



## RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

### CABINET

*at the Council Offices, Farnborough on  
Tuesday, 14th October, 2025 at 7.00 pm*

To:

Cllr Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council  
Cllr Sophie Porter, Deputy Leader and Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder

Cllr Gaynor Austin, Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Christine Guinness, Pride in Place / Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder

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## A G E N D A

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Under the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors, all Members are required to disclose relevant Interests in any matter to be considered at the meeting. Where the matter directly relates to a Member's Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Registrable Interest, that Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation (see note below). If the matter directly relates to 'Non-Registrable Interests', the Member's participation in the meeting will depend on the nature of the matter and whether it directly relates or affects their financial interest or well-being or that of a relative, friend or close associate, applying the tests set out in the Code.

**NOTE:**

On 27th May, 2021, the Council's Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee granted dispensations to Members appointed by the Council to the Board of the Rushmoor Development Partnership and as Directors of Rushmoor Homes Limited.

2. **MINUTES** – (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September, 2025 (copy attached).

3. **BUDGET MANAGEMENT - MONTH 5** – (Pages 5 - 14)  
(Cllr Gaynor Austin, Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder)

To consider Report No. FIN2516 (copy attached), which sets out the Council's forecasted financial position for 2025/26 as at the end of August, 2025.

4. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2025-26 TO 2028-29 - MID YEAR REVIEW** – (Pages 15 - 34)  
(Cllr Gaynor Austin, Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder)

To consider Report No. FIN2517 (copy attached), which sets out an update on the key factors influencing the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

5. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT UPDATE 2025** – (Pages 35 - 70)  
(Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder)

To consider Report No. PG2531 (copy attached), which sets out an update to the Council's Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document.

6. **ADOPTION OF A NEW PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY** – (Pages 71 - 362)  
(Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder)

To consider Report No. PG2530 (copy attached), which sets out the Council's proposed updated Playing Pitch Strategy.

7. **HAMPSHIRE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY** – (Pages 363 - 370)  
(Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder)

To consider Report No. PG2532 (copy attached), which sets out a Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy to be published.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** –

To consider resolving:

That, subject to the public interest test, the public be excluded from this meeting during the discussion of the undermentioned items to avoid the disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated against such items:

Item Nos.	Schedule 12A Para. No.	Category
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9 and 10	3	Information relating to financial or business affairs
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9. **DISPOSAL OF NO. 101 HAWLEY LANE, FARNBOROUGH** – (Pages 371 - 386)  
(Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder)

To consider Exempt Report No. REG2536 (copy attached), which seeks authority to dispose of the freehold interest in No. 101 Hawley Lane, Farnborough.

10. **FARNBOROUGH LEISURE CENTRE - UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS** – (Pages 387 - 394)  
(Cllr Sophie Porter, Deputy Leader and Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder)

To consider Exempt Report No. LEG2505 (copy attached), which sets out the legal constraints for the leisure centre development and the options to overcome them.

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# CABINET

Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September, 2025 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

## Voting Members

Cllr Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council  
Cllr Sophie Porter, Deputy Leader and Healthy Communities & Active Lives Portfolio Holder

Cllr A.H. Crawford, Finance & Resources Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Keith Dibble, Housing & Planning Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Christine Guinness, Pride in Place / Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder  
Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder

The Cabinet considered the following matters at the above-mentioned meeting. All executive decisions of the Cabinet shall become effective, subject to the call-in procedure, from **29th September, 2025**.

## 24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Having regard to the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors, the following declaration of interest was made:

Item No.	Member	Interest	Reason
28	Cllr A.H. Crawford	Personal and non-pecuniary	Member of Hampshire County Council

## 25. MINUTES –

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 5th August, 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## 26. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION – (Cllr Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council)

The Cabinet considered Report No. ED2507, which provided an update on work carried in respect of the ongoing Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process and sought a recommendation to the Council to approve the submission of the proposal and to confirm the Cabinet's preference of the three options for the southern area of Hampshire.

Members were reminded that the proposal would set out how a single tier of local government could be established across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. At its meeting in July, 2025, the Cabinet had recommended to the Council that a unitary council based on the areas of Rushmoor, Hart and Basingstoke and Deane councils should continue to be the preferred option for Rushmoor as, in line with the assessment criteria, it represented the best balance of a Council large enough to

deliver high quality services and value for money but small enough to be connected to the place and needs of the people the council served. At its meeting on 10th July, the Council had agreed that recommendation and had noted the programme of engagement being undertaken to ensure that all residents, businesses and partners had had an opportunity to feed into the process. KPMG had continued to support twelve Councils across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to prepare the necessary evidence base and support the development of a business case to enable final proposals to be agreed and submitted to the Government. The Report also set out the arrangements for engagement with residents, businesses, partners and voluntary organisations. This engagement had included seeking residents' views on the establishment of parish councils and/or Neighbourhood Area Committees, as part of a Community Governance Review.

The Report set out the three options that were contained within the draft proposal as Options 1, 2 and 3. In each of these, the preference for the north of the county was a unitary council based on the areas of Rushmoor, Hart and Basingstoke and Deane councils. Legal advice had been received that recommended that any proposal requiring a modification or boundary change should be seen as being derived from an option created from a combination of complete authority areas. Because Option 3 had been derived from Option 1, the twelve authorities involved had agreed to rename Option 3 as Option 1A, with recommendations revised accordingly. An addendum to Report No. ED2507 had been created and had been published on the Council's website.

The Cabinet was informed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered the proposal at its meeting on 4th September, 2025 and requested that its concerns should be brought to the attention of the Cabinet. These were set out in the Report and included concerns over the amount of detail provided in the financial information. The Committee also suggested that the Council should be seeking assurances from the Government in relation to full funding costs for the LGR process being guaranteed. The Cabinet thanked the Committee for its input but decided that this would not affect its recommendation to the Council. Furthermore, it was agreed that the Cabinet would not write to the Government as requested by the Committee.

The Cabinet discussed the Report at length. In particular, Members considered the financial implications of the LGR process. A view was expressed that the proposal was not financially sustainable and that it was wrong to recommend an option that impacted the south of Hampshire without having a detailed knowledge of the circumstances and residents' wishes in those areas. This view was not supported by the other members of the Cabinet. In response, it was clarified that all Hampshire Councils were obliged by the Government to state preferred options for the whole of the county when submitting proposals. The majority of the Cabinet was supportive of the LGR process and felt that this would enable better, joined-up services to be delivered to local residents.

**The Cabinet RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL** that approval be given for the proposal 'Close Enough to be Local, Big Enough to Stay Strong' to be submitted to the Government by the 26th September deadline confirming that

- (i) a five-unitary Council structure, with four new mainland unitary councils plus the Isle of Wight, would best meet the Government's criteria and provide the

most effective solution for local government reorganisation in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight;

- (ii) a unitary council based on the areas of Rushmoor, Hart and Basingstoke & Deane is the recommended option for Rushmoor as, in line with the assessment criteria, it represents the best balance of a council large enough to deliver high quality services and value for money but small enough to be connected to the place and the needs of the people the council serves; and
- (iii) the Council's preferred option in the proposal that brings together entire existing Council areas is Option 1. The Council would though request the Secretary of State to make a modification to that option involving a range of boundary changes as shown in Option 1A in the proposal, using the modification powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, as this represents a stronger case for change.

## 27. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC –**

**RESOLVED:** That, taking into account the public interest test, the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the under mentioned item to avoid the disclosure of exempt information within the paragraph of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 indicated against the item:

Minute No.	Schedule 12A Para. No.	Category
28	3	Information relating to financial or business affairs

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC**

## 28. **NOS. 16-18 THE MEADS, FARNBOROUGH - COMMERCIAL LETTING –** (Cllr Julie Hall, Economy, Skills & Regeneration Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Exempt Report No. REG2504, which set out a proposal to consider letting a Council-owned property at Nos. 16-18 The Meads, Farnborough.

Members were informed that, whilst this was a positive opportunity to bring an anchor tenant to the town and to the Council's shopping centre asset, the agreement for the new lease as proposed would require significant investment in capital works and a fit-out contribution by the Council. The Exempt Report set out the financial details involved with the proposal and it was noted that it needed to be considered in light of the Council's ongoing financial challenge and recovery plan. It was felt, however, that this would provide an important step forward in the Council's economic and social regeneration plans for Farnborough town centre. It was also envisaged that securing this particular tenant was likely to have a positive impact on the future prospects for the Meads and would increase its commercial viability.

In discussing this option and acknowledging the significant investment required, the majority of the Cabinet was in agreement that this proposal offered an exciting

opportunity with regards to the Council's ongoing priority to regenerate Farnborough town centre and to promote a nighttime economy in that area.

**The Cabinet RESOLVED** that

- i) the letting of Nos. 16-18 The Meads, on the Heads of Terms set out in paragraphs 2.4 – 2.5 of Exempt Report No. REG2504, be approved;
- ii) the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Council's Interim Monitoring Officer and Corporate Manager – Legal Services, be authorised to negotiate the lease;
- iii) the allocation of the capital budget, in the sum set out in the Exempt Report, to enable the works and contribution for fit out costs to be funded from capital receipts allocated to commercial lettings in the 2025-26 capital programme, be approved; and
- iv) the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder and the Executive Head of Finance, be authorised to exceed the capital estimate by the sum set out in the Exempt Report, with any additional expenditure beyond that amount being subject to further Cabinet approval.

The Meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

CLLR GARETH WILLIAMS, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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**CABINET**

**14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**COUNCILLOR GAYNOR AUSTIN  
FINANCE & RESOURCES PORTFOLIO HOLDER  
REPORT NO. FIN2516**

**KEY DECISION? NO**

## **BUDGET MANAGEMENT – MONTH 5**

### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This report sets out the forecasted financial position for 2025/26 as at the end of August 2025.

CABINET is recommended to:

- i. Review the Revenue budget forecast as set out in Section 3 of the report.
- ii. Review the Capital budget forecast as set out in Section 4 of the report.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The Budget is a major decision for the Council and setting and maintaining a balanced budget is a statutory requirement. This report provides an update on the forecasted outturn position against approved budget for the current financial year 2025/26 based upon service manager information as at the end of August 2025 with additional finance due diligence. Heads of Service, Service Managers and the Finance Team work collaboratively to produce robust forecasts and validate forecast assumptions.

### **2. BACKGROUND AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1. The Council has a statutory obligation to set and maintain a balanced budget. In February 2025 the Council identified a significant challenge to its future financial sustainability (as set out at the February 2025 Budget Council).
- 2.2. The forecast outturn for 2025/26 is on track with the full £1.8million savings requirement achieved.
- 2.3. Whilst the council has utilised more of its cashflow to avoid external borrowing, the overall reduction in level of borrowing required in the MTFS can only be achieved through capital receipts.

### **3. CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

**Revenue Account**

- 3.1. The original net General Fund Revenue budget for 2025/26 was approved by Council at their meeting in February 2025. The latest approved budget also includes budget carry forwards of £101k as noted in the July Outturn report. The month 5 forecast outturn is presented in the table below.

	2025-26 Original Budget £'000	2025-26 Approved Budget £'000	2025-26 Forecasted Outturn £'000	2025-26 Forecast Variance £'000
Economy, Skills & Regeneration	(4,868)	(5,058)	(5,382)	(324)
Finances & Resources	3,873	4,407	4,066	(342)
Healthy Communities & Active Lives	3,730	3,792	3,854	61
Housing & Planning	2,613	2,669	2,893	224
Leader/Communications	25	13	16	3
Policy, Performance & Sustainability	578	1,226	1,129	(97)
Pride in Place & Neighbourhood Services	7,929	8,052	8,161	109
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,879</b>	<b>15,102</b>	<b>14,736</b>	<b>(366)</b>
Less: Reversal of Accounting Entries	(2,957)	(2,883)	(2,883)	-
<b>Net Service Revenue Expenditure</b>	<b>10,922</b>	<b>12,219</b>	<b>11,852</b>	<b>(366)</b>
<b>Corporate Income &amp; Expenditure</b>				
Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	2,133	2,133	2,133	-
Interest Receivable	(1,402)	(1,401)	(1,747)	(346)
Interest Payable	6,490	6,489	6,734	245
Vacancy Savings	(400)	(400)	-	400
Recurrent Savings	(1,784)	94	-	(94)
Pooled Funds	1,000	-	-	-
NI Compensation Grant	(152)	(152)	(137)	15
Union Yard Holding costs provision	221	-	-	-
Capital Contributions	-	(60)	(60)	-
Irrecoverable VAT	-	-	97	97
Contract Inflation	362	150	-	(150)
RCCO	-	35	35	-
Capital Receipts Flexibility	-	(311)	(311)	-
Movement in Earmarked Reserves	587	(872)	(922)	(50)
Movement in General Reserves	(3,421)	(3,368)	(3,368)	-
<b>Net General Fund Revenue Budget</b>	<b>14,556</b>	<b>14,556</b>	<b>14,306</b>	<b>(250)</b>
<b>Funded by:</b>				
Council Tax	(8,039)	(8,039)	(8,039)	-
Business Rates	(5,071)	(5,071)	(5,071)	-
Collection Fund	(31)	(31)	(31)	-
New Homes Bonus	(512)	(512)	(512)	-
Local Restrictions Support Grant	(615)	(615)	(615)	-
Other Grant Income	-	(39)	(39)	-
Funding Guarantee	(118)	(118)	(118)	-
Revenue Support Grant	(170)	(131)	(131)	-
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>(14,556)</b>	<b>(14,556)</b>	<b>(14,556)</b>	<b>(0)</b>
<b>Core (Surplus)/Deficit</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(250)</b>	<b>(250)</b>

- 3.2. Details of the Month 5 forecast variance by nature is provided below. This table brings the vacancy margin into a service savings total to give a complete service position.

	Economy, Skills & Regeneration	Finance & Resources	Healthy Communities & Active Lives	Housing & Planning	Leader/ Comms	Policy, Performance & Sustainability	Pride in Place & Neighbourhood Services	Grand Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Staff Costs	-238	-303	71	-112	3	-122	-91	-792
Contracted Services			-80				-8	-88
Utilities & Business Rates	-102		-2				3	-101
Maintenance	-1		8	2			7	16
Other Costs	93	-6	137	17		49	35	325
Fees and Charges	8	-11	-78	294		-1	175	387
Property Related Income	-89						-19	-108
Grant		-22				-19		-41
Other Income	5		5	24		-4	6	36
<b>Service Sub-Total</b>	<b>-324</b>	<b>-342</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-97</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-366</b>
Vacancy Margin								400
<b>Total</b>								<b>34</b>

### Delivery of Target

- 3.3. Full Council on 27th February 2025 approved the 2025/26 revenue and capital budget and the 2025-28 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The council set a 2025-26 balanced budget with a planned reserve drawdown of £3.4m and a savings target of £1.8m of net budget reduction in 2025-26. As reported in the July Outturn Report, the latest forecast shows the savings target has been achieved through temporary service budget reductions and pooled fund dispensations being extended by government.

### Key Service Variations

- 3.4. Staff savings of over £592k are forecast to be achieved in year which is beyond the £400k vacancy margin built into the budget, providing a net £192k saving.
- 3.5. Property income overall is a positive outlook, with lease increases in several sites improving the income position by a net £90k. This forecast now includes updated forecasts regarding the Union Yard Energy Centre which has not yet hit maturity with the residential units being empty, further information will be shared on the overall quantum of budget overspend of the energy centre once ascertained.
- 3.6. Union Yard residential properties block C and D sale was scheduled to complete by the end of August and is delayed into later this financial year. Additional unbudgeted holding costs are being incurred on council tax, utility

and energy centre to maintain the empty properties as well as additional borrowing interest on the delayed circa £14m capital receipt.

- 3.7. Planning development management income is lower than anticipated, currently forecasting a £220k shortfall in income. This will require a review of the service metrics and alignment to the corporate priorities and financial resources.
- 3.8. Utilities and business rates are delivering savings particularly in the property estate. Energy prices have reduced within this financial year for the Council, and savings due to disposals and reduced vacancies are being forecast.
- 3.9. Hampshire County Council unexpectedly exited Rushmoor Office Buildings cancelling their licence resulting in a budget shortfall of £90k. There is little likelihood of the vacant space being occupied soon. Other impacts within fees and charges are reduced forecasted income from the Crematorium and reduced income from glass recycling.
- 3.10. The council has maximised the use of all available cashflow through detailed and careful cash management to avoid external borrowing, resulting in an overall reduction in net interest reduction.
- 3.11. Capitalised interest costs for the Crematorium continue to be charged until handover of the completed project. This has reduced net interest costs within revenue by circa £35k in the current financial year.

#### **4. Capital**

- 4.1. The original Capital Programme estimate for 2025/26 was approved by Council at their meeting in February 2025 totalling £4.8million.
- 4.2. Cabinet approved budget slippage in July 2025 of £3.6million, and supplementary budgets of £365k. Additional project approvals for the Leisure Centre site and Crematorium create a total 2025-26 capital programme budget of £11.6m.
- 4.3. The current anticipated outturn forecast for 2025/26 amounts to a spend of £9m – an underspend of £2.7m mostly to be carried forward for project completion in 2026-27.
- 4.4. These savings are made up of several projects. Details of forecast project expenditure and funding are detailed below.



Scheme	2025/26 Budget	Additional Slippage	Additional Approved Schemes	Total Revised Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance	Carry forward Request	Over/(Under) spend
Union Yard / Meads commercial units lease contributions	850,000	175,000		1,025,000	576,000	-449,000	449,000	
Union Yard Right to light	400,000			400,000	200,000	-200,000	200,000	
Leisure and Civic Hub (CQ Plot B)			1,135,000	1,135,000	1,090,682	-44,318	44,318	
Southwood Park (s106 / SANG)	0	285,000		285,000	285,000	0		
Crematorium	366,000	1,636,000	1,612,000	3,614,000	3,614,000	0		
Hawley Lane	0			0	30,686	30,686		30,686
Ashbourne House	0	74,000		74,000	0	-74,000	74,000	
CQ Pinehurst Car Park Demolition / CQ Infrastructure Enabling Works		605,000		605,000	0	-605,000	605,000	
CCTV	0			0	22,554	22,554		22,554
Food Waste	7,000			7,000	7,000	0		
Wheeled Bins	120,000			120,000	120,000	0		
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,111,000			1,111,000	1,111,000	0		
Aldershot Pools Solar panels	0	71,000		71,000	71,000	0		
Asset Management Capital expenditure provision	800,000			800,000	500,000	-300,000	300,000	
ICT Services Capital Schemes	140,800	650,000		790,800	347,000	-443,800	423,800	(20,000)
Meads block 4 contract costs UKSPF			95,400	95,400	95,400	0		
Ceremonial Asset Construction		13,000		13,000	10,368	-2,632		(2,632)
Various S106 projects (s106 funded)	0	115,000	364,900	479,900	366,682	-113,218	113,218	
REFCUS: Service review capitalised costs provision	1,000,000			1,000,000	500,000	-500,000	500,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,794,800</b>	<b>3,624,000</b>	<b>3,207,300</b>	<b>11,626,100</b>	<b>8,947,372</b>	<b>-2,678,728</b>	<b>2,709,336</b>	<b>30,608</b>

<b>Funded by:</b>	<b>2025/26 Budget</b>	<b>Additional Slippage</b>	<b>Additional Approved Schemes</b>	<b>Total Revised Budget</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Carry forward Request</b>	<b>Over/(Under) spend</b>
Developer contribution to Wheeled bins	20,000			20,000	20,000	0		
S106/ SANG Grant (Southwood Park)	0	285,000		285,000	285,000	0		
S106 (Play Areas etc)	0	115,000	364,900	479,900	366,682	-113,218	113,218	
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,111,000			1,111,000	1,111,000	0		
LUF - Leisure HUB			1,135,000	1,135,000	1,090,682	-44,318	44,318	
OPE Grant - Pinehurst Demolition / CQ Infrastructure	0	605,000	0	605,000	0	-605,000	605,000	
Community Grant		13,000		13,000	10,368	-2,632		(2,632)
Swimming Pool Fund		71,000		71,000	71,000	0		
UKSPF			95,400	95,400	95,400	0		
Capital Receipts	3,050,000	825,000	0	3,875,000	2,123,000	-1,752,000	1,872,800	(20,000)
Borrowing	613,800	1,710,000	1,612,000	3,935,800	3,774,240	-161,560	74,000	53,240
<b>Total funding:</b>	<b>4,794,800</b>	<b>3,624,000</b>	<b>3,207,300</b>	<b>11,626,100</b>	<b>8,947,372</b>	<b>-2,678,728</b>	<b>2,709,336</b>	<b>30,608</b>

4.5. Key items to note include:

- Union Yard fit out contributions depend on lease negotiations and requirements of potential tenants.
- The Asset Management provision and Service Review provision is subject to separate approvals and asset requirements that arise
- The Union Yard Right to Light budget is subject to claims submitted and negotiations
- Pinehurst Car Park has no further spend on site expected within this financial year
- ICT Capital Schemes are forecast to deliver reduced spend as projects are deferred due to Local Government Reorganisation

## 5. Capital Receipts Delivery

- 5.1. The table below outlines the delivery of capital receipts, detailing the sources, values, and timing of receipts received or anticipated during the reporting period.

	Budgeted Value	Budgeted Disposal Month	Forecast Value	Forecast Disposal Month	Change in Value	Delay in months
	£		£		£	
Devereux House	1,500,000	May-25	1,500,000	May-26	-	12
Hawley Lane	3,600,000	Jul-25	3,600,000	Dec-25	-	5
Optrex Lane	1,500,000	Sep-25	1,600,000	Jan-26	100,000	4
Meads Block 3	2,000,000	Oct-25	2,000,000	Mar-27	-	17
Union Yard - 82 units	15,000,000	Sep-25	14,500,000	Nov-25	- 500,000	2
Farnborough International Loan repayment			6,800,000	Mar-26	6,800,000	-

## 6. Alternative Options

- 6.1. The Council has a legal obligation to produce a balanced budget and therefore there is not a 'Do Nothing' option. The Council must achieve its revenue and capital receipt targets, through implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan.
- 6.2. Progress on identifying and implementing measures is being financially monitored, the council does have the option to introduce targeted or broader temporary expenditure control to hold back expenditure and reduce the drawdown on reserves if the financial situation warrants. The Executive Head of Finance will consult at the earliest indication of this option being required.

## 7. Consultation

- 7.1. No specific consultations have been undertaken outside of the elected member of the council.

## **8. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

- 8.1. Interest rate volatility on borrowing remains a risk to the council at present. Further borrowing will be required in the final months of the year. In the last month, interest rates have been increasing, the trajectory implies that the council is unlikely to be able to replace debt maturing between October 2025 and June 2026 (in total £64m) within its assumed interest rate of 4.78% and longer than one year maturity and will be reliant on the Inter Authority borrowing market which predominantly offers maturities less than 2 years and is usually cheaper than PWLB. This will increase the council's exposure to interest rate increase at a time when the council is under pressure to achieve financial sustainability.
- 8.2. Delays to disposals of capital receipts are having an impact on borrowing costs in year. Further delays will continue to negatively impact the 2025/26 financial year. If delays fall into the 2026/27 financial year, both interest costs and MRP savings reported in the MTFS will not be achievable in the 2026/27 financial year.
- 8.3. In addition, the financial performance of the energy centre at Union Yard is impacted by the disposals of residential units block C and D, and take up of the service by commercial tenants.
- 8.4. Property portfolio rental streams are a sizable contributor to the council's income, supporting the funding of debt costs. Properties remain at risk of vacancies which both prevent income achievement but can incur additional costs of rates, maintenance, and security.
- 8.5. Delays to the Crematorium refurbishment project are having a negative ongoing impact on the income position of the council within 2025/26. This is mitigated somewhat within the revenue account due to interest capitalisation charges made to capital, however these charges are impacting the overall project cost negatively.
- 8.6. The Crematorium refurbishment project has created a VAT partial exemption breach in 2025/26 preventing the full recovery of VAT incurred by the council. This is forecast to be £498k of VAT cost for capital and £97k of revenue. Officers are being supported by Tax Consultants to challenge this position; however, the risk currently remains, and a final position will not be known until the end of the financial year. This will increase the capital cost of the project, and the revenue impact is likely to be funded by a first call on the CAMEO reserve.

### **Legal Implications**

- 8.7. Under the Council's Finance Procedure Rules, the Executive Head of Finance is responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs and advising on the corporate financial position. It is the responsibility of Executive Directors, Heads of Service, Corporate Managers and Service Managers to consult with the Executive Head of Finance and seek approval on any matter liable to affect the Council's finances materially, before any commitments are incurred.

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### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 8.8. Financial implications are set out within the report.

### **Equalities Impact Implications**

- 8.9. No direct impact.

### **Other**

- 8.10. There are no further implications of this report to consider.

## **9. CONCLUSIONS**

- 9.1. The council set a 2025-26 balanced budget with a planned reserve drawdown of £3.4m and a savings target of £1.8m of net budget reduction in 2025-26. The latest forecast shows the savings target has been achieved.
- 9.2. If the in-year financial situation determines, cost controls can be implemented to slow down the rate of expenditure until the situation is resolved.
- 9.3. Overall, the financial position over the MTFS period continues to be challenging, progress is being made and officers will continue to monitor closely and report updates regularly to councillors.

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

- Budget Management - Outturn 2024/25– 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- General Fund Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2028/29 - Council – 27th February 2025

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14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

KEY DECISION? NO

**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2025-26 to 2028-29 MID YEAR REVIEW****SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This report sets out a review of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) up to 2028/29 as at the end of September 2025. The report provides an assessment of existing and newly identified budget pressures and progress to date on delivering the required budget savings to achieve financial sustainability within the MTFS period, the Council's top corporate objective.

The MTFS is being adversely impacted by increased cost pressures identified in the February 2025 budget setting report and delays in identifying and delivering savings, compounded by the Local Government Review's significant impact on strategic leadership capacity and changes within the senior management team due to the departure of the Chief Executive.

CABINET is recommended to:

- i. Consider the MTFS mid-year review set out in this report and recommend appropriate actions to the Senior Management team.

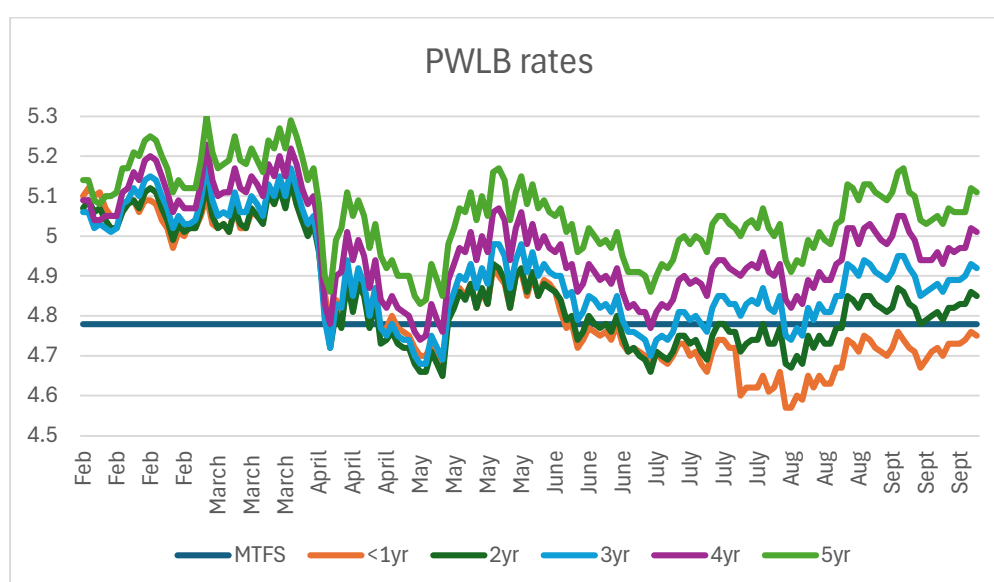
**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The Budget is a major decision for the Council and setting and maintaining a balanced budget is a statutory requirement. This report provides an update on the medium-term financial forecast approved on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**2. BACKGROUND AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1. The Council has a statutory obligation to set and maintain a balanced budget. In February 2025 the Council identified a significant challenge to its future financial sustainability (as set out at the February 2025 Budget Council).
- 2.2. The forecast outturn for 2025/26 is on track with the full £1.8million savings requirement achieved. Most of this saving is of a one-off nature and therefore must be found again in 2026-27 in addition the £1m increase in savings requirement.

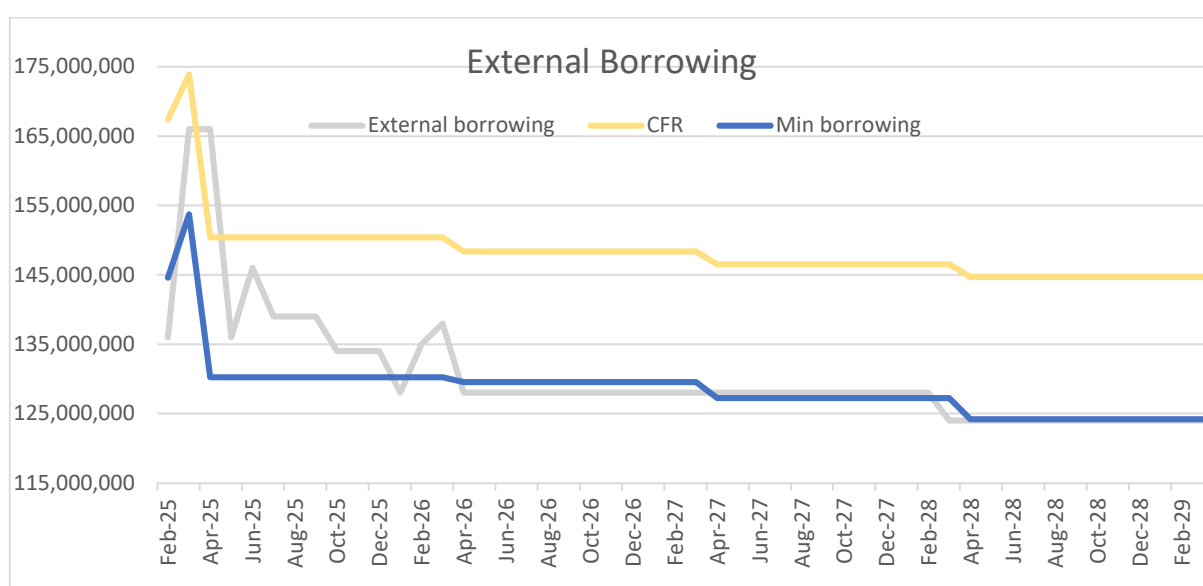
- 2.3. Whilst the council has maximised the use of all available cashflow through detailed and careful cash management to avoid external borrowing, the overall reduction in the level of borrowing required in the MTFS to achieve interest and Minimum Revenue Provision savings can only be achieved through the timely delivery of the identified capital receipts. Cabinet approved a one off £200k in July 2025 to increase resources across the commercial property team pending a restructure to ensure resources are targeted at priorities within the asset portfolio to improve the portfolio's overall net position and develop a longer-term strategic focus.
- 2.4. As of March 2025, the council had £166m of external borrowing 100% maturing within 12 months (i.e. to be reborrowed), by September, this was reduced to £139m with 68% maturing within one year, 11% within 2 years and 22% within 4 years. There is £25m to be reborrowed by the end of March and a further £39m to be reborrowed by the end of June 2026. Timely delivery of capital receipts will avoid the need to reborrow. The objective is to borrow for longer periods (i.e. 3 years) to gain cost certainty and progress is being made. The February 2025 MTFS assumed an average borrowing rate in 2025-26 of 5% dropping to 4.78% for the remainder of the MTFS period. Reborrowing interest rates between February and July have been below 4.78%.
- 2.5. The graph below tracks the available rates for each maturity period, the trajectory implies that the council is unlikely to be able to replace debt maturing between October 2025 and June 2026 (in total £64m) within its assumed interest rate of 4.78% and longer than one year maturity and will be reliant on the Inter Authority borrowing market which predominantly offers maturities less than 2 years and cheaper than PWLB. This will increase the council's exposure to interest rate increase at a time when the council is under pressure to achieve financial sustainability.



- 2.6. The graph below sets out the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) i.e. the amount of capital expenditure the council has incurred to date that has yet to



be funded by its own resources, therefore relying on borrowing. On the graph, the minimum borrowing (blue line) represents the external borrowing required to ensure the council has sufficient cash available to pay its creditors and bills as they fall due whilst maintaining a minimum £5m cash buffer. However, the council's day to day cashflow needs is not smooth as it depends on the daily amount of money coming in and going out (working capital), and at times some borrowing is needed to cover shortfalls in working capital demonstrated by the external borrowing line. Minimising the cost of borrowing requires an accurate cashflow forecast, including capital receipts. Delays in achieving planned capital receipts therefor has a direct impact on the councils in year cashflow and the longer-term ability to reduce the level of borrowing required, interest cost and Minimum Revenue Provision reduction.



- 2.7. The delayed receipts that were included in the February 2025 MTFS mid-year review have been removed from the budget estimates and is now being treated as a savings target to be achieved. The impact of the delay on the financial recovery plan is included in the overall financial position presented in appendix one.
- 2.8. The Serco waste and grounds maintenance contract is being reprocured. The detail is still under negotiation and will cover Employers National Insurance and minimum wage increases, cancellation of the commercial service and an adjustment for an improved margin. In total this is estimated to be around £500k per year.
- 2.9. There are several cost pressures that have escalated since the February budget approval, amounting to a total £815k in 2026-27 rising to £1.5m by 2027-28. Clearly this is unwelcome pressure on the Financial Recovery Plan and work will have to be done to contain these estimates within the current budget. The detail is itemised on appendix one.

- 2.10. The government has committed to progressing with the Fair Funding Review and has consulted all councils on a comprehensive range of proposals. The councils funding advisors (Pixel) have modelled the policies detailed within the consultation and there are a significant number of scenarios giving different answers to changes in the councils funding and therefore no assumption has been factored into the mid-year estimates. The delay in the Autumn Budget has pushed back the timelines for the provisional settlement for funding allocations from MHCLG, which can now be expected shortly before Christmas. A Policy Statement is expected early November ahead of the provisional settlement.
- 2.11. Reserves projection included within the February estimates indicated there would be £5.8m of useable reserves plus £2m working balance at the end of 2028-29 and the council would have resolved its deficit. Due to the changes itemised in this report, this position is likely to be worse with £4.2m of reserves if all savings are achieved, and no reserve funded supplementary budget estimates are approved during the remaining MTFS period, and the Fair Funding Settlement is budget neutral.
- 2.12. The savings target is the most significant concern and is likely to be very challenging to achieve next year. This year the target (£1.78m) was achieved through a combination of temporary reductions and the reversal of the government policy on Pooled Funds (£1m book loss provision). Most of these savings are unlikely to be achieved again like for like, the target for next year is £2.78m, an additional £1m. There is not sufficient information available to be more precise on the change in savings requirement until January 2026, once the contract negotiations, Fair Funding and Local Government Reorganisation have been progressed.
- 2.13. Financial Recovery Strategy adopted to resolve the financial challenge and bring the council's budget back into financial balance without the use of reserves is progressing and remains the appropriate response. The Mid-year review highlights that more focus on in year savings is required, and a bigger call on reserves than planned whilst the service review work to align the councils work and underlying budget with the recently adopted Delivery Plan progresses.
- 2.14. There are a significant number of uncertainties in the estimates, including the outcome of the Fair Funding review to be progressed before the council is due to set its 2026-27 and MTFS in February 2026.

### **3. Alternative Options**

- 3.1. The Council has a legal obligation to produce a balanced budget and therefore there is not a 'Do Nothing' option. The Council must achieve its revenue and capital receipt targets, through implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan.
- 3.2. Progress on identifying and implementing measures is being financially monitored, the council does have the option to introduce targeted or broader temporary expenditure control to hold back expenditure and reduce the

drawdown on reserves if the financial situation warrants. The Executive Head of Finance will consult at the earliest indication of this option being required.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. No specific consultations have been undertaken outside of the elected member of the council.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Risks and Uncertainties**

A summary of the key risks over the MTFS period as described in February 2025 and updated for the Mid-Year review is included below:

- 5.1. The cost of borrowing remains a risk to the council at present. Most of the borrowing has now been put in place for this financial year, with many transactions below the original 5% assumption. Further borrowing will be required in the final months of the year. In the last month, interest rates available have increased slightly, increasing risk to the achievement of interest rates at or below budget.
- 5.2. External borrowing was minimised throughout 2024/25, however, the value of borrowing the council holds remains high, borrowing interest costs continues to provide a risk to the council with £64m of maturing debt to be reborrowed within the next nine months.
- 5.3. Delays to disposals of capital receipts are having an impact on borrowing costs in year. Further delays will continue to negatively impact the 2025/26 financial year. If delays fall into the 2026/27 financial year, both interest costs and MRP savings reported in the MTFS will not be achievable in the 2026/27 financial year.
- 5.4. Property portfolio rental streams are a sizable contributor to the council's income at circa £10m, supporting the funding of debt costs. Properties remain at risk of vacancies which both prevent income achievement but can incur additional costs of rates, maintenance, and security. The property team capacity is under pressure to cover the full scope of managing the portfolio, this is currently being reviewed.
- 5.5. The Fair Funding review is a significant risk to the MTFS and is covered in detail within the report.
- 5.6. Officer capacity and focus is required to achieve the challenging savings targets which are proving to be difficult to achieve with the current capacity demands and focus on Local Government Review and changes in the senior leadership team. These risks will have to be fully addressed in the next two months.
- 5.7. Financial Statements disclaimed audit backlog to 2020-21 carries risk around impact on available reserves. Full audit assurance will not be achieved until the

2026-27 financial statements audit is completed by audit deadline of February 2029. There may be matters that affect the reserves identified at any point within this period.

- 5.8. Work on identifying and evaluating the latent liability (such as energy efficiency standards, major component replacement or dilapidations) on the substantial property holdings and additional capital expenditure on lease transactions has not been concluded and incorporated into the capital programme or revenue account through planned maintenance and income projections. This work must be progressed to tie into the savings strategy.
- 5.9. The airport planning application is a financial risk from the cost that could arise from any legal proceedings following the decision. This could be a significant revenue expense.
- 5.10. There is an unsecured loan to Farnborough International Limited (FIL) of £6.482m due for repayment in tranches in the next three years. FIL has offered the council the option to repay the full loan in March 2026 and this has been included within the mid-year assessment. There is a risk that FIL will not conclude on its refinancing and revert to the agreed repayment schedule.

### **Legal Implications**

- 5.11. Under the Council's Finance Procedure Rules, the Executive Head of Finance is responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs and advising on the corporate financial position. In compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations, it is the responsibility of Executive Directors, Heads of Service, Corporate Managers and Service Managers to consult with the Executive Head of Finance and seek approval on any matter liable to affect the Council's finances materially, before any commitments are incurred, including appropriate reporting and approvals in line with the delegated authority thresholds.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 5.12. Financial implications are set out within the report and further due diligence is given on appendix 2 "Section 25: Budget calculations: report on robustness of estimates"

### **Equalities Impact Implications**

- 5.13. No direct impact.

### **Other**

- 5.14. There are no further implications of this report to consider.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1. The council set a 2025-26 balanced budget with a planned reserve drawdown of £3.4m and a savings target of £1.8m of net budget reduction in 2025-26. The latest forecast shows the savings target has been achieved.
- 6.2. If the in-year financial situation determines, cost controls can be implemented to slow down the rate of expenditure until the situation is resolved.
- 6.3. Overall, the financial position over the MTFS period continues to be challenging, progress is being made and officers will continue to monitor closely and report updates regularly to councillors.

### **LIST OF APPENDICES/ANNEXES:**

Appendix 1: MTFS Mid-Year review

Appendix 2: Section 25: Budget calculations: report on robustness of estimates

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

- Budget Management - Outturn 2024/25– 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- Budget Management – Period 5-6 - 14<sup>th</sup> October Cabinet
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Appendix 1

# MTFS Mid Year review

September 2025

## 2024-25 Outturn and Reserves

	February 2024 Approved Budget £'000	January 2025 (P10) forecast £'000	March 2025 (P12) Outturn £'000
Budget deficit - February 2024 MTFS	5,379	5,379	5,379
Deficit reduced by savings removed from budget	(740)	(926)	(926)
Budgeted use of reserves:	4,639	4,453	4,453
Budget variances	0	(1,064)	(4,229)
Reserve drawdown to fund deficit	(4,639)	(3,389)	(224)
<b>Reserves</b>			
<b>Reserves available to fund deficit 31/3/2024</b>	(12,075)		(12,075)
Reserve drawdown to fund deficit	4,639		224
In year use of reserves	0		920
<b>Reserves available to fund deficit 31/3/2025</b>	<b>(7,436)</b>		<b>(10,931)</b>
<b>Reserves supporting specific initiatives</b>	(1,766)		(1,766)
In year use of reserves	119		(767)
Reserves supporting specific initiatives 31/3/2025	<b>(1,647)</b>		<b>(2,533)</b>
<b>Total useable reserves 31/3/2025</b>	<b>(9,083)</b>		<b>(13,464)</b>
<b>Working Balance:</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>		<b>(2,000)</b>

The 2024-25 budget projected a £5.379m deficit funded by 740k savings to be achieved and £4.639m reserve drawdown. In January 2025 £926k of savings achievement were reported to Cabinet and removed from the budget, with an additional £1.064m of favourable variances forecast to year end (March 2025). At the end of March, the in-year forecast variance (£1.064m) became the outturn variance to budget (i.e. reality: £4.229m) and this was a significant improvement resulting in a £224k drawdown from reserves for 2024-25 instead of the budgeted £4.639m.



## MTFS February 2025 - Reserves Projection

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
2025-26 MTFS	£`000	£`000	£`000	£`000
<b>Net deficit on revenue account</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>3,085</b>	<b>4,054</b>	<b>3,808</b>
Savings to be identified:	(1,784)	(2,784)	(3,781)	(3,781)
<b>Funded from reserves</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Reserves:</b>				
Available to fund deficit:	10,931	6,382	6,081	5,807
Supplementary approvals	(1,128)			
Budget deficit	(3,421)	(301)	(273)	(27)
<b>Reserves remaining</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>6,081</b>	<b>5,807</b>	<b>5,780</b>

Updated for the increase in reserves from 2024-25 outturn. An adequate level of reserve is required to cushion against financial shocks such as not achieving and/or delayed planned savings, new cost pressures, cost of change/to achieve savings and organisational change. The annual net deficit is the indicative level of required reserves.

## MTFS September 2025 - Reserves Projection

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	`000	`000	`000	`000
<b>2025-26 MTFS Reserves Mid year</b>				
Feb 2025 Net deficit on revenue account	5,205	3,085	4,054	3,808
<b>Net change in MTFS mid year</b>		<b>815</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>1,511</b>
Total: revised deficit	5,205	3,900	5,607	5,319
 Feb 2025 Savings to be identified:	(1,784)	(2,784)	(3,781)	(3,781)
<b>Capital receipts target</b>		<b>(158)</b>	<b>(1,002)</b>	<b>(1,155)</b>
	(1,784)	(2,942)	(4,783)	(4,936)
 <b>Revised funding from reserves</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>383</b>
 <b>Reserves:</b>				
Available to fund deficit:	10,931	6,382	5,423	4,599
Supplementary approvals	(1,128)			
Budget deficit	(3,421)	(958)	(825)	(383)
<b>Reserves remaining</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>4,599</b>	<b>4,216</b>
 <b>February 2025 planned reserves</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>6,081</b>	<b>5,807</b>	<b>5,780</b>

The council's financial plan is being blown off course and will no longer achieve a balanced MTFS and adequate reserves by the end of 2028-29 without action being taken. **The savings run rate this year is well below amount needed with most of the current year £1.784m savings being non recurrent. A repeat of this year's performance will result in insufficient reserves to call upon to set a balanced budget, i.e. £3.5m to cover £4.7m savings**

	<b><u>2025-26</u></b>
<b><u>Service savings</u></b>	<b><u>£000</u></b>
Budget correction	(62)
Budget not required	296
No elections 2025-26	8
UKSPF 2526 Programme funding	162
Reduction in property repairs budget (£220k is the Meads)	351
Commercial property service charges adjustment	125
Property management fee alignment	14
Property consultancy fee adjustment	50
LSH fees adjustment	50
Property contract staff	34
Regen consultancy fee adjustment	15
Regen temp staff adjustment	50
<b>Total service savings:</b>	<b><u>1,093</u></b>
Pooled fund reversal one off saving	1,000
<b>Total 2025-26 savings</b>	<b><u>2,093</u></b>

Most of the savings are property related and have a degree of discretion; further reliance will require management decisions. UKSPF funding will not be available next year. Very little saving has been identified from across other services non establishment (i.e. staffing) expenditure budgets.

	<b><u>2025-26</u></b>
<b><u>UKSPF 2526 Programme</u></b>	<b><u>£000</u></b>
Direct Grants	20
Grant To Dial A Ride	34
Grants To Business Support	10
Miscellaneous Expenses	67
Town Centre Marketing and promotion	31
<b>Total UKSPF funded activity</b>	<b><u>162</u></b>

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
<b>Summary of changes in MTFS mid year September 2025</b>	<b>£`000</b>	<b>£`000</b>	<b>£`000</b>
Southwood MRP and interest charged to SANG	(144)	(114)	(114)
Vacancy Savings	(83)	(12)	(12)
Union Yard PRS MRP	33	34	34
Princes Hall - staffing	50	50	50
Inflation	53	4	6
Planning income budget unrealistic	60	61	62
Local Plan Staff	100	100	100
MRP	116	308	331
LGR costs	150	150	150
Legal team capacity	200	200	200
Net interest	280	272	195
Serco contract	0	500	510
<b>Net change in MTFS mid year</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>1,511</b>
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Corporate delivery plan priorities have not been costed into these numbers. Fair funding review, changes in Retained Business Rates and government grants will not be known until December 2025.

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	£`000	£`000	£`000
<b>MRP Changes summary</b>			
Net changes in Cap Ex on CFR	(59)	(77)	(54)
<b><u>Capital receipts included</u></b>			
FIL loan	(461)	(250)	(250)
Vivid Capital receipt	(15)	(16)	(17)
Frimley sale	2	2	2
<b>MRP Included in estimates</b>	<b>(474)</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>(265)</b>
<b><u>Capital receipts excluded</u></b>			
Devereux	150	150	150
Hawley	338	339	339
Meads Block 3	10	11	12
Optrex	150	150	150
<b>MRP removed from estimates</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Net change in MRP</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>331</b>
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	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	£`000	£`000	£`000
<b>Changes in interest projections</b>			
<b><u>Capital receipts included</u></b>			
Union Yard Prime Sale £1m less	48	48	48
Net FIL repayment	(44)	(15)	53
Increased interest on Money Market Funds	(275)	(275)	(275)
Cashflow working capital estimates	140	103	(42)
<b>Interest on capital receipts included in projections</b>	<b>(131)</b>	<b>(139)</b>	<b>(216)</b>
<b><u>Capital receipts excluded</u></b>			
Devereux House	72	72	72
Optrex	72	72	72
Meads Block 3	96	96	96
Hawley Lane	172	172	172
<b>Interest on capital receipts removed from projections</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>411</b>
<b>Net change in Interest projections</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>195</b>
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<b><u>Impact of capital receipt delays</u></b>	<b><u>2026-27</u></b>	<b><u>2027-28</u></b>	<b><u>2028-29</u></b>
	<b><u>£000</u></b>	<b><u>£000</u></b>	<b><u>£000</u></b>
<b>MRP on planned capital receipts</b>			
Devereux	150	150	150
Hawley	338	339	339
Meads Block 3	10	11	12
Optrex	150	150	150
<b>Total: MRP adjustment</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Interest on planned capital receipts</b>			
Devereux House	72	72	72
Hawley Lane	172	172	172
Meads Block 3	96	96	96
Optrex	72	72	72
<b>Total: Interest adjustment</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>411</b>
<b>Total capital savings adjusted out of budget</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,061</b>

These capital receipts were factored into the February 2025 MTFs estimates. The table quantifies the original savings had they been delivered on time. The impact on the current financial year has been included within the in-year budget management reporting.

**Capital receipts: revised projected savings.**

<b>September 2025 Assumptions</b>	<b>Due date:</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>
			<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Devereux House	By October 2026	1.5	0	36	222	222
Optrex	By October 2026	1.5	0	36	222	222
Meads Block 3	By October 2028	2	0	0	48	201
Hawley Lane (value range £2m- £4m)	By October 2026	3.6	0	86	511	511
<b>Total: September assumptions</b>		<b>8.60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>1,155</b>
<b>February capital savings adjusted out of budget</b>			603	1,060	1,061	1,061
<b>Net change in capital savings</b>			<b>603</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>(94)</b>

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Delayed capital receipts have been adjusted out of the mid year estimates and the current projections will be included as a specific savings target in the February 2026 MTFS.

The adverse financial impact demonstrates that adequate asset disposal capacity is critical to delivery of capital receipts to prevent further deterioration of the MTFS.



### Appendix 2

#### **Local Government Finance Act 2003, Section 25: Budget calculations: report on robustness of estimates**

1. Section 25 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003 requires the chief finance officer (CFO) (section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972) of the Council to report to Full Council on the following matters:

- the robustness of the estimates included in the budget
- and the adequacy of the financial reserves in the budget

2. The Act requires councillors to have regard to this Section 25 report in making decisions at the Council's budget setting and council tax setting meeting(s).

3. Section 26 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003 Minimum reserves: requires the CFO to ascertain a minimum level of reserves for the council and to determine the level of reserve at the end of the financial year under consideration, which cannot be less than the minimum set by the CFO.

#### **Robustness of Estimates**

4. Budget setting is based on a standstill approach in cash terms, with inflationary provision normally only made for specified expenditure (e.g., Pay Award, contracts with agreed uplift mechanism). The revenue budget is increased by unavoidable budget pressures that cannot be mitigated elsewhere.

5. The basis on which the budget for 2025/26 and the MTFS have been prepared has been set out clearly in the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 report to Full Council, including sensitivity testing to specific changes in risk and assumptions. The key financial issues addressed within those budget estimates have been reviewed in this report.

7. The 27th of February 2025 MTFS shows a £16.152m budget deficit as described in the report along with a process to address the deficit and bring the revenue account back into balance. The savings target has been set predicated on the assumptions on interest rates, capital receipts and several other significant assumptions set out within the MTFS. These assumptions have been revisited and updated in the mid-year review.

#### **Risk**

8. As indicated in the reports to Cabinet and Full Council, there are several financial risks that the Council will face over the medium-term. The 2025/26 Budget and the MTFS have been prepared with consideration of the risks summarised in the report. It has not been possible to mitigate these risks through use of reserves alone and a budget recovery plan has been proposed. Progress on the delivery of the recovery plan has been assessed and reported as part of the mid-year review.

#### **Adequacy of the Reserves**

9. The Budget Strategy set a target for the General Fund balance (working balance) to be maintained at a minimum of £2m. In addition to the £2m working balance, the Council is had £10.931m of useable reserves on 1st April 2025. The mid-year review presented in appendix 1 forecasts that a significant repurposing of earmarked reserves will be required during fund the forecast deficit beyond what was assumed in February 2025.

10. The level of projected reserves shown in appendix 1 indicates that the Council has sufficient reserves to set a legal budget for 2026/27, and potentially 2027/28, depending upon

how the assumptions play out and progress made in achieving the cost-of-service reduction in the coming months through the implementation of the savings plan described above.

11. Therefore, I am satisfied that the level of reserves the Council holds for the forthcoming year is adequate to support the budget although members should consider the level of reserves utilised in 2025/26 and the need to ensure reserves remain adequate over the medium-term.

Peter Vickers  
Executive Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer

25 September 2025

**CABINET**  
**14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**CLLR. KEITH DIBBLE**  
**HOUSING & PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

**KEY DECISION? NO**

**REPORT NO. PG2531**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT  
UPDATE 2025**

**SUMMARY:**

The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document is a subsidiary document to the Local Plan. It provides additional information to developers on the implementation of the Local Plan policies related to the delivery of new affordable homes,

The Current SPD was adopted in 2019. Since then, changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, Building Regulations, Government Housing Priorities and increases to rents and benefits have meant that an update is required. This report sets out the key areas of the existing document to be updated.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

From the information in this report Cabinet is asked to agree:

- To consult on the revised Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document and thereafter delegate authority to the Executive Head of Property and Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to make any necessary final amendments that are not substantive in light of the consultee comments before final adoption.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (The SPD) is subsidiary to the main Local Plan document. Its purpose is to provide additional advice to private developers and Registered Providers on the delivery of new homes in the borough, usually brought forward as part of section 106 obligations. The SPD cannot change the policy in the adopted Local Plan, its purpose is to provide additional guidance on its implementation.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 What is included in the Affordable Housing SPD**

The SPD provides a consistent set of advice, this includes:

- The tenure types and sizes which is based on housing need.
- How to support balanced neighbourhoods through the location or groupings of different tenures within a wider development.
- Securing a Registered Provider to manage the Affordable Homes
- A transparent process of calculating an off-site contribution (commuted sum) where it is not possible to deliver the affordable homes on site.

### **2.2 Why the Affordable Housing SPD needs updating**

The current SPD was adopted in 2019. Since then, there have been changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and Building Control Regulations and significant increases in local market rents and the Local Housing Allowance (the housing element of universal credit payments), all of which need to be up to date to provide developers with the best advice.

## **3. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL**

### **3.1 General**

The key areas which are to be updated are:

- 1) Inclusion of the council's key priorities to demonstrate how the Affordable Housing SPD assists the council in meeting these, especially Homes for All: Quality Living, Affordable Housing
- 2) Updated references to the National Planning Policy Framework, particularly the priority now being given to social rent over other affordable housing for rent.
- 3) Reference to the councils Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2023-2027.
- 4) Change to the council's rent setting framework- The current SPD includes a rent cap included of £250 per week for a four-bed property which is now proposed to be removed.

Affordable Rents are set at up to 80% of Open Market rents nationally. Due to the high rent levels in the borough (compared with other parts of

the country), the council adopted a rent setting framework to maximise affordability for tenants. The adopted rent setting framework seeks to secure rents levels as follows:

- One- and two-bedroom properties at 70% of the open market rent, or the Local Housing Allowance, whichever is the lower.
- Three- and four-bedroom properties at 65% of open market rents, or the Local Housing Allowance, whichever is the lower.

All LHA rates can be viewed here: [Local Housing Allowance \(LHA\) for private tenants - Rushmoor Borough Council](#)

The cap of £250 for a four bed is now significantly below the current market rent and Local Housing Allowance of £392.23 per week. It is not necessary to set a new cap, which would need to be updated regularly, as applying the lower of the size related percentage or the Local Housing Allowance is working to secure affordable housing on current schemes.

To assist members in seeing how the changes impact the existing document, a tracked changes document has been produced and attached as an appendix 1 to this report.

### **Consultation**

Project officers have consulted internally within the Housing and Property and Growth Services. Members of the Strategic Housing Local Plan Group were consulted on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Should the Cabinet agree the recommendation of this report, a 6-week public consultation on the revised SPD will be undertaken in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Risks**

Making use of an out-of-date SPD is a reputational risk which could jeopardise the delivery of affordable homes in the borough.

### **4.2 Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications relating to the content of this report. There are however risks if the work is not carried out, therefore the consultation is a necessary piece of work to move the SPD forward and ultimately mitigate the

risks. *Amanda Bancroft Interim Monitoring Officer & Corporate Manager Legal Services* 25/09/2025 25/09/2025

#### 4.3 Financial and Resource Implications

There are no direct financial or resource implications from this proposal.  
*Peter Vickers S151* 25/9/2025

#### 4.4 Equalities Impact Implications

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed; see appendix 2.

