



## Playing Pitch Strategy – Whitehill and Bordon

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### Executive Summary

This playing pitch assessment has been developed in line with Sport England's guidance set out in Sport England's Playing Pitch Guidance October 2013. The assessment has been carried out to establish whether there is sufficient playing pitch provision in the regeneration area of Whitehill and Bordon and also including nearby Headley. Headley is included as clubs there draw significant membership from the adjacent town.

There are a number of strategic recommendations and actions for individual sites which consider a range of options across football, cricket, rugby, hockey and the non-pitch sports of bowls and tennis within the sub area.

The report considers current levels of active participation from clubs based within Whitehill and Bordon including Headley, their playing pitch requirements and the facilities available for use. Where additional provision has been considered on MoD, private and school grounds, current and future carrying capacity has been considered. Consideration is also given to the potential for clubs to increase teams in the future, quality of facilities and the secured future of playing pitches.

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

The assessment has identified that some existing facilities in Whitehill and Bordon including Headley are of poor or standard quality and are not able to cope with current or future demand. In addition to new facility provision, the strategy identifies qualitative improvements required to improve existing facilities to enable facilities to cope with increased usage from significant population growth during the lifetime of the Whitehill and Bordon regeneration programme.

The Playing Pitch Assessment has identified existing and future deficiencies in playing pitch facilities and the non-pitch sports of bowls and tennis to meet the needs of Whitehill and Bordon residents including Headley. The strategy facility requirements will seek to address the deficiencies by securing provision of new facilities or contributions from development to provide new or improved facilities.

The long term future of sites outside the control of the local authority, particularly the two MOD sites which form part of the existing useable provision (BOSC and Western Road, Louisburg), have significant influence on the current and future provision as does Budds Lane and the Daly Ground and the provision of facilities at the proposed new secondary school. Clarity on the role of pitch provision outside the control of the local authority in the study area is fundamental to ensuring future provision is appropriately planned.

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The Ministry of Defence has announced that it will be leaving Whitehill and Bordon at the end of 2015 and relocating its mechanical and electrical training activities to new facilities at Lyneham, Wiltshire. This relocation provides the town with a once in a lifetime opportunity for regeneration.
- 1.1.2 The regeneration area of Whitehill & Bordon (the Strategic Development Area) includes the following Wards – Lindford, Whitehill Chase, Whitehill Deadwater, Whitehill Hogmore, Whitehill Pinewood and Whitehill Walldown. These are shown in Map 1.
- 1.1.3 In April 2014 Max Associates were commissioned to provide advice to East Hampshire District Council on appropriate sports facilities needed to mitigate the development of up to 4,000 new homes in Whitehill and Bordon up to 2036.
- 1.1.4 Having reviewed ‘East Hampshire District Council Whitehill Bordon and North East Area Open Space (Part 1), Playing Pitch (Part 2) and Built Sports Facilities Assessment (Part 3) October 2011’. Max Associates presented a report in May 2014 advising that :
- There was a robust basis for going forward to assess built facilities needs in relation to the future population growth of the town.
  - The earlier assessment of pitches study is now out of date and that this is compounded by recent significant Sport England changes to the Playing Pitch Assessments and the Football Associations changes to Youth Football and pitch formats.
- 1.1.5 East Hampshire District Council met with Sport England to discuss the way forward. At this meeting it was agreed that a pragmatic mitigations approach to meeting sporting need could be developed by the Council and its partners in view of the three related planning applications being submitted in rapid succession this year (2104).
- 1.1.6 Since that meeting planning applications for Quebec Barracks (100 homes) and Louisburg Barracks (500 homes) have been received for consideration by the Council. Quebec Barracks has now been fully approved and Louisburg Barracks has received outline consent subject to conditions and reserved matters. . In addition, proposals for funding and building a new secondary school in Budds Lane from autumn 2016 are at an advanced feasibility stage. An outline application from DIO for 2,400 homes and a new town centre on the Prince Phillips site is anticipated shortly.

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### Scope

- 1.1.7 East Hampshire District Council commissioned Max Associates to carry out a mini area assessment following the Sport England Methodology for Playing Pitch Strategies (October 2013) as far as was practicable possible within the time frame.
- 1.1.8 This Whitehill and Bordon Playing Pitch Strategy document sets out a playing pitch sports facilities assessment which considers the adequacy of provision for key pitch sports, specifically football, cricket, rugby and hockey. It summarises the data collected as part of the assessment (see Technical Appendices) and identifies the strategic requirements for provision in Whitehill and Bordon, including Headley, which result from the assessment.
- 1.1.9 This Playing Pitch Strategy provides the evidence base and facilities required to meet the need for new or improved outdoor playing pitch provision as a result of the major new housing development planned for the town. It will apply to both new on site facilities provided within new housing development and developer contributions secured to provide or improve off site facilities which are required to mitigate the additional population demand arising from development.
- 1.1.10 The evidence base can also be used by partners, and clubs to assist them in applying for funding.
- 1.1.11 The strategy also identifies the need to work with Hampshire County Council, town and parish councils, schools and the Ministry of Defence/DIO to ensure community use of sites for now and in the future.

### Methodology

- 1.1.12 The area of the Playing Pitch Strategy covers the regeneration area of Whitehill and Bordon. However, there is a cricket and football club in nearby Headley. From consultation with Headley Football and Cricket Club it became clear that both of the clubs membership catchment areas covered Whitehill and Bordon and it was agreed with East Hampshire District Council to include Headley Cricket Club and Headley Football Club in this playing pitch assessment.
- 1.1.13 The strategy has been developed in line with guidance by Sport England (Playing Pitch Guidance, An approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy) 2013.
- Stage A (Step 1) – of the methodology is to prepare and tailor the approach.

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- Stage B: Steps 2 & 3 - Gather supply and demand information and views. Information was gathered on both the supply of pitches and the demand for these pitches, specifically:
  - Supply – site details, see Appendix 1, accessibility and overall quality of current provision, including the use of Sport England's Active Places database, existing records of pitch provision, Sport England's non-technical visual quality assessment template, views of East Hampshire District Council, Whitehill Town Council, Hampshire County Council, GVA the Ministry of Defences Agents, NGBs (via Sport England), schools and user clubs
  - Demand, see Appendix 2- teams and their match and training requirements, casual and educational demand as well as displaced and latent demand, through consultation with clubs.
  - Details of potential changes to the future pitch stock, as well as projected and aspirational increases in participation
- Stage C: Steps 4, 5 & 6 – Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views. The supply and demand information collated has been used to:
  - understand the situation at individual sites
  - develop the current and projected future pictures of provision
  - identify the key findings and issues that need to be addressed.
- Stage D: Steps 7 & 8 – Developing the recommendations and action plan and writing and adopting the strategy

### **East Hampshire – Sport England Active People Participation in Sport**

- 1.1.14 The Sport England Active People Survey tracks people that participate in sport at region, county sports partnership and Local Authority level.
- 1.1.15 The table below identifies that the Adult population (14+) in East Hampshire participate (37.5%) at least once a week which is slightly lower than the South East (38.0%) but higher than England (36.7%).

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### Adult (14+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week)

Geography	Participation rate
East Hampshire	37.5%
South East	38.0%
England	36.7%

Source: Active People Survey, Year: 2012/13 (APS7)

Measure: Adult participation, aged 14+

^ 1 session a week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days)

1.1.16 The table below shows the former N18 key performance indicator of participating 3 x a week. It shows that participation across East Hampshire has increased from 2005/2006 (24.3%) to 2011/2013 (28.1%). East Hampshire has a higher participation rate in sport than the South East and England.

