- Replacement Alton Sports Centre Stage 1 Report - New Build Options (August 2015)
- Leisure Joint Venture Prospectus (Dec 2015)
- Leisure Facilities Authority Requirements - Part 1A (FOI version April 2017)
- Alton Sports Centre Survey results, Alton Town Council (2017)
- Minutes of EHDC Cabinet meetings and Press Releases relating to the Leisure Centres JV
- Minutes of meetings of The Alton & District Sports Council
- Planning Applications for Built Sports Facilities on the EHDC/SDNA Planning Portal

In addition, relevant NGB documents were reviewed in relation to facility development strategic priorities for specific sports including:

- Towards a Nation Swimming 2017-2021
- Badminton England National Facilities Strategy 2012-2016
- England Squash Strategy Plan 2014
- British Tennis Strategic Plan 2015 - 2018 and Places to Play Strategy
- Bowls England Strategic Plan 2014-2017
- England Netball Mission, Vision & Values
- British Gymnastics Facilities Strategy 2017-2021
- England Athletics Strategic Plan 2017 Athletics & Running: for everyone forever and beyond

Planning Tools

The Consultant Team also undertook detailed supply and demand analysis using a range of national sports facility planning tools. They are listed below with an explanation of the rationale for their use:

- *Active Places Power*, *Sport England*: to assess the type and quantity of indoor sport and recreation facilities in East Hampshire. Of the facilities is the scope of this needs assessment, the database lists sports halls, swimming pools, health and fitness suites, squash courts, tennis courts and golf courses.

- *Find Your Nearest Facility:* online search tools developed by a number of the National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs).

- *Facilities Planning Model (FPM*), *Sport England*: Copies of FPM reports from August 2014 and April 2015 were provided by Sport England to inform the needs assessment. These reports provide a strategic assessment of need For swimming pool provision in East Hampshire District up to 2028. The FPM analyses the capacity of existing pool supply to meet local demand taking into account the size, age and availability of the pools, the age and gender profile of the resident population within 'walk to' and 'drive to' catchment areas, and national research into swimming participation rates and journey times. For pools, the reports inform strategic need for based on forecast population levels to 2028. For sports halls, Sport England has provided the key findings of the 2017 FPM National Run report for East Hampshire District based on current population levels only.

- *Sports Market Segmentation*, *Sport England*: the SMS divides the district population (aged 16+) into 19 distinct sports market groups based on national research into sporting behaviours and shared characteristics. Through analysis of the charactistics of the most dominant sports market groups in East Hampshire, the tool provides a useful picture of the likely strength of demand within the district for specific sports or types of sport. This planning tool considers both those sports the dominant groups in the population are most likely to play already, and those sports these groups would like to play - i.e. latent demand.

Sites and Site Audits

58 sites in the district with indoor and/or outdoor built sports facilities were identified at an Inception Meeting as falling within the scope of the assessment as listed in the table below and shown in map 3 on page 22. Approximately half of these sites (asterisked) were visited by the Consultant Team to inform the audit.

Qualitative information on those sites not visited was gathered from a combination of web searches and parish council and club survey returns:

Facility / Site	Postcode	Sub Area	Built Sports Facilities
Alton Bowling Club, Public Gardens	GU34 1JL	North West	Bowls
Alton College, Old Odiham Road	GU34 2LX	North West	Sports Hall, Health & Fitness, Martial Arts
Alton School*, Anstey Lane	GU34 2NG	North West	Sports Hall, Health & Fitness
Alton Social Bowling Club, Chawton Park Road	GU34 1RF	North West	Bowls (relocated in 2016)
Alton Golf Club, Old Odiham Road	GU34 4BU	North West	Golf
Alton Sports Centre*, Chawton Park Road	GU34 1ST	North West	Swimming, Sports Hall, Health & Fitness, 4 Squash (reducing to 2), Climbing
Alton Tennis Club*, Chawton Park Road	GU34 1ST	North West	Tennis
Amery Hill School*, Amery Hill	GU34 2BZ	North West	Sports Hall
Anstey Park* / Jubilee Sport Field*	GU34 2NB GU34 1RF	North West	Running (EA distance markers) at both ATC sites
Bedales School*, Church Road, Steep	GU32 2DG	SDNP	Swimming, Sports Hall, Health & Fitness, Tennis
Bentley Memorial Hall, Main Road	GU10 5NB	North West	Activity Hall
Binsted Recreation Ground*, The Street	GU34 4PB	SDNP	Tennis
Blackmoor Golf Club, Firgrove Road, Bordon	GU35 9EH	North East	Golf
Blacknest Golf & Country Club, Blacknest Road, Alton	GU34 4QL	North West	Golf, Health & Fitness
Bohunt School*, Longmoor Road, Liphook	GU30 7NY	North East	Sports Hall, Health & Fitness, 2 Squash, Tennis
Buriton Village Hall, High Street	GU31 5RX	SDNP	Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes)
Chawton Park Indoor Bowls Club	GU34 1RF	North West	Indoor Bowls
Churchers College*, Ramshill, Petersfield	GU31 4AS	SDNP	Swimming, Sports Hall, Health & Fitness
Curves for Women, Festival Hall, Petersfield	GU31 4DZ	SDNP	Health & Fitness
Eggar's School*, London Road, Holybourne	GU34 4EQ	North West	Sports Hall, Health & Fitness, Martial Arts
Energique Health Club & Spa, Anstey Lane, Alton*	GU34 2NB	North West	Swimming, Health & Fitness, 2 Squash
Forest Community Centre*, Pinehill Road, Bordon	GU35 0BS	North East	Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes)
Four Marks Primary, Five Lanes End	GU34 5AS	North West	Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes)
Four Marks Golf Club, Headmoor Lane	GU34 3ES	North West	Golf
Four Marks Village Hall, Lymmington Bottom	GU34 5AA	North West	Activity Hall (Martial Arts)
Four Marks Recreation Ground, Uplands Lane	GU34 5AF		Tennis
Grayshott Spa, Headley Road, Hindhead	GU26 6JJ	North East	Swimming, Health & Fitness, Indoor/Outdoor Tennis, Golf
Grayshott Sports Field*	GU26 6LS	North East	Tennis
Hawkley Cricket & Social Club, Pococks Lane, Liss	GU33 6NE	SDNP	Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes)
Headley Recreation Ground* & Margery Wheatley Pavilion, Mill Lane	GU34 0PD	North East	Tennis, Bowls, Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes)
Herne Farm Leisure Centre, Crundles, Petersfield	GU31 4PJ	SDNP	Swimming (residents only), 2 Squash (PAYP)
Herne Junior School, Love Lane, Petersfield	GU31 4BP	SDNP	Activity Hall (martial arts, Aspire Coaching courses)

Facility / Site	Postcode	Sub Area	Built Sports Facilities
Horndean Technology College*, Barton Cross, Waterlooville	PO8 9PQ	SP	Sports Hall, Health & Fitness, Tennis
Kingsley Tennis Centre*, Main Road, Bordon	GU35 9NG	North East	Indoor/Outdoor Tennis
Liphook Golf Club (Bohunt Manor), Wheatsheaf Enclosure	GU30 7EH	North East	Golf
Lovedean Village Hall, Lovedean Lane, Waterlooville	PO8 9SF	SP	Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes)
Medstead Bowls Club*, Roe Downs Road	GU34 5LG	North West	Bowls
Medstead Tennis Club*, Tony Chivers Clubhouse, Roe Downs Road	GU34 5LG	North West	Tennis
Medstead Village Hall*, Roe Downs Road	GU34 5LG	North West	Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes, Yoga, Badminton - 1 ct, Table Tennis Club)
Merchistoun Hall, Portsmouth Road, Waterlooville	PO8 9LJ	SP	Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes)
Mill Chase Leisure Centre*, Mill Chase Road, Bordon	GU35 0ER	North East	Swimming, Sports Hall, Health & Fitness
Newman Collard Playing Field*, Hillbrow Road, Liss	GU33 7RL	SDNP	Tennis
Old Thorns Manor Hotel & Golf, Liphook	GU30 7PE	North East	Swimming, Health & Fitness, Tennis, Golf
Peel Park, Chalton Lane, Clanfield*	PO8 0PP	SP	Tennis, Bowls
Petersfield Golf Club (Adhurst & South Petersfield)	GU33 7QY	SDNP	Golf
Petersfield Open Air Pool, Heath Road*	GU31 4DZ	SDNP	Swimming (daily Apr-Oct, weekend mornings Nov-Mar)
Petersfield School*, Cranford Road	GU32 3LU	SDNP	Sports Hall
Prince Philip Barracks, Budds Lane, Bordon - The Garrison Pool - Squash Courts (2 of 3 cts in use, 2016) - Roller Rink (converted gymnasium, Oct 16)	GU35 0JE	North East	Swimming, Sauna, Activity Room (closed w/ends). Weds eve only In Line Hockey, Roller Discos
Results Health Club, High Street, Alton	GU34 1EN	North West	Health & Fitness
Rowlands Castle Golf Club, Links Road	PO9 6AE	SP	Golf
Rowlands Castle Recreation Ground*, The Fairway	PO9 6AQ	SP	Tennis
Rusalka Swim School, Blendworth Lane	PO8 0AR	SP	Swimming teaching pool
Taro Leisure Centre, Penns Place, Petersfield*	GU31 4EX	SDNP	Swimming, Sports Hall, Health & Fitness, 3 Squash (reducing to 2)
The Avenue Recreation Ground, Petersfield*	GU31 4JQ	SDNP	Activity Hall, Tennis, Petanque
The Recreation Ground, London Road, Liphook*	GU30 7AN	North East	Tennis
Treloar School, London Road, Alton*	GU34 4GL	North West	Swimming, Sports Hall, Boccia Hall
Whitehill Village Hall, Whitehill	GU35 9BW	North East	Activity Hall (Fitness & Dance classes)

Each of the visited sites was the subject of an outline quality assessment across the following seven key areas (where applicable):

- Playing Area: the quality of the main sport and recreation facilities at the site (e.g. sports hall playing surface).
- Maintenance: decorative order and cleanliness of the facilities at the site.
- Changing Facilities: the quality of the changing provision at the site.
- Ancillary Facilities: the quality of the ancillary facility offer at the site (e.g. storage, seating, café, meeting rooms)
- Community Access: how accessible the site is to the community.
- Accessibility for Disabled People: the quality facilities and accessibility of the site for disabled people.
- Car Parking: the quality of the car parking offer at the site.

The ratings used in the facility quality assessments is set out below:

- Poor = limited quality, improvements required in a number of areas
- Standard = average quality, fit for purpose, improvements required in some areas
- Good = good quality, accessible, no obvious issues/improvement required

Each site visited was given a overall rating based on the outline visual assessments across the seven assessment areas.

Consultation

The consultation process with regard to the sports facilities consisted of the following key elements:

- Meetings with EHDC officer leads for Sport and the Leisure Centres
- Meetings with representatives of the three Town Councils in the district
- Email circulation of key questions to 40 Parish Council clerks and follow up phone calls
- Contact with the Sport England facility and planning lead for East Hampshire
- Contact with the NGBs lead for Hampshire at Energise Me, the County Sports Partnership
- Email circulation to sports planning lead officers at the six neighbouring local authorities
- Email circulation to NGB leads for East Hampshire for the sports in scope
- An online survey questionnaire circulated by NGB leads and the district council to sports clubs based at sports facilities (other than playing pitches) in East Hampshire with 32 completed returns (a circa 60% response rate)
- Telcons with EHDC regeneration lead officer and sports consultant for Whitehill & Bordon
- Telcon with the Chairman of Alton & District Local Sports Council
- One to one discussions with facility providers in the course of the site visits
- Meeting with with the PE co-ordinator for the Alton cluster of primary schools

The focus of this element of the methodology was to canvas the views of a wide range of partners, stakeholders, facility users and local people on the quantity, quality and accessibility of indoor and built sport provision in East Hampshire and the status of current projects of relevance in the planning system.

Stage C: Bring the Information Together

From detailed review and analysis of the information and views gathered in Stage B, the issues and findings for each sports facility type were summarised and preliminary conclusions drawn as to the facility needs for each sport in East Hampshire, both to address current needs and to meet likely growth in demand within the current Local Plan period to 2028.

The key findings of the review process are presented in sports facility specific sections which present the following information for each facility type under review:

- Quantitative Assessment - Supply and Demand Analysis
- Qualitative Assessment - Audit data
- Accessibility Assessment - Distance thresholds
- Local Needs and Consultation

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

- **PROTECT** sports facilities from loss as a result of development.

- **ENHANCE** existing facilities through improving their quality, accessibility and/or management.

- **PROVIDE** new or larger facilities that are fit for purpose to meet demands for participation now and in the future.

This process culminates in a clear set of priority projects for future investment in built sports facilities in East Hampshire District Council, taking into account those projects already committed, based on a robust assessment of both facility needs and opportunities for new or enhanced provision.

With regard to future opportunities for facility development, the assessment recognises that projects need to have good potential to be deliverable in so far as securing both the necessary consents and funding and ongoing financial sustainability. Accordingly, in identifying projects, the

strategy adopts a pragmatic approach that recognises the growing financial challenge facing all local authorities in continuing to deliver and support non-statutory sports and recreation services. In this context, the recommendations take into account the current financial strategy of EHDC to invest in commercial property and, with partners, £31 million in its sports and leisure centre estate, towards achieving its aim to achieve financial independence from central government while minimising what it charges its residents for council tax.

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

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

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

2 Context

2.1 The vision

This Sports Facilities Strategy (and the separate assessments of open space and playing pitches) contribute to achievement of the joint vision of the East Hampshire Community Partnership adopted both for The Sustainable Community Strategy and the East Hampshire District Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy (June 2014) i.e.

East Hampshire Vision Statement 2014

By 2028, East Hampshire will be a better place where people live, work and build businesses in safe, attractive and prosperous towns and villages. They will have good access to a range of housing, jobs, leisure and community facilities, and enjoy a high quality built, historic and natural environment. They will live and work in a way that respects resources and protects and enhances the District's natural environment.

2.2 The objectives

The key objectives of the strategy are:

1. To improve public health by encouraging more people in East Hampshire to get more active though engagement in sports and active recreation.

2. To provide an evidence base and clear priorities for protecting and enhancing existing existing sports facilities stock and improving present provision to inform responses to future planning applications, capital investment plans and external funding bids.

2.3 Tailoring the approach - key characteristics of East Hampshire District

Key features of the district and its four sub areas that impact on the supply of and demand for built sports facilities include:

Relevant key characteristics of East Hampshire

2.3.1 Population size, profile and distribution

East Hampshire District covers an area of over 51,000 hectares and is largely rural with landscapes of high quality and relatively low population densities compared to the national and regional averages (see Map 2 below). Over half of the district (57%) lies within the South Downs National Park. The district has 40 town and parish councils a number of which own community halls with sports halls and recreation grounds with tennis courts and/or bowling greens.

On average, the resident population (115,608 at 2011 census) is relatively affluent and older than the national average (42yrs compared to 39yrs) and is distributed between:

- 3 main towns - Alton (18,000), Petersfield (15,000), Whitehill & Bordon (15,000)
- 2 large service centres - Horndean (13,000), Liphook (8,500)
- 4 small service centres - Clanfield (4,600), Rowlands Castle (2,700), Four Marks (4,000), Grayshott (2,400)
- A large number of smaller settlements throughout the district

89% of households in the district had access to a car or van at the time of the last census (2011) compared with the average for England and Wales of 74.4%.
EHDC's current population forecast for 2028 is 131,426[1] - an increase of over 16,000 from 2011 with most growth likely to take place outside the SDNP with considerably more growth North of the SDNP (focused on Whitehill & Bordon and Alton Town).

2.3.2 Sub areas and access to built sports facilities

For spatial planning of community infrastructure - including open space and facilities for sports and recreation - the district divides into four sub areas (see Map 1 above). An overview of the existing picture of built sports facility supply/demand in each area is provided below:

South Downs National Park

- The largest of the four sub areas, the primary location of sports facilities for residents of the SDNP area is Petersfield. The Taro Leisure Centre at Penns Place (built in 1992) is the main built provision for community sport in this area comprising a 4 court sports hall, a 25m 4 lane main swimming pool, small teaching pool and a leisure swimming area with a 60m flume ride, 3 squash courts and health and fitness facilities. The main swimming pool is one of three in the district used extensively by the Alton & District Swimming Club for training. The sports hall is the base for several badminton clubs in the area (e.g. Causeway BC and Liss BC).

- The Taro Centre is currently being updated as the first phase of a 20 year joint venture investment partnership between EHDC and Everyone Active from April 2017. The reception and changing areas are being upgraded, the health and fitness facilities modernised and expanded and new climbing and soft play facilities provided. The number of squash courts will reduce from 3 to 2 to accommodate these enhancements.

- There are also sports halls, assembly halls, gyms and studio spaces used by community sports clubs and groups at secondary schools in the town.

- The Petersfield School (an academy) hosts the Bowmen of Petersfield archery club, Petersfield Table Tennis Club (5 tables for club nights in summer), an informal basketball group as well as various martial arts groups and a dance school.

- Churchers College (an independent school based in the centre of the town) has a 25m x 6 lane swimming pool hired to private swim schools and to Petersfield Tri Club and Portsmouth & District Syncro Club in the winter; a sports hall with regular community hirers for 5 a a side football and cricket practice; two netball courts hired to England Netball for weekly evening Back to Netball sessions in the summer months; plus a single badminton court gymnasium with a climbing wall. These facilities are regularly hired in the school holidays to childrens multi-sport camp providers.

[1] Based on the East Hampshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment Scenario B (2013)

Relevant key characteristics of East Hampshire

- Another large independent school, Dunhurst Bedales, is located in Steep on the edge of Petersfield. This large school also has a swimming pool hired out of hours to private swim schools and a sports hall with some regular community hires (e.g. Petersfield Nomads Badminton Club). Steep also has a members' tennis club with seven courts (six floodlit).

- There is a 25m heated open air swimming pool in Petersfield town centre open daily from April to end September and for cold water swimming on weekend mornings through the winter months. Run by a commuity trust, this pool is also used by Petersfield Tri Club and Portsmouth & District Synchronised Swimming Club in the summer months.

- Four free to use public tennis courts, a boules/petanque area and a modern activity hall are provided at Avenue Recreation Ground by the Town Council.

- Since its formation in 2015, the Petersfield Table Tennis Club has played its league fixtures in the local Haslemere league at the Petersfield Rugby Club Pavilion at Penns Place.

- Sports facilities in the SDNP area provided by the private sector include: Petersfield Golf Club with two courses (one 18 holes and one 9 holes) just outside Petersfield; Curves for Women (a town centre health and fitness club); and Herne Farm Leisure Centre to the east of the town centre with an activity hall and two squash courts available to the public to hire plus a small swimming pool available to residents of the Crundles housing estate and their guests.

- Several of the parish councils in the SDNP have village halls which offer large activity spaces for sports activities, for example Hawkley and Buriton. Both these parishes also have tennis courts for club and public use while Binsted Recreation Ground provides for tennis and croquet. Bentworth parish has a new community hall on the site of the village primary school.
- Liss Parish Council are shortly to take ownership of a new community hall provided as part of a S106 planning agreement for new housing development. Liss is also the home of Newman Collard Tennis Club with 3 courts for club and public use.

- A narrow 'finger' of the South Downs National Park (SDNP) extends to the northern district boundary with Hart District. For residents of the area around Binsted, The Mill Chase Sports Centre and Garrison Pool in the North East sub area, or the Farnham Leisure Centre (in Waverley Borough), are closer than those in Petersfield. For those with access to a car living in the East Meon rural parish settlements on the west side of the SDNP, facilities in Winchester City (e.g. River Park Leisure Centre) are as easily accessible as those in Petersfield.

North East

- Whitehill & Bordon is the main centre of population in the North East sub area. Several large sites in the town are in the process of major redevelopment as a consequence of the closure of MOD establishments. The development plans include major enhancement to provision of sports facilities as part of the community infrastructure to support population growth from the development of up to 2,725 new dwellings by 2028.

- The main existing provision is a dual use leisure centre on the site of Mill Chase Academy which provides a 25m 4 lane pool, learner pool, 4 court sports hall and health and fitness facilities. Although used by the school in term time, the Mill Chase Leisure Centre is also available to the community to access throughout the day as well as during the evenings and at weekends.

- Other built sports facilities in the town include Kingsley Tennis Centre (with both indoor and outdoor clay courts), a swimming pool with sauna, a roller rink and squash courts on the former Prince Philip Barracks site now owned and managed by the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company (WBRC) and activity halls for fitness classes and dance at Forest Community Centre in Bordon and Whitehill Village Hall.

- Since December 2016, WBRC have been upgrading sports facilities at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club ('BOSC'), formerly the Bordon Officers' Sports Club. When completed, this site will have tennis courts, a bowling green and petanque court for public use along with playing pitches, served by a two storey pavilion.

- The large service centre of Liphook**,** close to the district boundary with Chichester District, also lies within the North East sub area. The Bohunt School is a large academy in Liphook with

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community access to a 4 court sports hall, an activity hall, a small (10 station) fitness gym and two squash courts.

- There is also a tennis club with courts for club and public use at the Liphook Recreation Ground and a modern community centre (Liphook Millennium Centre) with regular Zumba and keep fit classes.

- The parishes of Headley and Grayshott within this sub area also provide tennis courts for club and public access at their sports grounds. Headley also has a bowling green.

- Private leisure facilities include: Blackmoor Golf course; Bohunt Manor/Liphook Golf course; and Old Thorns hotel and golf course (with indoor tennis courts, pool and fitness facilities).

- Once the sports facility enhancements currently on site at BOSC are completed, planning consents and development agreements are in place for two major changes to the supply of built sports and leisure facilities in Whitehill & Bordon:
  i. *New Academy School* - replacement of the Mill Chase Academy with a new school with larger capacity on a site in Budds Lane from 2019. The plans include a new 4 court sports hall, tennis/netball courts and sports pitches with secured community access.

  ii. *New Leisure Centre* - Replacement of the swimming and health and fitness facilities at the Mill Chase Leisure Centre and Garrison Pool. The new centre to provide swimming pools and fitness facilities within a wider Town Centre regeneration scheme scheduled to commence in 2019.

- In addition to these committed projects, the WBRC is developing proposals to replace the Roller Rink which it has operated in the former MOD gymnasium since October 2016, with a new 'arena' facility for roller hockey, roller discos and, potentially, as a home base for Bordon United Girls (BUGs) netball club, a local judo club and other sports clubs (e.g. trampolining, boxing).

North West

- Alton is the focus of sports facility provision in the North West of the district. Alton Sports Centre is the largest built facility in the district with a 6 lane 25m main swimming pool, a learner pool, a 6 court sports hall, 4 squash courts, an indoor climbing wall and health and fitness facilities. This facility, first built in 1975, is to be replaced by 2020 with a new leisure centre as part of the joint venture partnership agreement between the District Council and Everyone Active.

- The plans to replace the sports centre have been developed over six years informed by the recommendations of a Leisure Built Facilities Strategy 2012-2026, a Feasibility Study by SLC consultants in 2013 and an Options Report by Aecom consultants in 2015. Consultation on the facility needs and priorities were carried out in the course of these studies, through meetings of the Alton Community Forum and through the planning process. The outline plans were granted planning consent in September 2015. This was followed by a competitive procurement process to secure a joint venture partner, completed in 2017. Detailed scheme proposals were submitted in November 2017 for reserved matters planning approvals provide for the development of a new build leisure centre on the site of the existing astroturf pitch providing:
  i. A 6 lane 25m swimming pool (with a moveable floor)
  ii. A training pool
  iii. 6 court sports hall
  iv. A climbing facility
  v. 2 squash courts
  vi. Soft play area
  vii. Expanded health and fitness facilities including a commercial spa
  viii. Outdoors, a replacement floodlit 5v5 pitch with enhanced 3G playing surface.

- As part of its neighbourhood plan proposals, Alton Town Council has developed a project to enhance the floodlighting, fencing and playing surface to 2 No. derelict netball/tennis courts adjacent to the skatepark in Anstey Park. This project will accommodate Ants Netball Club evening training on one evening while providing additional play space for young people (e.g. for skate/scooters, basketball and informal kickabouts) at other times. At its Jubilee Sports

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Ground, outside the neighbouhood plan area, the Town Council aspires to enhance ancillary sports pavilion facilities and perimeter lighting which would benefit a number of town sports clubs including Alton Running Club.

- Alton has five secondary schools and colleges with sports facilities available to community groups to hire out of school hours:
  i. *Eggar's School*, together with the adjacent Treloar College for students with special needs, share use of a 4 court sports hall and a 20 station fitness studio with inclusive fitness equipment. The sports hall is hired extensively in the peak evening hour to a trampolining club ('Alpha'), Alton & Four Marks Archers and for cricket club winter nets. The school also has an activity hall/gymnasium it hires to martial arts groups.
  ii. *Treloar College* itself has a 17mx8m swimming pool fully equipped for use by people with severe physical disabilities. This pool is hired to a local swimming instructor for private lessons. A modern activity hall in the college is hired regularly to two community boccia clubs Southern All Stars and Epsom Bees. Outdoors the college facilities include a 6 lane 100m all weather running track for use by College students only.
  iii. *Amery Hill School* has a 4 court sports hall, gymasium and dance studio with community club and group hires. The sports hall is unavailable in November and the summer term due to its use for exams. Regular community hirers of this hall include Alton Social Netball Club, Alton United Walking Football, England Netball ('Netball Now'), a badminton group, baton twirlers, scouts and several cricket clubs for winter practice.
  iv. *Alton School* is an independent catholic day school with a small sports hall (2 courts) with regular evening hires to an informal badminton group.
  v. *Alton College* has a 4 court sports hall hired weekly in winter by Ants Netball Club (when not in exam use) and for Rugbytots on Saturdays. Studios in the College are hired to instructors in Zumba and yoga who programme several community classes in the evenings in termtime.

- To the south of Alton on the A31, the large village of Four Marks has both tennis and bowls clubs with facilities provided by the Parish Council. The adjacent parish of Medstead also has active village tennis and bowls clubs each with recently upgraded facilities. The large village hall in Medstead provides a badminton court and is also the home base of a well supported table tennis club with teams competing in the Hampshire leagues. In the far south of the sub area, the parish of Ropley has excellent facilities for tennis and, in 2017 completed a project to convert an underused bowling green into a floodlit MUGA court suitable for both tennis and netball.

- For those with cars living in Bentley parish close to the northern district boundary, the Farnham Leisure Centre (in Waverley Borough) is equally as accessible as the sports centre in Alton.

Southern Parishes

- In the Southern Parishes, the main centre of population is Horndean which has a large secondary school, Horndean Technology College, with a wide range of indoor sports facilities available for community use and an extensive community programme delivered by a Community Staff Team.

- The indoor built facilities at the College include a 450 person capacity event hall (Barton Hall), a 4 court sports hall, an activity hall/gymnasium and health and fitness studios. The outdoor facilities include 5 hard tennis courts (one also marked for netball use) and two porous macadam courts marked for both tennis and netball. Regular community hires for sport include: weekly short mat bowls sessions, Zumba class, monthly Ciroc classes and 'Buffalos' line/square dancing nights, an annual junior boxing event in the Barton Hall; Tae Kwondo and other martial arts groups in the gymnasium; volleyball, badminton and walking football groups in the sports hall); tap, ballroom pilates and yoga classes in the dance studio and a netball group on Monday evenings on the outdoor courts. Regular instructed weight training, circuits, keep fit and spinning sessions are programmed in the studios and a family pay and play tennis membership scheme is operated on the outdoor tennis courts.

- Horndean Parish Council provide two community halls - Napier Hall on the Portsmouth Road and Jubilee Hall in Jubilee Park - both of which are used regularly by community sports groups (karate, yoga, pilates and dance groups at Napier Hall, and a children's dance class at Jubilee Hall). A further community hall available for keep fit, dance and martial arts is Merchistoun

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Hall, a Georgian building on a former private estate in Portsmouth Road, owned and managed by the Horndean Community Association. Regular sports groups accommodated at this facility on weekdays include keep fit, jive, tea dance, short mat bowls, yoga, fencing, tai chi and judo.

- In the growing parish of Clanfield, the main built sports facility provision currently available to the community is Clanfield Memorial Hall (owned by a community trust). The weekly programme includes dance, yoga, pilates and Zumba and short mat bowls. There is also a tennis club and bowls club with playing and pavilion facilities in the parish council's Peel Park. A running club, Clanfield Joggers, also meets at the park twice a week. From 2018, Clanfield Parish Council will take ownership of a new community building provided as part of a S106 planning agreement at Windmill View off Green Lane. This provision, recently completed, has a large main hall suitable for badminton (3 courts), short mat bowls and a range of dance, fitness and martial arts activities, an outdoor multi use games area (MUGA) and two tennis courts.

- Rowlands Castle parish in the far south of the area has tennis courts for club and public use at Rowlands Castle Recreation Ground. A Parish Hall, refurbished in 2014, provides facilities to accommodate two village badminton clubs (Rowlands Castle BC and Castle Court BC) and a short mat bowls club.

- The village of Catherington on the western district boundary with Havant also has a high quality village hall used by a dance school and for various keep fit activities. The Kingscourt preparatory school is also located in Catherington. Community sports access to the facilities at this school - which include a new artificial grass pitch - is currently limited to use of the sports field on Saturdays by a women and girls lacrosse club (see Playing Pitch Strategy).

- In 2015, EHDC commissioned a needs assessment for the main typologies of sports & leisure facilities in the Southern Parishes to inform priorities in relation to forecast population growth as a result of developer proposals for up to 700 new dwellings on land to the east of Horndean. This study found that: '*... the current facility provision in the Southern Parishes is relatively good, and the emphasis should be on maintaining and improving the existing provision*'. The study also identified that for the majority of residents who have access to a car and are not reliant on public transport, public sports and leisure facilities in Havant are within a relatively short journey time to the south via the A3 trunk road (e.g. Havant Leisure Centre and Waterlooville Leisure Centre) as well as Cowplain School and Havant Academy providing some community availability to built sports facilities.

2.3.3 Sports facilities on school sites

As summarised in the sub area overviews above, a significant proportion of the district's supply of swimming pools, sports halls, fitness studios and tennis/netball courts are located on school and college sites (both in the state and independent sectors).

At the community schools in Liphook (Bohunt School), Bordon (Mill Chase Academy) and Horndean (Horndean Technology College), community access to the sports facilities out of school hours is secured through revenue grant agreements, agreed annually with EHDC. Community access is unsecured to the sports facilities at the other secondary schools in the district, and to those primary school halls that are offered to hire for community fitness, dance and/or martial arts classes (e.g. Liphook Junior School). The exception is the Jubilee Hall at Bentworth Primary School where out of school hours access is secured by the Parish Council and community bookings managed by a volunteer group.

2.3.4 Investment in built sports facilities since 2008

The main investments made in built facilities accessible for community sport in the district (other than planning pitches) since the last full needs assessment review was completed in 2008 are:

- ***Treloar College*** - new campus including sports facilities (2012) - *limited community access*
- ***Bohunt School, Liphook*** - new second Sports Hall (2015) - *secured community access*
- ***Clanfield Community Centre*** - new 3ct hall and tennis and bowls provision (opening 2018)
- ***BOSC*** - new bowling green, tennis courts (opening 2018)
- ***Medstead Bowls Club***, Bentworth Parish - new green with 8 rinks in place of 6 (laid 2016)
- ***Alton Social Bowling Club*** - replacement green and pavilion in Chawton Park Road (2016)
- ***Taro Leisure Centre*** - refurbishment and expansion (completion in 2018)

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- ***Petersfield Open Air Pool*** - refurbishment of pool, changing, cafe (2012)
- ***Jubilee Hall Bentworth*** - new community hall for shared use with primary school (2012)
- ***Whitehill Village Hall*** - refurbishment (2016)
- ***Hawkley Village Hall*** - refurbishment (2011)
- ***Greatham Village Hall*** - refurbishment (2009) and funding allocated for upgrade in 2018
- ***Newman Collard Pavilion, Liss*** - Single storey football/tennis pavilion extension in 2017/18

2.3.5 Built sports facility projects with secured planning consents

The following projects with a current planning consent include provision for new or substantially enhanced built sports facilities (excluding playing pitches & pavilions):

- ***Taro Leisure Centre*** - *SDNP/17/02581/FUL:* Alterations & refurbishment works including a two storey infill extension and installation of associated new plant equipment.
- ***Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club*** - *55587/030*: A two-storey pavilion; a cricket pitch (with a four wicket square); tennis courts; a petanque area; a play area; two senior football pitches (for use in winter season) - *see application re: conditions below.*
- ***Budds Lane, Bordon*** - *57112:* Construction of a single and two storey buildings to create a new 900 pupil place 6 Form Entry (FE) Secondary School with associated car parking and external works. (*NB. Associated agreements secure provision of a sports hall, floodlit AGP to FA Step 7 specification, a floodlit MUGA for tennis/netball, junior football pitches, a senior rugby pitch, and non turf cricket wicket with secured community use as part of mitigation for loss of built sports facilities and playing pitches at Mill Chase Academy and Western Road).*
- ***Bordon Garrison/Prince Philip Barracks*** - *55587/001:* first Phase of the New Town Centre. *(NB. Associated agreements secure provision of a new leisure centre with swimming pools and health and fitness facilities as part of mitigation for loss of Mill Chase LC and bowls facilities).*
- ***Alton Sports Centre*** - *21068/040*: Outline application all matters reserved - Construction of replacement sports centre (Use Class D2) up to 8,500 sqm gross external floor area together with parking structure and other car parking (up to 250 spaces); Construction of outdoor floodlit, fenced synthetic turf pitches; vehicular, pedestrian and cycle routes; landscaping, including tree planting and sustainable urban drainage. Earthworks, implementation of appropriate remediation works and felling of trees following demolition of the existing sports centre building; removal of the existing synthetic sports pitches, floodlighting and fencing - *reserved matters application submitted awaiting decision (see below).*
- ***Windmill View, Clanfield -*** *28889/036:* Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline permission 28889/022 - construction of community building , formal and informal open space, (including football pitches, multi use games area (MUGA), children's play space) allotments together with associated access, car parking, landscape and drainage (as amended by plans received 17/04/2014). *28889/037:* tennis courts.
- ***Land South of Chalton Lane (St James Place), Clanfield*** - *28463/002:* 207 dwellings and provision of open space, sports pitches, bowling green, pavilion and allotments, with associated access, parking, access roads, footpaths/cycle paths, landscaping and works, with demolition of existing buildings and structures (as amended by plans received 30 September 2014. *28463/028:* Provision of overflow parking for sports facilities at St James Place).
- ***Land East of Horndean*** - *55562/001:* a maximum of 700 dwellings, approximately 1.7 Ha of employment land, a Local Centre (including local retail, a primary school and community facilities), a Care Village, playing pitches, a cricket pavilion (including associated access and parking), allotments (including associated building and car parking), acoustic bunds and ecological buffers together with internal access network (including footpaths and cycleways), drainage works, associated landscaping and open space (including play areas).