### 5 CONCLUSIONS

The council's published Affordable Housing SPD requires updating to ensure that developers are provided with the most up to date advice on implementing Local Plan Policy. There are no significant risks or resourcing implications associated with the update

#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Rushmoor Borough Council Delivery Plan 2025-2026  
Rushmoor Borough Council Local Plan 2014-2034  
Rushmoor Borough Council Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2023-2027.

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**Appendix 1 Tracked Changes Document**

**Appendix 2 EIA Documents**



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WITHIN NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

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## 1. Introduction

### What is a Supplementary Planning Document?

- 1.1. A Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) elaborates upon policies in the Development Plan, in this instance the Rushmoor Local Plan 2014-2032<sup>1</sup> (adopted February 2019). SPDs are one of the material considerations that can be taken into account when determining a planning application.

1.2. This SPD elaborates upon Local Plan Policy LN2: Affordable Housing and was subject to six weeks public consultation between 3 June 2019 and 15 July 2019 and adopted by the Councils Cabinet on 17 September 2019.

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### What is the purpose of this SPD?

#### 1.3 The SPD supports the council in delivering its key priorities which are:

- a) Skills, Economy & regeneration
- b) Homes for All: Quality Living, Affordable Housing
- c) Community and Wellbeing: Active Lives, Healthier and Stronger Communities
- d) Pride in Place: Clean, Safe and Vibrant Neighbourhoods
- e) The Future and Financial Sustainability

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~~1.3-~~ 1.4 The purpose of this SPD is to provide further guidance to support the implementation of the affordable housing policies of the Rushmoor Local Plan and housing delivery objectives of the Rushmoor Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022<sup>2</sup>.

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~~1.4-~~ 1.5 A core purpose of this SPD is to ensure the delivery of affordable housing that meets residents' needs and aspirations, and which supports the delivery of sustainable, inclusive communities.

### National Policy Context

~~1.5-~~ 1.3 Chapter 5 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) December 2024-2019 confirms the importance of significantly boosting the supply of homes and delivering housing needed for different groups in the community, including those who require affordable housing.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/rushmoorplan>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/housingstrategies>

~~1-6-1.4.~~ Paragraph ~~642~~ states that planning policies should specify the type of affordable housing required, and expect it to be met on-site unless:

- a) off-site provision or an appropriate financial contribution in lieu can be robustly justified; and
- b) the agreed approach contributes to the objective of creating mixed and balanced communities.

~~1-7-1.5.~~ Paragraph ~~653~~ states that ‘the provision of affordable housing should not be sought for residential developments that are not major developments... To support the re-use of brownfield land, where vacant buildings are being reused or redeveloped, any affordable housing contribution due should be reduced by a proportionate amount’.

~~1-8-1.6.~~ The national planning policy definition of affordable housing is included in the Glossary of the NPPF which is repeated in the Glossary of this document. However, an extract of the definition is provided below:

*Housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers); and which complies with one or more of the following definitions:*

- a) ~~Affordable housing for rent~~*Social Rent*
- b) ~~Starter homes~~*Other affordable housing for rent*
- c) *Discounted market sales housing*
- d) *Other affordable routes to home ownership*

## Local Policy Context

~~1-9-1.7.~~ To support the provision of the overall level of housing required, and the mix of housing types and tenures, the Council jointly commissioned a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)<sup>3</sup> with Hart and Surrey Heath councils. The SHMA (2016) identifies a need in Rushmoor for 160 affordable subsidised rented homes per annum (social or affordable rent). In addition, there is a need for 220 intermediate (subsidised home ownership) homes a year.

~~1-10-1.8.~~ The SHMA and Local Plan Viability Evidence have informed the Local Plan Affordable Housing Policy (LN2) detailed below:

### **Policy LN2 - Affordable Housing**

*The delivery of affordable housing will be supported by requiring developments, subject to site viability, to provide:*

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/shlaa>

- a) *On sites of ~~11~~ or more dwellings, a minimum of 30% of dwellings as affordable homes;*
- b) *On sites within Aldershot and Farnborough town centres of 11 or more dwellings, a minimum of 20% of dwellings as affordable homes;*
- c) *A site appropriate mix of dwelling sizes designed to meet local needs, as set out in the SHMA (2016) or any subsequent update;*
- d) *Predominantly subsidised rented affordable housing, in order to best meet local needs as set out in the SHMA (2016) and any subsequent update, with a smaller proportion of intermediate affordable housing, to help create mixed communities;*
- e) *The integration of affordable housing with market housing, unless the development is 100% affordable housing;*
- f) *On sites of 15 or more dwellings, on-site provision of affordable housing, unless there are exceptional circumstances, in which case a commuted sum of equivalent value will be required;*
- g) *On sites of 11 to 14 dwellings, either on-site provision of affordable housing or a commuted sum of equivalent value; and*
- h) *Subject to site suitability, affordable dwellings to be built to accessible and adaptable standards to meet the requirements of Building Regulations M4(2) and, where evidenced by local need, a proportion of affordable dwellings to be built as wheelchair user dwellings to meet the requirements of Building Regulations M4(3).*

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~~1.11.1.9.~~ On site affordable housing provision in accordance with Local Plan Policy LN2 will be secured by a Planning Obligation (Section 106 Legal Agreement) unless the developer can demonstrate that the development would be made unviable as a result of the policy requirements, or the developer has difficulty procuring a Registered Provider (see paragraphs 2.15-2.17 for further information).

~~1.12.~~ The Rushmoor Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy ~~2023-2027~~<sup>4</sup>~~2022~~<sup>(2017)</sup> aims to ensure that Rushmoor's residents have access to good-quality homes that are affordable and appropriate to their needs. ~~It identifies the need for housing for different groups and includes actions in relation to the delivery of specialist housing. These groups include those leaving the Army and their families, who have priority status for home ownership schemes and 'local connection' status with any local authority to which they present as homeless, and the Nepali community, many of whom are former Gurkhas and their families who have settled in the Borough. The Council works in partnership with providers to meet the specialist needs of~~

<sup>4</sup> Housing and Homelessness Strategy <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/housingstrategies>

~~disabled veterans and the older population through the Housing and Homelessness Strategy and to address issues of access to housing. Demand for all forms of housing is high, as an area with limited land supply the delivery of on-site affordable homes is a priority for the council.~~

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#### ~~When does this guidance apply?~~

~~1.13.1.10.~~ This guidance applies to all schemes in the Borough that generate a need to provide affordable housing in accordance with Rushmoor Local Plan Policy LN2 – Affordable Housing.

#### Early Engagement

~~1.14. We recommend that development proposals be discussed with the Council's Housing Strategy and Enabling Team before a planning application is submitted to identify and resolve any issues at an early stage. The Housing Strategy and Enabling Team can advise on the tenure mix and design of policy compliant schemes, which meet housing need, as well as capital funding available to support scheme viability. There is no charge for this advice.~~

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~~1.11. The Council encourages all applicants to engage in a pre-application discussions with the Development Management Team and this should include engagement with the Housing Strategy and Enabling team. This is a fee charging service, further information on pre application can be found here <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3433/Pre-application-advice>. If the applicant does not engage in pre-application discussions, then they will still need to engage with the Housing Strategy and Enabling team.~~

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~~1.15. In addition, the Council's Development Management Team can provide pre application planning advice; this is a fee charging service. Further information on pre application can be found here: <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3433/Pre-application-advice>~~

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## 2. Affordable Housing: On Site Provision

### Mix of affordable units

2.1. The Local Plan is based on evidence contained in the Hart, Rushmoor and Surrey Heath Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2014-2032. Affordable housing should secure 70% for subsidised rent (social rent or affordable rent models) and 30% for intermediate housing (~~low cost~~low-cost home ownership). ~~As private market rents are high in Rushmoor compared to local incomes, social rents should be offered wherever possible to support low income households who live and work in the Borough.~~

2.2. The Local Plan identifies the following house size mix to enable the Council to meet affordable housing need in the longer term:

- One-bedroom: 30%
- Two-bedrooms: 30-40%
- Three or more bedrooms: Around 30%, with 10% sought as 4 bedrooms.

- 2.3. To best meet housing needs, the two-bed requirement should provide a mix of houses and flats. To offer maximum flexibility, two-bed homes should be able to accommodate occupation by four people.
- 2.4. The Council recognises that the full house type mix may not be appropriate on all sites, however, the Council's objective is to secure policy compliant development wherever possible. The developer must evidence where this is not appropriate and consult with the Housing Strategy and Enabling Team before submitting a planning application.
- 2.5. The Local Plan and its supporting evidence base identify that greatest need for affordable homes in the Borough is for social rented properties. Therefore, the starting point for a developer is to assume that tenure mix requirements will be 70% for subsidised rent and 30% for intermediate products (e.g. shared ownership). The National Planning Policy Framework (2019 December 2024) states that where major development involving the provision of housing is proposed, planning policies and decisions should expect that the mix of affordable housing required meets identified local needs across Social Rent, other affordable housing for rent and affordable home ownership tenures. decisions should expect at least 10% of the homes to be available for affordable home ownership<sup>5</sup> as part of the overall affordable housing contribution from the site, unless this would significantly prejudice the ability to meet the identified affordable housing needs of specific groups or where the development is a type that is exempt<sup>6</sup>. However, the exact affordable mix will be dependent upon site-specific circumstances (e.g. site size and location), local needs and viability. All affordable tenures must meet the definitions set out in Annex 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework (repeated in the Glossary of this document).

#### Affordability of rented units

- 2.6. Affordable homes must be genuinely affordable to those whose incomes do not allow them to rent or buy a home that is suitable for their needs on the open market. Importantly affordable and social rented homes in the Borough must be affordable to the households in the Rushmoor Housing Allocation Pool (those residents who the Council nominates to rented homes). Local income data informs the Council's approach to rent setting.
- 2.7. The measure of affordability that developers should consider when appraising schemes is that rents should not exceed 30% of lower quartile gross household incomes.

<sup>5</sup> Affordable home ownership includes starter homes, discounted market sale housing, and other affordable routes to home ownership (including shared ownership and shared equity), as set out in Annex 2 of the NPPF.

<sup>6</sup> NPPF (February 2019), Paragraph 64 provides further detail on the exemptions

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- 2.8. Income data can be accessed at [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk). ~~In addition, income data for those waiting for affordable housing in Rushmoor is available on request from the Housing Strategy and Enabling Team.~~
- 2.9. The Council's preference is for ~~S~~social ~~R~~rent, wherever possible. ~~Social Rent is set at lower rates than affordable rent, Homes England capital grant is available to subsidise the delivery of social rent in Rushmoor (see Section 4 for more details).~~ Social rented units delivered in Rushmoor should be calculated using the National Guidance on Rents available at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-rents-for-social-housing](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-rents-for-social-housing)
- 2.10. Where Affordable Rents are used the Councils preferred rent-setting framework is:
- One-, two- and three-bed properties: 70% of the open market rent or the Local Housing Allowance, whichever is the lower;
  - Four- and five-bedroom properties: 65% of open market rent or the Local Housing Allowance, whichever is the ~~lower; lower.~~
  - ~~A rent cap in the region of £250 per week for a four bed property;~~
  - Other such rents as agreed with the Council.
- 2.11. Local Housing Allowance rates are available at:  
<https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3079/Local-Housing-Allowance-LHA-for-private-tenants>

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### Procuring a Registered Provider

- 2.12. Registered Providers own and / or manage the affordable housing stock (social rent and shared ownership) in the Borough. Therefore, early engagement with Registered Providers (RPs) that operate in the Borough is actively encouraged as this will potentially reduce design related issues with the dwellings, ~~but also in the longer term early engagement of an RP could result in reduced management costs to future residents.~~ The Council's Housing Strategy and Enabling Team maintain a list of RP partners that are active in the Borough, which can be provided upon request.

Developers are also encouraged to register with Homes England Section 106 Affordable Housing Clearing Service where sites with planning can be listed to seek RP interest.

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- 2.13. Once a Registered Provider has been secured for a development, the Council will enter into a nomination agreement with them. This is a contract, which allows the Council to nominate those in housing need to affordable homes as they become available.
- 2.14. It is important to note that Registered Providers let their properties in accordance with their own tenancy policies. However, the Borough Council encourages RPs to take account of the Council's Tenancy Strategy<sup>7</sup> when setting their policies.

### Difficulty Procuring a Registered Provider

- 2.15. The Council recognise that for some development, particularly on smaller sites, a situation may arise where the developer is unable to fulfil the affordable housing obligations as, despite all reasonable efforts, no Registered Provider (RP) is willing to procure the affordable dwellings. This may be due to a number of factors, such as the tenure proposed does not fit the RPs business model or the financial offer submitted by the RP may not cover the developers reasonable build costs.
- 2.16. In these circumstances and where provision has been made within the Section 106 legal agreement the developer may apply to the Council to commute onsite provision of affordable housing to a financial sum. The Council will need to be satisfied that the developer has made all reasonable efforts to dispose of the affordable housing to an RP, including evidence that the site has been listed with the Homes England Section 106 Clearing Service. Evidence of all correspondence and offers must be provided. ~~and they will be required to evidence details of any offers received from RPs or correspondence with RPs.~~ This may also include financial information on the sum the developer is seeking for the affordable dwellings to ensure that cost is not the overriding factor in the failure to procure an RP.

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<sup>7</sup> [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/housingstrategies](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/housingstrategies)



- 2.17. If the Council agrees, the affordable housing obligations may be commuted to a financial payment to fund off site provision (see below). However, it is important to note that the Councils priority remains the provision of affordable housing on the application site and this cascade to a financial sum is the last resort. Before considering requests, the Council will first explore with the developer whether amended affordable housing scheme, including changes to the number, type, tenure and location within the site, will make on site provision possible.

### Accessible and Adaptable Homes

- 2.18. Rushmoor Local Plan Policy LN2 (criteria h) requires affordable housing to be accessible and adaptable standards to meet the requirements of the Building Regulations M4(2), unless the site is unsuitable. This is to support the ageing population and the specific needs of people with mobility problems.
- 2.19. In addition, where evidenced by local need, a proportion of affordable dwellings should be built as wheelchair-user homes to meet the requirements of Building Regulations M4(3). The Housing Strategy and Enabling Team can advise on the level of need.
- 2.20. Standards for accessible and adaptable homes are contained within Building Regulations Approved Document M: Volume 1 (2015). This is available online at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-and-use-of-buildings-approved-document-m>

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### Internal Space Standards

- 2.21. To achieve a satisfactory living environment, homes should meet the internal space standards set out Local Plan Policy DE2 – Residential Internal Space Standards. These standards reflect the nationally described space standard, which was published by the government in 2015.

### Residential Amenity Space Standards

- 2.22. Access to outside green space is important to people's health and well-being, particularly children. To achieve a satisfactory living environment, homes should meet the standards set out Local Plan Policy DE3 – Residential Amenity Standards.
- 2.23. Amenity space can be in the form of private or communal gardens, balconies, and/or roof terraces. The minimum requirements for private outdoor space are:
- Flatted development: a balcony of a 5 sq m which is accessible from the main habitable room
  - 1 or 2 bed houses: 15 sq m garden
  - Residential units of Two bedrooms or more: 30 sq m garden space
- 2.24. For flatted developments, if it is not possible to provide external balconies, Juliet balconies with compensating internal space in the living area may be acceptable. Ideally, balconies should have enclosures that are safe, offer some degree of privacy, and be robust enough to take clothes-drying equipment and furniture.

### Other Design considerations

2.25. Housing design must be genuinely tenure blind, therefore affordable and market dwellings must be completely indistinguishable across the different tenures. It is preferable if affordable units are dispersed in small clusters throughout the development.

2.26. The Council has analysed the outcome of new-build affordable housing schemes in the borough, and it is our view that consideration of the issues set below can reduce housing management issues in completed properties. The council therefore requires:

- Circulation space near the entrance to allow space to accommodate outside items, such as prams, umbrellas, coats and shoes.
- Direct entry from the outside into a living room should be avoided.
- Clear circulation space provided in bathrooms, that meet (or preferably exceed) the standards set in Optional technical Standard M4(2) of building regulations. This will allow properties to be used by a wide range of occupiers, including those with mobility problems.
- In larger homes, careful thought should be given when designing open-plan living and dining and kitchen areas, taking into account the number of potential occupiers and the need for some quiet space.
- All rooms, except internal bathrooms, should have natural light.
- Double and twin bedrooms must be capable of being used interchangeably to reflect the occupancy rates expected of affordable housing. A minimum width of 2.75 metres allows this to be achieved.
- Layouts should be planned so that the effect of noise from adjoining properties is minimised in sound-sensitive rooms (for example, bedrooms).

2.27. In addition, lack of internal and external storage space is frequently identified as an issue in new dwellings. The provision of internal built-in storage space in excess of the nationally described space standard will therefore always be welcomed.

2.28. Good design can incorporate bin storage into a scheme so that bins are easily accessed from the home but do not harm the appearance of the development. Arrangements that require rubbish to be taken through the home should be avoided. Consideration should be given to the size of the bin stores and how bins will be collected. Further information is available online at: [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3434/Rubbish-and-recycling-bins-at-new-or-converted-properties](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3434/Rubbish-and-recycling-bins-at-new-or-converted-properties)

### High-density developments (flats)

2.29. Although high density usually results in the development of flats, concentrations of similar housing types should be avoided, and developers should aim to provide a mix of housing types wherever possible, although it is acknowledged that site specific factors (such as location) will influence the type and density of residential units provided.

**Commented [AB13]:** Do we need to review this in light of the appeal on Blandford regarding the layout of AH?

**Commented [JH14R13]:** Also how does this align with what RPs want? 'Pepper potting' has always been the ideal but in my experience RPs will say that a cluster is easier for them to manage.

**Commented [ZP15R13]:** The Blandford and Malta Barrack appeal enabled us to achieve this as they had proposed all of the AH in one main area. We can add "in small clusters" Jake as yes RPs don't really like having individual units dotted around.

- 2.30. To enable the effective management of residential buildings containing flats, the number of units served by a single entrance should be limited. The Council and its partners have found that no more than 12 units served by a single entrance point works well.

### 3. Affordable Housing Off Site Provision (Commuted Sums)

- 3.1. Local Plan Policy LN2 enables the use of commuted sums (a financial contribution) towards off site affordable housing provision for schemes of between 11 and 14 dwellings or schemes greater than 15 units in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.2. The Council's preference is to deliver affordable housing units on-site. As noted above, in exceptional circumstances, the Council may agree that the local housing need can best be met by a financial contribution for off-site provision.
- 3.3. The financial contribution will be calculated using the following formula:

*Gross Development Value (with 100% market housing) – Gross Development Value (with 30% affordable housing)*

In Aldershot and Farnborough Town Centres, the financial contribution will be calculated as follows:

*Gross Development Value (with 100% market housing) – Gross Development Value (with 20% affordable housing)*

**Note:** that the calculation of Gross Development Value with affordable housing should be based on 70% subsidised rented and 30% intermediate tenure.

- 3.4. It is important to note that the developer will be asked to provide financial appraisals to support the inputs / assumptions for determining the financial contribution. The Council will submit this appraisal for an independent financial assessment, with the costs borne by the developer. All commuted sum funding received is ring-fenced for affordable housing delivery.
- 3.5. A worked example of how to calculate commuted sums is shown below for a 160 unit residential scheme in a part of the Borough where the 30% affordable housing requirement applies is set out overleaf:

**Step 1** - Calculate Gross Development Value of the scheme with 100% market housing as shown below:

Dwelling Type	Number of units	Open Market Value Per Unit	GDV per dwelling unit type
1 Bedroom	38	£230,000	£8,740,000
2 Bedroom	42	£300,000	£12,600,000
3 Bedroom	80	£400,000	£32,000,000
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>£53,340,000</b>

**Step 2** – Calculate the number of affordable units by dwelling type required by Local Plan Policy DE2 with a split of 70% Subsidised Rent and 30% Intermediate.

Dwelling Type	Total Number of units	Total Number of Affordable units (30%)	Subsidised Rent units	Intermediate units
1 Bedroom	38	11	8	3
2 Bedroom	42	13	9	4
3 Bedroom	80	24	17	7
		48	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>

**Step 3** – Calculate the Development Value of the Affordable Housing units on the assumption that subsidised rented units are valued at 55%<sup>8</sup> of the Open Market Value (OMV) and Intermediate units are valued at 65%<sup>9</sup> of the OMV.

Dwelling Type	Open Market value	Subsidised Rent Value (55% OMV)	Intermediate value (65% OMV)
1 Bedroom	£230,000	£126,500	£149,500
2 Bedroom	£300,000	£165,000	£195,000
3 Bedroom	£400,000	£220,000	£260,000

<sup>8</sup> To reflect the typical discount of 45% of the PMV that is secured for subsidised rented units

<sup>9</sup> To reflect the typical discount of 35% of the PMV that is secured for intermediate units

**Step 4:** Calculate the Gross Development Value of a policy compliant scheme using the four steps below:

**a) Market Homes (70%)**

Dwelling Type	Market Units	Market Value	Total value
1 Bedroom	27	£230,000	£6,210,000
2 Bedroom	29	£300,000	£8,700,000
3 Bedroom	56	£400,000	£22,400,000
			<b>£37,310,000</b>

**b) Subsidised rented units**

Dwelling Type	Number of subsidised rent units	Subsidised rent units value	Subsidised Rented total value
1 Bedroom	8	£126,500	£1,012,000
2 Bedroom	9	£165,000	£1,485,000
3 Bedroom	17	£220,000	£3,740,000
			<b>£6,237,000</b>

**c) Intermediate units**

Dwelling Type	Number of intermediate units	Intermediate rent units value	Intermediate total value
1 Bedroom	3	£149,500	£448,500
2 Bedroom	4	£195,000	£780,000
3 Bedroom	7	£260,000	£1,820,000
			<b>£3,048,500</b>

**d) GDV of policy compliant scheme (a+b+c) = £46,595,500**  
(£37,310,000+£6,237,000+£3,048,500)

**Step 5 – Calculate Commuted sum**

*Gross Development Value (with 100% market housing) – Gross Development Value (with 30% affordable housing)*

£53,340,000 (Step 1 output) – £46,595,500 (Step 4 output) = **commuted sum £6,744,500**

#### 4. Viability

##### Viability Appraisals to justify a departure from Policy LN2

- 4.1. The Local Plan is supported by Evidence base including the Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy Economic Viability Study (2017)<sup>10</sup> that has considered the effect of the requirements in the Local Plan to ensure that the combined total impact of such requirements does not threaten the viability of the sites and scale of development identified in the development plan.
- 4.2. Where schemes do not meet the policy requirements for potential viability reasons (such as those set out in Policy LN2: Affordable Housing), the Council will require applicants to submit an open book viability assessment in line with [government guidance](#) as part of the planning application submission. It is important to note that this information will be made available in the public domain. In such cases, the Council will commission an independent review of the viability assessment, the cost of which should be met by the applicant.
- 4.3. Where the viability case is supported by the independent review and the Council accepts that meeting the full affordable housing requirement makes the scheme unviable, flexible arrangements relating to the timing and level of planning obligations may be considered if the scheme would otherwise not be able to proceed.
- 4.4. A Financial Viability Assessment (FVA) is only current at the time it is prepared. Financial viability will vary over time with the changing economic and property markets. Therefore, the council will require viability review mechanisms through s106 agreements where policy requirements are not met in full at the time permission is granted.
- 4.5. On large sites that are expected to be built out over a period of time or in phases, viability may need to be re-assessed at different points (such as prior to the commencement of each phase). In order to ensure that appropriate affordable housing provision is secured in circumstances where there is a change in viability of a development scheme during its implementation, the associated Section 106 agreement will contain a requirement for re-assessment at later stages in its construction. The Council would expect that all **large developments** including residential development would include at least an out turn retest 75% of the way through the development to compare actual costs and values with those assessed at the application stage and that if viability has improved, for additional affordable housing to be provided on site wherever possible, and an in-lieu contribution to off-site affordable housing otherwise.

Field Code Changed

**Commented [JH16]:** Do we need to define what we mean by large developments?  
Also do we want to consider early and late stage reviews, as per London Plan, to encourage build out if an agreed level of progress is not made on site within a specified period, and then also at a late stage to re-test based on actual costs?

**Commented [ZP17R16]:** @Alice Barella What would the definition of a large development be?

**Commented [ZP18R16]:** @Jake Hamilton Are you able to add in something about late stage reviews please? I don't know enough about them.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/10136/Background-evidence-on-viability>



### Grant Funding

4.6. The Council may be able to provide capital grant funding in support of affordable housing schemes. Affordable housing must therefore comply with the space standards; these standards also ensure development meets the grant conditions of Homes England. In addition, each scheme must also:

- Meet the standards set out in this SPD;
- Provide homes for rent that comply with the Council's rent-setting formula (see paragraph 2.10);
- Provide the Council with nomination rights;
- Provide an opportunity for chain lettings; and
- In the case of shared ownership, offer additional units to the shared ownership requirement of an s106 agreement or offer a return to the Council in the form of a ground rent or a share in capital growth.

4.7. To assist with the pre-application process, the Council has an online pre-application checklist. This can be found at: [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3433/pre-application-advice-for-developers](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3433/pre-application-advice-for-developers)

### Vacant Building Credit

4.8. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (paragraph 65<sup>11</sup>) provides an incentive for brownfield development on sites containing vacant buildings. National Planning Practice Guidance<sup>11</sup> (NPPG) requires that where a vacant building is brought back into any lawful use, or is demolished to be replaced by a new building, the developer should be offered a financial credit equivalent to the existing gross floorspace of relevant vacant buildings when the local planning authority calculates any affordable housing contribution which will be sought. Affordable housing contributions may be required for any increase in floorspace.

4.9. The Local Plan acknowledges that the Vacant Building credit is intended to incentivise brownfield development on sites with empty or redundant buildings, and that if applicable a 'credit' should be then applied which is the equivalent of the gross floorspace of any relevant vacant buildings being brought back into use (converted) or demolished.

4.10. The Local Plan makes it clear that in considering Vacant Building Credit applications, the Council will have regard to the national policy, which is to incentivise brownfield redevelopment and not simply to reduce the affordable housing requirement of schemes that would have come forward anyway. Sites allocated for development within the Local Plan in Aldershot and Farnborough Town Centres may not be eligible for Vacant Building Credit, as the Affordable Housing requirements have already been reduced in these locations to reflect the higher costs associated with redeveloping brownfield land.

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<sup>11</sup> NPPG Paragraph: 021 Reference ID: 23b-021-20160519 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-obligations>

4.11. It is important to note that the vacant building credit does not apply to buildings that have been abandoned. The Council will determine on a case by case basis whether building is vacant or abandoned. As a general principle to qualify for the vacant building credit a building should be vacant at the time a planning application is registered. The credit is only applicable to relevant vacant buildings; the Council will not accept, for example, sheds and non-permanent buildings for the purposes of vacant building credit.

4.12. In instances where the Council considers that a proposed development qualifies for Vacant Building Credit, the following formula should be used for schemes providing on-site affordable housing provision:

**Step 1** - Calculate the number of dwellings that should be provided as affordable housing on a given site in accordance with Local Plan Policy LN2: Affordable Housing

**Step 2** - Calculate as a proportion, the extent of existing floorspace compared against the proposed floorspace.

**Step 3** - Make a deduction to the number of affordable dwellings to be provided based on the proportion identified at Step 2.

4.13. This will be calculated by the formula  $RAH = AH - (AD \times E / P)$  where:

**RAH** = Revised number of affordable housing units to be provided

**AH** = Expected number of affordable housing units to be provided prior to application of credit in accordance with Local Plan Policy LN2

**E** = Existing floorspace to be demolished

**P** = Proposed floorspace to be created

## Glossary

**Affordable Housing (National Planning Policy Framework ~~December 2024~~2019 definition):**

housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers); and which complies with one or more of the following definitions:

**Affordable housing for rent:** meets all of the following conditions: (a) the rent is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy for Social Rent or Affordable Rent, or is at least 20% below local market rents (including service charges where applicable); (b) the landlord is a registered provider, except where it is included as part of a Build to Rent scheme (in which case the landlord need not be a registered provider); and (c) it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision. For Build to Rent schemes affordable housing for rent is expected to be the normal form of affordable housing provision (and, in this context, is known as Affordable Private Rent).

**Social Rent:** meets all of the following conditions: (a) the rent is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy for Social Rent; (b) the landlord is a registered provider; and (c) it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

**Starter homes:** is as specified in Sections 2 and 3 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and any secondary legislation made under these sections. The definition of a starter home should reflect the meaning set out in statute and any such secondary legislation at the time of plan preparation or decision making. Where secondary legislation has the effect of limiting a household's eligibility to purchase a starter home to those with a particular maximum level of household income, those restrictions should be used.

**Other affordable housing for rent:** meets all of the following conditions: (a) the rent is set in accordance with the Government's rent policy for Affordable Rent, or is at least 20% below local market rents (including service charges where applicable); (b) the landlord is a registered provider, except where it is included as part of a Build to Rent scheme (in which case the landlord need not be a registered provider); and (c) it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision. For Build to Rent schemes affordable housing for rent is expected to be the normal form of affordable housing provision (and, in this context, is known as Affordable Private Rent).

**Discounted market sales housing:** is that sold at a discount of at least 20% below local market value. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Provisions should be in place to ensure housing remains at a discount for future eligible households.

**Other affordable routes to home ownership:** is housing provided for sale that provides a route to ownership for those who could not achieve home ownership through the market. It includes shared ownership, relevant equity loans, other low cost homes for sale (at a price equivalent to at least 20% below local market value) and rent to buy (which includes a period of intermediate rent). Where public grant funding is provided, there should be provisions for the homes to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households, or for any receipts to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision, or refunded to Government or the relevant authority specified in the funding agreement.

**Chain Lettings:** Chain letting is an important approach in managing and securing the best use of affordable housing. It ensures that as many tenants as possible are housed in accommodation that is suitable for their needs and encourages mobility of tenants into the right sized home.

For example:

A housing association tenant currently under-occupying moves into a new build one-bed property releasing their property to house an overcrowded household. The smaller property released by the overcrowded household can be allocated as a management move to another household OR be used to house an applicant in the housing allocation pool and so on. Using this approach can achieve several right sizing moves through a single new build property.

**Intermediate Housing:** Homes for sale and rent provided at a cost above social rent but below market levels. They can include shared equity (shared ownership and equity loans), other low-cost homes for sale and intermediate rent, but not affordable rented housing.

**Nomination Rights:** Allow the local authority to send referrals (nominations) to [Registered Providers](#) to fill a certain percentage of their vacant at the beginning of a new development and as vacancies arise (re lets). Households or individuals nominated must come from the council's allocations scheme. Nomination Rights are relevant for both rented and intermediate tenures.

**Registered Providers (RPs):** Government-funded not-for-profit organisations that provide affordable housing. They include housing associations, trusts and co-operatives. They work with local authorities to provide homes for people who meet the affordable homes criteria. As well as developing land and building homes, they undertake a landlord function by maintaining properties and collecting rent.

**Social rented Housing:** Owned by local authorities and private registered providers, as defined in Section 80 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, for which guideline target rents are determined through the national rent regime. It may also be owned by other persons and provided under equivalent rental agreements to the above, as agreed with the local authority or with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

**Strategic Housing Market Assessment:** An evidence base document that:

- Estimates housing need and demand in terms of affordable and market housing
- Determines how the distribution of need and demand varies across the Hart, Rushmoor and Surrey Heath Housing Market Area; and
- Consider future demographic trends and identify the accommodation requirements of specific groups.



# Equality Impact Assessment: Screening Tool

The **Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Tool** should be completed for any new proposal. It helps staff check if their proposal will positively, neutrally, or negatively affect residents, staff, or service users. If the impact is positive or neutral, a full EIA isn't needed.

A **full EIA** is required if the screening shows a negative impact on specific groups. We also advise that a full EIA should be completed when a [key decision](#) is being made. Key decisions are executive actions likely to:

- Significantly affect Council tax, budget balances, or contingencies.
- Have a major impact on communities across two or more Borough wards.
- Expenditure or savings over £100,000 qualify as significant, with a £250,000 threshold for property transactions.

Furthermore, for staff, we generally consider the impact on more than 25 people as significant, which would require a full EIA. If you're unsure, you can seek guidance from the Policy Team.

**\*After screening, if you identify the need for a full Equality Impact Assessment, you can use your existing answers as a foundation for the full assessment.**

Name of Project	Affordable Housing SPD – Update 2025
Reference number (if applicable)	
Service Area	Property & Growth (Planning Policy /Strategic Housing)
Date screening completed	08/09/2025
Screening author name	Zoe Paine
Policy Team sign off	Alex Shiell
Authorising Director/Head of Service name	Tim Mills

## 1. Please provide a summary of the proposal

Please outline:

- What are the aims / objectives of this proposal?
- Will this deliver any savings?
- What benefits or change will we see from this proposal?
- Which key groups of people or areas of the borough are involved?

The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document is separate to the Local Plan. It provides additional advice to developers on the delivery of new affordable homes in the borough, usually being brought forward as part of section 106 obligations. The SPD cannot change the policy in the Local Plan, only provide additional guidance on its implementation.

The SPD provides a consistent set of advice on the size and types of homes in need, how they should be situated within a larger site and securing Registered Provider partners. The document also provides

a transparent process for calculating off site affordable housing contributions, although this is always a last resort to meeting housing obligations.

The current Affordable Housing SPD was adopted in 2019. Since then, changes in National Planning Policy, Building Regulations Housing Priorities, increases to rents and benefits have meant that the document has become outdated.

The key areas which are to be updated are:

- 1) Inclusion of the council's key priorities to demonstrate how the Affordable Housing SPD assists the council in meeting these, especially Homes for All: Quality Living, Affordable Housing
- 2) Updated references to the National Planning Policy Framework, particularly the priority now being given to social rent over other affordable housing for rent.
- 3) Reference to the councils Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2023-2027.
- 4) Change to the council's rent setting framework- to remove a rent cap of £250 per week for a four-bed property as this point has become unviable for Registered Providers and the Local Housing Allowance allows £391.23. The cap was originally set due to the particular affordability concerns of 4 beds when the coalition government introduced Affordable Rent, now the cap works against viability for RPs and developers.

The cap is proposed to be removed rather than being increased as RPs can use the council's prescribed rent framework with rents at up to 70% of open market rent for 1 & 2 beds or LHA, whichever is lower and rents up to 65% of open market rent for 3&4 beds, or the LHA whichever is lower. This works well in most cases and the cap is not needed. If retained, a cap would require an updating and monitoring process which would require resourcing and cost to the council.

It won't deliver cost savings to the council.

The benefit is that the document provides additional information to developers and RPs, over and above that which is contained within the Local Plan to deliver affordable homes in the borough that meet current housing needs.

Key groups of people this will impact are: Low-income households, older and disabled people.

## 2. Who will the proposal impact? Please indicate Yes or No

Group of people	Impacted?
Residents	Yes
Businesses	Yes
Visitors to Rushmoor	No
Voluntary or community groups	No
Council staff	No
Trade unions	No
Other public sector Organisations	Yes



Others	Please specify:
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### 3. What impact will this change have on staff? Please complete where relevant:

Please outline in brief:

- Who will be impacted? For example, which services, teams, or buildings?
- How many staff members?
- What will the impact be? (e.g., changes to structure, staffing levels, responsibilities, relocation, or new working methods)

No impact to staff

### 4. What consultation or engagement will you be leading (with residents, staff, or other stakeholders) as part of this project?

Please outline in brief:

- Which groups will you consult (residents, staff, other stakeholders)?
- Will you collect personal data?
- How will you engage (e.g., surveys, focus groups)?
- How will you use the feedback?

Consultation to focus on residents' staff, neighbouring authorities, private developers and Registered Providers of affordable housing via an online survey.

Personal Data will not be required.

Feedback will be used to make any further amendments to the update, as determined by the Executive Head of Property & Growth in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

### 5. What impact will this change have on people with protected characteristics and/or from disadvantaged groups?

#### Direct and indirect impacts

When completing this table, please consider both **direct and indirect impacts**, see helpful guidance.

Direct discrimination occurs when someone is treated less favourably than another person because of a **protected characteristic**. This includes:

- **Actual possession** of a protected characteristic.
- **Perceived possession** of a protected characteristic (discrimination by perception).
- **Association** with someone who has a protected characteristic (discrimination by association).

A valid comparison must show that someone without the protected characteristic would have been treated better in similar circumstances. It can still be direct discrimination even if the person treating you unfairly shares the same characteristic.

*Note: Age discrimination may be lawful if it can be objectively justified. For other protected characteristics, direct discrimination is unlawful regardless of intent or justification.*

Indirect discrimination happens when a **policy, rule, or practice** applies to everyone but puts people with a protected characteristic at a **particular disadvantage**. It occurs when:

- A policy is applied equally to all.
- It disadvantages a group sharing a protected characteristic.
- You are personally disadvantaged by it.
- The organisation cannot justify the policy as a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

If the policy can be objectively justified, it is not considered indirect discrimination.

*For example: Closing public toilets may be an example of indirect discrimination, as it affects everyone but disproportionately disadvantages women, due to toilet frequency, alternative options and safety/hygiene factors.*

### Likely impact

For the groups identified earlier, tick the likely impact (both direct and indirect) on people with protected characteristics (e.g., age, disability, race, etc.):

- **Neutral:** No impact.
- **Positive:** Benefits people with protected characteristics.
- **Negative:** Harms people with protected characteristics.
- **Not Sure:** It's unclear how this affects people with protected characteristics, or more information is needed.

Rate the negative impact as **low, medium, or high**. Also, consider whether the proposal may be seen as controversial or negative by some groups. See the guidance for help.

### Protected characteristic - Age

(for example, young people under 25, older people over 65)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
Yes or No	Yes or No	Choose an item:	Yes or No	Delivery of affordable homes for all age groups in need. The SPD is being updated so it clearly links to the council's big-picture priorities. One of those is making sure people have good-quality, affordable homes.

### Protected characteristic – Disability

(include people with physical disabilities, people with learning disabilities, blind and partially sighted people, Deaf or hard of hearing people, neurodiverse people. This also includes carers.)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Choose an item.</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	Requirements for specialist accommodation is included in the AH SPD, for example a required for 10% to be fully wheelchair adaptable.

## Protected characteristic - Gender reassignment and identity

(Include people who identify across the trans\* umbrella, not only those who have undergone gender reassignment surgery. This is inclusive of girls and or/women, men and/or boys, non-binary and genderfluid people and people who are transitioning) \*Trans is an umbrella term to describe people whose gender is not the same as, or does not sit comfortably with, the sex they were assigned at birth.

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Choose an item.</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	Accommodation supports all households; this is related to transparency of housing allocation rather than delivery of new homes.

## Protected characteristic - Marriage and Civil Partnership

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<b>Medium</b>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<p>Accommodation supports all household types and sizes it also supports households when relationships break down. An indirect impact could be that larger low-income families may find 4-bed homes more expensive, even though LHA is increased families who don't qualify for full benefit are likely to be financially disadvantaged.</p> <p><u>Mitigation</u> That said, the Council do have measures in place to support affordability, the policy requires that rents are set at less than 80% of open market rent, with 3- and 4-bed homes capped at 65% of open market rent or the LHA rate, whichever is lower. This approach helps mitigate affordability pressures for Section 106 units. For non-Section 106 units, we are also able to encourage RPs to adopt the rent setting framework and also support them to secure funding for cheaper, social rents which are based on a national rent-setting formula and typically fall within 55–65% of open market rent.</p>

## Protected characteristic – Pregnancy and Maternity

(Include people who are pregnant in or returning to the workplace after pregnancy. Could also include working parents.)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Choose an item.</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	More accommodation can assist pregnant women; however this issue is related to transparent housing allocation rather than delivery of new homes.

## Protected characteristic – Race or ethnicity

(include on the basis of colour, nationality, citizenship, ethnic or national origins)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Choose an item.</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	More accommodation can assist people from all races and ethnic backgrounds, again more related to allocation rather than the delivery of new homes. No specific data available on ethnicity held by the council. Data sharing restrictions are in place with DWP on LHA claims.

## Protected characteristic – Religion or belief

(include no faith)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Choose an item.</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	More accommodation can assist people from all religious backgrounds, again this is more related to allocation rather than delivery of new homes.

## Protected characteristic - Sex

(Under the Equality Act 2010 and following the 2025 Supreme Court ruling on 15 April 20205, a person's legal sex is defined as their biological sex as recorded at birth. Trans individuals are still protected from discrimination under the characteristic of gender reassignment.)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Choose an item.</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	More accommodation can assist people whatever their sex/ gender identity, again more related to allocation rather than the delivery of new homes.

## Protected characteristic - Sexual Orientation

(Include people from across the LGBTQ+ umbrella, for example, people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual or asexual.)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Choose an item.</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	More accommodation can assist people whatever their sexual orientation, again more related to allocation rather than the delivery of new homes.

## Protected characteristic - Other

(e.g. people on low incomes, people living in poverty, looked after children, people with care experience, people who are homeless, people with mental health problems, people who are prison leavers, people affected by menopause, people affected by menstruation and/or period poverty)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<del>Choose an item.</del>	<del>Yes or No</del>	<p>Low Incomes</p> <p>The NPPF now say councils should prioritise social rent (the cheapest type of affordable housing, usually linked to local incomes) over other tenures like 'affordable rent' or 'shared ownership.' positively impacting households on low incomes, those who are homeless and in some cases those with support needs.</p> <p>Homelessness</p> <p>The SPD now mentions and lines up with the council's wider housing and homelessness plan for 2023–2027. That strategy has goals around preventing homelessness, tackling rough sleeping, and providing homes for vulnerable groups. Linking the SPD to it shows the council is aware of these issues.</p>


## 6. Screening Decision

Outcome	Yes or No
Neutral or Positive – no full EIA needed*.	Yes
Negative – Low Impact – full EIA at the service director's discretion*.	
Negative – Medium or High Impact – must complete a full EIA.	
Is a full EIA required? Service decision:	
Is a full EIA required? [Policy Team] sign off recommendation:	No
Flag for DPIA (will include engagement that collects personal data). [Policy Team]:	
Flag for ethics (high risk / will involve engagement with vulnerable residents):	

Once you've completed the screening tool and determined that the proposal is likely to have a positive or neutral impact on people with protected characteristics, the following can be included in the 'Equality Impact Assessment' part of the report. ***'An equality impact check found that this proposal would have a positive or neutral impact on people with protected characteristics. Therefore, a full assessment is not required.'***

Please send this completed EIA Screening Tool to [Policy@rushmoor.gov.uk](mailto:Policy@rushmoor.gov.uk) for quality checking by the policy team.

**If required, please continue to the full assessment below.**

Member	Name	Signed	Date
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14 OCTOBER 2025

KEY DECISION? YES

REPORT NO. PG2530

**ADOPTION OF A NEW PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY FOR RUSHMOOR****SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A new Playing Pitch Strategy has been prepared for Rushmoor to replace the Playing Pitch Strategy adopted in 2014, which is now out-of-date. The Playing Pitch Strategy will be used to guide the preparation of policy, determine planning applications impacting on existing or the need for new sports pitches and guide investment in pitches from a range of bodies. It sets out the current supply of pitches and the current and future demand for pitches and makes recommendations for how this need could be met although there is no obligation on the Council to do so.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Cabinet adopt the Playing Pitch Strategy for Rushmoor.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to set out the process and findings of a new Playing Pitch Strategy for Rushmoor and to put the final Playing Pitch Strategy to the Cabinet for adoption.
- 1.2. This is a key decision because the Playing Pitch Strategy covers the whole of Rushmoor and will be a key evidence document to support the preparation of a new local plan for Rushmoor.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. A Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is an evidence-based document that Sport England recommends Councils produce to guide investment, development and improvement in pitch sport facilities, and to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It can be used to guide the preparation of policy, determine planning applications impacting on existing or the need for new sports pitches and guide investment in pitches from a range of bodies. Sport England has issued guidance which sets out how PPS should be prepared.

- 2.2. The existing PPS for Rushmoor was prepared in 2013 and adopted in 2014, covering the period 2014-2020. In late 2023 the existing PPS was identified as needing replacing so that there is an up-to-date position on the pitch supply and demand in the borough and the required development and improvement in pitch sport facilities to balance these. This will be particularly important as the Council begins preparation of a new local plan.
- 2.3. The PPS was prepared by consultants Strategic Leisure Limited (SLL). A steering group was formed to oversee the preparation of the PPS consisting of representation from Rushmoor Borough Council, Sport England and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) for the sports - the Football Foundation, England Cricket Board, British American Football, Rugby Football League, Rugby Football Union, England Hockey, Hampshire FA and Hampshire Cricket.
- 2.4. The PPS will sit alongside a wider suite of planning documents that cover physical activity, leisure and culture and will focus on furthering the Council's ambitions to improve health and wellbeing and increasing participation in sport and creative behaviours and connection to open space for all its residents in the hope of decreasing the level of physical inactivity and the life expectancy divide in our communities.
- 2.5. The PPS therefore contributes towards delivering the following priorities in the Council Delivery Plan 2025/26:
  - Ensure all residents have access to opportunities for physical exercise (in the Community and Wellbeing: Active Lives, Healthier and Stronger Communities theme)
  - Progress a new Local Plan that maximises delivery of new homes (in the Homes for All: Quality Living, Affordable Housing theme)

### **3. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL**

#### **General**

- 3.1. The PPS (appended to this report) is evidenced by a needs assessment which considers the supply and demand of sports pitches on a sport-by-sport basis and evaluates the adequacy of facilities based on this information. It sets out a requirement based on the current position, a future position taking account of population growth only, and a future position taking account of both population growth and latent demand. Latent demand refers to existing demand that can't currently access pitch provision. For example, where clubs have a waiting list for players but can't set up a new team for those players because there are not pitches available.
- 3.2. The needs assessment sets out whether there is a surplus, deficit or balance of pitches in a comparable unit – either Match Equivalent Session (MES) for American Football, football, rugby union, rugby league and hockey or Matches Per Season (MPS) for cricket. The current position is balanced or there is a surplus in pitches for American Football, all sizes of grass football pitches,



cricket, rugby union and rugby league. There is a deficit of 2.6 artificial grass pitches (AGP) for football and a large number of MES for hockey being met outside of Rushmoor (teams based in Rushmoor playing on pitches in neighbouring local authority areas).

- 3.3. The future position taking into account population growth only looks much the same, with the exception of adult 11v11 size grass football pitches where there is a deficit of 1 MES. When the future position is calculated taking into account both population growth and latent demand, the picture is quite different. There is a deficit of 3.6 artificial pitches and a deficit of adult 11v11, youth 11v11 and mini 5v5 size grass football pitches, a deficit of cricket pitches and a deficit of pitches for rugby union training.
- 3.4. The PPS undertakes scenario testing to understand how the supply/demand would change under different scenarios. For example, if the population increased more than anticipated, if three new 3G AGPs were developed or if women and girl's participation in sport increased more than anticipated. Following this, the document sets out a recommended action plan for each of the sports and each of the playing pitch sites to meet the demand. In summary, the action plan recommendations are to:
- Protect the existing supply of grass and AGP provision for all sports
  - Improve the quality of grass pitches wherever possible
  - Secure community use agreements wherever possible at currently unsecure sites
  - Work in partnership with education sites to open up 3G AGPs with no current community use
  - Consider the following locations for additional 3G AGPs: Wavell School, Bohunt School & Kennel's Lane
  - Improve ancillary facilities where possible
  - Restore previously used cricket pitch for Gorkhali Cricket League
- 3.5. The Council's adoption of the playing pitch strategy and associated action plan does not imply or require that it will deliver the recommended actions. However, in formulating the Local Plan and with regard to other issues relating to playing pitches, the strategy and action plan should act as a material consideration in reaching decisions.

### **Alternative Options**

- 3.6. The alternative is for the Cabinet not to adopt the updated PPS for Rushmoor. However, Sport England recommends that Councils produce and maintain an up-to-date PPS to guide investment, development and improvement in pitch sport facilities, and to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This approach is therefore not recommended.

### **Consultation**

- 3.7. As part of the needs assessment which sits behind the PPS, the opportunity was provided to all registered football, rugby league, rugby union, cricket,

hockey and American football club registered or playing in Rushmoor to either meet with SLL or to fill out an online survey. The feedback gathered from this exercise is set out in Appendix 2.

- 3.8. The PPS has been prepared in liaison with Sport England and the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) for the sports - the Football Foundation, England Cricket Board, British American Football, Rugby Football League, Rugby Football Union, England Hockey, Hampshire FA and Hampshire Cricket.
- 3.9. The outcomes of each stage of the PPS preparation were reported to and discussed by the Strategic Housing and Local Plan Group (SHLPG).

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS (of proposed course of action)**

##### **Risks**

- 4.1. As Sport England recommends that Councils produce and maintain an up-to-date PPS to guide investment, development and improvement in pitch sport facilities, and to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) failure to maintain an up-to-date PPS could prevent the adoption of a sound local plan. The PPS would also be considered in relation to planning applications and if applied appropriately ensure that decisions are less subject to challenge.
- 4.2. The lack of an up-to-date PPS has been raised by sporting organisations and therefore failure to adopt the PPS has a reputational risk.

##### **Legal Implications**

- 4.3. The legal implications are set out in the body of the report, as are the risks of a lack of up-to-date PPS. The recommendation to adopt the PPS mitigates those risks.

##### **Financial Implications**

- 4.4. There are no direct financial implications from this report. The work to deliver the new Playing Pitch Strategy has been met from previously approved resources.  
Rosie Plaistowe-Melham, Financial Services Manager & Deputy S151

##### **Resource Implications**

- 4.5. There are no direct resource implications.

##### **Equalities Impact Implications**

- 4.6. An equality impact check found that this proposal would have a positive or neutral impact on people with protected characteristics. Therefore, a full assessment is not required.

## **Other**

- 4.7. The are no other implications.

## **5. CONCLUSIONS**

- 5.1 A new Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) has been prepared for Rushmoor to replace the Playing Pitch Strategy adopted in 2014. The PPS will be used to guide the preparation of policy, determine planning applications impacting on existing or the need for new sports pitches and guide investment in pitches from a range of bodies.
- 5.2 The PPS will sit alongside a wider suite of planning documents that cover physical activity, leisure and culture and will focus on furthering the Council's ambitions to improve health and wellbeing and increasing participation in sport and creative behaviours and connection to open space for all its residents in the hope of decreasing the level of physical inactivity and life expectancy divide in our communities.
- 5.3 The PPS is therefore recommended to Cabinet for adoption.

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Appendix 2 – Rushmoor Playing Pitch Strategy Needs Assessment  
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### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

None

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# *Playing Pitch Strategy*

## Stage D Developing the Strategy

**Rushmoor Borough Council**

A report by Strategic  
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## Introduction

### Study Area

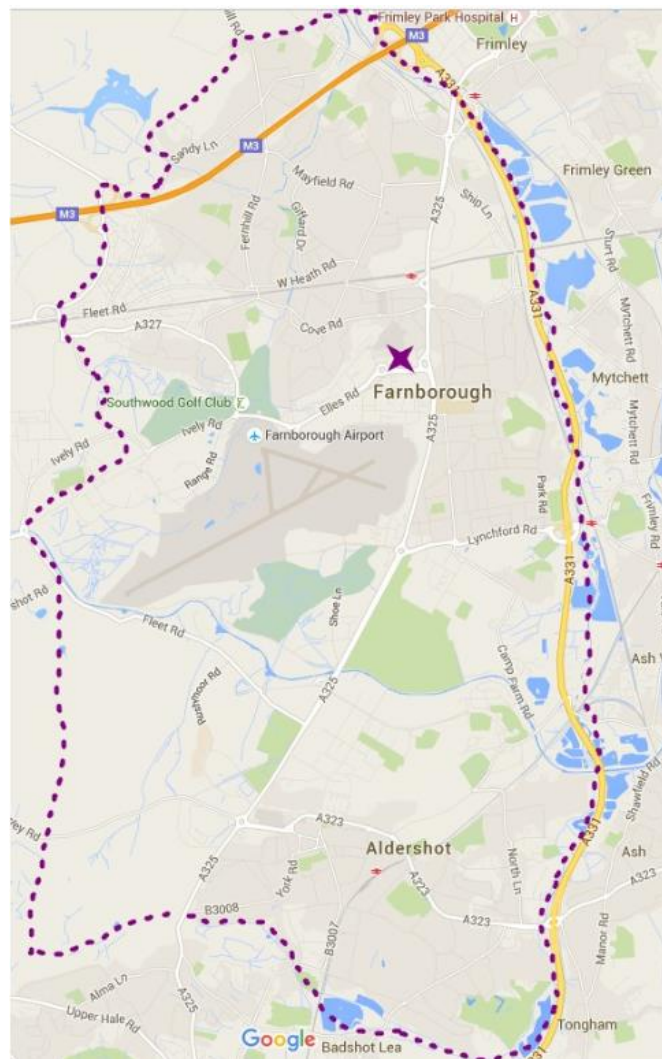
- 1.1. The study area is the Rushmoor Borough Council boundary area. For the purpose of the PPS, Rushmoor is to be looked at as one single area, with no sub areas considered.

### Project Scope and Objectives

- 1.2. Rushmoor Borough Council has commissioned Strategic Leisure Limited for the development of a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) as part of the wider suite of strategic planning documents to inform the development and implementation of planning policy, assessment of planning applications and the need to provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding. The PPS will inform the standards for pitch provision required through planning policy.
- 1.3. A PPS is a strategic assessment that provides an up-to-date analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) and its current and future demand in the local authority. The strategy and the evidence base upon which it is based is delivered using national guidance and facility insight from specific Governing Bodies of Sport based on a collaborative approach. The assessment will focus on facilities used by the following sports:

- American Football
- Cricket
- Football
- Hockey
- Rugby Union
- Rugby League

Map 1: Rushmoor Study Area



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- 1.4. Within these sports, the strategy will seek as far as is practicable to include consideration of all forms of play, whether
- Club and league based (formal) competitions and training.
  - Less formal programmed forms of the respective sports (e.g. turn up and play products such as Mash-up Football, All Stars Cricket, and Touch Rugby)
  - Informal and unprogrammed play by groups of residents, workers, students, school friends (out of school).
- 1.5. The PPS will provide a holistic analysis of sports facilities across the Study Area of Rushmoor Borough Council. This will lead to a comprehensive set of recommendations for the future development of leisure/health and wellbeing provisions, in line with the needs of local residents.
- 1.6. The consultant team has worked with the Council and associated steering group to provide a strategy that is fit-for-purpose and addresses the specific issues and risks for the area. It is key that this PPS reflects the local context and enables the Council to maximise the amount of high-quality sporting provision for its residents, while understanding the need to meet planning and housing requirements.
- 1.7. The PPS will sit alongside a wider suite of planning documents that cover Physical Activity, Leisure and Culture in its widest sense and will focus on furthering the Council's ambitions to improve health and wellbeing and increasing participation in sport and creative behaviours and connection to open space for all its residents in the hope of decreasing the level of physical inactivity and life expectancy divide in our communities.
- 1.8. The work includes the audit of existing leisure provision (sports, physical activity, open space and parks), current and predicted future demand for this provision, and the identification of key issues and challenges that create barriers to increasing participation in leisure and culture. The various strands of this strategy will be clearly interconnected. This will include, where it is reasonably practicable, running in parallel with the development of the Local Plan. This way any proposed PPS will identify suitable outdoor provision according to the current and future needs of residents for all standards of play.
- 1.9. The strategy will therefore aim to deliver against the following drivers:
- Refreshing the evidence base for Rushmoor Borough Council's new local plan through the provision of a clear action plan with owners and defined timescales for completion.
  - The need to inform the development and implementation of planning policy considering of national legislation and policy changes and wider economic changes.
  - The need to inform the assessment of planning applications and the need to provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding. Provide support in directing developer contribution funding under a supplementary planning document on developer contributions to facilities which need it to increase or improve provision.
  - Recognition of the importance of outdoor physical activity and sport within any development or regeneration project, and clear demonstration of how these should be prioritised.