Indicator	Year	East Hampshire			South East			England		
		All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
12+ days /	2005/06	24.3%	27.4%	21.3%	22.9%	25.4%	20.6%	21.3%	24.0%	18.7%
3x30 - N18	2011/13	28.1%	30.2%	26.1%	25.7%	28.6%	23.0%	24.7%	28.3%	21.3%

Source: Sport England Active People Survey

1.1.17 The table below shows the top 5 sports that people participate in across East Hampshire District Council with regional and England comparisons. Football, cricket, rugby union and hockey are not in the top 5 sports participated in East Hampshire. The four playing pitch sports do not feature in the sports that people want to participate more in. These are cycling and swimming (Source Sport England Active People Data).

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Sport	East Hampshire		South East		England	
	No. (000s)	Rate	No. (000s)	Rate	No. (000s)	Rate
Swimming	10.3	11.7%	10.7	12.2%	4,896.9	11.5%
Gym	8.0	9.1%	9.5	10.9%	4,622.7	10.9%
Cycling	7.8	8.9%	8.3	9.5%	3,458.9	8.1%
Athletics	7.6	8.7%	5.9	6.7%	2,778.8	6.5%
Fitness & Conditioning	6.2	7.1%	5.8	6.6%	2,854.7	6.7%

Source: Active People Survey 7, 2012/13

Measure: Participation rate of the top 5 sports and the number of adults (16+) that participate at least once per month.

### Aims and Objectives

- 1.1.18 The overall aim of this document is to ensure that Whitehill and Bordon residents have access to good quality playing pitch sports facilities now and in the future as the population grows by 50% over the life of the regeneration programme.
- 1.1.19 It is an objective of the strategy to secure (subject to viability) facility provision and or developer contributions from new development to ensure that playing pitch facilities meet the needs of Whitehill and Bordon residents now and in the future.
- 1.1.20 The strategy also seeks to work in partnership with HCC and schools to ensure community access to playing pitch facilities that are provided by schools now and in the future.

## 2 Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration

- 2.1.1 The regeneration area of Whitehill & Bordon (the Strategic Development Area) includes the following Wards – Lindford, Whitehill Chase, Whitehill Deadwater, Whitehill Hogmore, Whitehill Pinewood and Whitehill Walldown.



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- 2.1.2 For the purposes of this assessment Headley Ward has been included. Headley Ward includes Headley Playing Fields, home to Headley Football Club who have stated that a significant proportion of their members come from Whitehill and Bordon. It is also considered that Headley Cricket club provides the nearest youth cricket teams and with Lindford Cricket Club, adult cricket teams.
- 2.1.3 Whitehill & Bordon's regeneration puts the outstanding natural environment at the heart of the regeneration.
- 2.1.4 This means that new facilities, leisure opportunities, jobs, education, infrastructure and housing will be provided to enhance this unique area and create a model sustainable community that is recognised locally, regionally and nationally. Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration is known as the 'Green Town'.

### **The Mission Statement for the 'Green Town' Regeneration is as follows:**

- 2.1.5 The Whitehill & Bordon regeneration project partners - East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, Defence Infrastructure Organisation, Homes and Communities Agency and Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership - are committed to achieving the high quality economic transformation of the town and surrounding communities for the benefit of the existing community and future residents set within an expansive, unique and beautiful natural environment.
- 2.1.6 The transformation will be achieved through the implementation of 4 major planning applications that will seek to deliver 5,500 quality jobs from a mix of sectors and up to 4000 high quality homes, a vibrant new town centre; an extensive package of enhanced social and community infrastructure (new secondary school with dual use indoor and outdoor sports facilities and a new primary school with outdoor sports facilities) ; with excellent accessibility within the town linking existing and new neighbourhoods.
- 2.1.7 When planning for growth East Hampshire District Council must ensure that its policy for playing pitch facilities seeks to provide a range of good quality, accessible facilities which support the current and future residents of Whitehill and Bordon in leading active lifestyles. This is endorsed by Policy CP18 of the recently adopted Development Plan for East Hampshire.
- 2.1.8 This strategy has established current sports pitch needs and aspirations and assessed the requirements for the future.
- 2.1.9 The assessment has identified that some existing facilities in Whitehill and Bordon are of poor or standard quality and are not able to cope with current or future demand. In addition to new facility provision the strategy identifies qualitative improvements required to improve existing facilities to enable facilities to cope with increased usage from significant population growth.

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### 3 Playing Pitches NPPF Planning Policy

3.1.1 The NPPF Planning Policy states Protection of Existing Facilities – The loss of existing or allocated playing pitch facilities, will not be permitted unless:

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

3.1.2 Core Policy 17 of the East Hampshire Development Plan strongly supports the first two bullet points of the national policy set out above.

#### “CP17 PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION AND BUILT FACILITIES

Development that results in the loss of a sport, recreation or play facility will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that:

- a) there is a surplus of provision according to the local open space and built facilities standards; or
- b) alternative facilities of equal or better quality and quantity can be provided in an equally accessible location”.

3.1.3 Planning consent for replacement facilities within the Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration area will include appropriate conditions and will be subject to a Section 106 agreement. Developers may also be required to make contributions towards maintenance and running costs.

3.1.4 Playing Pitch Deficiency – The strategy has identified existing and future deficiencies in playing pitch facilities to meet the needs of Whitehill and Bordon residents. The strategy’s facility requirements will seek to address the deficiencies by securing provision of new facilities or contributions from development to provide new or improved existing facilities.

3.1.5 The Playing Pitch Strategy will aspire to ensure that all new or improved playing pitch facilities will be constructed in accordance with Sport England and National Governing Bodies for Sport guidance.

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3.1.6 The strategy seeks to work in partnership with facility providers, National Governing Bodies for Sport and Sport England to secure external funding for the priorities that have been identified. The strategy will also secure (subject to viability) S106 and CIL (CIL from developments outside the Whitehill and Bordon Strategic Regeneration Area) contributions from development to meet the strategy requirements.

### 4 Football Summary

#### 4.1 Context

4.1.1 The Football Association is the governing body responsible for football in England. Facility improvement will be a focus in delivering their 'Whole Sport Plan 2013 – 2017' and will underpin the different programmes being rolled out to drive participation. A sum of £30 million has been set aside for investment in football and multi-sport facilities via Sport England and the Football Association.

4.1.2 The Hampshire County Football Association has responsibility for football in East Hampshire District Council's Whitehill and Bordon Area; the teams that play in Whitehill and Bordon affiliate to Hampshire County Football Association.

4.1.3 The Hampshire FA's strategy for investment in facilities is in line with the FA's Strategy. The FA's priorities for 2013 to 2015 are as follows:

- **Natural grass pitch improvements and maintenance:** Grants will be made to support the development of new and improved natural grass pitches. Additional support will be made available to clubs wishing to develop their own skills in the future maintenance of natural grass, through relevant training and advice.
- **Development of new Artificial Grass Pitches:** The latest Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs) are capable of supporting (carrying) much greater activity than natural grass. An increasing number of leagues are allowing games to be played on these surfaces and many grassroots clubs compete to access them for training purposes. The FA estimates that a typical full-sized floodlit AGP can accommodate the training needs of up to 60 teams in any given week let alone wider use for matches and informal participation. The FA will continue to work with Leagues and Competitions to encourage appropriate use of AGPs.
- **Refurbishment of old Artificial Grass Pitches:** The FA will work closely with other relevant National Governing Bodies and map out priority sites where existing old-style pitches might be replaced to reflect local need / demand. This will offer a value for money approach to sustaining and growing participation and at the same time create a financially sustainable network of AGP sites in England.