2.3.6 Built sports facility projects with submitted planning applications

The following planning applications for built sports facilities in the district (other than playing pitches & pavilion projects which are considered in the PPS report) are submitted and registered for later determination:

- ***Alton Sports Centre*** - *21068/041:* Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 21068/040 Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, and Scale to be considered.
- ***Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club*** - *55587/061*: Discharge of conditions 12 (Updated pavilion layout plan) and condition 13 (Materials).
- ***Budds Lane, Bordon*** - *57112/002:* Discharge of condition 24 (detailed scheme for footpath and roadway lighting and the floodlighting for the MUGA and AGP)

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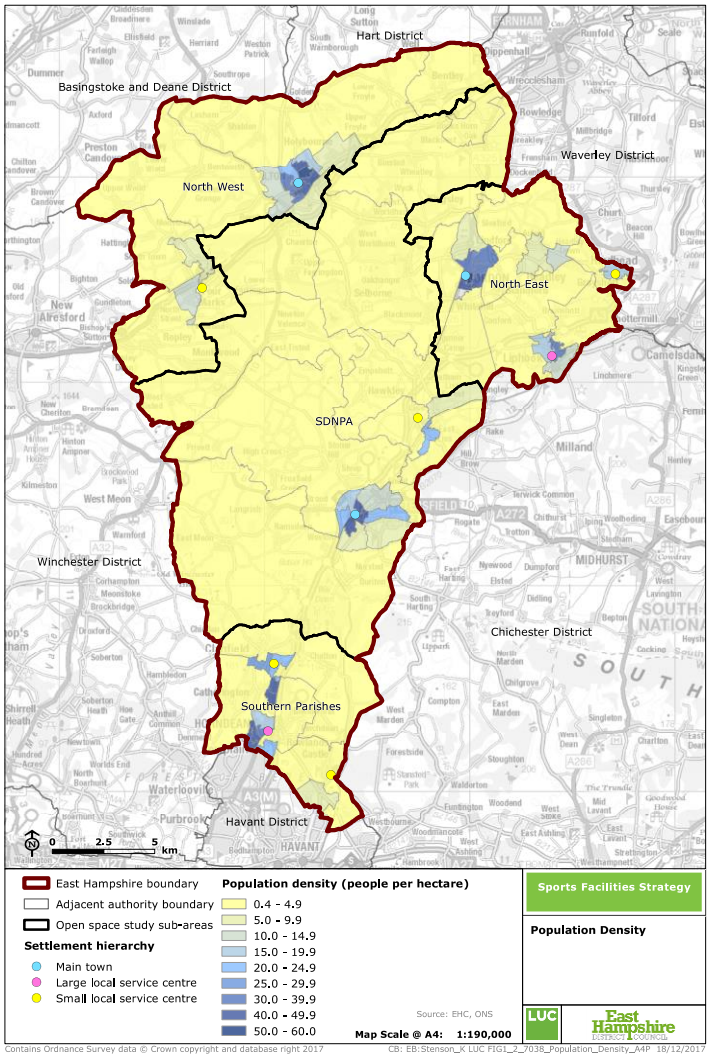
○ ***Bordon Garrison/Prince Philip Barracks*** - *55587/066:* Part Discharge of planning conditions and obligations from the Hybrid Planning Application (ref: 55587/001) for the first Phase of the New Town Centre. *55587/041:* Proposed Discharge of Planning Obligation Ref 41 (Leisure Centre Location Plan) ○ ***Land South of Chalton Lane (St James Place), Clanfield*** - *28463/030:* Equipment store for adjacent sports pavilion and bowling green
2.3.7 Other built sports facility projects Other substantive project proposals identified in the course of the needs assessment and consultation with regard to new or enhanced built sports facilities are: ○ ***Anstey Park*** – Alton Town Council proposal to refurbish 2 No. netball courts, floodlights and perimeter fencing located adjacent to the skatepark on the corner of Anstey Park by Anstey Lane and Anstey Road. ○ ***Bordon Garrison/Prince Philip Barracks*** **-** WBRC outline proposal to replace an existing building (former MOD gymnasium) used as a roller rink since September 2016 with a new larger sports hall suitable for roller hockey matches and training, roller discos, netball and boxing.

Map 2 – East Hampshire Population Density



2.4 How the population in East Hampshire participates in sport

The table below shows the percentage of adults in East Hampshire that take part in sport at least once a week and comparisons with East Hampshire's near neighbour districts in terms of similarity of demography, and with the county and national averages.

Active People Survey

The figures show that regular adult (i.e. 16+) sports participation (i.e. at least once a week on average) in East Hampshire has grown by approximately 3% over the last ten years and currently is higher than all but one of the nearest directly comparable local authority areas, as determined by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA), and the county and national averages.

Adult (16+) sports participation (all sports) at least once a week East Hampshire compared with CIPFA nearest neighbours, England, Hampshire & IoW										
Active People Survey Year:	*2005/06 (APS1)*	*2007/08 (APS2)*	*2008/09 (APS3)*	*2009/10 (APS4)*	*2010/11 (APS5)*	*2011/12 (APS6)*	*2012/13 (APS7)*	*2013/14 (APS8)*	*2014/15 (APS9)*	*2015/16 (APS10)*
East Hampshire	38.3%	39.9%	39.4%	36.5%	39.4%	39.7%	37.3%	39.4%	43.6%	41.5%
Mid Sussex	38.9%	42.7%	43.5%	43.0%	36.7%	44.5%	39.6%	40.2%	41.4%	47.4%
South Oxfordshire	40.5%	40.2%	42.5%	40.6%	37.2%	49.0%	36.7%	35.2%	40.6%	39.7%
Test Valley	40.3%	38.9%	38.2%	40.8%	36.8%	38.4%	37.5%	45.2%	36.7%	40.3%
West Oxfordshire	37.4%	41.5%	41.4%	41.9%	38.2%	43.3%	40.1%	34.4%	36.1%	37.2%
Hampshire & IoW	38.2%	38.3%	39.2%	37.8%	37.1%	38.5%	37.1%	36.9%	38.3%	37.6%
England	34.6%	36.6%	36.5%	36.2%	35.6%	36.9%	36.6%	36.1%	35.8%	36.1%

Source: Sport England Active People Interactive November 2017

Sports Market Segmentation

An analysis of Sports Market Segmentation for indoor sports (including swimming) shows the following levels of adult (16+) current participation and comparisons overall and for each Sports Market 'Group'. It is apparent from this data that c. 28,600 adults resident in East Hampshire currently participate in indoor sports.

The highest participating Groups in East Hampshire in indoor sports are:

1. ***Tim ('Setting Down Males')*** - mainly aged 26-45, married or single, may have children, professional

2. ***Chloe ('Fitness Class Friends')*** - mainly aged 18-25, single, graduate professional

3. ***Alison ('Stay At Home Mums')*** – mums with a comfortable, but busy, lifestyle

4. ***Philip ('Comfortable Mid Life Males')*** – mid life professional sporty males with older children and more time for themselves

The percentage comparisons show that each of these four predominant groups make up a larger proportion of total indoor sports participation by adults in East Hampshire than is the case in either the county sports partnership area, the region or the country as a whole.

The lowest participating Groups in East Hampshire in indoor sports are:

1. ***Norma ('Later Life Ladies')*** - older ladies, recently retired, with a basic income to enjoy their lifestyles

2. ***Terry ('Local 'Old Boys'')*** - generally inactive older men, low income and little provision for retirement

3. ***Frank ('Twilight Years Gents')*** - retired men with some pension provision and limited sporting opportunities

4. ***Brenda ('Older Working Women ')*** - middle aged ladies working to make ends meet

The percentage comparisons show that each of these four predominant groups make up a smaller proportion of total indoor sports participation by adults in East Hampshire than is the case in either the county sports partnership area, the region or the country as a whole.

To effectively reduce levels of inactivity in the district in line with strategic priorities (see section 3 of this report), built sports and recreation facilities that are accessible and appealing to these older, least active Sports Market Groups are required. Keep Fit activities and recreational Swimming are by far the most popular sports activities for Normas, Terrys and Brendas, while Franks favour golf, keep fit activities and bowls.

Indoor Sports participation by Sport England Sports Market Group
East Hampshire compared with England, South East, Hampshire & I0W

Segment	East Hants Pop.	CSP Pop.	Rgn Pop.	Nat Pop.	East Hants %	CSP %	Rgn %	Nat %
Ben	2,604	33,496	168,349	867,067	9.1	7.2	8.0	6.9
Jamie	585	25,414	96,652	812,142	2.0	5.5	4.6	6.5
Chloe	2,988	35,011	186,345	888,947	10.4	7.6	8.8	7.1
Leanne	558	20,695	79,489	665,007	2.0	4.5	3.8	5.3
Helena	2,148	29,124	147,361	798,054	7.5	6.3	7.0	6.4
Tim	4,189	55,077	281,207	1,340,650	14.6	11.9	13.3	10.7
Alison	2,939	38,104	192,649	828,955	10.3	8.2	9.1	6.6
Jackie	1,381	28,646	115,388	760,245	4.8	6.2	5.5	6.1
Kev	407	15,656	60,342	621,940	1.4	3.4	2.9	5.0
Paula	433	15,422	58,420	494,767	1.5	3.3	2.8	3.9
Philip	2,890	41,790	183,824	1,012,530	10.1	9.0	8.7	8.1
Elaine	2,608	33,705	156,714	859,381	9.1	7.3	7.4	6.9
Roger & Joy	1,512	27,403	117,018	665,679	5.3	5.9	5.5	5.3
Brenda	347	12,264	45,797	498,174	1.2	2.6	2.2	4.0
Terry	181	6,062	23,726	223,425	0.6	1.3	1.1	1.8
Norma	135	4,174	17,488	174,433	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4
Ralph & Phyllis	1,651	16,336	80,013	323,354	5.8	3.5	3.8	2.6
Frank	276	6,805	26,612	188,327	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.5
Elsie & Arnold	767	17,716	71,262	515,425	2.7	3.8	3.4	4.1
Total	***28,599***	*462,900*	*2,109,656*	*12,538,502*	*99.9*	*99.9*	*100.0*	*100.2*

Source: Sport England Market Segmentation December 2017

Active Lives Survey

The participation analysis below shows the findings of Sport England's Active Lives Survey into levels of physical activity (excluding gardening) for East Hampshire, its four 'nearest neighbour' local authorities, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, and England.

The Active Lives Survey data below shows that more adults in East Hampshire are defined as 'Active' (i.e. physically active to moderate intensity for at least 150 minutes a week on average) than the national average, the average for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and in the district's four 'nearest neighbour' local authority areas (as defined by CIPFA). Similarly, levels of adult 'Inactivity' in East Hampshire (i.e. physically active for less than 30 minutes a week on average) are substantially lower than the national and county averages and lower than in the nearest neighbour districts apart from Mid Sussex.

However, the second table shows that in all areas, including East Hampshire, the prevalence of 'Inactivity' has increased in the last year.

Active Lives Survey 1 - May 2015 to May 2016

East Hampshire compared with CIPFA nearest neighbours, England, Hampshire & IoW						
	Inactive (<30mins/wk)		**Fairly Active (30-149 mins/wk)**		**Active (150+mins/wk)**	
	Pop.	%	Pop.	%	Pop.	%
East Hants	**15,400**	**16.0%**	**10,500**	**10.9%**	**70,700**	**73.2%**
Mid Sussex	16,200	13.8%	14,600	12.4%	86,600	73.8%
South Oxfordshire	20,300	18.2%	12,100	10.9%	78,800	70.9%
Test Valley	23,500	23.9%	14,000	14.3%	60,600	61.8%
West Oxfordshire	19,500	22.0%	13,200	14.9%	55,800	63.1%
Hampshire & IoW	337,900	21.1%	193,000	12.1%	1,067,700	66.8%
England	9,765,100	22.0%	5,598,100	12.6%	29,018,000	65.4%

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 1 report October 2016

Active Lives Survey 2 - May 2016 to May 2017

East Hampshire compared with CIPFA nearest neighbours, England, Hampshire & IoW						
	Inactive (<30mins/wk)		**Fairly Active (30-149 mins/wk)**		**Active (150+mins/wk)**	
	Pop.	%	Pop.	%	Pop.	%
East Hants	**19,100**	**19.8%**	**10,600**	**11.0%**	**66,800**	**69.2%**
Mid Sussex	23,400	19.8%	15,200	12.8%	79,900	67.4%
South Oxfordshire	28,200	25.2%	13,800	12.3%	69,700	62.4%
Test Valley	24,100	24.3%	15,500	15.6%	59,600	60.1%
West Oxfordshire	22,000	24.9%	9,400	10.7%	57,100	64.5%
Hampshire & IoW	391,500	24.3%	221,500	13.7%	998,700	62.0%
England	11,456,900	25.6%	6,179,600	13.8%	27,102,400	60.6%

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 report October 2017

For the first time, Active Lives Survey 2 includes data at local authority level on adult (16+) participation in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days[2].

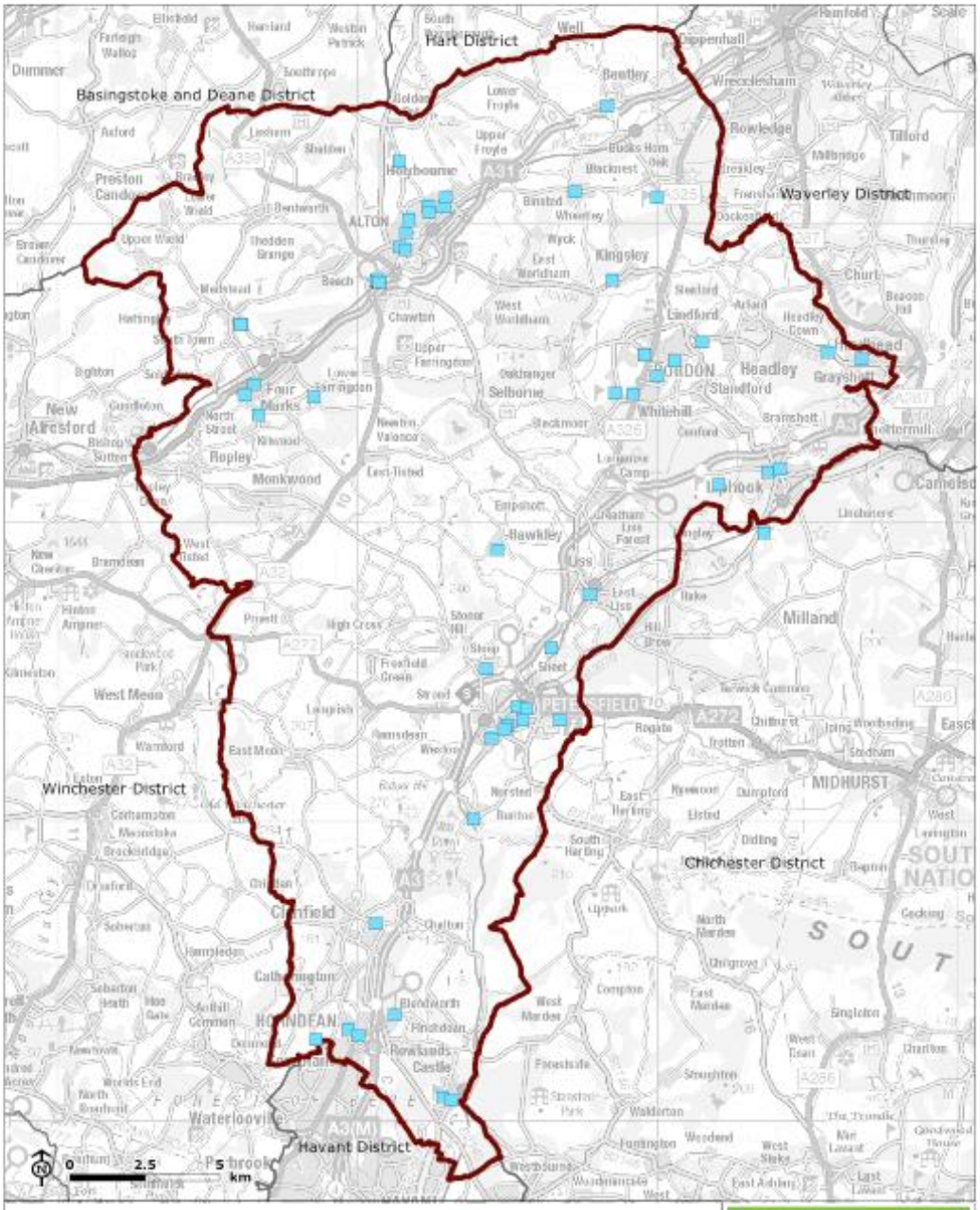
The table below shows that on this measure of regular participation in sport and physical activity, East Hampshire is also out-performing all its near neighbour local authorities with the exception of Mid Sussex and the national and CSP averages.

East Hampshire compared with CIPFA nearest neighbours, England, Hampshire & IoW		
	Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days	
	Population total	Rate (%)
East Hants	**79,300**	**82.2%**
Mid Sussex	99,800	84.2%
South Oxfordshire	88,600	79.3%
Test Valley	78,600	79.3%
West Oxfordshire	70,500	79.7%
Hampshire & IoW	1,274,900	79.1%
England	34,531,400	77.2%

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 report October 2017

[2] Activity must of moderate intensity or above and can be made up of 10 minute blocks so long as it averages 30 minutes a session

Map 3 – East Hampshire Built Sports Facility Sites



3 Strategy and Policy Review

3.1 Introduction

In order to ensure that the sport and recreation study takes account of relevant local, regional and national strategic priorities the Consultant Team reviewed a range of strategies, policies and plans. The focus of this element of the methodology is to identify specific public policy priorities for East Hampshire District, Hampshire and England which both influence and can be influenced by sport and recreation facility provision.

3.2 National Strategy

3.2.1 *'Everybody Active, Everyday' (2014)*

'Everybody active, Everyday' is a Public Health England document which aims to help address the problem of increasing inactivity in England and to drive a step change in public health by focusing on the benefits of physical activity to both mental and physical health and wellbeing. The document states that around one in two women and a third of men in England are damaging their health through a lack of physical activity. '*Everybody Active, Everyday'* maintains that this position is unsustainable (estimating that inactivity currently costs £7.4bn a year) and if current trends continue, the increasing costs of health and social care will destabilise public services and take a toll on quality of life for individuals and communities. The document puts forward regular physical activity and an active lifestyle as a means of preventing many life threatening disease such as cancer and diabetes, and conditions like obesity, hypertension and depression.

The document also makes recommendations on how infrastructure, including sport and leisure facilities, can best assist in increasing physical activity through thoughtful urban design, understanding land use patterns, and creating transportation systems that promote walking and cycling which will help to create active, healthier, and more liveable communities.

Public Health England suggest that maximising the potential of the assets that already exist such as common land, woodland, streets, parks, leisure facilities, community halls, and workspaces, and thinking differently about how public services relating to physical activity are planned and commissioned is essential for ensuring that physical activity interventions are successful.

It is important that any developments in provision of sport and leisure facilities in East Hampshire reflect this aim of providing quality facilities that maximise their potential for the broadest community use including those who are not regular participants in competitive sports.

3.2.2 *'Sporting Future - a New Strategy for an Active Nation' (2015)*

Adopted by the Government in September 2015 in response to consultation with stakeholders including Public Health England, the stated purpose of this cross-government strategy is to tackle flatlining levels of sport participation and high levels of inactivity in the country. Through the strategy, the government has has shifted its definition of success in sport towards its contribution to five outcomes: physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing, individual development, social and community development and economic development. Accordingly, exchequer and sports lottery funding decisions are now made on the basis of the contribution that sport and physical activity investments can deliver to create a more physically active nation, at every stage in peoples' lives.

3.2.3 *'Towards an Active Nation 2017-2021', Sport England*

The government policy change in 2015 is reflected in Sport England's current strategy published in May 2016 as its successor four-year strategy to *'A Sporting Habit for Life'*, which invested over £1 billion of National Lottery and Exchequer funding between 2012 and 2017 with the aim of creating a meaningful and lasting community sport legacy by growing sports participation at the grassroots level including £160 million into building and improving sports facilities.

'Towards an Active Nation', plans to invest £250 million over five years on inititiatives to engage those who currently do less than 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity a week (currently 29% of the adult population in England rising to 42% of people aged 55 and over). Research shows that those who do the least activity stand to benefit the most, even if it's just small changes like gentle jogging, swimming or playing rounders in the park. As well as continuing to support people who already play sport, there will be a much greater emphasis than in previous strategy periods on those groups in society who are typically the least active; women, disabled people and those from lower-socio-economic backgrounds.

Protecting and enhancing the sports facility infrastructure across the district, and ensuring new investment is focused on making facilities accessible and appealing to the least active groups, will help to achieve these objectives at a local level in East Hampshire.

3.2.4 *National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)*

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Paragraph 74 stipulates that 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 needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.

3.3 County Strategy

National policy is amplified by both county and local policy which recognises that sports and recreation facilities are important parts of social infrastructure, providing a range of social and health benefits for communities and neighbourhoods. County strategies of relevance to this strategy for sports facilities in East Hampshire are:

3.3.1 *Serving Hampshire - Strategic Plan for 2017 - 2021*

This countywide plan focuses on four strategic aims, which bring together a number of priorities under the themes to form the overarching framework for the services provided by Hampshire County Council:

Outcome 1
Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity
We will achieve this by:

- attracting increased inward investment and promoting Hampshire's global competitiveness.
- improving Hampshire's connectivity.
- supporting businesses to start and grow, helping to create more jobs.
- helping people into work and to develop and maintain skills.
- planning and delivering appropriate development and infrastructure.

Outcome 2
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives
We will achieve this by:

- enabling children and young people to get a good start in life.
- supporting people to live independently in their own homes.
- meeting people's eligible, statutory needs - ensuring people are cared for in the right place, for the right time and at appropriate cost.
- working to overcome inequalities.
- contributing to keeping you safer.

Outcome 3
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment
We will achieve this by:

- enhancing and protecting Hampshire's heritage and culture.
- conserving and using natural resources efficiently.
- protecting and improving Hampshire's environment and quality of life.
- enabling people to live healthy lifestyles, and to access and enjoy Hampshire's countryside
- maintaining the unique character of the county.

Outome 4
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities

We will achieve this by:

- making it easy for people to find and access support within the community.
- strengthening the role of town and parish councils.
- supporting a thriving and diverse voluntary and community sector and body of volunteers.
- working with the Armed Forces and Veterans community to enhance relationships with the local community and economy.

Protecting and improving the quality and quantity of sport and recreation facilities in East Hampshire will contribute to each of these four target outcomes.

Research into the value of sport by Sport England and others has established that provision of good quality community infrastructure for sport and recreation contributes to local economies thorough providing employment opportunities and attracting businesses and visitors.

The health and quality of life benefits of providing good access to sports and recreation facilities are self-evident. At local town and parish level, sports facilities also play a key role in supporting sports clubs and informal recreation groups which are an important component of strong and inclusive communities.

3.3.2 *Hampshire Health & Wellbeing Board (HHWB)*

Established and hosted by Hampshire County Council, the Hampshire Health & Wellbeing Board brings together representatives from a range of public and voluntary sector organisations to plan how best to meet the needs of the population of the county and tackle local inequalities in health. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty, with clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), to produce a joint strategic needs assessment and also a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for their local population.

The first five year health and wellbeing strategy was published in 2013 and is currently in process of detailed review informed by evidence of health needs from the latest Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) in 2017 with a view to publishing a refresh in March 2019. The current strategy focusses on four areas:

- **Starting Well** - So every child can thrive.
- **Staying Well** - Empowering people to live healthier lives.
- **Ageing Well** - Supporting people to remain independent, have choice, control and timely access to high quality services.
- **Healthier Communities** - Helping communities to be strong and supporting those who may need extra help.

the JSNA identifies key issues for health in each county district. Provision of accessible facilities for sport and active recreation has a contributory role in addressing a number of the key issues identified in the JSNA for East Hampshire including:

- **Starting Well** –Working with families on minimising excess weight gain to achieving a healthy weight (improving healthy eating and physical activity).
- **Staying Well** - Reducing the gap between healthy life expectancy and life expectancy; focus on improving lifestyles and self management of health conditions, particularly diabetes. County role is in partnership with Health and Districts to support healthy lifestyles especially diet and exercise.
- **Ageing Well** - Focus on falls prevention; Return on Investment for evidence-based exercise classes, improving independence (opportunity for joint commissioning). Also, focus on impact of social isolation; partnership working on initiatives to reduce impact.

3.3.3 *Hampshire County Council (HCC)*

In addition to the strategic planning of countywide health services by the HHWB, in 2016 HCC published its own strategy for improving public health for the five years to 2021. Titled ***Towards a Happier Hampshire*** this document sets out ambitions and priorities of the County Council for improving public health.

Most particularly, the availability of good quality and accessible infrastructure for sport and recreation for all communities in the county is important to achievement of the strategic ambition of HCC to make *'healthy lifestyles the norm'* throughout Hampshire.

The strategy identifies the issue that 'healthy life expectancy' is not keeping up with overall life expectancy and that this is a growing problem in Hampshire as a county with a rapidly ageing

population profile. The strategy also highlights the fact that health inequalities are increasing, more people are living with multiple long term conditions and there is increasing prevalence of lifestyle related illness related to unhealthy behaviours.

As far as improving public health is concerned, in planning for new and enhanced facilities for sport and active recreation, it is therefore important to consider the requirements of the growing proportion of the population who are over retirement age and those in disadvantaged socio-economic groups who experience the most health inequalities.

This strategic focus on the public health benefits of active lifestyles supports the case for prioritising investment of public resources in infrastructure for free to access activities such as safe routes for walking and cycling. Where investment is made by local authorities in new and enhanced built sports facilities, it is increasingly important that these facilities are attractive to a broad range of people to access in their leisure time (including older people, the inactive and those with long term health conditions), not just to members of sports clubs and groups (i.e. those who are already active). In East Hampshire, the target population of inactive adults is around 15,400 people (16% of the population)[3].

3.3.4 *Energise Me (the County Sports Partnership for Hampshire & Isle of Wight)*

Energise Me is one of 40 County Sports Partnerships in England committed to increasing levels of participation in sport and physical activity. A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Energise Me is based in Winchester and works with a range of organisations to increase sports and physical activity participation.

The vision of Energise Me is articulated in the partnership's strategy 2013-2017, ***'Inspiring more people, to be more active, more often'*** which they plan to achieve through work on four strategic aims:

- **Participation** - To inspire and sustain greater participation in sport and physical activity.
- **Evidence & Advocacy** - To make the case for sport and physical activity, building the evidence base, advocating its benefits and providing the right information to inspire people to be active.
- **Workforce** - To support activity at all levels through the development of a quality workforce: coaches, instructors, leaders, volunteers, teachers, officials and administrators.
- **Facilities** - To plan strategically and provide a range of high quality, active environments and appropriate facilities supporting introductory activities, participation and performance sport.

New or improved sports facilities can help to contribute towards the Energise Me vision by providing more and better opportunities for people in East Hampshire to be physically active. Energise Me have supported the process of developing this sports facilities strategy for East Hampshire through the consultation process, links to NGB contacts and through providing access to resources and information concerning sports clubs and groups etc. on their website.

3.4 Local Strategy

At the district level, the strategies most relevant to this sports facilities strategy are summarised below:

3.4.1 *East Hampshire Community Partnership - East Hampshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2026*

This overarching strategy prepared in 2008 by a broad group of organisations following several months of consultation with local communities and partner organisation establishes the broad vision for East Hampshire as a place to live and/or work (see para 1.5 of this report) and a series of outcomes the Partnership considers priorities for change. The priorities are set out against a number of themes in response to identified challenges facing the district e.g. an ageing population, increasing costs impacting on public transport services and greater centralisation of services away from the rural communities, growing problems in public health linking to changing lifestyles, and climate change.

The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) summarises what services are wanted by the community of the district as a whole. It informs the Local Plan (below) setting out where things go, the action plans of organisations that make up the Community Partnership (e.g. the EHDC's

[3] Sport England Active Lives Survey 2017

Corporate Strategy below), and the Neighbourhood Plans of town and parish communities across the district.

Against the themes of children and young people, older people, health and recreation, the SCS establishes the following priority outcomes of closest relevance to the provision of sports facility services:

Children & Young People
- Increase access to leisure and recreation, though more local facilities (such as informal youth drop-in facilities) and improved transport.

Older People
- Enable older people to feel more included in their community by increasing the choice and awareness of local services for older people.

Health
- Reduce the health inequalities seen across the district.
- Change peoples' behaviour to reduce the risk to their health. For example, for disease by reducing smoking, obesity and excess alcohol consumption, and increasing physical activity; and for falls in elderly people, by increasing physical activity and providing adaptations in their homes.

Recreation & Leisure
- Increase the number of people exercising regularly.
- Increase the use of and access to leisure facilities; in particular for young people and by ensuring they reflect the current popular pursuits.

3.4.2 *East Hampshire District Council & South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy (June 2014)*

The purpose of the Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy is to provide a policy framework that plans for new development to deliver the vision that has been developed alongside the Sustainable Community Strategy.The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) was adopted by EHDC on 8 May 2014 and by the South Downs National Park Authority on 26 June 2014.

The recommendations for sports facility sites in this strategy are made in the context of the following relevant policies of EHDC and The South Downs National Park (SDNP) Authority within the adopted Joint Core Strategy which are based on the last comprehensive assessment of provision of sports facilities in the district in 2008 (see below):

Policy CP17 - This policy requires the protection of existing open space or sport, recreation or play facility unless a surplus of provision exists in accordance with the open space and built facilities standards or an appropriate alternative would be provided at an equally accessible location.

Policy CP18 - This policy sets a minimum standard for all residential developments of the equivalent of 3.45 ha of public open space per 1,000 population. The policy also states that contributions to built facility provision will also be required to meet various standards as set out in the most up to date Open Space, Sport & Recreation Needs Assessment Study for the district, depending on the facility being provided. The policy also states that the improvement of sport and recreation facilities will be implemented in the following ways:
- *'New sites (with the exception of those to be provided within the Whitehill & Bordon Strategic Allocation) will be allocated either through the Local Plan: Allocations, the South Downs National Park Local Plan or neighbourhood plans;*
- *All new residential development will be required to make provision for public open space that is designed to a high standard and is 'fit for purpose', either through on-site provision or by financial contribution to enhance or create off-site provision and management of open space (based on the minimum requirement of 3.45 ha per 1,000 population);*
- *Provision will be secured through developer contributions through S106 or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) mechanisms'.*

The recommendations for the South Downs National Park sub area within East Hampshire District are also made in the context of the relevant strategic policies of The South Downs National Park Authority which is currently preparing the South Downs Local Plan. The policy of direct relevance to provision of playing pitches is Policy SD46: Recreation which states *'... development for recreational activities, environmental education and interpretation will normally be supported by*

the Authority provided there is a proven need, and it is of an appropriate scale and intensity and reflects the valued characteristics of the National Park'.