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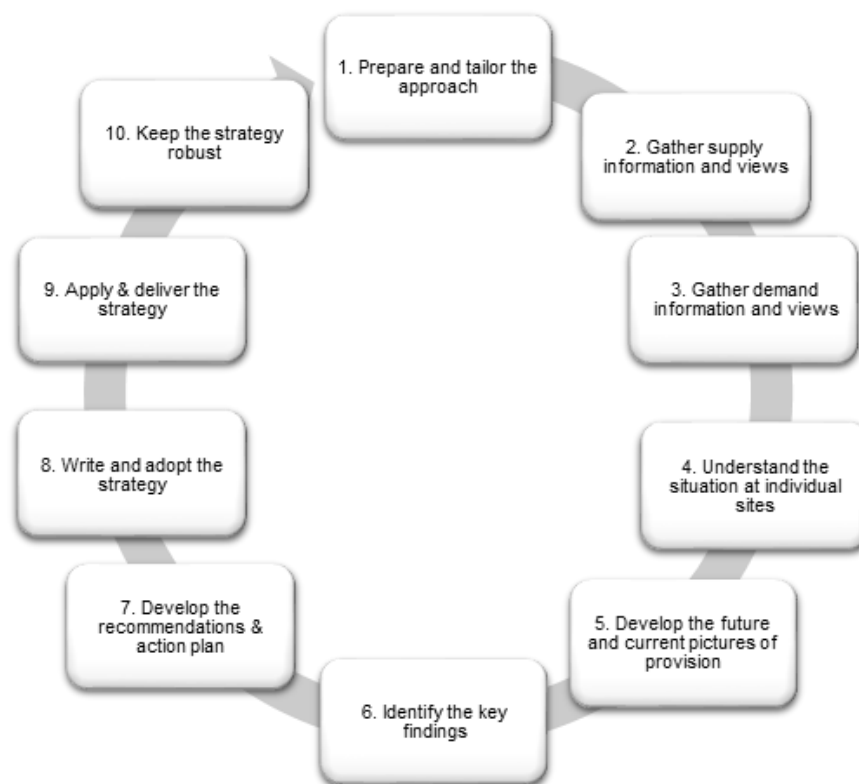
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- Provision of an evidenced based approach and the management of a clear sign-off and governance structure for key stakeholders and the quantity and quality of our current stock of playing pitches to ensure that we can protect and enhance an accessible, high quality and sustainable network of playing pitches.

### Methodology

- 1.10. The assessment methodology adopted for the PPS follows the published guidance from Sport England. The guidance used is the 2013 version, Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance – An Approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy<sup>1</sup>. Figure 1.1 summarises the approach proposed in this guidance and is broken down into 10 steps.

**Figure 1: Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy – The 10 Step Approach (Sport England, 2013)**



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- 1.11. Stage B of the PPS methodology involves the gathering of supply and demand information from a range of sources. An initial audit of outdoor sports facilities is gathered using Sport England's Active Places Power (APP) online tool. This audit has formed the basis of the supply information, before being informed through other sources. Non-technical site assessments, club surveys, and Council officer and NGB consultation will also influence this information before it is presented at Stage B, the baseline information was signed off by the steering group and Sport England in January 2025.
- 1.12. The supply information at Stage B included the following:
- Site name and location
  - Ownership and management type
  - Number and type of pitches
  - Accessibility
  - Pitch and ancillary facility quality
  - Maintenance information
  - Security of tenure or community use agreements
  - The views of users, providers and other relevant groups.
- 1.13. In addition to supply data, it is important to gather information regarding the demand for outdoor sports facilities. Using information provided by NGBs at Stage A, club affiliation data, league secretaries, education information and club surveys etc, it is possible to build an accurate picture of the demand for that each specific site caters for. The demand information required to inform the PPS is as follows:
- Sport clubs matches and training
  - Casual and other demand
  - Educational demand
  - Displaced demand
  - Unmet and latent demand
  - Trends and changes
  - Future demand
- 1.14. All pitch sports are subject to the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) methodology.
- 1.15. The findings in this report are based on data collected from several credible sources, including but not limited to
- Local authority and public policy strategic documentation
  - Sport England tools, including the Facility Planning Model (FPM), Active Places Power, the Active People Survey, Market Segmentation and the Sports Facility Calculator

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- Stakeholder consultation, including Rushmoor Borough Council Officers and Members, Sport England, relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport, education providers, key user clubs; and
- Site visits, undertaken at all strategically important sites across the Study Area.

1.16. A project steering group comprising representation from the Council, Sport England and National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) has guided the study from its commencement. At critical milestones, the Steering Group members have reviewed and verified the data and information collected to allow the work to proceed efficiently through each stage.

### Report Structure

1.17. The structure of the PPS report is as follows:

- [Section 1 – Introduction and Methodology](#)
- [Section 2 – Strategic Context](#)
- [Section 3 – American Football Overview](#)
- [Section 4 – Artificial Grass Pitches \(3G and Sand\) overview including scenario development](#)
- [Section 5 – Football overview including scenario development](#)
- [Section 6 – Cricket overview including scenario development](#)
- [Section 7 – Rugby Union overview including scenario development](#)
- [Section 8 – Rugby League overview](#)
- [Section 9 – Hockey overview including scenario development](#)

1.18. Supporting information is included in the appendices and referenced throughout.

1.19. This strategy document has been produced, based on the Needs Assessment, which provides future recommendations, scenario testing and a site-by-site action plan for key sites across the local authority.

## 2. Strategic Context

### The Study Area

#### Rushmoor Borough Council Local Authority Area

- 2.1. Rushmoor Borough is an urban area, located 30 miles south-west of London. It is in north-east Hampshire, adjacent to the Surrey and Berkshire Borders. The Borough is relatively small at 3,905 ha but is densely populated.
- 2.2. There are two main urban communities:
- Farnborough (north of the Borough and location of Farnborough LCH) – 60,652 population (Census 2021). Farnborough is recognised internationally for British aerospace research work, its airfield (the first in Britain) and the Farnborough air show.
  - Aldershot (south of the Borough) – 39,807 population (Census 2021). Aldershot is a growing town, with a community predominantly comprised of young families, and a growing older population. It is also the location of the Aldershot garrison, based to the north of Aldershot Town Centre. The Garrison comprises around 11,500 people, including resident troops, soldiers on transit courses, civil servants, contractors and dependents. It has its own leisure facilities which offer limited public access.
- 2.3. Rushmoor is a relatively small and compact Borough, meaning that travel times to pitches between Farnborough and Aldershot is short.
- 2.4. Rushmoor has a large military presence, and the MOD manages a significant number of playing pitches in the Borough. The Aldershot Military Stadium & Rugby Stadium are the home of the Army Football Association, the Army Rugby Union and the Army Rugby League, and there are many Army teams who play and train on these pitches. This provides a great opportunity for community clubs to use excellent facilities however future usage of these facilities is difficult to anticipate as Army use these facilities when required.
- 2.5. There are currently several large regeneration sites in Farnborough and Aldershot town centres. It is therefore anticipated that future development sites will be small brownfield or infill sites. This may present challenges to the amount of developer contributions available.

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### Overarching framework

- 2.6. The Rushmoor PPS will contain an overarching framework for the hierarchy of playing pitch provision across the single local authority area.
- 2.7. The overarching framework will identify the strategic added value of the proposals by:
  - addressing the cross-boundary issues across Rushmoor
  - addressing the sub regional issues
  - identifying a consistent approach to undertaking pitch assessment, to ensure that the baseline information available on the current supply and demand for different sports is comparable across the authority
  - providing generic and site-specific recommendations on opportunities for cross-boundary provision within and beyond the boundaries of the neighbouring counties
  - making recommendations for addressing the needs of potential/future major growth areas in the local authorities

### How far forward will the PPS look?

- 2.8. The previous PPS was dated 2014-2020. This updated document will consider all changes to the Borough's population data, demographic information, housing developments and planned infrastructure improvements up to 2035.
- 2.9. **For the purpose of the PPS, the current population figure being used is 101,633 (2024), taken from the Hampshire County Council 2023-based Small Area Population Forecast (SAPF) Ward Gender Level Forecast. The future population figure used is 110,772 (2035). This is further addressed in a scenario below.**

### Planning Policy

- 2.10. The formulation of this strategy is influenced by several key national and local strategies. These policies inform the approach to the current and future provision of sports facilities. The policies provide links to health improvement, increased participation, and the appropriate levels of provision of facilities to meet local needs.
- 2.11. From a planning perspective, the national context connects planning policy, a Local Plan and population growth at a local level, and the need to plan for increased demands for infrastructure and provision, is linked to key elements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): Protect, Enhance, and Provide. This will be explained further in the following sections.
- 2.12. The Local Planning Policy Framework includes the following, these are described in detail in the Needs Assessment:
  - The Rushmoor Local Plan 2014 – 2031



- Infrastructure Plan
- Council Delivery Plan 2025/26
- Rushmoor Climate Change Strategy 2025 – 2028 and Climate Change Action Plan
- Rushmoor Together – A Partnership Plan for Supporting Communities for 2025/26
- Rushmoor Green Infrastructure Strategy 2022

### **Key Issues for Rushmoor Borough in relation to playing pitch provision**

2.13. The key issues in relation to playing pitches in Rushmoor are:

- Prevalence of non-secure pitches e.g. there is not always formal security of tenure for sports clubs
- Lack of available space to build additional pitches, particularly AGPs
- Growing demand for all sports, with some clubs playing outside of the borough due to capacity issues
- An acknowledgement that there is also significant imported demand, particularly rugby union and hockey clubs
- Ensuring this strategy aligns to current strategic policies supporting the health and wellbeing of residents of Rushmoor

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### Rushmoor Borough Council PPS – Additional Population Growth

#### Scenario 1 – All Sports - The impact of increased population on sporting provision

- 3.1. The RBC PPS Needs Assessment explored the impact of population growth on sporting provision based on previously expected growth figures (ONS) (See 2.9 above). Since the publication of the Needs Assessment document, the Local Plan has specified further growth due to new housing targets. The following scenario considers the impact of this additional growth on sporting provision across the borough.
- 3.2. Table 1 below shows the new anticipated growth between 2025 and 2035 for RBC:

**Table 1: Population Growth – RBC**

2025 Population	2035 Population	Potential Population Growth
101,632	113,969	12,336

- 3.3. The following table demonstrates the impact of population growth across all pitch types. This has been determined through developing ‘Team Generation Rates’, calculated by dividing the number of teams across each sport and age group by the relevant population to assess current and projected future team and pitch demand:

**Table 2: Impact on population growth for individual sports in RBC**

Sport	Age Group	Current Capacity for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) in the Peak Period (per season for cricket)	Future Capacity for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) in the Peak Period (per season for cricket) – population growth	Future Demand in the Peak Period including population growth and latent demand
AGP	All	-2.6	-3.5	-4.5
Football	Adult	2	1.5	-5
	Youth 11 v 11	0.5	0	-5.5
	Junior 9 v 9	4.5	3	0.5
	Mini 7 v 7	9	6	3
	Mini 5 v 5	6	4	-2.5

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Sport	Age Group	Current Capacity for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) in the Peak Period (per season for cricket)	Future Capacity for Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) in the Peak Period (per season for cricket) – population growth	Future Demand in the Peak Period including population growth and latent demand
Rugby Union	Adult (inc. Youth and Mini) matches	1.75	-2.75	-4
	Adult (inc. Youth and Mini) training	-2	-4.5	-5
Rugby League	Adult (inc. Youth and Mini)	0	0	0
Hockey	Adult	0	-0.5	-0.5
	Junior	0	-0.5	-0.5
Cricket	Open Ages and Junior	15 MPS	-12 MPS	-22 MPS

- 3.4. Table 2 demonstrates that when additional population growth is applied, there will be a greater reduction in available pitch facilities across Rushmoor by 2035, leading to a deficit across many pitch types. This is assuming team growth at circa 10% based solely on population growth.
- 3.5. Population growth and sporting demand should be monitored through Stage E of the PPS, and where additional capacity is required, this should be in the form of pitch improvements, grass pitch developments and/or artificial pitch developments in order to reduce the shortfall of facilities.
- 3.6. Table 2 is assuming team growth at circa 10% over a ten year period based solely on population growth and does not consider levels in participation. Both population growth and participation growth are considered in further scenarios below.

### Scenario 2 – All Sports - The impact of losing all non-secured sites currently used by the community

- 3.7. The removal of all non-secure playing pitch sites in Rushmoor, while demand for sports remains constant, would lead to significant quantitative and qualitative impacts on supply across various sports, primarily creating or exacerbating existing deficits. Below is a quantified assessment by sport:
- **American Football** – the only American Football site, Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing field, is secure for community use, therefore there would be no direct quantitative impact on its supply or demand.
  - **Rugby League** – there are no formal rugby league pitches marked out in Rushmoor. The sole club plays on a Rugby Union pitch, which is listed as secure. Based on this, there would be no direct quantitative impact if non-secured sites were removed.

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- Cricket** – Rushmoor currently has a small surplus capacity across several sites. While several locations, such as the Army Cricket Ground, are accessible to the community, they are not presently utilised by community clubs and are used solely by MOD Cricket. In addition, facilities at Farnborough Hill School, Salesian College Sports Ground, and The Sixth Form College Farnborough are not used for community purposes. As a result, the impact of losing these sites is expected to be minimal. However, the removal of access to the Army Cricket Ground would eliminate a key opportunity for future community cricket club development within the borough.

### 3G Artificial Grass Pitches

3.8. Three of the six 3G AGPs are not owned or managed by RBC, all of which are classed as non-secure. This includes:

**Table 3: Non-secure 3G AGPs in Rushmoor**

Site Name	Security of Tenure	Pitch Type	Size	Clubs using the site			Total hours			
				Football	Hockey	Other	Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
Army Floodlit Training Ground	No	3G AGP	Full size	Rushmoor Community FC 10+, Aldershot Supporters FC, Fleet Spurs, Fleet Town Girls and Ladies, Rushmoor Saints, Military Use	NA	NA	30	6	6	42
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	No	3G AGP	Full size	Rushmoor Community FC 10+, Farnborough Juniors - Rectory Road Wanderers, Cove FC 3 hours	NA	NA	30	6	4	40
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Aldershot)	No	3G AGP	9v9	Badshot Lea, Farnham Town, Rushmoor Saints, Nepalese's Team on Sundays (casual) - fully booked in the week 5:30 - 8:30, small levels of availability at weekends	NA	NA	28	3	2	36
Total							88	15	12	115

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3.9. The impact of losing the above sites to the overall supply and demand of 3G AGPs would be the following:

**Table 4: Capacity Analysis for AGPs**

Area	Teams	Total number of full size 3G AGPs required to meet demand (1.38 model)	Number of equivalent full-size secure 3G AGPs equivalents with community use	Balance if secure 3G AGPs with community use are removed
Rushmoor	244	6.4	1.8	-4.6

3.10. Table 4 demonstrates the impact significant impact of losing these sites to supply and demand across Rushmoor. It is suggested that all community available AGPs should try to secure community use for clubs to ensure no loss of provision across the borough. This should be monitored throughout the Stage E PPS process.

### Sand-dressed Artificial Grass Pitches

3.11. No sand-dressed AGP provision is owned or managed by RBC, many of which are classed as not secure. This includes:

**Table 5: Supply and Demand Analysis for all available Sand-dressed AGP Provision**

Site Name	Pitch Type	Size	Clubs using the site			Total hours Usage			
			Football	Hockey	Other	Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	Sand-dressed	Full		Fleet and Ewshot, Aldershot and Farnham, Military Use	NA	18	8	3	29
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	Sand-dressed	Full	NA	Aldershot and Farnham Hockey Club (20 hours) - Monday, fixtures Sunday U16s girls, 6-8 Sundays 1 hour 10-11. Camberley and Farnham (20 hours) - 7-5:30 military use.	NA	18	8	6	29
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	Sand-dressed	5V5	Rushmoor Community FC 10+, Farnborough Juniors - Rectory Road Wanderers, Cove FC 3 hours	NA	NA	28	5	5	38

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Site Name	Pitch Type	Size	Clubs using the site			Total hours Usage			
			Football	Hockey	Other	Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	Sand-dressed	Full	Rushmoor Community (2 hours) (football) - Farnborough FC Women (2 hours), Farnborough Juniors, Power League	NA	NA	18	0	2	20
<b>Total</b>						<b>82</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>119</b>

3.12. The impact of losing the above sites to the overall supply and demand for hockey would be the following:

**Table 6: Peak Time Capacity Analysis for Rushmoor Hockey Provision (Calculated in Match Slots) based on loss of non-secure sites**

Age Group (Preferred Match Slot)	No. of Teams	Peak Time Demand	Peak Time Capacity	Balance	Commentary
Adult (Saturday 10-5*)	31	15.5	0	-15.5	No capacity in RBC based on non-secure pitch loss.
Junior (Sunday 10-4)	13	6.5	0	-6.5	No capacity in RBC based on non-secure pitch loss.

3.13. Table 6 demonstrates that there would no formal sand-dressed provision if non-secure sites were removed. This emphasises the reliance of non-secure pitches across Rushmoor on hockey provision. It is suggested that all community available AGPs should try to secure community use for clubs where feasible to ensure no loss of provision across the borough. This should be monitored throughout the Stage E PPS process.

### Grass Football Pitches

3.14. 35% (28) of the 58 available grass football pitches are classified as non-secure. If all 28 non-secure pitches with community use were removed, it would represent a 48% reduction in available pitches, converting existing surpluses into significant deficits:

3.15. Table 7 summarises the impact of losing all non-secure sites, the biggest impact would be losing Queen's Parade due to the high concentration of adult grass pitches on the site).

**Table 7: Summary of Supply and Demand Rushmoor Peak time of Play – based on secure sites only**

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Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)				Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Including Latent Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity (Peak Time)	Total Overplay	Current Total	Future Demand Population Growth			
Adult 11v11	3.5	-5	-1.5	3	-4.5	5	-9.5
Youth 11v11	0.5	-1	-0.5	0	-0.5	5.5	-6
Youth 9v9	3.5	-2.5	1	0	1	2.5	-1.5
Mini 7v7	4.5	0	4.5	0	4.5	3	1.5
Mini 5v5	3	0	3	0	3	6.5	-3.5

**Grass Rugby Union Pitches**

3.16. The overall current balance for Rugby Union shows a small amount of spare capacity for match play and a balance supply and demand for training. Queen’s Parade a deemed as non-secure for community clubs which contribute to a combined 4.25 MES for match play. The following table demonstrates the impact of losing this site for rugby union:

**Table 8: Current and Future Position for secure Rugby Union Provision**

Area	Current Balance		Projected Balance	
	Training	Match	Training	Match
Rushmoor Study Area	-2.75	1.75	-6.75	-3.25

3.17. Based on the information presented in this scenario, it is recommended that RBC, in collaboration with community clubs and relevant National Governing bodies, try to secure long-term tenure arrangements between landowner and clubs to mitigate the risk of future pitch shortfalls.

## Football

### Scenario 3 – Football - The impact of developing two full size 3G AGPs in Rushmoor in 2025 and by 2035

#### Football Stage D Findings

- 4.1 To help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, several relevant scenario questions are tested against the key issues in this section, resulting in sport specific recommendations.

#### Football – Grass Pitch Summary key issues

- There is a total of 87 available pitches across Rushmoor
- There were 29 football clubs in Rushmoor comprising 235 teams in 2023/24. In season 2024/25 there are 261 teams, demonstrating a growth of 11.6%
- The current supply and demand show a small spare capacity on adult 11v11 pitches (2 Match Equivalent Sessions (MES)), Youth 11v11 (0.5 MES), Junior 9v9 (4.5 MES), Mini 7v7 (9 MES) and Mini 5v5 (6 MES).
- Based on population growth and latent demand by 2035, the spare capacity on all available adult 11v11 pitches will decrease to -4 MES; there will be a deficit of youth 11v11 to -5 MES; 9v9 pitches will have 2 MES spare capacity; Mini 7v7 pitches will have 6 MES spare capacity and mini 5v5 pitches will have a shortfall of 0.5 MES when latent demand and population growth are considered. If there is further participation growth, this capacity will be further reduced (detailed below).
- There are currently four full-size 3G AGPs in Rushmoor, of which, 3 have community use. There are also four small-sided 3G AGPs. There is the need for an additional 2.6 full-size 3GP, which increases to 3 based on population growth (2.8 rounded up)



### Scenario 3 – Football - The impact of developing three full size 3G AGPs in Rushmoor in by 2035

#### 3G Artificial Grass Pitches

- 4.2 The PPOSS assessment document highlights that there is a current deficit of -2.6 11v11 equivalent 3G AGPs, which will rise to a shortfall of -3.5 by 2035 due to anticipated population growth only. There is a lack of available land to develop 3G AGP pitches across Rushmoor. It is likely that any development will need to be built on playing field land, which will have an impact on supply and demand for grass pitches. Several stakeholders (education and sports clubs) have indicated the desire to develop 3G AGPs across Rushmoor. Table 9 demonstrates the impact of developing three new full-size 3G AGPs in Rushmoor.
- 4.3 The table below demonstrates the impact of developing three 3G AGPs at Wavell School, Bohunt Farnborough Academy and Kennel's Lane.

**Table 9: Future Capacity Analysis for AGPs in Rushmoor**

Pitch Type	Current Position (2025)	Impact of developing 3 full-size 3G AGPs in 2025	Future Position – population growth (2035)	Impact of developing 2 full-size 3G AGPs in 2035
3G AGP	-2.6	0.6	-3.5	-0.5

- 4.4 As highlighted by Table 9, developing three full-size 3G AGPs will significantly reduce the shortfall of pitch provision based on current demand. By 2035, there will still be a shortfall of 0.6 full-size AGPs. It is suggested that as a minimum, three full-size 3G AGPs should be developed, and that future demand is monitored closely across Stage E of the PPS process. Any pitch facility developed must have a secure, formal community use agreement in place to ensure long-term community club access. If participation growth continues at current rates, this shortfall may increase (as shown in the scenario below).
- 4.5 In addition to the above, there is currently a full-size 3G AGP located at Salesian College with no community access. Securing community club usage on this site (for football and/or rugby union) would also significantly reduce the current and future deficit on this pitch type across the borough.
- 4.6 The 3G AGP developments being considered are currently:
- Bohunt Farnborough Academy
  - Kennel's Lane
  - Wavell School

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This should be monitored over the next twelve months and throughout the Stage E PPS process annually.

#### Scenario 4 – Football Identifying the anticipated growth beyond population increases

- 4.8 Since 2022/23 season there has been growth of 45 teams affiliated to Hampshire FA, representing an average growth of 10.5% per season.

**Table 10: Growth of football between 2022/23 and 2024/25**

	2022/23			2023/24			2024/25		
Age Groups	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total
Adult 11v11	48	5	53	54	6	59	58	6	64
Youth 11v11	50	8	58	56	9	65	60	10	70
9v9	29	6	35	32	7	39	35	7	42
7v7	37	3	40	41	3	45	45	4	48
5v5	30	0	30	33	0	33	36	0	36
<b>Rushmoor Total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>261</b>

- 4.9 This scenario considers the impact of further team growth on pitch provision across Rushmoor across the next five years, based on 20% growth and 50% across a five season period:

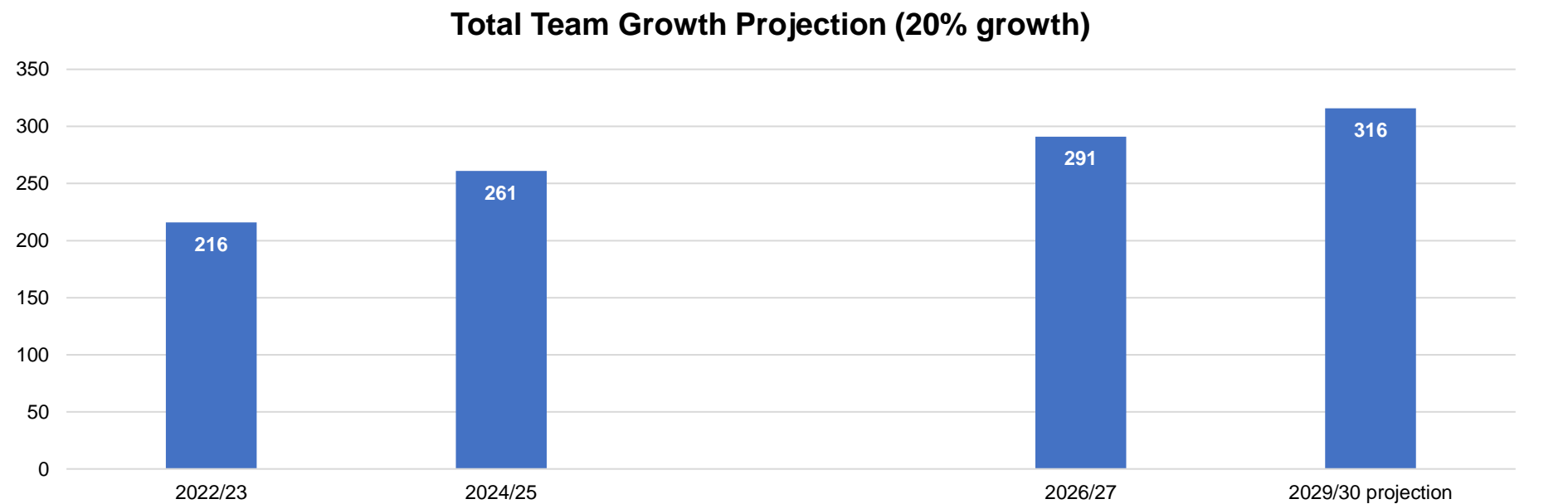
**Table 11: Anticipated growth of football over a 5 year period, using 2022/23 – 2024/25 as a baseline**

	2024/25			2029/30 (20% growth)			2029/30 (50% growth)		
Age Groups	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total
Adult 11v11	58	6	64	70	8	78	87	9	96
Youth 11v11	60	10	70	73	12	85	90	15	105
9v9	35	7	42	42	9	51	53	11	64
7v7	45	4	48	54	4	58	68	6	74

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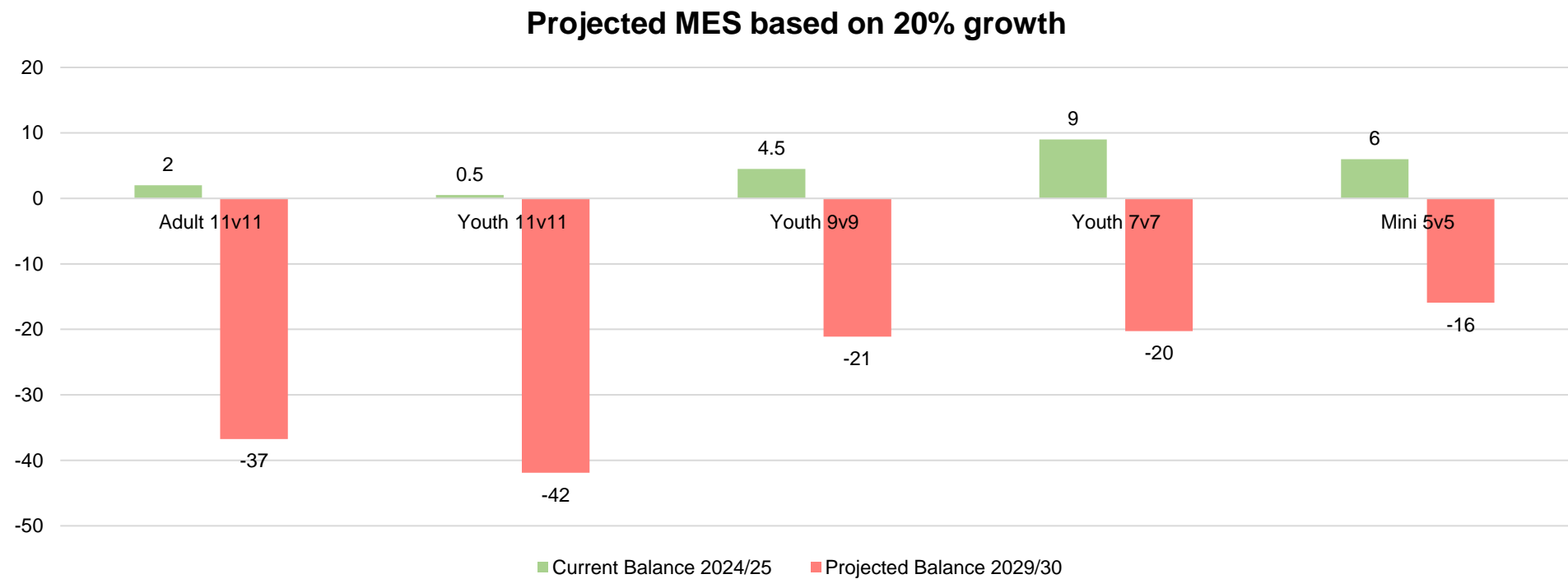
	2024/25			2029/30 (20% growth)			2029/30 (50% growth)		
Age Groups	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total
5v5	36	0	36	44	0	44	54	0	54
<b>Rushmoor Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>393</b>

Graph 1: Anticipated growth of football over a 5 year period, using 2022/23 – 2024/25 as a baseline



If trends continue, by 2029/30 there will be an additional 55 teams across Rushmoor, based on 50% growth across a 5 season period. Although this may seem aspirational, the growth of women and girls, and junior football continues to increase. Table 12 shows the impact of this on current pitches (in Match Equivalent Sessions) across Rushmoor:

Graph 2: Summary of Supply and Demand Rushmoor Peak time of Play between 2024/25 and 2029/30 – based on 20% growth (in match equivalent sessions)



- 4.11
 As shown in the graph, by 2029/30 there will be a significant deficit (MES) of grass football pitches to cope with anticipated demand. This presents a challenge because there is currently a finite capacity of land for grass and artificial football pitches to be developed across the Borough. Currently, there is an aspiration by clubs to develop 23 new teams across the next two seasons, based on club consultation collected to date.
- 4.12
 Table 13 shows the pitch requirements using the Sport England’s Playing Pitch Calculator, based on this population growth and latent demand:

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**Table 12: Pitch requirements based on current growth of football trends**

Pitch Type	Football Pitches Required	Metric	Capital Cost	Lifecycle Cost (per annum)	Changing Room Cost
<b>Adult</b>	4.34	Match Equivalent Sessions in the weekly peak period	£505,577	£99,599	£1,861,444
<b>Youth</b>	7.38	Match Equivalent Sessions in the weekly peak period	£743,323	£150,151	£1,970,103
<b>Mini</b>	5.33	Match Equivalent Sessions in the weekly peak period	£169,526	£33,566	£0
<b>AGP</b>	34.1	Hours on a 3G artificial Grass Pitch	£1,117,577	£31,630	£385,208

- 4.13 Table 13 demonstrates that if trends continue, there is a significant need for additional grass pitches, and the equivalent of approx. 1 full-size 3G AGP for additional team growth in Rushmoor, in addition to the current deficit as shown in 4.1. This must be monitored throughout Stage E of the PPOSS process. It is suggested that RBC works with the Football Foundation and Hampshire FA to determine the most effective way of developing 3G AGP and grass pitches.

## Football Recommendations

- Protect the existing supply of grass and AGP provision, in line with Sport England’s Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF.
- Improve the quality of grass pitches wherever possible, with priority given to those with PitchPower Assessments:
  - a. Cove FC
  - b. Farnborough
  - c. Kennels Lane
  - d. Southwood Playing Fields
- Secure community use agreements wherever possible at currently unsecure sites to provide additional capacity to the study area. If possible, consider this at Queen’s Parade.
- Protect the existing supply of grass and AGP provision, in line with Sport England’s Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF.
- RBC should work in partnership with education sites to open up 3G AGPs with no community use
- Where there is clear demand for additional 3G AGPs, RBC should work with the Football Foundation and relevant County FAs to determine the most viable options for 3G AGP developments. If these are developed on education, ensure community use agreements are factored into the build conditions. There are several suggested locations for these 3G AGPs, which should be monitored throughout the Stage E PPOSS process from June 2026, these are:
  - Kennel’s Lane
  - Wavell School
  - Bohunt Farnborough Academy

## 5. Rugby Union Stage D Findings

- 5.1 To help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, several relevant scenario questions are tested against the key issues in this section, resulting in sport specific recommendations.

### **Rugby Union – Grass Pitch Summary key issues**

- There is a total of 12 adult rugby union pitches across 6 sites, of these, 9 are available for community use
- There are 3 clubs utilising pitches in Rushmoor. Farnham RUFC is classed as imported demand, using Queen's Parade. There are 21 rugby union teams in total at Aldershot and Fleet (11 teams) and Farnborough RUFC (10 teams) plus imported demand by Farnham RUFC for three pitches on a Sunday and 1.5 hours during the week for training .
- The current supply and demand show spare capacity for match play (1.75) and a shortfall for training (-2)
- This spare capacity for match play will become balanced (0) by 2035; there will be a further deficit for training (-4) when population growth (2035) and latent demand is considered.
- There are two 3G AGPs that have previously been World Rugby compliant; however the certifications have expired and there are no rugby union clubs using these pitches for training/matches. Reinstating these could help address the future training shortfall. Salesian College is also World Rugby compliant but has no community use
- Improving the quality of grass pitches and/or instating sports lighting would positively impact supply and demand.

### **Scenario 5 – Exploring the impact of grass pitch quality improvement at rugby union club sites**

This scenario explores how improving each grass rugby union pitch on club sites by 1 incremental level for both maintenance and drainage, will impact the site and study area capacity positions. Table 14 sets out the match equivalent sessions (MES) on each pitch based on maintenance and drainage scores.

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**Table 13: Match Equivalent Calculation for Rugby Pitches.**

Drainage	Maintenance		
	Poor (M0)	Standard (M1)	Good (M2)
Natural Inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
Natural Adequate (D1)	1.5	2	3
Pipe Drained (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	2	3	3.5

- 5.3 Table 15 outlines the current pitch supply at rugby union club sites in Rushmoor, as well as the pitch ratings if they were improved by 1 increment. Based on feedback from the RFU, it is unlikely for community club sites to achieve a D3 rating, therefore drainage scores will be capped at D2.

**Table 14: Rugby Site Breakdown of Security of Community Use**

Site Name	Postcode	Ownership	No. Adult Pitches	Floodlit	Current Pitch Quality	Improved Pitch Quality	Floodlit	Anticipated change (MES)
Aldershot Park	GU12 4AL	RBC	1	No	M2/D2	M2/D2	No	No change
Aldershot Park	GU12 4AL	RBC	1	Yes	M1/D1	M2/D2	Yes	Improved by 1.5
Farnborough RFC (Oak Farm Playing Fields)	GU14 8LS	RBC	1	Yes	M2/D1	M2/D2	Yes	Improved by 1.25
Farnborough RFC (Oak Farm Playing Fields)	GU14 8LS	RBC	1	No	M2/D1	M2/D2	No	Improved by 0.25
Farnborough RFC (Oak Farm Playing Fields)	GU14 8LS	RBC	1	No	M0/D0	M1/D1	No	Improved by 1.5
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	RBC	1	No	M2/D2	M2/D2	No	No change
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	RBC	1	No	M2/D2	M2/D2	No	
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	RBC	1	Yes	M2/D2	M2/D2	Yes	



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5.4 Table 16 highlights how improved drainage and maintenance scores would impact on the capacity of each site.

Table 15: Supply and Demand Capacity Balance by Site with Pitch Improvements Undertaken (All Figures in MES)

Site	Number of Floodlit Pitches	Total Supply	Mid-Weekday/Training			Weekend Match Day Senior/ Junior			Weekend Match Day Mini			Total Senior/Junior Match Pitch Balance	Unmet Mini Demand Placed on Senior Match Pitches (50% of Senior ME)	Total Pitch Balance
			Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance			
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	1	2	1	1.75	-0.75	1	1	0	0	1	-1	-1	0	-1.75
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	0	3.25	0	0	0	1	0.5	0.5	2.75	1.75	1	1	0	1
Farnborough RUFC	1	3.25	1.5	1.5	0	1.75	0.5	1.25	1.25	0.25	-1	1	0	1
Farnborough RUFC	0	2.75	0	0	0	2.25	2	0.25	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.25
Farnborough RUFC	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5	1.5	1.5	0	1.5
Queen's Parade	1	3.25	2.5	2.5	0	1	1	0	0.25	0	0.25	0.25	0	0.25
Queen's Parade	0	3.25	0	0	0	1.5	1.5	0	1.75	0	1.75	1.75	0	1.75
Queen's Parade	0	3.25	0	0	0	1.5	1.5	0	1.75	0	1.75	1.75	0	1.75
<b>Overview of Secure Available Sites</b>											6.75	6.75	0	7.5

Table 16 shows the that by implementing grass pitch quality improvements would have a significant difference across the borough for rugby union. Those pitches currently classed as standard/poor e.g. Aldershot and Fleet grass pitch with sports lighting and Farnborough RUFC 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch would see the most benefit.

- 5.6 Table 17 demonstrates how these grass pitch quality improvements will impact both the current training and match play capacity on a sub area and study area level.

**Table 16: Position for All Community Available Rugby Grass Provision – Impact of pitch quality improvements**

Area	Current Balance 2025		Balance with Pitch Improvements	
	Training	Match	Training	Match
Rushmoor Borough Council	-2	3.5	-0.75	5

- 5.7 Table 17 shows that pitch quality improvements will reduce the result in spare capacity across all community available pitches across Rushmoor, although this alone would not remove the deficit for training due to significant usage, particularly on the pitch at Aldershot and Fleet RUFC. It should be a priority for all club sites to undertake pitch quality improvements wherever possible, supported by RBC, RFU and pitch maintenance teams.

### Scenario 6 – Identifying the impact of Sports Lighting installation at club sites to alleviate the training shortfall on Rugby Union sites

- 5.8 This scenario explores how installing additional sports lighting at Aldershot and Fleet RUFC would have an impact of training capacity for Rugby Union.
- 5.9 As previously shown above, there is currently a shortfall for grass training as only three grass pitches have sports lighting. Table 18 shows the pitches with sports lighting across Rushmoor, including the current deficits for sites based on training need.

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Table 17: Rugby Site Breakdown of Security of Community Use (figures in MES)

Site	Number of Floodlit Pitches	Total Supply	Mid-Weekday/Training			Weekend Match Day Senior/ Junior			Weekend Match Day Mini			Total Senior/Junior Match Pitch Balance	Unmet Mini Demand Placed on Senior Match Pitches (50% of Senior ME)	Total Pitch Balance
			Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance			
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	1	2	1.75	3.75	-2	0.5	0.5	0	0.25	0.5	-0.25	-0.25	0	-2.25
Farnborough RUFC	1	3.25	1.5	1.5	0	1.75	0.5	1.25	1.25	0.25	-1	1	0	1
Queen's Parade	1	3.25	2.5	2.5	0	1	1	0	0.25	0	0.25	0.25	0	0.25
<b>Overview of Secure Available Sites</b>											-1.5	0.5	0	-1

5.10 Table 18 demonstrates that Aldershot and Fleet RUFC does not have enough capacity on the pitch with sports lighting i.e. the pitch capacity does not cope with the demand for training. The club is limited due to only have one of their two pitches with sports lighting.

5.11 Table 19 shows the impact on rugby union if sports lighting is installed on the second pitch.

Table 18: Rugby Site Breakdown with additional sports lighting at Aldershot and Fleet RUFC (figures in MES)

Site	Number of Floodlit Pitches	Total Supply	Mid-Weekday/Training			Weekend Match Day Senior/ Junior			Weekend Match Day Mini			Total Senior/Junior Match Pitch Balance	Unmet Mini Demand Placed on Senior Match Pitches (50% of Senior ME)	Total Pitch Balance
			Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance			
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	1	2	1.75	1.75	0	0.5	0.5	0	0.25	0.5	-0.25	-0.25	0	-0.25
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	1	3.25	2	2	0	0.5	0.5	0	1.75	1.25	0.5	0.5	0	0.5
Farnborough RUFC	1	3.25	1.5	1.5	0	1.75	0.5	1.25	1.25	0.25	-1	1	0	1
Queen's Parade	1	3.25	2.5	2.5	0	1	1	0	0.25	0	0.25	0.25	0	0.25
<b>Overview of Secure Available Sites</b>											1.5	1.5	0	1.5

- 5.12 Installation of floodlighting on the currently unlit pitch, as illustrated above, would substantially address the current shortfall in training provision—improving the balance from a deficit of -2 MES to alignment between supply and demand. When combined with proposed pitch enhancements, this intervention would eliminate identified shortfalls for both training and match play requirements for community rugby union in Rushmoor, creating capacity to accommodate future growth across the identified sites.

**Scenario 7 – Identifying the anticipated growth beyond population increases – Women and Girl’s Rugby Union growth**

- 5.13 There is a large women and girls’ rugby union presence located within proximity of Rushmoor Borough Council. Farnham RUFC (in Waverley) has one girls’ team at U12, two girls’ teams at U14, two girl’s teams at U16 and three women’s open age teams. Because of this, there is exported demand for women and girls’ Rugby Union from Rushmoor into Waverley, and this trend is likely to continue.
- 5.14 Because of significant women and girls’ rugby union located nearby, the clubs based specifically in Rushmoor do not play a lot of women and girls rugby union. Aldershot and Fleet RUFC has one touch women’s side (20 players), with an aspiration to develop a full contact team. Farnborough RUFC currently does not have a women and girls’ team at any age group but hopes to reinstate a team in the near future.
- 5.15 This scenario considers the pitch impact of two additional teams in Rushmoor, one located at Aldershot and Fleet, and one located a Farnborough RUFC.

**Table 19: Impact of two additional teams in Rushmoor**

Area	Current Balance 2025		Balance with additional 2 women and girls’ teams	
	Training	Match	Training	Match
Rushmoor Borough Council	-2	1.75	-3	2.75

- 5.16 Table 20 demonstrates that whilst there may be aspirations to develop women and girls’ rugby union in Rushmoor, due to a high concentration in Waverley, opportunities to develop new teams may be limited. If two women/girls’ teams are developed in the near future, it is likely that there would be a deficit of suitable training venues due to the already heavy usage on pitches with sports lighting at Aldershot and Fleet and Farnborough RUFC. There would still be a small amount of spare capacity on these sites for match-play, on the basis that fixtures would likely take place on Sundays.
- 5.17 The growth of women and girls’ Rugby Union should be closely monitored in Rushmoor. The RFU has ambitious targets of growing the game and has strategies to do so over the next five years. It is suggested that Stage E of the PPS process considers the impact of additional women and girls playing rugby in Rushmoor and the surrounding areas.

## Rugby Union Recommendations

- Protect the existing supply of grass rugby union provision, in line with Sport England’s Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF.
- Improve grass pitch quality on all relevant sites where possible. Focus on pitch improvements at Farnborough RUFC and Aldershot and Fleet RFC, particularly those with sports lighting.
- Development of additional floodlighting at key rugby union club sites. Priority should be to install floodlighting at sites where it can deliver the biggest impact most effectively and where there is the largest need e.g. Aldershot and Fleet RUFC.
- Reinstate WR22 Certifications on 3G AGPs which have previously been World Rugby Compliant (if there is demand from clubs) and monitor the usage by rugby union clubs.
- Monitor the growth of women and girls’ rugby and make allowances (pitch/changing provision improvements) when demand is present

## 6. Hockey Stage D Findings

- 6.1 To help develop the recommendations/actions and to understand their potential impact, several relevant scenario questions are tested against the key issues in this section, resulting in sport specific recommendations.

### Hockey – Sand-based Pitch Summary Key Issues

- There is a total of 4 full size AGPs in Rushmoor that are suitable for Hockey, of which 3 are used by community clubs.
- There are 3 hockey clubs of some description in Rushmoor. Fleet and Ewshot Hockey Club is a Rushmoor based club playing in Rushmoor, Aldershot and Farnham Hockey Club is based outside of Rushmoor, playing in Rushmoor (imported demand) and Camberley and Farnborough Hockey Club is based in Rushmoor, playing outside of the borough (exported demand) .
- There is a balanced supply and demand on hockey-appropriate AGPs to meet hockey club demand, on the basis that some clubs play in and some play out of the borough. If all clubs in Rushmoor used pitches in Rushmoor, there would be a significant deficit of hockey provision to cater for demand.
- As hockey clubs grow, there will not be enough pitches in Rushmoor. Clubs will need to travel out of the borough, or additional pitches will need to become available to provide to additional demand.

### Scenario 7 – The impact on hockey based on one sand-dressed AGP becoming available in Rushmoor

- 6.2 This scenario considers the impact of an additional full-size sand-dressed AGP becoming available in Rushmoor. This could be either a current pitch with no community hockey uses e.g. Farnborough Hill School or Sixth Form College Farnborough (currently only football use), or an additional sand-dressed pitch being developed.

Currently, hockey teams in Rushmoor are utilising all community available pitches, with significant hockey usage at Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (two pitches) along with pitches located outside of the borough including, Heath End School in Surrey, Kings International College in Camberley, and Calthorpe Park School in Hampshire. Conversely, Camberley and Farnham Hockey Club play fixtures in Rushmoor, despite being based outside of the borough.

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Table 21 shows the current position of pitch availability. Table 22 shows the impact of an additional pitch becoming available for hockey clubs:

**Table 20: Peak Time Capacity Analysis for Rushmoor Hockey Provision (current 2025)**

Age Group (Preferred Match Slot)	No. of Teams	Peak Time Demand	Peak Time Capacity	Balance	Commentary
Training (Monday – Thursday 6-10pm)	44	44	40	-4	Additional pitches utilised out of borough resulting in 0 MES spare capacity
Adult (Saturday 10-5*)	31	15.5	4	-11.5	Additional pitches utilised out of borough resulting in 0 MES spare capacity
Junior (Sunday 10-4)	13	6.5	4	-2.5	Additional pitches utilised out of borough resulting in 0 MES spare capacity

**Table 21: Peak Time Capacity Analysis for Rushmoor Hockey Provision (with additional pitch)**

Age Group (Preferred Match Slot)	No. of Teams	Peak Time Demand	Peak Time Capacity	Balance	Commentary
Training (Monday – Thursday 6-10pm)	44	44	60	16	Spare capacity in Rushmoor for training provision due to additional pitch
Adult (Saturday 10-5*)	31	15.5	6	-9.5	Additional pitches utilised out of borough resulting in 0 MES spare capacity
Junior (Sunday 10-4)	13	6.5	6	-0.5	Additional pitches utilised out of borough resulting in 0 MES spare capacity

- 6.5 By accessing one additional full-size sand-dressed AGP, there would be a reduction in clubs having to travel outside of the borough for training and fixtures. Although it should be noted that clubs/residents do not live by local authority map boundaries, and players may be located closer to pitches outside of the local authority area.
- 6.6 Club consultation did state the need for additional pitches in Rushmoor to provide for hockey demand, and therefore it is advised that pitches are made available where possible. This should be monitored throughout Stage E of the PPS process.



### **Hockey Recommendations**

- Protect all existing sand-based AGP provision, in line with Sport England's Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF
- Ensure the continued community access to sand-based AGPs is available, securing long-term security of tenure where possible
- Work with all hockey clubs using pitches outside of the borough to ensure long-term security of tenure is possible
- Work with Farnborough Hill School to determine the appetite to provide community access, if this is feasible try to secure community use agreements on pitches
- Work with facility owners/operators to determine the appetite to develop an additional sand-dressed pitch at Aldershot Garrison, if this is feasible, try to secure community use agreements on pitches

## Cricket Stage D Findings

### Cricket – Grass Pitch Summary key issues

- There is a total of 12 cricket squares in Rushmoor, comprising a total of 72 grass wickets and 9 artificial wickets. Of these 12 sites, only 5 have secured community use while 7 sites are either not available to the community or offer unsecured use. Overall, the provision is of good quality, with 75% of the sites providing good quality pitches and ancillary facilities while 25% are rated standard or poor.
- The analysis shows that, overall, there is enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand. Aldershot CC's third ground, Aldershot Park indicated an overplay of 20 MPS on grass wickets. The current position indicates an overall 15 MPS spare capacity on grass wickets and 155 MPS on NTPs.
- The future demand for cricket is projected to increase in the Study Area, with a total growth of 30 MPS dominated by demand for women's cricket (20 MPS). The projected growth is driven by population growth (67%) and latent demand (33%).
- Women's cricket is a priority area for the ECB and the number is expected to increase over the lifetime of the local plan period (2035). In turn, this will increase the future requirement for playing, practice and associated changing facilities for women and girls. With the projected increase in demand from both population growth and conversion of latent demand, as well as the expected growth that will be realised following the success of All Stars Cricket and Softball Cricket initiatives, the increase in demand is likely to have a substantial impact on the level of demand for cricket.
- The future analysis shows that there is insufficient supply (-15 MPS) to meet demand in the current pitch stock. This could rise to -30 MPS during peak times. The future demand of 30 MPS highlights the undersupply of pitches in terms of both carrying capacity and peak-time capacity.

7.1. Based on the summary above, the following scenarios will be considered within this section of the report:

- **Cricket, grass wicket scenarios:**
  - Growth in participation among women and girls - double the current number of teams in Rushmoor
  - Impact of restoring the cricket square at Rectory Road Recreation Ground site for use of the British Gorkhali Cricket

## Scenario 8 – Cricket - The impact of growth in participation among women and girls – doubling the current number of teams in Rushmoor

- 7.2. This scenario considers the impact significant growth of female cricket in Rushmoor. The strategic aim of ECB's strategy 2025 – 2028 is to double the number of women and girls' team. The Hampshire Cricket Board's strategy, Breaking boundaries, seeks to realise this aim through growing competitive and recreational cricket and provides participants with opportunities to play within a 7 mile radius of participants' location.
- 7.3. There are three senior women's teams and eight junior girls' teams across the two clubs in Rushmoor. Table 23 provides the breakdown of the different categories of teams.

**Table 22: Cricket demand by clubs**

Club	Number of Competitive Teams		Total
	Senior Women	Junior Girls	
Aldershot Cricket Club	1	4	5
Cove Cricket Club	2	4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>

- 7.4. Future demand driven by population growth in senior women's cricket is likely to generate one additional team. Table 24 shows the total demand generated through population growth and latent demand.

**Table 23: Total projected future growth in number of cricket teams in Rushmoor**

Study Area	Adult Teams – Women and Girls		Junior Teams – Women and Girls		Total
	Population Growth	Latent Demand	Population Growth	Latent Demand	
<b>Rushmoor Borough</b>	1	1	0	0	<b>2</b>

Table 25 provides an overview of the current position of available grass wickets in Rushmoor. There is a current spare capacity of 15 matches per season (MPS), which is predicted to reduce the spare capacity and indicate a future position of -15 MPS by 2035. The total current demand for adult grass wickets is 96% of total capacity.

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**Table 24: Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets in Rushmoor – Available Sites**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Current position	Total future demand – latent demand	Total future demand – population growth	Future position
Rushmoor Borough	360	345	15	10	20	-15

- 7.6. The Needs Assessment explored the impact of population growth and latent demand in cricket by 2035 addition in Rushmoor. However, due to the trend of increasing participation in women' and girls' cricket, Hampshire Cricket predict the number of teams in women and girls' cricket to double in Rushmoor. Table 26 identifies the potential level of team growth if the current rate of participation is doubled. Inclusion of these teams in the future demand projection calculations will increase the total number of teams generated in the future to 22 teams by 2035, of which 6 will be senior women's teams and 16 junior girls' teams.

**Table 25: Increased Future demand – doubling of women and girls' teams in Rushmoor**

Analysis Area	Adult Teams – Women and Girls	Junior Teams – Women and Girls	Total
	Increased Future Demand – Participation Growth	Increased Future Demand – Participation Growth	
Rushmoor Borough	6 (Current – 3 teams)	16 (Current – 8 teams)	22

- 7.7. Each adult women's team is presumed to play 10 home games per season, that will amount to an added 60 MPS. The revised total future demand of 80 MPS will therefore considerably affect the supply of cricket pitches in Rushmoor bringing the overall position down to -65 MPS. Table 27 shows the breakdown of the demand generated in the study area.

**Table 26: Revised Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets in Rushmoor – Available Sites**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Current position	Future Demand – Population Growth	Increased Future Demand – Participation Growth	Revised Future Position
Total - Rushmoor	360	345	15	20	60	-65

- 7.8. There are five cricket squares which are available to the community while also providing secured community use. Three of which are used by Aldershot Cricket Club and two of them are used by Cove Cricket Club. Therefore, the only other site which is available for the community is the MOD site – Army Cricket Ground. However, this site does not provide secure community use and is used for army matches.

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- 7.9. Although both the cricket clubs in the area have some potential to accommodate demand for junior cricket during midweek, both clubs are operating at full capacity at peak times – Saturdays and Sundays, and therefore it is unlikely that these clubs could accommodate any future demand for senior female cricket. Aldershot CC has provision for non-turf wickets while Cove CC solely accommodates demand on grass wickets. It is also important to note that the British Gorkhali Cricket League functions separately and we would need to consider how this increase in future demand could potentially affect the league.
- 7.10. The growth of women's teams in Rushmoor, while supporting the growth of the game, would increase the expected deficit of -65 MPS. Therefore, to ensure there is capacity for the growth of women and girls' cricket, improving current squares, developing new squares and/or securing community access on existing sites (e.g. Army Cricket Ground) will be required to provide for this additional demand.

### Scenario 9 – The impact of restoring the cricket square at Rectory Road Recreation Ground site for the use of the British Gorkhali Cricket League

- 7.11. The scenario will explore the impact of restoring the cricket square at the Rectory Road Recreation Ground site which was available on a pay and play basis in the past. The assumption is that the restoration of cricket square would not affect the current demand for any other sport.

**Table 27: Current Position for cricket in Rushmoor**

Playing Pitch Sites	Squares	Quality of Provision <sup>1</sup>	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Army Cricket Ground	1	Good	13	65	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Army Cricket Ground	1	Good	8	40	40	0	1	60	0	0	0 <sup>2</sup>
Aldershot Cricket Club	1	Good	12	60	50	10	1	60	20	40	50
Aldershot Cricket Club	1	Good	11	55	50	5	1	60	20	40	45
Aldershot Park	1	Good	4	20	40	-20	1	60	0	60	40
Alderwood Leisure Centre	1	Standard	0	0	0	0	1	60	0	0 <sup>3</sup>	0

<sup>1</sup> Where a site has multiple squares, different quality scores of individual squares have been identified

<sup>2</sup> The total supply-demand balance at Army Cricket Ground is 0 as it is an unsecured site

<sup>3</sup> The net demand is balanced based on college use

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Playing Pitch Sites	Squares	Quality of Provision <sup>1</sup>	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Cove Cricket Club	1	Good	12	60	50	10	0	0	0	0	10
Farnborough Hill School	1	Good	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	60	0	0 <sup>4</sup>	0
Salesian College Sports Ground	1	Good	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	60	0	0 <sup>5</sup>	0
Southwood Playing Fields	1	Good	12	60	50	10	0	0	0	0	10
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	1	Poor	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0
Wavell Campus Leisure	1	Poor	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total - Rushmoor</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>155</b>

- 7.12. It will first identify the carrying capacity at Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing Field. Each good quality grass wicket can accommodate 5 matches per season, meaning the development of an additional 5 good quality grass wickets at this site will increase the supply by 25 MPS as show in Table 29.

**Table 28: Carrying capacity of Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing Fields**

Playing Pitch Sites	Squares	Quality of Provision	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)
Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing Field	1	Good	5	25

- 7.13. The British Gorkhali Cricket League traditionally has 14-20 matches across the season on Sundays at Rushmoor at Aldershot Park sharing the square with Aldershot CC. Depending on the availability of grounds and the cost of renting grounds, the British Gorkhali Cricket League plans to expand its number of teams as well. Even though the league hosts about 40-50% of its matches outside Rushmoor, it has expressed its desire to host all its matches in the borough.