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- **Provision of suitable changing accommodation and toilet facilities:** The FA will seek to ensure that suitable proposals for improvements to changing rooms and associated facilities are properly assessed against need and value for money, and that standards are put in place that are consistent with the needs of clubs at all levels. New construction methods will be assessed and implemented where these meet with local needs and are cost effective.
- **Small Grants Programme for modest facility improvements:** This programme will continue and will aim to address the often very basic facility requirements of clubs. The FA and Football Foundation will set down some broad guidelines for access to this funding although the intention will be to minimise red tape and keep access as open as possible.
- **New/replacement goalposts:** In support of the proposed implementation of 9 v 9 football and other flexible formats of the game, a dedicated fund for new/replacement goalposts will be established through the Football Foundation. The FA will also ensure that awareness regarding goalpost safety is refreshed and publicised. Funding to replace unsafe goalposts will continue.

4.1.4 The Football Association (FA) recently concluded its Youth Development Review, which has made changes to formats and facilities within grassroots youth football from the football season 2013/14 onwards.

4.1.5 The proposals include raising the minimum age for a competitive leagues, developing small sided football and introducing a 9- a-side game for Under 12s. The FA has set a range of revised pitch sizes, better suited to the needs of children of different ages.

### Supply

- 4.1.6 There are 23 individual grass football pitches across Whitehill and Bordon, including Headley, of which 18 are currently secured for formal community use. These include:
- 10 adult football pitches (of which 5 are available for secured community use and a further 5 have no community use and are on MoD land);
  - 8 junior football pitches (of which 7 have current formal community use and 1 informal community use); and
  - mini soccer pitches (of which all 5 are available for secured community use).

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- 4.1.7 The distribution of all pitch sites with community use that are accessible to the local community is illustrated on Map 2. Map 3 shows the distribution of the football pitch sites with no community use and includes the Whitehill Club site which is disused.
- 4.1.8 There are single pitch sites at Western Road (Louisburg), and the Laundry Pitch. The larger sites are BOSC, Mill Chase Recreation Ground and Headley Playing Fields. Lindford Sports Club provides for cricket as well as football.
- 4.1.9 There is only one good standard quality pitch site this is Western Road and one poor site Mill Chase School Playing Field (Hollywater). The remainder of the playing pitch sites are of standard quality.
- 4.1.10 BOSC Club house/ Pavilion is of a poor quality standard.
- 4.1.11 There is one artificial 3G pitch site at Mill Chase School adjacent to Mill Chase Recreation Ground and Mill Chase School Playing Fields (Hollywater). This pitch plays a very important role in providing training facilities for the local clubs but and has recently passed an FA test that allows the pitch to be played for competitive football.

### **Demand**

- 4.1.12 In Whitehill and Bordon there are 5 clubs providing 30 teams. With the inclusion of Headley FC who have stated that a large number of their members come from Whitehill and Bordon this makes 6 clubs providing for 49 formal community teams playing in leagues at varying levels of the football pyramid, up to Step 7. The breakdown of these teams include:
- 13 adult male and 1 adult female football teams;
  - 19 junior male and 3 junior female football teams; and
  - 13 mini soccer teams.
- 4.1.13 There are two clubs (Wey Valley FC and Headley FC) that provide opportunities for progression through the club system, and run both junior and senior teams.
- 4.1.14 The peak day for adult football is Saturday afternoon 46% and junior football is Sunday morning 68%. This means that demand is particularly high at these time. Mini soccer is played on a Saturday morning 100%.

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4.1.15 Whitehill Town Council and Headley Parish Council own the majority of pitches in Whitehill and Bordon including Headley. Hampshire County Council Education, Ministry of Defence and a Private Sports Club own the remaining community use pitches.

4.1.16 There is no unmet demand expressed by clubs.

4.1.17 There is no identified displaced demand. Displaced demand is where Whitehill and Bordon clubs would be accessing the use of pitches outside the area.

### **Key Issues of Current Provision**

4.1.18 The key issues of provision for football has been assessed through a detailed consultation programme and calculations and scenario testing. The data has been collected by carrying out site by site non-technical assessments, and consultation with clubs to identify an agreed assessment of quality for each site. This has then enabled the capacity analysis of each pitch. Sport England have relayed NGBs comments and these have been considered as part of the assessment.

4.1.19 The assessment (as detailed in the technical appendix ) reveals the following:

- In quantitative terms, when including all pitches that are secured for community use, the Sport England Playing Pitch model which is a numerical model which has been used to reflect the existing situation by using data on existing teams and pitches and peak periods of play. The model reveals that there is a small current surplus of adult pitches across Whitehill and Bordon including Headley. There are 1.8 adult pitches spare on a peak day.
- There is a current surplus of 1 junior pitches currently at peak times and there are enough mini soccer pitches to meet demand. However, the junior surplus is theoretical, as inclement weather regularly impacts on the availability of junior pitches, particularly at Mill Chase Recreation Ground and Mill Chase School Playing Fields (Hollywater) where the pitches are on a flood plain and a high water table. On a number of occasions last season games were cancelled at Mill Chase Recreation Ground. If one junior pitch was to be lost, such as the redevelopment of the sole good quality pitch at Western Road for housing, there would be a deficit of 1 junior pitch at peak times.
- While in the above scenario (when including all pitches that are formally secured for community use) there is enough provision on a peak day to accommodate existing demand, the spread of demand means that there are relatively high amounts of play at other times of the week too, with 54% of adult football taking place on Sundays (although this is split morning and afternoon), as well as 32% of junior football taking place on a Saturday means that pitches are used throughout the weekend. Wey Valley FC operates a

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pitch booking system on its web site for all its teams to ensure that all match games and training are programmed at pitch sites that they have use of.

- There is an imbalance in the levels of usage across the wider town area. While some sites are heavily used e.g. Headley FC adult and junior 11 v 11 (overplayed), there are some sites which receive less or no use, for example, Lindford adult football pitch as the club using the facility has folded.
- There is some rotation of pitches by Wey Valley FC but other clubs do not rotate and as a result, some pitches sustain much more use than others. This is particularly evident at Headley Playing Fields where the adult and junior 11 v 11 pitches are overplayed.
- Clubs' home grounds at Wey Valley FC and Headley Playing Fields receive high levels of use and the grounds at these clubs are already at the capacity they can sustain.
- For most clubs it is the quality of pitches and lack of changing facilities that is the main issue raised.
- Pitch maintenance programmes are currently mainly carried out by the clubs themselves. Wey Valley FC maintain Laundry Pitch and Mill Chase Recreation Ground (above the basic standard provided by the Town Council), BOSC United maintain BOSC and Headley Parish Council maintain Headley Playing Fields with assistance from the various sports clubs.
- There are also issues with wear and tear (generated by heavy use of some pitches) and drainage. Drainage issues can be found at Mill Chase Recreation Ground and there is heavy use of the adult pitch at Headley Playing Fields. The quality of sites is perceived by users to be of a mainly standard quality across Whitehill and Bordon with the exception of the good standard pitch at Western Road and this is also evident from site visits carried out for this study.
- Some clubs have aspirations to improve the standard at which they play- Headley First team are in the Step 7 Football League Pyramid Club in the Hampshire Premier League and Wey Valley First Team are in the Senior Division of the Aldershot and District Saturday League. If Wey Valley were to gain promotion from this league it would be into Step 7. Both clubs have longer term aspirations to improve their football league pyramid positions to at least Step 5. It is essential that this is considered in the planning of pitches and provision of support for the longer term development of football in the area. To provide an element of future proofing, two sites have been identified as possible future FA Step 5 locations- these are Hollywater and the Whitehill Club.