It should be noted that East Hampshire District Council are currently reviewing the Local Plan for the areas outside the SDNP. Therefore, the recommendations for the sub-areas outside the SDNP will help inform future strategic and development management based policies.

3.4.3 *East Hampshire District Council - Corporate Strategy 2014-2019*

East Hampshire District Council is working on delivering its mission to improve people's lives by providing excellent public services that represent good value for money and meet its communities' needs. Towards this purpose, the Council is focusing on the following operational priorities:

- **Financial Sustainability**
- **Economic Growth**
- **Environmental Sustainability**
- **Public Service Excellence**
- **Creativity & Innovation**

Towards its priority to be financially independent of all government funding, the Council is committed to alternative models of service delivery provided these models demonstrate they can deliver services for less.

The joint venture the Council entered into in 2017 with the sports and leisure services company, Everyone Active, is a key example of this policy in action. This 20 year partnership agreement aims to provide a higher quality and more environmentally sustainable estate of sports/leisure centre buildings providing excellent services to customers while also reducing the cost to the public purse.

3.4.4 *East Hampshire Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study 2008*

In 2008, East Hampshire District Council jointly commissioned with Winchester City Council a study of open space, sport and recreation facilities (in line with the prevailing PPG17 guidance), with the specific objective of providing a comprehensive and robust evidence base for their respective development plans. The study comprised four parts:

- **Part 1: Main Report** Sets out the methodology and background information.
- **Part 2: Area Profiles** Details the provision of open space and recreational facilities at the local level, by four sub areas, each of which was analysed using the (then proposed) East Hampshire standards for open space.
- **Part 3: Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)** Provision of evidence to assist with funding bids and to allow providers to co-ordinate their priorities and investment programmes, consistent with the prevailing national policy guidance (PPG17).
- **Part 4: Built Sports Facilities Study** An assessment of the quality, quantity and access to recreational built facilities. The assessment was based on information provided by sports clubs and agencies and identified future needs for facilities and set out a strategic framework for future provision. The study considered leisure centres, sports halls, fitness gyms, tennis courts, bowling facilities and swimming pools.

Part 4 of the review recommended maintaining the existing hierarchy of facility provision i.e.

- The provision of three main sports/leisure centres in Alton, Petersfield and Bordon.
- Additional community school provision with community access at Liphook and Horndean to supplement the main leisure facilities.
- A network of local provision and access to other facilities (such as school provision) to provide for local communities (e.g. village halls, community centres, recreation grounds).

Other main recommendations of the review relevant to this strategy were:

- Identify new community, sport and recreation built facility requirements linked to major housing developments.
- Consider expansion of access to education facilities, such as Petersfield School, Eggars School and Amery Hill School.
- Assess the quality and quantity of village halls/community centres.
- Develop sustainable community transport links (to built facilities in the main towns).
- Replace Alton Sports Centre.
- Review MOD land in Whitehill & Bordon for opportunities to secure new built sports facilities linking to the emerging masterplan proposals for an eco town with housing development.

3.4.5 *East Hampshire Leisure Built Facilities Strategy 2012 - 2026*

Building on the evidence base from the 2008 needs assessment study (above), and reflecting the increased national focus on improving health and reducing obesity (through London 2012 and Government initiatives), the District Council developed a strategy for safeguarding and enhancing the provision of built leisure facilities throughout the district.

This report focuses on the built facility assets owned by the Council and operated through a management contract (i.e. Alton Sports Centre, Taro Leisure Centre, Petersfield, and Mill Chase Leisure Centre in Bordon, together with the grant funded community schools (Bohunt School, Horndean Technology College, and Mill Chase Community Technology College) and other school provision with community access throughout the district.

The study included a detailed review of supply (quantity, quality and accessibility) and demand factors (e.g. facility utilisation data and trends, postcode analysis of leisure centre users) and consultation with Town and parish councils, NGBs, sports clubs and other stakeholder groups. The strategic recommendations for built facility provision are summarised below:

Area	Future Strategic Actions	Timescale
District wide	○ Develop further the co-ordination and development of the activities within facilities across the District. ○ Review Community Use Agreements, within funding constraints. ○ Review and identify an approach for the re letting of the contract for the operation of the EHDC leisure facilities. ○ Sustain and improve where possible CommunityTransport and access to facilities.	A A B B-C
Central (SDNP)	○ Improve awareness and access to existing community facilities, recognising constraints on funding. ○ Development of the sporting facilities at Penns Place (Petersfield) as a Community Sporting Hub. ○ Redevelopment of the Taro Leisure Centre (TLC), as a long term project to invest in a sustainable future.	A A-B C
North East	○ Improve awareness and access to existing community facilities, recognising constraints on funding. ○ Redevelopment of Mill Chase LC as part of the Eco-town proposals and redevelopment. ○ Improve access to MOD facilities and/or enable release of sites for community use.	A-B B B
North West	○ Seek to provide a replacement facility for Alton Sports Centre. ○ Improve awareness and access to existing community facilities, recognising constraints on funding.	A B
Southern Parishes	○ Support and facilitate the Green Lane Community Centre development. ○ Strive for improved access to facilities in Horndean College through equal pricing opportunities (such as the leisure card use) and through transport improvements. ○ Improve awareness and access to existing community facilities, recognising constraints on funding.	A A-B B

Note: The priorities reflect the following timescale: A = 1-2 years, B = 3-7 years, C = 7-14 years

3.4.6 *Southern Parishes - Leisure Needs Assessment (March 2015)*

EHDC commissioned this area based study to inform future facility needs in response to site allocations in the Local Plan and new greenfield housing targets in the area totalling approximately 2,000 units between 2011 and 2028. The consultants carried out a review of the existing facility provision within the area and previous reviews and consultation, consulted with a range of facility providers and applied Sport England planning tools (e.g. Sports Facility Calculator and Facilities Planning Model). The conclusions of the assessment were:

- The current facility provision in the Southern Parishes is relatively good, and the emphasis should be on maintaining and improving the existing provision.
- The Southern Parishes are well served for swimming provision, through facilities that are outside the area but within 10 – 15 minutes drivetime. There is therefore not a significant demand for additional swimming provision.
- Sports Hall provision exceeds the demand for facilities, once the new facility at Green Lane is developed and as such there is no demand for facilities.

- AGP provision is over provided for with facilities at Horndean Technology College and Cowplain School (nearby in Havant Borough), however there may be a need to invest in the replacement of the surface or upgrading to 3G. *(NB. AGP provision is considered within the PPS volume of this 2018 study).*
- There is a need for the development of a multi purpose community hall (capacity of circa 200-250) to serve the new population and housing.

3.4.7 *North East Area Study 2011*

The study was commissioned to support the proposed Eco-town at Whitehill and Bordon, through an updated assessment of open space, sports and recreational needs undertaken in 2008. The study found that the area has a considerable amount of sport facilities under private ownership, particularly by the Ministry of Defence, and that the Eco-town Masterplan should include the retention or replacement of certain key sites in order to maintain a suitable level of formal sports provision. The study also used demand models to set out specific sports facilities requirements for the Eco-town. The study informed the Masterplan (first published in 2010 and revised in May 2012). The facilities chapter of the 2012 Masterplan proposed the following for Bordon & Whitehill:

- *A new mixed-use town centre with shops, housing, services and a new town square*
- *New secondary school facilities, possibly as part of a new learning campus. This could integrate askills training centre, sixth form and be a hub for 0-19 year-olds*
- *Two new primary schools and pre-schools forming local community hubs*
- *A new children's centre*
- *A new primary care centre (five GPs, four dentists)*
- *A new sports hub and renovation of Bordon and Oakhanger Sports Club (BOSC) and Whitehill Club*
- *Land allocated for commercial leisure (e.g. cinema, 10 pin bowling, health club)*
- *Retain and enhance the existing community facilities where possible.*

A study of needs for playing pitches in the North East area was subsequently commissioned by EHDC in 2014 to consider the detailed needs for this sports facility type to 2028 taking into account the housing growth proposed in the 2012 masterplan and the likely impact on demand. *(The NE area PPS is considered in more detail within the PPS volume of this 2017 study).*

Section 106 Agreements are in place in respect of three development sites on former MOD land - Quebec Park, Loiusburg Barracks and Prince Philip Barracks. These agreements include one in respect of a new community leisure centre (replacing the public swimming and fitness facilities at Mill Chase Academy) with an agreed Leisure Centre Contribution from the developers of £3.59m. Other S106 agreements are for Sports Facilities Contributions including but not limited to a sports hall, sports pitches and pavilion. The agreed Sports Facilities Contributions total £1.605m comprising £614k allocated to the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club site and the balance of £991k for other sites.

These planned projects with consents have been developed from the North East area sports and leisure facility needs studies and associated public consultations.

3.4.8 *Feasibility Study for the delivery of a Sports Centre for Alton, 2013*

In October 2012, EHDC commissioned consultants to produce an independent feasibility study report on the future of Alton Sports Centre to inform a detailed business case for its replacement or refurbishment. The consultants undertook consultation with internal and external stakeholders and a review of site options for a replacement centre taking into consideration financial viability, site viability and environmental factors. Key feasibility questions addressed in the study were:

- What facility mix does Alton need?
- How much will development options cost to build and then operate?
- Which sites are most suitable for re-provision linked to a development solution?
- What designs will work for each facility mix and site option?
- Is refurbishment a viable option and how does it compare the redevelopment options?
- How can the re-provision of the Sports Centre be procured and what are the timescales?
- How could the re-provision be financed?
- What should the Council do next in order to progress the study?

With regard to facility needs, the consultants concluded from their analysis of supply and demand factors (including the application of Sport England facility planning tools for swimming pools and

sports halls) that *'...the current facility is larger than it needs to be to meet current and future need'.*

The consultants acknowledged that the established user clubs and groups considered in consultation that retaining the existing scale of facilities in the sports centre should be a requirement for its replacement or refurbishment.

From these findings, the study puts forward alternative options for the future of the centre - the first a smaller, new building to meet the priority facility needs of the catchment (*'the minimum facility mix'*), and the second a building of similar scale to the existing building which could be either new build or a refurbishment (*'the desirable facility mix'*).

In summary, the study found the *'desirable facility mix'* should include the following mix and scale of indoor built sports and leisure activity areas while identifying those marked with an asterisk as options for reduction in scale (or *'value engineering'*) if required for reasons of affordability or deliverability:

- *Swimming Pool - 6 lane with moveable floor* and spectator gallery for 120 seated**
- *Learner Pool and Junior Play Features*
- *Leisure Water Features**
- *Sports Hall - 6 badminton courts*
- *Health & Fitness Studio - 100 stations and functional fitness areas*
- *Health Suite*
- *Climbing Wall**
- *Squash Courts - 3 with moveable walls**
- *Studios - 3*
- *Soft Play - 1 squash court size**

Outdoors, a 1/2 size AGP was included in the recommended facility mix and identified as an option for reduction in scale (*This is considered in the PPS report)*.

The study found the current Chawton Road site the preferred location (assuming a new centre) considered against a matrix of relevant factors. The study also concluded that a refurbishment solution, although more affordable than new build in capital funding terms, would be '*..clearly undesirable from a service continuity perspective'* (necessitating closure for circa 20 months) and would not deliver the optimum revenue position.

On the basis of these findings and consideration of capital costs, revenue forecasts and affordability, the consultants recommended the Council seek to procure the balance of capital investment required to provide a new build solution (preferably the desirable facility mix) by inviting proposals from the market of leisure centre operator companies in return for a long term operating agreement (with associated property leases) for the Council's leisure centre estate.

3.4.9 *Replacement Alton Sports Centre Stage 1 Report, 2015*

Following on from the above study, in March 2014 the District Council commissioned consultants to support officers to develop a preferred new build option and masterplan for the development of the Chawton Road site with high level cost and affordability assessment. This report informed the subsequent application for an outline planning consent in 2015.

Following consideration of the main financial and site opportunities and constraints including a requirement for no increase in the revenue costs to the Council for the management and maintenance of the existing Centre, the study identified the following *'core facilities'* within a preferred development option:

- *Swimming Pool - minimum 6 lanes x 25m with moveable floor*
- *Learner Pool*
- *Sports Hall - 6 badminton courts*
- *Health & Fitness Studio - 100 station*
- *Health Suite*
- *Studios - flexible*
- *Cafe & Playzone*
- *Meeting Rooms*

Outdoors, the preferred option included 4 No. 5 aside 3G football pitches with fencing and floodlighting.

The study identified Squash Courts and Climbing facilities as '*activities and space requirements which could be accommodated as additional elements over and above the core facilities'* required to meet the financial parameters.

3.4.10 *Neighbourhood Development Plans*

Since the last districtwide review of sports facilities in 2008, The Localism Act 2011 has introduced the right for communities to shape development in their areas through the production of Neighbourhood Development Plans. At present, the towns of Alton and Petersfield and the neighbourhoods of Bentley, Medstead & Four Marks, East Meon and Liss have plans that are made as part of the relevant Local Plans. Neighbourhood plan policies of relevance to this sports facilities strategy that are made as part of the relevant Local Plans are summarised here:

Alton NDP - 2011 to 2028

Policy CH2: Sports Centre

Proposals for a replacement sports centre facility providing an enhanced level of recreational provision to Alton in terms of quality and quantity on or adjacent to the current site will be supported. Appropriate associated enabling development as part of the same scheme required to cross-subsidise the delivery of the new facility will be supported. A comprehensive redevelopment of the existing sports centre site and the land adjacent will be supported provided that any new facility is in place prior to the old facility being redeveloped.

Petersfield NDP - 2013 to 2028

Community Objective CO2: Sport & Recreation Facilities

Ensure adequate provision of sport and recreation facilities. To include an adequate provision of built sport facilities and adequate supply of sports pitches and informal recreation areas to meet the needs of local people.

Identified Needs for Built Sports Facilities:

- *The Taro Leisure Centre needs updating*

Medstead & Four Marks - 2015 to 2028

Proposals to improve the viability of an established community use of the following buildings and facilities by way of the extension or partial redevelopment will be supported, providing the design of the scheme is appropriate and the resulting increase in use will not harm the amenities of adjoining residential properties.

Community Assets for sports - Four Marks:

- *Bernard Benian's Sports Pavilion* (Recreation Ground)
- *Village Hall*
- *The Recreation Ground* (including tennis courts and bowling green)
- *The Golf Club*

Community Assets for sports - Medstead:

- *Village Hall*
- *Sports Pavilion*
- *Bowls Club*
- *Tennis Club*
- *Broadlands Riding Centre*

Bentley - 2015 to 2028

Policy 3: Recreation Ground

The Neighbourhood Plan safeguards land at the recreation ground for future provision of a new building for community uses, and for a car parking area, provided:

- *The design of the scheme ensures special attention is paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character of the Bentley Conservation Area;*
- *The location and layout of the built form does not obstruct the views to the south;*
- *The proposals do not lead to the loss of access to, or the enjoyment of the recreation ground;*
- *The proposals do not have a severely adverse impact on the traffic movements and parking in the area; and*
- *The scheme provides for youth and sports facilities of the same scale as exist at present on the site, unless a more appropriate location has been identified.*

Liss - 2011 to 2028

Policy 13: Community and Sports facilities

1. The important community facilities (shown in Appendix 4 to the Plan) *should be retained and enhanced to ensure a range of quality, accessible and safe facilities that meet the needs of the community.*

2. Development proposals resulting in the loss of important community facilities will only be permitted if:

a. Suitable alternative provision is made within Liss; or

b. The existing use is not viable in whole or in part and there is evidence of a robust marketing campaign of at least 12 months that clearly demonstrates there is no market demand for the existing use; or

c. There is a demonstrable lack of need by the Liss community for the existing use.

A current project is the replacement of the West Liss Pavilion and Liss Scout Hut with a pavilion that can provide improved and additional facilities (this project is referenced in the Playing Pitch Strategy).

Additional playing fields are also required. A particular need which the community has highlighted is for additional sports pitches, particularly for the young. Demand exceeds the supply of existing pitches in Liss at peak times and several pitches have poor drainage which can limit their availability.

Finding sites for new pitches is extremely difficult due to topography, landscape, ground conditions and other constraints. It has not proved possible to identify locations for new sites which are free from these constraints and which are also potentially available. Work will continue to identify opportunities to acquire land for new sports pitches, particularly suitable for the young, who require smaller pitches.

East Meon - 2016 to 2032

Policy EM10: Local Green Spaces

The Local Green Spaces .....will be protected for the benefit of the community. Development will not be permitted on LocalGreen Spaces except in very special circumstances for example where it is essential to meet specificnecessary utility infrastructure needs and no feasible alternative site is available.

Policy EM11: Retention of Community Uses

Development that results in the loss of the following key community buildings (set out below) and ancillary land that serve the local community will only be permitted where:

a. an assessment has been undertaken which shows the facility is surplus to requirements and thereis clear evidence that the community has no need for that type of facility, or

b. it can be demonstrated that alternative facilities of equal or better quality can be provided in an equally accessible location; or

c. the development is for an alternative community facility (including affordable housing), the need for which clearly outweighs the loss.

The key Community buildings are:

- *Single form entry primary school and grounds;*
- *A village shop with Post Office;*
- *Church with Church Room;*
- *A substantial Village Hall with a kitchen including large Main Hall which can be subdivided;*
- *Two pavilions, one for cricket and one for other sports;*
- *A cricket ground, a football pitch and all-weather court;*
- *Two children's play areas;*
- *Two village public houses.*

3.5 Conclusion

The proposed investment options (in section 5 of the study) take into consideration the hierarchy of strategic priorities for community sports facilities summarised in this section.

At the national level, sports policy places a much stronger focus than previously on the role of sports facilities as resources to increase levels of physical activity for public health, particularly among those groups in communities that are the least active.

At the county level, in Hampshire the policy focus for investment in facilities for sport is similarly focused on health and in striving to reduce the disparity between overall life expectancy and a healthy life expectancy as well as on reducing health inequalities within different areas and communities in the county.

Equally importantly, at the district level of this strategy for sports facilities, the strategic recommendations for new and/or enhanced facility provision need to be made in the context of EHDC's corporate priority to achieve full financial independance by 2019 (alongside its broader aims for environmental sustainability, economic growth, public service excellence, creativity and innovation). Towards achieving this financial objective, as far as is possible, facilities for sport in East Hampshire need to cease to rely on revenue grants or subsidies to sustain their management and maintenance.

At the neighbourhood level, the focus for parish councils is on ensuring good access to an appropriate range and quality of sports and recreation facilities in response to local community needs.

To secure capital grants/lottery funding from Sport England investment programmes towards the costs of new and enhanced facilities, priority projects identified within an action plan will need to demonstrate close alignment to the wider strategic policy context, particularly the contribution the projects will make to sustaining and increasing the number of physically active people in local communities. It is no longer sufficient to make a case for grant support simply around the age of facilities or the fact that they may no longer be fit for purpose.

The strategic backdrop supports East Hampshire District Council’s commitment to improving and modernising its community infrastructure for sport and active recreation - particuarly for health and fitness facilities and swimming pools which are the most appealing to the older, least active groups in the population - to ensure current and future generations of residents have access to opportunities to be regularly active for their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Specific, high level requirements to improve facilities in the district have already been highlighted in both the leisure strategy and the corporate plan including the need to replace or update the main built provision serving the growing catchment populations in the district's three main towns - the Alton Sports Centre, Mill Chase Leisure Centre and Taro Leisure Centre. This 2017 study updates and adds further weight to these recent reports and forms part of the evidence base to underpin the Local Plan for East Hampshire to 2028.

4 Facility Needs and Analysis

4.1 Introduction

The following sections set out the findings of the quantity, quality, accessibility and availability assessments undertaken by the Consultant Team for each sports facility type identified as within scope in the study brief and inception meeting.

As detailed in the Methodology in Section 1, the needs assessment for sports facilities other than playing pitch sports has been prepared in accordance with Sport England's published guidance dated July 2014[4].

In particular, the facility audit information (supply, demand, accessibility, availability) and needs findings within Pt 4: Built Facilities of the East Hampshire Open Space, Sports and Recreation Study 2008 and the adopted East Hampshire Leisure Built Facilities Strategy 2012 - 2026 have been reviewed and updated through a process of fresh consultation with facility operators, town and parish councils, sports clubs and governing bodies and neighbouring local authority sports and leisure or planning officers. In addition, with regard to swimming pools and sports halls, Sport England provided summary Facilities Planning Model (FPM) reports for East Hampshire District from the February 2017 national run of the model.

It is noted that in the consultation section for each facility type, the responses shown are only from those local sports clubs that responded with specific comments concerning facility supply and its adequacy. A list of the sports clubs sent the link to the online survey identifying those clubs that submitted a response is at Appendix B.

Specific to Alton and the current proposals to replace the sports centre, findings from a survey of residents commissioned by Alton Town Council in summer 2017 are referenced where relevant.

The major sports facilities in neighbouring local authority areas that have been identified as likely to fall within the catchment area of residents of East Hampshire are also identified in relation to the facility types in the study scope. An approximate journey time of 20 minutes (i.e. 1 mile or 1.6km walking or 3 miles or 4.8km by car) is assumed in relation to facility accessibility.

For specialist competition sports venues with substantial spectator capacity, a journey time of half an hour (30 minutes) is considered accessible.

This section of the report summarises the current supply and demand factors and considers the potential impact of forecast population growth on future facility needs. For each facility type quantitative comparisons are made with neighbour authorities. However, as explained earlier in this report, these are not used to determine recommended per capita quantity standards for East Hampshire as each local authority area has its own unique supply and demand characteristics and overall picture of provision making the needs and opportuntities different in each case.

4.2 Swimming Pools

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for swimming pool provision within East Hampshire together with the main findings from the consultation undertaken. All pools of 20m+ or 160sqm of water area with access to the community are included in the analysis (i.e. excludes school or privately owned swimming pools with no access for community groups). Recommended strategic priorities for community accessible swimming pools in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply
The following table shows the 20m+/160sqm indoor swimming pool sites in East Hampshire that are publicly accessible.

[4] Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities, July 2014. Available at https://www.sportengland.org/media/3599/20140722-anog-published.pdf

Table 4.1: Main Swimming Pools in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. Pools	Water space	Type	Access Type	Availability	Use	Year Built (Upgraded)
Alton Sports Centre	NW	3	300 88 68	6 lane Learner Diving	Public	6.45am-10.30pm 8am-8pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	Full prog. & Clubs	1975
Bedales School	SDNP	1	220	4 lane	School & Hires	Evenings and weekends	Club Swim schools Sub aqua	2002
Churchers College	SDNP	1		4 lane	School & Hires	Evenings and weekends	Clubs Swim schools	2011 (on former lido)
Mill Chase Leisure Centre	NE	2		4 lane Learner	Public	7am-10pm 9am-5pm Sat 9am-4pm Sun	Full prog. & Club	1995
Old Thorns Manor Hotel	NE	1	200	4 lane	Residents, Members & Guests only	6am-10pm 8am-8pm weekends	General swim	1982 (2012)
Taro Leisure Centre	SDNP	3	300 63 99	6 lane Learner Leisure	Public	6.30am-10.30pm 8am-9pm 8am-4pm	Full prog. & Club	1992 (2002)

Six other sites in the district have been identified as providing swimming pools that do not meet the specification applied by Sport England for inclusion in its Facilities Planning Model (FPM). These pools either fall below the size threshold (20m length or 160 sq m water space), offered minimal availability to the public at the time of the last 'run' of the FPM, or are outdoor pools. Whilst individually none of these pools has a large impact on meeting demand for swimming in the district, taken together they accommodate a significant proportion of total demand, particularly for swimming lessons and club training. These other pools in the district with public access are:

Table 4.2: Other Swimming Pools in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. Pools	Water space	Type	Access Type	Availability	Use	Year Built (Upgraded)
The Garrison Pool *(former MOD pool, recently opened to community by WBRC, hence not in FPM supply)*	NE	1	200	Main/Gen	Public	Programme of 17hrs per week. Closed Wednesdays & weekends	Primary Schools Aquaerobics General Swim	40+ years old
Energique Health Centre Spa, Alton	NW	1	72	Learner	Members & Guests only	7am-10pm 8am-4pm weekends	Members swim; Aquaerobics	2001 (2005)
Herne Farm Leisure Centre, Petersfield	SDNP	1	c. 150	Learner	Residents & Guests only	7am-10.30pm daily	Family swim; swim lessons	Kebbell Homes in mid 1970s
Petersfield Open Air Heated Pool	SDNP	1	275	Main/Gen	Public	Daily late April to mid Sept, morning cold water swims at weekends in winter	Public swim; Tri club; Syncho club; Primary schools	1962 (2012)
Rusalka Swim School, Horndean	SP	2	81 42	Learner Learner	Public	Daily programme of lessons in school term, holiday courses	Swim school & courses Deep water aquaerobics classes	2005 2004
Treloar College	NW	1	136	Disability Therapy Learner	College & Hires (£45/hr)	Swim instructor classes eves	Swim school	2011

Quality of provision

Of the main pool venues, the provision at Alton Sports Centre is the oldest by some margin at over 40 years old and, now towards the end of its design life. The facility is inefficient to operate relative to more modern pools of similar size with more energy efficient design and plant. Previous technical surveys and feasibility studies have concluded that this provision is in need of replacement. The plans for the new leisure centre provide for replacing the main 6 lane pool and learner pools with the addition of a moveable floor to the main pool in place of the existing dedicated pool for diving which is underused (mainly for monthly sub aqua club training and a weekly canoe club session in the winter months). There is no diving club based in the district.

The Mill Chase Leisure Centre pools are now 23 years old and, although this provision is of standard/good quality, it will be replaced in a new leisure centre programmed to be built within the next three years as part of the regeneration masterplan for Whitehill & Bordon. This new centre will provide a larger main pool (6 lanes in place of 4 lanes) to allow for forecast population growth and effectively replacing the Garrison Pool at the Prince Philip Barracks site which has only recently been made available to the public for just 17 hours a week in the peak period. The Garrison Pool is now well over 40 years old and not to modern standards.

The remaining swimming pools in the district at Taro Leisure Centre (Petersfield), Old Thorns Hotel & Health Club (Liphook), Treloar College (Alton) and the independent school pools in Petersfield at Bedales and Churchers College were all either built or subject to major refurbishment since 2000. This pool provision is all of good quality although there are issues with the roof of the Taro Leisure Centre. The necessary work to this roof is included in a final phase of a programme of funded improvements to this centre to be completed in 2018.

With the exception of the Garrison Pool in Bordon which is to close shortly, the small commercial health clubs - Old Thorns Manor Hotel in Liphook and Energique in Alton - are both to a good quality as is the provision for swim teaching at the Rusalka Swim School in Horndean and at Treloar's College in Alton.

The Herne Farm pool in Petersfield built by housing developer as a residents' community facility in the mid 1970s also appears to be maintained to a good quality. This pool is of limited relevance as access is restricted to residents of the immediate Herne Farm housing estate.

The Petersfield Open Air Pool is maintained to a high quality by the trust that leases the facility from the Town Council, is in a very accessible central location and meets substantial seasonal demand in fine weather attracting approximately 25,000 swim visits annually.

Other Accessible Supply in Neighbouring Boroughs/Districts

For residents of the area around Binstead in the far north of the SDNP or in Bentley and the villages to the north of Alton in the North West sub area, the pools in Hart District (the new Hart Leisure Centre opened in April 2017 with three pools including an 8 lane 25 competition pool with spectator facilities, and a four lane pool at Lord Wandsworth College) are within a reasonable drive time. So too is the Farnham Leisure Centre in Waverley Borough providing a 6 lane 25m and learner pool built in 1982 and refurbished in 2010.

For those with access to a car living in the East Meon rural parish settlements on the west side of the SDNP, the swimming facilities in Winchester City (River Park Leisure Centre with a 25m 6 lane pool and learner pool) are as easily accessible by car as the Taro in Petersfield. However, similar to the Alton Sports Centre, the River Park Leisure Centre was built in 1974 and is no longer to modern standards. As such, River Park is unlikely to draw significant use from East Hampshire currently. This is likely to change in the next 3 years as (subject to securing the necessary funding) Winchester & District Council has proposals at detailed feasibility stage to replace River Park with new provision, possibly to include a sub-regional 50m competition pool.

Residents in the Southern Parishes are within the 20 minute drive time catchment area of several public swimming pools including Havant Leisure Centre (with 25m 6lane, learner and diving pools last refurbished in 2010), The Horizon Leisure Centre in Waterlooville (25m 8lane competition pool and learner pool built in 1991), Havant Academy with a 4 lane 20m pool refurbished in 2012 and Westgate Leisure Centre in Chichester with a 33.3m 6 lane pool, learner pool and small leisure pool built in 1987 and refurbished in 2005.

Those in the North East sub area of East Hampshire enjoy good access to the swimming provision at the Haslemere (Herons) Leisure Centre in Waverley Borough.
This centre underwent a major refurbishment in 2010 and provides a 25m 8lane competition pool and a learner pool. The Highfield School pool (5lane 20m built in 2004) in Chichester District is also very accessible to residents in this sub area. In the commercial sector, Champneys Forest Mere Club in Liphook just across the district boundary with Chichester offers a 25m 4 lane pool and small lido as well as health and fitness and tennis facilities.

Competition Pools
In terms of wider than district level competition pools with spectator capacity, there are three pools sites with 50m Olympic competition pools within a half hour drive time from at least one of the East Hampshire sub areas:

- Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre, GU11 2LQ - 25 minutes from NW
- Surrey Sports Park, Guildford, GU2 7AD - 28 minutes from NW
- The Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth, PO2 9AQ - 17 minutes from SP

In addition, the following 8 lane 25m competition pools with spectator facilities are also available within this catchment area:
- Haslemere Leisure Centre, GU27 2QT - 10 minutes from NE
- Hart Leisure Centre, GU51 5EE - 25 minutes from NW - *new provision opened in April 2017*
- Waterlooville Leisure Centre, PO7 7UW - 10 minutes from SP
- Guildford Spectrum, GU1 1UP - 25 minutes from NE

Demand
The full year results of the last Active People Survey in 2015/16 (before Active People was replaced by the Active Lives Survey) shows that expressed demand for weekly swimming among adults (16yrs+) in East Hampshire was above the national and regional averages and the level in those geographical neighbour boroughs/districts where a statistically significant result was recorded with the exception of Havant Borough.

In comparison with the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, weekly adult swimming participation in East Hampshire has increased marginally from 7.37% to 7.42%. This is in sharp contrast to the national and regional trend of marked decrease in swimming participation. The downward trend is also evident in Winchester District.

Table 4.3: Participation in swimming at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Swimming once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Swimming once during last week APS 10 2015/16
England	**8.04%**	**5.67%**
South East	**8.45%**	**5.84%**
East Hampshire	**7.37%**	**7.42%**
Winchester	**7.95%**	**4.53%**
Waverley	**7.92%**	**7.06%**
Havant	**9.98%**	**9.51%**

Source: Sport England Active People Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.4: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in swimming and canoeing at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Swimming	**10.8%**
Canoeing[5]	**0.4%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

[5] Both outdoors and indoors

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013). Applying these national sports activity participation rates to the district would suggest that in excess of 10,500 adult residents of East Hampshire swim and 3,900 canoe regularly (i.e. at least twice in 28 days on average).

Clubs

Alton & District Swimming Club is the only community swimming club in East Hampshire providing competitive swimming programmes for all ages and a development programme for younger children. The club has approximately 300 members of whom over 95% are aged under 18. The club runs 12 squads. The club's main base is the Alton Sports Centre (23 hrs a week). The club also has regular pool time at Taro Leisure Centre (11hrs a week), Mill Chase Leisure Centre (12hrs/wk) and Churchers College (13hrs/wk). The senior squad travels to The Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre 50m pool for one two hour session a week on Thursday evenings.

Petersfield Triathlon Club, established in 2011, has a membership of approximately 100 men and women. Training for the open water swimming discipline takes place at Churchers College weekly from September on a Thursday evening. Other accessible tri clubs to residents of East Hampshire include Farnham TC based at Farnham Leisure Centre and The Aldershot Garrison with over 250 members, Phoenix TC based at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford with 100 members, and Haslemere Borders AC with a small tri section (circa 20 members) training at Haslemere Leisure Centre.

Portsmouth & District Synchonised Swimming Club train twice a week at Churchers College pool in Petersfield and programme sessions in the Open Air Pool in the town in summer. Other accessible, well established syncho clubs in the area are Portsmouth Victoria based at the Mountbatten Centre and Rushmoor Syncho Swimming Club based at pools in Farnborough and Aldershot.

Alton Canoe Club meets weekly during the winter months at Alton Sports centre. The club owns 12 indoor kayaks which are kept at the sports centre and a full set of paddles and spraydecks.

Alton Sub Aqua Club programme once a month pool sessions at Alton Sports Centre. (The main club in the area is Haslemere Sub Aqua club training at Haslemere Leisure Centre which is easily accessible to residents in the North East of East Hampshire).