<sup>4</sup> The demand is balanced based on school use

<sup>5</sup> The demand is balanced based on college use

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7.14. Table 30 below shows the current and projected future capacity position for cricket in Rushmoor

**Table 29: Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets in Rushmoor – Available Sites**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Current position	Total future demand – latent demand	Total future demand – population growth	Future position
Rushmoor Borough	360	345	15	10	20	-15

7.15. Securing community access of grass wickets at Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing Field by restoring the site would create spare capacity of 10 MPS. Table 31 shows the revised figures and position for adult grass wickets for cricket in Rushmoor.

**Table 30: Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets in Rushmoor – Available Sites**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Revised Position including 5 grass wickets at Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing Field	Total future demand – latent demand	Total future demand – population growth	Future position
Rushmoor Borough	360	345	40	10	20	10

7.16. The restoration of grass wickets at Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing Field would benefit both the British Gorkhali Cricket League (BGCL) and Aldershot Cricket Club. This will reduce the overplay to 0 MPS (Matches Per Season) at Aldershot Park which has a capacity of -20 MPS currently. Aldershot CC could possibly accommodate an additional senior women's team instead of BGCL games if latent demand predictions are realised.

7.17. This will allow the BGCL to host all their matches at a single venue cost efficiently while also considering the growth of the league. Potential investment in park sites would help alleviate the increasing demand for cricket in Rushmoor as it is important to ensure that provision is both accessible at peak times and affordable. Restoring the park site should be considered as a potential solution to retaining existing demand and reducing future deficits in cricket facilities in Rushmoor.

## Cricket Recommendations

- Protect the existing supply of cricket provision, in line with Sport England’s Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF.
- Improve the quality of grass pitches where necessary, work with ECB, RBC and relevant sports clubs to determine this, focussing on those stated as standard/poor quality.
- Restore cricket facilities at Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing Field for Gorkhali Cricket League.
- Provide additional grass wickets on existing sites where suitable. work with ECB, RBC and relevant sports clubs to determine this. Rectory Road Playing Fields has been identified as an option to increase cricket provision



## 8. Rugby League Overview

Table 31: Key PPOSS Findings for Rugby League in Rushmoor

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There is one Masters rugby league team in Rushmoor, playing friendlies only. Matches are played on a shared rugby union pitch with Aldershot and Fleet RUFC. Current demand is sufficient to sustain the team, with over 25 paid members and steady growth. There is enough access to the pitch for current needs, although scheduling must factor in Rugby Union (RFU) activities, which has shown above is being played over capacity.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	Yes, there is enough secured access to the shared pitch to meet current demand, despite needing to coordinate with RFU activities. However, additional rugby union or rugby league would have an impact on capacity. Reliance on this shared arrangement means the team may face challenges if Rugby Union activities increase significantly.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	The quality of the pitch is adequate for current use, but it is not marked out correctly for rugby league. There is potential to improve pitch quality, which could enhance capacity and user satisfaction.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	The club does not anticipate future growth in the number of teams. Demand for pitch use is expected to remain stable as a single Masters team.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	Yes, given the stable demand and no plans for growth, the current access arrangements should be sufficient for future needs, if coordination with RFU activities continues effectively.

### Recommendations for Rugby League

1. Protect existing quantity of rugby pitches and community access. Ensure Aldershot and Fleet Masters RL has a long term community use agreement on site. Priority Responsibility of RBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
2. Support grounds staff to review quality issues on the pitch to ensure appropriate quality is achieved. Responsibility of RBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
3. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of pitches, if demand increases. Responsibility of RBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners and RFL .

## American Football Overview

### Overview

- 9.1. There is currently one American Football club which is called the Rushmoor Knights. They play in the BAFA leagues across different senior and junior tiers. The club trains once per week for three hours and plays matches on Sundays. When there are no fixtures, the club will utilise the ground for training at the same time. Training demand is accommodated on at King George V Playing Field. The club has over 100 members across different age groups and continues to grow as demand presents itself. There is currently one senior men’s team. The club is satisfied with the site and aspire to develop new ancillary provision in the future.
- 9.2. We can calculate the capacity of the American Football pitch in Rushmoor (see Table 33).

Table 32: Balance of Supply vs Demand in Rushmoor

Site Name	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	Pitches	Pitch Quality	Capacity (MES)	Demand (MES)	Balance
King George V	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	Good	3	3	0

- 9.3. The table shows that the pitch is at capacity. There is a significant amount of usage at King George V Playing Field, however the pitches and training areas are marked out using cones and the club has access to a large site with the flexibility to train on different areas of the site as the sole occupant. It is therefore difficult to determine the under/over capacity of the site, but club consultation suggests they are satisfied with the pitch quality and their needs as a club can be satisfied on the large area. The site has been determined to be balanced supply and demand.

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**Table 33: Key PPOSS Findings for American Football in Rushmoor**

<b>Key Question</b>	<b>Analysis</b>
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	There is one location for American Football in Rushmoor, King George V Playing Field. There is one club, Rushmoor Knights, very well established with over 100 members. There is a large area for the club to train and play so there an evenly balanced supply and demand.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	Yes, currently and in the future with further capacity to grow the club as demand presents itself.
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	The ground is appropriately maintained. The clubhouse could do with some improvement and the club has plans to undertake this work in the future with the support of RBC however, the facilities are adequate for now.
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	The club can grow as demand presents itself. Currently the club is satisfied with its participation numbers but would like more women and girls to play at the club.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	Yes, currently and in the future. It is important the Rushmoor Knights continue to have access to the whole site due to the large numbers playing at the club for up to 6 hours per week.

### **Recommendations for American Football**

1. Work with Rushmoor Knights to determine their growth across the Local Plan period
2. Protect the site at King George V Playing Fields for American Football usage
3. Explore the potential for improved ancillary provision at King George V Playing Fields

## 12. Summary of Recommendations

Table 34: Summary of Recommendations

Objective	Recommendation
<b>OBJECTIVE 1:</b> To <b>protect</b> the existing supply of outdoor sports facilities to meet current and future needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 1: Ensure, that all existing outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy;</li> <li>• Recommendation 2: Secure tenure and access to sites for participation-focused development clubs, through a range of solutions and partnership agreements; and</li> <li>• Recommendation 3: Ensure continued use of education facilities where there is a need, these should have long-term security agreements where possible.</li> </ul>
<b>OBJECTIVE 2:</b> To <b>enhance</b> outdoor sports provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 4: Improve quality of playing pitches and ancillary facilities;</li> <li>• Recommendation 5: Work with facility owners, operators and sports clubs to ensure there is an appropriate maintenance regime and all pitches being improved.</li> <li>• Recommendation 6: Secure external funding in partnership with other stakeholders; and</li> <li>• Recommendation 7: Secure developer contributions.</li> </ul>
<b>OBJECTIVE 3:</b> To <b>provide</b> new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 8: Identify opportunities to add to the overall provision to accommodate both current and future demand, particularly 3G AGPs; leveraging developer contributions</li> <li>• Recommendation 9: Rectify quantitative shortfalls through the current stock improvements; and</li> <li>• Recommendation 10: develop facilities around greatest demand to minimise travel time for residents.</li> <li>• Recommendation 11: continue to collaborate with partners to determine suitable opportunities</li> </ul>

## Action Plan

- 10.1. The Sport Specific Action Plan (Appendix 2) provides individual sport recommendations and individual site recommendations by geographic area and reflect the outcomes of the scenarios and identified quantitative and quality improvements identified in the assessment report and strategy document of this report.
- 10.2. Table 36 provides an overview of the key priority recommendations and considerations, by sub area, made as part of this strategy document. This is not an exhaustive list, and a fully site-by-site action plan is included in Appendix 1.

**Table 35: List of Priorities by Sport**

Sub Area	Priorities
Football/AGP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect the existing supply of grass and AGP provision, in line with Sport England's Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF.</li> <li>• Improve the quality of grass pitches wherever possible, with priority given to those with PitchPower Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cove FC</li> <li>➤ Farnborough</li> <li>➤ Kennels Lane</li> <li>➤ Southwood Playing Fields</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Secure community use agreements wherever possible at currently unsecure sites to provide additional capacity to the study area. If possible, consider this at Queen's Parade.</li> <li>• Protect the existing supply of grass and AGP provision, in line with Sport England's Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF.</li> <li>• RBC should work in partnership with education sites to open up 3G AGPs with no community use</li> <li>• Where there is clear demand for additional 3G AGPs, RBC should work with the Football Foundation and relevant County FA to determine the most viable options for 3G AGP developments. If these are developed on education sites, ensure community use agreements are factored into the build conditions. Leverage developer contributions where feasible for these developments, the following should be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Wavell School</li> <li>➤ Bohunt Farnborough</li> <li>➤ Kennel's Lane</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Upgrade ancillary provision where required (see action plan, Appendix 2)</li> <li>• Plan for population growth and latent demand</li> </ul>

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Sub Area	Priorities
<b>Rugby Union</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect the existing supply of grass rugby union provision, in line with Sport England's Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF.</li> <li>• Improve grass pitch quality on all relevant sites where possible. Focus on pitch improvements at Farnborough RUFC and Aldershot and Fleet RFC, particularly those with sports lighting.</li> <li>• Development of additional floodlighting at key rugby union club sites. Priority should be to install floodlighting at sites where it can deliver the biggest impact most effectively and where there is the largest need.</li> <li>• Reinstate WR22 Certifications on 3G AGPs which have previously been World Rugby Compliant and monitor the usage by rugby union clubs.</li> <li>• Monitor the growth of women and girls' rugby and make allowances (pitch/changing provision improvements) when demand is present</li> <li>• Plan for population growth and latent demand</li> <li>• Consider supporting ancillary provision improvements at sites when required and as grants, S106, CiL can support.</li> </ul>
<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect the existing supply of cricket provision, in line with Sport England's Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF.</li> <li>• Improve the quality of grass pitches where necessary, work with ECB, RBC and relevant sports clubs to determine this, focussing on those stated as standard/poor quality.</li> <li>• Restore cricket facilities at Rectory Road Recreation Ground Playing Field for Gorkhali Cricket League. Ensure this works with current arrangements for American Football. Address facility issues for diverse groups</li> <li>• Provide additional grass wickets on existing sites where suitable. work with ECB, RBC and relevant sports clubs to determine this.</li> <li>• Plan for population growth and latent demand</li> </ul>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect all existing sand-based AGP provision, in line with Sport England's Playing Field Policy and paragraph 104 of the NPPF</li> <li>• Ensure the continued community access to sand-based AGPs is available, securing long-term security of tenure where possible</li> <li>• Work with all hockey clubs using pitches outside of the borough to ensure long-term security of tenure is possible</li> <li>• Work with Farnborough Hill School to determine the appetite to provide community access, if this is feasible try to secure community use agreements on pitches</li> <li>• Work with MOD to determine the appetite to develop an additional sand-dressed pitch at Aldershot Garrison, if this is feasible try to secure community use agreements on pitches</li> </ul>

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Sub Area	Priorities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan for population growth and latent demand</li> </ul>
Rugby League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect existing quantity of rugby pitches and community access. Ensure Aldershot and Fleet Masters RL has a long term community use agreement on site. Priority Responsibility of RBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.</li> <li>Support grounds staff to review quality issues on the pitch to ensure appropriate quality is achieved. Responsibility of RBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.</li> <li>Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of pitches, if demand increases. Responsibility of RBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners and RFL</li> </ul>
American Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with Rushmoor Knights to determine their growth across the Local Plan period</li> <li>Protect the site at King George V Playing Fields for American Football usage</li> <li>Explore the potential for improved ancillary provision at King George V Playing Fields</li> </ul>

10.3. The Sport Specific and Individual Site Action Plans are given timescales to deliver:

<b>Short Term</b> Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the PPS);	<b>Medium Term.</b> Delivered within 6 years; and	<b>Long Term.</b> No specific date – In many instances the action is an aspiration and is general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with and is not an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.
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10.4. The strategic actions within Appendix 2 have also been ranked as low, medium, or high based on cost. These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs. The range in which these sit is:

<b>(L) - Low - less than £50k</b>	<b>(M) - Medium - £50k-£250k</b>	<b>(H) - High £250k and above</b>
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10.5. In addition to using the planning system to lever in developer contributions, it is recognised that external partner funding will need to be sought to deliver much of the action plan because there are many competing demands for developer contributions and the funding available is unlikely to be sufficient to meet the identified projects. Although seeking developer contributions in applicable situations and other local funding/community schemes could go some way towards meeting deficiencies and/or improving provision, other potential/match sources of funding will need be investigated e.g. look to apply for grants and work with NGBs and Sport England to seek partnership funding for several projects.

16. It is important that the PPS Steering Group keep this strategy active to:

- Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions;
- Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock; and
- Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends.



Individual Site Action Plan

Table 36: Individual Site Action Plan

Site	Post code	Management	Sport	Pitch Type	Current Status	Aim	Recommended Actions	Priority	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	GU11 2EY	MOD	Football Cricket Hockey	AGP	<p>Two fenced-off sand-dressed AGPs for hockey, and one 3G AGP used for football. All the pitches are floodlit, secure and good quality and are located close to the changing facilities. The changing facilities are also a good standard. Hockey clubs rent the site; however the Army have preferential use. There are potential plans to upgrade artificial sports lighting on this pitch to LED in the near future (next 2 years).</p> <p>Great facility, good pavilion. Storage room present. Good quality equipment. Ball stopping nets on road facing site. Cricket nets available on booking through Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre website. 4 fixed non-turf nets all good quality. Facility formerly used by Camberley CC. Two lane good quality indoor nets present at Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre.</p>	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, MOD, Sports Club	M	L	L
Aldershot Military Stadium	GU11 2JL	Others	Football	Adult Football 11v11	One very good grass football pitch on the Aspire site which is situated in the middle of the 8 lane athletics track. Floodlit pitch, good grass coverage, well-marked out with stands for viewing. Changing facility within the stadium. The 8 lane track looked also good standard, and the stadium is also suitable for the field events such as shotput, discuss, long and high jump. An excellent facility.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club	M	L	L
Aldershot Park	GU12 4BP	Local Authority	Rugby Union	Adult Rugby Union	Two adult 15v15 grass rugby pitches, the home of Aldershot and Fleet rugby club.	Protect, Enhance	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised.	M	RBC, Sports Club, FF, ECB, RFU		M	M
			Football	Youth Football 11v11	Parking for 80-90 vehicles in the area and the clubhouse/changing is alarmed. It appears that this venue at some point has had community funding. Neither pitch has dugouts nor is fenced off. One pitch has floodlights. Both pitches are well marked out and in general quite flat. One good pitch rated as M2/D2, M1/D2, the M1/D2 pitch has floodlights is also used for rugby league and evening training.		Target these for PitchPower.					
				Mini Soccer 7v7			Consider sports lighting on the non-floodlit rugby union pitch					
				Adult Football 11v11	All grass football pitches, used by Aldershot boys and girls FC. Standard quality pitches well marked out and standard grass coverage. The goalposts are all mobile and the small side posts are situated outside by the rugby clubhouse. There are 2 adult 11v11 pitches and 3 7v7 pitches one of which is marked out in blue with the confines of another pitch. There are also 2 junior 11v11 pitches and 1 mini 5v5. It is assumed that the same changing, bar and kitchen facilities are shared with the rugby club. Standard facility overall.							
				Mini Soccer 5v5								
			Cricket	Adult Wicket	<p>Sport England lottery funded site used by Aldershot CC. Good quality pitches across all three squares. Two new and two old sightscreens on the main square. Good quality pavilion which is shared between the three squares with 4 changing rooms. Standard to good quality NTP nets. The clubhouse is also used by Blackwater Valley Running Club and Aldershot &amp; Farnham Hockey Club. Site used by Gorkhali league, usage stated on club consultation document. NTP on the square</p>							

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					<p>The secondary square shares use with football which does cause conflict in May when football is looking to complete fixtures and cricket commence. Aldershot Cricket Club requested that this square remain within the park as they would have a use for it and would maintain it.</p> <p>Rushmoor does not undertake maintenance of this pitch which includes any additional cutting of the outfield over and above what cuts we undertake for the park in general. NTP on the square</p>							
Aldershot Pools And Lido	GU12 4BP	Others	Football	5V5 3G AGP	5v5 3G AGP cage on the site. Standard Quality.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club	L	L	L
Aldershot Town (Ebb Stadium)	GU11 1TW	Others	Football	Adult Football 11v11	Aldershot Town play in the National league and have previously played league football at the ground. This is a good facility with all the facilities required to play in the football league. The ground is fully secure with fencing and turnstiles and the pitch itself would have a boundary wall and floodlights. The ground has a capacity of 7100, 2000 of which can be seated. The changing facilities include bar and kitchen of a good standard similar to the playing surface. There is no parking at the site, but spectators are told to use town centre parking facilities. A very good facility.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club		L	L
Alderwood Leisure Centre	GU12 4AS	Local Authority (in house)	Football	Full size 3G AGP  Adult Football 11v11  Youth Football 9v9	<p>A standard quality facility with the AGP located close to the school gym and leisure centre. The floodlit, fenced off pitch is adequate to host an adult 11v11 fixture. Smaller sized mobile nets also present, indicating the use of the pitch for small-sided games. The pitch is open for community access between 4:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.</p> <p>School/leisure centre combined facility. The grass space is at the back of and to the side of the AGP.</p>	Protect, Enhance	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised, resurface AGP when required ensuring facility stay on FF Pitch Register.	M	RBC, School	M	M	M
			Cricket	Adult Wicket	<p>There is one grass pitch marked out at the rear of the AGP. This pitch is faintly marked out but is flat with good grass cover. The pitch is 9v9 size and no posts are present. The grassed area to the side of the AGP is large and capable of hosting an adult 11v11 but it is not marked out. Parking for over 100 cars and standard changing within the school/leisure centre.</p> <p>NTP on this site but only suitable for very junior cricket due to outfield dimensions</p>							
Bohunt Farnborough	GU14 9BY	Education	Football	Adult Football 11v11	<p>Standard school changing facilities with parking for 30-40 cars.</p> <p>There is a small, grassed area at the front of the school which is just big enough for a mini 5v5. Mobile goalposts to this effect are present. The area is not marked out is undulating and, on an end to end slope. Poor standard facility.</p> <p>The Academy is considering developing a 3G AGP on the grounds.</p>	Protect, Enhance, Provide	<p>Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised.</p> <p>Consider development of a 3G AGP on the site</p>	H	RBC, Sports Club, School	H	H	H

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Bourley Road	GU11 1PT	Local Authority	Football	Mini Soccer 5v5  Youth Football Junior 9v9  Mini Soccer 7v7  Adult Football 11v11	5 grass standard quality pitches with good grass coverage and mobile goalposts. The pitches are well marked out and showed very little signs of wear and tear considering the wet weather.  There are no changing or other facilities at this site. Parking for about 20 vehicles. There are two adult 11v11 pitches a junior 9v9, a junior 7v7 and a mini 5v5. No floodlights at this venue. Used by dog walkers regularly.  Standard pitches with no changing facilities, used by Rushmoor Saints FC.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club	M	L	L
Cove Cricket Club	GU14 0LE	Sport Club	Cricket	Adult Wicket	Clubhouse closed at time of assessment - good quality pavilion with kitchen, toilets, changing rooms and provision for umpires. Open viewing space, ball stopping nets on one side with housing estate nearby. 3 old sightscreens, 2 new sightscreens, 3 covers, 2 movable nets, 3-lane fixed non-turf nets of very good quality.  Small cabin for equipment storage. Refurbished men's toilets, brand new shed and machinery, electronic scoreboard and new eco electric boiler in place	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club		L	L
Cove FC	GU14 8PF	Other	Football	7v7 AGP  Adult 11v11 x 2	Poor quality, fenced-off, floodlit AGP. The pitch appeared to host two 5v5 games during the audit. The surface appeared to be worn out.  The site is part of the Cove FC setup, also used for walking football.	Protect, Enhance	Improve pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	H	RBC, Sports Club	S	M	M
Cove Green Recreation Ground	GU14 7PR	Local Authority	Football	Mini Soccer 7v7  Youth Football 11v11	The site is adjacent to 3 quality hardcourt tennis courts and a good quality children's playground. The pitch itself is on a slope and uneven. Youth 11v11 and mobile goalposts are situated next to the pitch. The pitch is heavy with basic grass cover. Within this pitch is a 7v7 pitch which is well marked out in blue.  The quality of the pitch is the same as the 11v11. There are no changing facilities, and parking appears to be roadside. A poor/standard facility.	Protect, Enhance	Improve pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club	S	L	L
Farnborough Football Club	GU14 8UD	Others	Football	Adult Football 11v11	No access gained to this facility which is fully secured. This is a very good facility and the first team play at the National league South level. Good quality floodlit pitch.  The ground itself holds 6500 of which over 1700 can be seated. The changing facility is good quality. Adequate parking as well as nearby parking available.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is available where feasible	M	RBC, Sports Club		L	L
Farnborough Gate Sports Complex	GU14 8BL	Local Authority	Football	Adult Football 11v11	A standard non-floodlit, non-secure, grass pitch with good quality mobile goalposts which is even, with good grass cover and well-marked out. The pitch is on a gentle slope and often has standing water after rain.  There is parking nearby for over 60 vehicles and changing rooms pitch side which appeared standard. At the rear of these changing rooms is the flat green bowling club. A standard facility.	Protect, Enhance	Sustain/Improve pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club		L	L

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Farnborough Hill School	GU14 8AT	Education	Football	AGP Youth Football 11v11	A good quality facility with a secure, floodlit pitch on education site. The AGP is used for hockey. The pitch is currently not available to the community due to floodlights restrictions (up to 8pm) and uncertainty with school usage after 6 p.m. The school is potentially considering providing community use access together with extending floodlights usage times.  Unable to gain access to the grass facilities but could see various sized mobile goalposts in the distance on a grassed area. Parking for over 100 vehicles.  1 NTP of good quality. One movable net, light roller on-site, small hut for storage and no sightscreens	Protect, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and consider working with the school to provide community use	H	RBC, Sports Club, Education	S	S	L
			Cricket	NTP Wicket								
Farnborough RUFC (Oak Farm Playing Fields)	GU14 8LS	Local Authority	Rugby Union	Adult Rugby Union	The two rugby pitches at the rear of the clubhouse are standard D2/M1. The nearest pitch has 4 floodlights, but neither pitch has dugouts nor is fenced off. The pitches have issues with drainage, undulation and uneven in places, The markings were fading at the time of visit.  A storage unit and rugby training equipment adjacent to the floodlit pitch. Standard ancillary facilities. There is also land next door with no official rugby markings but used by the club. This area is deemed as poor quality M0/D0. The pitches are:- D0/M1, D2/M1, D0/M0  One adult grass 11v11 poor quality, non-secure football pitch (on the small side). This pitch is close to Farnborough RFC clubhouse and their mobile goalposts are securely stored next to this venue. It is uneven, undulating and faintly marked out. Adequate parking space.  A PitchPower assessment in 2023/24 for this site showed significant improvements to the pitch quality, moving from a previous poor rating to good. Recommendations for further improvement focused on drainage, overseeding, deep slitting, and goalmouth repairs	Protect, Enhance	Improve pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised. Target these for PitchPower	H	RBC, Sports Club, RFU, FF, FA	M	S	M
			Football	Adult Football 11v11								
Fleet Road	GU11 2ET	Others	Football	Adult Football 11v11 Mini 5v5 Mini 7v7 Youth Football 9v9	Pitches are considered standard quality. No changing facilities on the site. Rushmoor Saints move all equipment from Army Cricket Ground on both Saturdays and Sundays for fixtures. Area has space to develop and/or additional pitches to both the North and South (both previously used but no markings now). Well maintained by Serco, the organisation is doing a good job according to the club.	Protect, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised. Work with Rushmoor Saints to improve the equipment on site including storage, dugouts/benches and ancillary provision	M	RBC, Sports Club, FF, FA		M	M
						Protect, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised. Work with Rushmoor Saints to improve the equipment on site including storage, dugouts/benches and ancillary provision	M	RBC, Sports Club, FF, FA	L	M	M
Grange Community Junior School	GU14 8TA	Education	Football	Adult Football 11v11	Standard adult 11v11 non-floodlit pitch present with good quality fixed goalposts erected and good grass cover. The pitch is marked out. At the time of the audit the pitch appeared very wet.	Protect, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised.	M	RBC, Sports Club, School	L	L	L

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					Standard school facility. Parking for 30-40 vehicles in the area.							
Kennels Lane	GU14 0QS	Others	Football	Adult Football 11v11	<p>All the following pitches are very similar quality and used by Fleet Spurs.</p> <p>All the pitches had good grass cover, and all are slightly undulating and on a gentle slope.</p> <p>There are 4 adult 11v11 pitches with standard fixed goalposts. Within three of these pitches are junior 9v9 pitches marked out in blue. Also at the site are 2 separate 7v7 pitches which are also marked out in blue but away from the adult pitches.</p> <p>Three storage containers located nearby. All these pitches are standard graded. PitchPower on site.</p> <p>Recommendations included decompaction, surface grooming, slitting, and fertiliser application to maintain or improve pitch quality.</p> <p>A PitchPower assessment in 2023/24 for this site showed significant improvements to the pitch quality, moving from a previous poor rating to good. Recommendations for further improvement focused on drainage, overseeding, deep slitting, and goalmouth repairs</p>	Protect, Enhance, Provide	Improve all pitches to good quality and continue to support community use. Consider this site for the development of an AGP	H	Sports Club, FF, FA, RBC	S	H	H
King George V Playing Field (Farnborough)	GU14 6QN	Local Authority	American Football	Grass	<p>The pitch is well marked out with good grass cover. There is one club, Rushmoor Knights, very well established with over 100 members. There is a large area for the club to train and play so there is balanced supply and demand.</p> <p>The changing facilities are covered by CCTV and had public toilets attached, these facilities are standard and contained changing rooms a kitchen and storage for football equipment. A standard set of facilities.</p> <p>Nearby parking for more than 100 vehicles.</p> <p>Previously three Youth 11v11 non-floodlit, non-fenced grass football pitch 200m from the changing facilities. Good quality mobile goalposts.</p>	Protect, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised.	H	RBC, American Football Club	S	S	M
Moor Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	GU14 8HW	Local Authority	Football	Mini Soccer 5v5	<p>The grassed area is large enough to fit several pitches but overall the grass is too long, uneven, and generally poorly maintained non-floodlight pitch.</p> <p>It appeared unplayable at the time of the visit. There is a good quality children's play area, an enclosed hardcourt basketball court, an outdoor gym and a BMX track.</p>	Protect, enhance	Improve pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club		L	M
Osborne Road Recreation Ground	GU14 6AF	Local Authority	Football	Adult Football 11v11	No pitch presents however, previously this has been used for adult 11v11 football	Protect	Consider bringing pitch back into use as demand presents itself	M	RBC, Sports Club		L	L
Queens Parade	GU11 2JN	MOD	Football	Adult Football 11v11 x 8	Situated across the road from The Aspire Defence ground enclosed facilities are the following football pitches all situated on grass. There are 8 grass adult 11v11 football pitches all standard quality marked out with mobile goalposts situated around and about that could be moved from pitch to pitch when required. All	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club	M	L	L
			Rugby Union	Adult Rugby Union x 3								

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					<p>but two of these pitches are quite worn in places. The two best pitches (one of which is floodlit) are classed as good quality. All the pitches have good grass cover and are flat and well-marked out. No changing facilities located by the pitches.</p> <p>There is parking for hundreds of vehicles for the site. The army train and play on this site regularly although these schedules are unobtainable.</p> <p>Situated by football pitches three well maintained senior rugby pitches with good grass coverage.</p> <p>One of the pitches is floodlit. The Queens Parade is a large open space where more football/rugby pitches could be utilised if required.</p> <p>Changing provision is across the road at Army Training Ground alongside other sports facilities</p>							
Rectory Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	GU14 7HX	Local Authority	Football	Adult 11v11 Junior 9v9	One grass small sized adult 11v11 pitch with good quality mobile goalposts. The pitch is on a side to side slope and is well marked out with good grass cover. The pitch is poor quality due to drainage issues.	Protect, Enhance, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised. Improve ancillary facilities on site.	M	RBC, Sports Club,	S	M	H
			Cricket	Adult Wicket	<p>Next to this pitch is a 9v9 junior sized pitch with rusty fixed goalposts. Both the pitches are non-secure. Neither pitch has floodlights. At the rear of one end are two good quality hardcourt tennis courts, not floodlit, but secure.</p> <p>Poor quality changing facilities and public toilets (currently closed). An overall poor facility with parking for about 20 vehicles in total.</p> <p>No Cricket Square on site but this has previously been used for cricket.</p>		Reinstate Cricket Square on the site if there is demand					
Salesian College Sports Ground	GU14 6LQ	Education	Football	Full size 3G AGP Adult Football 11v11	<p>Excellent quality, floodlit, secure AGP with different sized nets for small-sided games. The AGP is 6 years old and is suitable for both full-sized rugby and football.</p> <p>Regular maintenance work is carried out every six months, including cleaning the surface resulting in a good condition. The facility is generally not available for community/club use; however it is used for District Schools football.</p>	Protect, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and consider working with the school to provide community use	H	RBC, Education, RFU	S	S	L
			Rugby Union									
			Cricket	Adult Wicket	<p>One good quality NTP. Four good quality fixed NTP cricket nets, good equipment storage space available, heavy roller on-site. There is potential to add grass pitches, however there are housing estates nearby.</p> <p>Good condition pavilion and suitable parking space.</p>							
Southwood Playing Fields	GU14 0LE	Local Authority	Football	Adult Football 11v11 Mini Soccer 7v7 Mini Soccer 5v5	<p>Standard quality pitches. They are all flat, well-marked out and even. There are no signs of damage of dog fouling although litter is present. None of the pitches are floodlit or fenced off.</p> <p>All the pitches use mobile goalposts. There are three adult 11v11 pitches and each one of these had a 9v9 pitch marked out in blue within their playing area. There are also 3 mini 5v5 pitches and a junior 11v11. This pitch had a 7v7 pitch marked out in blue within its</p>	Protect, Enhance	Improve all pitches to good quality and continue to support community use. Consider the option to develop a 3G AGP on site	H	RBC, Sports Club, FF, FA	S	M	M

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				Junior Football 9v9 Youth Football 11v11	area. There is also another 7v7 pitch at the site. In general this is a good football facility. An overall good standard facility. The club received GPMF from Football Foundation. The building is funded by the Football Foundation and is around 20 years old.							
			Cricket	Adult Wicket	The site is used by Rushmoor Community FC. There is parking for over 70 vehicles.  A PitchPower assessment is carried out here in 2023/24 for 8 pitches used by Rushmoor Community Youth FC. The quality scores varied: two adult 11v11 pitches are basic, three mini 5v5 and one adult 11v11 are good, and one mini soccer 7v7 is advanced. Areas identified for attention included decompaction, out-of-season renovation, top dressing, fertiliser application, surface grooming, weed treatment, and in-season goalmouth repairs  The facility is managed by Rushmoor Community Football Club. Two average quality sightscreen. No evidence of scoreboards. No provision for nets. The square is used by the youth teams, 3rd and 4th teams of Cove CC.  The square shares use with football which does cause conflict in May when football is looking to complete fixtures and cricket commence.							
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School	GU14 8LS	Education	Football	Youth Football 9v9	Standard 9v9 pitch with mobile goalposts. The pitch is on a slight end to end slope and is faintly marked out.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club	M	L	L
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Aldershot)	GU11 3DD	Education	Football	9V9 AGP	Basic quality, floodlit, fenced-off AGP located on school site. M  Multiple different sized goals present. Ancillary facilities include adequate car parking (about 80 vehicles), standard school changing rooms and kitchen facilities.  The pitch is open for community use between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.	Protect, Enhance	Sustain/Improve pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, School	M	L	L
Talavera Infant School	GU11 1RG	Education	Football	Mini Soccer 5v5	The pitch appeared to be a 5v5 with good grass cover and it appeared to be relatively flat.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club	M	L	L
The Cambridge Primary School	GU11 4AA	Education	Football	Mini Soccer 7v7	Two grass 7v7 pitches with mobile goalposts. Each pitch has good grass cover.  Standard primary school facility. Used by Hart Youth FC considering Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding on this site.	Protect, Enhance	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised. Improve pitch quality through GPMF	M	RBC, Sports Club, Education, FF	M	L	L
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	GU14 8SN	Education	Football	Full size 3G AGP  5V5 sand-dressed AGP	Good quality, floodlit, secure AGP with 11v11 goals and different sized mobile goalposts to accommodate small-sided games. Ancillary facility includes adequate parking space and standard school changing rooms and kitchen facility. The site is previously World Rugby compliant. The RFU website suggests the pitch is no longer compliant and, the school does not accept rugby bookings. Pitch has been resurfaced in July 2025	Protect, Enhance, Provide	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised. Consider bringing back WR22 Compliance	M	RBC, Sports Club, RFU	M	M	M
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	GU14 8JX	Education	Football	Sand-dressed AGP	The AGP, located on a slope, is good quality with secured access and floodlights. It is used for hockey	Protect, Enhance Provide	Sustain pitch quality and work with the school to provide community use	H	RBC, Sports Clubs, EH,	M	M	L

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Site	Post code	Management	Sport	Pitch Type	Current Status	Aim	Recommended Actions	Priority	Partners	Timescales	Site Recommendation	Cost
				Mini Soccer 7v7	and football with small, sided nets present for other smaller games.							
			Rugby Union	Adult Rugby Union	Two good quality grass adult 11v11 football pitches which are flat, well-marked out but slope from side to side. Good quality fixed posts. Next to these pitches is a 7v7 pitch which is also good quality but sloped end to end.							
			Cricket	Adult Wicket	<p>All the pitches are flat, well-marked out and had good grass cover. At the other end of the college is a good quality adult rugby pitch with good grass, even and well-marked out. Adequate parking facility. Standard college changing facilities.</p> <p>Standard Quality Grass Pitch used by 6th form team and relevant Sport/PE lessons. No community use on the pitch. M1/D2</p> <p>Poor quality cricket pitch, wickets are married in. Good grass coverage. Standard school ancillary facility with no community use</p>							
The Traco Club	GU11 3NE	Others	Football	Adult Football 11v11	<p>There are two adult 11v11 grass pitches at the venue. This pitches are on a slight side to side and end to end slope.</p> <p>Both pitches are well marked out and have good grass coverage. There is a good quality bowling green next to this facility.</p> <p>A good quality venue with two standard grass pitches. Good facility with changing, bar and kitchen area. Ample parking for about 60-70 vehicles.</p>	Protect	Sustain pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised	M	RBC, Sports Club	M	L	L
Wavell Campus Leisure (The Wavell School)	GU14 6BH	Education	Football	Junior Football 9v9	Two poor quality non-floodlit grass pitches at the venue, one 9v9 and one Youth 11v11.	Protect, Provide	Improve pitch quality and ensure community use is maximised. Consider development of 3G AGP on this site	H	RBC, Sports Club, FF, FA	M	S	H
				Youth Football 11v11	The pitches are both poor quality with Standard ancillary facilities. \							
			Cricket	Adult Wicket	<p>Funding being sought from the Football Foundation, RBC and fundraise through local businesses.</p> <p>One NTP looked worn out, maintenance work had not been carried out for two months since the school is closed.</p>							
Wellington Community Primary School	GU11 1QJ	Education	Football	Mini Soccer 5v5	Standard quality 5v5 football pitch with no community use.	Protect	Sustain pitch quality.	M	RBC, Sports Club	M	L	L



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**1. Introduction**

**Study Area**

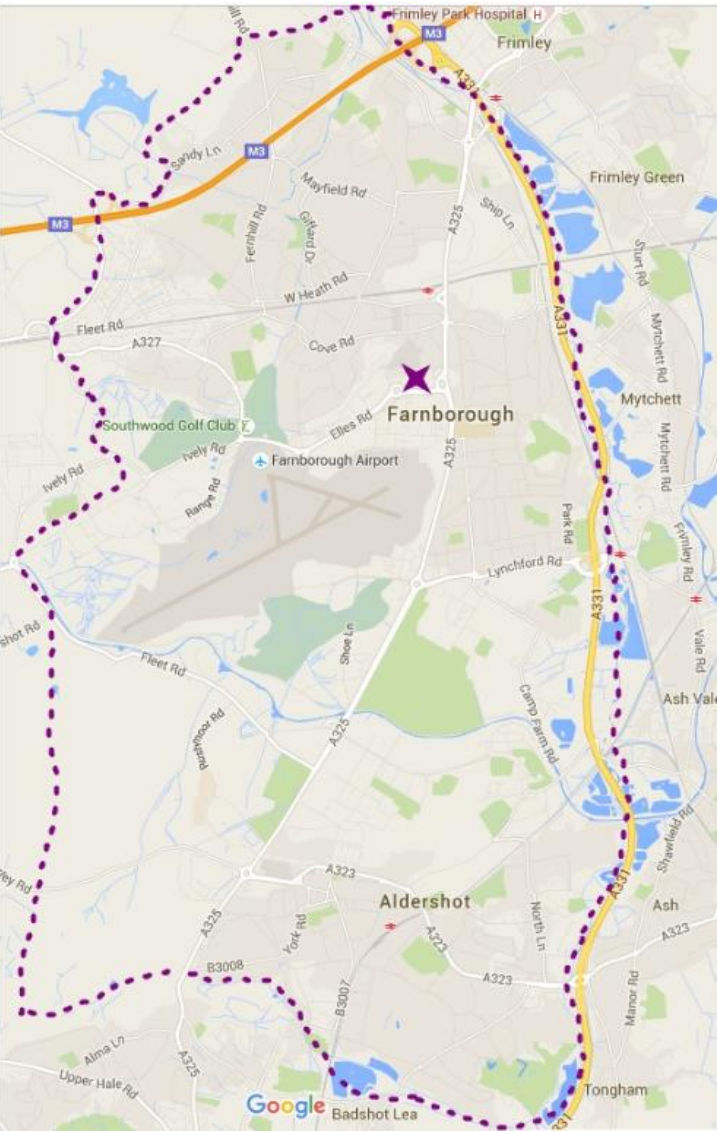
- 1.1. The study area is the Rushmoor Borough Council boundary area. For the purpose of the PPS, Rushmoor is to be looked at as one single area, with no sub areas considered.

**Project Scope and Objectives**

- 1.2. Rushmoor Borough Council has commissioned Strategic Leisure Limited for the development of a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) as part of the wider suite of strategic planning documents to inform the development and implementation of planning policy, assessment of planning applications and the need to provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding. The PPS will inform the standards for pitch provision required through planning policy.
- 1.3. A PPS is a strategic assessment that provides an up-to-date analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) and its current and future demand in the local authority. The strategy and the evidence base upon which it is based is delivered using national guidance and facility insight from specific Governing Bodies of Sport based on a collaborative approach. The assessment will focus on facilities used by the following sports:

- American Football
- Cricket
- Football
- Hockey
- Rugby Union
- Rugby League

**Map 1: Rushmoor Study Area**



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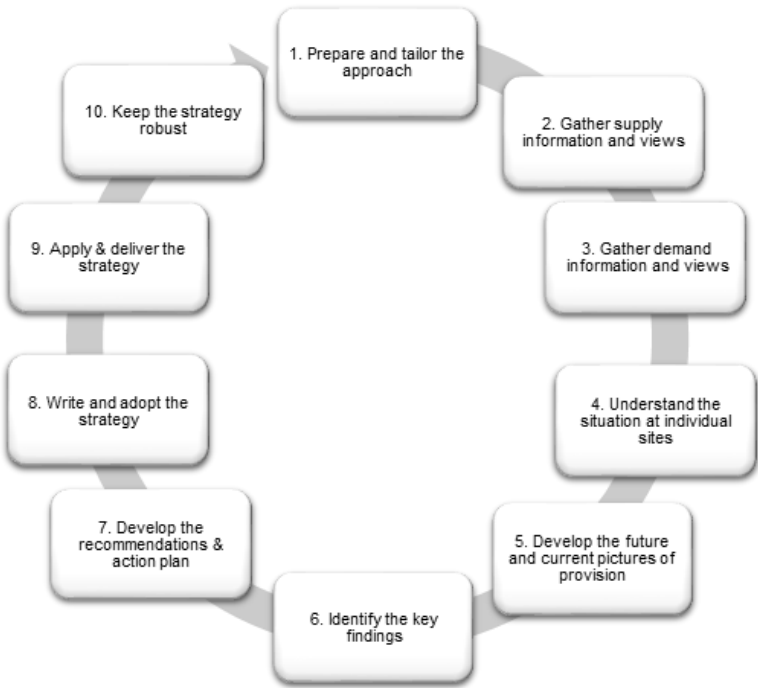
- 1.4. Within these sports, the strategy will seek as far as is practicable to include consideration of all forms of play, whether
  - Club and league based (formal) competitions and training.
  - Less formal programmed forms of the respective sports (e.g. turn up and play products such as Mash-up Football, All Stars Cricket, and Touch Rugby)
  - Informal and un-programmed play by groups of residents, workers, students, school friends (out of school).
- 1.5. The PPS will provide a holistic analysis of sports facilities across the Study Area of Rushmoor Borough Council. This will lead to a comprehensive set of recommendations for the future development of leisure/health and wellbeing provisions, in line with the needs of local residents.
- 1.6. The consultant team has worked with the Council to provide a strategy that is fit-for-purpose and addresses the specific issues and risks for the area. It is key that this PPS reflects the local context and enables the Council to maximise the amount of high-quality sporting provision for its residents, while understanding the need to meet planning and housing requirements.
- 1.7. The PPS will sit alongside a wider suite of planning documents that cover Physical Activity, Leisure and Culture in its widest sense and will focus on furthering the Council's ambitions to improve health and wellbeing and increasing participation in sport and creative behaviours and connection to open space for all its residents in the hope of decreasing the level of physical inactivity and life expectancy divide in our communities.
- 1.8. The work includes the audit of existing leisure provision (sports, physical activity, open space and parks), current and predicted future demand for this provision, and the identification of key issues and challenges that create barriers to increasing participation in leisure and culture. The various strands of this strategy will be clearly interconnected. This will include, where it is reasonably practicable, running in parallel with the development of the Local Plan. This way any proposed PPS will identify suitable outdoor provision according to the current and future needs of residents for all standards of play.
- 1.9. The strategy will therefore aim to deliver against the following drivers:
  - Refreshing the evidence base for Rushmoor Borough Council's new local plan through the provision of a clear action plan with owners and defined timescales for completion.
  - The need to inform the development and implementation of planning policy taking into account of national legislation and policy changes and wider economic changes.
  - The need to inform the assessment of planning applications and the need to provide evidence to help secure internal and external funding. Provide support in directing developer contribution funding under a supplementary planning document on developer contributions to facilities which need it to increase or improve provision.
  - Recognition of the importance of outdoor physical activity and sport within any development or regeneration project, and clear demonstration of how these should be prioritised.

- Provision of an evidenced based approach and the management of a clear sign-off and governance structure for key stakeholders and the quantity and quality of our current stock of playing pitches to ensure that we can protect and enhance an accessible, high quality and sustainable network of playing pitches.

**Methodology**

1.10. The assessment methodology adopted for the PPS follows the published guidance from Sport England. The guidance used is the 2013 version, Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance – An Approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy<sup>1</sup>. Figure 1.1 summarises the approach proposed in this guidance and is broken down into 10 steps.

**Figure 1: Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy – The 10 Step Approach (Sport England, 2013)**



- 1.11. Stage B of the PPS methodology involves the gathering of supply and demand information from a range of sources. An initial audit of outdoor sports facilities is gathered using Sport England's Active Places Power (APP) online tool. This audit will then form the basis of the supply information, before being informed through other sources. Non-technical site assessments, club surveys, and Council officer and NGB consultation will also influence this information before it is presented at Stage B, the baseline information was signed off by the steering group and Sport England in February 2025.
- 1.12. The supply information at Stage B included the following:
  - Site name and location
  - Ownership and management type
  - Number and type of pitches
  - Accessibility
  - Pitch and ancillary facility quality
  - Maintenance information
  - Security of tenure or community use agreements
  - The views of users, providers and other relevant groups.
- 1.13. In addition to supply data, it is important to gather information regarding the demand for outdoor sports facilities. Using information provided by NGBs at Stage A, club affiliation data, league secretaries, education information and club surveys etc, it is possible to build an accurate picture of the demand for that each specific site caters for. The demand information required to inform the PPS is as follows:
  - Sport clubs matches and training
  - Casual and other demand
  - Educational demand
  - Displaced demand
  - Unmet and latent demand
  - Trends and changes
  - Future demand
- 1.14. All pitch sports are subject to the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) methodology.
- 1.15. The findings in this report are based on data collected from several credible sources, including but not limited to
  - Local authority and public policy strategic documentation
  - Sport England tools, including the Facility Planning Model (FPM), Active Places Power, the Active People Survey, Market Segmentation and the Sports Facility Calculator



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- Stakeholder consultation, including Rushmoor Borough Council Officers and Members, Sport England, relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport, education providers, key user clubs; and
  - Site visits, undertaken at all strategically important sites across the Study Area.
- 1.16. A project steering group comprising representation from the Council, Sport England and National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) has guided the study from its commencement. At critical milestones, the Steering Group members have reviewed and verified the data and information collected to allow the work to proceed efficiently through each stage.

#### **Report Structure**

- 1.17. The structure of the PPS report is as follows:

- Section 1 – Introduction and Methodology
- Section 2 – Strategic Context
- Section 3 – American Football
- Section 4 – Artificial Grass Pitches (3G and Sand)
- Section 5 – Football
- Section 6 – Cricket
- Section 7 – Rugby Union
- Section 8 – Rugby League
- Section 9 – Hockey

- 1.18. Supporting information is included in the appendices and referenced throughout.

- 1.19. In addition to this needs assessment, a strategy document has also been produced, which provides future recommendations, scenario testing and a site-by-site action plan for key sites across the local authority.

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### Strategic Context

#### The Study Area

#### Rushmoor Borough Council Local Authority Area

- 2.1. Rushmoor Borough is an urban area, located 30 miles south-west of London. It is in north-east Hampshire, adjacent to the Surrey and Berkshire Borders. The Borough is relatively small at 3,905 ha but is densely populated.
- 2.2. There are two main urban communities:
  - Farnborough (north of the Borough and location of Farnborough LCH) – 60,652 population (Census 2021). Farnborough is recognised internationally for British aerospace research work, its airfield (the first in Britain) and the Farnborough air show.
  - Aldershot (south of the Borough) – 39,807 population (Census 2021). Aldershot is a growing town, with a community predominantly comprised of young families, and a growing older population. It is also the location of the Aldershot garrison, based to the north of Aldershot Town Centre. The Garrison comprises around 11,500 people, including resident troops, soldiers on transit courses, civil servants, contractors and dependents. it has its own leisure facilities which offer limited public access.
- 2.3. Rushmoor is a relatively small and compact Borough, meaning that travel times to pitches between Farnborough and Aldershot is short.
- 2.4. Rushmoor has a large military presence, and the MOD manages a significant number of playing pitches in the Borough. The Aldershot Military Stadium & Rugby Stadium are the home of the Army Football Association, the Army Rugby Union and the Army Rugby League, and there are many Army teams who play and train on these pitches.
- 2.5. There are currently a number of large regeneration sites in Farnborough and Aldershot town centres. It is therefore anticipated that future development sites will small brownfield or infill sites. This may present challenges to the amount of developer contributions available.

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#### Overarching framework

- 2.6. The Rushmoor PPS will contain an overarching framework for the hierarchy of playing pitch provision across the single local authority area.
- 2.7. The overarching framework will identify the strategic added value of the proposals by:
- addressing the cross-boundary issues across Rushmoor
  - addressing the sub regional issues
  - identifying a consistent approach to undertaking pitch assessment, to ensure that the baseline information available on the current supply and demand for different sports is comparable across the authority
  - providing generic and site-specific recommendations on opportunities for cross-boundary provision within and beyond the boundaries of the neighbouring counties
  - making recommendations for addressing the needs of potential/future major growth areas in the local authorities

#### How far forward will the PPS look?

- 2.8. The previous PPS was dated 2014-2020. This updated document will consider all changes to the Borough's population data, demographic information, housing developments and planned infrastructure improvements up to 2035.
- 2.9. **For the purpose of the PPS, the current population figure being used is 101,633 (2024), taken from the Hampshire County Council 2023-based Small Area Population Forecast (SAPF) Ward Gender Level Forecast. The future population figure used is 110,772 (2035).**

#### Planning Policy

- 2.10. The formulation of this strategy is influenced by a number of key national and local strategies. These policies inform the approach to the current and future provision of sports facilities. The policies provide links to health improvement, increased participation, and the appropriate levels of provision of facilities to meet local needs.
- 2.11. From a planning perspective, the national context connects planning policy, a Local Plan and population growth at a local level, and the need to plan for increased demands for infrastructure and provision, is linked to key elements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): Protect, Enhance, and Provide. This will be explained further in the following sections.

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### Key Issues for Rushmoor Borough in relation to playing pitch provision

2.12. The key issues in relation to playing pitches in Rushmoor are:

AB and Parks team to add info here e.g. not much room to build, many of the best pitches are operated by MOD sites etc.

2.13. There is a need to develop an up-to-date summary of the current landscape for outdoor pitch sports in Rushmoor highlighting:

- areas of participation growth where known,
- any known pressures on capacity, quality, accessibility, maintenance etc.
- acknowledgement of the cross-boundary issues in neighbouring local authority areas and its impact upon supply and demand for our residents
- acknowledgement regarding access issues inherent in our local authority areas that have outlying rural areas
- acknowledgement of the pockets of deprivation to be found in the areas.
- Improving maintenance of existing pitches, (preventing the need to provide land and additional pitches) can be supported to increase capacity levels.

### Strategic Policy and Context

2.14. There are a number of key national and local strategies and policies which inform and influence the development of these strategies. These national policies inform the approach to current and future provision of sports facilities, linked to health improvement, increased participation, and the appropriate levels of provision of facilities to meet local needs. From a planning perspective, the national agenda makes the link between national planning policy, a Local Plan and population growth at local level, and the need to plan for increased demands for infrastructure and provision, linked to Protect, Enhance and Provide.

2.15. A number of current strategic policies, strategies and factors influence current and future supply and demand for sport and recreation facilities in Rushmoor Borough. The Council believes that all residents should have access to opportunities for physical activity, playing pitches should be used for informal physical activity alongside all of the sports clubs using these facilities. The location of playing pitches is an essential consideration. These should be in areas that enable active travel, to avoid people having to take private transport to exercise and therefore located on or near public transport routes. This could include locations around town centres to support increased footfall and serve near residential developments. Similarly, these should be near to areas of deprivation, and areas with a high proportion of underrepresented groups to ensure barriers for physical activity are removed. It is also the role of dedicated Social Prescribers to promote the use of outdoor spaces to improve health.

2.16. As well as providing the context for future facility provision, e.g. health improvement, improving accessibility, increasing participation, these strategies provide opportunities to link priority areas and needs, and ensure that outcomes are aligned with identified local objectives. The relevant strategies and policies include:

**Local Policies**

2.17. Local Planning Policy Framework includes the following:

**The Rushmoor Local Plan 2014-2031**

2.18. Adopted in February 2019 the local plan sets out where and how many new homes should be built locally.

2.19. It also establishes the scale and location of employment uses and identifies the need for new infrastructure, such as schools, parks and local transport.

2.20. In addition, it contains policies to guide any future proposals to change the pattern, nature and/or number of business aviation movements at Farnborough Airport.

2.21. The Local Plan seeks to improve the quality of people's lives by:

- helping to deliver high-quality homes, to meet local needs now and in the future, including the provision of about 3,850 homes and supporting infrastructure at Wellesley.
- supporting the ambitious regeneration programme for both Aldershot and Farnborough Town Centres, which seek to build on existing assets and create distinctive, mixed-use town centres with high-quality housing, retail, leisure and employment offers.
- employment land in the borough that supports a wide range of businesses from global sustaining a thriving economy and boost local business by protecting the most important corporations to local independents including bespoke policies for the UK's only dedicated business aviation airport.
- protecting our unique military and aviation heritage and enhancing the area's character, natural and built environment, wildlife, and heritage assets for future generations to enjoy.

2.22. Strategic Objectives: The Vision articulates how the Borough might look in 2032 when the Local Plan has been implemented.

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- 2.23. To provide a link between the Vision and the policies set out in the Local Plan, strategic objectives have been developed which represent the key issues that the Plan is seeking to address (as determined by the Key Challenges and the findings of the evidence base).

Reference	Strategic Objective
A	To address housing needs by planning for at least 7,850 new homes of an appropriate housing mix and tenure, including specialist housing needs, between 2014 and 2032.
B	To deliver a sustainable urban extension at Wellesley, Aldershot, of about 3,850 new homes by 2032.
C	To protect the land required to fulfil the Borough's role in enabling strong economic performance across the Functional Economic Area and wider Enterprise M3 LEP area through the safeguarding of Strategic and Locally Important Employment Sites.
D	To enhance the vitality and viability of Aldershot and Farnborough town centres as retail and leisure destinations to meet the needs of residents, and to support the vibrancy of North Camp District Centre.
E	To support the continuation of business aviation flying and the biennial Airshow at Farnborough Airport.
F	To ensure the appropriate protection of existing, and the provision of new, infrastructure, including green infrastructure and community facilities.
G	To ensure high-quality, well-designed development is delivered in the Borough.
H	To improve quality of life for residents, addressing Borough-wide and neighbourhood deprivation issues, including targeted improvement work in pockets of deprivation.

- 2.24. Health and Well-being are underlying themes of the Rushmoor Local Plan. Through the interaction of a few policies, it aims to make a positive contribution to physical and mental health.
- 2.25. For example, its vision of Rushmoor in 2032, once its policies have been implemented, is one of a vibrant Borough which has a thriving and prosperous economy, where housing needs have been met, and which is safe, green and healthy.
- 2.26. The role of the Plan is 'to promote healthy living and to facilitate good physical and mental health', 'to reduce health inequalities' and 'to support locally accessible, high-quality health care'.

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#### Infrastructure Plan 2018<sup>2</sup>

- 2.27. The purpose of this Infrastructure Plan (IP) is to provide background evidence as to the key elements of physical and social infrastructure likely to be needed in the Borough up to 2032 to support delivery of the Rushmoor Local Plan.
- 2.28. The Rushmoor Infrastructure Plan 2018 outlines the infrastructure requirements to support future development in the borough and has been kept as a live document following the adoption of the Rushmoor Local Plan. Key points include:
- 2.29. **Sports Provision:** The plan identifies the need for improvements in recreational facilities, including upgrades to all-weather pitches, parks, and playgrounds across Aldershot and Farnborough. Recommendations from the Playing Pitch Strategy are incorporated to address the shortage of open space and enhance sports facilities.
- 2.30. **Connectivity:** Major investments are planned to improve transport infrastructure, including upgrades to the M3 motorway, enhancements to bus services (like the Blackwater Valley Gold Grid), and capacity improvements on rail routes. Additionally, new walking and cycling routes are being developed, such as the Cove Brook cycleway, to promote sustainable transport options.
- 2.31. These developments aim to support increased housing and economic growth while ensuring adequate recreational spaces and enhanced transport networks for residents.

#### Council Delivery Plan 2025/26

- 2.32. The purpose of the Council Delivery Plan 2025/26 for Rushmoor Borough Council is to introduce its priorities. At the heart of its vision is a commitment to building stronger, healthier communities, and ensuring that its towns meet the needs of businesses and residents.
- 2.33. The Rushmoor Borough Council Delivery Plan 2025/26 outlines the council's approach to monitoring its performance against its stated priorities.
- 2.34. Key points include:
- **Skills, Economy and Regeneration:** This priority emphasises making sure that the towns meet the needs of businesses and residents.
  - **Homes for All: Quality Living, Affordable Housing:** This recognises the importance of local people having access to decent homes.
  - **Community and Wellbeing: Active Lives, Healthier and Stronger Communities:** This priority embodies the vision of building stronger, healthier communities.