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- The existing 3G pitch at Mill Chase School, although suitable for training and coach education, has recently been registered with the FA as a playing facility for the next three years and will be an essential facility for junior football development. There is an essential requirement arising from the town’s planned growth for an additional 3G pitch at the proposed new Academy School at Budds Lane. This new 3G pitch is required in order to allow the existing adult pitches at Headley Playing Fields and Mill Chase Recreation Ground to be remarked for junior pitches. It is also needed to accommodate increased future demand for senior football pitches and to mitigate the loss of pitches as part of the HCA’s planning application at Western Road, Louisburg. It is anticipated that the new 3G pitch at Budds Lane will also replace the DIO Daly Ground as this is a part of the new school development site. The new 3G pitch should provide for competitive games up to and including Step 7 of the FA pyramid level.

4.1.20 While it is essential to ensure that provision is adequate to meet current demand, this strategy must also facilitate planning to meet future demand. The table below identifies the requirements for football pitches 2014 – 2029. The table takes into account the current 2014 surplus and deficiency, latent and sports development demand and future population growth using team generation rates indicates that additional adult and junior pitches will be required. The shortfall in the future will be 1 senior pitch, 3 Junior 11 v 11 pitches, 3 junior 9 v 9 pitches, 2 mini 7 v 7 and 1 mini 5 v 5 pitch.

<b>Requirements for Football Pitches 2014 – 2029</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Junior 11 V 11</b>	<b>Junior 9 V 9</b>	<b>Junior 7 V 7</b>	<b>Mini 5 V 5</b>
Current 2014 Surplus and deficiency	1.8	0.5	0	0	0
Latent and Sports Development Demand Additional Pitch Requirements	+1.5	+1.5	+2	+1	+1
Future Population Growth Additional Pitch Requirements	+1	+1.15	+0.45	+0.2	-0.5
Future Surplus and deficiency 2035	-0.7	-2.15	-2.45	-1.2	-0.5

### Summary of Key Issues to Address

4.1.21 The key issues to address are:



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- Future playing pitch demand for senior adult and junior football as a result of latent and sports development demand and an increase in population.
- Improvements need to be made to existing pitches and changing facilities.
- Imbalance of use between sites, with some facilities at capacity and others hardly used- and the provision of a strategic reserve.

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

1. Protection of all community use and informal community use pitches across Whitehill and Bordon including Headley. Also to ensure provision of a 3G artificial pitch on the new school site at Budds Lane suitable for FA Step 7 competitive games to replace the Daly Ground pitch and mitigation for the loss of Louisburg pitch (Western Road).
2. Ensure all teams are playing on the right size pitches – particularly at Headley Playing Fields
3. To maximise the use of existing resources and to address future deficiencies in senior and junior football. This can be achieved through community use agreements at school sites and MoD sites that are currently important to sport in Whitehill and Bordon or have the potential to be. These priority sites include:
  - Mill Chase School Playing Field (Hollywater) – Unsecured informal access of playing pitch.
  - Western Road – Secured access to December 2014 – requires an extension option for the short term as a condition of the planning approval until the replacement pitch of equal size and quality is provided as part of the wider planning applications.
  - BOSC – Lease from MoD has run out, and pending future MoD planning application there is no security for continuing access.
  - New School Site Budds Lane – Essential base for adult senior football on a 3G pitch as replacement for the Daly Ground pitch and mitigation for loss of the Louisburg (Western Road) junior pitch.
  - Any future secondary and primary schools – ensure community use agreements are introduced with sufficient weekend use availability.

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4. Essential to provide a 3G pitch at the new secondary school for competitive play as well as retaining the 3G pitch at the existing Mill Chase School for junior football development (the current 3G pitch has a legal funding agreement between HCC and Sport England requiring its retention until at least 2019). The current 3G pitch at Mill Chase School is an important good quality asset and its longer term retention or replacement should be explored with Hampshire County Council.
5. Improve pitch quality and ancillary provision by:
  - Seeking to provide changing accommodation at all adult football sites to include facilities for women and girls and as a minimum toilet provision at junior and mini football sites to include toilets for women and girls.
  - Address the drainage issues for Wey Valley FC at Mill Chase Recreation Ground - This is being caused by an un-adopted drain with root blockage.
  - Protect and or re provide the only good pitch at junior level at Western Road – the loss of one junior pitch will mean a deficit in current provision at peak time.
  - Address quality issues at key sites – BOSC in particular.
  - Address the over play of the adult and junior 11 v 11 pitch at Headley Playing Fields
  - Support clubs in the creation of higher specification pitches where there is a need for club progression.
6. Establish a sports council/ sports action group across Whitehill and Bordon, including Headley, so there are clear routes of communication and all decisions are taken with a full understanding of needs and aspirations.
7. Work with the FA to support clubs with asset transfer / management agreements where clubs are able to demonstrate long term development plans and have achieved the appropriate accreditations.

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### CRICKET

#### Pitch Supply

4.1.23 There are 4 cricket pitches in Whitehill and Bordon including Headley:

- Bordon and Oakhanger Sports Club – site leased and managed by the club from the MoD. Includes pavilion and changing facilities and a grass square. The grass square has not been maintained for at least a season. The poor condition wooden pavilion requires replacement. This pitch is no longer used. This pitch would have been a secure community use site.
- Lindford Sports Club – Has a grass square and contains both grass and artificial wickets. This pitch has secured community use.
- Headley Cricket Club – Owned by Headley Parish Council and includes grass square and artificial wicket. Site contains pavilion and changing accommodation. Grounds are good and the pavilion is excellent. The artificial wicket requires replacing and there is low water pressure from the pavilion to the cricket square. This pitch has secure community use.
- Bordon Garrison – managed by MoD. Not used for some time – includes a grass square. There are plans to develop the site. This pitch has never been used by the community so has no secured community use.

#### Demand

4.1.24 There are 11 teams in total and participation is largely focused on two clubs, Lindford Cricket Club (2 teams) and Headley Cricket Club (9 teams).

4.1.25 Current participation in adult cricket is spread across the weekend, with 83% taking place on a Saturday afternoon, 17% on Sunday afternoon. Junior participation takes place midweek. This means that adult demand at peak time on a Saturday is high and there is a deficit of 1 adult pitch.

#### Quality of provision

4.1.26 There is an issue around capacity and sufficient pitches at peak times.

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- Provision is above the amount required to meet demand at peak times if BOSC is included. But due to the quality of provision there is a need for 1 additional square to be put into use at peak times on a Saturday.
- Population growth is likely to have limited impact on the demand for cricket pitches across Whitehill and Bordon including Headley. However, latent demand has been identified by Headley CC which identifies a 4<sup>th</sup> Team X1 and a girls' team.
- Site by site analysis reveals that there is spare capacity at the two main club sites to meet demand during the week. This can only continue if the non-turf wickets at both sites are in good repair particularly at Headley where junior games are played mid-week using the non-turf wicket. There will be a requirement to replace the non-grass wicket at Headley Cricket Club in the near future.
- The quality of facilities at the two key clubs is standard,
- There is a need to develop the BOSC site for cricket to meet demand at peak times.

### Key Issues

4.1.27 The key issues for cricket are:

1. The amount of provision is sufficient to meet current and future demand but improvements need to be made to BOSC together with future security of use..
2. There are quality improvements required at BOSC and Headley CC to ensure the sustainability of cricket at these sites.
3. There are plans to develop the Bordon Garrison cricket pitch site for housing. This site is surplus to requirements for cricket- it has not been used by the community and with investment in BOSC this would be sufficient for cricket currently and in the future.