There is no active diving club in the district. The nearest club is Star Diving Club based at Guildford Spectrum approximately 25 minutes drive time from Liphook and the NE sub area and 30 minutes from Alton in the NW. For residents in the south of East Hampshire District, the nearest diving club is an approximate 45 minutes drive at The Quays Swimming & Diving Complex in Southampton.

Current Supply & Demand Analysis - Sport England Facilities Planning Model (FPM)

***The Facilities Planning Model (FPM)* -** The key findings from Sport England's February 2017 National Run of the Facilities Planning Model for East Hampshire District for Swimming Pools are summarised below. It should be noted that the FPM provides a theoretical model only and therefore should be used in combination with other sources of local intelligence to access local demand, supply and facility needs.

Supply

- There are 6 pool sites in East Hampshire with main pools that meet the minimum size threshold for inclusion as community pools in the FPM (20m in length or 160m^2) and availability criteria.

- The model excludes the small pools at Rusalka Swim School in Horndean, Herne Farm in Petersfield and the Energique Health Club and Treloar College pools in Alton as these facilities fall below this size threshold. The model also excludes lidos such as the heated Outdoor Pool in Petersfield.

- Athough included in previous runs of the model, the Bordon Garrison Pool which offers approximately 17 hours a week of commmunity and school use was excluded from the 2017 national FPM run as the pool was scheduled to close before the run date. It is noted that this provision remains operational with limited hours of public access and is now scheduled to close sometime in 2018.

- The six pool sites included in the 2017 FPM run provide a total of 13 pool areas (counting the three leisure water areas at Taro and the diving area at Alton as separate pools) which together provide 1,848m^2 of water space.

- On this basis, the supply in East Hampshire equates to 16m^2 of water space per 1,000 population which is some way above the national and regional benchmarks (12m^2 and 13m^2 respectively) and above the per capita provision in the geographical neighbour local authorities of Havant (11m^2), Chichester (12m^2) and Basingstoke & Deane (13m^2), similar to Hart and Winchester (17m^2) and below that in Waverley (23m^2).

- The model calculates that the 1,848m^2 of qualifying water space supply in East Hampshire scales down to 1,533m^2 taking only the hours available in the peak period into consideration, and that this 1,533m^2 of water space has capacity to accommodate 13,292 swim visits per week in the peak period (vpwpp).

Demand

- The model calculates that at the 2016 mid year population estimate of 119,131, total demand for swimming pool provision from East Hampshire residents totals the equivalent of 7,428 vpwpp. This is converted by the model into an equivalent demand for water space (with a 'comfortable capacity' factor included), which in this case is 1,233m^2.

Supply/Demand Balance

- With demand for 1,233m^2 of water space (taking into account a 'comfort factor') and available supply of 1,533m^2 (scaled to take account of hours available for community use), the model suggests East Hampshire has a positive supply/demand balance of pool provision of 300m^2.

- The model shows that four of the six geographical neighbour Boroughs/Districts also have a positive supply/demand balance (albeit at a lower level) and two - Havant and Winchester - have a small negative balance.

- However, the supply/demand balance FPM measure only provides a 'global' view of provision and does not take account of the location, nature and quality of the facilities in relation to demand; how accessible facilities are to the resident population (by car and on foot); nor does it take account of facilities in adjoining Districts/Boroughs. The FPM model seeks to address a number of these factors through use of the following measures.

Satisfied Demand

- The model calculates the proportion of demand for swimming from residents of East Hampshire District that is satisfied either by the community pools within the District OR by pools in neighbouring local authorities that fall within the model's travel time distance decay calculation by travel mode (i.e. walking or by car) for swimming pools.

- Reflecting the provision of several qualifying community pools in neighbouring local authorities that are accessible to East Hampshire residents, the model calculates that Satisfied Demand for swimming in East Hampshire is 93.8%. This level of 'satisfied demand' for swimming in East Hampshire is high relative to the national and regional averages of 91.0% and 92.7% respectively and higher than in four of the six the neighbouring authorities. The exceptions are Hart (96.7%) and Waverley (94.9%).

- However, the model calculates that the 6 qualifying pool sites located within East Hampshire meet just under two thirds 65.8% of the demand from East Hampshire residents. The model therefore suggests that 34.2% of Satisfied Demand to swim from residents of East Hampshire is exported and met by accessible community pools in neighbouring local authority areas.

- This proportion of Exported Satisfied Demand for swimming in East Hampshire of 34.2% is much lower than in Hart (50.9%), similar to Chichester (33.7%) and Winchester (38.9%) and considerably higher than in Basingstoke & Deane (10.2%), Waverley (17.9%) and Havant (19.1%).

Unmet Demand

- With Satisfied Demand of 93.8%, 6.2% of total demand for swimming from East Hampshire residents is currently unmet. This level of unmet demand is low relatively to the national figure of 9.0% and the South East region average of 7.3%. Unmet demand in East Hampshire

is calculated as lower than in four of the six neighbour authorities, only Hart and Waverley show lower unmet demand for swimming at 3.3% and 5.1% respectively.

- Translated into pool water space, the model calaculates that current unmet demand for indoor pool water space in East Hampshire is the equivalent of approximately 76m^2 of water space (allowing a 'comfort factor').

- The FPM showing the distribution of aggregated unmet demand for swimming across the district shows that the highest levels of unmet demand are found in the south around Horndean.

- It is noted that the District Council's current plans for the leisure centres estate include an additional two 25m lanes in the replacement Mill Chase Leisure Centre (i.e. 125m^2 approx. of additional water space) and loss of the Alton diving tank of 68 m^2 approx. (to be replaced with a moveable floor in the main pool). The net impact on overall water area if these changes are implemented as planned will be an increase of water space of 57 m^2.

Used Capacity

- While the model suggests that Unmet Demand for swimming in East Hampshire is relatively low (due in part to the availability of pools in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts), it also calculates that, taken together, the District's 6 qualifying pool sites are used to 39% of their capacity (using a measure of 1 person per 6m^2 water area).

- The modeled Used Capacity figures for each qualifying pool site are: Alton Sports Centre (43%), Taro Leisure Centre (26%), Mill Chase Leisure Centre (62%), Churchers College (60%), Bedales School (35%) and Old Thorns Manor Health Club (22%).

- The East Hampshire average calculation of 39% compares to a calculated Used Capacity of 64.9% averaged across all pools in England (3,000 approx) in 2017 and 62.1% in the South East.

Local Share

- Relative to the national average ratio of pool capacity to demand (a score of 1), East Hampshire's local share of provision is calculated by the model at 1.7 which is higher than all its neighbours with the exception of Waverley (1.8).

- The map of local share across East Hampshire District shows the east side with the highest levels of local share.

FPM Conclusions - Swimming Pools

These FPM findings, in isolation of local intelligence, suggest that, at 2018, the supply of swimming pools accessible to East Hampshire residents is sufficient to meet current demand with a significant amount of unused capacity.

In common with all local authority areas, East Hampshire relies on more accessible pools in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts which the model suggests currently accommodate just over a third 34.2% of all swimming demand from East Hampshire residents.

These findings are based on a population estimate for 2016 of 119,131. The section that follows summarises the findings of an FPM report produced by Sport England for EHDC in 2014 based on the 2011 ONS population forecast for 2028 of 127,379. It it noted that, since the FPM report was prepared, the population forecast for 2028 used for the purposes of the Local Plan have increased by a further 4,000+ people to 131,426.

Future Supply & Demand Analysis - FPM Scenario

The FPM report for swimming pools in the District prepared by Sport England in 2014 assumed a 2028 population estimate (of 127,379) and a number of potential scenarios for changes to the supply of public pools.

'Run 2' has been selected from the supply scenarios considered in the report as it provides the closest approximation to the supply position in the 2017 national run at current population levels (i.e. closure of the Bordon Garrison Pool).

However, as noted above, the demand estimates will be slightly understated in the findings as the population forecast for 2028 has increased by just over 4,000 (i.e. from 127,379 to 131,426) since the FPM scenario test report was prepared in 2014.

The 2014 report estimated that based on an increase in the population to 127,379 weekly demand in the peak period will increase from 7,428 (vpwpp) to 7,573 (vpwpp). When the 'comfortable capacity' factor used in the model in applied, this equates to demand for an equivalent in waterspace of 1,248m^2 by 2028. This compares to estimate demand in the 2017 run of the FPM for East Hampshire of 1,233m^2 of waterspace.

With demand for 1,248m^2 of water space (taking into account a 'comfort factor') and available supply of 1,533m^2 (scaled to take account of hours available for community use), the model suggests East Hampshire would continue to have a positive supply/demand balance of pool provision in 2028 (of 285m^2) assuming no changes in supply (aside from closure of the Garrison Pool).

Similarly, the model found relatively high satisfied demand levels and low levels of unmet demand at the increased population level assuming no changes to the available supply in the walk to and drive to catchment areas.

Based on the findings of the FPM, it appears that provided there is no significant reduction to the overall supply of waterspace (in terms of quantity, quality and availability) in the main population centres of Bordon, Petersfield and Alton, or to the accessible supply in neighbouring districts/boroughs, there will be no need to provide additional waterspace in the district in the period to 2028. The area of highest unmet demand - although still low relative to most areas of the country - will remain the south of the district.

Consultation Findings

Swim England - Swim England's current strategic plan for swimming to 2021 seeks to '*significantly grow the number and diversity of people enjoying and benefitting from regular swimming*'. In terms of facilities for swimming, the governing body has committed to '*work with partners to create swimming environments that are more inclusive and exceed the expectations of swimmers*' including through supporting *'new partnerships to modernise the swimming experience'*.

Swim England's regional lead for the South East Region confirmed in consultation that East Hampshire has above the national average supply in terms of quantity and provision. The NGB considers that, in view of the size of the population (current and forecast) and the availability and distribution of accessible supply of pools (including several good quality competition pools in a reasonable journey time), the priority in East Hampshire is to improve the quality and financial sustainability of the three existing public pools.

As such, whilst acknowledging the ambition and aspiration of the district's swimming club to have access to an 8 lane competition pool with enhanced spectator capacity in Alton (see below), the NGB strongly supports the District Council's proposals to replace and improve the outdated pool with a fit for purpose 6 lane pool with moveable floor to make the facility more inclusive and sustainable to operate.

Similarly, the current proposals for modernising and increasing the size of the public provision in the North East of the district - i.e. the new Mill Chase Leisure Centre - have the NGB's support as appropriate replacement and improvement in the context of the forecast population growth in Whitehill & Bordon to 2028.

Alton & District Swimming Club - In its response to the club survey, The Alton & District Swimming Club stated it is not currently able to expand its membership beyond 300 due to two main factors: i) Constraints on pool time and/or water space in the peak hours and ii) Disatisfaction on the part of prospective members with the quality of the pools and changing facilities at Alton Sports Centre. The club rates these as 'poor' and 'very poor' respectively.

The club considers the addition of two lanes in the proposals for the replacement Mill Chase Leisure Centre will provide an opportunity for modest growth. If the new Alton Leisure Centre were to provide 8 lanes, the club considers it would be able to grow substantially stating: '*We*

need to have a competition quality pool in East Hampshire, at which we can host galas to bring swimmers in from outside the area and increase utilisation of the pool. Also, an 8 lane facility in Alton would permit better sharing between our club, SLM swimming lessons and general public usage'.

Alton Town Council Survey - A survey conducted by Alton Town Council in June 2017 to canvas views of residents on the proposals with outline planning consent for a new leisure centre attracted responses from just over 1,400 regular users of the existing swimming pools at the Alton Sports Centre including a large number of members of the swimming club and some members of the Alton Canoe Club.

Overall, a majority of respondents supported the broad view of the swimming club that provision of a 6 lane main pool and a learner pool would be *'inadequate'* to allow for growth and provision for swimming was cited by the largest proportion of survey respondents as the *'the single most important factor to be considered in any new sports centre for Alton*'. Specific issues raised most frequently were:

- Pool size - aspiration for a larger competition pool (8 lane 25m or 50m) with spectator seating
- Leisure swimming features appealing to children
- Improved quality/cleanliness of the pools and changing areas

In relation to the provision for canoeing, members of the *Alton Canoe Club* consider the new pool should provide:

- Similar to existing pool size with continued availability of some deep water
- Equipment for canoe polo (cable operated nets) and canoe slalom (poolside fixings for ropes to suspend slalom poles)
- Similar to existing poolside storage for boats, paddles and equipment
- Improved external access to poolside for canoes etc.

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities for Swimming Pools

The assessment of need findings for swimming pools show that, at current population levels, demand for swimming space in East Hampshire in the peak hours is accommodated by the current available supply supported by a good level of supply in neighbouring local authority areas within an accessible journey time by car/van. At the 2011 census, 89% of all households had access to a car/van compared to the national average of 74.4%. For the relatively small number of households without a car/van in the rural areas beyond the 1 mile walk to catchment of the three main public pools, access to swimming is poor and needs to be addressed through community transport and car share initiatives.

Several public pools in the neighbouring areas have been replaced or upgraded in recent years - including the three new pools including an 8 lane competition pool at the new Hart Leisure Centre in Fleet with a half hour drive to residents of the north west sub area. The 8 lane competition pool at Haslemere Leisure Centre which underwent major refurbishment in 2010 is only 10 minutes from parts of the north east sub area. There is also a strong likelihood that the River Park Sports Centre in Winchester will be replaced with at an 8 lane 25m competition pool as a minimum and potentially a 50m pool within the next 3 years. This venue is within the drive time catchment for those living in the rural East Hampshire villages towards the west of the SDNP.

As far as forecast population growth is concerned, there is a needs case to provide some additional capacity in the North East in the short term particularly in light of the imminent loss of the Garrison Pool in Bordon which currently addresses a modest amount of demand in this area for primary school swimming lessons, aquaerobics and general swimming.

In the long term, in the Southern Parishes a needs case for swimming provision may develop subject to the delivery of housing growth plans and the extent to which any additional demand can be accommodated within spare capacity at the existing pools in Waterlooville and Havant.

The priorities in formulating a new strategy based on this needs assessment should therefore be to protect the quantity of the water space for community swimming in the District and to plan for ongoing investment in maintaining and enhancing the quality and financial sustainability of the community pool venues at Alton, Petersfield and Bordon whether through refurbishment or replacement.

The most pressing enhancement priority in the short term is to upgrade the changing rooms (including family change) and replace the swimming pool roof at Taro Leisure Centre (programmed and funded for 2018).

Once this is completed, as established in the previous needs assessment and feasibility studies in 2008 and 2012, the next strategic priority is to replace the outdated provision at Alton Sports Centre with more modern, inclusive and financially sustainable swimming facilities.

The detailed specification of the replacement swimming provision should seek to address specific facility needs of the swimming club within the latest Sport England/ASA design guide[6] parameters for 6 lane 25m community pools (to facilitate training and local level competition), and the canoe club in respect of fittings for canoe polo nets and slalom poles, equipment storage and external access).

The need for additional accessible water space to address forecast population growth in the District of approximately 12,000 people to 2028 should be addressed initially through provision as currently planned of two additional 25m lanes in Bordon within the replacement for the Mill Chase Leisure Centre to provide a 6 lane 25m community pool. In the longer term, the supply/demand balance should be kept under review, particularly in the Southern Parishes. Key factors to be considered will include:

- Any changes to provision for swimming in Havant Borough to the south (especially the Havant Horizons Leisure Centre in Waterlooville) and in Winchester City & District to the west (especially the long standing proposals for a 50m competition pool at River Park).
- The implementation of housing development allocations to 2028 both in the District and in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts close to the East Hampshire boundary.
- The impact on swimming demand levels in East Hampshire of the replacement, more modern community pools in Bordon and Alton and the new pools (including a competition pool) recently opened at the Hart Leisure Centre in Fleet to the north of the district.
- Swimming demand trends over the Local Plan period to 2028 i.e. whether the upturn in swimming demand in East Hampshire - which is in contrast to the national and regional trend of decline in swimming demand - is sustained).

4.3 Sports Halls

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for sports hall provision within East Hampshire together with the main findings from the consultation undertaken. All halls of 3 badminton courts or larger with some access to the community are included in the analysis. Recommended strategic priorities for community accessible sports halls in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply
The table below shows the main characteristics of the sports hall sites in East Hampshire that are publicly accessible.

Table 4.5: Main Sports Halls in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of Courts[7]	Access Type	Availability	Use	Year Built (Upgraded)
Alton Sports Centre	NW	6	Public	6.45am-10.30pm 8am-8pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	Full community sports programme & club hires: ○ Alton Gymnastics Club ○ Alton Trampolining Club ○ Health & Fun Club for 60+ (badminton, short mat bowls, short tennis etc.) ○ Eagles Badminton Club	1975 (2014)

[6] Sport England/ASA Swimming Pools Design Guidance Note (revision 4, 2013)
[7] Badminton courts in main sports hall

Name	Sub Area	No. of Courts[7]	Access Type	Availability	Use	Year Built (Upgraded)
Alton College	NW	4	School & Hires	5-10pm weekdays in termtime	○ Alton Judo Club (Fri eves) ○ Ants Netball Club (Wed eves) ○ Rugby Tots (Sat am) ○ Street Dance (EHDC Get Activ8d summer programme)	2002
Amery Hill School	NW	4	School & Hires	5-10pm weekdays in term time Closed for exam use for most of summer term and for a week in November	○ CM Sports (primary schools) ○ Alton Cricket Club ○ Alton United FC (Walking football) ○ Kingsley Cricket Club ○ Netball Now (England Netball) ○ Parents Badminton Club ○ Ropley Cricket Club ○ Alton Social Netball Club	1984 (2009)
Bedales School	SDNP	7	School & Hires	Evenings and weekends	○ Nomads Badminton Club ○ Petersfield Cricket Club ○ Steep Cricket Club	1984 (2010)
Bohunt School	NE	4 (SH1) 4 (SH2)	Dual use including Pay & Play (EHDC subsidy)	6-10pm evenings and weekends year round	○ Optimist Badminton Club ○ Bohunt Gym Club (in activity hall, 18 classes a week) ○ Centre Basketball Club ○ Haslemere Borders Athletic Club (occasion) ○ Tuesday 5 a side league ○ Guildford Tchoukball Club ○ Liphook Storm ○ Longmoor Louts ○ Badminton groups ○ Junior Netball (Sat) ○ Weylodge FC	1979 (2012) 2015
Churchers College	SDNP	5	School & Hires	Evenings and weekends Closures for exam use summer term	○ Petersfield Cricket Club ○ Netball (occasion for training days) ○ Badminton group ○ 5 a side group	1992
Eggars School	NW	4	School & Hires	Evenings and Saturdays in termtime	Share education use with Treloar College (footpath link) ○ Alpha Trampolining Club (3 eves & Saturdays) ○ Alton & Four Marks Archers (Tues eve) ○ Holybourne Cricket Club ○ Alton Cricket Club Colts	2006
Horndean College	SP	4	Dual use including Pay & Play (EHDC subsidy)	6-10pm evenings and weekends year round	○ Pompey Girls & Walking football ○ South Hants Voileyball Club juniors (Sat) ○ Horndean School Badminton Club (Mon) ○ Alma Mater Badminton Club (Weds) ○ Thursday Badminton Club ○ Walking Netball (Weds)	1976 (2006)
Mill Chase Leisure Centre	NE	4	Public	7am-10pm 9am-5pm Sat 9am-4pm Sun	Full community sports programme & club hires: ○ Swallows Trampoline Club	1995
Petersfield School	SDNP	4	School & Hires	6-10pm evenings and weekends termtime	○ Social basketball group hire ○ Bowmen of Petersfield ○ Petersfield Mummies Club adult fitness, pilates etc ○ Petersfield Cricket Club Colts ○ Steep Cricket Club	1982 (2012)
Taro Leisure Centre	SDNP	4	Public	6.30am-10.30pm 8am-9pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	Full community sports programme & club hires: ○ Health & Fun Club for 60+	1992 (2002)

Total Main Sports Hall courts in East Hampshire included in FPM	
Total Courts (main)	54

Other sites in the district have been identified as providing community sports halls that do not meet the specification applied by Sport England for inclusion in its Facilities Planning Model. These halls fall below the size threshold (4 badminton courts main hall).

Whilst individually these halls do not have a large impact on meeting demand for sports activities in the district, taken together they will accommodate a significant proportion of demand particularly for health and fitness classes, yoga, short mat bowls, recreational badminton and martial arts. Small sports halls in the district with regular community sports and recreation use include:

Table 4.5: Other large halls used for community sport in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of Courts[8]	Access Type	Availability	Use	Year Built/ Upgraded
Alton School	NW	2	School & Hires	6-10pm weekdays 9am-6pm weekends	○ Social badminton club	1991
Bohunt School, Cobbett Activity Hall Dining Hall	NE	None marked	Dual use	6-10pm evenings and weekends year round	○ Centre Gymnastics ○ Bohunt Judo (Ross Knight) ○ Academy of Dance ○ Grocott Yoga ○ Zumba	1979
Churchers College Gymnasium	SDNP	3	School & Hires	Evenings and weekends	○ Occasional hires of hall for badminton, fitness classes, climbing	1992
Ditcham Park School	SDNP	3	School & Hires	School holidays	○ Summer Camps	2007
Eggars School Gymnasium	NW	1	School & Hires	Evenings and Saturdays in termtime	○ Holybourne Cricket Club ○ Kicking Tigers Martial Arts (3-6 year olds) ○ Alton Chai Kwang Do Club ○ Ross Knight Judo	
Horndean College, Barton School Hall	SP	None marked Large assemby hall	Dual use	6-10pm evenings and weekends year round	○ Short Mat Bowls ○ Zumba classes ○ Junior Boxing (annual) ○ Buffalos Line Dancing (monthly) ○ Ciroc, Tap, Ballroom ○ Yoga & Tai Chi	1976
Petersfield School, Assemby/Dining Hall	SDNP	None marked		Evenings in term time	○ Petersfield Table Tennis Club	1982
Bordon Roller Rink, Prince Philip Barracks (converted gymnasium)	NE	1 netball within Roller Rink 20x38m	Private - WBRC	Sat 5-9pm roller discos; Sat afternoon, Tues evenings Judo; Sundays Roller/ inline matches	○ Central league venue for in Line hockey and roller hockey teams from across the regional; weekly roller discos; Ashigaru Judo	Converted to roller rink in 2016, to be demoiished 2018/19
Treloar College	NW	2 Boccia courts marked	College & Hires		○ Two Boccia clubs	2011

At a smaller level still, multi-purpose halls in primary schools and village, church and community association halls across the district play an important role in provided relatively low cost and accessible facilities for a range of sports and physical activities, typically instructed classes in health and fitness activities, yoga, pilates, dance, martial arts etc., and, where suitable, for short mat bowls, badminton or table tennis. This type of local neighbourhood provision serves a predominantly walk-to catchment. The primary examples of these types of small hall in East Hampshire identified through desk based research and in consultation with parish councils include:

[8] Badminton courts in hall

Table 4.6: Community halls used for community sport in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	Access Type	Use
Alton Assembly Rooms	NW	Community assoc hires	Range of dance classes (daytime and eves including Sats (some with U3A), yoga, Zumba fitness classes, taskwondo classes
Alton Community Centre	NW	Community assoc hires	Instructed classes - rhythmic gymnastics for girls (Weds term), tai chi
Alton Infant School	NW	School & Hires	Karate (Sama)
Anstey Primary School	NW	School & Hires	Karate (Sama)
Bentley Memorial Hall	NW	Community assoc hires	Table tennis group, badminton group (1 court); Instructed classes in Aikado, pilates, aikido
Bentley Primary School	NW	School & Hires	Judo club (Yamino)
Binstead Primary School	NW	School & Hires	Karate school (Su-Ha-Ri)
Buriton Village Hall	SDNP	Parish Council hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance
Clanfield Junior School	SP	School & Hires	Karate (Sama)
East Meon Village Hall	SDNP	Parish Council charity	Petersfield Karate Club, Table Tennis group, Kettleballs class, Yoga class 1 badminton court for hire £15 per hour
Finnimore Sports Pavilion, Anstey Park, Alton	NW	Town Council hires first floor activity room	Leased to martial arts organisation as 'Alton Martial Arts Centre'
Forest Community Centre	NE	Parish Council hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance, Pompey in the Community holiday courses (football) 1 badminton court
Four Marks Primary School	NW	School & Hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance, yoga
Four Marks Village Hall	NW	Parish Council hires	Instructed classes - martial arts (eg Fit2Kik)
Greatham Primary School, Liss	SDNP	School & Hires	Karate (Sama)
Greatham Village Hall, Liss	SDNP	Parish Council hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance Tai Chi
Hawkley Cricket & Social Club	SDNP	Community assoc hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance, Hawkley Bouncers Table TennisClub
Margery Wheatley Pavilion, Headley	NE	Parish Council hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance Headley Table Tennis Club
Herne Junior School, Petersfield	SDNP	School & Hires	Instructed classes - martial arts, Aspire children's sports coaching
Herne Farm Leisure Centre, Petersfield	SDNP	Commercial hires including non residents	Hired for private and community events and some instructed classes
Horndean Junior School	SP	School & Hires	Karate (Sama)
Jubilee Hall, Bentworth	NW	School & Parish - dual use. Lettings managed by volunteer group	Instructed classes - e.g. yoga, hula hoop fitness, pilates
Liss Village Hall	SDNP	Parish Council charity	Instructed classes in Keep Fit, Dance, yoga, Zumba, pilates, freestyle kickboxing & hires
The Triangle Centre, Liss	SDNP	Community assoc hires	Instructed classes in pilates, Tai Chi, Qigong & yoga. Base of Liss Runners, walking group
Lovedean Village Hall	SP		Instructed classes - fitness, dance Karate school (Su-Ha-Ri)
Medstead Village Hall	NW	Community assoc hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance, badminton (1 ct), yoga, Medstead Table Tennis Club
Merchistoun Hall	SP	Community assoc hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance
The Avenue Recreation Ground, Petersfield	SDNP	Town Council hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance, tai chi, yoga, petanque (U3A - court adjacent); EHDC Get Activ8d summer football coaching (Aspire)
Whitehill Village Hall	NE	Community assoc hires	Instructed classes - fitness (BodiBlitz), chidren's dance (Diddidance), tai chi
Petersfield Community Centre	SDNP	Community assoc hires	Kung Fu classes (Wing Chun)
Petersfield School Gymnasium	SDNP	School & Hires	Karate clubs EHDC Get Activ8d summer holiday programme - basketball, football, cheerleading, street dance, indoor athletics, multi sports
Petersfield Social Club, Station Road	SDNP	Community assoc hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance, taekwondo
Petersfield Salvation Army Hall	SDNP	Charity	Perform drama, dance and singing classes
Petersfield Rugby Club Pavilion	SDNP	Sports Club hires	Table Tennis Club
Rogate Village Hall, Liss	SDNP	Recreation Ground Charity hires	Instructed classes - fitness, dance, yoga, seated yoga (also serves as pavilion for village sports clubs including tennis and

Name	Sub Area	Access Type	Use
			bowls)
Sheet Village Hall, Petersfield	SDNP	Parish Council	Pilates, Yoga, Keep Fit and Dance classes
Sheet Primary School, Petersfield	SDNP	School & Hires	Karate (Sama)
Steep Village Hall	SDNP	Parish Council trustees	Petersfield Academy of Dance (ballet, tap & modern), Swing Dance classes, pilates classes, short mat bowls group
St Matthews Primary School, Liss	SDNP	School & Hires	Karate (Sama)
The Bell House Dance Studio, Alton	NW	Privately owned converted chapel	Dance (Latin, Ballroom, Ballet), Zumba, Fitness/Conditioning,
Wessex Arts Centre and Studio, Alton College	NW	College & Hires	yoga and Zumba classes

A number of other halls across the district are available for hire for small scale sports and recreation activities although the websites for these halls do not show any regular current hiring groups. Examples in the SDNP include St Peter's Church Hall, Petersfield; Petersfield & Liss United Reform Church Hall and Froxfield Village Hall (charity run). Similar church and charity run halls will be available for hire for dance and exercise classes etc. in the other sub areas of the district.

New community halls are in development or proposed in the Southern Parishes as follows:

Table 4.7: Proposed community halls with capacity for sports in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of Courts[9]	Access Type	Proposed sports use	Status
Clanfield - Green Lane Community Centre (*built*)	SP	3	Public - Parish Council	PC stated in consultation uses of the hall will include badminton, five-a-side football	Built. Fit out and opening in 2018
Land East of Horndean	SP	TBC	Public - Parish Council	Community centre - sports uses still to be determined	Outline consent with reserved matters

Quality of provision

The Alton Sports Centre sports hall built in 1975 underwent refurbishment in 2014 and is of standard quality while the secondary activity areas have not been substantially upgraded since the sports centre was built and are now of quite poor quality. EHDC have advanced plans with funding and outline planning consent for replacement of the 6 court sports hall and secondary activity areas in a new building to be built adjacent to the existing facility.

The sports halls at the other main public leisure centres in Petersfield (Taro) and Bordon (Mill Chase) are of standard to good quality standard although the changing provision are not to modern standards in either centre and require upgrading. This need will be addressed in 2018 at Taro Leisure Centre as part of a schedule of enhancement works on site. Proposals for the replacement of the Mill Chase Leisure Centre (with planning and secured funding) are in place to address this issue in Bordon by 2019/20.

At the dual use sports centres in Liphook and Horndean, the sports hall provision at The Bohunt Centre at Bohunt School is good quality. The second sports hall is less than three years old while the floor of the original hall was sanded, relined and sealed in 2014 and the activity hall (heavily used by a gym club was recarpeted in 2015. The sports hall and activity hall at the Horndean Technology College are also provided to a reasonable standard although the main hall sports flooring is becoming quite worn and is scheduled for replacement in 2018.

The other main sports halls in the district are all of standard or good quality although the granwood floor of the large (7 court) sports hall at Bedales School will require sanding, relining and sealing in the next two to three years. The Petersfield School sports hall is an old building (1980) but was reroofed in 2008 and further upgraded in 2012. The school has plans to install a partition in the assembly/dining hall to improve the letting potential of this hall for martial arts and dance groups in addition to the Petersfield Table Tennis Club which uses this hall for its weekly club nights and has secure storage provided for its five tables.

[9] Badminton courts in hall

Other Accessible Supply in neigbouring Boroughs/Districts
Simlar to the accessible supply of swimming pools, for some residents living close to the district border, community sports halls in neighbouring districts and boroughs are more easily accessible than the provision in Alton, Petersfield, Bordon, Liphook and Horndean.

Key community sports hall facilities with a 20 minute drive time of residents close to the boundary of one or more of the four East Hampshire sub-areas are:
- Farnham Leisure Centre - 6 courts, 1981
- Westgate Leisure, Chichester - 6 courts, 1987 (refurbished 2005)
- The Edge (Woolmer Hill) Leisure Centre - 6 courts, 2000 (refurbished 2012)

Sports halls on school sites within 20 minutes drive time of the East Hampshire border and offering community hire access out of school hours include:
- Perin's School, Alresford - 4 courts, 1989 (refurbished 2007)
- Lord Wandsworth College, Hart - 2 No. Halls each 3 courts, 1994
- Havant Academy - 4 courts, 1989 (refurbished 2012)
- Purbrook Park School, Waterlooville - 3 courts, 1965 (volleyball)
- Westgate Badminton Centre, Guildford - 5 courts, 2002

Bourne Club at Farnham, just 15 minutes drivetime from Alton also has a four court hall and a single court hall used primarily for badminton.

Competition Sports Halls
There are seven competition sports halls with spectator capacity within a 30 minute drive time from at least one sub area of East Hampshire:
- Hart Leisure Centre, Fleet - 8 courts, 2017
- Surrey Sports Park, Guildford - 8 courts (plus 4 courts), 2010
- Guildford Spectrum - 10 courts, 1993 (refurbished 2008)
- River Park Leisure Centre, Winchester - 8 courts, 1984
- Havant (Horizons) Leisure Centre - 8 courts, 1984
- Places Leisure Eastleigh - 15 courts, 2017
- Fareham Leisure Centre - 8 courts, 1978 (refurbished 2009)

Demand
The last Active People Survey 10 in 2015/16 shows that expressed demand for weekly indoor sports (including martial arts, keep fit activities, yoga/pilates etc) among adults (16yrs+) in East Hampshire was above the national and regional averages and the level in Chichester District and Havant Borough. It was below that in the Winchester, Waverley, Basingstoke & Deane and Hart.

In comparison with the first Active People Survey in 2005/06, weekly adult participation in indoor sports in East Hampshire has increased from 22.1% to 25.7% while the trend nationally and regionally has been static. Indoor sports participation has also increased in all the neighbouring districts and boroughs, with the exception of Havant Borough.