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- **Pride in Place: Clean, Safe and Vibrant Neighbourhoods:** This aims for streets and town centres to be clean, safe, and welcoming, with a Pride in Place champion appointed to encourage local involvement.
- **The Future and Financial Sustainability:** This section addresses the future structure of local government, noting that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have been selected for the Government's Devolution Priority Programme, which will lead to county and district councils forming larger, unitary councils.
- **Equality, diversity, inclusion and sustainability:** This outlines efforts to make equality at the heart of council operations and to make the council carbon-neutral.

### Rushmoor Climate Change Strategy 2025 - 2028 and Climate Change Action Plan

- 2.35. The Climate Change Strategy 2025-2028 positions climate change as the planet's most critical environmental challenge, driven by human-induced (anthropogenic) greenhouse gas emissions since the industrial revolution, causing a 1.2°C rise in global temperature primarily from burning fossil fuels. Rushmoor Borough Council officially declared a climate emergency in June 2019, committing to two key targets:
- Becoming a carbon neutral Council by 2030.
  - Fostering a green and sustainable Rushmoor.
- 2.36. Locally, Rushmoor anticipates significant impacts, including warmer, drier summers and wetter winters, which will increase the risks of heath fires and flooding. The area also expects more frequent and severe extreme weather events and growing effects on community health and wellbeing, particularly for vulnerable populations. This aligns with national efforts, as the UK is committed to Net-Zero by 2050, and Hampshire County Council also declared a climate emergency in 2019 with a goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.
- 2.37. To solidify its commitment, the Council adopted a sustainability motion in November 2024, resolving to:
- Integrate sustainability across all Council policies, projects, operations, and its estate.
  - Implement climate impact assessments for all new Council project decisions.
  - Actively encourage residents, businesses, and organisations within the borough to adopt responsible and sustainable practices.
- 2.38. A core priority, "Vision for the future and financial sustainability," aims to create a refreshed and more ambitious Climate Change Action Plan. This plan is evidence-based and directly supports the Council's two climate change targets: reducing its Operational Carbon Footprint and promoting a greener and more sustainable Borough. It will feature 10-15 focused actions annually and is subject to regular monitoring and evaluation.
- 2.39. The Council's **Operational Carbon Footprint** is calculated annually using a system called SUSTRAX, encompassing:
- Scope 1 (Direct Emissions).



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- Scope 2 (Indirect Emissions from purchased electricity).
- Scope 3 (Other indirect emissions like business travel, waste, water, and supply chain). This footprint is expressed in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalence (tCO<sub>2</sub>e).

- 2.40. It is crucial to understand that Rushmoor Borough Council's 2030 target is carbon neutrality for its operational emissions, meaning emissions generated are matched by offsetting. This differs from a net-zero target, which typically requires at least a 90% reduction before offsetting. However, the Council's strong intention is to prioritise emissions reduction to the greatest extent possible by 2030, aiming to keep any necessary offsetting to an absolute minimum and ensuring it has a tangible local impact.
- 2.41. Financial support for these initiatives comes from a climate change reserve established in November 2020. Furthermore, the Rushmoor Climate Community Group, launched in October 2024, serves as a vital platform to engage residents, workers, and volunteers, allowing them to consult on Council policies and plans, share information, develop initiatives, and raise awareness regarding climate and sustainability issues within the borough.

#### **Rushmoor Together – A Partnership Plan for Supporting Communities for 2025/26**

- 2.42. 'Rushmoor Together' is Rushmoor's new partnership plan for 2025/26, building on the success of the previous Supporting Communities Plan (SCP) 2021-24. Its central aim is to improve opportunities for residents by working collaboratively to tackle community challenges and inequality. The plan seeks to deliver projects that positively impact lives, strengthen collaboration among partners, increase community engagement, and optimise the use of resources by focusing on agreed priorities.
- 2.43. The plan is structured around **three main priority areas: Physical and Mental Health, Economic Wellbeing, and Community Belonging**. Physical and Mental Health focuses on addressing significant local health challenges like high obesity rates, inactivity, and persistent mental health issues, promoting preventative health.
- 2.44. Economic Wellbeing aims to support residents facing financial difficulties exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis, lower average earnings, and educational disparities, by focusing on employment, skills development, and crucial advice services.
- 2.45. Community Belonging is a significant new addition, replacing 'Connecting Communities' from the previous plan, and directly responds to community views. This priority emphasises fostering strong social relations across diverse backgrounds, building trust, and increasing community engagement to create a more resilient and connected Rushmoor where all residents feel safe and heard.
- 2.46. The plan was developed through a comprehensive consultative process, involving regular meetings with a partner working group, data collection, surveys of community and faith groups, and presentations to partners and Council Members. It adopts an action-based approach, guided by principles of data sharing to understand inequalities, empowering communities through lived experience, and valuing a collaborative partner approach.

### **Rushmoor Green Infrastructure Strategy 2022<sup>3</sup>**

- 2.47. Vision: By 2032 the Council and its partners will have worked with the local community to achieve a high quality, connected and multi-functional green and blue infrastructure network that extends across the Borough, which is sustainable and provides benefits for people, place and nature.
- 2.48. Objectives:
- Provide green infrastructure facilities to encourage, promote and enable healthy lifestyles
  - Improve the connectivity of green infrastructure for people and provide active access to the outdoors
  - Enable the increased use of green infrastructure across all user groups, social groups and abilities
  - Deliver green infrastructure which protects and enhances the quality and character of the local environment
  - Enhance existing green infrastructure to function better for wildlife, supporting healthy and more diverse ecosystems
  - Protect and enhance biodiversity by creating new habitats and linkages, improving connectivity and reducing habitat fragmentation
  - Deliver green infrastructure which helps mitigate, and can adapt to, the existing and future effects of climate change
  - Work with partners to build and secure funding, effective governance and stewardship for new and green infrastructure to ensure its long-term sustainability. Where possible, incorporate opportunities to educate and inspire people to care for the natural environment.

### **Regional Strategies**

- 2.49. Regional Planning Policy Framework includes the following

### **Hampshire Public Health Strategy 2023-2026<sup>4</sup>**

- 2.50. The Strategy has two ambitions:
- To increase the number of years Hampshire residents can expect to live in good health.
  - To reduce the unfair gap in healthy life years between the most and least healthy.

<sup>3</sup> [Green Infrastructure Strategy - Rushmoor Borough Council](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Public Health Strategy 2023 - 2026 | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

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#### 2.51. Our Strategy themes:

- Healthy Places, settings and communities
- Transport – increasing capacity and capability to incorporate public health approaches; deliver the shared health, environment, economy and transport agenda; encourage inactive people to become more active using evidence-based behaviour change approaches; and share the Council's vision for active travel with our health partners so they can play their role in supporting this.
- Climate Change – ensure that contingency arrangements are in place to protect the health and wellbeing of the population; ensure that emergency plans take account of our diverse population and that they are inclusive.
- Planning for Health – creating spaces and places that encourage healthier choices.
- Healthy Settings – deliver a staff wellbeing programme; continue to develop the Hampshire Health in Education offer; use school surveys to understand the needs of children, young people and staff.
- Hampshire County Council's role as an anchor institution – promoting its role in influencing the health and wellbeing of communities; working with districts, boroughs and organisations to strengthen social networks to improve residents' health; incorporate a public health approach within Community Safety programmes.
- Healthy Homes – work with partners to develop a system wide approach to Healthy Homes.

#### 2.52. Healthy People:

- Health protection – protecting the health and safety of everyone in Hampshire.
- Public Health Emergencies – having plans in place and being ready to respond to any public health emergency.
- Public Health Intelligence – though our understanding of data and analysis, we will act to improve health and reduce inequalities.
- Criminal Justice and Preventing Violence – reducing the impacts of violence and crime in our communities.

#### 2.53. Healthy Lives:

- Best start in life – use evidence based early years and school aged high impact area to support babies, children and young people have the best start in life; increase the prevalence of healthy weight, promote physical activity as the norm; reduce health inequalities by supporting the most vulnerable children and families.
- Healthy Adults – support those at most risk to stop smoking, drinking responsibly, maintain a healthy weight and be physically active; support those at most risk of cardiovascular disease; develop an innovative work programme that supports people to be healthier in mid-life.
- Healthier Older People – increase the reach of the Live Longer Better programme to enable healthy and independent older age; extend the provision of evidence-based falls prevention interventions.
- Mental Wellbeing – improve mental wellbeing through the Healthy Child Programme; reduce impact of suicide for families, schools, workplaces and communities; improve mental wellbeing with partners, focussing on evidence base prevention, reducing stigma and preventing suicide.

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- Sexual Health – work with those groups known to experience the worst health outcomes; support the development of Women’s Health Hubs; work towards zero HIV transmission.
- Domestic Abuse – co-ordinated approach to prevention and working in partnership to provide safe accommodation support for victims/survivors, including their children.
- Substance misuse – collaborate with other organisations to implement the 10-year national drugs plan.

### Hampshire Healthy Weight Strategy 2022-2026<sup>5</sup>

- 2.54. The Strategy aims to reduce or level off the prevalence of overweight and obesity.
- 2.55. To achieve this, we will support places and communities to make it easier for residents to achieve and sustain a healthier weight. Interventions will include:
- Focussing on opportunities to embed healthy environments arising from the development of new places.
  - Working together to ensure the development and the implementation of Local Transport Plan embeds health and wellbeing and promotes accessible active travel.
  - Involving and including all partners and residents to support communities in achieving a healthy weight.
- 2.56. We will work with health, care, education and community settings and systems to promote healthier weight across the life course Interventions will include:
- Promoting opportunities for physical activity in families
  - Working together to ensure our residents are ageing well, within the context of our ageing population in Hampshire.
  - Working together with large businesses/trusts to support workplace wellness programmes, including for residents wherever they work.
- 2.57. We will reduce inequalities in health by focussing on people and populations most at risk. Interventions will include:
- Engaging with our ethnic minority communities to ensure they have equal access to services and environments that help promote healthy weight.
  - Working with partners to support individuals with physical and learning disabilities to achieve a healthier weight.
  - Support those who live with mental health condition to achieve healthier weight.

<sup>5</sup> [2019-02-05 PH Digital Strategy 2019-22 \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

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- Focus interventions at our most deprived areas.
- Tailoring interventions to target men as a group disproportionately affected by overweight and obesity.
- Working with educational settings to identify and support children in those settings.
- Focusing on people with other long term health conditions e.g. diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

#### **Energise Me – We Can Be Active Strategy<sup>6</sup>**

2.58. The We Can Be Active Strategy consists of five broad goals that summarises what local people need to be active:

2.59. **Positive early experiences** for our children and young people:

- work with children and young people to create positive experiences
- embed physical activity across all aspects of school life
- enhance community provision in areas where fewer young people are active

2.60. **Opportunities** that meet our needs and interests and are accessible and easy to find:

- diversify opportunities by creating activities with people who find it hard to be active
- increase the number of informal neighbourhood activities by providing support to kickstart ideas
- increase the range of activities available to people with health conditions and disabilities
- make activities easier to find by increasing the number of sessions published to OpenActive data standards

2.61. **Places and travel routes** where we all feel safe and are encouraged to be active:

- increase the range of places to be active by unlocking permission to use underutilised spaces
- build community and cross sector partnerships to transform local spaces
- come together as communities, planners and policy makers to create Healthy Streets

2.62. **Support** to help us get started or keep moving when we feel that we can't do it alone:

- learn more about the support needed and work together to make it available on demand

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<sup>6</sup>[We-Can-Be-Active-Strategy.pdf \(energiseme.org\)](#)

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- promote campaigns which challenge perceptions around who can be active and how
- be We Can Be Active Champions and have supportive physical activity conversations

2.63. **Bold leaders** working together to create happier and healthier communities:

- We will be open, human and can do
- We will listen and learn, champion active lifestyles and work together

2.64. **Mission:** To inspire and support active lifestyles so we can all be active in a way that suits us.

2.65. Success will be people who once struggled to be active feeling the positive benefits of increased activity.

#### National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)<sup>7</sup>

- 2.66. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England. A revised version was published in 2021. The NPPF provides the framework that must be considered in the preparation of local plans and is a material consideration in determining planning decisions.
- 2.67. The NPPF highlights the purpose of the planning system in terms of contributing to the achievement of "sustainable development", and defines the three dimensions of this – economic, social and environmental – which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways.
- 2.68. The Revised NPPF retains the broad policy approach of the previous version, albeit with a stronger emphasis upon housing delivery. The policy wording for sport and recreation is largely unchanged.
- 2.69. Paragraph 98 of the NPPF states that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision.

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<sup>7</sup> [National Planning Policy Framework \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

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2.70. Paragraph 99 of the NPPF specifies that:

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

1. An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
2. 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
3. The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

2.71. The revised NPPF has increased emphasis in relation to health and wellbeing. For example, the increased importance of planning policies and decisions to aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places; planning positively for provision and use of community facilities (including sports venues); and taking into account local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all sections of the community (para 98 and 99).

2.72. Sport England is a statutory consultee on all planning applications affecting playing fields used in the last 5 years, and a consultee on other applications: it looks to improve the quality, access and management of sports facilities as well as investing in new facilities to meet unsatisfied demand. Sport England requires local authorities to have an up-to date assessment of sports facility needs and an associated strategy including a recommendation that the evidence base is regularly reviewed to keep it up to date and renewed at least every five years.

2.73. The key drivers to produce the strategy as advocated by Sport England are to protect, enhance and provide sports facilities, as follows:

#### **1. Protect**

- To provide evidence to inform policy and specifically to support site allocations and development management policies which will protect sports facilities and their use by the community, irrespective of ownership. Existing provision should be protected unless an assessment has demonstrated there is an excess of the provision and the specific buildings or land are surplus to requirements, or equivalent or better provision will be provided as replacement.

#### **2. Provide**

- To ensure that sports facilities are effectively managed and maintained and that the best uses are made of existing resources – whether facilities, expertise and/or personnel to improve and enhance the existing provision – particularly in the light of pressure on local authority budgets. The use of existing provision should be optimised, for example through quality, access and management improvements supported by appropriate ancillary facilities.

### 3. Enhance

- To provide evidence to help secure external funding for new facilities and enhancements (if on the infrastructure list) and Section 106 agreements. The use of existing **provision** should be optimised, for example through quality, access and management improvements supported by appropriate ancillary facilities.

### **Get Active: A Strategy for the Future of Sport and Physical Activity – Department for Culture, Media and Sport<sup>8</sup>**

- 2.74. In 2023 the Department for Culture, Media and Sport launched their new strategy: 'Get Active: a strategy for the future of sport and physical activity'. The strategy aims to make sport and physical activity accessible, resilient, fun, and fair, for now and the years to come – for the benefit of individuals and the country.
- 2.75. This strategy sets out how the government will work with the sector to achieve these aims by ensuring that everyone can be active. Central to this will be a focus on establishing a lifetime habit of being physically active amongst children and young people, including playing sport, supporting the sector to be welcoming to all, and ensuring the sector is prepared for both future challenges and opportunities.
- 2.76. The government wants to help build a healthier nation by tackling high levels of inactivity, and by making sure that the sport and physical activity sector thrives for future generations. Whoever you are, or wherever you live there should be good facilities, a strong network of sports clubs that are open to you, great sport and physical activity opportunities in schools, and confidence in sport and the sector.
- 2.77. The government cannot deliver the changes needed alone, so will work alongside the sector to deliver this vision. This includes traditional sports clubs, schools, and other public sector organisations, private sector businesses, the outdoor activity sector, and organisations with a core objective of getting the nation more active.
- 2.78. The importance of sport and physical activity on health is recognised by the strategy throughout, noting the potential savings of £7.1 billion to the NHS through prevention because of exercise. There is recognition there needs to be further joining up of physical activity provision and community health.
- 2.79. The 3 core priorities of this strategy are:
- Being unapologetically ambitious in making the nation more active, whether in government or in the sport sector.
  - Making sport and physical activity more inclusive and welcoming for all so that everyone can have confidence that there is a place for them in sport.
  - Moving towards a more sustainable sector that is more financially resilient and robust.

<sup>8</sup> [Get Active: A Strategy for the future of sport and physical activity \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



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2.80. 'Get Active' follows on from and builds on the foundations of the previous 'Sporting Future' strategy and retains the key outcomes at its core. The five outcomes which each sports organisation, public or private sector, will be measured against are:

- Physical wellbeing
- Mental wellbeing
- Individual development
- Social and community development
- Economic development.

2.81. Through the implementation of this strategy, the government has committed to achieving the following targets by 2030:

- Over 2.5 million more active adults as defined through the Chief Medical Officers' guidelines on physical activity
- Over 1 million more children meeting the Chief Medical Officers' guidelines on physical activity targets to reduce disparities in participation rates
- 1.4 million more active adults from those in NS-SEC 6-8
- 0.7 million more active people who identify as having 1 or more disabilities
- 1.5 million more active adults aged 55+.
- 1.25 million more active women
- 0.19 million more active Asian adults, particularly people from Indian, Pakistani, and Bangladeshi ethnic groups
- 0.09 million more active black adults.

2.82. To achieve this, the Government has committed to the following measures:

- A new cross-government approach for activity for all, with clear metrics and targets for the sector, held to account by a joint government and sector National Physical Activity Taskforce
- More investment in the sector is targeted at inactive groups, and a more strategic approach to facilities to ensure communities have access to the facilities they need
- A focus on all children to meet the activity levels recommended by the UK's Chief Medical Officers, supported by a new campaign aimed at children and young people

## Sport England Strategy 2021- 2031 ‘Uniting the Movement’<sup>9</sup>

- 2.83. The Vision for this Strategy is: **“a nation of more equal, inclusive and connected communities. A country where people live happier, healthier and more fulfilled lives”**
- 2.84. Being active is one of the most effective and sustainable ways to achieve this Vision. The evidence is overwhelming that moving our bodies – through community sport, fitness and physical activity – improves our lives, individually and collectively. Everyone across the nation can benefit from it.
- 2.85. Sport England won’t – and can’t – do it alone. Ours is a collective purpose: we’re part of a much bigger team. Together, we won’t stop until everyone has the opportunity, the inspiration and the freedom to get moving.
- 2.86. Sport England wants everyone in England to feel able to take part in sport or physical activity, regardless of age, background or ability; key priorities of the 10-year Sport England Strategy are:
- Advocating for movement, sport and physical activity
  - Joining forces on five big issues
  - Recover and Re-Invent
  - An Active and Healthier Life
  - Fairer Access to Physical Activity
  - Strengthen Communities
  - Active Environments
  - Creating the Catalysts for Change
- 2.87. The Strategy’s vision will transform lives and communities through physical activity.

**When we choose where to spend time, energy and money, we’ll be guided by three principles built into the way we operate:**

1. Investing most in those that need it most
  - We’ll balance targeted and universal provision in a way that’s proportionate to the level of need.
  - We’ll draw on the experiences and knowledge of people in places and communities closest to the issues, alongside the influence, views and understanding of national partners.

<sup>9</sup> [Uniting the Movement | Sport England](#)

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- We'll make the things that underpin all our work simpler and easier for our colleagues and partners, so the basic information, guidance and support feels brilliantly simple to give and receive.

2. The right blend of national and local action

3. Simple as standard.

### Demographics

#### Population Profiles and Projections<sup>10</sup>

- 2.88. The population of Rushmoor in the 2021 Census was 99,800, the 2021 mid-year population estimate takes account of the Census population and there is a slight increase on the Census figure to 100,100, the population estimate increased further to 101,633 in 2024.
- 2.89. The population of Rushmoor has increased by 6.0% in the past 10 years (2014-2023), and 15.1% in the past 20 years (2004 to 2023).
- 2.90. According to the 2023 mid-year population estimates, most local authority areas have more females than males but in Rushmoor 49.7% of the population are female and 50.3% of the population are male.
- 2.91. According to the 2023 mid-year population estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics, Rushmoor has a younger age profile than the average for both Hampshire and England. 66.4% of Rushmoor's population is under 50, compared to 56.9% in Hampshire and 62.0% in England. This may be due to the transient nature of the army population, where young people move in and out of the Borough.
- 2.92. ONS 2018 Sub National Population Projections estimate that Rushmoor's population will steadily reduce from 2027 down to 92,176 in 2032. However, the proportion of people aged 65 plus will continue to increase.
- 2.93. The 2023 mid-year population estimate shows the population density of Rushmoor to be 2,636 people per sq. km. As Rushmoor is a largely urban area this high population density is to be expected. The population density of Hampshire 388 people per sq. km, the Southeast was 497 people per sq. km and in England was 443 people per sq. km.
- 2.94. **For the purpose of the PPS, the current population figure being used is 101,633 (2024), taken from the Hampshire County Council 2023-based Small Area Population Forecast (SAPF) Ward Gender Level Forecast. The future population figure used is 110,772 (2035).**

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<sup>10</sup> Population data sheet ([rushmoor.gov.uk](https://rushmoor.gov.uk))

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#### Ethnicity<sup>11</sup>

- 2.95. Rushmoor is more ethnically diverse than Hampshire, the Southeast and England. This is mainly due to the Nepali community which makes Rushmoor's demographics unique.
- 2.96. In the 2011 Census 80.5% of Rushmoor residents defined themselves as White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British, this dropped to 71.1.% in the 2021 Census. Rushmoor is more ethnically diverse than Hampshire, the Southeast and England.
- 2.97. The 2021 Census showed that 10,575 people in Rushmoor (10.6%) are Nepali (includes Gurkha). This was the highest percentage for a local authority area in England and Wales and accounts for 10.2% of all those who identified themselves as Nepali in the 2021 Census.
- 2.98. There are many factors that may contribute to the changing ethnic composition of England and Wales. These factors include differing patterns of ageing, fertility, mortality, and migration.

#### Deprivation<sup>12</sup>

- 2.99. Rushmoor has three small areas of multiple deprivation that are in the 20% most deprived in the country, part of Cherrywood ward, part of Aldershot Park ward and part of Wellington ward.
- 2.100. In Hampshire there are 37 LSOAs in the 20% most deprived in the country with Rushmoor accounting for 3 areas. LSOA 93 in Cove and Southwood ward is the eighth least deprived area in England and is the least deprived area in Hampshire.

#### Health<sup>13</sup>

- 2.101. There are high levels of mental health, falls in older people and injuries resulting from self-harm amongst the Borough population.
- 2.102. In 2020/21, 64.7% of adults are categorised as overweight this is higher than both the regional (63.2%) and national (63.5%) averages. In 2021/22, 24.2% of children aged 4-5 are classed as overweight, higher than the regional (22.2%) and higher than national (22.3%) averages. In 2021/2, 40% of children aged 10-11 are categorised as overweight this is higher than both the regional (33.7%) and national (37.8%) averages.

<sup>11</sup> [Ethnic diversity and migration data sheet \(rushmoor.gov.uk\)](https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/ethnic-diversity-and-migration-data-sheet)

<sup>12</sup> [IMD data sheet \(rushmoor.gov.uk\)](https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/imd-data-sheet)

<sup>13</sup> [JSNA Healthy Lives | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/jsna-healthy-lives)

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- 2.103. Total Health costs due to physical activity are £1,334,261 per annum.
- 2.104. In 2020/21, 12.5% of children in Rushmoor live in low-income households. This is higher than the region (12.3%) but lower than the England average (18.5%).
- 2.105. In 2021, 47.1% of Rushmoor residents described their health as "very good", up from 45.4% in 2011.
- 2.106. In 2021, 6.0% of Rushmoor residents were identified as being disabled and limited a lot. This figure decreased from 7.3% in 2011. These are age-standardised proportions.
- 2.107. 6% people are said to be disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a lot, 9.6% people are said to be disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to-day activities limited a little with 84.4% of the population recorded to have no long-term physical or mental health condition.
- 2.108. Key factors from the Public Health England Local Authority Health profile 2020-2022 are:<sup>14</sup>
- Life expectancy at birth for males using a 3-year range (2020-22) shows a value of 79.1 better than the national average of 78.9.
  - Life expectancy at birth for females using a 3-year range (2020-22) shows a value of 83.2 better than the national average of 82.8.
  - The percentage of physically active adults is 69.6% as compared to the national average of 67.1% in 2022-23 as per the public health profile.
  - The percentage of adults (aged 18+) classified as overweight or obese is 72% worse than the national average of 64% in 2022-23.

### Physical Activity and Participation

- 2.109. The value of participation in sport and physical activity is significant, and its contribution to individual and community quality of life should not be underestimated. This is true for both younger and older people.
- 2.110. In addition, participation in sport and physical activity can facilitate the learning of new skills, development of individual and team ability / performance, and provide a 'controlled' environment in which participants can 'grow' and develop.
- 2.111. Promoting the benefits of regular active participation in sport and physical activity will be important to the future of sport, leisure and physical activity in Rushmoor. There is an existing audience in Rushmoor, which already recognises the advantages of participation, and a latent community who are ready to take part.

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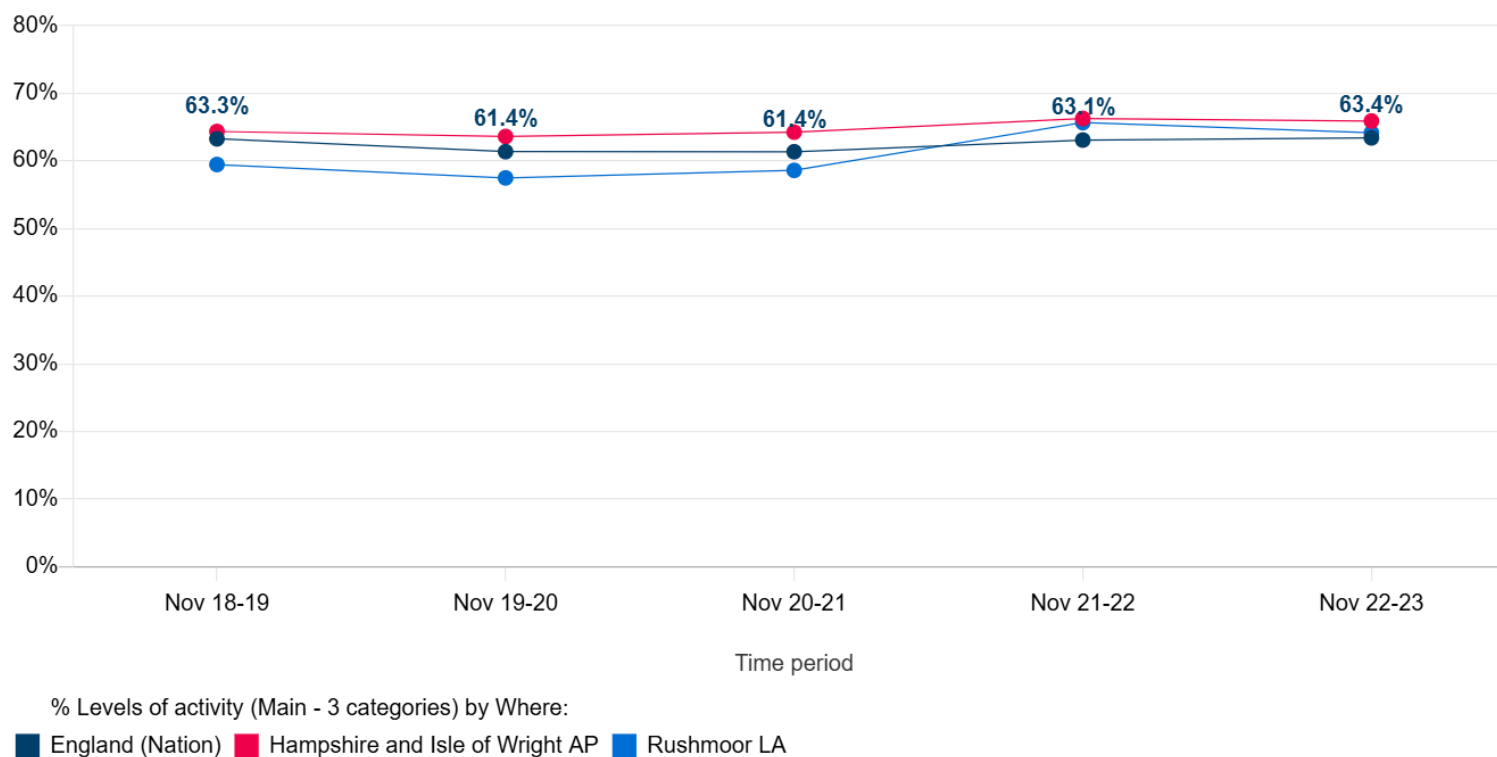
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### Activity Levels and Current Participation Rates<sup>15</sup>

2.112. As per the Active Lives Data for November 2022 to 2023, 64.2% population of Rushmoor is physically active which compares favourably to the England national average of 63.4%.

2.113. Percentage of physically active adults 16+ years (Physically active is defined here as doing at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week):

**Figure 2: Percentage of physically active adults 16+ years**



<sup>15</sup> [Active Lives | Results \(sportengland.org\)](https://www.sportengland.org/active-lives/)

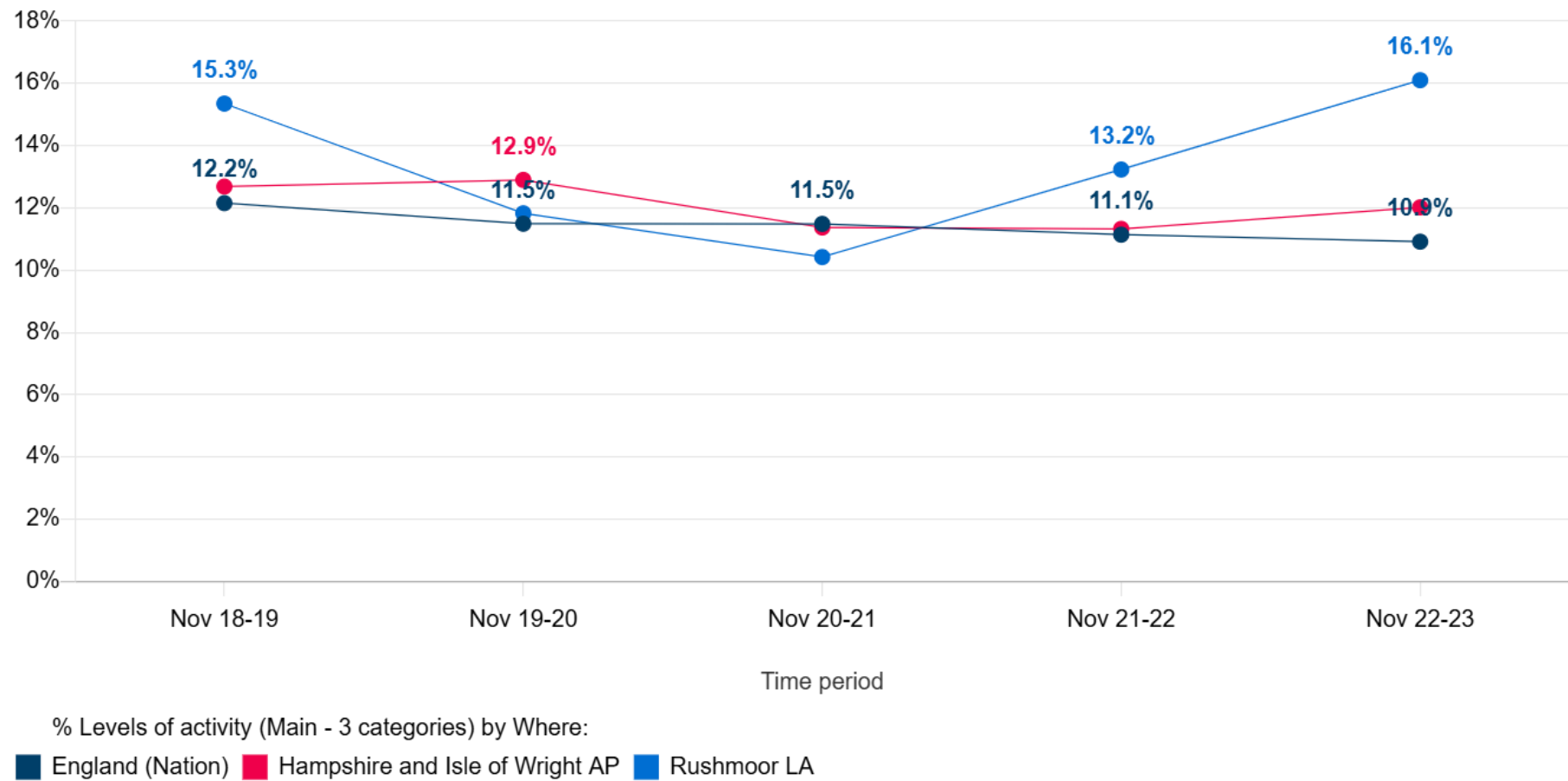
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2.114. As per the Active Lives Data for November 2022 to 2023, 16.1% population of Rushmoor is fairly active which also compares favourably to the England national average of 10.9%.

2.115. Percentage of fairly active adults 19+ years (Fairly active here is defined here as doing at least 30-149 minutes of physical activity per week):

Figure 3: Percentage of fairly physically active adults 19+ years

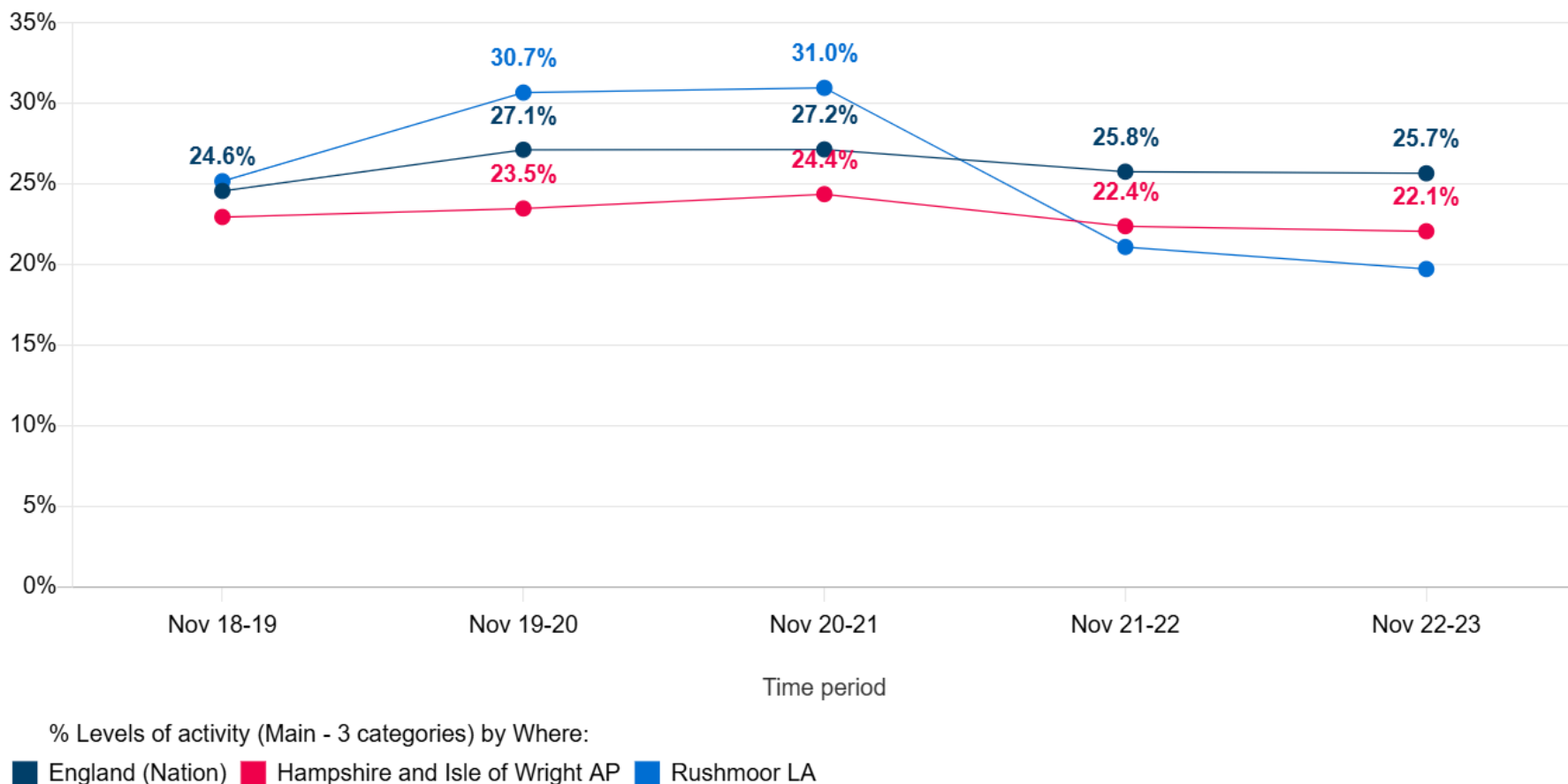


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16. As per the Active Lives Data for November 2022 to 2023, 19.7% population of Rushmoor is physically inactive. This data also outlines the better position of Rushmoor when compared nationally 25.7%. However, there is still a high number of physically inactive people in the borough and there is a scope to improve the overall active lifestyle and wellbeing of the residents in Rushmoor.

2.117. Percentage of physically inactive adults 19+ years (Inactive here is defined here as doing less than 30 minutes of physical activity per week):

**Figure 4: Percentage of physically inactive adults 19+ years**





**Sports Activity<sup>16</sup>**

- 2.118. According to Active Lives survey data, the sports participation rate for people who participated in the last one year or took part in an activity during November 2022-2023 period in Rushmoor was 93.3% was comparatively higher to the England national average of 91.4% and slightly higher than the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Active Partnership (AP) average of 93.1%.
- 2.119. The data emphasises that although a significant number of people in Rushmoor engage in sports, there is still room for improvement in terms of their frequency and levels of activity. Additionally, Active Lives survey indicate that 19.7% are inactive with activity levels of less than 30 minutes in a week and do not engage in enough physical activity to reap health benefits.

## American Football Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 3.1. The British American Football Association (BAFA) is the National Governing Body for the sport of American Football in Great Britain and is responsible for all regulatory, competition, performance and development aspects of the game. The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by BAFA.
- 3.2. Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for American Football and considers:
  - The supply of pitches and demand for these pitches
  - The adequacy of pitches in Rushmoor
  - Recommendations moving forward

### Strategy 10-Year Vision

- 3.3. The most recent strategy is laid out in BAFA's 10-Year Vision to professionalise British American Football and inspire to play the game. The aspiration is to develop a dynamic sport and high-performing National Governing Body where everything can participate in an accessible, inclusive, safe and enjoyable player-focussed environment. American Football is a sport that players should feel proud to play, coach, officiate and enjoy.
- 3.4. **The four key objectives are:**
  - Participation: Ensuring we have an inclusive offer to create a culture of lifelong participation and establishing the best structure for American football to deliver growth in all formats
  - Pathway to Performance: Creating a long-term athlete development plan to ensure the right progression from the fundamental skills required to achieving GB selection and podium success.
  - Places to Play: Investing and supporting our clubs and teams to build sustainable communities of football, establishing high quality environments to play and perform
  - People: Building a strong, skilled, supported and valued volunteer workforce and the aim, in the medium term, to invest in professionalising the sport in all areas – *particularly in the vital areas of coaching and refereeing.*

3.5. The Key Beliefs:

- **Progressive:** We will be innovative and creative
- **Responsive:** We will listen to our membership and key stakeholders
- **Inclusive:** We will remove barriers to participation
- **Driven:** We will do the right things and do things right
- **Enjoyment:** We will create the most engaging playing experience for all our participants

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3.6. There is only one site being used for American Football in Rushmoor. A summary of the site details can be found in Table 1. Although American Football is often played on AGPs, the club in Rushmoor play all matches and train on a grass pitch at King George V Playing Field.

Table 1: Breakdown of Site and Pitch

Site Name	Community Use on Site	Security of Use	Ownership	Number of Pitches	Quality of Pitch
King George V Playing Field.	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	Good

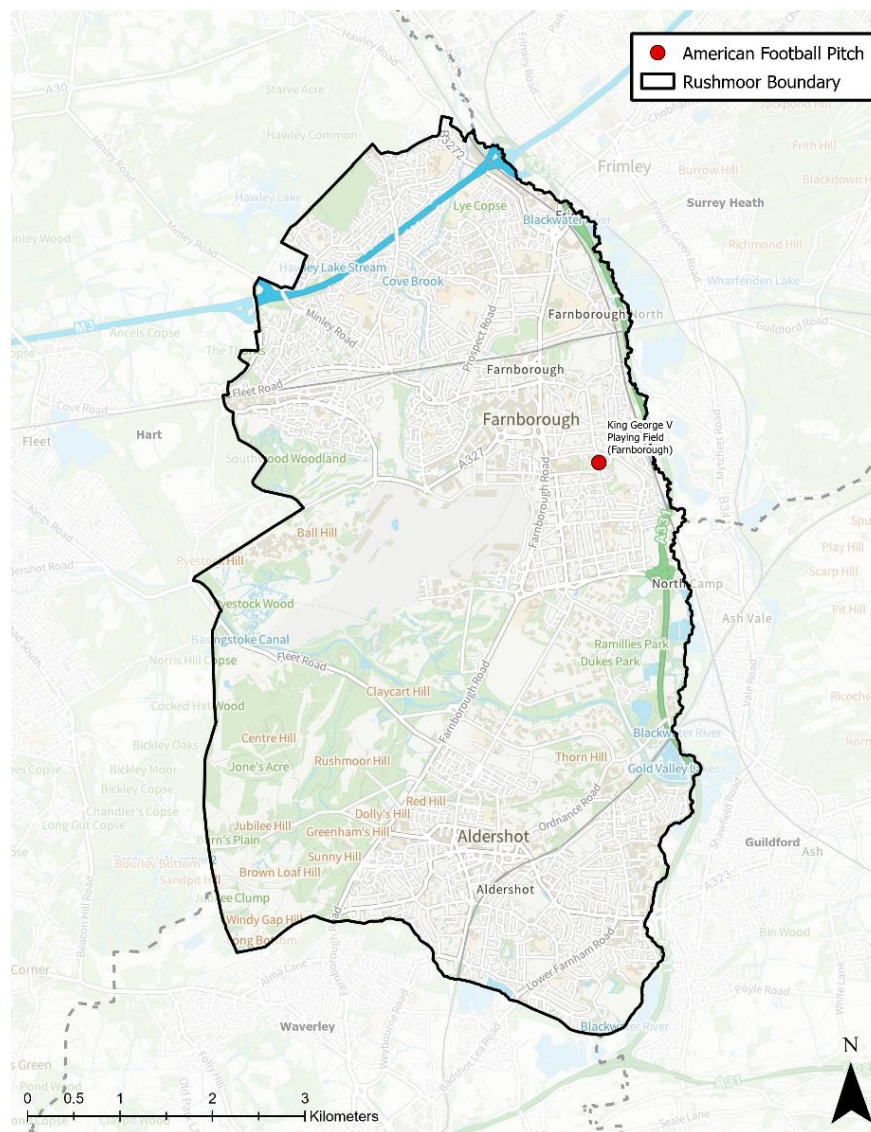
3.7. In order to determine the carrying capacity of a grass American Football pitch, the quality score needs to be converted into Match Equivalent Sessions (MES). The effect of quality on MES is as follows:

Poor = 1 MES per week	Standard = 2 MES per week	Good = 3 MES per week
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3.8. With these calculations it is possible to determine that the pitch at King George V Playing Field. has a capacity of 3 MES per week.

3.9. Map 2 shows the geographic location of the American Football pitch in Rushmoor.

### Map 2: American Football Pitch Audit in Rushmoor



**Site Consultation Summary**

3.10. Table 2 contains a summary of the consultation undertaken with Rushmoor Knights, focusing on their club, key issues and future plans.

**Table 2: Summary of Consultations from the American Football Site in Rushmoor**

Site Name	Consultation Summary
Rushmoor Knights	<p><b>Consultation with Club Chair</b></p> <p><b>Team History:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Established 40 years ago.</li><li>Previously known as Farnham Knights; became Rushmoor Knights in 2019.</li><li>Historically struggled to secure a permanent pitch due to limited availability in the area.</li><li>Involved in the inclusivity programme with a local rugby club.</li><li>Faced difficulties with subpar facilities at the rugby club and were often moved around.</li><li>Recent conversations with Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC) have been very positive, with helpful interactions from the team at RBC.</li></ul> <p><b>Current Pitch Situation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The team plays at <b>King George V Playing Field</b>.</li><li>They currently have a short-term lease for the field.</li><li>The groundsman (outsourced to Serco) has been very supportive and communicative. He has been proactive about maintaining the field, particularly in the off-season, ensuring the field is Verti-drained, reseeded, and fed.</li><li>The field is used for all home fixtures and is marked out as a full-size, 100-yard field throughout the season.</li><li>Training takes place midweek, every <b>Wednesday from 6 PM to 9 PM</b> and <b>Sundays from 4 PM</b>.</li><li>The field is used for games on Sundays from <b>11:30 AM to 6:30 PM</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>Team Structure and Fixtures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>U19 Team:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plays double headers on game days.</li><li>Part of a 5-6 team division; all teams play home and away.</li><li>Format: currently 9v9, with aspirations to transition to 11v11 next year.</li></ul></li><li><b>U16s Team:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plays in tournaments on Saturdays.</li><li>Format: 5v5, with 4 teams involved.</li><li>Current fixture count: 6-7 games, home and away.</li></ul></li></ul>

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Site Name	Consultation Summary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BAFA Div 1 Team (South Central):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Competes in tier 2 (Premier League Div 1), aiming to move up the ranks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Women's Team:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ One female player currently plays on the team.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Requests for a U13 Flag Team:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Interest exists but not enough players to make it viable.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>General Team Size:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ U16s: 35 players.</li> <li>➤ U19s: similar numbers to the U16s.</li> <li>➤ Adult team: 50 players.</li> <li>➤ One woman currently plays on the team.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Season Timing:</b> The season runs from late March/early April until September.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The team currently uses a standard English sports pavilion from the 1980s, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 4 changing rooms.</li> <li>➤ Facilities for officials.</li> <li>➤ Disability-friendly access.</li> <li>➤ A kitchen, working showers, and heating.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For single-header games, the facility is adequate. However, for double-header games, the space can get tight.</li> <li>• The pavilion is functional but could benefit from upgrades to better serve the growing needs of the team and the community.</li> <li>• There is an aspiration to develop the pavilion further, potentially adding a balcony, more community facilities, and possibly steel reinforcement. This development would require a long-term lease for viability.</li> <li>• There is a desire to maintain the community element of the park, ensuring it remains a public space and not a fully-fledged stadium. However, temporary bleachers have been suggested as an idea for improvement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grounds and Park Use:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The park is a well-used area, frequented by thousands of people.</li> <li>• Some of the ancillary facilities are a bit outdated, with minor issues such as small leaks, indicating a need for refurbishment.</li> </ul>

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### Demand

- 3.11. There is currently one American Football club which is called the Rushmoor Knights. They play in the BAFA leagues across different senior and junior tiers. The club trains once per week for three hours and plays matches on Sundays. When there are no fixtures, the club will utilise the ground for training at the same time. Training demand is accommodated on at King George V Playing Field. The club has over 100 members across different age groups and continues to grow as demand presents itself. There is currently one senior men's team.
- 3.12. We can calculate the capacity of the American Football pitch in Rushmoor (see Table 3).

Table 3: Balance of Supply vs Demand in Rushmoor

Site Name	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	Pitches	Pitch Quality	Capacity (MES)	Demand (MES)	Balance
King George V Playing Field.	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	Good	3	3	0

- 3.13. The table shows that the pitch is at capacity. There is a significant amount of usage at King George V Playing Field, however the pitches and training areas are marked out using cones and the club has access to a large site with the flexibility to train on different areas of the site as the sole occupant. It is therefore difficult to determine the under/over capacity of the site, but club consultation suggests they are satisfied with the pitch quality and their needs as a club can be satisfied on the large area. The site has been determined to be balanced supply and demand.

### American Football Summary

- 3.14. This section summarises the findings from the American Football analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rushmoor.
- 3.15. Table 4 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

Table 4: Key PPS Findings for American Football in Rushmoor

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There is one location for American Football in Rushmoor, King George V Playing Field. There is one club, Rushmoor Knights, very well established with over 100 members. There is a large area for the club to train and play so there an evenly balanced supply and demand.

Key Question	Analysis
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	Yes, currently and in the future with further capacity to grow the club as demand presents itself.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	The ground is appropriately maintained. The clubhouse could do with some improvement and the club has plans to undertake this work in the future with the support of RBC however, the facilities are adequate for now.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	The club can grow as demand presents itself. Currently the club is satisfied with its participation numbers but would like more women and girls to play at the club.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	Yes, currently and in the future. It is important the Rushmoor Knights continue to have access to the whole site due to the large numbers playing at the club for up to 6 hours per week.



## 4. Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP) Analysis

### Introduction

- 4.1. There are four surface types that fall into the category of Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP); rubber crumb (3G), sand-based (filled or dressed) and water based. This section focusses on the third generation (3G) facilities in Rushmoor that are suitable for football, rugby union and rugby league, as well as the sand-based pitches in Rushmoor, which are currently used for hockey and other informal usage such as football training, walking football etc.

### 3G AGP Usage for Football

- 4.2. The Football Association (FA) and Football Foundation considers high quality 3G pitches as essential in promoting coach and player development across all age groups. These pitches can support intensive use and as such are valuable assets for both playing and training. Primarily, such facilities have been installed for community use and training however they are increasingly used for competition, which the FA wholly supports providing the pitch has been appropriately tested and is on the FA 3G pitch register. The FA's long-term ambition is to provide every affiliated team in England with the opportunity to train once a week on a floodlit 3G surface together with priority access for England Football Accredited community clubs through a partnership agreement.
- 4.3. The FA has adopted the use of 3G pitches across all competitions other than the Premier League and Football League. This decision was taken due to the significant advances that have been made to the development of 3G Football Turf (FT) and the adoption of these surfaces by professional leagues throughout Europe and by both UEFA and FIFA for major competitions.
- 4.4. Competitive affiliated football can only take place on 3G surfaces that have been tested to FA standards and are on the FA 3G Pitch Register. Some football training takes place on sand-based surfaces; however, this is mainly due to lack of access to more appropriate facilities, and it not a comparable alternative. Therefore, a 3G surface is the preferred surface for football by both the consumer and the FA.

### 3G AGP Usage for Rugby

- 4.5. The use of 3G AGP provision for rugby match play and training has increased significantly in the past 10 years, due to a combination of improved technology, greater investment and changing player behaviour.
- 4.6. Clubs and operators are increasingly seeing the benefit of utilising 3G provision, due to the durability of the surface and the ability of clubs to play back-to-back matches, as well as using the same surfaces for both match play and training.

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- 4.7. For facilities to be used for contact training or affiliated rugby union match play, pitches must be World Rugby 22 (WR22) compliant, which ensures pitches have an adequate shock pad and length of synthetic grass to ensure they are safe to play on.
- 4.8. Pitches that are WR22 are commonly also compliant for Rugby League as the surface satisfied the requirements of the RFL Performance and Construction Standards for Synthetic Turf Competition and Training Pitches. However, surfaces that are compliant with rugby league standards, do not always meet the requirements for rugby union.
- 4.9. In 2025, a joint statement from Sport England, sportsscotland, Sport Wales, the Grounds Management Association, Football Foundation, The Football Association, Cymru Football Foundation, Welsh Rugby Union, Rugby Football League, Sports and Play Construction and England Rugby stated the following on AGPs, considering the environmental impact of developing these pitch types: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport/position-statement-on-3g-pitches>

### Supply

- 4.10. Table 5 provides a list of all sand-based and 3G AGPs in Rushmoor, identified as part of the audit. For each of the AGPs across the Study Area, the supply and demand has been summarised, with identification of spare capacity in the peak period where relevant.
- 4.11. **3G AGPs** The study area currently has four full sized 3G AGP available for community use, the only full size AGP without community use is located at Salesian College Sports Ground. All AGPs have sports lighting
- 4.12. There is small sided AGP provision in Rushmoor. Aldershot Pools and Lido has two 5v5 3G AGPs, The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College has a 5v5 AGP, Cove FC has a 7v7 and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has a 9v9 AGP. These pitches have been factored into the supply and demand information below.
- 4.13. **Sand-dressed AGPs** - There is also sand dressed AGP provision in Rushmoor, with four pitches in total, three of which have community use. The pitch without community use is Farnborough Hill School, which is considering opening up to the community at the time of writing this document (March 2025).
- 4.14. The weekday peak times are 5-9pm and at weekends and 10am-6pm. All facilities have sports lighting and can therefore be used (where available) by the community at peak times throughout the winter. Table 6 details the number of peak time hours available at each site. Although Farnborough Hill School is limited to 8pm for sports lighting.
- 4.15. Work carried out as part of the updated Football Foundation's Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) in 2019, established a 10-year vision for football facilities that aims to transform the playing pitch stock and 'built' facilities in a sustainable way. It will build on existing local evidence and strategic planning work. For example, an LFFP will complement and take forward relevant actions from a Local Authority's 'Playing Pitch Strategy' (PPS) rather than acting as a

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substitute for having a PPS in place. By doing so, an LFFP will identify the FA and FF's priority projects to deliver and will act as an investment portfolio for schemes that require funding. As such, we estimate that 90% of all national football investment (FA, Premier League, Sport England and DCMS via the Football Foundation) in your Authority will be identified via your LFFP'. This document is now out of date however all LFFPs are currently being updated.

- 4.16. The LFFP is not a strategic document and does not take into consideration other sporting and community needs outside of football. This Playing Pitch Strategy supersedes the LFFP should help to inform its recommendations and priority projects. Therefore, the LFFP should be updated following the completion of the PPS.
- 4.17. The 2020 LFFP for Rushmoor highlighted three priority project regarding AGPs. Potentially one at Southwood Playing Fields and then two unidentified sites. As referenced throughout this document, although there is clearly the need for 3G AGPs, there is a lack of available land to develop on, especially without developing on current grass pitches. Since the publication of the LFFP in 2020, the proposed development at Southwood Playing Fields is unlikely to proceed given shared usage with other sports on the site.
- 4.18. The LFFP also highlights the need for grass pitch improvements at several other sites, however these will be further mentioned in the football section of this report.
- 4.19. An audit of AGPs in Rushmoor is provided below.