### Key Priorities

4.1.28 Strategically there is a need to:

1. Retain and protect the cricket facilities on the existing club sites Lindford, Headley and BOSC.

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2. Provide the required quality improvements to BOSC – cricket square, outfield and new pavilion.
3. Support Headley Cricket Club to provide a new artificial cricket wicket and identify how and when this can be replaced.

### **Rugby Union and Hockey**

- 4.1.29 No rugby or hockey clubs have been identified in the town study area.
- 4.1.30 The nearest sand filled/dressed artificial grass pitch is at Bohunt School, Longmoor Road, Liphook. We understand this is used as an overspill facility by Petersfield Hockey Club. Mill Chase School currently play hockey on the 32mm AGP at Mill Chase School. It is essential to retain the 32mm pitch for both hockey and football junior development and training.
- 4.1.31 There is currently little demand for Rugby Union and Hockey in Whitehill and Bordon. Those who wish to play travel and play for teams in Petersfield and or Guildford.
- 4.1.32 Rugby Union pitches are provided at Mill Chase School Playing Fields (Hollywater) but the pitch is significantly below standard. A second rugby pitch of good quality is behind the wire and owned by the MoD. The MoD pitch which is next to Bordon Garrison Swimming Pool is due to be lost due the proposed development. As a minimum the current Mill Chase School rugby pitch must be replaced on the new proposed secondary school site at Budds Lane.

### **Key Priorities**

- 4.1.33 Protect and ensure a rugby pitch is maintained at any new secondary school.

### **Non-Pitch Sport – Bowls**

- 4.1.34 This section evaluates the adequacy of facilities for bowls and considers:
  - The supply of greens and demand for these greens
  - The adequacy of greens in the Whitehill and Bordon Area for Bowls
  - Summary and Issues to Address

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### Supply

4.1.35 There are no identified bowls greens in the Whitehill and Bordon Area. In the past there was a green at the former Whitehill Club. The bowls venues identified close to Whitehill and Bordon are:

- Headley Bowls Club – Headley Playing Fields – 4 rink bowls green and 60 members
- Liphook Bowls Club – Bramshott Recreation Ground - 6 rink bowls green 70 members

### Demand

4.1.36 Sport England Market Segmentation identifies 30 people that play bowls currently within a 1 km catchment area of Bordon Garrison Swimming Pool.

4.1.37 The rate of participation in bowls for those who would like to play, but do not, is lower within a 1km catchment area of Bordon Garrison Swimming Pool - 14 people. This indicates a low level of latent demand across the area.

### National Governing Body Perspective

4.1.38 Bowls England does not have a facility strategy, but it does have a strategic plan, whereby it wishes to reverse participation trends and increase participation. It does however realise this may not occur in the lifetime of its current strategic plan 2014 – 2017.

### Meeting Future Demand

4.1.39 The assessment of the need for bowls facilities does not lend itself to the estimation of demand used in other sports or the use of Team Generation Rates.

4.1.40 There is an obvious area of unmet demand currently due to there being no bowls greens available for community use in the town. According to Sport England's Market Segmentation Tool, 30 people are currently participating in Bowls within 1 km of Bordon Garrison Swimming Pool.

4.1.41 One would reasonably assume that some of these people participating are playing at Headley Bowls Club. A further 14 people would like to participate - this does not mean that all 14 would do so.

4.1.42 The Sport England Facilities Calculator suggests that with the future increased population from new housing over the next 20 years there is a requirement for two bowls rinks within Whitehill and Bordon.

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4.1.43 With the general decline in bowls participation rates it is not economically practical to develop such a small 2 rink bowls green. The focus should be on protecting existing provision and to seek to invest in this provision. The nearest Bowls Club to Whitehill and Bordon is Headley which currently provides for 4 rinks. It would be more beneficial to invest in a further two rinks at this site or to improve the quality of the green and shelter. However, off site contributions from Section 106 funding may not be feasible.

### **Summary and Key Issues**

4.1.44 The key issue for bowls is to:

- focus on improving the quality of existing provision (subject to funding) through support for green improvements, shelters and watering systems, and if possible providing 2 additional rinks at Headley if this is feasible through Section 106 funding from the Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration.

### **Tennis**

4.1.45 This section evaluates the adequacy of facilities for tennis and considers:

- The supply of courts and demand for these courts
- The adequacy of courts in Whitehill and Bordon for Tennis
- Summary and Issues to Address

### **Supply**

4.1.46 The tennis courts and tennis clubs within Whitehill and Bordon are:

- 2 disused courts can be found at Bordon and Oakhanger Sports Club – tarmacadam
- There are 2 courts at the current Mill Chase School - tarmacadam

4.1.47 The tennis court facilities near to Whitehill and Bordon are:

- Headley Tennis Club – Headley Playing Fields Mill Lane - Approximately 110 members of all ages, there are two floodlit courts and a practice wall.

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- Kingsley Indoor Tennis Club – Main Road Kingsley Bordon - 4 indoor courts and 2 clay courts.

### **Demand**

- 4.1.48 Sport England Market Segmentation identifies 84 people that play tennis currently within a 1 km catchment area of Bordon Garrison Swimming Pool.
- 4.1.49 The rate of participation in tennis for those who would like to play is slightly higher within a 1km catchment area of Bordon Garrison Swimming pool - 96 people. This indicates a high level of latent demand across the area. This latent demand could be due to the lack of facilities in the immediate area.

### **National Governing Body Perspective**

- 4.1.50 The LTA National facility strategy is set out in Places to Play. The facility element of the LTA places to play strategy focuses on:
- improving facilities at high quality places to play: Enhancing facility provision at performance venues and Tennis Clubmark accredited places to play;
  - tennis in community settings: Beacon sites - supporting LA's to bring back into use existing community tennis facilities and working with them to develop affordable quality tennis programmes
- 4.1.51 The Place to Play Strategy is one plan that aims to increase opportunities for people to participate in tennis on a regular basis at a venue close to their home, which provides high quality opportunities on safe and well maintained facilities.
- 4.1.52 The Strategy sets out the overall aim for the next 5 years (2011-2016) to ensure that, as far as practicably possible, the British population has access to and are aware of the location of high quality tennis opportunities in their local area. In brief:
- access for everyone to well-maintained high quality tennis facilities which are either free or pay as you play;
  - a Clubmark accredited place to play within a 10 minute drive of their home;
  - indoor courts within a 20 minute drive time of their home;
  - a mini tennis (10 and under) performance programme within a 20 minute drive of their home (Performance Centres);
  - a performance programme for 11 - 15 year olds within a 45 minute drive time of their home (High Performance Centre); and



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- a limited number of internationally orientated programmes strategically spread for players 16+ with an international programme (International High Performance Centres).