Table 4.8: Participation in indoor sports at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Indoor Sports once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Indoor Sports once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	**23.7%**	**23.7%**
South East	**24.6%**	**24.5%**
East Hampshire	**22.1%**	**25.7%**
Winchester	**25.6%**	**27.1%**
Waverley	**24.2%**	**28.3%**
Havant	**24.0%**	**19.7%**
Hart	**29.2%**	**30.5%**
Chichester	**22.5%**	**23.6%**
Basingstoke & Deane	**27.3%**	**28.6%**

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice*

in the last 28 days. This measure by individual sport was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.9: Adults (aged 16+) taking part in sports hall sports at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity[10]	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Badminton	**2.1%**
Basketball[11]	**0.7%**
Tennis[9]	**1.9%**
Table Tennis	**1.0%**
Netball[9]	**0.6%**
Volleyball[9]	**0.1%**
Handball	**0.1%**
Archery[9]	**0.1%**
Fencing	**0.1%**
Gymnastics[12]	**0.7%**
Roller skating/blading/inline	**0.1%**
Shooting[9]	**0.2%**
Martial Arts	**0.4%**
Boxing[13]	**1.5%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013). Applying the latest national sports activity participation rates (above) to the district would suggest that in excess of 2,000 adult residents of East Hampshire play badminton, just under 1,000 play table tennis, approximately 700 adults take part in gymnastics (including trampolining) and a similar number play basketball (either indoors or outdoors). Netball and the various forms of martial arts are likely to be the next most popular sports among residents aged 16+ in the district. It is noted that in the sports of gymnastics and trampolining, the majority of participation will be by under 16 year olds.

Clubs

A summary of club demand for the following sports hall sports is set out in this section:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Gymnastics & Trampolining
- Fencing
- Table Tennis
- Boxing
- Martial Arts
- Archery
- Shooting
- Handball
- Roller/Inline Skating

The sports of Tennis, Netball, Athletics and Climbing - which can also take place in multi purpose sports halls - are each considered separately in subsequent sections as these sports take place predominantly outdoors and/or require specialist facilities (e.g. running tracks, climbing walls).

Badminton

Two senior clubs based in East Hampshire compete in the Alton & District Badminton Association leagues:

- ***Eagles Badminton Club*** , Alton (c. 15 players - ladies team; A&B mens teams; A&B New Format teams) - Alton Sports Centre Wednesday evenings 8-10pm September to May.
- ***Four Marks Badminton Club*** (17 players - A&B ladies teams; mens team; A&B New Format teams) - Four Marks Village Hall

[10] Respondents able to select more than one sport
[11] Both indoors and outdoors
[12] Includes trampolining
[13] Includes boxing exercise (e.g. boxercise classes)

The following badminton clubs based at venues in East Hampshire enter senior teams in the Winchester & District Badminton Association leagues:

- ***Four Marks Badminton Club*** (Ladies team) - Four Marks Village Hall
- ***Highbury Mackenzie Badminton Club*** (Mens team) - Horndean College

Nomads Badminton Club runs several teams hiring various venues including the Lido Sports Club in Winchester and Bedales School in Petersfield.

There are also league badminton clubs and teams based at the Edge (Woolmer's Hill) Leisure Centre in Haslemere, a venue easily within the drive time catchment for residents of the North East sub area. In addition the Alresford Badminton Club with c. 13 registered players and based at Perins School in New Alresford in Winchester District enters a New Format team in the Alton & District Association leagues as well as a mens team in the Basingstoke & District Badminton Association leagues. This venue is accessible to residents in the west of East Hampshire.

No league level junior badminton club teams are listed in the district.

In addition to club badminton, non-affiliated unconstituted groups play regular social badminton at venues in the district hiring courts weekly either at one of the five community sports/leisure centres in Alton, Petersfield, Bordon, Liphook and Horndean or in a parish community hall.
At county competition level, Hampshire County Badminton has three age group junior teams playing Shires League fixtures at the Westgate Badminton Centre on the site of Westgate School just outside Winchester (SO22 5AZ) just over 30 minutes drive time from the Alton area or at Meadowside Leisure Centre in Fareham (PO15 7LJ), approximately 30 minutes from the southern parishes. At seniors level Hampshire County has one senior team comprising 18 players (11 male, 5 female) competing in the National County Championship Premier League.

Basketball

There is no current adult basketball club based in East Hampshire. A former mens club based at Petersfield School - Petersfield Rockets playing in the Solent Area Basketball Association leagues - folded in 2015/16.
In term of junior basketball, since the opening of the second sports hall at Bohunt School in Liphook in 2015, twice weekly junior basketball academy sessions have been developed supported by former pupils playing for Surrey Goldhawks BC (a CASC based in Egham with training venues at St Peter's School Guildford and schools in Staines and Woking) or for Surrey Scorchers (a professional club based at The University of Surrey Sports Park in Guildford). Both clubs are an approximate 30 minute drive time from the north of East Hampshire District.
Three other basketball clubs affiliated to the Wessex Basketball Association are located within a 30 minute drive time of the north of the district. Winchester Kings Basketball Club and Diamonds Basketball Club, based at the King's School (SO22 5PN) in Winchester District, are the principal men's and women's basketball clubs in the Solent area and draw members from a wide area including Alton. A second ladies basketball club based in Winchester is the Panthers Basketball Club based at Henry Beaufort School (SO22 6JJ).

Volleyball

There are two active volleyball clubs currently using sports halls in the district:

- ***East Hants Volleyball Club*** trains at Taro LC on Thursday evenings and plays matches in the Portsmouth Volleyball League from October to April on Tuesday evenings. The club also plays outdoors in summer at Havant Rugby Club and at beach volleyball venues out of the district. The club also organises an annual outdoor summer tournament at the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club.
- ***South Hants Volleyball Club*** was awarded England Volleyball Club of the Year in 2017. The club has national league men's and women's teams as well as four local Portsmouth league teams (men, ladies and mixed). The club operates a junior satellite club in a partnership with Horndean College and runs a junior team. The club also runs weekly Sitting Volleyball sessions for all abilities aged 14+ in partnership with England Volleyball and enters a team playing in the national Sitting Volleyball mini-league. The main training and home match play venue for the club is Purbrook Park School in Waterlooville (PO7 5DS) where it hires the sports hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The club also hire a weekly training slot at the Havant Horizon's Leisure Centre. The Sitting Volleyball training sessions are held every Monday evening at the Harbour School, Tipner Lane, Portsmouth, Hants, (PO2 8RA).

- The South Hants VC Juniors satellite club set up in 2013 (recently awarded Sport England Satellite Club of the Year) is based in East Hampshire in the winter season at Horndean College where the club uses the sports hall Saturday mornings and runs drop in coaching sessions in termtime for 9-18 year olds for £2 per 2 hour session. During the summer months, the junior club plays outdoors at the IBM Hursley Club (SO21 2JN) in Winchester District.

Gymnastics & Trampolining

East Hampshire has two gymnastics clubs and three trampolining clubs operating out of multi purpose sports halls in East Hampshire, and one specialist gymnastics centre:

- ***Alton Gymnastics Club,*** 6 adults, 270 juniors with a waiting list of 190 children. Alton Sports Center sports hall Classes every weekday 4pm and 7/8pm and Sundays 9am-2pm. 2 courts.
- ***Alton Trampolining Club***, 6 adults, 61 juniors with a waiting list of 28 children. Alton Sports Centre sports hall (Saturday - 3 courts; Sunday - 2 courts, Thursday evening - 2 courts).
- ***Swallows Trampoling Club,*** 10 adults, 170 juniors. The Edge Leisure Centre in Haslemere is the club's main base. The club also has weekday evening and Saturday classes in termtime at Mill Chase Leisure Centre. 1-2 courts.
- ***Alpha Trampolining Club,*** 7 adults, 130 juniors. This club is based at Eggar's School sports hall running club sessions at the weekends and on weekday evenings in termtime.
- ***XCEL Gymnastics***, Unit L2 Hazleton Interchange, Horndean (PO8 9JU) is a specialist gymnastics and tumbling centre for children and young people aged 3-18 years. The current programme is ten group classes a week (pre-school, beginners, advanced) plus options for private tuition. The Centre has in the past hosted EHDC summer holiday gymnastics sessions for 7-14 year olds (Get Activ8d).
- ***Bohunt Gymnastics Club*** - 165 junior members with a waiting list of 30. This is the in-house Bohunt Centre gym club providing classes in one of the sports halls in term time Tuesday to Friday evenings and some Saturday classes as well as holiday gym camps.

There are specialist gymnastics centres with pits and rigs within the drive time catchment area in Basingstoke and Rushmoor (Aldershot). These centres provide an exit route for some the most talented gymnasts from the clubs in East Hampshire. The Basingstoke Centre is used by Alpha TC for pit sessions.

Fencing

No affiliated fencing clubs are listed on the British Fencing website for East Hampshire. The nearest available affiated clubs within a 20 minute drive time catchment area to parts of the district are:

- Chichester Fencing Club - Chichester Girls High School (PO19 8EB)
- Guildford Fencing Club - St Peter's School (GU1 2TN)

Table Tennis

There are five table tennis clubs in the district currently that have teams competing in England Table Tennis affiliated leagues:

- ***Petersfield Table Tennis Club*** - formed in 2015 and now with approximately 50 players (adults and juniors) with weekly Monday evening club nights in term time using five tables in the wooden floored dining hall at Petersfield School. The club currently has five teams each of three players competing in the Haslemere & District TTA (HDTTA) leagues which run from October to April. Home matches are played at Petersfield Rugby Club in Penns Place. The club has three junior teams ('Pros', 'Young Guns', 'TP Specials') playing against seven other teams in six junior tournament evenings a season organised by HDTTA at the Woolmer Hill School gymnasium in Haslemere.
- ***Medstead Table Tennis Club*** - playing and training at the Medstead Village Hall for two hours on Thursday evenings with six tables (teams play in the Winchester leagues)
- ***Headley Table Tennis Club -*** five teams in the HDTTA leagues playing in the Wheatley Sports Pavilion with two tables on Wednesday (matches) and Thursday evenings (club night)

- ***Liphook Table Tennis Club -*** also playing in the HDTTA leagues with matches on Wednesday evenings and a Monday evening club night using three tables at the Rake Village Hall which is located just outside East Hampshire in Chichester District
- ***Hawkley Bouncers Table Tennis Club -*** this smaller club in the parish of Hawkley & Empshot close to Liss in the SDNP has one team competing in the HDTTA leagues based at the Hawkley Sports & Social Club/Hawkley Village Hall.

Boxing

No affiliated boxing clubs are listed on the Amateur Boxing Association website for East Hampshire. There are several accessible affilated clubs to the south of the district in the Waterlooville and Havant areas. These include:

- Waterlooville ABC - Aston Road, Waterlooville
- Leigh Park ABC - Unit 4, 2 Downley Road, Havant
- Gloves On ABC - 270a London Road, Waterlooville

There are also well established clubs in Guildford and Basingstoke to the north of East Hampshire. Horndean Technology College hosts an annual junior boxing tournament in the Barton Hall.

Martial Arts

Martial arts classes take place in a wide range of facility types from main sports halls and smaller activity halls to studio spaces, community halls and scout huts.

There are no permanent matted dojos in East Hampshire currently requiring all the judo clubs based in the district to install and remove matting for each session. The active judo clubs in East Hampshire identified through consultation and the British Judo find a club tool are:

- ***Alton Judo Club -*** Alton College Dance Studio (formerly Alton Sports Centre). Weekly senior and juniors sessions
- ***Ashigaru Judo Club -*** recently established classes at the Prince Philip Barracks Gymnasium, Senior and juniors on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons
- ***Yamino Judo Club*** - Bentley Church of England Primary School hall. Seniors and juniors on Thursday evenings
- ***Southern Judocan*** - St John's School hall in Rowlands Castle. Seniors and juniors with sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings

A new judo class is also starting in 2018 at the Merchistoun Hall in Horndean on Tuesday evenings.

Taekwondo organisations and instructors identified as programming classes in the district and the venues used include:

- ***Premier Taekwondo / Kicking Tigers Kick Boxing*** - Previously this organisation programmed evening instructed classes in the Alton area at Eggar's School Gymnasium; Alton Assembly Rooms and Four Marks Village Hall. Since July 2017, the club has taken a lease from Alton Town Council on the first floor activity room in the Finnimore Pavilion and moved all its Alton classes to this venue as Alton Martial Arts Centre. Sessions are also run in the Mill Chase Leisure Centre in Bordon.
- ***Taekwondo Academy*** - This organisation promotes weekly classes at the Petersfield Social Club at Station Road, Petersfield.
- ***Petersfield & Alton TAGB Taewkondo*** - Petersfield School in Monday and Thursday evenings from a range of age groups from 3+ to adult, and Alton Sports Centre on Saturday mornings for 7+ to adult.

Karate and kickboxing organisations providing classes in East Hampshire include:

- ***Su-Ha-Ri School of Wado-Ryu Karate*** - This English Karate Federation affiliated school of karate runs Su-Ha-Ri clubs for juniors and adults at the following venues in East Hampshire:
  - Alton Sports Centre - Monday evenings (juniors and adults)
  - Binstead School - Mondays (juniors)
  - Lovedean Village Hall - Fridays (juniors)
  - Taro Leisure Centre - Wednesday (juniors)
- ***Hampshire Choi Kwang Do (CKD)*** - Classes at the following venues:
  - Eggar's School - Wednesdays, Fridays
  - Taro Leisure Centre - Fridays
- ***Bordon Jui Jitsu Club*** - Mill Chase Leisure Centre - Mondays
- ***Sama Karate & Kickboxing*** - This martial arts organisation runs classes for juniors at the following venues in the district:

Sheet Primary School, Petersfield - Mondays
Liss Junior School - Mondays
St Matthews Primary School, Blackmoor, Liss - Tuesdays
Herne Junior School, Petersfield - Tuesdays
Clanfield Junior School - Tuesdays
Anstey Junior School, Alton - Tuesdays
Greatham Primary School, Liss- Wednesdays
Alton Infant School - Wednesdays
Petersfield School - Sundays
Horndean Junior School

- ***Wing Chun Kung-Fu*** - Petersfield Community Centre, Tuesday evenings
- ***Four Marks Martial Arts Academy (FMMAA)*** - Based at The Scout Hut in Uplands Lane Four Marks since 2016, the FMMAA runs regular weekly classes on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings for children and adults in karate and kickboxing as well as circuit training and personal training. The Academy also runs a Fit2Kik kickboxing session for adults and teens on a Friday evening in Four Marks Village Hall.

Alton Aikido Club, affiliated to the Ki Federation of Great Britain, has been based at Bentley Village Hall in the far north of the district since July 2015 following the closure for development of its former base, the former Farringdon Village Hall to the south of Alton. The club runs a three hour Ki Aikido session on Thursday evenings for age groups from age 5 years to adult.
No British Aidido Board (BAB) affiliated Aikido organisations are listed for East Hampshire. The nearest BAB affiliated provision is in Fleet (to the north of the district) at the new Hart Leisure Centre and in Fareham and Portsmouth (to the south).

Tai Chi organisations running regular classes in East Hampshire include:

- ***Tai Chi for All,*** a range of 10 week courses in Whitehill Village Hall and Alton Community Centre included a seated tai chi course
- ***Tai Chi Chuan Club***, are based at the Holybourne Village Hall near Alton
- ***Hollywater Healing***, a Tuesday morning class at Greatham Village Hall
- ***Alan Savill Tai Chi***, Monday morning sessions for U3A at The Avenue Pavilion, Petersfield
- ***Tai Chi Classes Surrey / Spiralwise Tai Chi***, classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Petersfield Community Centre, Love Lane
- ***Hong Long Tai Chil & Qiong***, Monday evenings at Horndean Technology College

Archery
Archery is a particularly popular sport in East Hampshire. There are well established clubs in each sub area with two clubs - in Alton and Petersfield - using sports halls in winter:

- ***Alton & Four Marks Archers*** (NW), based on the cricket outfield at Four Marks Recreation Ground in summer (shooting on Tuesday evenings and Sundays). This club currently has around 90 adult and junior members and hires Eggar's School sports hall in the winter.
- ***Bowmen of Petersfield*** (SDNP), based at The Petersfield School year round using a 100yd range on the playing field in summer and a 25yds range in the sports hall in winter. 73 adult and junior members.
- ***Forest of Bere Bowmen*** (SP), have their own range and wood pavilion available year round at Cadlington House in Horndean and train indoors in a church hall in Bedhampton in Havant Borough in winter. The club has 115 members currently, largely adults (men and women).
- ***Whitehill Archers*** (NE), formerly Standford Archers, this club has 32 members currently shooting at their own range on a field (200m x 100m) loaned from Whitehill Sports Club, just of the A325 Petersfield Road in Whitehill.

Shooting
No shooting clubs currently use sports halls in the district. However, in the south of the district, ***The Havant Rifle & Pistol Shooting Club*** with 300 members owns (freehold) its own indoor and outdoor ranges at Southleigh Forest, Comley Hill, Rowlands Castle (PO9 2PB).

Handball
No England Handball affiliated clubs are listed in the district.

The nearest available affiliated clubs are located at Broadwater School sports hall (Godalming) and at Chichester University.

Roller Hockey & Inline Skating

The ***British Inline Skater Hockey Association*** Southern Division is based at Bordon Roller Rink on the Prince Philip Garrison site (20x30m rink installed in a former MOD gymnasium in September 2016). A central league operates with league fixtures for adult and junior teams programmed on Sundays. BISHA teams travel to the venue from Oxford, Swindon, Brighton, Eastbourne, Bourne End and Chipping Norton.
Similarly, ***British Roller Hockey Association*** adult and junior age group leagues are also based at this facility with fixtures for 12 adult teams, 5 u13 teams and 5 u17 teams taking place on Sundays. ***Bordon Warriors*** are the local club with teams competion in the u13 and u17 age group leagues and training on Saturday evenings from 7-8.30pm.

Current Supply & Demand Analysis - Sport England Facilities Planning Model (FPM)

The Facilities Planning Model (FPM) - The key findings from Sport England's February 2017 National Run of the Facilities Planning Model for East Hampshire for Sports Halls are summarised below. It should be noted that the FPM provides a theoretical model only and therefore should be used in combination with other sources of local intelligence to access local demand, supply and facility needs.

Supply

- There are 13 sites in East Hampshire providing 21 operational sports halls that met the minimum size threshold (4 'main' courts) and availability criteria for inclusion as community sports halls in the FPM, together providing space for 77.80 courts (54 of which are located in the main halls at these venues). The majority of the halls are on education sites. On this basis, the model calculates that supply in East Hampshire equates to 6.5 courts per 10,000 population (when scaled with hours available in the peak period) which is higher than the national and regional benchmarks (4.3 courts and 4.4 courts per 10,000 population respectively) and the geographical neighbour boroughs and districts with the exception of Waverley Borough.

- The model calculates that the supply of publicly available hall space provides capacity to accommodate 15,055 sports hall visits per week in the peak period (vpwpp).

Demand

- The model calculates that at the 2016 mid year population estimate of 119,131, total demand for sports hall provision from East Hampshire residents totals the equivalent of 7,026 vpwpp and calculates that, with a comfortable capacity factor included, this is the equivalent to 32.10 publicly accessible courts.

Supply/Demand Balance

- With supply of 55.10 courts (scaled to take account of hours available for community use) and demand for 32.10 courts (taking into account a 'comfort factor'), the model suggests a positive supply/demand balance of 23 courts compared to the minimum required to meet demand.

- This level of positive supply/demand balance is similar to than in Winchester District and Waverley and much greater that in the other four neighbour authorities.

- However, the supply/demand balance FPM measure only provides a 'global' view of provision and does not take account of the location, nature and quality of the facilities in relation to demand; how accessible facilities are to the resident population (by car and on foot); nor does it take account of facilities in adjoining Boroughs/Districts. The model seeks to address a number of these factors through use of the following measures.

Satisfied Demand

- The model calculates the proportion of demand for sports halls from residents of East Hampshire that is satisfied either by the hall sites within the District OR by hall sites in neighbouring local authorities that fall within the model's travel time distance decay calculation by travel mode (i.e. walking or by car) for sports halls.

- Reflecting the provision of several qualifying sports halls in neighbouring Boroughs that are accessible to East Hampshire residents, the model calculates that Satisfied Demand for sports halls in East Hampshire is 95.8% which is high relative to the national and regional averages of 90.7% and 93.5% respectively and higher than in the neighbouring authorities with the exception of Waverley.

- However, the model calculates that the 13 sports hall sites located within East Hampshire meet just 78.4% of the demand from East Hampshire residents. The model therefore suggests that 21.6% of Satisfied Demand from residents of East Hampshire is exported and met by accessible community sports halls in neighbouring local authority areas.

- This proportion of Exported Satisfied Demand for sports halls in East Hampshire of 21.6% is much higher than the equivalent figure calculated by the model for Basingstoke & Deane (9.7%) but lower than the other local neighbour authorities. In Hart for example, 36% of Satisfied Demand for sports hall is exported to other districts.

Unmet Demand

- With Satisfied Demand of 95.8%, the model calculates that there is almost no unmet demand for sports halls from East Hampshire residents (just 4.2%). This level of unmet demand is low relatively to the national figure of 9.3% and the South East region average of 6.5%. Unmet demand in East Hampshire is calculated as lower than in most neighbour authorities.

- Translated into courts, the model calaculates that current unmet demand for sports hall space is the equivalent of 1.4 courts (allowing a 'comfort factor').

- It is noted that, in the short term, three additional courts will be added to the supply at Clanfield Community Centre.

Used Capacity

- While the model suggests that Unmet Demand for sports halls in East Hampshire is relatively low (due in part to the availability of sports halls in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts), it also calculates that, taken together, the District's sports halls are used to just 41.1% of their capacity in the peak period.

- The modeled Used Capacity figures for each qualifying sports hall site are: Alton College (38%), Alton Sports Centre (64%), Amery Hill School (24%), Bedales School (27%), Bohunt Centre (32%), Churchers College (39%), Eggars School (36%), Hordean (100%), Mill Chase Leisure Centre (44%), Petersfield School (42%) and Taro Leisure Centre (45%).

- The East Hampshire average calculation of 41.1% compares to a calculated Used Capacity of 66.1% averaged across all sports halls in England in 2017 and 63.4% in the South East.

Share

- Relative to the FPM total of sports hall capacity nationally (including adjoining local authorities in Scotland and Wales) as a score of 100, the model shows East Hampshire with a score of 120 (i.e. East Hampshire currently exceeds the national average sports hall capacity share by local authority area).

- East Hampshire's lowest levels of sports hall share are in the Horndean area where the College sports hall is used to its capacity and there is reliance on halls in Havant Borough (i.e. Exported Demand) to satisfy demand.

FPM Conclusions - Sports Halls

These FPM findings, in isolation of local intelligence, suggest that the supply of sports halls accessible to East Hampshire residents will be sufficient to meet current demand but that East Hampshire will remain reliant on sports halls in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts which the model suggests currently accommodate just over a fifth (21%) of all sports hall demand from East Hampshire residents. Most of this exported demand is in the Southern Parishes.

Although no FPM scenarios have been tested for East Hampshire at forecast future population levels, it is reasonable to conclude that, over the district as a whole, the existing sports halls provide sufficient spare capacity to accommodate future demand resulting from the forecast increases in population in the district to 2028, particularly when the additional supply of 3 No. new

courts in Clanfield and the new community facility in Horndean (both within the area of lowest local share) are taken into consideration.

Some additional sports hall capacity could also be released in future if more floodlit artificial grass football pitches are provided in the district as recommended in the Playing Pitch Strategy volume of this study. More supply of floodlit AGPs will allow sports hall operators to programme more time in the peak hours sports other than five a side football.

Consultation Findings

Badminton England focuses its support for badminton development activity in East Hampshire on its 'Approved Badminton Venues' where the operator has made a commitment to work in partnership with the governing body to offer high quality, good value court time opportunities to suit a wide range of players of all ages and ability. Approved Venues use accredited coaches and co-ordinators to help players improve their game. In East Hampshire, Taro Leisure Centre and Mill Chase Leisure Centre are listed as Badminton England Approved Venues and are therefore the focus for Badminton England's support along with the Westgate Badminton Centre, A Badminton England accredited Performance Centre grant funded by BE and serving talented young players in the county. The most recent facilities strategy to 2017 identified priority local authority areas in each region for the development of additional badminton court capacity. Guildford Borough is the only 'priority one' local authority area for more courts of East Hampshire's six geographical neighbours.

England Table Tennis highlight Petersfield TTC as the largest club in East Hampshire offering opportunities to play at junior as well as senior level and support and encourage multi table venues as these are more conducive to accommodating a female and younger audience; two demographic groups that the governing body wants to engage and retain moving forward.

British Gymnastics facilities strategy to 2021 highlights that.. *'The development of more, sustainable, dedicated gymnastics facilities by clubs, local authorities, leisure providers and other partners is a core part of this strategy and provides the largest opportunity for participation membership growth'.* It is clear that the clubs in East Hampshire are not unusual in experiencing more demand than they are able to accommodate in the non-dedicated leisure centre and school sports halls they hire. The Sports & Recreation Alliance 2013 Sports Club Survey showed most gymnastics clubs have a waiting list of up to 100, with many clubs anecdotally reporting waiting lists into several hundreds. Access to better facilities is a key challenge with 61% of clubs highlighting a requirement to improve their facilities. A British Gymnastics clubs facility audit in 2014 indicated that 31% of all clubs operated out of their own dedicated facilities, with 55% of these based in converted industrial units. This has risen rapidly from 17% in 2010 (33% of these in industrial units) and British Gymnastics expects the trend to continue and accelerate across 2017-21. Currently approximately 1/3 of clubs currently operate from their own facility, 1/3 in non-dedicated school venues and 1/3 from non-dedicated leisure centres. BG state... *'There is a fundamentally sound, well understood business model that, within certain parameters, allows gymnastics clubs to operate from their own dedicated facilities and a flexible, multi-partner approach is often required to find the necessary finance and funding'.*
Key considerations for the replacement sports halls in Alton and Bordon will be to ensure the detailed specifications provide adequate clear ceiling height and storage to enable trampolining to take place in the new halls.

Alton Gymnastics Club wishes to either secure 3 courts (i.e. half the sports hall) at Alton Sports for all its sessions (currently has 2 courts for most of its programmed evening and weekend sessions) or find dedicated premises to run a full programme to include daytime classes. The club cites high demand for places and a waiting list of over 190 children despite adding a small number of places to recreational classes in the last year. The club rates the sports hall and changing facilities at Alton Sports Centre as adequate (3/5). Securing adequate equipment storage is a concern of the club in relation to the current plans to replace the sports centre.

Swallows Trampolining Club - This club has been looking for suitable premises to rent to develop as a dedicated facility for the past three years. The club rates the existing hall and changing at Mill Chase as poor (2/5).

Alton Trampolining Club - This club has been based at Alton Sports Centre for over 25 years and is run completely by volunteers. The club seeks more programme time in the sports hall in

order to expand to accommodate a waiting list of 28 juniors currently. The club rates the sports hall as adequate (3/5) and the changing rooms as poor (2/5) citing a specific issue regarding the insufficient number of working toilets, particularly to meet demand on competition/tournament event days. The club would also like more equipment storage space in the centre to accommodate an additional trampoline bed and associated safety matting. With regard to the plans for the replacement centre, the club highlights the following for consideration:

- Ceiling height - minimum clearance above trampoline
- Additional storage capacity
- Capability for trampoline rig.

Alpha Trampolining Club - Based in the sports hall at Eggar's School, Alton (GU34 4EQ), this club has grown rapidly starting with just five members in 2013 to 137 currently. The club is looking to secure sports hall programme time at a second venue for the Double-Mini Trampoline (DMT) disciplines and has aspiration to secure a dedicated, purpose-designed facility in the next few years. The sports hall at Eggar's School is big enough to accommodate all the club's equiment at the same time (8 trampolines and 1 Double-Mini Trampoline) and associated mats etc. although this does not leave much space for warm up / conditioning. As there is no pit or rig at Eggar's, the club runs pit sessions at Basingstoke Gymnastics Centre.

Alton & Four Marks Archers - The club aspires to grow but considers potential is limited by the restrictions on availability and cost of hire of the sports hall facilities at Eggar's School. The club is also concerned about increasing costs for use of its outdoor venue - Four Marks recreation ground - and the lack of adequate equipment storage at both venues. The club would like to secure a dedicated archery field with pavilion and storage facilities as well as access to a dedicated projectile room with adequate storage. The club considers that shared use of the indoor sports hall facility and costs mean that the club struggles to provide enough indoor training opportunities for its county junior archers who are soon to be considered for national team. The club rates the facilities it currently hires as adequate (3/5).

Bowmen of Petersfield - This archery club is similarly concerned regarding the increasing cost of hire of the playing field and the sports hall it uses at The Petersfield School which it rates as good (4/5). While a single outdoor shooting range requires an area of 150m x 50m, flat, level grassed area, safety rules require the club to rent the entire playing field for each session. The club considers it is at risk of financial insolvency and having to close unless the costs of hiring the facilties can be controlled. Ideally the club would like to secure a dedicated ground to allow shooting on more than 2 evenings a week and on both days at the weekend.

Whitehill Archers - This smaller club rates the outdoor field it uses as very good (5/5) although the lack of a club house restricts potential for growth and hampers the club's aspirations to attract more disabled people to the club.

Forest of Bere Bowmen - This club is halfway through a five year lease on the 4.5 acre field and temporary storage facilities it uses in Horndean which it rates as very good (5/5). The lease does not allow permanent fixtures so storage is temporary and moveable. The club wishes to secure a dedicated field. The club rents a village hall in Havant (25 yards long by 15 yards wide) for indoor shooting in the winter.

Havant Rifle & Pistol Shooting Club - The club had 315 members in 2017 with its own ranges (indoor and outdoor) at Southleigh Forest. The club makes no use of shared sports halls. The development aspiration of the club is to expand the number of younger members (under 30 years) to ensure sustainability in the long term. The club rates the range and changing facilities as poor quality and identifies a need to:

- Modernise two of the indoor ranges and replace the roof with an insulated covering
- Tarmacadam the car park to imprive accessibility for the club's disabled members

Alton Judo Club - This long standing club has c. 30 members (50% juniors) and hire the dance studio at Alton College which has a sprung floor on one evening a week year round. The main issue is for the club is a lack of secure storage for mats (currently stored in a corridor and therefore susceptible to damage). The club was previously based at Alton Sports Centre (for 38yrs) and produced over 30 black belt players including a female World Masters Champion. Damage to mats caused by their use for public activities and by water damage due to regular roofing leaks was impacting on membership numbers. As a result, the club relocated to Alton College where it rates the dojo space (dance studio) as adequate (3/5) and the changing rooms

as very poor (1/5). The club considers it operates at capacity for its junior practice sessions given the size of the dance studio. The club has no current plans to raise funds to secure a dojo with a permanently matted area (the ideal) as it considers the costs involved outweigh what is feasible for the size of club for what it acknowledges is a minority interest sport.

Bordon Roller Rink Company - Since installing a Roller Rink (20mx38m) in the former officers' gymnasium building at Prince Philips Barracks in Bordon in September 2016, the operators have attracted numerous roller hockey teams hosting both BRHA and BISHA leagues. The facility also hosts the Men's England Lacrosse squad training and the BISHA GB youth training as well as a weekly judo group and netball, monthly roller discos, parties, school holiday activities and public skating sessions. There are also three squash courts in the facility (see section 4.4 below). As one of only eight such roller rinks in the UK, its use has grown rapidly and a local roller hockey club has been established in Bordon, the Warriors. The facility hosted national tournament's in summer 2017. The facility operators wish to expand the programme to include more minority sports and social activities but are awaiting confirmation as to whether a new building will be provided by the WBRC when the Prince Philip Barracks site is developed and if so, proposals for its management and operation.

Alton Town Council Survey - A survey conducted by Alton Town Council in June 2017 to canvas views of residents on the proposals with outline planning consent for a new leisure centre attracted responses from approximately 1,000 regular users of the existing sports hall at the Alton Sports Centre including a large number of badminton players and members of the gymnastics and trampolining clubs.
Overall, a small majority of respondents supported the view that provision of a main hall equivalent to 6 badminton courts would be *'adequate'* in a replacement centre.

In response to the survey question *'What is the single most important factor to be considered in any new sports centre for Alton*'. Specific issues raised most frequently in relation to the sports hall were:

- Hall size - aspiration for a larger main hall
- Improved quality/cleanliness of the dry changing areas

In relation to the provision for gymnastics and trampolining, the factors raised most frequently were:

- More space
- Hall height
- More storage
- Demand for dedicated space with permanent fixed equipment

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Sports Halls

The assessment of need findings for sports halls show that, at current population levels, demand for sports hall space in East Hampshire in the peak hours is accommodated by the current available supply supported by a good level of supply in neighbouring local authority areas within an accessible journey time by car. For the relatively small number of households without cars in the rural areas beyond the 1 mile walk to catchment of a sports hall, their needs for indoor sport and recreation are generally met by the provision of village and community halls. There is good supply of community halls suitable and available for community sports throughout the district.

The distribution of sports halls is good. Each of the four areas will have sufficient provision to accommodate needs for the Local Plan period once the new 3 court facility at Clanfield opens and the new community facility to support new housing east of Horndean is provided. These community halls will provide daytime access for certain indoor sports and fitness classes complementing the larger dual use provision at Horndean Technology College.