**Table 5: AGP Audit**

Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Aldershot Pools and Lido	GU12 4BP	Public Access	Secure	3G AGP	N	No	5v5 x 2	10-15 years	Y	Standard

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Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Alderwood Leisure Centre	GU12 4AS	Public Access	Secure	3G AGP	Y	Requires testing	Full size 3G AGP	5-10 years	Y	Standard
Army Floodlit Training Ground	GU11 2JL	Public Access	Not Secure	3G AGP	Y	No	Full size 3G AGP	5-10 years	Y	Good
Salesian College Sports Ground	GU14 6LQ	Private	Not Secure	3G AGP	Y	Yes	Full size 3G AGP	5-10 years	Y	Good
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	GU14 8SN	Public Access	Not Secure	Sand-dressed AGP	Y	No	5v5	5-10 years	Y	Good
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	GU14 8SN	Public Access	Not Secure	3G AGP	Y	Requires testing	Full size 3G AGP	5-10 years	Y	Good
Cove FC	GU14 8PF	Public Access	Secure	3G AGP	N	No	7v7 AGP	5-10 years	Y	Poor
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Aldershot)	GU11 3DD	Public Access	Not Secure	3G AGP	N	No	9v9 AGP	5-10 years	Y	Standard
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	GU11 2EY	Public Access	Not Secure	Sand-dressed AGP	N	N	Full size Hockey	2-5 years	Y	Good

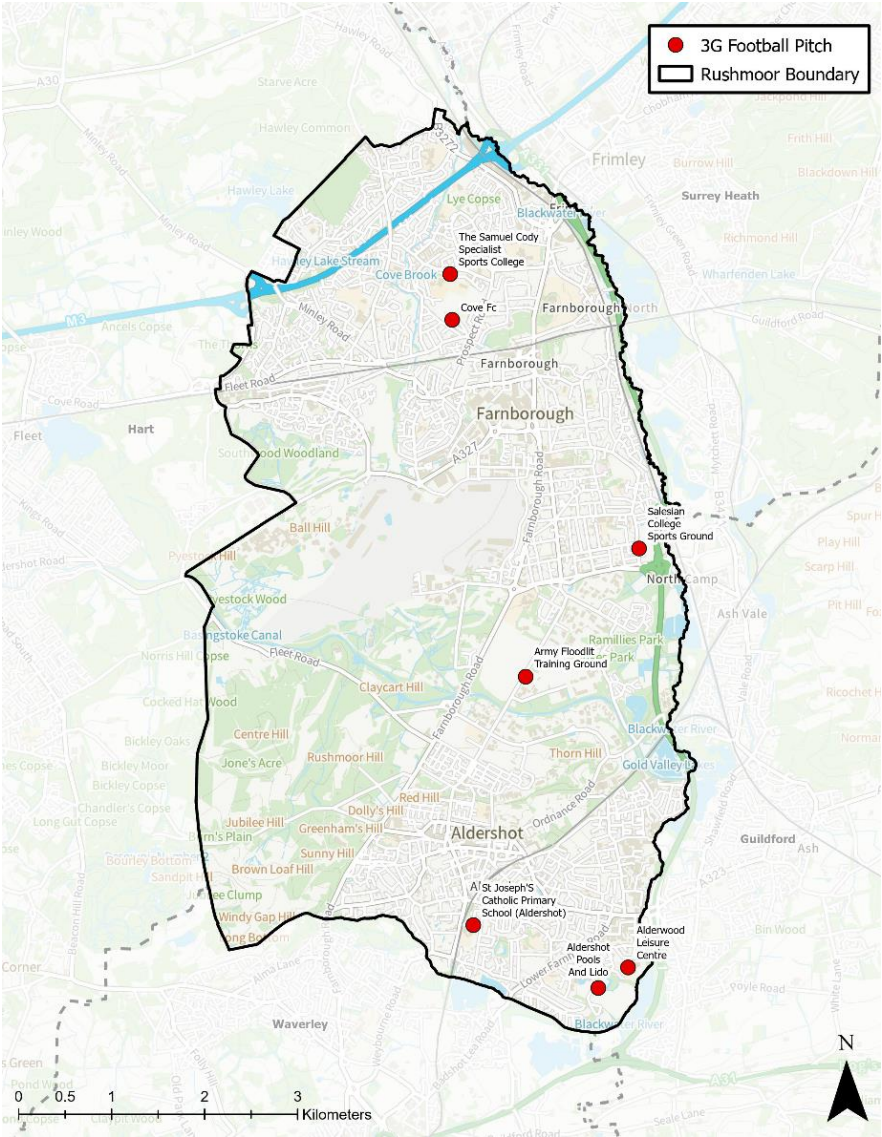
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Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	GU11 2EY	Public Access	Not Secure	Sand-dressed AGP	N	N	Full size Hockey	10-15 years	Y	Standard
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	GU14 8JX	Public Access	Not Secure	Sand-dressed AGP	N	N	Full size Hockey	10-15 year	Y	Standard
Farnborough Hill School	GU14 8AT	Private	Unavailable	Sand-dressed AGP	N	N	Full size Hockey	5-10 years	Y	Good

4.20. Map 3 shows the location of all AGP pitches in Rushmoor

Map 3: AGP sites in Rushmoor



### Current Supply and Demand

- 4.21. To provide a more accurate picture of how AGP provision is currently being utilised, Table 6 shows the supply and demand analysis for all provision that is available to the community. This compares the amount of available capacity (in hours) during the peak period with the amount of demand that has been provided by clubs and users during consultation.
- 4.22. The peak period according to the PPS Guidance is identified as Mon-Thurs 5pm to 9pm, Friday 5pm to 7pm; and Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm. Therefore, the total number of hours available mid-week is 18, and there are 16 available during the weekend.

### Supply and Demand Analysis for Football / 3G AGP

- 4.23. Table 6 indicates that there is very little spare peak time availability on 3G pitches. This is based on information received through club consultation, as well as information provided by the facility owners/managers. During consultation, clubs highlighted difficulty accessing 3G provision and the cost of it, as key barriers to using AGP pitches for training and match play demand.

### Supply and Demand Analysis for Sand Dressed AGP

- 4.24. As highlighted in table 7, sand dressed AGPs in Rushmoor provides for some community football training demand. There is significant demand for these surfaces for hockey, which leads to clubs travelling outside of the borough to play and train (see hockey section).
- 4.25. Although the preferred artificial surface for football club usage is 3G (long pile), sand dressed AGPs can help to meet some football training demand. Due to suitability and FA regulations, sand-dressed surfaces are not able to meet any match play demand from football clubs.

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Table 6: Supply and Demand Analysis for all available 3G AGP Provision

Site Name	Pitch Type	Size	Clubs using the site			Total hours			
			Football	Hockey	Other	Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
Alderwood Leisure Centre	3G AGP	Full size	Rushmoor Sundays - 4-5 hours, Aldershot Park Elite FC, Rushmoor Community FC, Aldershot Town FC, Ash United (imported demand), Mytchett Athletic (imported demand), leisure leagues	NA	NA	30	6	4	40
Army Floodlit Training Ground	3G AGP	Full size	Rushmoor Community FC 10+, Aldershot Supporters FC, Fleet Spurs, Fleet Town Girls and Ladies, Rushmoor Saints, Military Use	NA	NA	30	6	6	42
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	3G AGP	Full size	Rushmoor Community FC 10+, Farnborough Juniors - Rectory Road Wanderers, Cove FC 3 hours	NA	NA	30	6	4	40
Cove FC	3G AGP	7v7	Cove FC - NO SPARE CAPACITY	NA	NA	25	4	2	31
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Aldershot)	3G AGP	9v9	Badshot Lea, Farnham Town, Rushmoor Saints, Nepalses Team on Sundays (casual) - fully booked in the week 5:30 - 8:30, small levels of availability at weekends	NA	NA	28	3	2	36
Total						143	25	19	187



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Table 7: Supply and Demand Analysis for all available Sand Based AGP Provision

Site Name	Pitch Type	Size	Clubs using the site			Total hours			
			Football	Hockey	Other	Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	Sand-dressed	Full		Fleet and Ewshot, Aldershot and Farnham, Military Use	NA	18	8	3	29
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	Sand-dressed	Full	NA	Aldershot and Farnham Hockey Club (20 hours) - Monday, fixtures Sunday U16s girls, 6-8 Sundays 1 hour 10-11. Camberley and Farnham (20 hours) - 7-5:30 military use.	NA	18	8	6	29
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	Sand-dressed	5V5	Rushmoor Community FC 10+, Farnborough Juniors - Rectory Road Wanderers, Cove FC 3 hours	NA	NA	28	5	5	38
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	Sand-dressed	Full	Rushmoor Community (2 hours) (football) - Farnborough FC Women (2 hours), Farnborough Juniors, Power League	NA	NA	18	0	2	20
Total						82	21	16	119

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#### Informal Demand

- 4.26. In addition to the 'formal' demand captured during the club consultations, it is also important to consider the amount of 'informal' demand for AGP facilities produced within the Rushmoor borough. 'Informal' demand in this sense refers to demand produced by clubs, teams or users of AGP facilities that are not affiliated to an NGB (such as groups of friends having a game of 5v5 organised within their group).
- 4.27. The over 16- 70 population of Rushmoor is 69,666. In the area covered by the Active Partnership, which is the smallest available area for which there is available data, 2.4% of people aged 16 or over participated in small-sided football at least twice in the last 28 days (November 22/23).
- 4.28. If this ratio is applied to the population of Rushmoor, then it can be said that 1,672 people play small-sided football every fortnight (on average). On a given single week therefore, is, on average, demand from 836 people play small-sided football.
- 4.29. Small-sided football is typically played in a 5v5 or 6v6 format meaning a minimum of 10 people are required for any one match (although 7v7 is also a common format). Accounting for substitutes and a portion of small-sided demand being played in 7v7, it can be stated as an assumption that a total of 14 people on average participate in one game of small-sided football.
- 4.30. When the above assumption is applied to the number of people estimated to participate in small-sided football matches per week, it can be said that there is demand for 60 informal small-sided matches per week (836 divided by 14).
- 4.31. It is assumed that each small-sided football match lasts for one hour (allowing time for change over). Given there are 4 hours of peak-time capacity per day in the mid-week period, plus a further 8 hours on each day of the weekends, it can be said that one small-sided pitch can accommodate 36 matches per week in the peak period.
- 4.32. Although it is important to consider the impact of informal demand, it will not be taken into consideration in the calculations below, as the FA and FF's 1:38 model already considers some recreational demand.

#### Current Supply and Demand Modelling – Full Size 3G AGP Provision (Football)

- 4.33. As part of the FA National Game Strategy, the Football Association identified a strategic objective to ensure that all teams playing competitive football have access to a floodlit 3G AGP to train on at least once a week. To do this, FA calculations show that a full size 3G AGP (available for community use at peak times) is required for every 38 teams, which will allow the required training slots, as well as providing suitable supply at peak times (weekday evenings and weekends).
- 4.34. Using the demand data for Rushmoor, 244 teams have been identified as playing within Rushmoor. Using the FA's suggested ratio of 1:38, this demonstrates the need for 6.4 full sized 3G AGP's.

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Table 8: Current Capacity Analysis for AGPs

Area	Teams	Total number of full size 3G AGPs required to meet demand (1:38 model)	Current number of full size 3G AGPs	Current number of full size equivalent 3G AGPs (available to the community)	Current balance
Rushmoor	244	6.4	4.8	3.8	-2.6

- 4.35. Supply data for the project identifies four existing full sized 3G AGP facilities within the Study Area that are available for community use. Table 8 therefore, suggests that there is a shortfall of 2.6 full-size equivalents AGPs when small-sided pitches are taken into account, which should be rounded up to 3.

### AGP Future Supply and Demand Balance

- 4.36. To understand the projected level of demand for 3G AGPs in Rushmoor across the lifetime of the project, the same ratio of 1:38 has been used and applied to the identified growth of an additional 6 football teams (see Football section below), which were identified in the TGR and latent demand calculations, by 2035.
- 4.37. Using these updated parameters, it is projected that an additional 0.8 new full sized equivalent 3G AGPs will be required by the end of the local plan period in Rushmoor, to meet demand from future football demand alone if latent demand is considered.
- 4.38. However, as growth through latent demand is highlighted by clubs, this can often be aspirational and may not be realised. Therefore, we must also consider the future 3G AGP balance based on population growth alone, although this will have only very minor impact. Table 9 suggests that due to only 6 additional team being generated through population growth, there be a small additional need by 2035

Table 9: Future Capacity Analysis for 3G AGPs in Rushmoor

	Projected No. new teams created by Population Growth (TGR)	Number of new AGPs required to meet future – Population Growth	Projected No. new teams created latent demand	Number of new AGPs required to meet future – Latent Demand	Total number of new AGPs required to meet total future demand
Rushmoor	6	0.2	22.5	0.6	0.8

- 4.39. There is a need for additional 3G provision and based on current and future demand by 2035. The possibility and likely impact of any development will be explored in Stage D of this PPS.
- 4.40. There is currently very little peak time capacity on the existing 3G AGPs, the only capacity is at slightly less favourable hours such as Sunday PM.

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### Meeting the Current and Future Demand for 3G AGP Facilities Across Rushmoor

- 4.41. A key objective for the FA is to maximise the use of 3G pitches for competitive football match play. This will increase the quality of provision, reduce the number of cancellations and help to address future demand. Affordable pricing policy that includes match-based charges in line with grass pitches should be a consideration.
- 4.42. From the current and future supply and demand analysis we can presume the following:
- There is a current deficit of 2.6 3G pitches in Rushmoor for affiliated football teams.
  - To cater for future demand, including latent demand predictions, a further 0.2 full size equivalent 3G AGPs should be considered based on population growth only.
  - The deliverability of any AGP should be subject to a significant feasibility study to determine the financial viability of a site and its impact on the local community. When selecting the sites that are appropriate for 3G AGP development, sites should have the following characteristics:
    - Be available for significant use by local community clubs.
    - Have good access and ancillary facilities to service the pitch(es)
    - Be financially sustainable.
    - Be able to be maximised for training and match play provision during peak time.
    - Be well positioned to deliver wider football or rugby development programmes, including coach education and a recreational offer, using spare off-peak capacity to deliver this.
    - Be able to explore shared projects across multiple sports, possibly education use with a focus on the community, in order to ensure facilities are used throughout the peak and off-peak periods.

### AGP summary

- 4.43. This section summarises the findings from the AGP analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendations and action plan section for Rushmoor.
- 4.44. Table 10 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

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Table 10: Key PPS Findings for AGPs in Rushmoor

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p><b>3G AGPs</b> - The study area currently has six full sized 3G AGP available for community use, the only AGP without community use is located at Salesian College Sports Ground.</p> <p>There is small sided AGP provision in Rushmoor. There are two small sided 3G AGPs at Aldershot Pools and Lido site. Cove FC has a 7v7 and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has a 9v9 AGP. These pitches have been factored into the supply and demand information below.</p> <p><b>Sand-dressed AGPs</b> - There is also sand dressed AGP provision in Rushmoor, with four full size pitches in total, three of which have community use. The pitch without community use is Farnborough Hill School, which is considering opening up to the community at the time of writing this document (March 2025).</p> <p>The use of artificial grass pitches for all sports has grown in recent and continues to do so. One factor behind this growth is the growing level of demand for central venue football leagues, which brings clubs and teams from a wide geographical area to single venues to play and compete. Although there are no dedicated 'central venues' 3G AGPs are being used for a large number of matches across the borough. When considering this demand, alongside the requirement for consistently high sand-based facilities for hockey training and match play, the overall demand for artificial provision is high.</p> <p>There is a range of 3G pitches suitable for football, there is currently one WR22 compliant pitch, located at Salesian College. The pitches at Alderwood and Samuel Cody require retesting. Based on this, no pitches with community use are currently suitable for rugby union or rugby league although there is a pitch located in close proximity of Rushmoor, located at Weydon School in Farnham.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	<p><b>Football</b> - The current supply and demand analysis for 3G AGP football pitch provision, including both full sized and small sided provision, shows a <b>deficit of 2.6 full sized 3G AGP's</b>. This deficit takes into consideration the capacity provided by small-sided provision 3G AGP provision and incorporates demand for football only, not either rugby code as there is currently no rugby on these sites.</p> <p>If only full-sized provision is included within the supply and demand calculation, there is a deficit of <b>3.6 full sized 3G AGP's</b> (as identified previously in the chapter).</p> <p>Across the different sports included in the scope of this strategy, it was acknowledged that clubs struggle to access AGP facilities at peak-times. This is due to the use of significant demand from community clubs, commercial leagues and unaffiliated demand.</p> <p><b>WR22</b> – there has previously been three WRC22 compliant pitches however Alderwood and Samuel Cody require retesting at the time of writing this document and therefore none are suitable for rugby union or rugby league although there is a pitch located in close proximity of Rushmoor, located at Weydon School in Farnham.</p>

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Key Question	Analysis
	<p>Because the vast majority of AGPs are located on site not owned or managed by RBC, these are classed as 'not secure' and therefore community use could be removed, leading to a further deficit of AGPs in the borough.</p> <p><b>Sand-filled</b> – the supply and demand for this pitch type is detailed in the Hockey section of this report. .</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	The overall quality of facilities is standard - good. There are no poor-quality artificial pitches.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>Several schools have shown an interest in constructing a new 3G artificial grass pitch. In the Local Football Facilities Plan, it acknowledged the need for two AGPs, these sites have been considered for development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southwood Playing Fields</li> <li>• Kennel's Lane</li> <li>• Bohunt Farnborough</li> <li>• Wavell School</li> </ul> <p><b>For Hockey, the priority is to retain and secure all facilities with community hockey. In the future, there is the need to develop one more AGP suitable for Hockey to cope with demand (see Hockey section below).</b></p>
Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet future demand?	<p>Currently, there is a significant deficit of AGPs across the borough of 2.6.</p> <p>Using the FA's suggested ratio of 1:38, based on population growth and latent demand this demonstrates the need for a further 0.8 full sized 3G AGP's, which it is suggested should be rounded up to 1 to allow for a comfort factor. To fulfil the current and future demand, the borough should have full size 3G AGPs. This suggest the current deficit is 2.6 and the future may be 3.6. If only population growth is considered, the total deficit by 2035 is likely to be 2.8 (rounded up to 3).</p> <p>Sand-filled - There is the need to retain the number of sand-filled AGPs and develop one more to cope with latent demand and population growth, however these do not necessarily need to be the current stock of pitches across the borough and a central venue with a number of AGPs provide a better hockey offer, this could also allow for current sand-filled AGPs to be converted into 3G provision without negatively impacting Hockey.</p>

## 5. Football Analysis

### Introduction

- 5.1. This section of the report focusses on the supply and demand for grass football pitches. There is a separate standalone section that covers all Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP) including the 3rd Generation (3G) pitches, that are becoming increasingly important to service the needs of football for both competitive play and training.
- 5.2. This section includes the headline findings from the PPS, as well as a site-by-site analysis of football sites across Rushmoor.

### Strategic Priorities for Football

- 5.3. Football in the study area is governed by Hampshire FA. This association administer the provision of football in Rushmoor and support the strategic priorities highlighted below.
- 5.4. The FA Strategy 2024-2028 is based on the exciting objective of inspiring positive change through football.<sup>17</sup>
- 5.5. The new strategic plan focuses on the following game changing objectives
- Win tournaments
  - A game free from discrimination
  - Equal opportunities for women and girls
  - Transform the pitch landscape
- 5.6. The FA has identified four drivers in delivering its objectives:
- Thriving community clubs
  - World-class FA cups
  - Participant led
  - Progressive governance

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- 5.8. The big goals for 2024-28 involves winning another senior international tournament, growing the number of ethnically-diverse UEFA-qualified coaches by 4,000, delivering 8,800 new opportunities for women and girls across clubs and community settings, delivering a total of 12,000 quality grass pitches by 2028 and developing 1,000 thriving community clubs
- 5.8. The previous strategy's vision was to 'Unite the game, inspire the nation' and its mission is to change the game to maximise its impact and serve the game to deliver football for all.
- 5.9. A key piece of context for the strategy is the changing profile of formal football participation across the country. Between the 17/18- 20/21 seasons, the number of women and girls playing has doubled, more youth teams were created, more facilities built, driving record investment back into football.
- 5.10. The strategic pillar that is of greatest relevance to this PPS is 5. Develop Sustainable Football Facilities. This key focus for this pillar is facilities and investment, with key objectives summarised below:
- 3G Football Turf Pitches
  - Changing rooms, pavilions, and clubhouses
  - Improved grass pitches
  - Better indoor and outdoor spaces
  - Ensure that all projects are aligned and deliver against FA National Football Facilities Strategy targets:
  - Quality
  - Sustainability
  - Inclusivity
  - Engagement
  - Participation
- 5.11. Another key element of the Change Strategy is the focus on informal and recreational football, the overall goal being to improve the experience of the participant, leading to enhanced retention and new participation in the game.
- 5.12. Local Football Facility Plans (LFFP) are locally tailored reports that highlight the facility need across individual local authority areas. Informed and led by a PPS, the plans help to set out a roadmap for development of grass and artificial grass football facilities in specific areas. LFFPs work to set out a long-term vision for local football facilities, identify priority projects, and can act as an investment portfolio for projects the require funding.



**Supply**

- 5.14. The audit identifies a total of 88 grass football pitches across 31 sites in Rushmoor. 58 pitches are available for community use, across 18 sites. The remaining 30 pitches across 16 sites are unavailable for community use.
- 5.15. Table 11 highlights the breakdown of different pitch types across available sites (secure and unsecure) in Rushmoor.

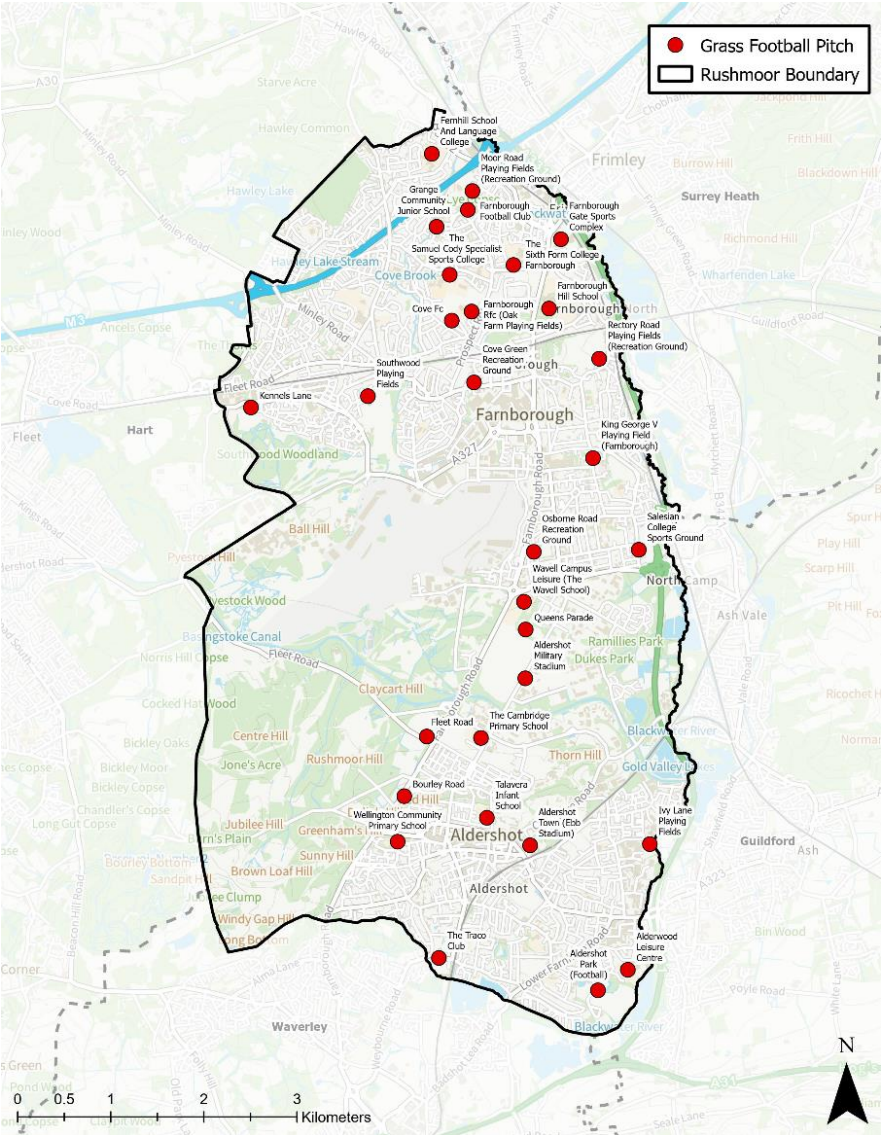
**Table 11: Summary of Grass Football Pitches in Rushmoor**

Analysis area	No. unavailable pitch sites	No. available Playing Pitch Sites	Pitches Available for Community Use					Total Available Pitches
			Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	7v7	5v5	
Rushmoor	30	58	30	5	11	9	3	58

- 5.16. There are 58 available pitches in Rushmoor. This number can be broken down into 30 adult 11v11, 5 youth 11v11, 11 youth 9v9, 9 7v7 and 4 mini 5v5 pitches.

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Map 4: All football pitch sites in Rushmoor



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### Available Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches.

5.17. 58 of the 85 (65%) available pitches in Rushmoor provide secure community use access (i.e., pitches owned or leased by local authorities or clubs/associations). 28 (35%) pitches are unsecured community use pitches.

Table 12: Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches 2024/25 Football season

	Secured/ Unsecured Community Use	Community Available Pitches					Total (%)
		Full size	Youth (11 v 11)	Junior (9 v 9)	Mini (7 v 7)	Mini (5 v 5)	
Rushmoor	Secured Community Use	30	5	11	9	3	58 (65%)
	Unsecured Community Use	11	4	4	4	5	28 (35%)

### Disused Provision

- 5.18. The NPPF defines a playing field as “the whole of a site which encompasses at least one playing pitch as defined in the Town and County Planning Oder 2015. A disused site is a playing field not being used at all by any users and is not available for community hire either. Once these sites are disused for five or more years, they then fall outside of Sport England’s statutory remit. However, as this section will only consider disused football pitches, and does not consider the whole of the playing field, Sport England may still be a statutory consultee for the sites below.
- 5.19. Disused pitches must still be assessed using the criteria in paragraph 99 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Sport England may challenge a proposed loss of playing pitches/playing field which fails to meet such criteria.

Table 13: Disused Pitches in Rushmoor

Pitch Name	Previous Pitch Size	Ownership	Reason for no use
Ivy Lane Playing Fields	Youth Football 9v9, Mini Soccer 7v7 and Mini Soccer 5v5	Local Authority	No pitches on site
Osborne Road Recreation Ground	Youth Football 9v9	Local Authority	No pitches on site
Rushmoor Road/Claycart Road	Adult 11v11	Land Trust / MOD	this area now forms from of Wellesley Woodland
Buller Barracks	Adult 11v11	MOD	Site closed

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Pitch Name	Previous Pitch Size	Ownership	Reason for no use
Moor Road Playing Fields	Adult 11v11 and Junior 9v9	Local Authority	No pitches on site

### Proposed Supply changes

- 5.20. There are currently no planning applications or proposals for playing pitch sites in Rushmoor that have potential implications for the future supply of playing pitches. However, it must be noted that Sport England's Playing Field Policy states that they "will oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of or prejudice the use of; all or any part of a playing field; land which has been used as a playing field and remains undeveloped; or land allocated for use as a playing field'. There are five exceptions, which will be explored further, if necessary, at Stage D of the PPS.

### Current Position for Football

- 5.21. This section presents the current position for grass football pitches for the study area. It will first highlight the supply information regarding sites, number of pitches and their quality. Data regarding the demand for all types of football in Rushmoor will then be set out, before a supply and demand analysis is undertaken for each site and Rushmoor as a whole.
- 5.22. The Football Foundation have introduced PitchPower - revolutionising the state of grass football pitches across England, ensuring that by 2030, grassroots football has 20,000 'good' quality pitches to enjoy. PitchPower is a web app that allows organisations to quickly and easily inspect, grass pitch(es) directly from a mobile phone. The app is used to submit information about pitch(es) to the [Grounds Management Association](#) who assess the site. After the assessment is complete, a report is received which evidences the technical quality score and provides recommendations as to what is needed to improve the pitch(es). The pitch quality scores given in Table 14 have been informed by the Pitch Power assessments provided by Hampshire FA, however improvements may have been made since the assessments were carried out. Further, site specific details regarding Pitch Power are provided below.
- 5.23. The following clubs/sites are being supported by Hampshire FA and the Football Foundation through the PitchPower process defined above. Through this initiative, these clubs and sites will have improved maintenance regimes with the aim of improving the quality of pitches, allowing additional usage during the season. The PitchPower quality ratings reflect the pitch assessment ratings in this report.
- **Cove FC** – The PitchPower assessment was undertaken in 2020/21 for one adult 11v11 and two mini soccer 5v5 pitches and provided poor quality ratings for all three pitches. Due to the amount of play the pitches are compacted and slow draining. The recommendations were made regarding application of fertiliser, surface grooming, weed treatment, slitting, mowing and decompaction.

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- **Farnborough RFC (Oak Farm Playing Fields)** – The PitchPower assessment was undertaken in 2023/24 and provided an update on the previous PitchPower report and significant improvements were found to have been made to the pitch having rated as good bettering the poor rating from the previous inspection. However, recommendations were made regarding drainage – decompaction, overseeding, deep slitting and goalmouth repairs.
- **Kennels Lane** – The PitchPower assessment was undertaken in 2023/24 for 7 pitches across the site. While four rated good, three received a basic rating. The recommendations revolved around decompaction, surface grooming, slitting, and fertiliser application to keep the pitches good or above.
- **Southwood Playing Fields** – The PitchPower assessment was undertaken in 2023/24 for Rushmoor Community Youth FC for 8 pitches. The pitch quality scores varied from basic (two adult 11v11), good (three mini 5v5 and one adult 11v11) and advanced (mini soccer 7v7). The recommendations identified decompaction, out of season renovation, top dressing, fertiliser application, surface grooming, weed treatment, deep slitting and in season goal mouth repairs as the areas that needs attention.

5.24. Table 14 indicates the quality assessments for each site and pitch in Rushmoor. The following information includes only sites which are available for community use.

**Table 14: Pitch Quality in Rushmoor**

Rushmoor	Adult Pitches			Youth 11v11 Pitches			Youth 9v9 Pitches			Mini 7v7			Mini 5v5		
	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
Aldershot Park	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2*	-	-	3	-	-	1	-
Alderwood Leisure Centre	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bourley Road	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Cove FC	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cove Green Recreation Ground	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Oak Farm Playing Fields	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farnborough Gate	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Rushmoor	Adult Pitches			Youth 11v11 Pitches			Youth 9v9 Pitches			Mini 7v7			Mini 5v5		
	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor	Good	Standard	Poor
Fleet Road/Rushmoor Saints	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Kennels Lane	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
King George V Playing Field (Farnborough)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moor Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Queens Parade	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen's Road Recreation Ground	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rectory Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
The Traco Club	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wavell Campus Leisure (The Wavell School)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

\*Aldershot Park has two junior 9v9 pitches overmarked on one of the Adult 11v11 pitches.

\*King George V Playing Field currently only has one Junior 9v9 due to American Football markings

## Ancillary Facilities

- 5.25. The quality of ancillary facilities across Rushmoor have been assessed via a combination of site visits and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

Good	
Standard	
Poor	

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- 5.26. Ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site accompanied by their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, showering provision, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities and boundary fencing. Table 15 below identifies the findings for football sites that are actively utilised for football across Rushmoor.

**Table 15: Site by site analysis of ancillary facility quality**

Site name	Ancillary facility quality
Aldershot Military Stadium	Good
Aldershot Park	Standard
Aldershot Town (EBB Stadium)	Good
Alderwood Leisure Centre	Standard
Army Floodlit Training Ground	Good
Bourley Road	N/A
Cove FC	N/A
Cove Green Recreation Ground	N/A
Farnborough Football Club	Good
Farnborough Gate Sports Complex	Standard
Farnborough Hill School	Good
Oak Farm Playing Fields	Good
Fernhill School and Language College	Standard
Fleet Road	N/A
Grange Community Junior School	Standard
Kennels Lane	Standard
King George V Playing Field (Farnborough)	Standard
Moor Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	N/A

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Site name	Ancillary facility quality
Queens Parade	Standard
Queen's Road Recreation Ground	Standard
Rectory Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	N/A
Salesian College Sports Ground	Standard
Southwood Playing Fields	Good
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School	N/A
Talavera Infant School	Standard
The Cambridge Primary School	Standard
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	N/A – toilets only
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	Standard
The Traco Club	Good
Wavell Campus Leisure (The Wavell School)	Standard
Wellington Community Primary School	Standard

## Current Demand

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		<b>Access</b> No
		<b>Quality</b> Poor
		<b>Changing Rooms</b> N/A
		<b>Official Rooms</b> N/A
		<b>Showers</b> N/A
		<b>Kitchen</b> N/A
		<b>Toilets</b> N/A
		<b>Bar</b> N/A
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		Training grounds:				
		Site Name	Samuel Cody School	Oak Farm 4G		
		Pitch Surface	3G/4G	3G/4G		
		Quality	Standard	Standard		
		Weekly Hours	2 - 3	10+		
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:				
		Age Group	U7's	U8's	U10's	U11's
		Number of Teams	1	1	1	1
		Format	5 v 5	5 v 5	7 v 7	9 v 9
		Type of Play	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	Competitive/League
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		Number of Players - Male	-	1 team	1 team	1 team
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Site Name

Consultation Summary



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		<b>Other comments:</b>  Need season long hires for pitches as opposed to pay and play. Three seasons ago Serco costs increased 200% from the previous year when season long hires were available.	
Farnborough Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Saunders Transport Community Stadium</li><li>Cobham FC (training)</li></ul>	<b>Playing Grounds:</b>	
		Site Name	The Saunders Transport Community Stadium
		Quality	Good
		Tenure	Leased
		Rented from	Rushmoor Council
		Length of lease agreement	6 – 7 years
		Manages Site	Club
		Maintains Site	Club
		<b>Training grounds:</b>	
		Site Name	Cobham FC
		Pitch Surface	3G/4G
		Quality	Good
		Weekly Hours	2 - 3

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		Team Age Groups and Numbers:	
		Age Group	Seniors
		Number of Teams in age group	1
		Format	11 v 11
		Type of Play	Competitive/League
		Location of Play	The Saunders Transport Community Stadium
		Number of Players - Male	11
		Number of Players - Female	N/A
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		Cost per Season	£1400 pa	
		Maintenance Standard	Good	
		Type of Maintenance	General repairs	
		Informal or casual use that occurs at your ground	N/A	
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		N/A		
		Farnborough FC Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The BR Saunders Transport Community Stadium</li><li>Bohunt Farnborough</li></ul>	Playing Grounds:
Site Name	The BR Saunders Transport Community Stadium			Bohunt Farnborough
Quality	Good			Good
Tenure	Rented			Rented
Rented from	N/A			N/A
Length of lease agreement	N/A			N/A
Manages Site	Club			School
Maintains Site	Club			School
Training grounds:				
Site Name	Farnborough 6th Form Collage			
Pitch Surface	Sand-dressed			
Quality	Standard			
Weekly Hours	2-3			

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary			
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	Senior		
		Number of Teams in age group	2		
		Format	11 v 11 Full Size		
		Type of Play	Competitive/League		
		Location of Play	The BR Saunders Transport Community Stadium		
		Number of Players - Male	N/A		
		Number of Players - Female	40		
		Number of Players - Mixed	N/A		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In the previous three years has the number of teams in your club: Senior Female (18-55) - Stayed the same</li><li>If you have realistic plans to increase the number of teams over the next three seasons, please indicate by how many: N/A</li><li>Do any of your teams travel outside of the Borough (e.g. out of the local authority area) to access provision? N/A</li></ul>			
		Ancillary Facilities:			
		Playing Grounds:			
		Site Name	The BR Saunders Transport Community Stadium	Bohunt Farnborough	
		Access	Yes	Yes	
		Quality	Good	Standard	
		Changing Rooms	Yes	N/A	
		Official Rooms	Yes	N/A	
		Showers	Yes	N/A	
		Kitchen	Yes	N/A	
		Toilets	Yes	N/A	
		Bar	Yes	N/A	

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		<p><b>Other comments:</b></p> <p>Our main pitches are not available for any kind of training as they are match only pitches. It is only the main stadium at Cherrywood road where we have access to flood lights if needed.</p>																																							



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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary				
Farnborough Futsal FC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Camberley Places Leisure</li></ul>	Playing Grounds:				
		Site Name	Camberley Places Leisure			
		Quality	Standard			
		Tenure	Rented			
		Rented from	N/A			
		Length of lease agreement	N/A			
		Manages Site	Places leisure			
		Maintains Site	N/A			
		Training grounds:				
		Site Name	Camberley Places Leisure			
		Pitch Surface	N/A			
		Quality	Standard			
		Weekly Hours	N/A			
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:				
		Age Group	Under 5's	Under 6's	Under 7's	
		Number of Teams in age group	N/A	N/A	1	
		Format	5 V 5	5 V 5	5 V 5	
		Type of Play	Training only	Training only	Training only	
		Location of Play	Camberley Places Leisure	Camberley Places Leisure	Camberley Places Leisure	
		Number of Players - Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Number of Players - Female	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Number of Players - Mixed	15	15	15			

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary			
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	Under 8's	Under 9's	Under 10's
		Number of Teams in age group	1	1	1
		Format	5 V 5	5 V 5	5 V 5
		Type of Play	Training only	Training only	Training only
		Location of Play	Camberley Places Leisure	Camberley Places Leisure	Camberley Places Leisure
		Number of Players - Male	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Female	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Mixed	15	15	15
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	Under 11's	Under 12's	Under 13's
		Number of Teams in age group	1	1	1
		Format	5 V 5	5 V 5	5 V 5
		Type of Play	Training only	Training only	Training only
		Location of Play	Camberley Places Leisure	Camberley Places Leisure	Camberley Places Leisure
		Number of Players - Male	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Female	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Mixed	15	15	15



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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary																				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If you have realistic plans to increase the number of teams over the next three seasons, please indicate by how many:  5 v 5 Boys by 5 5 v 5 Girls by 5</li><li>Do any of your teams travel outside of the Borough (e.g. out of the local authority area) to access provision? Yes</li><li>If yes, please specify which ones and the facilities they use: Camberley Places Leisure</li></ul> <p>Ancillary Facilities:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">Playing Grounds:</th></tr><tr><td>Site Name</td><td>Camberley Places Leisure</td></tr><tr><td>Access</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Quality</td><td>Good</td></tr><tr><td>Changing Rooms</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Official Rooms</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Showers</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Kitchen</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Toilets</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Bar</td><td>N/A</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do you have any facility development plans? e.g. clubhouse, 3G pitch, floodlighting, pitch improvement: No</li></ul>	Playing Grounds:		Site Name	Camberley Places Leisure	Access	N/A	Quality	Good	Changing Rooms	Yes	Official Rooms	N/A	Showers	Yes	Kitchen	N/A	Toilets	N/A	Bar	N/A
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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary				
		If your club hire/lease pitches or training facilities, what is the cost of these?				
		Cost and Maintenance				
		Site Name		Camberley Places Leisure		
		Cost per Season		£60 per hour		
		Maintenance Standard		Standard		
		Type of Maintenance		N/A		
		Informal or casual use that occurs at your ground		N/A		
		Other comments:				
		N/A				
		Farnborough Juniors FC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cove Green Recreation Ground</li><li>Moor Road Recreation Ground</li><li>Bohunt School</li><li>St Bernadette's Catholic School</li><li>Farnborough 6th Form College (training)</li><li>Samuel Cody (training)</li><li>Hart Leisure Centre (training)</li></ul>	Playing Grounds:		
Site Name	Cove Green Recreation Ground			Moor Road Rec Ground	Bohunt School	St Bernadette's Catholic School
Quality	Poor			Poor	Standard	Standard
Tenure	Rented			Rented	Rented	Rented
Rented from	Serco			Serco	School	School
Length of lease agreement	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A
Manages Site	Council			Council	School	School
Maintains Site	Council			Council	School	School
Training grounds:						
Site Name				Farnborough 6th Form College	Samuel Cody	Hart Leisure Centre
Pitch Surface				Other	3G/4G	3G/4G
Quality				Poor	Good	Good
Weekly Hours				1 year	1 year	1 year

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Sub	Site Name	Consultation Summary			
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	U8's	U10s	U11's
		Number of Teams in age group	2	3	1
		Format	5 v 5	7 v 7	9 v 9
		Type of Play	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	Competitive/League
		Location of Play	Moor Road Recreation Ground	St Bernadette's Catholic School	Cove Green Recreation Ground
		Number of Players - Male	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Female	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Mixed	33	33	22
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	U12's	U14's	U15's
		Number of Teams in age group	2	2	1
		Format	9 v 9	11 v 11 youth	11 v 11 youth
		Type of Play	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	Competitive/League
		Location of Play	Bohunt School	Cove Green Recreation Ground	Cove Green Recreation Ground
		Number of Players - Male	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Female	11	11	N/A
		Number of Players - Mixed	11	11	11



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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary				
		Ancillary Facilities:				
		Playing Grounds:				
		Site Name	Cove Green Recreation Ground	Moor Road Recreation Ground	Bohunt School	St Bernadette's Catholic School
		Access	No	No	Yes	No
		Quality	N/A	N/A	Good	N/A
		Changing Rooms	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Official Rooms	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Showers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Kitchen	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Toilets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Bar	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Home Ground:				
		Home Ground:				
		Site Name	Cove Green Recreation Ground			
		Floodlights	N/A			
		Training equipment storage	N/A			
		Access for disabled	N/A			
		Pitch perimeter barrier	N/A			
		Dugouts	N/A			
		Spectator stands	N/A			
		Safe goalposts (that meet FA standards)	Yes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do you have any facility development plans? e.g. clubhouse, 3G pitch, floodlighting, pitch improvement</li></ul>						
Yes. Main home ground to allow all our teams to be at one venue						





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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary	
		Training grounds:	
		Site Name	Polo Fields, Aldershot
		Pitch Surface	Grass
		Quality	Good
		Weekly Hours	N/A
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:	
		Age Group	U23's
		Number of Teams in age group	1
		Format	11 v 11 (Full Size)
		Type of Play	Competitive/League
		Location of Play	N/A
		Number of Players - Male	N/A
		Number of Players - Female	N/A
		Number of Players - Mixed	N/A
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In the previous three years has the number of teams in your club: Senior Male (18-55) - Stayed the same</li><li>If you have realistic plans to increase the number of teams over the next three seasons, please indicate by how many: No answer</li><li>Do any of your teams travel outside of the Borough (e.g. out of the local authority area) to access provision? Yes - Surrey Council owned grounds.</li></ul>	

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Club

Site Name

Consultation Summary

Ancillary Facilities:

Playing Grounds:

Site Name	Blackwater & Hawley Leisure Centre	Frimley Lodge Park
Access	Yes	Yes
Quality	N/A	N/A
Changing Rooms	Yes	N/A
Official Rooms	N/A	N/A
Showers	Yes	N/A
Kitchen	N/A	N/A
Toilets	Yes	N/A
Bar	Yes	N/A

Home Ground:

Home Ground:

Site Name	Blackwater & Hawley Leisure Centre
Floodlights	-
Training equipment storage	-
Access for disabled	-
Pitch perimeter barrier	-
Dugouts	-
Spectator stands	-
Safe goalposts (that meet FA standards)	-

Do you have any facility development plans? e.g. clubhouse, 3G pitch, floodlighting, pitch improvement:

No

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary					
Pack Page 237		Team Age Groups and Numbers:					
		Age Group	U6's	U7's	U8's	U9's	U10's
		Number of Teams in age group	1	3	5	5	6
		Format	N/A	5 v 5	5 v 5	7 v 7	7 v 7
		Type of Play	Training Only	Competitive/ League	Competitive /League	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League
		Location of Play	Kennels Lane	Kennels Lane	Kennels Lane	Kennels Lane	Kennels Lane
		Number of Players - Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Mixed	1 team	3 teams	5 teams	5 teams	6 teams
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:					
		Age Group	U11's	U12's	U13's	U14'S	
		Number of Teams in age group	3	3	5	2	
		Format	9 v 9	9 v 9	11 v 11 Youth	11 v 11 Youth	
		Type of Play	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	
		Location of Play	Kennels Lane	Kennels Lane	Kennels Lane	Kennels Lane	
		Number of Players - Male	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 teams	
		Number of Players - Female	1 team	1 team	1 team	N/A	
		Number of Players - Mixed	2 teams	2 teams	4 teams	N/A	

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Pack Page 241		Training grounds:			
		Site Name	Calthorpe Park School	Robert Mays School	Garrison
		Pitch Surface	3G/4G	3G/4G	3G/4G
		Quality	Good	Good	Good
		Weekly Hours	2 - 3	1 year	1 year
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	U9's	U10's	U11's
		Number of Teams in age group	1	2	1
		Format	5 v 5	7 v 7	7 v 7
		Type of Play	Competition/League	Competition/League	Competition/League
		Location of Play	Frogmore Leisure Centre 3g	Frogmore Leisure Centre 3g	Frogmore Leisure Centre 3g
		Number of Players - Male	-	-	-
		Number of Players - Female	9	20	10
		Number of Players - Mixed	-	-	-
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	U12's	U13'2	U15's
		Number of Teams in age group	2	2	1
		Format	9 v 9	9 v 9	11 v 11 (full size)
		Type of Play	Competition/League	Competition/League	Competition/League
		Location of Play	Bassingbourn, Fleet	Bassingbourn, Fleet	Aldershot Garrison 3g
		Number of Players - Male	-	-	-
		Number of Players - Female	30	30	20
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		Cost and Maintenance				
		Site Name	Aldershot Garrison	Frogmore Leisure Centre	Bassingbourn, Fleet	Queens Ave, Aldershot
		Cost per Season	£60 per hour	£80 per hour	£60 per hour	-
		Maintenance Standard	Good	Good	Good	-
		Type of Maintenance	-	-	-	-
		Informal or casual use that occurs at your ground	-	-	-	-
		Other comments:				
		N/A				
		Rectory Road Wanderers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rectory Road Recreation ground</li><li>Samuel Cody 3G (training)</li></ul>	Playing Grounds:		
Site Name	Rectory Road Recreation ground					
Quality	Good					
Tenure	Leased					
Rented from	Aldershot and Camberley Sunday football league					
Length of lease agreement	N/A					
Manages Site	Serco					
Maintains Site	Serco					
Training grounds:						
Site Name	Samuel Cody 3G					
Pitch Surface	3G/4G					
Quality	Good					
Weekly Hours	N/A					

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary	
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:	
		Age Group	Seniors
		Number of Teams in age group	1
		Format	11 v 11 Full Size
		Type of Play	Competitive/League
		Location of Play	Rectory Road Recreation ground
		Number of Players - Male	1 team
		Number of Players - Female	N/A
		Number of Players - Mixed	N/A
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In the previous three years has the number of teams in your club:  Senior Male (18-55) - Stayed the same</li></ul>	
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		If your club hire/lease pitches or training facilities, what is the cost of these?						
		Cost and Maintenance						
		Site Name		Rectory Road Recreation ground				
		Cost per Season		£80				
		Maintenance Standard		Standard				
		Type of Maintenance		N/A				
		Informal or casual use that occurs at your ground		Full public access				
		Other comments:						
		Would like development of rectory Road with changing rooms rope around the pitch and dugouts ideally to allow for more use						
		Rushmoor Community FC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grasmere Road</li> <li>Grange Junior School</li> <li>Samual Cody Sports College</li> </ul>	Playing Grounds:				
Site Name				Grasmere Road	Grange Junior School	Samual Cody Sports College		
Quality				Good	Poor	Good		
Tenure				Rented	Rented	Rented		
Rented from				Serco	School	School		
Length of lease agreement				N/A	N/A	N/A		
Manages Site				Club	School	School		
Maintains Site				Council	School	School		
Training grounds:								
Site Name				Samual Cody	Hart leisure Centre	Aldershot Garrison	Farnborough 6th Form	
Pitch Surface				3G/4G	3G/4G	Grass	Other Artificial Pitch	
Quality				Good	Good	Standard	Standard	
Weekly Hours				10+	2 - 3	10+	2 - 2	

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary				
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:				
		Age Group	Under 5's	Under 6's	Under 7's	Under 8's
		Number of Teams in age group	2	2	3	2
		Format	N/A	N/A	5 v 5	5 v 5
		Type of Play	Training only	Training only	Competitive/ League	Competitive /League
		Location of Play	Samual Cody	Samual Cody	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road
		Number of Players - Male	N/A	N/A	20	4-
		Number of Players - Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Number of Players - Mixed	16	16	N/A	N/A
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:				
		Age Group	Under 9's	Under 10's	Under 11's	Under 12's
		Number of Teams in age group	3	6	6	3
		Format	7 v 7	7 v 7	9 v 9	9 v 9
		Type of Play	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League
		Location of Play	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road
		Number of Players - Male	24	36	40	30
		Number of Players - Female	12	36	40	16
		Number of Players - Mixed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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Club

Site Name

Consultation Summary

Team Age Groups and Numbers:

Age Group	Under 13's	Under 14's	Under 15's	Under 16's
Number of Teams in age group	5	2	3	5
Format	11 v 11 Youth	11 v 11 Youth	11 v 11 Full Size	11 v 11 Full Size
Type of Play	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League
Location of Play	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road
Number of Players - Male	50	38	30	50
Number of Players - Female	30	N/A	16	16
Number of Players - Mixed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Team Age Groups and Numbers:

Age Group	U18's	Under 23's	Senior	Veteran
Number of Teams in age group	1	1	7	1
Format	11 v 11 Youth	11 v 11 Full Size	11 v 11 Full Size	11 v 11 Full Size
Type of Play	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League	Competitive/ League
Location of Play	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road	Grasmere Road
Number of Players - Male	20	N/A	50	30
Number of Players - Female	N/A	N/A	50	N/A
Number of Players - Mixed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- In the previous three years has the number of teams in your club:
  - Senior Male (18-55) - Increased by 2
  - Senior Female (18-55) - Increased by 2
  - Youth Boys (13-18) - Stayed the same
  - Youth Girls (13-18) - Increased by 4
  - Junior Boys (5-13) - Increased by 6
  - Junior Girls (5-13) - Increased by 4

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>If you have realistic plans to increase the number of teams over the next three seasons, please indicate by how many:</b> 11 v 11 Youth Girls 4 5 v 5 Girls 4</li><li><b>Do any of your teams travel outside of the Borough (e.g. out of the local authority area) to access provision?</b> Yes We sometimes have to use Aldershot Garrison. We have also used Tomlinskope in Frimley for matches along with Alderwood in Aldershot.</li></ul> <p><b>Ancillary Facilities:</b></p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">Playing Grounds:</th></tr><tr><th>Site Name</th><th>Grasmere Road</th><th>Grange Junior School</th><th>Samual Cody Sports College</th></tr><tr><td>Access</td><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>Quality</td><td>Good</td><td>Poor</td><td>Standard</td></tr><tr><td>Changing Rooms</td><td>Yes</td><td>N/A</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Official Rooms</td><td>Yes</td><td>N/A</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Showers</td><td>Yes</td><td>N/A</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Kitchen</td><td>Yes</td><td>N/A</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Toilets</td><td>Yes</td><td>N/A</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Bar</td><td>Yes</td><td>N/A</td><td>N/A</td></tr></table>	Playing Grounds:				Site Name	Grasmere Road	Grange Junior School	Samual Cody Sports College	Access	Yes	No	Yes	Quality	Good	Poor	Standard	Changing Rooms	Yes	N/A	N/A	Official Rooms	Yes	N/A	N/A	Showers	Yes	N/A	N/A	Kitchen	Yes	N/A	N/A	Toilets	Yes	N/A	N/A	Bar	Yes	N/A	N/A
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Home Ground:

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Site Name

Grasmere Road

Floodlights

N/A

Training equipment storage

Yes

Access for disabled

Yes

Pitch perimeter barrier

N/A

Dugouts

N/A

Spectator stands

N/A

Safe goalposts (that meet FA standards)

Yes

Do you have any facility development plans? e.g. clubhouse, 3G pitch, floodlighting, pitch improvement:

No

If your club hire/lease pitches or training facilities, what is the cost of these?

Cost and Maintenance

Site Name

Grasmere Road

Grange Junior School

Samual Cody Sports College

Cost per Season

16k

2k

7k

Maintenance Standard

Good

Standard

Standard

Type of Maintenance

We work with Serco using foundation grants to complete schedule additional works in line with the surveys we complete, this includes things like additional dressing, Verti draining, seeding.

N/A

N/A

Informal or casual use that occurs at your ground

Running clubs, fitness groups, dog walking, summer cricket for third and fourth teams at Cove CC.

N/A

N/A

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Sub	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		<p><b>General Comments:</b></p> <p>As a club we are looking to develop our youth to adult pathways. As part of this we need a specific faculties to enable our adult men's and ladies team to progress. This includes a spectator barrier around a main pitch. Purchasing of sub benches and potentially looking at deploying floodlights. We would welcome a full size 3G facility to assist with this and the training needs we currently can't control.</p>
<b>Rushmoor Saints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aldershot Cricket Club</li> <li>Wavell School 3G (training)</li> <li>St Joseph's 3G AGP (55m x 34m) – training</li> </ul>	<p><b>Club Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Established:</b> 1976, formed from a youth club associated with St Joseph's School (now defunct).</li> </ul> <p><b>History:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once had 30 teams at its peak, reduced to 4 during COVID-19, but currently rebuilding with 10 teams planned for next season.</li> <li>Long-standing presence in Rushmoor Borough, always played locally.</li> <li>Previously used Seal and Sands but now solely based at Rushmoor Saints Home Ground, adjacent to Fleet Road.</li> </ul> <p><b>Club Values and Operations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Volunteers:</b> Entirely run by parent volunteers.</li> <li><b>Inclusivity:</b> Committed to not turning children away. Family discounts are offered for multiple children in one family.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Growth:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aiming for a maximum of 14 teams, focusing on younger age groups (e.g., 5v5 teams).</li> <li>Ideally, each "mini kickers" group transitions into a team every season.</li> <li>Growth is limited by the number of available volunteers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pitches:</b></li> <li>Two 11v11 pitches for adults and several smaller pitches (5v5, 7v7, 9v9) on-site.</li> <li>Maintenance is handled by Serco, with overall good pitch quality.</li> <li>Some land south of the site remains unused or unmarked, but the club sees potential for re-marking these areas, particularly for a 9v9 pitch.</li> </ul> <p><b>Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>St Joseph's School 3G Pitch:</b> Used Monday to Friday for two hours each evening (one hour on Fridays).</li> <li><b>Wavell School:</b> Thursday evenings for 4 teams.</li> <li><b>Heath End School:</b> Anticipated use of its new 3G pitch opening soon.</li> <li>Winter training costs account for 60% of the club's annual expenditure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No toilets or changing facilities on-site; previously had a block with toilets and a kitchen, but this was removed when the land transferred to council ownership.</li> <li>Parking is insufficient, with double yellow lines on the access road causing significant issues during match days.</li> <li>Current storage container is located on nearby Army cricket land, which is difficult to access and requires a van to move equipment on weekends.</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Strategic Development Needs</b></p> <p><b>Facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reinstating changing facilities with toilets and a kitchen would help attract female teams and generate additional revenue for the club.</li><li>Developing a 3G pitch on the parcel of land below the home ground is a priority. This area is well-situated (near a main road and away from houses) and would provide year-round training options while reducing wear and tear on grass pitches.</li></ul> <p><b>Unused Land:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Southern pitches near the road are currently unsuitable but could be redeveloped into a 9v9 pitch.</li><li>Further south, additional pitches that used to be marked remain unused.</li></ul> <p><b>Parking and Access:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improving parking infrastructure and addressing emergency access concerns is critical to support growing participation and match-day needs.</li></ul> <p><b>Future Aspirations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Growth Goals:</b> Develop the club to 14 teams while maintaining affordability and inclusivity.</li><li><b>Training Options:</b> Use 3G pitches for training during bad weather while preserving grass pitches for fixtures.</li><li><b>Sustainability:</b> Diversify revenue streams through ancillary provision and manage rising costs by keeping fees affordable.</li><li><b>Community Impact:</b> Ensure the club continues to provide opportunities for local youth to play football, supporting the growing demand for grassroots football in Rushmoor Borough.</li></ul> <p><b>Financial Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Annual pitch costs: £1,200.</li><li>Training and fixtures costs: Increased in recent years, requiring a rise in membership fees.</li></ul>															
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5.28. Table 17 outlines the current football demand in Rushmoor.

**Table 17: Football Teams 2024/25**

Age Groups	Male/Mixed Teams	Female Only Teams	Total
Adult 11v11	58	6	64
Youth 11v11	60	10	70
9v9	35	7	42
7v7	45	4	48
5v5	36	0	36
<b>Rushmoor Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>261</b>

5.29. Table 18 outlines the current football provision for women and girls in Rushmoor, focussing on female only teams (team numbers below are included in the overall data).