### Meeting Future Demand

- 4.1.53 As with bowls the assessment of tennis facilities does not lend itself to the estimation of demand used in other sports or the use of Team Generation Rates.
- 4.1.54 There is an obvious area of unmet demand currently due to there being no courts available for community use. According to Sport England's Market Segmentation Tool, 84 people are currently participating in Tennis within 1 km of Bordon Garrison Swimming Pool.
- 4.1.55 One would assume that some of these people participating are playing at Headley Tennis Club or Kingsley Tennis Centre. A further 96 people would like to participate - this does not mean that all 96 would participate if courts were available.
- 4.1.56 The first four points of the LTA Strategy could be met within Whitehill and Bordon if the BOSC Tennis Courts were refurbished and the Sports Forum was to set up a Tennis Club that became a Clubmark Accredited club. Kingsley Indoor Tennis Centre offers all four of these elements currently.
- 4.1.57 The other bullet points from the Strategy are met by other facilities at Bisham Abbey - International High Performance Centre (WIN Tennis) and High Performance Centre Reeds School Chobham.
- 4.1.58 Key issues to address – Tennis
- East Hampshire District Council to ensure the refurbishment of the two tennis courts at BOSC through the Planning Process Section 106 funding and then to work with the management operator, Whitehill and Bordon Sports Forum and the LTA to develop a tennis club and provide for a similar membership number as Headley Tennis Club of 110.
  - In addition Hampshire County Council to ensure that a minimum of two courts are available for community use at the new Secondary School Site for play and pay use.

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### Strategic Recommendations

- 5.1 The strategic recommendations are provided in the table below. Generally the first named body should lead action on each item. East Hampshire DC will not take on the management or maintenance of any sports pitches but will approve dual use agreements, and foster the formation of a local sports forum to seek consensus with Parishes and clubs on the strategic use of pitches as proposed here.

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS	PRIORITY SITES	ACTION	TIMESCALE Short Term – By 2016 unless otherwise stated Medium Term – By 2018 unless otherwise stated Long Term – Up to 2021	RESPONSIBILITY
SR1- Address quantitative deficiencies	Mill Chase Recreation Ground Laundry Pitch Lindford Road (Knaves Mires) Bordon and Oakhanger Sports Club	Apply existing planning policies to protect all current Priority Sites as community use sites and ensure a replacement 3G pitch is in situ at new secondary school to replace the Daly pitch and in mitigation for loss of the Louisburg (WesternRoad) pitch. Community use agreement to be in	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council – Planning Department

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	Mill Chase School - Artificial Grass Pitch Lindford Sports Association Western Road (Louisburg) Headley Playing Fields Daly Ground MoD.	place. Ensure that where sites are lost, through development or closure, those facilities of the same or improved standard are provided to meet the needs of current and future residents. Any facilities to be lost must be replaced as part of the landowners’ plans and interim provision agreed before the current facility is lost.	Short Term Short Term – Implemented ASAP	East Hampshire District Council – Planning Department East Hampshire District Council – Planning Department and Developers

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		Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to a Section 106 Agreement. Where developer contributions are applicable a Section 106 Agreement must be completed specifying the amount and timing of sums to be paid.	Short Term – Implemented ASAP	<b>East Hampshire District Council – Planning Department</b>
		The Infrastructure Delivery Plan in the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule should include projects for investment in playing pitch facility provision and maintenance for sites outside of the Whitehill and Bordon strategic allocation area eg Lindford Sports Association and Headley Playing Fields.	Short Term – Implemented ASAP	<b>East Hampshire District Council – Planning Department</b>

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		Where new pitches are provided changing rooms should be located on site as a minimum for adult use including provision for women and girls or as a minimum toilet facilities should be provided for junior and mini football use including toilets for women and girls.	Short Term – Implemented ASAP	East Hampshire District Council -Planning Department

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		Where schools seek planning permission for outdoor playing pitches or artificial grass pitches. The planning conditions must stipulate a formal community use agreement is put in place with the School, the Local Authority and Local Clubs to provide for community use of the facility.	Short Term – Implemented ASAP	East Hampshire District Council – Planning Department

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<p><b>SR2</b> - Ensure all teams are playing on the right size pitches.</p>	<p>Ensure that all teams are playing on pitches of the right size. Particularly at Headley Playing Fields – Junior 11 v 11</p>	<p>Identify a programme of re –designation – link this to the provision of the new adult artificial 3G pitch at the new School site for adult matches to be played at Step 7 of the football pyramid and release of senior pitches at Headley Playing Fields and Mill Chase Recreation Ground for junior pitch use.</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>Lead -East Hampshire District Council – Sports Development. Partners - Whitehill Town Council, Headley PC, Hampshire County Council and the Whitehill and Bordon Sports Forum</p>

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<p><b>SR3</b> - To maximise the use of existing resources and to address future deficiencies in Senior and junior football. Ensure community use agreements at school sites and MoD sites are in place that are currently important to</p>	<p>Mill Chase School Playing Field (Hollywater) – Informal access of playing pitch – secured access.</p>	<p>Discuss with Hampshire County Council the retention of this important facility to ensure continued community use as a junior development facility.</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire County Council.</p>



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<p>sport in Whitehill and Bordon or have the potential to be.</p> <p>Max Associates</p>	<p>Western Road (Louisburg) Secured community use access until December 2014. This requires an extension until new alternative provision is in place.</p>	<p>HCA to consider an extension of a lease for Wey Valley FC</p> <p>MoD to see if the Daly Site or other MoD sites can be used as a transition site to replace the junior pitch at Western Road when the extended lease has run out whilst waiting for new alternative provision to be in place</p>	<p>Short Term – ASAP</p> <p>Short Term - ASAP</p>	<p>HCA</p> <p>HCA/DIO</p>

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	BOSC – The current lease for the site from MoD has run out.	Discuss the future management arrangements of BOSC with the MoD and how the facility will continue to be used by community clubs prior to renovation and improvement, (the build is probably 3 years away)	Short Term - ASAP	East Hampshire District Council/ DIO
	1. New School Site – Budds Lane and Daly Ground – new 3G pitch as a base for adult football.	This facility is essential and will become part of the new School and managed under a community use agreement.  The 3G pitch will be managed by the school and provide for community use and competitive football up to Step 7 of the Football Associations Football Pyramid.  The 3G pitch should be built in line with the Football Associations Design	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council and DIO and Hampshire FA.

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		<p>Guidance ‘The FA Guide To 3G Turf Pitch Design Principals and Layouts’. The Hampshire FA are willing to explain and assist with the design guidance.</p> <p>Requirements of Step 7 –</p> <p>As a minimum, there must be post and rope surrounding the pitch on all those sides that may be occupied by spectators.</p> <p>Ideally, there should be a minimum of 1.83 metres, ideally 2 metres between the touchline, goal line and the pitch perimeter barrier.</p> <p>It should be noted that at Step 7 the playing area must be a minimum of 100</p>		

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		<p>metres x 64 metres.</p> <p>Goal posts and goal net supports should be of professional manufacture and conform to the current safety requirements and to the requirements of the Laws of the Game.</p> <p>Reference should be made to the Goalpost Safety Information booklet published by The Football Association.</p> <p>Portable trainers' boxes are permitted and must be securely fixed when in use.</p> <p>It is desirable for a Technical Area to be marked out in accordance with the guidance contained in the 'Laws of the</p>		

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	2. Re designation of senior 11 v 11 pitches at Headley	<p>Game’ booklet.</p> <p>The full size 3G pitch must meet the FiFA Quality Standard for Football Turf-one star- or the International Artificial Turf Standard (iATs).</p> <p>The Community Use Agreement is also essential and must include affordable rates for use by local grass roots clubs and a ‘match rate’ policy in line with the cost of grass pitches locally to encourage affiliated FA usage.</p> <p>The development of a 3G FA Step 7 pitch is important to deliver the following:</p> <p>The provision of a dual use 3G pitch at</p>	Short Term – Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, Headley Parish