Whilst there are no large competition sports halls in the district (8 courts), there are five competition sports halls with spectator capacity within a 30 minute drive time from most parts of East Hampshire, in Guildford (2), Fleet, Havant and Winchester.

It is clear from the consultation findings that the quality of the sports hall and changing facilities at the Alton Sports Centre need enhancing as a priority (as proposed in the current plans to provide a replacement centre).

It is also apparent that in the Alton area of the district there is a strong needs case for a dedicated gymnastics and trampolining centre and clubs of sufficient size to sustain a dedicated facility serving demand in the north of the district, subject to feasibility assessment and business planning.

The priorities in formulating a new strategy based on this needs assessment should therefore be to protect the quantity of sports halls in the District and to plan for ongoing investment in maintaining and enhancing their quality.

The most pressing sports hall enhancement priority in the short term is to replace the sports hall and changing rooms at Alton Sports Centre which has a leaking roof and has reached the end of its design life (programmed and funded for 2019).

Given that the replacement centre will need to continue to provide for a wide range of gymnastics and trampolining disciplines until such time as a dedicated centre may be secured for these sports in the Alton area, the specification of the main hall will need to ensure compliance with the recommended dimensions of Gymnastics England[14] for artistic, rhythmic, acrobatic gymnastics, trampoline, tumbling and DMT (i.e. zones with internal clear height of 9.0m clear height to accommodate 2 No. trampoline sites) and provide sufficient storage for equipment for these sports clubs.

Similarly, the hall dimensions should be sufficient to accommodate one netball court suitable for club indoor matches - i.e. with recommended preferred run off zones at the ends and sides of 3.05m[15] or, as a minimum, with run offs of 2m at the ends and 1.5m at the sides (see section 4.10 below).

Other sports hall enhancement requirements in the short term include renewing the sports hall flooring at Horndean Technology College and relined and sealing the sports hall floor at Bedales College.

4.4 Squash Courts

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for squash court provision within East Hampshire together with the main findings from the consultation undertaken. All courts in the district with some access to the community are included in the analysis. Recommended strategic priorities for squash courts in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply
The table below shows the squash court sites in East Hampshire that are publicly accessible.

Table 4.10: Squash Courts in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of Courts	Access Type	Availability	Use	Year Built (Upgraded)
Alton Sports Centre	NW	4	Public	6.45am-10.30pm 8am-8pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	P&P and club use: ○ Squash Academy ○ Racketball Club ○ Dance School (2cts Sat mornings) ○ Alton Health & Fun Club (table tennis)	1975 (2014)
Taro Leisure Centre	SDNP	3	Public	6.30am-10.30pm 8am-9pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	P&P and club use: ○ Petersfield Squash Club ○ EHDC Active8 squash in school holidays ○	1992 (2009)
Bohunt School	NE	2	Dual Use	6-10pm evenings and weekends year round	P&P use, no club, school use for table tennis	Courts provided with lottery grant in 1996

[14] British Gymnastics Sports Equipment Date Sheets (v4)
[15] Comparative Size of Sports Courts & Pitches (Indoor), Sport England (September 2015 Update)

Name	Sub Area	No. of Courts	Access Type	Availability	Use	Year Built (Upgraded)
Bordon Roller Rink	NE	2 (+1 out of use)	Commercial	Weds evenings 7.30-9.30pm	Informal group - Bordon Squash Players (may have ceased)	Building due for redevelopment in 2019/20
Herne Farm Leisure Centre	SDNP	2	Commercial	7am-10.30pm daily	P&P use and Petersfield Squash Club junior coaching on Wednesday afternoon (Herne Junior School)	Built Mid 1970s - subsequently refurbished with changing, bar etc.
Energique Club	NW	2	Members	7am-10pm 8am-4pm weekends	Restricted to members of the health and fitness club, no club	2001 (2005)
Total Courts		15				

This total of 15 courts in East Hampshire District compares to 8 operational courts in Havant Borough, 14 in Basingstoke & Deane, 13 in Chichester, 12 in Hart (including MOD provision), 24 in Winchester District (including provision at four MOD venues and the university), and 14 in Waverley Borough.

Quality of Provision
The hard back courts at Bohunt School are poor quality and in need of refurbishment. They are located on an outside wall and cold in winter. The changing rooms (shared with a small fitness gym and used by the school in termtime) are also in poor condition.

The courts at the Alton Sports Centre and Taro Leisure centres are a mix of glass backed and hard backed and in adequate condition. Enhancement project works on site at Taro will reduce the number of courts at this site from three to two in 2018. The proposals submitted for reserved matters planning consent for the new Alton Leisure Centre include for two new glass backed squash courts in place of the four existing courts (2 glass backed).

Other Accessible Supply in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts
The following venues in neighbour districts are within a 20 minute drivetime of parts of the district and provide accessible squash courts either on a pay and play or club membership basis:

- Haslemere Leisure Centre - 3 glass backed courts (upgraded in 2014)
- Highfield School, Liphook - 1 court (1975)
- Farnham Leisure Centre - 2 courts (1981)
- Bourne Club, Farnham - 4 courts (upgraded in 2006)
- River Park Leisure Centre, Winchester - 4 courts (upgraded in 2011)
- Havant Leisure Centre - 1 court (last refurbished in 2009)
- Avenue Lawn Tennis & Fitness Centre, Havant - 3 (upgraded 2007)
- Seacourt Tennis Club, Hayling - 4 courts (upgraded in 2006)
- Basingstoke Sports Centre - 3 courts (upgraded in 2012)
- Basingstoke Sports & Social Club - 3 courts (upgraded in 2006)
- Hartletts Park, Hook - 2 courts
- Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton, Hook - 2 courts
- Beechdown Club, Basingstoke - 3 courts
- Guildford Spectrum - 3 courts

Demand
Nationally, once a week participation in squash among adults (16+) fell by 11% in 2015/16 (Active People Survey 10) compared with the previous year (Active People Survey 9).

Table 4.11 below shows the participation trend in squash both nationally and in the South East region is one of decline over the last ten years:

Table 4.11: Participation in squash/racketball at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Squash/Racketball once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Squash/Racketball once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	**0.74%**	**0.45%**
South East	**0.93%**	**0.46%**

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure by individual sport was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.12: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in squash at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Squash	**0.9%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013). Applying these national sports activity participation rates to the district would suggest that approximately 880 residents aged 16+ play squash at least twice in 28 days.

Case studies of successful squash clubs on the England Squash website suggest that one squash court can sustain approximately 100 members.

Based on current proposals, future supply in East Hampshire will total 10 courts (i.e. 15 courts less the 2 courts at Bordon Roller Rink, 2 courts at Alton Sports Centre and 1 court at Taro Leisure Centre).

10 courts will be sufficient to sustain around 1,000 regular players based on the 100 players per court benchmark. Based on national squash participation rates this would seem sufficient even allowing for forecast population growth to 2028.

The distribution of the supply under the current proposals for the Taro and Alton centres will result in two glass backed courts at each site. Two glass backed courts are sufficient to accommodate Hampshire League team squash matches. Adult tournaments require four courts. In Hampshire, tournaments are usually hosted by the Trojans Sports Club in Eastleigh while at least three other venues in the county offer 4 courts as required for adult tournaments. The main impact of reducing the number of courts at the Taro and Alton sports centres will be on club nights when players will need to sit out for longer between games. However, given the number of regular players (see below), reduction in courts to two in these sports centres should be manageable.

Clubs

Current club squash in the district is based at the Alton Sports Centre and Taro Leisure Centre in Petersfield. The main clubs playing team squash are:

- ***Alton Squash Academy*** (ASA) - Established for approximately 12 years, ASA has four teams entered in the Hampshire Squash Leagues (3 mens and a vets) from its membership of around 35 players. The club programmes a weekly club night (open to non-members) and coaching session. The club has engaged with local scout groups and provides beginner coaching towards achievement of the Scouts Physical Recreation badge. The club does not currently operate a junior section.

- ***Petersfield Squash Club*** - This club has seven league teams (4 mens, 1 ladies, 2 vets) currently competing in the Hampshire Squash Leagues. The club delivers weekly training for juniors from Herne Junior School on the courts at Herne Farm Leisure Centre on Wednesday afternoons. The club programmes a weekly social night at Taro on Tuesdays.

The Alton Sports Centre courts are also used for internal club leagues and social play by members of two other clubs:

- ***Alton Squash Rackets Club*** - This club was previously based at the Bordon Garrison courts and moved to Alton Sports Centre when this facility was closed to the public, although as noted above the Bordon courts are now open again although with limited availability and likely to be redeveloped in the next two to three years. With 26 adult male members the club runs a weekly club night and internal ladder but does not play team squash and is not ESRA affiliated.

- ***Alton Racketball Club*** - A group of 10 adults who make a regular booking on Saturday afternoons and one evening a week to play among themselves. No team racketball and not a formally constituted club.

Within Bordon, in 2016 an informal group of about 20 adult players started to play squash on Wednesday evenings using two of the three courts at Bordon Garrison following the re-opening of the facility by the Roller Rink operator. The restricted availability has made this unsustainable. Should these courts be lost to development of the Garrison site as planned, then the dual use courts at Bohunt School in Liphook will need to be upgraded in order to continue to provide accessible provision for squash for the growing population of Whitehill & Bordon.

Consultation Findings

England Squash & Racketball - England Squash report stabilising demand for squash after a long period of decline in playing numbers and in this context the governing body is keen to ensure that existing squash courts are protected for the future and therefore oppose the plans to reduce the number of courts at Alton Sports Centre.
A national survey of clubs and courts was carried out in 2016 to inform a new national facilities strategy which is in development. Enhancing the quality of the relatively small percentage of poor quality courts across the country is considered important to avoid negative impact on participants' playing experience to ensure they continue to be usable to a reasonable standard. In East Hampshire, court quality is an issue at Bohunt School.

Alton Squash Academy - Club night is on Thursday evenings using all 4 courts. During the squash season the home match nights for team squash are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Coaching sessions take place on Sundays at 5.00pm. The club holds free community coaching sessions open to all wanting to learn how to play squash (including juniors) on Wednesday evenings. The club rates the courts as very good (5/5) and the changing as poor (2/5).
The club is concerned that accommodating this programme on two courts would severely affect the club's club nights and '*likely to end community coaching sessions and plans to develop a junior section*'.

Alton Racketball Club - A small group of around ten friends that have been playing Squash and now Raquetball together for in excess of thirty years at Alton Sports Centre with games taking place on Saturday afternoons and on one evening in the week. The club rates the courts as very good (5/5) and changing as good (4/5).

Alton Squash Rackets Club - The club reports using *'up to 4 squash courts'* for its main club evening, with players typically playing 20 mins, then sitting out for 20 mins. The club considers it would struggle to survive with two courts '*as players would need to sit out for too long'*. The club rates the courts adequate (3/5) and changing as poor (2/5).

Whitehill & Bordon Squash Players - The coordinator of this small group of up to 20 adult players considers that there are many more players in the town of Bordon and surrounding villages that would play squash if court availability was more than the current 1.5 hours per week. '*There is little heart to continue to play or build the game in Bordon given this restricted availability and the prospect of closure of the courts in the next three years. The situation is exacerbated by the proposed closures of squash courts at Petersfield and Alton'.* The existing Garrison courts and changing are rated as adequate (3/5).

Alton Town Council Survey - A survey conducted by Alton Town Council in June 2017 to canvas views of residents on the proposals with outline planning consent for a new leisure centre attracted just under 2,500 responses. 28% (700 approx.) of respondents stated that attended the Centre at least once a week to use the squash courts which are available for squash, racketball, table tennis and dance.

Overall, a large majority of respondents supported the view that provision of 2 No. courts would be *'inadequate'* in a replacement centre.

In response to the survey question *'What is the single most important factor to be considered in any new sports centre for Alton*'. Specific issues raised most frequently in relation to the squash courts were:

- Re-provide four courts
- Courts not only used for squash - need to reprovide for dance etc.

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Squash Courts
The proposals to reduce the number of squash courts as part of the refurbishment project at the Taro and the proposals for replacement of Alton Sports Centre have been developed within the broader strategic context of needing to ensure that the upgraded and new centres are financially self-sustainable and attract use by as many people as possible including those who are insufficiently active for health.

In developing the design brief for the new centre and the current proposals in partnership with Everyone Active, EHDC has reviewed historical court utilisation data and identified substantial spare capacity particularly during the daytime. This is supported by the data on current squash participation rates and England Squash benchmarks for capacity per court.

The most desirable solution for existing squash players would be to reprovide four courts in the new centre at Alton. However, this may not be feasible due to physical constraints on the site and/or funding.

If there is a reduction in the number of courts as proposed, there will be a need to develop a Squash Management Plan for the district in order to support the clubs to manage the reduction in court space available to them in the peak hours for team squash, club nights and junior development activity.

In Petersfield, the plan will need to consider optimum programming of the remaining four courts across the two sites currently used by the club - Taro and Herne Farm Leisure Centre. For example, there may be potential to develop the partnership between the club and operator around junior school coaching on these courts.

In Alton, if it proves not to be feasible to re-provide all the existing courts in the new centre, then the management plan could consider options for Alton club to negotiate an access arrangement to the adjacent courts at Energique Club for some of its activities similar to the approach in Petersfield to include identifying any need for enhancement of these courts. There are also other courts at venues within a short drive time of Alton.

In the north east sub area, the Squash Management Plan will need to consider the probable loss of the courts at the Roller Rink to development of the Garrison site and the opportunity to compensate for this loss by upgrading and proactive promotion of the Bohunt School courts in Liphook with a view to re-establishing a squash club in the North East area as the population increases.

4.5 Climbing

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for indoor climbing provision within East Hampshire together with the main findings from the consultation undertaken. Two climbing walls in the district available to the community to access are included in the analysis. Recommended strategic priorities for indoor climbing in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply
There is one publicly accessible indoor climbing facility in East Hampshire at the Alton Sports Centre which provides a dedicated BMC affiliated climbing centre (registered as a member of the Association of British Climbing Walls) with top rope and lead climbing (10m high ropes wall, 50+ routes from 4+ to 7c including auto belays) Dedicated Bouldering and ROCKFIT training walls. The climbing programme offered at Alton Sports Centre by High Sports Climbing is:

- Pebbles Club for 4-6 year olds
- Junior Rock Club for 7-16 year olds
- Rock Start for 16+
- Group Climbing
- Private Climbing Taster
- Family Climbing Taster
- Climbing Parties (4+)
- Junior Squad Training
- Rock Up Junior (14-18)

- Para Climbing (for disabled)
- Uninstructed Climbing
- Learn to Lead Course
- Bouldering (rope free)
- Private Instruction

High Sports Climbing operate around a dozen similar facilities in sports and leisure centres across the country, including in the new Hart Leisure Centre in Fleet.

From April 2018, Everyone Active will take over the operation of the climbing facilities at Alton Sports Centre from High Sports Climbing and install new matting to the bouldering wall area. The proposal is to continue to operate a similar programme to High Sports Climbing incorporating Junior, Adult, Novice and party activities.

There is also a small climbing wall within an end wall of the gymnasium at Churcher's College in Petersfield. This facility is suitable for childen aged 6+ and is available for qualified instructors with their own ropes and equipment to hire from the College. There is no regular community climbing activity at this facility currently.

Other Accessible Supply in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts
The British Mountaineering Council climbing wall directory 2016 lists the following nearest registered indoor climbing venues to East Hampshire. Several of these traditional indoor climbing facilities are located within a 20 minute drivetime from parts of the district:

- ***Chichester College Sports Centre, PO91SB* -** 8m high lead/TR wall, 20 climbing lines, bouldering area (hosts weekly indoor sessions organised by the Hampshire Mountaineering Association).

- ***Craggy Island Indoor Climbing Centre, Guildford, GU1 1RU*** - Large dedicated centre with top roped and lead climbs, plus bouldering, auto-belays, training and beginner areas and café.

- ***Surrey Sports Park, Guildford, GU2 7AD*** - 12m high wall, 60m of traversing, cave.

- ***Charterhouse Club, Godalming, GU7 2RS*** - Moveable overhang and slab walls, cave.

- ***Fort Purbrook, Portsmouth, PO6 1BJ*** - 2 x underground rooms with 700 sq.ft. of bouldering in each room. Features inc. waves, slabs, cracks, overhangs and a 16ft. tower.

- ***Calshot Activities Centre, Fawley, SO45 1BR*** - 1200sqm of wall surface, 82 rope lines, over 300 routes, Mixed TR & leading up to 14m high. Large bouldering wall, traverse walls and campus board.

- ***Red Spider Climbing, Fareham, PO16 8TT* -** new bouldering walls spanning beginners to advanced and a competition wall with seating & viewing. A large cave, fully developed training area, system board, campus board, rings and related facilities, separate kids area.

- ***Hart Leisure Centre, Fleet, GU51 5HS* -** new facility with 8.5m high lead wall with 5 climbing lines operated by High Sports for Everyone Active.

Demand
Nationally, once a week participation in mountaineering (indoors and outdoors) among adults (16+) increased by 7% in 2015/16 (Active People Survey 10) compared with the previous year (Active People Survey 9).

Table 4.13 shows the participation trend in mountaineering nationally is one of growth over the last ten years:

Table 4.13: Participation in mountaineering at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Mountaineering once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Mountaineering once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	**0.17%**	**0.25%**

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure by individual sport was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.14: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in climbing or mountaineering at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Climbing or mountaineering[16]	**5.3%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013). Applying these national sports activity participation rates to the district would suggest that approximately 5,200 residents aged 16+ climb (at least twice in 28 days).

Clubs

No BMC affiliated climbing clubs have been identified in East Hampshire. The BMC's online club finder tool shows no affiliated clubs in the district. A separate BMC list of clubs by region (dated 8/11/17) and the UKClimbing directory identifies Alton Mountaineering Club as programming one weekly session for two hours at Alton Sports Centre. However, this session does not appear in the current programme on the centre website.

Alton Sports Centre, is BMC affiliated and the centre operator runs adult and age group centre-based clubs as part of the regular programme.

The Centre also hosts EHDC Get Activ8d summer holiday programme climbing sessions for 7 -14 year olds.

Consultation Findings

British Mountaineering Council (BMC) - The current strategic aims of the BMC to 2019 are focused on: i) Promoting hill walking; ii) Growing participation in hill climbing, hill walking and mountaineering by young people (aged 14-25) and under represented groups, and iii) Growing its own membership base.

Although the BMC recognise the role and value of the clip 'n climb type of facility in introducing young people and under represented groups to the sport, the govening body opposes the current proposals to replace the traditional indoor climbing facilities at Alton Sports Centre with clip n' climb in view of the loss of high ropes and bouldering facilities for existing regular climbers at this venue.

Alton Town Council Survey - A survey conducted by Alton Town Council in June 2017 to canvas views of residents on the proposals with outline planning consent for a new leisure centre attracted just under 2,500 responses. 14% (350 approx.) of respondents stated that attended the Centre at least once a week to use the climbing facilities.

The survey did not include a specific question regarding the adequacy or otherwise of the proposals for replacement of the existing wall and bouldering area with a clip n' climb facility.

[16] Indoor and outdoor

In response to the survey question *'What is the single most important factor to be considered in any new sports centre for Alton*'. Specific issues raised most frequently in relation to the climbing facility were:

- Having the ability to top rope, lead climb and boulder is extremely important for the climbers, many of whom utilise the wall for training/strength building prior to venturing into outdoor climbing, but still using the indoor facilities all year round. Loss of top rope lead climbing and bouldering to a clip 'n climb will lead to loss of experienced climbers to Guildford
- Clip 'n climb is good for parties and basic introduction to climbing but provides little opportunities for skills development.

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Indoor Climbing
The proposal for replacement of the existing indoor climbing facility with clip n' climb is opposed by the sport's governing body and many of the existing users of the facilities.

The strategic case for replacing the existing specialist climbing wall with a clip n' climb facility in the new sports centre for Alton is built on the wider appeal of the latter type of facility. The leisure operator is confident that this type of provision will substantially increase use over that of the existing traditional climbing facility by providing a fun, entry level climbing experience for younger children as well as a variety of experiences for young people and adults.

The broad appeal of clip n' climb for new entrants to climbing, suggests that this grass roots approach will align well with the wider public health and child obesity agenda.

Within the wider strategic context for this sports facility strategy, it is also relevant that by attracting greater usage, clip n' climb is also likely to generate higher income than a traditional climbing wall which will make a positive contribution towards EHDC's strategic aim for its leisure centre estate to become fully financially self-sustaining for the benefit of future generations.

Should the proposals proceed, then a plan will need to be developed to mitigate the impact on existing users to include establishing which of the alternative centres for experienced climbers within the drive time catchment area of Alton (identified above) offer spare capacity in the peak period, and signposting these opportunities.

4.6 Athletics Tracks and Running Facilities

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for track and field athletics and road and cross country running facility provision within East Hampshire together with the main findings from the consultation undertaken. Recommended strategic priorities for athletics in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply

- Treloar College - All Weather Compact track (no community access)
- School playing field grass tracks (no community access)
- Anstey Park - 321 Run England marked route

Accessible Track and Field Athletics Supply in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts

- Guildford Spectrum - 8 lane synthetic track (1993, resurfaced in 2006)
- Bar End Track, Winchester Uni provided in 2008
- Down Grange Sports Ground Basingstoke
- The Moutbatten Centre Track, Portsmouth

Demand
Nationally, once a week participation in athletics among adults (16+) fell by 5% in 2015/16 (Active People Survey 10) compared with the previous year (Active People Survey 9).

However, Table 4.15 shows the participation trend in athletics both nationally and in the South East region is one of growth over the last ten years:

Table 4.15: Participation in athletics at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Athetics once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Athletics once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	**3.33%**	**5.01%**
South East	**3.54%**	**6.18%**

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure by individual sport was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.16: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in athletics activity at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Track and Field Athletics	**0.6%**
Running	**15.4%**
Triathlon	**0.1%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013). Applying the national participation rate for running to the district would suggest over 15,000 residents aged 16+ run (at least twice in 28 days).

Clubs

With no accesible track and field facilities in the district, East Hampshire has three running clubs affiated to England Athletics and one triathlon club affiliated to British Triathlon:

- ***Alton Runners*** - Alton Sports Centre & Jubilee Sports Field
- ***Clanfield Joggers*** - Peel Park, Clanfield
- ***Liss Runners -*** The Triangle Centre, Liss
- ***Petersfield Triathlon Club*** - Cycle training (Library meet), running training (Festival Hall car park meet), swimming (Churcher's College pool, winter; Petersfield Lido, summer)

The closest track and field athletics clubs available to residents of East Hampshire are:

- ***Haslemere Border Athletic Club*** based in Waverley Borough at Woolmer Hill adjacent to The Edge Leisure Centre has use of an 100m all weather track plus a 400m grass track in the summer months. The club draws members from the north east of East Hampshire and hires a sports hall at Bohunt School for indoor athletics on an occasional basis.

- ***Havant Athletics Club*** based at The Cowplain School (sports hall and field) and the Mountbatten Centre track in Portsmouth.

- ***Winchester & District Athletics Club*** based at The Bar End track at Winchester University.

- ***Basingstoke & Mid Hants Athletics Club*** based at The Down Grange track in Basingstoke.

- **Guildford & Godalming Athletics Club** based at the track at Guildford Spectrum

Parkrun - For recreational and club runners, East Hampshire residents have good access to weekly Parkrun events. The nearest Parkrun venues are:

- Alice Holt Woods (near Alton)
- The Queen Elizabeth Country Park (near Petersfield).

Consultation Findings

UK Athletics - The UK Athletics Facilities Strategy 2014-19 focus on addressing the deficiency of developmental facilities and specifically designed for beginners and those at the early stages of the athlete development model. The strategy promotes the provision across the country of a hierarchy of athletics facilities both for track and field athletics and for road or cross country running.

Track & Field Facility Hierarchy:

1. Novice/Recreational - Compact Athletics Facility[17]
2. Club Athlete - Club Venue[18] (Level 1 Competition Permit)
3. Country/Regional representative Athlete - Competition Venue (UKA Competition Certificate)

Running Facilities Hierarchy:

1. Beginners: walkers and joggers - well lit, waymarked loops, level surface, information board (focus investment in densely populated urban areas to maximise impact)
2. Recreational runners/running groups/club training runs/ individual training - Marked Running Routes (321 Run England distance markers), linear or circular, any distance, information board
3. Elite and talented athletes - Closed Circuit Competition Routes of 1500m to 5000m and 6m wide with hard wearing surface and floodlit witih distance markers, incorporating hill/bend sections and co-located with other facilities (e.g. track, leisure centre)

England Athletics - England Athletics identify the three affiliated clubs in the East Hampshire area - i.e. Alton Runners, Liss Runners, Clanfield Joggers - and that these clubs form part of the Hampshire & IoW Athletics Network comprises 13 track and field clubs, 3 offshore clubs and 26 road running and race walking clubs. In the absence of a current facilities strategy, EA suggests that in local authority areas like East Hampshire where there is good travel time access to one or more club track and field venues, the strategic facility focus should be on provision of entry level Compact Athletics Facilities (as promoted by UKA), and Run England on way marked and well lit running / jogging routes.

Alton Runners - Racing throughout Hampshire, Isle of Wight and surrounding counties, Alton Runners meet at the Alton Sports Centre on a weekday evening and at Jubilee Playing Fields on Sunday mornings. The club has 157 members (97 female, 60 male) all adults and aspires to develop a junior section subject to securing a safe, lit off road training track for use on winter evenings. The club runs three beginners courses (Couch to 5k) every year which are popular. They have sold out in the last two years and have a waiting list for this year's course. The club would like to secure a safe environment to train especially during the winter months. Options suggested by the club include an all weather running track at Jubilee Playing Fields with floodlights and an indoor training track incorporated into the new sports centre.

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Athletics Facilities

Running and jogging - whether as part of a formal club or independently - is one of the most accessible sports and physical activities available to all in communities. Nationally, participation in inclusive group running programmes such as Parkrun and couch to 5k courses provided by local running clubs to encourage new runners is one of the fastest area of growth in sport and active recreation.

The benefits of regular running for community health and wellbeing are well evidenced and fully justify local authorities prioritising facility provision in this area, including ensuring a good level of provision of training treadmills in health and fitness facilities in community sports and leisure centres.

While East Hampshire district offers runners excellent access to off road running routes in summer and at weekends - including weekly Parkrun events in Queen Elizabeth Country Park in the south and Alice Holt Woods in the north - there are currently no way-marked off road routes with lighting to allow safe use by runners on dark evenings in winter.

Opportunities to provide such routes should be explored in consultation with England Athletics and local clubs in each of the four sub areas. Alternative opportunities have already been identified with Alton Town Council around either i) the perimeter of Anstey Park (as a upgrade to the existing 321 way marked perimeter grass route) with the new Alton Sports Centre as the base for

[17] *Compact Athletics Facility* - Indoor and floodlit outdoor athletics satellite facilities that provide for learning fundamental athletic skills as a stepping stone into Club Venues. Typically, comprising a 40-60m synthetic straight with run offs, a jump pit, throwing circle/landing area, a shelter/storage/high jump building and a running/jogging route.

[18] *Club Venue* - 400m all weather track and field facilities that have a strong anchor club or clubs membership 100+ and excellent social and ancillary provision

parking, changing and refreshments, or ii) around the Jubilee Sports Field (with the recommended new sports pavilion in the centre of the sports field as the ancillary base for runners).

In Petersfield, opportunity sites for consideration for the development of way marked off road running routes could include Penns Place and Petersfield Heath and, in the North East of the district, Broxhead Common and Deadwater Valley Nature Reserve.

With regard to track and field athletics, there is no strategic needs case for a club level facility (400m all weather track and field athletics facilities) in East Hampshire district given the extent of existing provision in the drive time catchment area (four available 400m all weather tracks).

The strategic focus for the development of track and field athletics in the district for the current Local Plan period should be on seeking to establish the feasibility of locating a Compact Athletics Facility at one of the dual use secondary schools in the district.

In the short term, options to secure access for community groups and/or school groups to the recently provided all weather track straight at Treloar College in Alton should be explored, although it is understood that community access may not be possible due to conditions attached to the funding for this facility.

4.7 Health and Fitness

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for health and fitness facility provision within East Hampshire. Recommended strategic priorities for health and fitness facilities in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply
The following table shows the main fitness gym sites in East Hampshire that provide more than 20 equipment stations and are publicly accessible.

Table 4.17: Fitness Gyms (20+ stations) in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	Approx No. of stations	Access Type	Availability	Year Built (Upgraded)
Alton Sports Centre	NW	56	Public	6.45am-10.30pm 8am-8pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	1975 (2012)
Taro Leisure Centre	SDNP	73	Public	6.30am-10.30pm 8am-9pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	1992 (2012)
Mill Chase Leisure Centre	NE	34	Public	7am-10pm 9am-5pm Sat 9am-4pm Sun	1995 (2012)
Bohunt School, Reflex Gym	NE	14 + 9 stn multi gym	Dual Use	8.30am-10pm 9am-6.30pm Sat 9am-7.30pm Sun	1979 (gym lottery grant in 1996)
Bedales School	SDNP	20	School & Members	Evenings and weekends	1988 (2009)
Energique Club	NW	45	Members	7am-10pm 8am-4pm weekends	1980 (2015)
Blacknest Golf & Country Club, Alton	NW	27	Members	Weekdays 8am-7pm Weekends 8am-5pm	1995 (2003)
Grayshott Spa, Hindhead	NE	23 (luxury spa)	Members & resident guests	7 days a week	1964 (2006)
Horndean College	SP	37	Dual Use	6-10pm evenings and weekends year round	2006
Old Thorns Manor, Elevations Club	NE	48 (luxury spa)	Members	6.30am-10pm Weekends & Bank Holiday 8am-8pm	1982 (2012)
Results Health Club, Alton	NW	37	Members	7am-10pm 9am-5pm Sat 9am-4pm Sun	2007 (2011)
Churchers College	SDNP	24	School & Members	6-9pm weekdays 9am-9pm weekends	

Other venues with smaller fitness gyms for public use in the district include:
- Curves for Women, Petersfield - 10 stations
- Eggars School, Alton - 14 stations

Most venues providing equipped fitness gyms also provide dedicated studio spaces for fitness classes, yoga, pilates, cycle spinning and/or dance classes. Those core venues in table 4.17 above with dedicated fitness gyms and studios are augmented, throughout the district, by a large network of multi purpose community centres and halls (including parish/village halls and primary school halls) that include instructed fitness and dance classes within their regular programmes (see Table 4.6).

None of the national chain branded operators have sites in the district at either the premium or the budget ends of the market. The closest David Lloyd and Esporta clubs are in Southampton. Roko Clubs and Nuffield Health both have clubs in Portsmouth while Nuffield Health also have a club in Farnham. In the budget sector, the closest to East Hampshire currently is the 24/7 Fitness First site in a retail unit in Waterlooville. The closest Pure Gym sites are in Portsmouth and Epsom. Gym Group has 24hr gyms in Fratton (Portsmouth), Southampton, Farnborough and Guildford.

Quality of Provision
In terms of the main community fitness facilities in the leisure centre estate, although upgraded by the Council in partnership with Places for People in 2012, the gyms at the three leisure centres are now outdated and cramped with little space available around the fixed stations for functional fitness and circuit classes and there is insufficient studio space to meet the substantial growth in demand over the past five years or so for instructed classes, particularly for the most popular activities of cycle spinning, yoga and pilates in the peak hours. It is appropriate that these facilities are programmed for upgrade and extension (Taro) or replacement within larger fitness studios (Alton and Mill Chase) in the next two to three years as part of the Joint Venture Agreement of May 2017 between EHDC and Everyone Active.

At the two dual use community secondary schools in the district, the quality of the fitness studios provision at Horndean College is good, while at Bohunt School the quality is very pool with an uninviting fitness suite with very outdated equipment.

In the commercial sector, there are high quality fitness facilities provided as part of destination hotel and luxury spas at Old Thorns Manor and Grayshott Spa, both in the North East sub area.

Other Accessible Supply in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts
The most accessible supply of health and fitness facilities to East Hampshire residents in neighbouring districts/boroughs are:

<u>Public</u>
- Farnham Leisure Centre - 66 stations, last upgraded in 2009
- Westgate Leisure, Chichester - 90 stations, last upgraded in 2012
- The Edge (Woolmer Hill) Leisure Centre - 20 stations, last upgraded 2000
- Haslemere Leisure Centre - 68 stations, last upgraded in 2016
- Hart Leisure Centre, - 130 stations, *new provision opened in April 2017*
- Waterlooville (Horizons) Leisure Centre - 150 stations, last upgraded in 2015
- Havant (Horizons) Leisure Centre - 160 stations, last upgraed in 2015
- Guildford Spectrum - 82 stations, last upgraded in 2015

<u>Commercial</u>
- Fitness First, Waterlooville - 80 stations, last upgraded in 2014
- Champneys Forest Mere, Liphook (Chichester District) - 22 stations, last upgraded in 2008
- Bourne Club, Farnham (Waverley) - 14 stations (last upgraded in 2016)
- MyFitnessHub (Havant) - industrial unit with gym and studios

Demand
Nationally, once a week participation in keep fit and gym among adults (16+) increased by 2% in 2015/16 (Active People Survey 10) compared with the previous year (Active People Survey 9).