**Table 18: Female Only Football Provision**

Club	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	Total No. Teams
Farnborough Women FC	2	0	0	0	0	2
Fleet Town Girls & Ladies FC	2	4	3	3	0	12
Aldershot Boys & Girls	1	1	1	1		4
Aldershot Town	2	1				3
Farnborough FC Juniors		2	1			3
Fleet Spurs		2	1	1		4
Rushmoor Community Women's	4					4
Rushmoor Community Youth		3	4	5	0	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

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### Demand Driven by Exported/Imported Demand

- 5.30. 50 teams from clubs based in Rushmoor were identified as playing outside of the study area. Aldershot Town, Farnborough FC, Fleet Town Colts, Fleet Town Girls and Ladies FC, Farnborough FC, Farnborough Juniors, Farnborough Women, Farnborough North End, Fleet Spurs FC, Rushmoor Community FC and Rushmoor Saints all have home grounds across Rushmoor but meet some of their demand on pitches outside of the study area. This suggests a lack of available peak time capacity on sites. Training venues accessed by these clubs outside Rushmoor include:
- Gordon's School, Camberley Places Leisure, Frimley Lodge Park and Tomlinscote School in Surrey Heath
  - Calthorpe Park, Peter Driver Sports Ground, Oakley Park, Frogmore Leisure Centre, Bassingbourn Park, Hart Leisure Centre, Blackwater & Hawley Leisure Centre in Hart
  - Farnham Heath End School in Waverley
  - Ash Manor 3G AGP in Guildford
- 5.31. 44 teams were identified as playing in Rushmoor from clubs that were based outside of the study area. All of these 44 teams are part of a single club called Fleet Spurs FC based in Hart District Council. A large number of their members are located within an easily accessible distance to the study area therefore it is unlikely that the club would leave the study area if capacity becomes available within their borough, although this should be reviewed every two-three years as there is also a significant need for 3G AGP provision in Hart, as stated in the Local Football Facilities Plan.

### Demand Driven by Latent Demand

- 5.32. Latent demand for football has been identified across the study area. Latent demand is a demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision. This could include feedback from a sports club which may feel that it could set up and run an additional team if it had access to improved provision. Clubs may identify that could grow team numbers if they had access to more pitches, improved surfaces, training facilities, increased coach availability etc.
- 5.33. The table below identifies all clubs, that identified latent demand (not currently active), which they are aiming to convert into affiliated football demand within the next 3 - 5 years. This provides an estimation of the number of new teams that will be required in Rushmoor, in addition to the teams generated by population growth.
- 5.34. It should be noted that the latent demand predictions, are generated through club consultation and may not actually be realised in the long term. The impact of latent demand will be explored separately to the impact of population growth in the future capacity analysis section below. an overview of latent demand highlighted through consultation is included in Table 19.

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- 5.35. Table 19 shows that there is the potential latent demand of 22.5 MES per week across the study area. A total latent demand of 45 teams has been identified through consultation with clubs across the study area.

**Table 19: Latent demand highlighted through consultation**

Club	Men's Adult 11v11	Women's Adult 11v11	Youth Boys 11v11	Youth Girls 11v11	Boys 9v9	Girls 9v9	Boys 7v7	Girls 7v7	Boys 5v5	Girls 5v5	Total Teams	Total latent demand (MES)
Aldershot Supporters Trust FC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Cove FC	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	2.5
Farnborough FC	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	20	10
Fleet Town Girls and Ladies FC	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	2
Rectory Road Wanderers	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
Rushmoor Community FC	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	4
Rushmoor Saints Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22.5</b>

## Future Demand

### Demand Driven by Population Growth

- 5.36. To calculate the future demand for football in the Study Area, Team Generation Rates have been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate what size of population (for various age groups) will typically cause enough demand to create a football team in each of the age categories.
- 5.37. This Team Generation Rate can then be applied to the population projections for the Study Area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the number of teams in each of the key age groups. It is to be noted that population is just one factor in estimating future teams. Other factors such as NGB initiatives and amount of available provision has a large level of influence.
- 5.38. All figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

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- 5.39. Table 20 below demonstrates that there is an anticipated total increase of 6 teams across Rushmoor due to population growth. A full breakdown can be seen below:

**Table 20: Future demand driven by population growth**

Age Groups	Current no. of teams	Current Population (2024)	Future Population (2035)	Current TGR	Population change	Projected team no. change
<b>Rushmoor</b>						
Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	52	21,080	23,160	422	2080	5
Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	6	19,750	20,960	3,292	1,210	1
Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	54	2,395	2,386	44	-9	0
Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	9	2,292	2,249	255	-43	0
Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	31	1,191	1,109	38	-82	0
Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	7	1,143	1,069	163	-74	0
Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	44	2,305	2,180	52	-125	0
Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	32	2,477	2,241	77	-236	0
<b>Team numbers 2023/24 - Total projected new teams by 2035</b>						<b>6</b>

- 5.40. The Table 20 illustrates the projected growth across each football age group. Only the Adult Men and Women 11v11 age category is predicted to grow, with demand for an additional 6 teams by 2035. This small amount projected growth is a result of relatively low existing team numbers and small population growth over the PPS period.
- 5.41. Table 21 shows the future number of teams in Rushmoor by age group and sex, driven by population growth to 2035.

**Table 21: Future team numbers by 2035 – population growth only**

	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Youth 9v9		Mini		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Mixed 7v7	Mixed 5v5	
Rushmoor	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

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- 5.42. Utilising the current demand figures for football, and how the population of Rushmoor is projected to grow by 2035, we can provide an estimation of the future level of demand in Rushmoor. This data, shown in MES, assumes that teams will require access to 0.5 MES per week, due to playing away from their home ground every other week.
- 5.43. Although this study must consider future growth based on team generation rates and population growth, current FA modelling suggests a national average of 3.09% year on year growth of affiliated football teams due to increased popularity of the sport. This would generate a significant amount of additional demand and would have a serious impact on the availability of both grass and 3G pitch provision in Rushmoor which can be explored further as part of Stage D of the strategy.
- 5.44. Table 22 highlights how these future team numbers will impact the demand in MES for football provision. There is predicted to be a demand of 3 MES per week by 2035, when considering future population growth. The impact of latent demand will be explored separately.

**Table 22: Future demand driven by population growth in MES**

	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Youth 9v9		Mini		Total (MES)
	M	F	M	F	M	F	Mixed 7v7	Mixed 5v5	
Rushmoor	2.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

### Football Supply and Demand information

- 5.45. For every site that has grass football provision, an analysis has been undertaken to assess whether each pitch on the site has enough capacity to meet the current level of demand for affiliated football. This analysis has been undertaken for two separate time periods; a) weekly and b) during the peak period.
- 5.46. This compares the weekly carrying capacity (in Match Equivalent Sessions – MES) of each individual pitch type with the demand that is placed upon that pitch type over the full week. It may also be referred to as the ‘theoretical capacity’ as it assumes that demand will be spread across the week and is calculated solely from the theoretical carrying capacity of the pitch to withstand training and match play. Table 23 below illustrates how weekly carrying capacity is allocated to each pitch type, depending on its quality rating.

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Table 23: Carrying Capacity per Pitch Type. All Figures in MES

Quality score	Adult football	Youth football	Mini soccer	Total
Good (80-100%)	8	1	0	9
Standard (50-79.9%)	28	14	19	60
Poor (0-49.9%)	5	9	3	15
Total	41	24	22	

- 5.47. Table 24 below provides an overview of all pitch capacity and demand across all available sites across Rushmoor, categorised by pitch type. All unavailable sites have been dismissed from this list as there is no community use on these sites.
- 5.48. All teams have been assigned 0.5 MES per week. However, if a youth 9v9, 7v7 or 5v5 team participates on a senior pitch, then they have been assigned 0.25 MES of demand. This is due to the decrease in impact they will have on the surface. If a club has highlighted that training takes place on the grass pitches, then additional demand has been allocated to that pitch.
- 5.49. It is assumed that all education-based pitches have usage of 1 MES per week due to curricular/extra-curricular activity, the exception being where the actual demand for MES from affiliated clubs has been identified on the site.

Table 24: Rushmoor Capacity Analysis for Grass Football Pitches

Site name	Availability	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Number of Pitches	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Aldershot Military Stadium	Unavailable	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Good	3	1.5	1.5	0 – Unavailable
Aldershot Park	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	2	Standard	2	1	3	0.5
Aldershot Park	Available	Secured	Youth 11v11	2	Standard	4	3.5	0.5	0.5
Aldershot Park	Available	Secured	Mini 7v7	3	Standard	12	3.5	8.5	2

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Aldershot Town (EBB Stadium)	Unavailable	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Good	3	0.5	2.5	0 – Unavailable
Alderwood Leisure Centre	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	1	Poor	1	1	0	No spare capacity
Alderwood Leisure Centre	Available	Secured	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1	1	0	No spare capacity
Army Floodlit Training Ground	Available	Unsecured	Youth 11v11	1	Good	4	2	2	0 – Unsecured/No spare capacity
Bourley Road	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	2	Standard	4	1	3	1
Bourley Road	Available	Secured	Youth 9v9	1	Standard	2	1	1	1
Bourley Road	Available	Secured	Mini 7v7	1	Standard	4	1	3	1
Bourley Road	Available	Secured	Mini 5v5	1	Standard	4	2	2	0.5
Cove FC	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	1	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5
Cove FC	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	1	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Cove Green Recreation Ground	Available	Secured	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1	1	1	0 – No spare capacity due to overmarked pitch
Cove Green Recreation Ground	Available	Secured	Mini 7v7	1	Poor	2	0.5	1.5	1
Farnborough Football Club	Unavailable	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Good	3	2.5	0.5	0 – Unavailable/No spare capacity
Farnborough Gate Sports Complex	Unavailable	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Standard	2	2	0	0 – Unavailable/No spare capacity
Farnborough Hill School	Unavailable	Unsecured	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	2	2	0	0 – No spare capacity/School Use
Oak Farm Playing Fields	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	1	Poor	1	2	-1	-1: No spare capacity
Fernhill School and Language College	Unavailable	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Poor	1	0	0	0 – Unavailable / No spare capacity
Fleet Road	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	2	Standard	4	3.5	0.5	0 – No spare capacity

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Site name	Availability	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Number of Pitches	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Fleet Road	Available	Secured	Youth 9v9	1	Standard	2	0	2	1
Fleet Road	Available	Secured	Mini 7v7	1	Standard	4	1.5	2.5	1
Fleet Road	Available	Secured	Mini 5v5	1	Standard	4	1	3	1
Grange Community Junior School	Unavailable	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Standard	2	2	0	0 – Unavailable / No spare capacity
Kennels Lane	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	4	Good	12	5	7	2
Kennels Lane	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	1	Good	3	1.5	1.5	0 – No spare capacity
Kennels Lane	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	1	Standard	2	2	0	0 – No spare capacity
Kennels Lane	Available	Secured	Youth 9v9	3	Standard	6	3	3	3
Kennels Lane	Available	Secured	Mini 7v7	2	Standard	8	6.5	1.5	2
King George V Playing Field (Farnborough)	Available	Secured	Youth 9v9	3	Poor	3	4.5	-1.5	-1.5: No spare capacity
Moor Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	Unavailable	Secured	Adult 11v11	1	Poor	1	1	0	0 – No spare capacity
Moor Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	Available	Secured	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Queens Parade	Available	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	7	Standard	14	11.5	2.5	0 – No spare capacity
Queens Parade	Available	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Standard	2	2	0	0 – No spare capacity
Queen's Road Recreation Ground	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	1	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	0.5
Rectory Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	Available	Secured	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1	0	1	1
Rectory Road Playing Fields (Recreation Ground)	Available	Secured	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Salesian College Sports Ground	Unavailable	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Standard	2	0	2	0 – No spare capacity / Neutralised based on college usage



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Site name	Availability	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Number of Pitches	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Southwood Playing Fields	Unavailable	Secured	Adult 11v11	3	Standard	6	10	-4	-4: No spare capacity
Southwood Playing Fields	Unavailable	Secured	Youth 11v11	1	Standard	2	3	-1	-1: No spare capacity
Southwood Playing Fields	Unavailable	Secured	Youth 9v9	3	Standard	6	4.5	1.5	1.5
Southwood Playing Fields	Unavailable	Secured	Mini 7v7	2	Standard	12	4.5	7.5	2
Southwood Playing Fields	Unavailable	Secured	Mini 5v5	3	Standard	6	2.5	3.5	3
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School	Unavailable	Unsecured	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1	1	0	0 – Unavailable
Talavera Infant School	Unavailable	Unsecured	Mini 5v5	1	Standard	2	2	0	0 – Unavailable / No spare capacity
The Cambridge Primary School	Unavailable	Unsecured	Mini 7v7	1	Standard	4	4	0	0 – No spare capacity / Neutralised based on college usage
The Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College	Unavailable	Unsecured	Adult 11v11	1	Standard	2	2	0	0 – No spare capacity / Neutralised based on college usage
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	Available	Secured	Mini 7v7	1	Standard	4	4	0	0 – No spare capacity / Neutralised based on college usage
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	2	Standard	2	2	0	0 – No spare capacity / Neutralised based on college usage
The Traco Club	Available	Secured	Adult 11v11	2	Standard	4	1	3	1
Wavell Campus Leisure (The Wavell School)	Available	Secured	Youth 11v11	1	Poor	1	1	0	0 – No spare capacity
Wavell Campus Leisure (The Wavell School)	Available	Secured	Youth 9v9	1	Poor	1	2	-1	-1: No spare capacity
Wellington Community Primary School	Unavailable	Unsecured	Mini 5v5	1	Poor	2	0	0	0 – Unavailable / No spare capacity

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### Adult 11v11 Analysis total Peak Capacity

- 5.50. Table 25 provides the current and future position for 11v11 adult grass pitch provision across the full study area, for peak times.
- 5.51. All tables in this section show spare MES capacity across Rushmoor, currently and to 2035. The future position for grass pitches is shown both with and without latent demand predictions factored in.
- 5.52. The data demonstrates that there is 2 MES of spare capacity for adult 11v11 pitches across the study area. There is a change when population growth is considered, leading to -1 MES by 2035. However, when latent demand is also considered, then all spare capacity is likely to be removed leaving a deficit of 6 MES by 2035.

**Table 25: Adult 11v11 Supply and Demand Analysis - Peak. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Including Latent Demand
Rushmoor	7	-5	2	3	-1	5	-6

### Youth 11 v 11 Analysis - Peak

- 5.53. Table 26 provides the current and future position for 11v11 youth grass pitch provision across Rushmoor, at peak times.

**Table 26: Youth 11v11 Supply and Demand Analysis - Peak. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Including Latent Demand
Rushmoor	1.5	-1	0.5	0	0.5	5.5	-5

- 5.54. Table 26 illustrates that there is a current spare capacity of 0.5 MES when looking at youth 11v11 provision. However, this spare capacity is likely to reduce to -5 MES by 2035 considering the latent demand.
- 5.55. When considering future population growth projection, the spare capacity would likely be retained expected to the same amount as the population is expected to decrease within this age category.

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### Youth 9 v 9 Analysis Peak

5.56. Table 27 provides the current and future position for 9 v 9 youth grass pitch provision across the full study area.

**Table 27: Youth 9v9 Supply and Demand Analysis. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Including Latent Demand
Rushmoor	7	-2.5	4.5	0	4.5	2.5	2

5.57. Table 27 illustrates that there is a current spare capacity of 4.5 MES for 9v9 pitches across the study area. There is no effect on capacity when taking into account population growth, but latent demand predictions would create reduce the spare capacity to 2 MES by 2035 if realised.

### Mini 7 v 7 pitch supply Peak

5.58. Table 28 provides the current and future position for 7v7 mini grass pitch provision across the full study area.

**Table 28: Mini 7v7 Supply and Demand Analysis. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Including Latent Demand
Rushmoor	9	0	9	0	9	3	6

5.59. Table 28 indicates that there is a surplus of 9 MES for 7v7 pitches in Rushmoor, with no sites showing any indication of overplay. Although there is no anticipated impact from population growth, the future position is likely to reduce to 6 MES by 2035 due to latent demand predictions.

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### Mini 5 v 5 pitch supply Peak

5.60. Table 29 provides the current and future position for 5v5 grass pitch provision across the full study area.

**Table 29: Mini 5v5 Supply and Demand Analysis. All Figures in MES**

Analysis Area	Spare capacity MES (Peak)	Total Overplay	Current position	Future demand – Population Growth	Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Including Latent Demand
Rushmoor	6	0	6	0	6	6.5	-0.5

5.61. Table 29 illustrates that there is a positive MES of 6 per week for 5v5 grass provision in Rushmoor. This position will largely be unaffected by population growth as there would be no rise in the number of teams relating to mini 5v5 football format.

5.62. However, there will be demand for an additional 6.5 MES per week due to latent demand by 2035, giving rise to a deficit of -0.5 MES per week.

### Football Summary

5.63. This section summarises the findings from the football analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for the Rushmoor.

**Table 30: Summary of Supply and Demand Rushmoor Peak time of Play**

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)				Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Including Latent Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity (Peak Time)	Total Overplay	Current Total	Future Demand Population Growth			
Adult 11v11	7	-5	2	3	-1	5	-4
Youth 11v11	1.5	-1	0.5	0	0.5	5.5	-5
Youth 9v9	7	-2.5	4.5	0	4.5	2.5	2
Mini 7v7	9	0	9	0	9	3	6
Mini 5v5	6	0	6	0	6	6.5	-0.5

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- 5.64. There is currently spare capacity on each typology - adult 11v11, youth 11v11, youth 9v9 pitches, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 in Rushmoor. However, adult 11v11, youth 11v11 and mini 5v5's pitch stock could reduce in the future due to latent demand.
- 5.65. There is only a very small impact on capacity from population growth, primarily on adult 11v11 pitch stock. However, latent demand predictions will add at least 5 MES per week of demand, within adult 11v11, youth 11v11 and mini 5v5. There will also be an added layer of demand on youth 9v9 and mini 7v7 through latent demand but there is enough spare capacity within these two pitch types to meet the future needs.
- There are 87 grass football pitches across 31 sites out of which 59 pitches across 16 sites are available for community use.
  - 235 teams from 29 clubs are identified as playing within Rushmoor borough. This consists of 52 adult men's, 6 adult women's, 54 youth 11v11 boys', 9 youth 11v11 girls, 31 junior boys' 9v9 teams, 7 9v9 girls' teams, 40 7v7 and mini soccer teams and 32 5v5 mini soccer teams (with 4 *other* team). There is demand across all age groups of football across Rushmoor.
  - One of the key issues in Rushmoor is the presence of an ageing stock of pitches. Consultations with clubs helped identify the need for 3G pitches for training purposes. However, the delivery of these pitches has posed several challenges and is addressed in the AGP section below.
- 5.66. This section summarises the findings from the football analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rushmoor. Table 31 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

**Table 31: Key PPS findings for football in the Rushmoor study area**

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p>There are a total of 87 available pitches across 31 sites in Rushmoor.</p> <p>59 of the 87 (68%) available pitches in Rushmoor provide secure community use access (i.e., pitches owned or leased by local authorities or clubs/associations). 28 (22%) pitches are unsecured community use pitches, generally provided at education sites.</p> <p>There are 29 football clubs in Rushmoor, comprising a total of 235 teams. The largest proportion of these teams come from youth male 11v11 teams.</p>
Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>The current supply and demand analysis for accessible pitch provision shows spare capacity on all the pitch typologies - adult 11v11, youth 11v11, youth 9v9 pitches, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5. However, there is only a surplus of 0.5 MES within youth 11v11 pitch stock.</p> <p>The team numbers have grown and likely to grow in the near future. The trajectory of growth in women and girls' football and junior football in the recent years has been massive.</p>

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Key Question	Analysis
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>Only 9 pitches in the borough are rated as good quality. 70% of the pitches are rated of standard quality. 17% are poor quality. If these are addressed, there would likely be an increase in additional spare capacity.</p> <p>The overall quality of facilities and the robustness of maintenance regimes is standard. Pitches with community use, described as poor due to maintenance issues should be considered as part of PitchPower, through this initiative, pitches should improve and provide more opportunities to play.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>The demand for grass football pitches within open age and adults is likely to increase as a result of population growth, which is expected to add 6 new teams to the study area by 2035. Therefore, the impact of population growth will result in an additional demand of 3 MES by 2035. The future population projections demonstrate that there will not a significant impact on other pitch types</p> <p>A large chunk of the future demand comes from latent demand, where the clubs have expressed their aspirations to add more teams. It is identified that there could be 45 new teams by 2035 with Farnborough FC looking to add the greatest number of teams. This club has expressed interest in developing a stadia 3G AGP. Wavell School has also expressed an interest.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	<p>The future supply and demand analysis for accessible pitch provision shows that there will still be spare capacity on all but two of the five different football pitch types taking into account both population growth and latent demand,</p> <p>However, when considering only the population growth projections, the current total shows that there is spare capacity on all pitch types</p> <p>The future supply and demand analysis for accessible pitch provision shows the existing surplus is likely to reduce within youth 11v11, adult 11v11 and significantly for Mini 5v5 football.</p> <p>As demand presents itself, there are pitches that could be reinstated (see disused section) and there could also be additional pitches marked out on suitable areas, notable sites include Queen's Parade and land between Rushmoor Saints and the Army Cricket Ground.</p>

## 6. Cricket Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 6.1. To understand the overall objectives and priorities of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), an analysis of key recent strategies and documentation has been undertaken and summarised below.

### Inspiring Generations – Cricket's Game-Wide Strategy for 2025-28

- 6.2. The ECB published its new strategic plan in October 2024, with the ambition being to inspire a generation to say that 'cricket is a game for me'.
- 6.3. The ECB wants to encourage more young people to form a lifelong relationship with cricket from an early age, to be passionate about the game throughout their lives, and to pass this passion on for generations to come.
- 6.4. ECB's 2028 vision is to become the most inclusive team sport, to grow and unite the game and to lead the game through global transformation.
- 6.5. The ECB will deliver in cricket's purpose and ambition through six key objectives:
- Make cricket diverse, inclusive and accessible
  - Transform women's and girls' cricket
  - Connect communities through play
  - Inspire through winning England teams
  - Support a thriving and sustainable men's and women's professional game
  - Win the battle for attention
- 6.6. The Strategy's enablers include facilities, environmental sustainability, volunteers, safeguarding and the cricket regulator. The strategy aims at working towards building transformative cricket domes across the country and providing wider opportunities for young people to take part in this sport.
- It is key that this PPS recognises the opportunity made available by Inspiring Generations 2.0 and provides a framework that allows stakeholders to work together and deliver the objectives identified above. It is also vital that any facility development for cricket takes the objectives of the strategy into consideration, namely the growth of entry level cricket, women and girls' cricket, T20 and engagement of previously hard-to-reach demographics groups.

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#### **Development Priorities**

##### **All Stars Cricket (2017)**

- 6.8. Launched in 2017, All Stars Cricket is an ECB initiative that provides children aged five to eight with an introduction to cricket, focusing on parental engagement in supporting the newly trained All Stars Cricket Activators, as well as having a special focus on establishing women's softball and cricket events.
- 6.9. It is key that this PPS recognises the opportunity made available by Inspiring Generations and All Stars Cricket and provides a framework that allows stakeholders to work together and deliver against the key objectives of 'more play', 'great teams' and 'inspired fans'.

##### **Dynamos Cricket (2020)**

- 6.10. Dynamos Cricket is the second launch by the ECB, adding to the existing All Stars Cricket programme to encourage more boys and girls aged 8 to 11 years old new to the sport to get involved in the game.
- 6.11. Dynamos is aimed at complementing junior cricket with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills within an exciting format that mirrors the Hundred.

##### **Women's and Girls'**

- 6.12. In consultation with the ECB, it has been identified that the development of female cricket is likely to have an impact on supply and demand in the area. Women's and girls' cricket is a national priority, with the aspiration to increase the number of women and girls' teams, increase the number of softball leagues and increase the number of hard ball teams.
- 6.13. Softball cricket is an ECB initiative aimed at women and girls to increase participation in cricket as a sport. The aim of softball cricket sections are enjoyment and participation, without pads, a hardball, a heavy bat and limited rules. Sessions follow a festival format with each session running for a maximum of two and half hours, shorter than traditional formats.

#### **Hampshire Cricket Board Play it Forward 2021 - 2025**

- 6.14. This document outlines the Hampshire Recreational Cricket Plan for 2021-2025, created collaboratively by various cricket organisations in Hampshire.



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- 6.15. The overarching aim is to expand the sport by increasing participation, attendance, and viewership. Key priorities include growing women's and girls' cricket, enhancing schools and junior cricket programmes, making cricket more accessible, especially in urban areas and for individuals with disabilities, and strengthening clubs and leagues by addressing declining team numbers and volunteer recruitment challenges.
- 6.16. The plan also addresses an investment framework and the governance structure for recreational cricket in the county, with regular review and reporting planned to track progress.

### Consultation overview

- 6.17. In addition to the structure and guidance provided by the ECB, local cricket in Rushmoor is governed by Hampshire Cricket. The NGB has been consulted as part of the PPS process, with key priorities and facility development needs for Rushmoor highlighted below.
- 6.18. Cricket is a popular sport across the Study Area, with several affiliated teams playing as part of structured clubs. Team and clubs typically play as part of league structures, which include clubs from several different local authorities. Most teams in the study area are multi team clubs with thriving junior sections. As part of the PPS, Strategic Leisure has consulted with all clubs, receiving a 100% response rate.
- 6.19. Table 32 below highlights the consultation responses that have been received from cricket clubs in Rushmoor

Table 32: Cricket Club/League Consultation Responses

Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
Aldershot CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aldershot Cricket Club</li> <li>Aldershot Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club was formed in 1947. The club has had a lease since then which now expires in 2036. There have been initial discussions with Rushmoor Borough Council to extend the lease. The Council owns the land. The relationship between the club and the Council has been good.</li> <li>Aldershot CC is a large community cricket club with 7 adult sides with 5 senior men's teams playing on Saturdays, 1 ladies team playing on Sundays and 1 senior men's team playing midweek cricket.</li> <li>There is also a large youth section covering ages from 5 years old up to 18 years.</li> <li>There are three cricket squares. The main square is within the lease area. The club has a loose agreement with the Council to maintain the second square just over the edge and the third square is in the middle of Aldershot Park. The third square is maintained by the club externally during winter and summer. There is often a clash with the Aldershot Football Club towards the end of the football season and start of the cricket season.</li> <li>The club has roughly 350 members including parents of young players. There are 150 playing members across men's, women's, girls' and boys'. The club is open to anyone who wants to play cricket.</li> <li>The club has a partnership with the British Gorkhali Cricket League. Aldershot CC is one of the host clubs and host every other weekend through the summer. The club also hosts the finals and representative match with the MCC.</li> <li>The club also helps Hampshire Cricket Board with a few of their representative matches during summer where possible.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club is also partnered with Blackwater Valley Running Club who use the club as a base and Aldershot &amp; Farnham Hockey Club who also use the clubhouse.</li> <li>Aldershot CC also has links with local NHS groups, local schools and community offering pathway to cricket. There are 1000 people go through the door at any given week. The club is significant community outreach work undertaken by the club..</li> <li>The club is fully clubmark accredited which the club had lost in the past. This shows the commitment and aspirations of the club to become one of the leading clubs in the community.</li> </ul> <p><b>About the Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 12 grass wickets on the main pitch, 11 grass wickets on the adjacent pitch and 4 grass wickets on the third square. The third square may have originally been on 6 pitches suggesting opportunity to increase the number of wickets.</li> <li>The general feedback is the quality of the pitches is good. The club is part of Thames Valley Cricket League which produces ground ratings every season and have put the club in the middle of the table. The main ground has become better since the involvement of groundsman, Pete.</li> <li>In terms of the cricket facility overall, it is one of the best in the area.</li> <li>There are plans to replace the artificial pitches as there is heavy use from the juniors.</li> <li>There are also long-term aspirational plans to relay the pitches on the main square. The main pitch is often termed as 'low and slow pitch'.</li> <li>The clubhouse is accessible with wheelchair access for toilets. There is also disabled parking on-site.</li> </ul> <p><b>Number of Teams and Matches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 5 Saturday teams, 1 ladies Sunday team and 1 midweek team. The club is aiming to add one more ladies' team from next year.</li> <li>Over the last three years, the membership numbers have increased.</li> <li>The senior teams play around 50 league home matches, 5 friendly matches, the junior section plays around 50 matches. There are also 20 Gorkhali league matches. The total estimated of number of matches played is 150 matches across the season.</li> <li>The youth section plays about 30-40 matches on artificial grass pitches with no senior matches played on artificial wickets.</li> <li>The club hosts schools league every summer having kids play cricket in the afternoon.</li> <li>The club also hosts single day cricket event for all the local schools. It has been running for 30+ years. It has been very successful. The club has been proactive and running PE sessions. It has helped the schools and the club at the same time having regular memberships coming through. The club has very good working relations with a lot of schools - Alderwood, St. Joseph's, South Farnborough School, Talavera School, Cambridge School etc.</li> <li>The club has also run visually impaired cricket sessions in the past.</li> </ul> <p><b>All Stars and Dynamos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club has been carrying out both All Stars and Dynamos programmes over the last few years.</li> <li>For 2024 season, the club did not deliver Dynamos programme because of the gradual decreasing number. Instead, the club runs open under-9 sessions for both boys and girls and separate sessions for girls. The relationship with the schools helps the club attract young boys to directly feed into the club's under-9 cricket. Therefore, Dynamos has been less relevant for the club.</li> <li>The club has one of the highest numbers for All Stars Cricket. The All Stars for 2024 season catered for 30 young members. In comparison, there were only 5 kids for Dynamos in the 2023 season.</li> </ul>

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		<p><b>Facility Development Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve drainage.</li> <li>• There are plans to replace one artificial pitch per year for the next three years subject to funding.</li> <li>• Long-term plan involves relaying the pitches at the main square. There have been talks about the hybrid pitches. The club has not finalised the plans about relaying the main the square as it would require significant investment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flooding: During the winter, the bottom of the main area floods frequently which results in cancellation of matches. Last two years the club has lost matches. The club has planted trees to prevent flooding. However, the club would appreciate having improved drainage.</li> <li>• Not adequate cricket grass cutting on the third square: The Council contracts externally to cut the outfield. The equipment used is not ideal for cutting of cricket grounds. It is adequate for parks. Early season playing on the third square is not great as the outfield is not cut properly. The club is tasked with extra cutting to make the outfield playable.</li> <li>• Funding</li> <li>• Occasional vandalism, vehicles driving across the ground since it is an open park.</li> </ul>
Cove CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cove Cricket Club</li> <li>• Southwood Playing Fields</li> </ul>	<p><b>About the Club, Teams and Number of Matches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club has 4 senior men's teams playing on Saturdays, 2 ladies teams playing on Sundays and 8 junior teams across boys and girls. There are two U9s teams, two U11s teams, one U13s team and one U15s team in mixed category and two girls' teams one in U11 and U16.</li> <li>• The club has approximately 103 junior memberships and 55 to 65 senior memberships.</li> <li>• Cove CC uses two different squares, with one of them owned and managed by the sports whereas the second square is shared with Rushmoor Community Football Club. The ground is owned by the Rushmoor Borough Council and managed and maintained by cricket club.</li> <li>• The club's main pitch has been in existence since early 1970s. The other site is primarily used by the club's junior section along with the matches of their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams. In the past, Cove CC used to have a 5<sup>th</sup> team. The club managed to maintain the number of teams to 4 for 2024 season.</li> <li>• The club has training sessions all throughout the week with seniors, juniors, training on different days from Monday to Friday.</li> </ul> <p><b>About the Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main ground and Southwood Playing Fields both have 12 grass wickets.</li> <li>• At the end of the season, the club hires an external contractor to take care of the pitch. Re-fertilisation and reseeding are carried out at the end of the season.</li> <li>• There is a pavilion with a bar and clubhouse with provision for changing rooms upstairs.</li> <li>• The club has brand new shed and machinery. The club spent about £35,000 to put it in place.</li> <li>• In terms of step towards green measures, the club installed a new eco electric boiler funded on its own.</li> <li>• The nets were refurbished into 3 lanes two years ago part funded by the Rushmoor Borough Council and Runway Fund.</li> <li>• The men's toilets were refurbished which was done with the help of ECB County Grants funding.</li> <li>• The club sought ECB interest free loan for the new roller in the past and have accessed the same towards installation of electronic scoreboard.</li> </ul>

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		<p><b>All Stars and Dynamos</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club delivered 8 All Stars sessions on Fridays with 46 kids attending.</li> <li>The club used to deliver Dynamos sessions in the past.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facility Development Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club is looking to add a couple of hybrid wickets.</li> <li>The club would like to expand their socials and hire out the clubhouse more often.</li> <li>Cove CC has invested heavily in the recent past, so the club is looking to consolidate its financial position while always looking to upgrade its facilities. The club has been self-sustaining.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance</li> <li>There is a big influx at the U9s level. Overall, the club feels there is a slight downward trend among the senior players. Availability of the players is one of the challenges faced by the club.</li> </ul>
British Gorkhali Cricket League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aldershot Cricket Club</li> <li>Aldershot Park</li> <li>Tongham CC</li> <li>Blackwater and Hawley Leisure Centre</li> <li>Bramley CC</li> <li>Frimley Phoenix CC</li> </ul>	<p><b>About the League</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The league is based in Rushmoor and has a largely Nepalese player base, many of whom come from the local army community. It hires the second and third squares at Aldershot Cricket Club for most of its games. The league is considered a Nomadic League, one which is social and provides a boost to social and mental wellbeing of the players.</li> <li>The league started with 4-5 teams, some of the players coming from the army background and has grown to 8 teams over the past 5 years. Initially, the matches were played in Reading as the local grounds were too expensive.</li> <li>The league is self-sustaining. The costs saved in hiring the umpires which is the case when matches are played at Aldershot CC is usually reinvested in facilities.</li> <li>The playing standard is mixed, with 1-2 teams at a premier division level, and a pool of around 50 good players out of 300 total. The rest play for the social and community aspects. Some players also play in higher divisions on Saturdays, but many find it difficult to access casual cricket opportunities on Saturdays, so the Sunday league provides an important outlet.</li> <li>The league has received 2-3 inquiries and requests to join and be part of the league.</li> <li>Out of 8 teams, 1-2 teams are of premier division level. Out of pool of 300 players there would be around 50 players of good level while others play to enjoy and take part playing in the same community close knit group.</li> <li>Not all players can play Saturday cricket. Some of the players play regularly on Saturdays in higher divisions. Rest of the players find it difficult to find opportunities for casual play within the open cricket community on Saturdays and would eventually stop playing as not all can play on Saturday level cricket.</li> <li>Most of the Sunday clubs are happy to continue playing in the league without aspirations to join Saturday leagues.</li> <li>The league has seen an influx of players, particularly students, from London, with 4 out of the 8 teams now coming from the capital, and 2 more teams have inquired about joining.</li> <li>One of the objectives of the league is to help struggling clubs by hiring their grounds on Sundays, adding to their revenue.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grounds and Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The league hires the second and third squares at Aldershot Cricket Club for the full season from May to September.</li> <li>It also uses the Blackwater and Hawley Leisure Centre, with Hawley Cricket Club looking to develop their cricket square.</li> </ul>

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is another ground, Frimley Phoenix, which is of poor quality with an uneven surface and is only used for 3-4 weekends.</li> <li>The league also uses the grounds of Tongham CC and Bramley CC, which are of good quality.</li> <li>The league pays an average of £130 per ground per match, across 10-12 weekends costing around £5,200 to £5,600 including other costs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Number of Teams and Matches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The league has 8 teams, 4 from London and 4 from Hampshire. Some players travel from further afield, such as Devon, Bournemouth, and Portsmouth.</li> <li>Each team has a minimum of 14 players, with around 300 players in total, with new players joining throughout the season.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Challenges and Development Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The league has faced some issues with the third ground located in Aldershot Park, which is managed by the council through external contractors, including problems with the outfield and long grass causing health and safety issues.</li> <li>High ground fees, as the league needs to hire low-cost grounds which often come with lower-quality provision.</li> <li>Ground availability is a challenge, as the league needs 5 grounds to cater to 10 teams, but currently manages with 4 grounds (Aldershot, Blackwater and Hawley, Tongham and Bramley).</li> <li>Difficulty in arranging fixtures, as the league has to wait for all the senior, girls, and colts' fixtures to be released before confirming its own schedule.</li> <li>Challenges in promoting junior and women's cricket, as the players are not all localised, making it difficult to form teams.</li> <li>The league would benefit from having two grounds in the Rushmoor/Camberley area within local parks if there is spare capacity. Army Cricket Ground second square is one of the potential grounds. The cost of hiring Army Cricket Ground would also suit the league favourably.</li> </ul>

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### Sub Areas

6.20. As part of the PPS process, Rushmoor has been considered as a whole, and the county has not been divided into any sub-areas.

### Supply

6.21. Table 33 presents a summary of the total number of cricket pitches and wickets in Rushmoor, as the study area. Rushmoor has a total of 12 cricket pitches, 72 grass wickets and 9 artificial turf wickets. Table 33 shows the supply of cricket wickets across the Study Area. Map 5 below shows the location of cricket sites in Rushmoor.

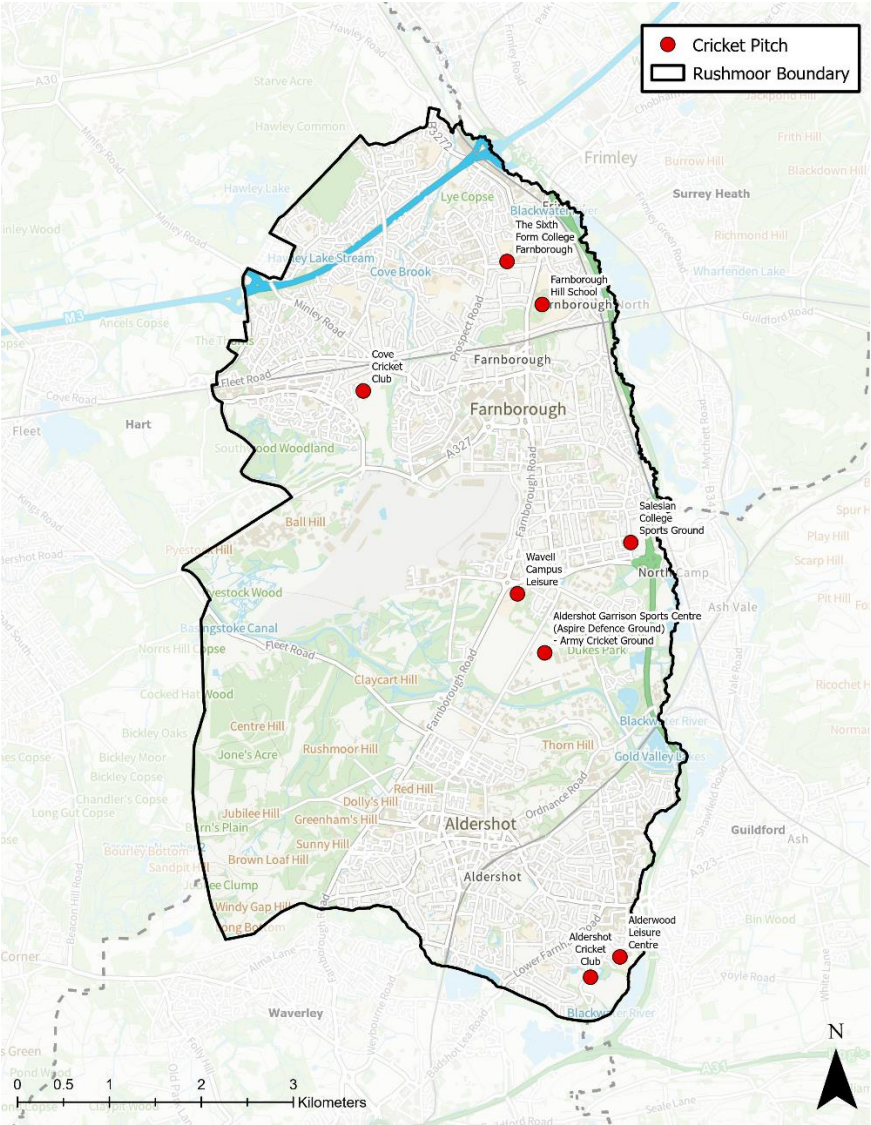
**Table 33: Supply of Cricket Pitches in Rushmoor**

Study Area	Number of pitches	Grass wickets	Artificial wickets
Rushmoor	12	72	9

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Map 5: Cricket Pitches in Rushmoor



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## Tenure and Management

- 6.22. Table 34 illustrates that 83% cricket sites in Rushmoor are owned by educational establishments (41.5%) or local authority (41.5%). One site comprising of two squares is an MOD site. This will be analysed further as part of the site-by-site assessment and commentary.
- 6.23. In addition, Table 34 illustrates that the management of cricket facilities is dominated by Education sites and Club management. This identifies a high level of autonomy and low reliance on the council for cricket facility maintenance and management. It is important to note that the primary sites used by two key clubs in the area are managed by the sports club themselves. A high level of cricket in education establishments also reduces the likelihood of significant community use from these facilities.

**Table 34: Cricket Site Ownership and Management in Rushmoor**

Type of ownership	Ownership	Management	Secure Community Use	Unsecure/Unavailable Community Use
Education	5	4	0	5
Sports Club	0	4	0	0
Local Authority	5	2	5	0
MOD	2	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>

## Quality Assessment

- 6.24. Each site was visited and assessed by Strategic Leisure Limited (SLL) in summer 2024 using a non-technical assessment framework provided by the ECB. Where this was not possible with some school sites, desktop audits and consultations have been used to complete the assessment. The assessment considers the quality of playing surface, the quality of changing rooms and the score of the maintenance regime when compared to ECB recommendations. In addition to the site visits, the club consultation was used to validate the quality ratings. Each site is rated as Good ( $\geq 80\%$ ), Standard (between 50% and 80%) or Poor ( $< 50\%$ ).
- 6.25. The quality of a cricket pitch is essential in determining not only the number of fixtures that can be played throughout a season, but also in ensuring the quality of cricket possible. A poor-quality wicket is not conjunctive to fair competition and may favour the batting or bowling team. With the high amount of footfall each wicket has each game, a poor-quality wicket can also be the cause of unnecessary injury, due to uneven ground causing fall hazards or unpredictable bounces. It is therefore important to ensure the high quality of each wicket used for cricket in Rushmoor.



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6.26. Table 35 provides a picture of the standard of cricket facilities across Rushmoor, based on the quality assessment results. A full site-by-site breakdown can be seen in Table 36. Most pitches in Rushmoor are of good quality (75%), with 8% rated as standard and 17% rated as poor. The average quality scores are negatively influenced by poor to standard quality, artificial turf only sites, all three private use education sites.

**Table 35: Summary of Cricket Pitch Scoring in Rushmoor**

Pitch Rating	Study Area Pitches
Good	9 (75%)
Standard	1 (8%)
Poor	2 (17%)

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6.27. Table 36 provides a site-by-site breakdown of cricket provision in Rushmoor

**Table 36: Cricket Site Breakdown in Rushmoor**

Playing Pitch Sites	Club	Postcode	Community use on site	Secured community use	Ownership	Squares	Grass wickets	Artificial wickets	Quality
Army Cricket Ground	British Army CC	GU11 2EY	Available	Unsecured	MOD	1	13	0	Good
Army Cricket Ground	British Army CC	GU11 2EY	Available	Unsecured	MOD	1	8	1	Good
Aldershot Cricket Club	Aldershot CC	GU12 4BP	Available	Secured	Sports Club/Community Association	1	12	1	Good
Aldershot Cricket Club	Aldershot CC	GU12 4BP	Available	Secured	Sports Club/Community Association	1	11	1	Good
Aldershot Park	Aldershot CC	GU12 4BP	Available	Secured	Local Authority (in house)	1	4	1	Good
Alderwood Leisure Centre	-	GU12 4AS	Not Available	Unsecured	School/College/University (in house)	1	0	1	Standard
Cove Cricket Club	Cove CC	GU14 0LE	Available	Secured	Sports Club/Community Association	1	12	0	Good
Farnborough Hill School	-	GU14 8AT	Not Available	Unsecured	School/College/University (in house)	1	0	1	Good
Salesian College Sports Ground	-	GU14 6LQ	Not Available	Unsecured	School/College/University (in house)	1	0	1	Good
Southwood Playing Fields	Cove CC	GU14 0LE	Available	Secured	Local Authority (in house)	1	12	0	Good
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	-	GU14 8JX	Not Available	Unsecured	School/College/University (in house)	1	0	1	Poor
Wavell Campus Leisure	-	GU14 6BH	Not Available	Unsecured	School/College/University (in house)	1	0	1	Poor

6.28. There are a number of good-quality cricket pitches across Rushmoor with a mix of education and sports club managed sites. Both the MOD sites and Local authority managed sites also offer good quality wickets with adequate maintenance programme. The Sixth Form College and Wavell Campus Leisure have poor rated facilities with only one artificial wicket on site both of which are in poor condition. Both are unavailable for community use.

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Table 37: Cricket Ancillary Facilities by Site in Rushmoor

Sites	Ancillary Facility Quality	Ancillary Facility Description
Army Cricket Ground	Good	Great facility, good pavilion. Large equipment storage room present. Good quality equipment. Sightscreen and scorer's box also present. Maintenance works were carried out during the audit. Ball stopping nets on road facing site. Cricket nets available on booking through Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre website. 4 fixed non-turf nets of good quality. Facility formerly used by Camberley CC. Two lane good quality indoor nets present at Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre. This site is used by British Army Cricket although training and fixtures are not consistent e.g. weekly.
Army Cricket Ground	Good	Part of the above facility. Small hut in addition to the main pavilion changing rooms.
Aldershot Cricket Club	Good	Sport England lottery funded site used by Aldershot CC. Two new and two old sightscreens on the main square. Good quality pavilion which is shared between the three squares with 4 changing rooms. Kitchen, toilets, changing rooms and provision for officials available on site. Standard to good quality NTP nets. The clubhouse is also used by Blackwater Valley Running Club and Aldershot & Farnham Hockey Club. Decent parking space.
Aldershot Cricket Club	Good	Same as above. Shared facility
Aldershot Park	Good	Same as above. Shared facility
Alderwood Leisure Centre	Standard	Standard school ancillary facility
Cove Cricket Club	Good	Good quality pavilion with kitchen, toilets, changing rooms and provision for umpires. Open viewing space, ball stopping nets on one side with housing estate nearby. 3 old sightscreens, 2 new sightscreens, 3 covers, 2 movable nets, 3-lane fixed non-turf nets of very good quality. Small cabin for equipment storage. Good parking space with one available for disabled.
Farnborough Hill School	Standard	Standard school changing facility. One movable net, light roller on-site, small hut for storage and no sightscreens
Salesian College Sports Ground	Good	Good condition pavilion with a couple of water stations. Good parking space. Good equipment storage space available, heavy roller on-site.
Southwood Playing Fields	Good	The facility is managed by Rushmoor Community Football Club. Good quality changing rooms available. Two average quality sightscreens. No evidence of a scoreboard. No provision for nets.
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	Standard	Standard school ancillary facility

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Sites	Ancillary Facility Quality	Ancillary Facility Description
Wavell Campus Leisure	Standard	Standard school ancillary facility

### Current Demand

#### Club and Team Profile

- 6.29. To understand how cricket is played across Rushmoor and the trends for demand across the game, this section assesses consultation responses from all clubs in the Study Area that responded to requests to take part in the study. Both the cricket clubs participated in consultation.
- 6.30. Through the demand consultations with clubs, junior teams have been identified as playing in Rushmoor. There are more junior age teams in the borough than senior teams. Although the count of women and junior teams is low, there is a growing a demand within both the clubs in Rushmoor.

**Table 38: Cricket Club Profiles**

Club	No. of competitive teams				Total
	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior	Junior Girls	
Aldershot Cricket Club	6	1	8	4	19
Cove Cricket Club	4	2	7	4	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>36</b>

- 6.31. Consultations showed there is no imported or exported demand for cricket, suggesting that all clubs are satisfying their demand on their current sites.
- 6.32. There is a growing Nepali league, the British Gorkhali Cricket League. The British Gorkhali League has often found difficulty in finding cricket facility to host matches. However, in recent times over half the matches have been played at Aldershot Park with Aldershot CC recognising the community demand and offering to be the host club. This has been factored into the overall supply and demand below.
- 6.33. Both Aldershot and Cove Cricket Clubs ran All Stars Centres for 5–8-year-olds. Aldershot CC had 29 participants (including 8 female participants) Cove had 46 participants. (incl. 11 females)

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- 6.34. Hampshire Cricket also ran a summer camp at Aldershot School attracting 24 participants for All Stars (aged 5-8) including 8 females and Dynamos (aged 8-11) which included 5 females.
- 6.35. To further understand the demand for cricket in Rushmoor, detailed consultations have been undertaken with both cricket clubs within Rushmoor. Accounts of these consultations including with key strategic priorities are referenced in the site-by-site assessment later in this section.

### Future Demand

#### Demand Driven by Population Growth

- 6.36. To understand the future demand for cricket in the Study Area, a Team Generation Rate (definition provided in glossary) has been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate what size of population (for various age groups) will typically cause enough demand for a cricket team.
- 6.37. This TGR can now be applied to the population projections for the Study Area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups.
- 6.38. Table 39 illustrates that the projected growth in cricket demand is 1 team in the open age men's category and open age women's category.
- 6.39. ECB and County Cricket Boards are making a conscious effort to increase female participation across the country, especially following the growing professionalism of the women's game (Hampshire is one of the eight counties nationally awarded Tier 1 status and HCB continues to focus on the increased demand within this area of the game.

Table 39: Impact of Population Projections on the Need for Cricket Provision in Rushmoor (TGRs)

Rushmoor Study Area						
Age group	No. of teams in age group within the area	Current Population (2024) in age group within the area	Future Population (2035) in age group within the area	Current TGR	Population Change in Age Group	Change in Team Numbers in Age Group (numbers rounded up or down)
Cricket Open Age Men's (18-55yrs)	10	25,693	28,049	2,569	2,356	1
Cricket Open Age Women's (18-55yrs)	3	24,526	26,219	8,175	1,693	1
Cricket Junior (7-18yrs)	15	6,556	6,489	437	67	0

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Rushmoor Study Area						
Age group	No. of teams in age group within the area	Current Population (2024) in age group within the area	Future Population (2035) in age group within the area	Current TGR	Population Change in Age Group	Change in Team Numbers in Age Group (numbers rounded up or down)
Cricket Junior Girls (7-18yrs)	8	6,265	6,151	783	114	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>63,040</b>	<b>66,908</b>		<b>3,868</b>	<b>2</b>

### Future growth driven by latent demand

- 6.40. While a large amount of future demand will be driven by population growth, it is also likely that clubs and operators are successful in converting latent demand into actual demand, therefore increasing the number of people playing cricket. Table 40 identifies the latent demand (not currently active), which they are aiming to convert into affiliated cricket demand within the next 3 - 5 years. This provides an estimation of the number of new teams that will be required in Rushmoor in addition to the teams generated by population growth.

**Table 40: Latent Demand for Cricket**

Club	Senior Cricket		Junior Cricket	
	Men	Women	Boys	Girls
Aldershot CC	0	1	0	0
Cove CC	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- 6.41. It is important to note that the growth from latent demand should be treated with an element of caution, as the source of information is club consultations. In some instances, clubs may not have considered the governance and infrastructure requirements, associated with ongoing club growth. As a result, there may be instances where actual growth does not meet the projections identified during consultation.

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### Combined project growth in teams

6.42. Table 41 shows the projected growth in cricket teams in Rushmoor via two separate ‘sources’ summarising future projection.

**Table 41: Total projected future cricket team growth**

Analysis Study Area	Adult Teams		Junior Teams		Total
	Population Growth	Latent Demand	Population Growth	Latent Demand	
Total - Rushmoor	2	1	0	0	3

- 6.43. Table 41 shows that there is projected to be a combined growth of 3 teams in Rushmoor by 2035. There is an expected growth of 3 adult teams primarily focused on female teams driven by population growth, latent demand and aspirations of the clubs in the area and in line with ECB’s effort to boost women’s cricket. Based on population growth alone, there is a projected growth of senior men’s team and one senior women’s team.
- 6.44. Consultations with both the clubs in the area show that there are no plans to increase the number of junior teams, however, it is identified that there is an increase in the influx of junior players primarily within U9 age category. Aldershot CC hosts schools’ league every summer having kids play cricket in the afternoon. The club has been proactive and running PE sessions. It has helped the schools and the club at the same time having regular memberships coming through. The club has very good working relations with a lot of schools - Alderwood, St. Joseph’s, South Farnborough School, Talavera School, Cambridge School etc. The club runs open under-9 sessions for both boys and girls and separate sessions for girls. The relationship with the schools helps the club attract young boys to directly feed into the club’s under-9 cricket.
- 6.45. Both the clubs have had an increase in membership numbers over the last few years and is expected to add new members to the existing roster.
- 6.46. It is also important to note that the British Gorkhali Cricket League caters to 8 teams and have aspirations to add more teams subject to ground availability and financial resources. The league has seen an influx of players, particularly students, from London, with 4 out of the 8 teams now coming from the capital. Two teams have shown interest in potentially joining the league for 2025 season. This needs to be monitored throughout the strategy’s timeline. The league would benefit from having two grounds in the Rushmoor/Camberley area within local parks if there is spare capacity. It is also important to note that 50% of the league’s matches are hosted outside the borough.

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### Supply and Demand Balance

- 6.47. This section presents the supply and demand balance findings for cricket provision (both for current and future analyses) for the study area.
- 6.48. The pitch balance figures i.e., the relationship between supply and demand, have been calculated using the capacity and pitch quality ratings
- 6.49. Table 42 provides a supply and demand analysis for all cricket sites across the study area. To provide a greater understanding of how this spare capacity or deficit is dispersed across cricket sites in Rushmoor.
- 6.50. For all supply and demand analysis, the carrying capacity of grass and artificial wickets have been adjusted based on the quality rating of the facilities. Following consultation with the ECB, the following carrying capacity assumptions have been agreed:
- A good quality grass wicket can accommodate 5 matches per season (MPS)
  - Standard quality grass wicket can accommodate 4 MPS
  - A poor-quality grass wicket has not been assigned any carrying capacity (0 MPS) as it is assumed that the wicket is not safe for formal or informal cricket use
  - Good and standard quality non-turf pitches (NTP's) can accommodate 60 MPS, however a poor quality NTP is not assigned any carrying capacity (0 MPS). In the analysis below, grass wickets are considered alone firstly. If applicable, a total balance includes NTPs included after.

### Spare capacity and overplay

- 6.51. Overplay occurs when a cricket square is played on a greater amount than is recommended by the pitch's carrying capacity. For example, if a square has 8 individual good quality wickets, then this provides an overall carrying capacity of 40 matches per season for that square. If, however, demand consultation indicates that there are 50 matches being played on that square over the course of a season, then that square (pitch) can be said to be overplayed.
- 6.52. There are several reasons for a pitch being overplayed, such as lack of alternative provision, poor site management, or poor-quality wickets which lower the capacity for cricket to be played on the pitch.
- 6.53. Spare capacity is the opposite of overplay and occurs when demand at a site is less than the theoretical carrying capacity over a season.
- 6.54. It is important that any overplay of pitches is considered as part of the overall supply and demand analysis for grass wickets, therefore Table 42 identifies overplay or spare capacity at all sites.