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	<p>Playing Fields.</p> <p>3. Re designation of senior 11 v 11 pitches at Mill Chase Recreation Ground to junior pitches.</p>	<p>the new School (Step 7 facility requirements) allows for the re designation of the senior 11 v 11 pitch at Headley Playing Fields.</p> <p>The provision of a dual use 3G pitch (Step 7 Facility Requirements) at the new School also allows for the re designation of the senior 11 v 11 pitch at Mill Chase Recreation Ground. This would allow Mill Chase Recreation Ground to become a junior development centre.</p>	<p>Short Term – Medium Term</p>	<p>Council and Headley FC.</p> <p>East Hampshire District Council, Wey Valley FC, Sports Forum</p>
	<p>Any future schools secondary and primary – ensure</p>	<p>This applies to the new planned secondary school site and the new primary school site which are planned as part of the</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>East Hampshire District Council – Planning</p>

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	community use agreements with sufficient weekend access are in place and are introduced and monitored	regeneration of Whitehill and Bordon. Community Use Agreements must be part of the Planning Conditions.		Department
		Provision of Future Deficiencies: 1 senior pitch Provision at Lindford Sports Association.	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council/ Lindford Sports Association

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		<p>New School Site – 3G Step 7 dual use facility managed by the school with a fully implemented community use agreement that becomes a home base for competitive community senior games. This allows the senior 11 v 11 pitch at Mill Chase Recreation Ground to become a junior 11 v 11 pitch and the Headley Senior 11 v 11 pitch at Headley Playing Fields to become an 11 v 11 junior pitch and overcome the current overplay of existing pitches.</p> <p>Rugby pitch at Mill Chase School Playing Field (Hollywater) becomes a community use junior 11 v 11 football pitch potentially managed by WTC.</p>	<p>Medium Term</p> <p>Medium Term</p>	<p>East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, Whitehill Town Council, Whitehill and Bordon Sports Forum.</p> <p>Headley Parish Council</p> <p>East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, WTC.</p>



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		<p>The new Mill Chase Secondary School facility (dual use with community use agreement in place) - To provide 3 junior 11 v 11 pitches, 2 junior 9 v 9 pitches 2 mini 7 v 7 pitches and 1 mini 5 v 5 pitch. These grass pitches with the required run offs total 3.02 ha.</p> <p>New Primary School pitch provides for 1 Junior 9 v 9 junior pitch with runoffs totals 0.38 ha.</p> <p>New Secondary School to provide 2 tennis courts for play and play community use.</p>	<p>Medium Term</p> <p>Medium Term</p> <p>Medium Term</p> <p>Medium term</p>	<p>East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, Academy school and DIO</p> <p>East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council and DIO</p> <p>East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, Academy School and DIO</p>

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	Future Proof FA Step 5 Facility.	Identify a site for FA Step 5 football to meet future demands of the clubs – current options to consider include Hollywater and Whitehill Club.	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, Whitehill Town Council and Hampshire FA.
<b>SR4</b> Essential provision of a 3G pitch for competitive play at the New School as well as the current 3G pitch at	New School Site to provide new 3G artificial pitch	Discuss with Hampshire County Council, and the Football Association National Governing Body continuing the provision of the AGP at Mill Chase School or nearby when the school closes and the site is redeveloped. Also confirm the essential	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire County Council in consultation with the Academy school.

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Mill Chase School.		additional dual use provision for an adult competitive football 3G pitch at the new School site (providing facilities to Step 7 of the FA Football Pyramid).		Hampshire FA
<b>SR5</b> - Improve pitch quality and ancillary provision.	Seek to provide the provision of changing accommodation including facilities for women and girls at all adult football sites and a minimum of toilet provision at junior and mini football sites including facilities for women	Carry out technical inspections of pitches to identify the cost of improving pitches and pavilions.  Funding to come from Section 106 monies, capital receipts and grant funding.		East Hampshire District Council and Whitehill Town Council, Headley and Lindford Parish councils

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	and girls.			
	Address the drainage issues at Mill Chase Recreation Ground.	Carry out technical inspections of pitches to identify the cost of improving pitches. Work in partnership to resolve the un adopted drain with tree root blockages. Funding to come from Section 106 monies, capital receipts and grant funding.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council and Whitehill Town Council in consultation with HCC as Highways Authority.

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	Address maintenance issues at Laundry Road and Lindford Sports Football Pitches.	Carry out technical inspections of pitches to identify the cost of improving pitches. Funding to come from S106 or CIL monies from Developments outside the Whitehill and Bordon strategic allocation area.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council, Whitehill Town Council and Lindford Sports Association
	Protect and or re provide the single good quality pitch at junior level at Western Road (Louisburg) – the loss of one junior pitch will mean a deficit in current provision at peak time.	Re - provide a new quality junior pitch of the equivalent size to the existing pitch at Western Road (Luisburg)	Medium Term	HCA/ DIO

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	Address quality issues at key sites – BOSC – Football, pitches, Cricket square, tennis courts and pavilion	Carry out technical inspections of pitches and pavilion to identify the cost of improving pitches, tennis courts and pavilion.  Funding to come from Section 106 monies, capital receipts and grant funding.	Short – Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council., DIO
	Support Headley Cricket Club in replacing the non-turf wicket.	Seek funding to provide a new non-turf wicket.	Short Term	Headley Cricket Club. Headley Parish Council, East Hampshire District Council and Whitehill and Bordon Sports Forum

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	Address the over play of the adult and junior 11 v 11 pitch at Headley Playing Fields.	Essential to create a dual use 3G artificial grass pitch at the new School site to allow for competitive adult football to Step 7 Football League Pyramid.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council

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	Support clubs in the creation of higher specification where there is a need for club progression. Wey Valley FC and Headley FC both have aspirations to improve their senior team's league positions within the FA Pyramid.	This is linked to SR3. Provide a new 3G pitch at the new School site that provides a dual use facility for school and adult football played on artificial grass. This would also allow the release of the senior pitches at Mill Chase and Headley Playing Fields to meet future junior deficiencies in pitches.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council
<b>SR6</b> - Establish a	All clubs using all sites	Support the setting up of a Whitehill and	Short Term	East Hampshire



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sports action group across Whitehill and Bordon including Headley so there are clear routes of communication and all decisions are taken with a full understanding of needs and aspirations.		Bordon (including Headley) Sports Forum.  Ensure all relevant development decisions and the reasons are communicated to the group.		District Council with support of Whitehill Town Council and Headley PC.
<b>SR7</b> - Work with National Governing Bodies of Sport to support clubs with asset transfer /		Encourage clubs to obtain Club Mark Support cubs in the development of Club Development Plans  Work with National Governing Bodies of Sport to provide the criteria for asset	Medium – Long Term	East Hampshire District Council, National Governing Bodies of Sport and Sports Forum

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management agreements where clubs are able to demonstrate long term development plans and have achieved the appropriate accreditations.		transfers and share criteria for asset transfer with potentially interested clubs and negotiate agreements with those who meet these conditions.		