Table 4.18 below shows the participation trend in keep fit and gym both nationally and in the South East region is one of substantial growth over the last ten years. This trend is mirrored in

East Hampshire and all its neighbour local authorities except Havant Borough where partication in keep fit and gym has remained static:

Table 4.18: Participation in keep fit and gym at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Keep Fit/Gym once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Keep Fit/Gym once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	12.6%	16.0%
South East	12.7%	17.1%
Basingstoke	13.9%	22.1%
Chichester	11.5%	15.7%
East Hampshire	11.4%	19.1%
Hart	16.8%	22.2%
Havant	12.4%	12.4%
Waverley	12.1%	20.2%
Winchester	11.7%	22.5%

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

Trends in fitness training have increased the popularity and provision of functional fitness areas for instructed training necessitating larger overall studio spaces to accommodate matted areas and loose equipment in additional to dedicated stations for fixed equipment.

Personal training and instructed training in small groups is also a growing trend with professional trainers working in small studios, outdoors in public parks and open spaces, from home or visiting clients in their own homes. There has been a growth in the number of trainers operating in East Hampshire in the last five years or so.

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure by individual sport was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.19: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in a gym session / a fitness class at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Gym session	12.0%
Fitness class	14.1%

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013). Applying these national sports activity participation rates to the district would suggest that in excess of 11,760 adult residents take part in a gym session and 13,800 attend a fitness class (at least twice in 28 days).

Consultation Findings

More than 1,400 respondents to the Alton Town Council survey regarding the proposed new Alton Sports Centre claimed to regularly attend the fitness gym or fitness classes (see Appendix C). The survey findings supported the provision of a larger, 130 station gym with just 22% agreeing with a statement that the proposed gym is too large (compared to 31% who disagreed). 26% considered 130 stations to be too small (compared to 31% who disagreed).

41% of the respondents considered the inclusion of a destination spa facility in the proposals to be a good idea (compared to 27% who disagreed).

34% of respondents disagreed with a statement that the provision of 2 dedicated studios for instructed classes is adequate (compared to 28% who agreed 2 studios would be adequate).

Expansion of the fitness facilities and the availability/capacity of classes in the peak hours were the most frequently cited in relation to the fitness facility provision as 'the single most important factor which you would want to be considered in any new sports centre for Alton'.

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Health & Fitness Facilities
The large upward trend in demand for keep fit facilities and activities nationally and regionally is outstripped in East Hampshire where demand has grown from 11.4% of over 16s to 19.1% over the last ten years.

With no large commercial gym operators in the district - at either the premium or budget ends of the health and fitness club market - and little expansion of the fitness gyms and studios in the district's three main public leisure centres in the last five or six years, expansion of the supply is needed to meet current demands. This is evidenced in Alton by the findings of the Town Council's Survey regarding the proposals for the new sports centre.

With the forecast population growth in the district, unless the fitness provision is expanded in the public leisure centres in the short term, it is highly likely that the national chain commercial operators will establish clubs in one or more of the main towns in the district. There is therefore a window of opportunity for the Council and its leisure centre joint venture partner - Everyone Active - to address unmet demand and likely growth through the plans to expand the fitness facilities at the Taro and to provide larger, higher quality gyms and studio spaces supported by modern reception, changing, refreshment and child care facilities in the replacement centres in Alton and Bordon.

Capitalising on this opportunity through the Council's leisure centre estate (as opposed to leaving it to the commercial market) will bring significant strategic benefits. Firstly, by maintaining most of the fitness facility supply in the community sector, it will facilitate the delivery of inclusive policies and programmes to encourage more inactive people in the district to get active. Secondly, the expanded fitness facilities and health spa will make a significant financial contribution to the costs of maintaining the swimming pools and other sports facilities for the benefit of residents over the long term.

In terms of quality of provision, in addition to the upgrading and expansion of the health and fitness facilities in the core leisure centre estate, there is also a need to upgrade the fitness gym, equipment and changing rooms at the Bohunt Centre.

4.8 Bowls and Petanque

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for bowls and petanque (French boules) facility provision within East Hampshire. Recommended strategic priorities for bowls and petanque facilities in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply

The following table summarises the main characteristics of the seven outdoor green bowling sites in East Hampshire currently in operation.

Table 4.20: Outdoor Bowling greens in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of rinks	Ownership/ Access Type	Availability	Quality
Alton Bowls Club	NW	6	Public green in park (club & P&P)	7 days April to October	Good – car parking is poor
Alton Social Bowls Club	NW	6	35 year lease from Town Council (club & P&P)	7 days April to October	New green and pavilion in 2016 £1m S106 (next to Chawton Park IBC)
Four Marks Bowls Club, Four Marks Recreation Ground	NW	4	Public green on recreation ground (club & P&P)	7 days April to October	Standard green & pavilion shared with football (PC has plans to extend)
Medstead Bowls Club	NW	8	Club leased from Parish Council (club & weekly open sessions)	7 days year round - weather permitting	Good - artificial green resurfaced in 2016 (£40k), with good pavilion (short mat bowls)
Headley Bowls Club, Headley Playing Fields	NE	4	Sports Association leased from Parish Council (club & guests only)	7 days April to October	Excellent green and sports pavilion shared with cricket, football and table tennis

Name	Sub Area	No. of rinks	Ownership/ Access Type	Availability	Quality
Liphook Bowling Club, Liphook Recreation Ground	NE	7	Freehold (Club members and guests only)	7 days April to October	Poor green Good pavilion
Petersfield Bowling & Snooker Club	SDNP	4	Freehold (Club members and guests only)	7 days April to October	Good green Standard pavilion
Total outdoor rinks		39 (increasing to 45 with new green in development at Clanfield)			

Indoor Bowling Centres
In addition to the above outdoor facility provision for bowls, the district has an indoor bowling centre, ***Chawton Park Indoor Bowls Club***, in Alton in the North West established in 1996 with a Lottery-funded grant from Sport England. The Centre is owned by a company limited by guarantee and holds Bowls England Clubmark accreditation. The facilities comprise six rinks (each 36.8m x 4.8m), an electronic scoreboard, facilities for disabled bowlers, a fully-licensed bar and changing facilities.

During the main indoor playing season, which runs from September to mid-April, the Club is open from 9.30am until late evening every weekday. Inter-club friendly matches are held most Saturday & Sunday afternoons; on weekdays, there is a mix of internal leagues, club competitions and matches. Organised Roll-ups occur on Wednesday evenings (7-9pm) and Tuesday & Thursday mornings (10am-noon). Once the Winter leagues are complete in mid-April, there are Roll-ups on Tuesday & Thursday mornings (10am-noon) and Wednesday evenings (7-9pm), Summer leagues on Wednesday & Friday mornings each week, plus occasional friendly matches at weekends.

Membership is a varied mix of beginners, social bowlers, average players and county level bowlers of all ages. Club members come from towns and villages around the area including Alton, Alresford, Petersfield, Haslemere, Liphook as well as from Farnham & Aldershot in neighbouring boroughs. Free come and try it sessions are programmed using the club's own equipment. The club's coaching team has links with several local schools to nurture a thriving junior section.

Petanque Terrains
Prince Philip Barracks in Budds Lane, Bordon has a purpose built petanque terrain measuring 18sqm with 1-3mm grit playing surface with lighting. This is the base for the Bordon Petanque Club which has 22 adult members (according to the Southern Counties Petanque Association to which the club is affiliated). The club meets for club sessions on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm.

This terrain will be lost when the Prince Phillips Barracks is redeveloped as part of the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration plans. However, commitments are in place for a new replacement terrain with supporting pavilion and parking as part of the upgrade of the Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club (BOSC) due to be completed in 2018.

There is also a terrain in Petersfield at the Avenue Recreation Ground managed by the Petersfield Town Council. There is no formal club at this venue. However, the adjacent Pavilion can be hires by the hour, 5 hour session or all day in association with the terrain at costs from £3.06 to £20.38.

Other Accessible Supply of Terrains in Neighbouring Boroughs/Districts
Crondall Pétanque Club on the Hampshire/Surrey border close to Fleet and Farnham with around 80 members is one of the largest and longest established in the Southern Counties and hosts tournaments.

To the south of East Hampshire, the Hampshire Rose Petanque Club is very accessible for residents of the Southern Parishes. This club meets at The Hampshire Rose, in London Road, Widley, near Waterlooville, on a Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Distribution of Bowling Greens
As shown in table 4.20 above, six of the seven outdoor greens (as well as the indoor centre at Alton) are located in the North West of the district. An further outdoor green was provided in the north of the district at Ropley Recreation Ground up until summer 2017. Owned by Ropley Parish Council, this green was converted to a MUGA/tennis facility in the summer of 2017 following the folding of the Ropley Bowls Club in January 2017 due to the availability of alternative clubs nearby – Four Marks and Alresford - and the indoor centre in Alton.

New Greens with Planning & Funding

- ***Clanfield*** - Up until autumn 2017, the Southern Parishes had no outdoor greens with the nearest available to residents located in Waterlooville and Havant. However, Clanfield has a thriving short mat bowls clubs established in the 1980s and playing in the Clanfield Memorial Hall. The parish now has a new six rink green and pavilion completed in autumn 2017 at Chalton Lane, Clanfield as part of the S106 Agreement related to the St James' Place housing development. The pavilion and its changing rooms will support a new bowls club, Clanfield Youth Football Club and the wider community of the village. Four Trustees have been appointed to run the newly established 'Clanfield Bowls and Social Club' (CBSC) as a financially self-sustaining community enterprise. CBSC is in the process of being registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This Team hopes to be signing a Lease with Clanfield Parish Council for the Sports Pavilion and Bowling Green in the near future.

- ***Whitehill & Bordon*** - The Section 106 Planning Agreement between EHDC and The Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company (WBRC) includes provision for a new 6 rink bowling green and pavilion. At present in the North East sub area, the Headley Bowls Club with a four rink green is operating close to comfortable capacity. However, the Liphook Bowls Club (7 rink green) has a good deal of spare capacity. As such, there is no current needs case for additional provision in the sub area. In future, there may be a need for a further green in the North East of the district in light of the likely increase in bowls demand resulting from the substantial population growth taking place in Whitehill and Bordon. The Council and WBRC have agreed to keep the needs case under review with a site provisionally allocated at the former Prince Philip Barracks site.

Quality of Provision
Overall, the quality of greens and pavilions for bowling in the district is good due to a combination of maintenance by parish council grounds staff and contractors and club volunteers. The only poor quality green is at Liphook Recreation Ground. In terms of pavilions, the Four Marks Recreation Ground sports pavilion is in need of of extension to meet demand from the various sports clubs that share this facility.

The England Indoor Bowls Association have indicated in consultation that they are not aware of any needs for improvement at the Chawton Park Indoor Bowls Centre.

Other Accessible Supply of Bowling Greens in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts
Residents of the Southern Parishes live within a 20 minute drive time catchment of an indoor bowls centre in Havant, at the Havant (Horizons) Leisure Centre. This facility offers 6 rinks built 1987 and last resurfaced in 2007. Some residents in the west of the district will also travel to the Winchester Indoor Bowls Centre adjacent to the River Park Leisure Centre.

Outdoor clubs just across the district border with Havant in the south in include Leigh Park Bowls Club and Purbrook Heath Bowls Club. The outdoor club at Alresford is very close to the district's western boundary and is likely to attract some of its members from East Hampshire. So too is the Haslemere Bowling Club in Haslemere Recreation Ground from residents in the North East sub area.

Demand
Nationally, once a week participation in bowls among adults (16+) increased by 14% in 2015/16 (Active People Survey 10) compared with the previous year (Active People Survey 9).

However, Table 4.21 shows the participation trend in bowls both nationally and in the South East region is one of substantial decline over the last ten years:

Table 4.21: Participation in bowls at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Bowls once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Bowls once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	**0.83%**	**0.51%**
South East	**0.88%**	**0.57%**

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure by individual sport was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.22: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in bowls at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Bowls	**0.8%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013).
Applying these national sports activity participation rates to the district would suggest that circa 780 adult residents bowl (at least twice in 28 days).

Consultation Findings

English Indoor Bowls Association - At a national level, the EIBA reports that the declared membership aggregated across its 290 affiliated indoor bowls clubs has decreased by approximately 2,000 members per annum over the three years to December 2016.

At the local level, EIBA declared membership of the Chawton Park IBC shows that demand is bucking the national trend with modest growth over the past three years:

Table 4.23: Membership of Chawton Park IBC

	Men	Women	Juniors	Total
2014	188	128	n/a	316
2015	193	133	n/a	326
2016	199	135	10	344

At present, the EIBA consider that there are sufficient Indoor Bowls Facilities in the East Hampshire LA area, bearing in mind the number of Indoor Bowls sites in the adjoining Local Authority areas. There are no identified facility needs.

Bowls England – The view from Bowls England with regard to outdoor greens in East Hampshire is that with the new greens at Clanfield and Whitehill (BOSC), the area appears to be adequately served with greens.

Alton Bowling Club - established 1884 in Alton Public Gardens, 50 members registered with Bowls England. Teams compete in the Basingstoke & District, Stan Hardman, Whitchurch & Three Counties bowls leagues. Main facility issue is lack of green side parking. The closest parking is in the Ladyplace public car park at the entrance to the Gardens.

Alton Social Bowls Club - established 1954 and new green and pavilion provided as part of S106 planning agreement in 2016. 40 members approx. (25 men, 15 women) including 4 male and 2 female league teams. Membership of this club is likely to increase in the view of Bowls England in light of the quality of the facilities (the green and changing facilities are rated as excellent by the club) and the club recognises a need to grow the membership to ensure the facilities are sustained.

Four Marks Bowls Club - established 1985, 17 members registered with Bowls England which is unsustainable in the long term. The minimum number of playing members recommended by the Bowls Development Alliance to sustain a healthy club level is 40 per green.

Headley Bowling Club - founded in the 1940s and re-established in 1984 with a green to the rear of the Headley Parish Council's sports pavilion in Mill Lane, the club has 60 members registered with Bowls England, 33 male 27 female, and three mixed triples teams in the Three Counties leagues.

Liphook Bowls Club - established 1933, 48 members registered with Bowls England (27 male, 21 female) with six men's teams and five women's teams playing league bowls. The club is always

attempting to increase membership through advertisements in the local press, open afternoons with volunteer coaching. The club considers its green is in poor condition (2/5) and volunteer members are implementing recommendations from Bowls England and Hampshire Bowls to improve its condition.

Petersfield Bowling & Snooker Club - established 1908, 37 members registered with Bowls England of a total club membership of approximately 200 including social/snooker members. The bowls club enters teams in the Three Counties Leagues.

Medstead Bowls Club - this club is not affiliated to Bowls England and the membership number is not known. The club enters teams in the Stan Hardman evening summer league. As the only club in the area with an all weather playing surface, it is likely to enjoy a good level of support from players wishing to continue to play outdoors outside the main April to September season.

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Bowls and Petanque Facilities
The population profile of East Hampshire is older than the national average and forecast growth is greatest in the oldest age groups amongst which bowls and petanque demand is highest.

Bowls*:* It is also apparent from the membership figures provided by the EIBA that the indoor bowls club at Chawton Park is thriving, beginning to attract junior members and, overall, is bucking the national trend of falling membership.

With regard the outdoor game, with the new green opening in 2018 in Clanfield, there will be a good geographical spread of greens with all residents within the drive time catchment of a green.

There is capacity for more members at six of the seven established clubs with greens (and at the new green in Clanfield) based on the Bowls England benchmark comfortable capacity for a 6 lane green of 60 regular playing members.

The low membership of the club at Four Marks (17 approximately) is a concern, particularly in view of its proximity to the newly laid all weather green at Medstead. The future of the Four Marks club may be at risk. Support to produce and implement plans for club development and new member recruitment will be required if this club is not to follow the example of Ropley Bowls Club (also close by) which folded in January 2017. The current level of membership is less than half the number advised by the Bowls Development Alliance as necessary to generate the income required to maintain a green to a standard that will attract new players.

The main facility need for bowls in the district is to support the Liphook club to continue to improve the quality of the green in Liphook Recreation Ground. At Clanfield the parish council will need support from the EHDC sports development officer, Energise Me and Bowls Hampshire to develop a new bowls club at this site and to ensure the greens and pavilions are maintained to a good standard.

There may also be a case in the medium term to support Four Marks Parish Council to extend its sports pavilion in the recreation ground which is shared by several sports clubs. However, the needs case for additional social and activity space will be driven by the needs of the tennis and football clubs rather than the bowls club given its low membership numbers.

Petanque: Commitments are in place at BOSC to replace the 8 lane terrain at Prince Philip Barracks used by Bordon Petanque Club, the only club in the district registered with the sport's governing body. There are understood to be other community groups in the north of the district that play Petanque on a more recreational basis. There is plenty of capacity for growth in demand both at this new terrain and further south in the district at Avenue Recreation Ground in Petersfield. High quality, modern pavilions and adjacent car parking will be available at both sites once the BOSC scheme is completed in 2018.

Future Needs: The growth of population in the district in the older age groups is likely to stimulate new growth in demand for bowls and petanque. However, it is apparent from the review and consultation that there is spare capacity at existing facilities to accommodate growth over the Local Plan period particularly so in the Southern Parishes with the committed provision of a new six rink bowling green at Clanfield. In the North East sub area, the replacement of the existing Bordon petanque terrain at BOSC will address the needs for this sport. In addition, a S106 provision is made for a new bowling green at the former Prince Philip Barracks site. This provision

ensures that forecast growth in demand for bowls from population expansion in this area over the Local Plan period can be met.

4.9 Tennis Courts

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for tennis facility provision within East Hampshire. Recommended strategic priorities for tennis facilities in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply
The following table summarises the main characteristics of the public and club tennis facility sites in East Hampshire:

Table 4.24: Club and Public Tennis courts in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of courts	Ownership/ Access Type	Availability	Quality
Alton Tennis Club, Chawton Park	NW	4 (floodlit) Rebound practice net	Long lease from Alton Town Council. Club Members & P&P Visitors on 1 court (up to 3x pa for £2 a game)	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking	Good – all weather porous macadam 2 built in 2011 and 2 built in 1994 and resurfaced in 2012 with grant support. Also new LED energy efficient floodlights in 2018. Good brick pavilion built 2011.
Steep Tennis Club, Steep	SDNP	8 (6 floodlit)	Club own freehold Members & Guests	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking	Good – 6 all weather porous macadam, 2 astroturf. Good pavilion although lacks m/f showers
Four Marks Tennis Club, Four Marks Recreation Ground	NW	3 (2 floodlit - token operated - 10 for £5)	Parish Council. Club with coaching programme by Coaching 4 Tennis (C4T) & 1hr of P&P Tues eve (£7/hr)	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking	Good - recently upgraded with new perimeter fencing Shared sports pavilion with football
Medstead Tennis Club, Roe Downs Road	NW	3 (floodlit) practice wall	Club lease with coaching programme by pro coach	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking	Standard (club consider due for resurfacing in next 3 years) Good modern pavilion - Tony Chivers clubhouse
Kingsley Tennis Centre	NE	4 indoor 2 outdoor green clay (no lights)	Jakeway family own freehold. Members & Guests	Weekends and weekday evenings year round	Good courts – outdoor built 1987, indoor 2006/7 Standard changing facilities (and bar/lounge)
Rowlands Castle Tennis Club	SP	3 (no lights)	Club leases from Rowlands Castle Parish Council – 4 years unexpired on 21 year current lease. Club, C4T coaching and P&P public use on one court (Tues and Thurs until 6pm £1/hr)	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking	Good – all weather blue porous macadam recently resurfaced by club. Standard to Good pavilion shared with cricket and football – club seek upgrade to fixtures and fittings in changing rooms, showers and kitchen
Grayshott Tennis Club, Grayshott Sports Ground	NE	3 (2 floodlit)	Club leases from Parish Council. Club and P&P public use on court 3 (£5/hr)	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking	Good - porous macadam recently resurfaced. Good modern pavilion (grant aided)
Newman Collard Tennis Club, Newman Collard Recreation Ground, Liss	SDNP	3 (2 floodlit)	Parish Council (Playing Field Management Trust) Club members and P&P public use (£3/hr adults £1.50 juniors)	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking for members	Good - all weather porous macadam. Good pavilion (shared with football, play groups) with a planning consent for extension
Ropley Tennis Club, Ropley Recreation Ground	NW	2 (floodlit) plus MUGA (no lights) as third court/ hitting fence)	Parish Council Club Members & Guests (£2 a game)	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking for members	Good - porous macadam. Good pavilion (SE Inspired funded). MUGA new in 2017 £70k – EHDC, S106 & LTA funding - also for football, netball, basketball
Avenue Recreation	SDNP	4 (no lights)	Annual P&P membership/ on line booking & key pad	Daylight hours	Standard - porous macadam. Perimeter fencing will require

Name	Sub Area	No. of courts	Ownership/ Access Type	Availability	Quality
Ground, Petersfield			access from April 2017		replacement in next 3 years
Buriton Recreation Ground	SDNP	2 (no lights) and practice wall	Parish Council Club members - open junior coaching £5 a session on Fridays	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking for members	Good - porous macadam last resurfaced in 2010/11
Hawkley Recreation Ground	SDNP	1 (floodlit)	Freehold owned by village sports club	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking for members	Good - all weather porous macadam built in 2017 Good pavilion shared with cricket section
Headley Recreation Ground	NE	2 (floodlit) Minis area and practice wall	Parish Council Sports association Club members and guests	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking for members	Good - all weather porous macadam Good wooden pavilion
Liphook Memorial Recreation Ground	NE	3 (floodlit) + 3 grass in summer	Parish Council Club members and guests plus public P&P tennis (£5/hr)	7 days a week year round. Club Spark on line booking for members and P&P	Good - all weather porous macadam resurfaced in 2017 with good pavilion 3 poor quality grass courts adjacent to bowls club. Good brick pavilion.

Total number of public and club courts in East Hampshire	
Outdoor courts	46 (increasing to 50 with new courts at Clanfield and BOSC)
Floodlit courts	23 (increasing to 24 with refurbished court in Anstey Park)
Indoor courts	6 (four at Kingsley Tennis Centre; two at Grayshott Spa)

In addition to this supply of club and public courts, there are a futher 38 tennis courts on school sites (nine of which are floodlit) that are promoted by the schools as available for community hire:

Table 4.23: School tennis courts with community access in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of courts	Access Type	Availability/Use	Quality
Alton School	NW	4 - low level lights (netball share)	School (in house)	No current use - available by arrangement with lettings manager (£10/hr plus caretaker charge of £17.50 after 6pm)	Standard hard macadam
Amery Hill School	NW	4 (two Netball share)	School (in house) & hires	Alton Social Netball Club, CM Sports (£10/hr & VAT tennis, £14/hr & VAT netball)	Standard hard macadam
Bedales School	SDNP	6 - three floodlit (netball share)	School (in house)	No current use - available out of hours by arrangement with lettings manager	Standard all weather porous macadam
Churchers College, Ramshill	SDNP	2 - floodlit (netball in winter)	School (in house)	No current use - available out of hours by arrangement with business manager	Good all weather porous macadam.
Ditcham Park	SDNP	4 (netball share)	School (in house)	Current use mainly for summer sports camps - available out of hours by arrangement	Good all weather porous macadam
Bohunt Centre	NE	3 - Netball share. No lights	School Dual Use P&P	Available summer evenings and weekend Little use (£8/hr adult; £4.75/hr junior)	Standard hard macadam
Horndean College	SP	7 - no lights. Netball share	School Dual Use P&P	Available summer evenings and weekend Little use (£8.24/hr adult; £4.02/hr junior)	2 Good porous macadam, 5 Poor hard macadam
The Petersfield School	SDNP	2 - netball share; 6 - used as playground (no lights)	School (in house)	6pm-9.30pm (9pm Friday) 8.30am-4.30pm Saturday 8.30am-2.30pm Sunday All day in holidays Little current use (£8/hr adults, £4/hr juniors)	2 Standard 6 Poor

Total number of school tennis courts available for community hire in East Hampshire	
Total outdoor courts	36 (increasing to 38 with new MUGA at new school in Budd's Lane, Bordon
Total floodlit courts	9 (increasing to 11 with new MUGA)

Two hotel country clubs located in the North East of the district have courts for use by their hotel guests and health club members:

- Grayshott Spa indoor courts 2 No. carpet textile courts built in 1991 and upgraded in 2006, plus 1 outdoor macadam court
- Old Thorns Hotel, Liphook - 1 outdoor court

Quality of Provision

Mostly of the public and club courts in the district are provided and maintained to a good quality standard with a number of courts resurfaced in the last 2-3 years (see table 4.22 above).

A number of the hard macadam courts on school sites (e.g. at The Petersfield School and Horndean College) also serve as general play areas during the school day and are not of a quality that is appealing for hire for community use. The low quality of these courts combined with the relatively high cost of hire of many of the school courts (i.e. £8-£10 per hour) actively discourages community use.

Other Accessible Supply in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts

For residents of Liss in the SDNP, the courts at Rogate Recreation Ground just across the district eastern boundary with Chichester District are very accessible. Access to these two hard courts (last resurfaced in 2009) is available to members of the ***Rogate Tennis Club*** only.

For residents in the south of East Hampshire, ***The Avenue Tennis Club*** in Havant is well within the catchment area offering 4 floodlit astroturf courts, three good quality hard courts, good quality support facilities and a comprehensive programme of team and social tennis and coaching for adults and juniors.

Similarly, for residents of the north east of East Hampshire, ***The Bourne Club*** in Farnham is within the drivetime catchment area with 1 indoor tennis court (acrylic), 5 outdoor floodlit courts (2 covered in winter) and a comprehensive tennis programme as well as badminton, squash and table tennis.

New Courts with Planning & Funding

- ***Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club -*** two tennis courts are being re-provided in Whitehill as part of the facility mix under a S106 Agreement for the redevelopment of this sports facilities on this site in the North East of the district

- ***Budds Lane, Bordon*** - a floodlit MUGA equipped for tennis and netball and subject to a Community Use Agreement is included in the S106 Agreement as part of the planning consent for the replacement of the Mill Chase Academy school in Budds Lane, Bordon, also in the North East sub area.

- ***Clanfield -*** two new courts are to be provided as part of the S106 Agreement for community facilities at Windmill View in Green Lane, Clanfield in the Southern Parishes. The courts will be supported by changing and social facilities in the new community building nearing completion on this site.

- ***Anstey Park -*** Alton Town Council has approvals for plans to refurbish a derelict floodlit MUGA in the corner of the park to provide one hard macadam tennis court (netball share) and a second netball court also marked (with blue lines) for small sided games of football. The plan also includes a separate basketball practice area with hoop. The plan with replace the floodlights. This project is programmed for completion by summer 2018.

Demand

Nationally, once a week participation in tennis among adults (16+) fell by 11% in 2015/16 (Active People Survey 10) compared with the previous year (Active People Survey 9).

Table 4.24 shows the participation trend in tennis both nationally and in the South East region is also one of decline over the last ten years:

Table 4.24: Participation in tennis at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Tennis once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Tennis once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	**1.12%**	**0.90%**
South East	**1.43%**	**1.18%**

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.25: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in tennis at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Tennis	**1.9%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013). Applying these national sports activity participation rates to the district would suggest that in excess of 1,800 adult residents play tennis (at least twice in 28 days).

Clubs

Twelve tennis clubs have been identified in East Hampshire district that provide a comprehensive programme of social tennis, team tennis and coaching with one or more teams competing in Hampshire and/or Aldersholt and District LTA affiliated leagues providing access to these opportunities to residents in all four sub areas:

- ***Alton Tennis Club*** - North West
- ***Rowlands Castle Tennis Club*** - Southern Parishes
- ***Kingsley Tennis Centre*** (an LTA Clubmark Beacon club) - North East
- ***Steep Tennis Club*** - on edge of Petersfield, SDNP
- ***Medstead Tennis Club*** - North West
- ***Newman Collard Tennis Club*** - in Liss, SDNP
- ***Four Marks Tennis Club*** - North West
- ***Grayshott Tennis Club*** - North East
- ***Ropley Tennis Club*** - North West
- ***Buriton Tennis Club*** - south of Petersfield, SDNP
- ***Headley Tennis Club*** - NE
- ***Liphook Tennis Club*** - NE

Consultation Findings

Lawn Tennis Association – In 2017, the LTA launched a ten year facility investment plan entitled 'Transforming British Tennis Together' (TBTT) committing £125m of LTA funding over 10 years to be matched by partners (clubs, Sport England, local authorities and centre operators). The priorities for this investment are to:

- Increase the number of covered and floodlit courts by 50% to boost available playing hours.
- Install online booking and entry systems.

- Refurbish courts, clubhouses and other social spaces for players.

The LTA' Regional Participation Manager confirms that the TBTT investment plan focuses on increasing the supply of floodlit and covered courts and that the LTA are therefore positive / supportive of those clubs looking to add floodlights or seasonal covers to help year round play, subject to planning and financial sustainability.

As far as the facility supply/demand balance in East Hampshire is concerned, to facilitate better year round access to tennis in the district, the LTA consider there to be a strong needs case for the provision of floodlighting at the public courts at the Avenue Recreation Ground in Petersfield given the success of the annual membership scheme developed with the Town Council for free use of these courts (600 members approx. joined since the launch in April 2017).

With regard to provision of further indoor or covered courts, the LTA do not perceive a clear identified need to build/cover anymore courts to meet current demand. The governing body would be willing to investigate opportunities in future should they arise and would consider single skin bubble seasonal covers as the best option due to the high cost of brick built permanent structures. In light of the relatively low population density of the district, the LTA considers that any future additional indoor/covered courts would point to possible 'facility type' options being:

- Covering venues that already have a lot of participation to help play year round.
- A venue in an location that is easily accessible by road from all directions.

Petersfield Town Council - The Town Council confirm that the public tennis membership has been successful with around 600 members. The town council is in discussions with the LTA about the potential for providing floodlighting to the courts at The Avenue Recreation Ground in the town or, possibly, in the longer term providing floodlit and/or seasonal covered courts as part of outline proposals for a larger sports hub at its Penns Farm Playing Fields.

Ropley Parish Council – Ropley Parish Council confirm that the Ropley Tennis Club is thriving with strong teams, junior section and coaching with a current membership of approximately 200 players. There are no current tennis facility requirements as a third court /MUGA with a practice wall has recently been provided to increase capacity in peak hours on a former bowling green in the Council's recreation ground.

Alton Tennis Club – The Alton Tennis Club confirm that they enter 6 adult teams in Aldershot & District and East Hampshire tennis leagues and 3 junior teams in the Aegon Leagues with 116 adult members, 83 juniors/minis and aspirations for further membership growth. The club rates its courts and pavilion as excellent (5/5).

Steep Lawn Tennis Club – The club confirm they enter 10 adult teams and one junior team in Hampshire and Aegon leagues with a total membership of approximately 400 including a small number of social (non-playing) members. While team tennis has grown (number of male teams), the overall membership has declined by circa 15% since 2014. The club rates its courts as excellent (5/5) and changing facilities as good (4/5). It extended the pavilion in 2014/15 to provide more changing space but the changing rooms lack showers which the club would like to provide in future subject to raising the necessary funds.

Rowlands Castle Tennis Club – The club confirm they run 6 adult teams with approximately 100 adult playing members and 65 juniors/minis. The club has aspirations for growth and recognises in its development plan that achieving significant growth is dependent on providing floodlighting. The club forecasts 20% overall growth and 50% in the junior section should floodlighting be provided as currently juniors are not able to play after school for much of the year due to lack of daylight. The club does not have sufficient funding to provide lights without grant support. As far as the pavilion is concerned the club maintains that although the Parish Council have invested in extending the usable area of the building, the interior fittings were not upgraded and consider that a refurbishment of the showers/changing area's and kitchen could be achieved for a relatively small sum. The club rates the courts as excellent (5/5) and the pavilion as standard (3/5).

Headley Tennis Club - The club has approximately 110 members of all ages and has no current facility issues.

Hawkley Sports Club – The club has approximately 50 adult members and 23 juniors across both sections (tennis and cricket). The club rates the court as excellent (5/5) and the pavilion as good (4/5).

Kingsley Tennis Centre – This Tennis Centre is the main provider of indoor courts in the district. The Centre runs six adult and five junior league teams in Hampshire and Aegon leagues and has approximately 400 members split broadly 50/50 adults and juniors/minis. The club has coaching links with a number of schools in the district including Alton School. The owners aspire to grow the centre and the minis and junior sections and encourage more players to get involved with teams. Specifically, the centre is looking to extend onto land adjacent to develop 4 more outdoor courts which will enable it to have more teams and hold bigger LTA competition events. The owners would also like to extend the club house to include a small pro shop, coach education/ games room and a treatment room for sports injuries to improve the offer to members. These projects are subject to the availability of the land for the additional courts, planning consents and grant funding support. The Centre rate their existing courts as excellent (5/5) and the changing facilities as standard (3/5).

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Tennis Courts

There are sufficient club and public courts in East Hampshire to meet current demand.

The main facility need for the development of tennis in the district is more floodlit courts in areas where there is strong established demand in the summer season to facilitate more year round play. The priority location for floodlit courts is Petersfield in view of the high expressed demand (approximately 600 people have joined the annual household membership scheme in the first year) and the lack of floodlit courts within the town. The nearest floodlit courts are at Bedales School (where availability is restricted by school use and cost of hire) and at the members' tennis club in Steep village.

To address this need, there may be an opportunity to provide floodlights to the public courts at Avenue Recreation Ground subject to feasibility (planning and funding).

In the longer term, subject to feasibility, planning and successful negotiation, they may be an opportunity to provide new floodlit courts at Penns Farm Playing Fields served by the changing facilities in the Taro Leisure Centre. This will be dependent on feasibility assessment of outline proposals for an extended sports hub in this location linked to a transfer of sports ground land between the Town Council (Love Lane Football Ground) and Churcher's College (Penns Playing Field).

In the Southern Parishes, the priority site for floodlit courts is Rowlands Castle Tennis Club. There is also a case at this site for upgrading the showers, changing, kitchen fixtures and fittings in the Parish Council's pavilion.

Growth in demand to play tennis to 2028 as a result of population growth and participation trends should be comfortably accommodated by the existing and planned public and club courts. In the event that this is not the case, then there is substantial 'overspill' supply on secondary school sites (including floodlit courts) that could be brought into regular community use. However, this will require much improved marketing of these courts and support to the schools to develop a more customer-friendly offer (the LTA advise prices of £4/£5 a court and/or a household membership of circa £30 per annum along with online booking and payment systems).

In the Southern Parishes, the new public courts and community building to be provided in Clanfield as part of the S106 Agreement relating to the Windmill View new housing development could work to mitigate any reduction in the number of courts at the College in Horndean should any loss of courts be necessary to accommodate extension of the 3G MUGA to a full size pitch (a priority project in the Playing Pitch Strategy for the district).

The aspirations of the owners of the Kingsley Tennis Centre to expand the number of outdoor courts and the indoor support facilities in order to better accommodate sub-regional tournaments and events have merit. However delivery of this ambitious project will be subject to detailed assessment of the feasibility (securing the necessary land and planning consents) and business planning (financial viability, participation growth etc.)

Other lower priority facility needs identifed in the site audits and consultations include the resurfacing of the courts at Medstead Tennis Club and provision of showers at Steep Tennis Club. In light of the LTA's current investment priorities, funding for court resurfacing will need to be raised by the clubs as part of their club sinking fund / maintenance cycle. Similarly, clubhouse improvement needs - such as those identified at Steep TC and Rowlands Castle TC - will need to be funded by the clubs and local partners and not rely on LTA grant or loan support.

4.10 Netball Courts

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for netball facility provision within East Hampshire. Recommended strategic priorities for netball facilities in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply

The following table summarises the eight sports halls in East Hampshire marked for netball:

Table 4.26: Indoor netball courts in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of courts	Access Type	Availability/Use	Year Built/ Last Refurbished
Alton Sports Centre	NW	1	Public	6.45am-10.30pm 8am-8pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	1975 (2014)
Taro Leisure Centre	SDNP	1	Public	6.30am-10.30pm 8am-9pm Sat 8am-4pm Sun	1992 (2002)
Mill Chase Leisure Centre	NE	1	Public	7am-10pm 9am-5pm Sat 9am-4pm Sun	1995
Alton College	NW	1	College & Hires	5-10pm weekdays in termtime. Closed for exam/event use. *Alton Ants - Tuesday evenings*	2002
Amery Hill School	NW	1	School & Hires	5-10pm weekdays in term time. Closed for exam/event use. *Social Netball Club*	1984 (2009)
Bohunt School	NE	1	Dual use	6-10pm evenings and weekends year round *Junior Netball group on Saturday mornings*	2015
Hordean College		1	Dual use	6-10pm evenings and weekends year round *Walking Netball session on Wednesday evenings*	1976 (2006)
Churchers College	SDNP	1	College & Hires	*Occasional netball hires*	1992

The following table shows the outdoor netball facility sites in East Hampshire. Currently these provided a total of 27 courts (all shared with tennis) and all located on school sites:

Table 4.27: Outdoor netball courts in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	No. of courts	Access Type	Availability/Use	Quality
Alton School	NW	3 - low level lights (tennis share)	School (in house)	No current use - available by arrangement with lettings manager (£10/hr plus caretaker charge of £17.50 after 6pm)	Standard hard macadam
Amery Hill School	NW	2 - (tennis share)	School (in house) & hires	Alton Social Netball Club, CM Sports, £14/hr & VAT netball)	Standard hard macadam
Bedales School	SDNP	6 - three floodlit (tennis	School (in house)	No current use - available out of hours by arrangement with	Standard all weather porous macadam

Name	Sub Area	No. of courts	Access Type	Availability/Use	Quality
		share)		lettings manager	
Churchers College, Ramshill	SDNP	2 - floodlit (tennis in summer)	School (in house)	No current use - available out of hours by arrangement with business manager	Good all weather porous macadam.
Ditcham Park	SDNP	3 (tennis share)	School (in house)	Current use mainly for summer sports camps - available out of hours by arrangement	Good all weather porous macadam
Bohunt Centre	NE	3 -tennis share. No lights	School Dual Use P&P	Available summer evenings and weekend Little use (£8/hr adult; £4.75/hr junior)	Standard hard macadam
Horndean College	SP	6 - no lights. Tennis share	School Dual Use P&P	Available summer evenings and weekend Little use (£8.24/hr adult; £4.02/hr junior)	2 Good porous macadam, 5 Poor hard macadam
The Petersfield School	SDNP	2 - tennis share (no lights)	School (in house)	6pm-9.30pm (9pm Friday) 8.30am-4.30pm Saturday 8.30am-2.30pm Sunday All day in holidays Little current use (£8/hr adults, £4/hr juniors)	2 Standard 6 Poor

Quality of Provision

As far as indoor netball is concerned, there is an issue that most sports halls marked for netball do not provide the run off zone dimensions recommended by England Netball for adult club level match play. As such, the existing indoor courts in the district are only suitable for junior match play and adult training.

In this regard, it will be important for the proposed replacement sports halls at the new Alton Sports Centre and replacement for the Mill Chase School sports hall in Budds Lane to both provide the recommended court run offs zones for club matchplay (see Section 4.3 above).

The main facility issue for the provision of outdoor courts, is the lack of available and affordable floodlit courts for the Alton Ants Club teams to train. The only outdoor courts with lights in the town are at Alton School where evening access is costly due to caretaker fees in addition to the court hire charge and the quality of the lighting is poor.

Other Accessible Supply in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts

The key venue for league netball teams in East Hampshire is the Basingstoke Netball League venue - the Russell Howard Netball Centre, 6 floodlit courts and a pavilion, leased by the league from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

The recently opened new leisure centre in Eastleigh is the main netball venue in the county. Providing a 3 netball court sports hall, full International specification run offs and spectator seating, this venue is designated by England Netball as the main venue in the county for major indoor netball tournament events.

Other netball venues in the catchment area of the north of East Hampshire are Cams School, Porchester and Henry Cort School, Fareham.

New Courts with Planning & Funding

- ***Anstey Park, Alton -*** Alton Town Council has approvals for plans to refurbish a derelict floodlit MUGA in the corner of the park to provide one netball court and a second netball/tennis share court also marked (with blue lines) for small sided games of football. The plan also includes a separate basketball practice area with hoop. The plan with replace the existing low grade floodlights. This project is programmed for completion by summer 2018.

- ***Budds Lane, Bordon*** - a floodlit MUGA equipped for both tennis and netball and subject to a Community Use Agreement is included in the S106 Agreement as part of the planning consent for the replacement of the Mill Chase Academy school in Budds Lane, Bordon, also in the North East sub area.

Demand

Nationally, once a week participation in netball among adults (16+) increased by 2% in 2015/16 (Active People Survey 10) compared with the previous year (Active People Survey 9).

Table 4.28 below shows the participation trend in netball both nationally and in the South East region is also one of substantial growth over the last ten years:

Table 4.28: Participation in netball at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Netball once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Netball once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	**0.27%**	**0.42%**
South East	**0.31%**	**0.40%**

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.29: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in netball at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Netball	**0.6%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013). Applying these national sports activity participation rates to the district would suggest that in excess of 580 adult residents play netball (at least twice in 28 days).

Clubs

East Hampshire does not have any netball clubs competing in the Hampshire Netball Senior League. The nearest Hampshire Senior League club to the north of East Hampshire is Tongham Thunder/Tongham Tornadoes based at the Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre in Rushmoor Borough. To the south, Meon Netball Club based at the Admiral Lord Nelson School opposite the Ocean Retail Park in Portsmouth is the closest competing in the county senior league.

Two netball clubs with training bases in the north of East Hampshire compete in the Basingstoke Netball Leagues:

- ***Alton Ants Netball Club*** - Train in Alton College Sports Hall. The club runs three adult teams - Red Ants (playing in the top 'Diamond' division of the Basingstoke Winter Netball League), Black Ants (Division One) and Jumping Ants (Division Three), plus two junior teams.

- ***Bordon United Girls (Bugs) Netball Club*** - Train in Mill Chase Leisure Centre Sports Hall (an adult and junior club with an adult team competing in Basinstoke League Division One and three junior teams from u11 to u16 playing in various tournaments across the region and in the Basingstoke summer friendly league.

Netball activity in the south of East Hampshire is based at Horndean College (with indoor and outdoor floodlit courts). Walking Netball weekly sessions are programmed in the new College Sports Hall on Weds evenings.

The Basingstoke Netball League plays on a Monday and Tuesday evening throughout the season at Russell Howard Netball Centre, in Basingstoke off Pinkerton Road. This central venue comprises six full sized outdoor floodlit courts in a locked fenced area in a public park. There is a pavilion on site with toilet facilities and changing rooms (although these are rarely used). The facilities are leased by the league from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. There are current proposals to extend and upgrade the pavilion. The season runs between October and April each year, breaking

for Christmas. There are two games each evening, the first starting at 7pm the second at 8.15pm.The league currently consists of 54 teams, split into divisions of varying standards.The League also offer a summer season that runs between June and July. This is a friendly season and it is primarily used to train new and improving umpires, it also allows teams to try out new players.

Other league netball clubs based in the wider area and drawing on East Hampshire for players include:

- ***Storm Netball Club*** - single adult team competing in the Basingstoke League (Division Two) Based at Cams School in Porchester and at Henry Cort School in Fareham with one indoor court (sports hall) and two poor quality outdoor courts with no lights
- ***Impact Netball Club*** - single adult team competing in the Basingstoke League (Diamond Division).
- ***Fareham Flyers Netball Club*** - two adult teams playing in the Gosport & Fareham Netball Leagues at Cams School Porchester and training at Henry Cort School. The club has a junior section (Fareham Fireflys) based across several secondary schools - Henry Cort, Porchester, Brookfield, Cams Hill.

At the elite performance level, ***Surrey Storm Netball Club*** based at The University Sports Park in Guildford are the current national superleague champions.

Consultation Findings

England Netball - The England Netball Development Officers for South Regional Team at England Netball support the proposals to restore the courts at Anstey Park to provide a year round floodlit training opportunity for Alton Ants, complementing the indoor court at Alton College (which is not consistently available due to examinations use) enabling each of the club's teams teams to train weekly. The governing body is also committed to ensuring that the new sports halls to be provided as part of the programmed replacements of the Alton and Mill Chase leisure centres are specified to be compliant with the recommended court run offs for club level play (i.e. 3.05m).

Storm - This single team club has no growth plans and while responding to the East Hampshire sports club survey, does not train in the district. The club rates the Russell Howard courts as good (4/5) and the changing facilities as poor (2/5).

Impact - This single team club has no growth plans and while responding to the East Hampshire sports club survey, does not train in the district. The club rates the Russell Howard courts as good (4/5), although with some concern regarding delays in court repairs and routine maintenance) and the changing pavilion as adequate (3/5).

Fareham Flyers - This two team club also responded to the East Hampshire sports club survey despite being based at Cams School in Porchester and the Henry Cort Community College in Fareham. The club has no growth plans and takes the view that there is a lack of netball facilities in the Fareham area and that the competion for courts in the peak times can lead to schools overcharging. The club rates the indoor sports hall court it accesses as good and the two outdoor courts as in need of repair and floodlighting.

Alton Ants - This is the largest club in the district with three adult teams competing in the Baskingstoke central league and two junior teams. Alton College is the club's training venue using the sports hall (or pm one outdoor court when exams or events are programmed in the sports hall). The club rates the college courts and changing rooms as good (4/5). The club aspires to return to training on the two former floodlit tennis/netball courts in Anstey Park as, currently, teams are not able to train every week with just one court available at the College. The club maintains it has sufficient players to make a fourth adult team and that the junior section would be much larger if it had access to two floodlit courts on a weekly basis. The club is also keen that the sports hall in the replacement Alton Sports Centre is large enough to host indoor tournaments. Ideally, the club would like to be able to access two floodlit courts at Anstey Park, continue to be able to use the sports hall at Alton College (where there are changing facilities) and use the new Alton Sports Centre sports hall to host tournaments.

Bordon Bugs - Primarily a junior club with one team competing in the Basingstoke Central Leagues. The club's main training base is at the Mill Chase School. On occasion, the club hires the sports hall at Wavell Campus School in Farnborough (outside the district) and/or the former gymnasium at the Prince Philip Barracks in Bordon. The club considers the quality of the courts at

the school to be poor with insufficient attention paid to litter picking and sweeping and the changing provision to be cramped when the club hosts visiting junior teams for tournaments. The club has aspirations for further growth through growing the juniors and offering community Back to Netball and Walking Netball sessions. The club is concerned about its future access to courts in the context of the redevelopment of the Mill Chase school and does not feel sufficiently informed regarding the proposals and, as a junior club, it feels it has less access to financial support than senior teams.

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Netball Courts

The strategic facility priorities for netball in East Hampshire over the period to 2028 are:

1. To increase the floodlit court capacity for the Alton Ants Netball Club to allow each team to train weekly. This should be addressed by the current funding plans of the Town Council to refurbish the two courts and floodlights in Anstey Park. Although there are no changing facilities at these courts, it is only a short walk to the Finnimore Pavilion.

2. To ensure that the specifications for the dimensions of the new sports halls to be provided in Alton and Bordon as part of the current planning proposals allow for club level netball competition - i.e. court run offs zones at the ends and sides of 3.05m[19] or, as a minimum, with run offs of 2m at the ends and 1.5m at the sides (see section 4.3 above). This will support the future development of the BUGS and ANTS clubs in these locations in a sport with growing demand.

4.11 Golf Courses

The summary below provides the *quantitative, qualitative and accessibility assessments* for golf course provision within East Hampshire. Recommended strategic priorities for golf facilities in the district for the strategy period to 2028 are set out at the conclusion of this section.

Supply
The following table summarises the eight golf course sites in East Hampshire:

Table 4.30: Golf courses in East Hampshire

Name	Sub Area	Playing Facilities	Access Type	Visitors (P&P) Green Fees
Blackmoor Golf Club	NE	18 hole course	Membership and Pay and Play	£45 winter £70 summer
Old Thorns Hotel & Golf Club	NE	18 hole course (Alliss designed in 1982)	Membership and Pay and Play	£35 winter; £55 summer (weekdays) £40 winter; £60 summer (weekends)
Liphook Golf Club & Bohunt Manor Golf Club	NE	18 hole course (1923)	Membership (2 clubs) and Pay and Play	£57 winter; £72 summer (weekdays) £80 winter; £87.50 summer (weekends)
Rowlands Castle Golf Club	SP	18 hole course (Cort designed in 1902)	Membership and Pay and Play	£45 weekdays £55 Sundays No visitors on Saturdays
Petersfield Golf Club	SDNP	18 hole (Adhurst) course (Hawtree designed in 1977) 12 hole Pay and Play course (South Petersfield)	Members only Pay and Play	£17.50 - £40 weekdays £20.50 - £50 weekends £12 weekdays; £15 weekends £6 weekdays; £7.50 weekends (members)
Four Marks Golf Bar & Atuls Restaurant	NW	9 hole course (par 3/4)	Pay and Play	£6-£8 - weekdays (9 holes) £7-£10 - weekends (9 holes) No formal dress code, dogs permitted
Blacknest Golf & Country Club	NW	18 hole course Par 3 course 13 bay driving range (7.30am to 9pm summer - no lights)	Membership and Pay and Play	£15 - £28 weekdays £20 - £32 weekends Par 3 £6.50 weekdays; £7.50 weekends Driving range £2 (25 balls); £6 (100 balls)
Alton Golf Club	NW	9 green course with 18 tees (Braid designed in 1908)	Membership and Pay and Play	£12 weekdays (9 holes) £17 weekends (9 holes)

[19] Comparative Size of Sports Courts & Pitches (Indoor), Sport England (September 2015 Update)

Although there is no municipal golf course in the district, in the Alton area in the north there are two courses that provide low cost access for juniors and beginners. The pay and play course at South Petersfield provides similar opportunities for new and young players in the south of the district. In addition, Blackmoor Golf Club in the north east of the district hosts EHDC summer holiday golf sessions for 7-14 year olds (Get Activ8d).

Other Accessible Supply in neighbouring Boroughs/Districts
In addition to these eight courses situation within the district, there are numerous other golf courses within a 20 minute drive time in Hampshire or Surrey.

Demand
Nationally, once a week participation in golf among adults (16+) fell by 1% in 2015/16 (Active People Survey 10) compared with the previous year (Active People Survey 9).

Table 4.31 below shows the participation trend in golf nationally is also one of substantial decline over the last ten years. Whilst there is also a trend of decline in golf participation in the South East Region, it is not as great as across the country as a whole:

Table 4.31: Participation in golf at least once during last week (adults 16+)

Area	Golf once during the last week APS 1 2005/06	Golf once during the last week APS 10 20015/16
England	**2.18%**	**1.64%**
South East	**2.72%**	**2.22%**

Source: Sport England Interactive - Jan 2018

The latest Active Lives Survey for 2016/17 also includes participation data by sports activity using the measure: *Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in sport and physical activity at least twice in the last 28 days.* This measure was not included in the first Active Lives Survey in 2015/16 and is not available at local authority level.

Table 4.32: Adults (aged 16+) who have taken part in golf at least twice in the last 28 days

Activity	England - at least twice in the last 28 days
Golf	**2.2%**

Source: Sport England Active Lives Survey 2 (October 2017)

Despite falling participation in recent years, golf remains the fifth largest participation sport in England. East Hampshire has approximately 98,000 residents aged 16+ based on Scenario B of EHDC's Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2013).
Applying these national sports activity participation rates to the district would suggest that in excess of 2,100 adult residents play golf (at least twice in 28 days).

Clubs
The district supports eight membership golf clubs currently which is a challenge in view of the downward trend in participation in golf. Alton Golf Club came close to closure prior to reforming as a charity in 2013.

Consultation Findings

England Golf - England Golf's strategic plan for the period 2017-2011 entitled 'Growing the Game of Golf', seeks to work with clubs and course owners and operators to reverse the recent decline in participation by addressing the perception of golf to make the appeal of the game more inclusive particularly to attract more women and girls into the game (e.g. relaxing dress codes and simplifying the rules of the game) and to better sell the benefits of golf in terms of physical health and mental wellbeing.

The governing bodies strategic objectives are:
- Stronger Counties and Clubs - more resilient business models.
- Excellent Governance.
- Improved Image and Promoting the Benefits of the Sport.
- More Members and Players.

- Outstanding Championships, Competitions and Events.
- Winning Golfers - performance pathway for the development of elite players.

Conclusions - Strategic Priorities Golf
There are no priority facility needs for golf to meet current demand and no further provision will be needed over the Local Plan period to 2028.

In view of the downward trend in national and regional demand for golf, the main requirement over the period will be to support the promotion of the district's courses to visitors and societies to generate visitor spend and, with the Golf Foundation, encouraging more free and low cost opportunities for juniors in liaison with local schools.

Consideration should be given to the need for floodlights to the driving range at Blacknest Golf Club to extend the availability of this practice facility year round in the evenings.

Conclusions

The assessment of facility needs has established a need to maintain the existing overall quantity of provision of the core, most popular community built sports facility types - swimming pools, sports hall, health & fitness studios/activity halls. These main built sports facility types also provide opportunities for everyone to access regardless of age, ability or interest in any particular sport. Ensuring breadth of appeal to everyone in the community has been strongly expressed in the results of recent surveys.

While the Sport England Facilities Planning Model (FPM) indicates some current spare capacity with regard to the existing supply of pools and halls, there is strong existing demand from sports clubs in the district (particularly in swimming, gymnastics, trampolining, badminton, netball, table tennis and martial arts) and significant population growth is forecast over the next ten years driven by the development of additional housing.

The conclusions of the facility needs assessment are summarised below against the key headings *protect, enhance provide*:

Table 4.31: Summary of Built Sports Facility Needs in East Hampshire by Type to 2028

Sport/Facility	Protect	Enhance	Provide
Swimming	The quantity of water space.	○ The pool roof and changing facilities at the Taro Leisure Centre. ○ The community pools, storage and changing facilities in replacement leisure centres in Alton and Bordon.	○ More water space in the replacement for the Mill Chase Leisure Centre in Bordon.
Sports Halls	The quantity of sports halls.	○ The sports hall, storage and changing facilities in replacement leisure centres in Alton and Bordon. ○ Sports hall flooring at Horndean College and Bedales School.	○ More hall space suitable for community sports to recreation level in the Southern Parishes to support population growth - Clanfield, Land East of Horndean.
Gymnastics	Access to sports halls for club gymnastics and trampolining.	○ The sports hall, storage and changing facilities in replacement leisure centres in Alton and Bordon. ○ The Alton sports hall to provide zones with internal clear height of 9.0m clear height (to accommodate 2 No. trampoline sites for use to 'podium potential level') and sufficient storage for equipment for clubs.	○ A dedicated centre.

Sport/Facility	Protect	Enhance	Provide
Health & Fitness	The quantity of studios/activity halls suitable for health and fitness activities/classes.	○ The gym, studios and changing facilities at the Taro Leisure Centre. ○ The gym, studios and changing facilities in replacement leisure centres in Alton and Bordon. ○ The gym, equipment and changing rooms at the Bohunt Centre.	○ More health and fitness capacity in upgraded/ replacement leisure centres in the three main towns. ○ More hall space suitable for community health and fitness classes in the Southern Parishes to support population growth - Clanfield, Land East of Horndean.
Squash & Racketball (Squash 57)	Access to courts in the district for club team and recreational play.	○ The changing facilities at the Taro Leisure Centre. ○ The courts and changing facilities in the replacement leisure centre in Alton. ○ The courts and changing facliities at the Bohunt Centre.	○ Increased access for squash clubs to other courts in district e.g. Petersfield (Herne Farm LC) and Alton (Energique) - including identifying any facility enhancement needs at these sites - to mitigate reduced provision as planned in the upgraded Taro LC and replacement Alton SC.
Athletics	Existing facility provision - 321 way marked route (Anstey Park); QE Country Park, Alice Holt Woods; access to leisure centre changing facilities.	○ The changing facilities in Jubilee Sports Park, Alton. ○ The changing facilities in the replacement leisure centre in Alton.	○ Way-marked off-road routes with lighting to allow safe use on dark evenings (in each sub area). ○ A Compact Athletics Facility at one of the dual use secondary schools. ○ Increased access to the track at Treloar College.
Climbing	Access to an indoor climbing facility in the district.	○ The climbing (and changing facilities) in the replacement leisure centre in Alton to be designed to attract more use particularly by children and the inactive.	○ A management plan to mitigate the impact on existing sports climbers of the planned replacement of the high ropes and bouldering with a clip 'n climb facility including signposting to alternative venues in the catchment area with spare capacity in the peak period.
Tennis	The quantity of public/club courts.	○ Court surface at Medstead tennis club. ○ Changing at Steep tennis club (to provide showers). ○ Sports paviion at Four Marks Recreation Ground.	○ Floodlights to courts in Avenue Recreation Ground, Petersfield. ○ Floodlights to courts in Rowlands Castle Recreation Ground, Southern Parishes. ○ New courts in Clanfield and Bordon - support to develop new clubs.
Bowls	The quantity of greens and indoor rinks.	○ The green in Liphook Recreation Ground.	○ New green in development in Clanfield - support to develop new club. ○ Keep under review need for more bowls capacity in the NE as a result of housing growth and, if required, invoke S106 provision for a new green in W&B and provide support to develop a new club.
Petanque	The quantity of terrains.		○ Replacement for Bordon Petanque Club terrain when Prince Philip Barracks closes - in development at BOSC for completion in 2018.
Golf	The quantity of provision of affordable pay & play golf facilities.		○ Floodlights to driving range at Blacknest GC.

Sport/Facility	Protect	Enhance	Provide
Netball	Access to sports halls and outdoor courts.	○ The two courts and lighting in Anstey Park (not currently suitable for use). ○ The Sports Hall and changing facilties in the replacement leisure centre in Alton. ○ The Alton sports hall to provide court dimensions and run off zones to allow for club level netball competition - i.e. run offs zones at the ends and sides of 3.05m (recommended) or 2m at the ends and 1.5m at the sides (minimum).	

5. Priorities and Delivery Plan

5.1 Introduction

Aligning with the recommendations in Section 4, this final section of the Sports Facilities Strategy sets out an action plan for delivering the new provision and facility enhancement needs summarised in Section 4 for each facility type in scope.

The sites and projects recommended as priorities for action in the short term (within 3 years) - subject to securing any necessary consents and funding - are identified in the table at 5.2 by sub area and sport. The sites and projects recommended for action in the longer term (3+ years) are set out in the table at 5.3.

In accordance with the published guidance for the preparation of assessments of need for sports facilities, it is recommended the District Council convene and chair periodic meetings of the area forums to review progress and update the Action Plan to reflect material changes in the picture of supply and demand and changing scenarios.

The updates to the Action Plan should in turn inform periodic updates of the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Sport England/NGB priorities for investment through capital grant and loan programmes.

Where sites are not in District Council ownership or leased to third parties, implementation of the recommended actions will be subject to the cooperation of the owner/leaseholder. In addition, the actions will be subject to the necessary planning processes and to securing of the required funding, both for the initial capital development and ongoing cost of management and maintenance.

5.2 Short Term (1-3 years)

Site	Sport(s)	Action	Lead	Partners	Resources
SDNP					
Taro Leisure Centre	Swimming, Sports Hall sports, Health & Fitness, squash	○ Upgrade the pool roof & wet change. ○ Extend/upgrade the health & fitness spaces. ○ Upgrade the dry change.	EHDC	Everyone Active	Funded (JV).
Herne Farm Leisure Centre	Swimming, squash	○ Establish opportunities for increased squash club access and any court/changing enhancement needs to accommodate increase in use.	EHDC	○ Herne Farm LC ○ England Squash ○ Petersfield Squash Club	To be determined and secured.

Site	Sport(s)	Action	Lead	Partners	Resources
Avenue Recreation Ground	Tennis	○ Establish the feasibility of providing LED floodlighting to courts for year round play.	Petersfield Town Council	○ LTA ○ EHDC	To be determined and secured.
Bedales	Sports Hall sports	○ Resand and reseal sports hall floor and line markings.	School		To be determined and secured.
NE					
New Bordon Town Centre	Swimming, Health & Fitness	○ New larger provision (6 lanes) to replace existing at Mill Chase Academy.	WBRC	○ EHDC ○ Everyone Active	Funded (S106 & JV).
The Bohunt Centre	Squash, Health & Fitness	○ Upgrade the squash courts, gym equipment and changing rooms.	School	EHDC	To be determined and secured.
BOSC	Petanque and Tennis	○ Replacement for Bordon Petanque Club terrain when Prince Philip Barracks closes. ○ Provision of two tennis courts.	WBRC	○ EHDC ○ BOSC ○ Bordon Petanque Club	Funded (S106).
Budds Lane Bordon (new Mill Chase Academy)	Sports Hall sports, Tennis & Netball	○ Provision of a 4 court main hall and 2 court ancillary hall and a floodlit Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) equipped for tennis and netball.	WBRC	○ EHDC	Funded (S106).
Liphook Recreation Ground	Bowls	○ Enhance quality of green at Liphook Bowls Club.	Liphook Bowls Club	○ Liphook Parish Council ○ England Bowls ○ EHDC	To be determined and secured.
NW					
Alton Sports Centre	Swimming, Sports Hall sports, Health & Fitness, squash, climbing	○ Replace with new centre on adjacent site.	EHDC	Everyone Active	Funded (JV).
Medstead Tennis Club	Tennis	○ Court resurfacing.	Medstead Tennis Club	○ Medstead Parish Council	To be determined and secured.
Jubilee Sports Field	Athletics (and pitch sports)	○ Replace the changing facilities (for multisport). ○ Provide way-marked off road circular route around perimeter.	Alton Town Council	○ ECB/FA/FF (see PPS) ○ England Athletics ○ EHDC	To be determined and secured.
Anstey Park	Netball, Tennis	○ Upgrade the two netball courts and lighting (adjacent to skate park).	Alton Town Council	○ England Netball ○ Alton Ants NC	Funded (S106).
Energique	Squash	○ Establish opportunities for squash club access and any court/changing enhancement needs to accommodate this use.	EHDC	○ Energique ○ England Squash ○ Alton Squash Academy	To be determined and secured.
Southern Parishes					
Horndean College	Sports Hall sports	○ Resand and reseal sports hall floor and line markings.	College		To be determined and secured.
St James' Place, Clanfield	Bowls	○ Provide new 6 rink green and pavilion.	Developer	○ EHDC ○ Clanfield Parish Council	*Completed.*

Site	Sport(s)	Action	Lead	Partners	Resources
				○ Clanfield Bowls & Social Club	
Windmill View, Green Lane, Clanfield	Tennis	○ Provide 2 new courts and changing in new community building.	Developer	○ EHDC ○ Clanfield Parish Council	

5.2 Longer Term (3+ years)

Site	Sport(s)	Action	Lead	Partners	Resources
SDNP					
Penns Place	Tennis	○ Establish feasibility of providing floodlit tennis courts as part of expanded sports hub *(see PPS)*.	EHDC	Petersfield Town Council LTA	To be determined and secured.
Steep Tennis Club	Tennis	○ Provide showers to changing rooms.	Steep Tennis Club		To be determined and secured.
NE					
Former Prince Philip Barracks	Bowls	○ Provide new 6 rink green and pavilion.	WBRC	○ EHDC ○ Whitehill & Bordon TC ○ BOSC ○ Bowls England	Funded (S106).
Kingsley Tennis Centre	Tennis	○ Establish the feasibility and business case of increasing the number of outdoor courts to increase capacity in peak and grow team tennis and tournament events.	Kingsley Tennis Centre	○ LTA ○ EHDC	To be determined and secured.
NW					
To be determined	Gymnastics Trampolining	○ Identify suitable premises for conversion to a dedicated centre. ○ Develop business plan and feasibility.	Alton GC	○ British Gymnastics ○ EHDC ○ Alpha TC ○ Alton TC	To be determined and secured.
Four Marks Recreation Ground	Tennis, Football, Bowls	○ Extend pavilion for multisports, youth and social uses.	FourMarks Parish Council	○ EHDC ○ User clubs	To be determined and secured.
Southern Parishes					
Rowlands Castle Recreation Ground	Tennis	○ Establish the feasibility of providing LED floodlighting to courts for year round play.	Rowlands Castle Tennis Club	○ Rowlands Castle Parish Council	To be determined and secured.
To be determined	Swimming	○ Keep supply and demand changes in the 20 minute drive time catchment area of the SP under review to determine any need for additional water space .	EHDC	Swim England	n/a

6. Conclusion

This Sports Facility Strategy forms an integral part of the overall Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study for East Hampshire District Council and importantly represents a key element of the evidence base for the emerging Local Plans for both East Hamshire District and for the South Downs National Park.

The strategy has identified the likely impact of the population growth currently projected on demand for built sports facilities within East Hampshire. It has been established that the current supply, with the recommended project investments, will provide the capacity required to meet the priority needs of the communities in East Hampshire to 2028 (the current Local Plan period) based on population growth currently forecast.

Whilst the current and forecast population increases are accounted for within the priority projects, there is a high degree of uncertainty as to future allocations for new housing associated with the emerging South Downs Local Plan and future reviews of the East Hampshire District Local Plan. Should new allocations be made that result in substantially greater population growth than the current projections, there will be more demand for playing pitches than accounted for in this strategy. Such changes in the picture of demand should be taken into account (along with any changes in supply) in the process of periodic review and updating the strategy and action plan.