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**Action Plan – Site by Site**

<b>Site Name Ownership</b>	<b>Map Referenc e</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action Plan</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
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<b>Mill Chase Recreation Ground</b>  <b>Ownership</b> Whitehill Town Council	Easting's 480746	Protect Playing Field	East Hampshire District Council to ensure protection of this site as a playing field and work with Whitehill Town Council and Wey Valley FC to improve the drainage by resolving the issue of a un adopted drain that has tree root blockages.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council, Whitehill Town Council in consultation with HCC as Highways Authority.
	Northings 135522		Consider site as a Junior Football Development Centre amalgamated with the Mill Chase School AGP and Mill Chase School Playing Fields (Hollywater).	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council. Whitehill Town Council, Wey Valley FC
			Consider moving adult play to the New School site artificial 3G pitch. This would allow provision of junior pitches on the existing adult pitch at the recreation ground.	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council. Whitehill Town Council, Wey Valley FC

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Mill Chase School Artificial Grass Pitch and playing fields (Hollywater) <b>Ownership</b> Hampshire County Council - Education	Easting's 480591	Protect both Mill Chase School artificial pitch and Mill Chase Playing Fields (Hollywater).	Mill Chase School artificial pitch to be considered for leasing to Whitehill Town Council for future use as part of a Junior Football Development Centre. Hockey can continue to be offered on this pitch as well.	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council and Whitehill Town Council
	Northings 13538		The Hollywater site to be assessed to see if it would be a possible site for a future FA Step 5 football facility.	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council and Whitehill Town Council and Hampshire FA

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Mill Chase School Playing Fields (Hollywater)  Ownership Hampshire County Council	Easting's  Northings		Mill Chase School Playing Fields (Hollywater) Playing Fields to be considered for leasing to Whitehill Town Council to form part of a future Junior Football Development centre operated by Wey Valley FC.  Undertake a technical assessment of the Mill Chase School Playing Fields (Hollywater) to identify what improvements are required to raise the quality of the playing pitches and what the cost would be	Medium Term  Short Term	HCC, Whitehill Town Council, EHDC  East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire County Council

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<b>Laundry Pitch Lindford Road (Knaves Mire)</b>	Easting's 480197	Protect Laundry site – This site is important for provision of junior football.	Undertake a technical assessment of the Laundry pitch to identify what improvements are required to raise the quality of the playing pitch and what the cost would be.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council and Whitehill Town Council.
	Northings 136681		Seek provision of toilet provision on the site as a minimum for junior teams including toilet facilities for women and girls	Medium Term	
<b>Ownership</b> Whitehill Town Council					

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<b>Bordon and Oakhanger Sports Club</b>  <b>Ownership</b> MoD but leased to Sports Club – Lease has run out	Eastings 478709	Protect BOSC site – Important site for provision of cricket and adult football	Ensure this site is transferred to a Community Operator or a development company so the site has continued community use.	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council and DIO
	Northings 136521		Undertake a technical assessment of the football pitch and cricket square and outfield to identify what improvements are required to raise the quality of the playing pitches or bring them back into use and what the cost would be.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council and DIO
			Investigate and identify the cost for a permanent new pavilion/clubhouse to be able to provide for women's changing as well as men's changing.	Short Term	
			Discuss the use of an improved quality cricket square with Headley Cricket Club with a view to the clubs 3 <sup>rd</sup> X1 and future 4 <sup>th</sup> X1 playing at BOSC.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council and Sports Forum, Headley CC.
			Provide 2 tennis courts to replace the tennis courts currently at BOSC and look to set up a tennis club.	Short Term	DIO East Hampshire District Council, Sports Forum
		Seek pooled S106 funding for the above mostly from the MoD Bordon Garrison Planning Application.	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council,	
					East Hampshire District Council and Developer



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<b>Lindford Sports Association</b>	Easting's 480669	Protect this site	Undertake a technical assessment of the football pitch to identify what improvements are required to raise the quality of the playing pitches and what the cost would be.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council. ,Lindford PC
	Northings 137050		Seek S106 funding to improve the quality of the pitch for future adult grass pitch use.	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, Lindford Sports Association and the Sports Forum
<b>Ownership</b> Private Club					

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<p><b>Western Road (Louisburg)</b></p> <p><b>Ownership</b> MoD</p>	<p>Easting's 479388</p> <p>Northings 136425</p>	<p>This site is proposed for housing development by the HCA</p> <p>Protect the only good quality standard junior 11 v 11 pitch on this site. The loss of one junior pitch will provide a deficit of junior pitches at peak times.</p>	<p>As a minimum a replacement pitch junior 11 v 11 must be provided for this pitch and in the long term this will be provided as part of the new secondary school playing fields.</p> <p>The current lease to Wey Valley will need to be extended by HCA until an interim pitch or the new pitch provision of equal quality is available from DIO on MoD land.</p>	<p>Short Term Urgent</p>	<p>HCA and DIO</p>

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<b>Headley Playing Fields</b>	Easting's 481792.27	Protect this site	<p><b>Football</b> - Consider relocating the adult senior games to an artificial 3G pitch at the new School site (Step 7).  In relocating the adult senior games this releases the senior pitch to be used as junior pitches.</p> <p><b>Cricket</b> - Support Headley Cricket Club in seeking funds to replace the artificial grass wicket and improve the water pressure from the club house to the cricket square. Discuss with Headley Cricket Club the use of BOSC in the future for its 3rd X1 team and future population and latent demand for cricket.</p> <p><b>Bowls</b> - focus on improving the quality of existing provision (subject to funding) green improvements, shelters and watering systems, and if possible providing 2 additional rinks if feasible through Section 106 funding.</p>	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, Sports Forum Headley Football Club, Headley Parish Council
	Northings 136084.29			Short Term	East Hampshire District Council, Headley Cricket Club and Sports Club Forum.
<b>Ownership</b> Headley Parish Council				Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council

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<b>Budds Lane and Daly Stadia Ground</b>	Budds Lane Easting's 479289 Northings 136052	Site is promoted as a new secondary school site to open in 2018. Promoted in the Whitehill and Bordon Master Plan and Development Plan (JCS).	Need to provide a minimum of: 3 junior x 11 v 11 pitch. 2 junior x 9 v 9 ,2 x 7 v 7 and 1 x 5 v 5  Total 3.02 Ha including run offs.	Medium Term	DIO and Hampshire County Council
<b>Ownership</b> MoD	Daly Ground Easting's 479593  Northings 135919	This site is expected to be redeveloped as part of the new school site to open in 2018. Need for new secondary school identified in the Whitehill and Bordon Master Plan and Development Plan (JCS).  There is a need to protect some playing pitch space for football for community use at this site.  The site plan for the new school indicates ?????????that it will provide for football pitches, cricket and athletics and an artificial all-weather	The new school site needs to provide as a replacement for the Daly Ground pitch and in mitigation for loss of pitch at Louisburg (Western Road) an artificial 3G adult football facility for use by adult teams evenings, weekends and school holidays. To be constructed to meet Step 7 FA facility requirements	Medium Term	East Hampshire District Council, DIO and Hampshire County Council.

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<b>Bordon Garrison Cricket and Rugby</b>  <b>Ownership</b> MoD	Cricket Easting's 479063	No Need to protect	Sufficient provision for cricket will be provided as part of the improvements to the BOSC facility. These improvements will be secured through Section 106 agreements.	Short Term	East Hampshire District Council – Planning Department.
	Northings 136018 Rugby Easting's 479270 Northings 135843		There is no demand for rugby except on the Secondary school site and this will be provided on the new school site at Budds Lane.	Medium Term	Hampshire County Council /DIO

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<b>Whitehill Club</b>	Easting's 479034	This facility is currently disused.	Any future development of this site will need to include a clubhouse and changing rooms.	Long Term	East Hampshire District Council
<b>Ownership</b> Private	Northings 133950	Protect this site as a Playing Field site for future use to deal with any possible future demand that may be impacted on the Whitehill and Bordon area including Headley.	<i>Investigate if this facility would be suitable to provide a Step 5 FA facility in the future.</i>  The Club Trustees Board members should be invited to the Whitehill and Bordon Sports Forum so they are aware of discussions and decisions made.	Medium Term  Short Term	East Hampshire District Council/Hampshire FA/ Club Trustees Board Members.  Sports Forum