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Table 42: Current Position for Cricket in Rushmoor

Playing Pitch Sites	Squares	Quality of Provision <sup>18</sup>	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Army Cricket Ground	1	Good	13	65	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Army Cricket Ground	1	Good	8	40	40	0	1	60	0	0	0 <sup>19</sup>
Aldershot Cricket Club	1	Good	12	60	50	10	1	60	20	40	50
Aldershot Cricket Club	1	Good	11	55	50	5	1	60	20	40	45
Aldershot Park	1	Good	4	20	40	-20	1	60	0	60	40
Alderwood Leisure Centre	1	Standard	0	0	0	0	1	60	0	0 <sup>20</sup>	0
Cove Cricket Club	1	Good	12	60	50	10	0	0	0	0	10
Farnborough Hill School	1	Good	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	60	0	0 <sup>21</sup>	0
Salesian College Sports Ground	1	Good	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	60	0	0 <sup>22</sup>	0
Southwood Playing Fields	1	Good	12	60	50	10	0	0	0	0	10
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	1	Poor	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0
Wavell Campus Leisure	1	Poor	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total - Rushmoor</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>155</b>

<sup>18</sup> Where a site has multiple squares, different quality scores of individual squares have been identified

<sup>19</sup> The total supply-demand balance at Army Cricket Ground is 0 as it is an unsecured site

<sup>20</sup> The net demand is balanced based on college use

<sup>21</sup> The demand is balanced based on school use

<sup>22</sup> The demand is balanced based on college use

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Table 43: Potential Spare Capacity for Cricket in Rushmoor

Playing Pitch Sites	Total Season Balance	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Saturday	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Sunday	Potential spare capacity for junior cricket midweek
Army Cricket Ground	0	0	0	0
Army Cricket Ground	0	0	0	0
Aldershot Cricket Club	50	0	0	50
Aldershot Cricket Club	45	0	5	40
Aldershot Park	40	-10	-10	60
Alderwood Leisure Centre	0	0	0	0
Cove Cricket Club	10	0	0	10
Farnborough Hill School	0	0	0	0
Salesian College Sports Ground	0	0	0	0
Southwood Playing Fields	10	0	0	10
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	0	0	0	0
Wavell Campus Leisure	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>170</b>

- 6.55. Table 43 shows the supply and demand balance of all cricket sites across the Study Area. Where sites have both grass and artificial wickets, the balance is shown separately as well as a total balance. However, the total balance may not reflect any potential overplay on the grass wickets.
- 6.56. Overplay typically leads to clubs either using facilities more intensively than is sustainable or using unsecured nearby facilities for short term usage on an ad hoc basis, to ensure that facilities can be run efficiently and effectively. It is therefore important that future facility planning allows clubs to utilise an adequate quantity of provision to ensure that existing facilities are not subject to overplay. It is also important to note that most of the pitches in Rushmoor are educational sites with no community use while considering the overall availability and spare capacities of cricket grounds in Rushmoor.
- 6.57. As per the audit, there is higher supply of cricket pitches than demand in the study area. However, this is skewed because there is large amount spare capacity on Non-Turf Pitches at Aldershot CC and Aldershot Park. There is actually a negative spare capacity of -10 and -5 MPS for cricket played on Saturdays and Sundays.

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- 6.58. It is important to note that currently, the Army Cricket Ground is available for booking via the Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre's website. Both the cricket squares along with the fixed nets are available for booking. However, there is no formal club demand at this site. Camberley CC was based at this site a few seasons ago. The ground is less frequently used by the Army Cricket Association teams. It is noted that the Army Cricket Association's Women's First XI played some matches in the previous season. Although the pitches at Army Cricket Ground is available, the site is unsecured and therefore the demand has been neutralised.
- 6.59. Aldershot CC plays an estimated of 140 matches per season on grass wickets across the three squares (Aldershot CC 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ground and Aldershot Park). This means there is lack of any spare capacity while indicating a negative spare capacity (-10 MPS) at Aldershot Park which comprises 4 grass wickets. There is a spare capacity of 10 MPS on grass wicket at Aldershot CC's main ground but it would be unavailable during the peak times. The remaining available capacity on NTPs could only potentially cater to midweek cricket primarily junior cricket as there is a reluctance of playing senior cricket on NTPs.
- 6.60. Cove CC plays an estimated of 100 matches per season on grass wickets across the two squares (Cove CC and Southwood Playing Fields). This amounts to a spare capacity of 10 MPS on each square. However, there is no capacity for cricket to be played at peak times on Saturdays or Sundays.
- 6.61. The utilisation capacity of the pitches at the two cricket club sites (spread across 5 squares) is almost at its full capacity and there is no capacity to accommodate additional matches at peak times.
- 6.62. The Sixth Form College Farnborough and Wavell Campus Leisure have poor quality non-turf pitches, therefore have been allocated 0 MPS. Additionally, there is one good quality NTP at each of three other educational sites, Alderwood Leisure Centre, Farnborough Hill School and Salesian College, however because of the private accessibility the supply has been discounted. The total balance of spare capacity at Alderwood Leisure Centre, Farnborough Hill School and Salesian College Sports Ground have been recorded as 0 as these pitches are unavailable for community use.

#### Site by Site Analysis

- 6.63. To ensure that the PPS can be seen as a robust evidence base, the site-by-site assessment below includes all cricket site that have been included within the study, as well as the key issues that have been identified through consultation and site assessments. Additionally, this table serves to summarise the key parts of the PPS assessment that have been identified so far within this sport specific section, such as community use status, site security and site ownership.

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Table 44: Site by Site Summary for Cricket Provision in Rushmoor

Site	Squares	Community Use	Secured Community Use	Ownership	Capacity Analysis (Grass Wickets)	Site Summary
Army Cricket Ground	1	Available	Unsecured	MOD	0	A very good facility. Good maintenance programme. The ground is currently not used by any club. Non-turf cricket nets available for booking. 2-lane indoor nets available at Garrison Sports Centre.
Army Cricket Ground	1	Available	Unsecured	MOD	0	A very good facility. Good maintenance programme. The ground is currently not used by any club. Non-turf cricket nets available for booking. 2-lane indoor nets available at Garrison Sports Centre.
Aldershot Cricket Club	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	10	Home of Aldershot CC managed by the club in-house. Sport England Lottery funded site. Twelve good quality grass wickets and one non-turf wicket on-site. Good quality shared pavilion. The site is heavily used for club matches and national programmes. It also hosts a couple of representative matches with the MCC.
Aldershot Cricket Club	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	5	Home of Aldershot CC adjacent to the main site managed by the club in-house. Eleven good quality grass wickets and one non-turf wicket on-site. Good quality shared pavilion.
Aldershot Park	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	-20	4 good quality grass wickets on-site. Good quality shared pavilion. This site is also used by Aldershot CC as their home. The British Gorkhali League matches are also played at this site. This causes overlap at peak times. The maintenance has been a slight issue.
Alderwood Leisure Centre	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Community School	0	One NTP on this site but only suitable for very junior cricket due to outfield dimensions.

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Site	Squares	Community Use	Secured Community Use	Ownership	Capacity Analysis (Grass Wickets)	Site Summary
Cove Cricket Club	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	10	Good facility with 12 grass wickets, 3-lane nets, pavilion, changing rooms, and bar. The home of Cove CC. Current demand is on par with the current supply leaving 10 MPS available for midweek matches/training.
Farnborough Hill School	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	N/A	No grass pitches. 1 NTP of good quality. One movable net, light roller on-site, small hut for storage and no sightscreens. The demand at this site has been neutralised based on college usage.
Salesian College Sports Ground	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	N/A	No grass wickets. One good quality NTP. 4 good-quality fixed NTP cricket nets, good equipment storage space available, heavy roller on-site. Good condition pavilion with a couple of water stations. Good parking space. The demand at this site has been neutralised based on college usage.
Southwood Playing Fields	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	10	This site is used by Cove CC as their second home. The square is used by the youth teams, 3rd and 4th teams of Cove CC. The square shares use with football. There is a potential spare capacity of 10 MPS for midweek cricket.
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Further Education	N/A	No grass wickets. 1 poor quality NTP within a standard school facility.
Wavell Campus Leisure	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Community School	N/A	No grass wickets. One NTP in poor worn out condition not available for community use.

### Current and Future Position for Grass Pitches

#### Understanding the Process and Key Terminology

The previous section and table provide an analysis, both over the season and during the period of peak demand, of the balance between supply and demand for each adult and junior cricket squares across all sites, as well as identifying the key issues and users for each site.

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- 6.65. To provide a clear idea of the current position for cricket provision across the study area, Table 45 below shows the balance between supply and demand. The information gathered in the earlier stages of the project is used to present the current supply and demand position for each pitch typology. The current position is then used to look at the likely future position by incorporating latent/unmet, displaced and future demand.
- 6.66. The points below provide further explanation on the terms used within the tables:
- Site capacity: The amount of capacity from all pitches quantified in Matches Per Season (MPS)
  - Current demand: The total amount of demand for cricket sites in the area, expressed in matches per season (MPS)
  - Current position: The supply and demand position for grass wickets, when taking into consideration the extent of spare capacity and then deducting the amount of overplay
  - Future demand: Additional demand that is projected to be realised over the lifetime of the Local Plan, consisting unmet/latent demand, displaced demand and future population growth. Each adult team is presumed to play 10 home games per season, whilst juniors will play 8.
  - Population growth demand: Additional demand that is created by a projected increase in the area's population over the lifespan of the local plan. This is calculated using Team Generation Rates (TGRs).
  - Unmet/latent demand: Potential demand that has been identified as not being converted yet. For more information see the latent and unmet demand sections of this needs assessment. Each adult team is presumed to play 10 home games per season, whilst juniors will play 8.
  - Displaced demand: Demand that cannot be satisfied within the local authority, due to a lack of suitable facilities
  - Future position: The projected supply and demand analysis for 2035, using the current position and taking into consideration the additional demand from unmet, latent, displaced and future (population growth) demand. ECB guidance suggests that adult teams will play 10 home matches per season and junior teams 8 home matches per season. These figures have therefore been utilised to calculate the future demand for pitch provision.
- 6.67. The following analysis provides a total supply and demand calculation which includes both adult and junior participation. This has not been separated due to the fact there are no junior wickets identified in Rushmoor.

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### Total Wicket Analysis

**Table 45: Current and Future Position for Adult Grass Wickets. All Figures in MPS.**

Analysis Area	Site capacity	Current demand	Current position	Total Future demand – latent demand	Total Future demand – population growth	Future position
Rushmoor Borough	360	345	15	10	20	-15

- 6.68. The following assumptions on peak times have been developed, based on standard practice for competitive grass roots cricket:
- Adult peak demand is assumed to be Saturday PM
  - Youth cricket peak demand is split between Saturday and Sunday AM
- 6.69. Table 45 illustrates that currently there is a positive spare capacity of 15 MPS for grass wickets across Rushmoor while excluding MOD, education and private site. However, all of the spare capacity is only available during off-peak hours.
- 6.70. When future demand by 2035, including population growth and latent demand, is considered, it is predicted that there will be an under supply of -30 MPS of grass wickets in the study area. This must be treated with caution however, as some of the anticipated growth in cricket is a result of latent demand predictions which may not materialise. Nonetheless, there will be a shortfall of grass cricket pitches in the borough specifically during the peak times i.e. on Saturdays and Sundays.
- 6.71. Although there is no latent demand for junior cricket teams in the borough it is noted that there is an increasing growth of Junior and Youth cricket, alongside women and girls.
- 6.72. Since the Army Cricket Ground is available for hire, if we include Army Cricket Ground to the overall calculations, it provides a further spare capacity of 95 MPS with an assumption one of the squares is used by Army Cricket Association on Saturdays/Sundays for 10 matches per season. There would be some capacity available at this venue and could potentially benefit a nomadic league like the British Gorkhali League. However, this could only be considered if there is a secured community use available.
- 6.73. The maintenance at Aldershot Park ranges from poor to standard. Consultations with Aldershot CC and the British Gorkhali Cricket League indicated that the size of the grass in the outfield has caused safety issues. Aldershot CC is tasked with extra cutting to make the outfield playable. This needs to be addressed to retain and maintain the quality of the pitches.

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- 6.74. Both the Aldershot CC and Cove CC has expressed their aspirations of adding hybrid pitches which could potentially increase the carrying capacity at these sites. Aldershot CC has plans to replace one artificial pitch per year for the next three years subject to funding.
- 6.75. When capacity generated by NTPs (non-turf pitches) is taken into consideration, an extra 140 MPS is available bringing its current position to 155 MPS of spare capacity. However, although it is necessary to consider NTPs in Rushmoor, it is often not possible to meet demand, particularly from adults on NTP wickets. Meeting junior demand through use of NTPs could be considered as part of the stage D analysis.
- 6.76. The ECB is working closely with the professional county. Hampshire Cricket's Utilita Bowl ground will be hosting 27 days' international cricket during the period 2025-2031. As a result, Hampshire Cricket is likely to be seeking additional venues to host men's and women's fixtures.
- 6.77. The school sites are available for national programmes, All Stars for children between the ages 5- to 8-year-olds for 6 weeks.

### Cricket summary

- 6.78. This section summarises the findings from the cricket analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rushmoor
- 6.79. Table 46 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

**Table 46: Key PPS Findings for Cricket in Rushmoor**

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p>There is a total of 12 cricket squares in Rushmoor, comprising a total of 72 grass wickets and 9 artificial wickets. Of these 12 sites, only 5 have secured community use while 7 sites are either not available to the community or offer unsecured use.</p> <p>The management of cricket facilities is dominated by education sites and club management. This identifies a high level of autonomy and low reliance on the council for cricket facility maintenance and management. A high level of cricket in education establishments also reduces the likelihood of significant community use from these facilities.</p> <p>There are two clubs in the study area – Aldershot CC with 19 teams and Cove CC with 16 teams. There is a growing Nepali league, the British Gorkhali Cricket League. The British Gorkhali League has often found difficulty in finding cricket facility to host matches. However, in recent times over half the matches have been played at Aldershot Park with Aldershot CC recognising the community demand and offering to be the host club. There is an aspiration to grow this league both in and out of the borough however site capacity/availability is a significant challenge.</p>



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Key Question	Analysis
Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand?	The analysis shows that, overall, there is enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand. Aldershot CC's third ground, Aldershot Park show indicated overplay of 20 MPS on grass wickets. The current position indicates 15 MPS spare capacity on grass wickets and 155 MPS on NTPs.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>Overall, the provision is of good quality, with 75% of the sites provide good quality pitches and ancillary facility while 25% are rated standard or poor.</p> <p>The only two facilities rated poor are The Sixth Form College and Wavell Campus Leisure, neither community accessible sites.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>The future demand for cricket is projected to increase in the Study Area, with a total growth of 30 MPS dominated by demand women's cricket (20 MPS). The projected growth is driven by population growth (67%) and latent demand (33%).</p> <p>Women's cricket is a priority area for the ECB and the number is expected to increase over the lifetime of the local plan period (2035). In turn, this will increase the future requirement for playing, practice and associated changing facilities for women and girls.</p> <p>With the projected increase in demand from both population growth and conversion of latent demand, as well as the expected growth that will be realised following the success of All Stars Cricket and Softball Cricket initiatives, the increase in demand is likely to have a substantial impact on the level of demand for cricket.</p>
Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet future demand?	The future analysis shows that there is insufficient supply (-15 MPS) to meet demand in the current pitch stock. This could rise to -30 MPS during peak times. The future demand of 30 MPS highlights the under supply of pitches in terms of both carrying capacity and peak-time capacity. There are several ways for this overplay to reduce for example, securing club use at the Army Cricket Ground as demand presents itself, improving current squares to provide additional capacity, although this may be limited at peak time, and/or the development of additional NTPs. It is unlikely that additional cricket squares can be provided in the future as land is very limited. Continued growth of the Ghorkali league may also further impact the supply and demand of facilities however, this league does also play out of borough and the current supply and demand of these areas is currently unknown.

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### **Rugby Union Analysis**

#### **Introduction and Strategic Context**

- 7.1. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is the national governing body responsible for grassroots and elite rugby in England, with the season operating from September to May.

#### **RFU Strategic Plan (2021 Onwards)**

- 7.2. In April 2021, the RFU published the England Rugby Strategy – A Successful and Thriving Game Across England, with the main purpose being to “enrich lives, introduce more people to rugby and develop the sport for future generations”.
- 7.3. Of the eight priorities following goals are of relevance to this strategy:
- **Enabling positive, enjoyable player experiences:**
    - Improve accessibility for women and girls across the game
    - Make the game inclusive and attractive for 14–18-year-olds
    - Redefine playing opportunities, structures and competitions for current and future player, recognising the strategic importance of the adult male game
  - **Supporting clubs to sustain and grow themselves:**
    - Provide support to club volunteers so they can attract new, diverse volunteers and help clubs be fit for the future and self-sustaining
    - Provide support to help clubs maximise the benefit from their facilities and assets
    - Help clubs manage their risks and liabilities
  - **Driving rugby union to reflect the diversity of society:**
    - Improve the diversity of all facets of our game and continue to create an inclusive environment for all
  - **Building a deep understanding of players, volunteers and fans to shape the future of the game:**
    - Build a two-way relationship with our players to identify when and where they play rugby, and how they feel about the game
    - Generate greater insights into our volunteers, customers and stakeholders to better serve their needs

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- **Connect with and grow the rugby community:**
  - Unite and engage the rugby community through proactive and effective communication
  - Promote the core values across the game

7.4. The objectives and targets of the RFU will be referenced throughout this strategy and utilised to prioritise facility development projects as part of the recommendations and action plan section.

### England Rugby Women and Girls Action Plan (2021-2027)

7.5. Alongside the general strategic plan referenced above, England Rugby has also developed the 'Every Rose' action plan. The strategy highlights the historical progress that has been achieved and makes four key commitments to the women and girls' game, to be accomplished by 2027.

7.6. The aims of the 'Every Rose' action plan that are relevant to this PPS are:

- **Increasing number of female players to 100,000 by 2027:**
  - **Retain** – understand where the highest number of players, clubs and teams sit; provide clear and appropriate formats for women and girls to play and align appropriate playing opportunities; utilise existing and new data and insight to continually assess the rapid growth of the game, to ensure the needs of women and girls are continually being met.
  - **Recruit** – ensure that the growth of the grassroots game is supported by having the right facilities and volunteers in the right places; transition players from introductory programmes in the community into clubs by creating playing opportunities that players wish to take part in.
- **Enablers:**
  - **Coach and match official development** – increase the visibility of female coaches and match officials from ethnically diverse communities in the grassroots and elite game; support female coaches and match officials with potential to impact the growth and success of future teams through targeted mentoring.
- **Volunteer and leadership development** – provide support to club and CB volunteers to help them attract new and diverse volunteers; communicate effectively with current female leaders and ex-players and invite them onto training and leadership pathways.
- **Competitions and playing opportunities** – deliver a competition framework and girls game age bands designed to retain more women and girls for longer in line with player feedback

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### Supply

### Quantity Overview

- 7.7. There are 6 sites (12 adult pitches) in Rushmoor that have rugby union provision, 9 of which are available for community rugby union use. The ownership of the 6 rugby union sites across the Study Area is shown in Table 47.

**Table 47: Ownership of Rugby Sites in Rushmoor**

Sub-category	Ownership	Management
Charity, Trust	0	0
Education	1	1
Local Authority	3	0
MOD	2	2
Private	0	0
Sport Club	0	3

- 7.8. As shown above, sites are mainly owned or managed by the Local Authority, education sites and are owned by MOD. Both Sports Club sites have long-term leases evidencing security of tenure on the sites where community rugby union takes place.
- 7.9. Table 48 provides a breakdown of the rugby union sites in Rushmoor, the majority of which are available for community use.

**Table 48: Rugby Site Breakdown of Security of Community Use**

Site Name	Postcode	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	No. Adult Pitches	Pitch Quality	Floodlit	No. Mini/Midi Pitches	Ancillary Facilities	Comments
Aldershot Park	GU12 4AL	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	M2/D2	No	0	Standard	Used by Aldershot and Fleet RUFC

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Site Name	Postcode	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	No. Adult Pitches	Pitch Quality	Floodlit	No. Mini/Midi Pitches	Ancillary Facilities	Comments
Aldershot Park	GU12 4AL	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	M1/D1	Yes	0	Standard	Used by Fleet RUFC and Fleet RLFC
Farnborough RFC (Oak Farm Playing Fields)	GU14 8LS	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	M2/D1	Yes	0	Good	Used by Farnborough RUFC
Farnborough RFC (Oak Farm Playing Fields)	GU14 8LS	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	M2/D1	No	0	Good	Used by Farnborough RUFC
Farnborough RFC (Oak Farm Playing Fields)	GU14 8LS	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	M0/D0	No	0	Good	Used by Farnborough RUFC
Farnborough Hill School	GU14 8AT	No	Unsecure	Education	1	M2/D1	No		Good	Independent School with no access
Army Floodlit Training Ground	GU11 2JL	No	Unsecure	MOD	1	M2/D2	Yes	0	Good	MOD Site - available to the community
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	M2/D2	No	0	Standard	Queens Parade is a large open space where more football/rugby pitches could be utilised if required. Changing would be across the road where the main enclosed sports facilities are situated.
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	M2/D2	No	0	Standard	
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Yes	Secure	RBC	1	M2/D2	Yes	0	Standard	
Sixth Form College Farnborough	GU14 8JX	No	Unsecure	Education	1	M1/D2	No	0	Standard	Used by college for curricular and extra-curricular time, no community use

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## **Quality Assessment**

- 7.10. Each site was visited and assessed by SLL using non-technical assessments as determined by the RFU. The methodology for assessing rugby pitch quality analyses two key elements; the maintenance programme and level of drainage. Each pitch is scored and classified in one of three categories. These represent actions required to improve site quality. A breakdown for each of the two scoring elements and three respective categories is provided in the following two tables.

**Table 49: Rugby Pitch Maintenance Quality Assessment Specifications <sup>23</sup>**

Category	Overall Quality Rating
MO	Action requires significant improvements to the maintenance programme
M1	Action requires minor improvements to the maintenance programme
M2	Action requires no improvements to the maintenance programme

**Table 50: Rugby Pitch Drainage Quality Assessment Specifications <sup>24</sup>**

Category	Overall Quality Rating
DO	Action on pipe draining system is needed on pitch
D1	Action on silt drainage system is needed on pitch
D2	No action is needed on pitch drainage
D3	No action is needed on pipe drainage or slit drainage.

- 7.11. These scores are then combined to provide a match equivalent capacity, as calculated in Table 51. Depending on the score of a site, a pitch is assigned a certain carrying capacity which can then be used to calculate the overall capacity of a site.

<sup>23</sup> Source: RFU PPOSS Guidance

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Table 51: Match Equivalent Calculation for Rugby Pitches

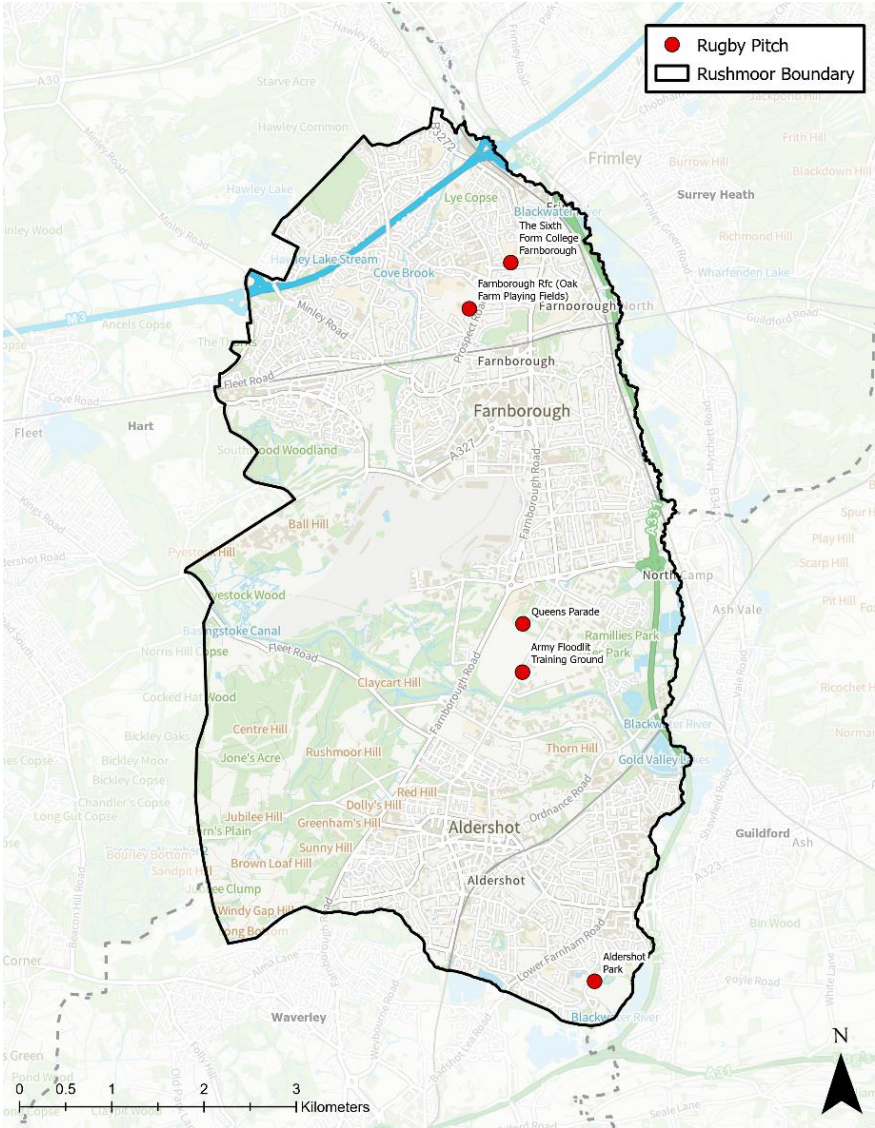
Drainage	Maintenance		
	Poor (M0)	Standard (M1)	Good (M2)
Natural Inadequate (D0)	0.5	1.5	2
Natural Adequate (D1)	1.5	2	3
Pipe Drained (D2)	1.75	2.5	3.25
Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	2	3	3.5

Table 52: Quality Summary by Pitch Type Rushmoor

Drainage	Maintenance		
	Poor (M0)	Standard (M1)	Good (M2)
Natural Inadequate (D0)	1	1	-
Natural Adequate (D1)	-	1	-
Pipe Drained (D2)	-	5	5
Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	-	-	-

- 7.12. In terms of drainage and maintenance, all community available pitches across Rushmoor fall between the poor (M0/D0) rating and the Good (M2/D3) rating, meaning that on some pitch improvements are needed to increase the carrying capacity of the existing pitch stock, particularly at Farnborough RFC although generally they are standard quality or better.
- 7.13. The quality of community rugby union pitch provision in Rushmoor, is generally standard, with sites with all other sites with community use rated as Standard/Good in terms of maintenance.
4. Map 6 shows the geographic location of the rugby pitches across the Study Area and illustrates

Map 6: Rugby Pitch Audit in Rushmoor





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### Current Demand

- 7.15. Through the demand consultations with clubs, two clubs have been identified in Rushmoor. Utilising survey responses and desktop research, Table 53 provides the team profiles of all community clubs playing in Rushmoor.

**Table 53: Rugby Union Club Profiles for Responding Clubs** <sup>25</sup>

Club	Adult teams (male)	Adult teams (women)	Colt Men's Teams	Junior Boys' teams	Junior Girls' teams	Mini / Midi teams	Total
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	2	1	0	3	0	7	11
Farnborough RUFC	1	0	1	2	0	6	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>

\*two women's touch teams currently, aspiration to have a permanent women's contact team

- 7.16. In addition to the above, Farnham RUFC, a well-established club located in Waverley (adjacent authority) use Queen's Parade in Rushmoor for training and fixtures. This is classed as imported demand, and usage is as follows:

- **Queen's Avenue Usage:**
  - Wednesday and Thursday for training 1 pitch: 1.5 hours
  - Wednesday: U14 boys and Thursday U15 boys
  - Sunday for matches 3 pitches: 2 hours for training
  - U5 to U18 teams

- 7.17. Although there is no club exported demand e.g. clubs using sites outside of the Rushmoor Borough, there are residents of Rushmoor playing rugby at Farnham RUFC due to the size of the club and the large presence of women and girls teams at this club.

- 7.18. Both rugby union clubs in Rushmoor and Farnham RUFC were given the opportunity to be consulted as part of the PPS process. All the community rugby union clubs playing in the local authority responded to the club survey, as stated below:

<sup>25</sup> Source: PPOSS Club Consultations

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Table 54: Summary of Demand Consultations from Rugby Clubs in Rushmoor

Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aldershot Park</li> </ul>	<p><b>Facilities at Aldershot Park:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pitches:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Two rugby pitches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One good-quality, non-floodlit pitch.</li> <li>• One standard-quality, floodlit pitch that suffers from waterlogging and requires drainage improvements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Training Pitch: Floodlit but lacks proper drainage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Aldershot and Fleet RUFC – Rugby Union Club</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Club History:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Established 33 years ago.</li> <li>➤ Clubhouse, floodlights, and other facilities refurbished 18 years ago with support from Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC) and RFU funding.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Team Structure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 1st XV and 2nd XV senior men's teams.</li> <li>➤ Youth and junior rugby up to U16s, including mixed teams for younger age groups.</li> <li>➤ Women's touch rugby team with aspirations to establish a full-contact women's team.</li> <li>➤ Sevens men's team.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Current Teams and Age Groups Offered:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mixed: U5 and below, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11.</li> <li>➤ Boys: U12, U14, U15.</li> <li>➤ Senior Men: 1st XV, 2nd XV, and Sevens.</li> <li>➤ Women: Touch rugby.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Participation Statistics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 50 senior players and 80 junior players.</li> <li>➤ 20 women participating in touch rugby.</li> <li>➤ Struggles to retain players after U12s, with many moving to Farnham.</li> <li>➤ No teams currently for U13, U16, U18, or full-contact women's rugby.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Match and Training Schedule:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Senior men: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:30–10 PM, floodlit).</li> <li>• Matches every other Saturday afternoon (1–5 PM).</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Juniors and minis: Sunday mornings (10 AM–1 PM).</li> <li>➤ Women's touch rugby: November to June.</li> <li>➤ Seasonal training runs September to March, followed by a 4-week cup season.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Facilities and Maintenance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Good-quality changing facilities (4 dedicated football changing rooms on a separate side).</li> <li>➤ Ground maintenance is handled by Rushmoor Borough Council, while the club manages floodlight and clubhouse maintenance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Latent Demand and Aspirations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Latent demand includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A second men's team.</li> <li>• A full-contact women's team.</li> <li>• Women's touch rugby expansion.</li> <li>• U13 and U14 boys' teams.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>10-year development plan includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expanding to two regular first teams for men.</li> <li>➤ More than one women's contact rugby team.</li> <li>➤ Developing a stand on the ground.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Challenges:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Financial constraints as a small club with limited income.</li> <li>➤ Drainage issues affecting the training pitch and standard-quality pitch.</li> <li>➤ Players leaving at Colt level to join larger clubs e.g. Farnborough</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary				
Farnborough RUFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tilebarn Close 1st pitch</li><li>Tilebarn Close 2nd pitch</li><li>Oak Farm pitch</li></ul>		Playing Grounds:			
			Ground 1	Ground 2	Ground 3	
		Name of home ground:	Tilebarn Close 1st pitch	Tilebarn Close 2nd pitch	Oak Farm pitch	
		Pitch Number:	1	1	1	
		Pitch Type:	-	-	-	
		Ground Quality:	DO - Action on pipe draining system is needed on pitch	D2 - No action is needed on pitch drainage	DO - Action on pipe draining system is needed on pitch	
		Ground Maintenance*:	M1 - requires minor improvements to the maintenance programme	M1 - requires minor improvements to the maintenance programme	MO - requires significant improvements to the maintenance programme	
		Pitch Quality*:	Standard	Standard	Poor	
		Tenure:	Rushmoor County Council. We have 14 years left on our lease and are looking to extend this		Leased	
		Length of agreement:	10+ years	10+ years	10+ years	
		Manages the site:	Club	Club	Club	
		Maintains the site:	Club	Club	Club	
			Training Ground:			
		Name of site:	Tilebarn Close			
		Pitch surface:	Grass			
		Weekly usage:	10+ hours			
		As a club we take care of grass cutting, pitch lines, seeding/dressing the pitches				
		* Ground Quality: Please use the information below to rate the maintenance and drainage of your ground. DO - Action on pipe draining system is needed on pitch D1 - Action on silt drainage system is needed on pitch D2 - No action is needed on pitch drainage D3 - No action is needed on pipe drainage or slit drainage. MO - requires significant improvements to the maintenance programme M1 - requires minor improvements to the maintenance programme				

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary					
		M2 - requires no improvements to the maintenance programme					
			Team Information:				
		Team age:	U6's	U7's	U8's	U9's	U10's
		Number of Teams in Age Group:	1	1	1	1	1
		Format:	Mini/Midi	Mini/Midi	Mini/Midi	Mini/Midi	Mini/Midi
		Type of play:	Training only	Training only	Training only	Training only	Training only
		Location of play:	Oak Farm pitch	Oak Farm pitch	Oak Farm pitch	Tilebarn Close 2nd pitch	Tilebarn Close 2nd pitch
		Male:	-	-	-	-	-
		Female:	-	-	-	-	-
		Mixed:	-	-	-	-	-
			Team Information:				
		Team age:	U11's	U12's	U13's	U16's	
		Number of Teams in Age Group:	1	1	1	1	
		Format:	Mini/Midi	Youth	Youth	Youth	
		Type of play:	Training only	Training only	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	
		Location of play:	Tilebarn Close 2nd pitch	Tilebarn Close 2nd pitch	Tilebarn Close 2nd pitch	Tilebarn Close 1st pitch	
		Male:	-	-	-	-	
		Female:	-	-	-	-	
		Mixed:	-	-	-	-	

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary																			
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		<p><b>In the previous three years has the number of teams in your club:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Male (19-45) - Decreased by 10</li> <li>• Senior Female (19-45) - Increased by 5</li> <li>• Youth Boys (13-18) - Decreased by 10</li> <li>• Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12) - Decreased by 10</li> </ul>																			
		<p><b>If you have realistic plans to increase the number of teams over the next three seasons, please indicate by how many:</b></p> <p>We are increasing social media posts to advertise the club, reaching out to local schools for junior players.</p>																			
		<p><b>Do any of your teams travel outside of the County (e.g. out of the local authority area) to access provision?</b></p> <p>Yes. Some of our Mini and Junior teams travel to events in Surrey and Berkshire due to the close proximity of clubs</p>																			

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary	
			<b>Ancillary Information:</b>
		<b>Ground:</b>	Tilebarn Close 1st pitch
		<b>Access:</b>	Yes
		<b>Quality:</b>	Poor
		<b>Changing rooms:</b>	Yes
		<b>Officials room:</b>	Yes
		<b>Showers:</b>	Yes
		<b>Kitchen:</b>	Yes
		<b>Toilets:</b>	Yes
		<b>Bar:</b>	Yes
		<b>Other (please specify):</b>	Club shop Physio room
		<b>Floodlights:</b>	Yes
		<b>Training equipment storage:</b>	Yes
		<b>Access for disabled:</b>	Yes
		<b>Pitch perimeter barrier:</b>	-
		<b>Dugouts:</b>	-
		<b>Spectator stands:</b>	-
		<b>Safe goalposts:</b>	-
		<p><b>Do you have any facility development plans? e.g. clubhouse, 3G pitch, floodlighting, pitch improvement?</b></p> <p>No. Not through want. We do not have the budget to improve our facilities. There is an aspiration for improved ancillary provision.</p> <p><b>Please use the box below to make any other comments</b></p> <p>Our grounds are open park area. Dog walking, bike riding, football, rugby, children playing, family BBQ's</p>	

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary																		
Farnham Rugby Club (imported demand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Farnham RUFC in Waverley</li><li>Farnham Heath School</li><li>Weydon School</li><li>Queen's Avenue, Aldershot (Rushmoor)</li></ul>	<b>Team Structure:</b>																		
		<b>32 teams U5 to Vets, including men and women</b>																		
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<b>Queen's Avenue Usage:</b>																				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wednesday and Thursday for training 1 pitch: 1.5 hours</li></ul>																				
<b>Wednesday: U14 boys and Thursday U15 boys</b>																				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sunday for matches 3 pitches: 2 hours for training</li></ul>																				
U5 to U18 teams																				
<b>Quality:</b> Very good pitch																				
<b>Latent Demand:</b>																				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The club would like to include walking rugby and disabled rugby.</li><li>The club has every age category junior team. There are no plans to increase the number of teams. Although there could be an increase in the number of players.</li><li>The club is virtually operating at full capacity. There are waiting lists in some age groups because the club does not have the space to accommodate every child who wants to play rugby because there are too many children. Sometimes, there is no space to do any form of activity.</li></ul>																				



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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		<p><b>Development Plans:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 4 pitches at the club facility. The club does not have the capacity to accommodate everybody every weekend on those four pitches. Therefore, the club hires pitches on a Sunday morning for training and matches, and those are junior matches, which can be any age from under 12 up to up to, including under 18 boys or girls. The club has been trying to get the money together for our own artificial surface at the club.</li> </ul> <p><b>Challenges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of green space/pitches to accommodate more children: We have so many teams, you know, it's like this week, this Sunday, we're trying to host 11 games at the club on Sunday and it's not, you know, with the weather recently, it's not physically possible.</li> <li>Need for an AGP in Rushmoor</li> <li>Funding for developing an AGP at club site</li> </ul>

### Future Demand

- 7.19. Future Demand driven by Population growth will lead to additional teams within Rushmoor.
- 7.20. In order to calculate the future demand for rugby in Rushmoor, a Team Generation Rate (TGR) has been calculated using the current number of teams and the current population. This measure allows us to calculate what size of population (for various age groups) will typically cause enough demand for a rugby team.
- 7.21. This Team Generation Rate can is applied to the population projections for the Study Area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups.
- 7.22. Table 55 shows the current and future population projections for Rushmoor. There is a predicted 9% increase in population between 2024 and 2035.

Table 55: Future population projections for Rushmoor

Modelled scenarios	Population ONS 2024	Projected Increase	Population ONS 2035
Rushmoor	101,633	9%	110,772

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- 7.23. Table 56 shows the TGR calculations for Rushmoor. Based on future population projections there will be no new teams will be created by 2035.

**Table 56: Future Demand Projections for Rugby Teams in Rushmoor Based on TGR Data**

Rushmoor							
Age Group	No. of teams	Current Population in age group	Future Population	Current TGR	Population Change	Potential Change in Team no. (Rounded up or down)	Total teams by 2035
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	3	18,092	19720	6031	1628	0	3
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)*	0	18,093	19721	0	1628	0	0
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	5	3,443	3753	750	310	0.4	5
Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs)*	0	3,444	3754	0	310	0	0
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs)	13	7030	7663	589	633	1	14

***\*The RFU have a key strategic objective to increase the number of women and girls' teams. This could lead to the development of women and girls' teams across Rushmoor.***

- 7.24. The RFU has recently changed their age bands for girls' rugby union. Mixed rugby was previously up to under 12s, however, as shown on the link, individual girls' rugby now starts at under 12s e.g. year 7 of secondary school. [https://www.englandrugby.com/dxdam/da/da5079b1-7d2a-45ac-890c-d797e11e17c3/ER\\_Girls%20Age%20Bands.pdf](https://www.englandrugby.com/dxdam/da/da5079b1-7d2a-45ac-890c-d797e11e17c3/ER_Girls%20Age%20Bands.pdf). Moving forward, this may increase the demand for girls' rugby union specifically.
- 7.25. While the TGR calculation does not project a growth in female senior or youth age groups (only mini/midi), it should be noted that one of the RFU's key strategic objectives is to increase female participation, with potential investment leading to a growth in demand. Therefore, this should be monitored over the Local Plan period and pitch/facility adaptations may need to be made in the future. The clubs will likely take some of the demand for women and girls rugby union however, this does not preclude additional women and girls' teams being developed in Rushmoor, for example we know that both clubs have the desire to have a consistent women's contact team, however this proves challenging due to local larger clubs located within close proximity of the current clubs.
- 7.26. It is important to note that this calculation assumes that clubs, the council and the RFU do not improve their marketing or participation schemes over the period and are therefore no more successful than they are now in attracting new players to participate in rugby in in the study area. It is expected that

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there will be improved channels of digital communication and improved maintenance technology, as well as higher quality ancillary provision. The output of this will be a higher quality and improved ability to generate demand and convert it into participation.

### Future Demand driven by Latent demand

- 7.27. While a large amount of future demand will be driven by population growth, it is also likely that clubs and operators are successful in converting latent demand into actual demand, therefore increasing the number of people playing rugby union. The table below identifies latent demand (not currently active), which clubs are aiming to convert into rugby union demand within the next 3-5 years. This provides an estimation of the number of new teams that will be required in Rushmoor.
- 7.28. Table 57 illustrates that 4 additional teams have been projected as part of the latent demand calculations.
- 7.29. This latent demand will be incorporated into the projected increase in demand generated from population growth. Additional growth above population growth will be factored in at Stage D of the PPS process, based on the RFU’s recommendations.

Table 57: Latent Demand for Rugby Union in Rushmoor

Club	Adult Male	Adult Female	Youth Boys	Youth Girls	Mini/Midi	Total
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	1	1	2	0	0	4
Farnborough RUFC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	2	0	0	4

### Supply and Demand Balance

- 7.30. This section of the report brings together the supply of rugby union pitches across the study area and combines it with community use demand data. A supply and demand analysis are then undertaken for all sites that provide community use rugby union provision, which is subsequently brought together to provide a view of the current and future position for rugby union across the study area.
- 7.31. Table 58 brings together the key data from this chapter, for all rugby union sites in Rushmoor. The key issues are identified for each site, as well as the supply and demand data, as explained in the sections below.
- 7.32. It is presumed that unavailable schools in Rushmoor have no peak time capacity, due to the lack of community use.
- 7.33. It should be noted that all figures are in Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) and the demand data includes both match play and training demand.

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- 7.34. Table 58 details how training and match demand is spread across pitches in Rushmoor. Training demand is assumed to occur midweek and can only be placed on floodlit grass pitches or AGPs if WR22 compliant, of which there are currently none in Rushmoor with community use as Samuel Cody and Alderwood requires retesting.
- 7.35. If training pitches become overplayed due to training demand, these are then removed from match pitch supply.
- 7.36. For clarity the table has also been divided into secure and unsecured sites. The latter is included to give an understanding of potential additional capacity if community use agreements can be negotiated.

**Table 58: Supply and Demand Capacity Balance by Site (All Figures in MES)**

Site	Postcode	Availability	Security	Number of Floodlit Pitches	Total Supply	Mid-Week Day/Training			Weekend Match Day Senior/ Junior			Weekend Match Day Mini			Total Senior/Junior Match Pitch Balance	Unmet Mini Demand Placed on Senior Match Pitches (50% of Senior ME)	Total Pitch Balance
						Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance			
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	GU12 4AL	Available	Secure	1	2	1.75	3.75	-2	0.5	0.5	0	0.25	0.5	-0.25	-0.25	0	-2.25
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	GU12 4AL	Available	Secure	0	3.25	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	1.75	1.25	0.5	0.5	0	0.5
Farnborough RUFC	GU14 8LS	Available	Secure	1	2	1.5	1.5	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.25	-0.25	-0.25	0	-0.25
Farnborough RUFC	GU14 8LS	Available	Secure	0	2.5	0	0	0	2	2	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0
Farnborough RUFC	GU14 8LS	Available	Secure	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Available	Secure	1	3.25	2.5	2.5	0	1	1	0	0.25	0	0.25	0.25	0	0.25

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Site	Postcode	Availability	Security	Number of Floodlit Pitches	Total Supply	Mid-Week Day/Training			Weekend Match Day Senior/ Junior			Weekend Match Day Mini			Total Senior/Junior Match Pitch Balance	Unmet Mini Demand Placed on Senior Match Pitches (50% of Senior ME)	Total Pitch Balance
						Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance	Supply	Demand	Balance			
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Available	Secure	0	3.25	0	0	0	1.5	1.5	0	1.75	0	1.75	1.75	0	1.75
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Available	Secure	0	3.25	0	0	0	1.5	1.5	0	1.75	0	1.75	1.75	0	1.75
Overview of Secure Available Sites								-2			0			3.25	3.5	0	1.75
Sixth Form Farnborough	GU14 8JX	Unavailable	Non-secure	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overview of Not Available Sites								0			0			0	0	0	0

- 7.37. Table 58 demonstrates that there is a current spare capacity of 4.25 MES on available grass pitches for rugby union. Although there is not enough capacity on the floodlit pitch at Aldershot and Fleet due to training requirements and training/usage from their affiliated rugby league team on that pitch. The floodlit pitch at Farnborough also has overplay due to the high demand for training on that facility.
- 7.38. The capacity of the school sites is utilised through curricular and extra-curricular demand, therefore there is balanced supply and demand.
- 7.39. The Queen's Parade site is used by Farnham RUFC (imported demand) and there is also Army Rugby training and fixtures on these pitches, usage which can vary significantly across the season.

### Current and Future Position

- 7.40. Utilising the data from the previous section, Table 59 shows the current and future position for adult and junior rugby provision across the study area.
- 7.41. The points below provide further explanation on the terms used within the tables:

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- Current balance: The supply and demand position for rugby union pitches, when taking into consideration the extent of spare capacity and then deducting the amount of overplay
- Projected balance: The projected supply and demand analysis for 2035, using the current position and taking into consideration the additional demand from unmet, latent, displaced and future (population growth) demand
  - Unmet/latent demand: Potential demand that has been identified as not being converted yet. For more information see the latent and unmet demand sections of this needs assessment
  - Displaced demand: Demand that cannot be satisfied within the local authority, due to a lack of suitable facilities
  - Future demand: The projected growth of demand, calculated using Team Generation Rates and the population projections for Rushmoor

7.42. For all future demand it is presumed that each adult and junior team will train for 1 MES per week.

7.43. The specific site will be considered when taking into account latent demand, to ensure that each age group/team is assigned to the pitch type available at that site. This is not possible for population growth, therefore it is presumed that all teams will be playing on the correct size pitches.

7.44. Table 59 shows the current and future position for all grass rugby union provision in the study area.

**Table 59: Current and Future Position for All Community Available Rugby Grass Provision**

Area	Current Balance		Projected Balance	
	Training	Match	Training	Match
Rushmoor Study Area	-2	1.75	-4	0

7.45. Table 59 highlights that there is a current spare capacity of 1.75 match play sessions, and -2 MES spare capacity for training across Rushmoor (pitches with sports lighting only). When considering future population growth and latent demand, the data suggests that there will be balanced supply and demand for match play in the study area. There is predicted to be a deficit of -4 MES for training sessions in Rushmoor, on the assumption that all new teams choose to train on grass. This shortfall in training availability will be considered further as part of Stage D of the PPS.

7.46. There remains a challenge where overplay exists due to pitch quality and limited pitches with sports lights.

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### Site by Site Analysis including Peak Demand

- 7.47. Table 60 details the current and peak time balance, which should provide an accurate overview of actual balance of supply and demand across the Study Area.

**Table 60: Overall Site by Site Analysis for Rugby Union Sites**

Site Name	Post code	Availability	Sports Lighting	Security of Use	Pitch supply	Pitch demand (MES)	Balance	Peak Period Capacity
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	GU12 4AL	Available	Yes	Secure	2	4.75	-2.75	-0.25
Aldershot and Fleet RUFC	GU12 4AL	Available	No	Secure	3.25	2.75	0.5	0
Farnborough RUFC	GU14 8LS	Available	Yes	Secure	2	2.25	-0.25	-0.25
Farnborough RUFC	GU14 8LS	Available	No	Secure	2.5	2.5	0	0
Farnborough RUFC	GU14 8LS	Available	No	Secure	0.5	2.5	0	0
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Available	Yes	Secure	3.25	3	0.25	0
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Available	No	Secure	3.25	2.25	2.25	1
Queen's Parade	GU11 2JN	Available	No	Secure	3.25	2.25	2.25	1

### Rugby Union Summary

- 7.48. This section summarises the findings from the rugby analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section Rushmoor.
- 7.49. Table 61 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

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Table 61: Key PPS Findings for Rugby Union in Rushmoor

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	<p>The quality of grass pitch provision across the Study Area for rugby is high, with three key clubs all utilising multi-pitch sites that have a combination of artificial and natural drainage. All sites that are used by rugby clubs are of adequate quality, the only poor quality pitch is not always marked out for formal play, located at Farnborough. with no major issues identified as part of the assessment, except for some maintenance and drainage improvements required at Aldershot and Fleet (floodlit pitch)</p> <p>There are three rugby clubs, two based on Rushmoor and one imported demand club (Farnham, utilising Queen's Parade, comfortably the largest club in the area). Only three rugby sites are currently used by these clubs for matches and training, with no formal club demand recorded at the remaining sites in Rushmoor.</p>
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	<p>The analysis for all available sites shows a small surplus of pitches when considering accessible rugby provision across the Study Area for matches. However, there is a shortfall for training due to three grass pitches with sports lighting with significant usage. The three main club sites are owned and/or managed by RBC or the clubs themselves, on this basis there is enough secured provision however Queen's Parade provides a significant amount of capacity for clubs in and out of the borough and these pitches are deemed not secure for community clubs.</p> <p>This should continue to be monitored as the Army utilise one of these pitches, located at Queen's Parade. There has also previously been Army rugby league on these pitches which will impact the overall supply and demand.</p>
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	<p>All three rugby club sites within Rushmoor have standard or good rated maintenance procedures on at least one of their pitches, which ensures grass pitches are maintained to an adequate quality. Given the amount of rain in the region, as well as the high levels of demand, this is not enough to ensure pitches are of a high quality all year round with wet weather and high demand causing waterlogging or damage to the surface at some points during the year – particularly at overplayed sites such as Aldershot and Fleet and the poor quality grass at Farnborough RUFC (D0/M0).</p>
<b>What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?</b>	<p>The future trend for rugby demand indicates that demand is likely to increase by 4 MES (4 new teams) across the study area, it is hoped that Women and girl's rugby demand increases, in line with the RFU's national strategic priorities although Farnham has a large women and girls' section, which may lead to further exported demand of Rushmoor residents.</p> <p>There are no community available 3G AGPs in Rushmoor that are WR22 compliant. Alderwood and Samuel Cody require retesting and Salesian college has no community use. There is one located nearby in Waverley. Reinstating these WR22 pitches, improving grass pitch quality on certain sites or installing additional sports lighting on pitches would help to address the future shortfall for training of 2 MES.</p> <p>There is also an aspiration for Farnborough RFC to improve ancillary provision but there is currently a lack of available funding for this development.</p>
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?</b>	<p>The future demand for rugby is projected to increase across the Study Area over the lifetime of the strategy, with the future analysis for secured provision in Rushmoor showing a future deficit of -4 MES for training and balanced supply and demand for matches although additional availability at peak time may become challenging.</p> <p>Additional provision, additional sports lighting and/or improved maintenance at club sites would help to address the shortfall avoid the projected deficit of secured provision.</p>



## 8. Rugby League Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 8.1. The Rugby Football League (RFL) is the national governing body responsible for grassroots and elite rugby league in England, with the season operating from March to October. There is only one club (Masters playing friendlies only) and no formal Rugby League pitches marked out.

### RFL Strategic Report 2022 to 2030

1. **The key theme of the RFL's Strategic Report 2022 to 2030 is "the grassroots underpin everything, including Rugby League's unique ability to deliver positive social impact in our communities". This statement is broken down into three different areas of focus:**
  - Ensure growth of core community projects
  - Sustain – Focus on making the community game more sustainable by greater engagement with the wider community, building stronger communities, and supporting new sources of funding and income.
  - Grow – Create a growth strategy that will involve a targeted approach identifying established RL playing areas where the level of activity can be increased or where geographically it is most appropriate to focus on in terms of new activity
  - Develop – Deliver enhancing communications, education and delivery programmes for players, coaches, match officials and volunteers. The RFL will help support increasing playing capacity, security or tenure and facilities, underpinned by a new RFL Facilities Strategy.
  - Flexible – Develop flexible, social ways to play the game – including non-contact – and provide customer choice, important retention and transition offers, and support equality.
  - Govern – Exhibit stronger governance and influence competition offers at the grassroots of the game.
  - Deliver positive social impact
  - Continue to be a leader in the provision of mental fitness/wellbeing services, health and inclusion, and education.
  - Launch enhanced programmes for education and training, 'Our League Life', which will offer education, training and social mobility, supported by hubs linked to leading foundations and community clubs delivering these programmes across communities.
  - Deliver positive social impact including through Rugby League Cares.
  - Enhance offer in education
  - Widen playing offers and educational resources to offer all variations of the sport, including in schools, colleges and universities.
  - Provide a resource to engage and develop young people who may not want to play but may wish to learn to be the next generation of young coaches and match officials and administrators.
  - Ensure a broad and flexible pathway that can contribute to the growth and development of RL across the country.

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2. **The key aims of the Strategic Report 2020 to 2030 that related to this playing pitch strategy are highlighted below:**
  - Numbers of coaches delivered annually on our courses to be at least 700 per year
  - Deliver match officials courses to 450 people per year and ensure efficient succession 'coaching' and planning for full time MO's
  - 150,000 annual Rugby League participants
  - 1,500 learners a year through the Our League life national hub and 50 Our League life local hubs
  - A further £15 million community facilities investment
  - 10,000 additional volunteer hours per week delivered by new volunteers

#### **Community Rugby League – Strategy and Vision 2022 to 2030**

3. **The 2020 RFL community strategy has the following core community goals related to the PPS:**
  - Deliver culture change to behaviours
  - Grow the number of participants and increase retention every year across all forms of the game
  - Ensure all players have access to appropriate playing opportunities through improved player engagement and development
  - Continue the accelerated growth in the number of woman and girls playing rugby league
  - Deliver a more sustainable community game, less reliant on public funding and generating additional funds to invest in growth
  - Provide strong governance and first-class administration
  - Targeted support for areas and participants that need it the most
4. **The measurables related to these community goals are:**
  - Increase the number of players within community club settings to 60,000, contributing to total number of active participants of 150,000 by 2030
  - Increase the number of woman and girls' participants in core community club setting to 9,000 by 2025
  - 75% of community clubs to be accredited with Club Development Plans by 2025
  - Increase the percentage of participants from high IMD areas to 50% by 2030

**Rugby League World Cup 2021**

- 8.2. The Rugby League World Cup 2021 (being played in 2022) was hosted at a number of venues across England.
- 8.3. The initial programme set out 3 pillars which provide targets of the tournament’s legacy plan:
- **EmpoweredBy:** Focusing on engaging with volunteers which are a crucial part of the sport’s grassroots
  - **CreatedBy:** Using government funding to invest in grassroots facilities
  - **InspiredBy:** Opening the sport up to sectors of society that have not traditionally participated in the sport.

**Supply (Grass)**

**Quantity Overview**

- 8.4. The pitch used for rugby league in Rushmoor has been detailed in Table 62. It is important to understand that rugby league is currently played on a Rugby Union pitch located at Aldershot and Fleet Rugby Union Club and the pitch usage must include rugby union when considering whole usage.
- 8.5. Previously (2021) there were three rugby league pitches marked out at Queen’s Parade in Aldershot, although there is some Army rugby league, there is no evidence of formal fixtures being played on this site since 2021. When demand for this pitch type does present itself, some of the three rugby union pitches on this site will likely be converted, alternatively some of the spare grass land on this site could be utilised for additional pitch markings.

**Table 62: Breakdown of Sites and Pitches**

Site Name	Community Use on Site	Security of Use	Ownership	Number of Pitches
Aldershot Park (Pitch with floodlights)	Yes	Yes	Rushmoor Borough Council	1

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8.7. Rushmoor Borough Council own the land in which the rugby club is situated. An overview is as follows:

**Table 63: Ownership and Management Summary of Rugby League Pitches in Rushmoor**

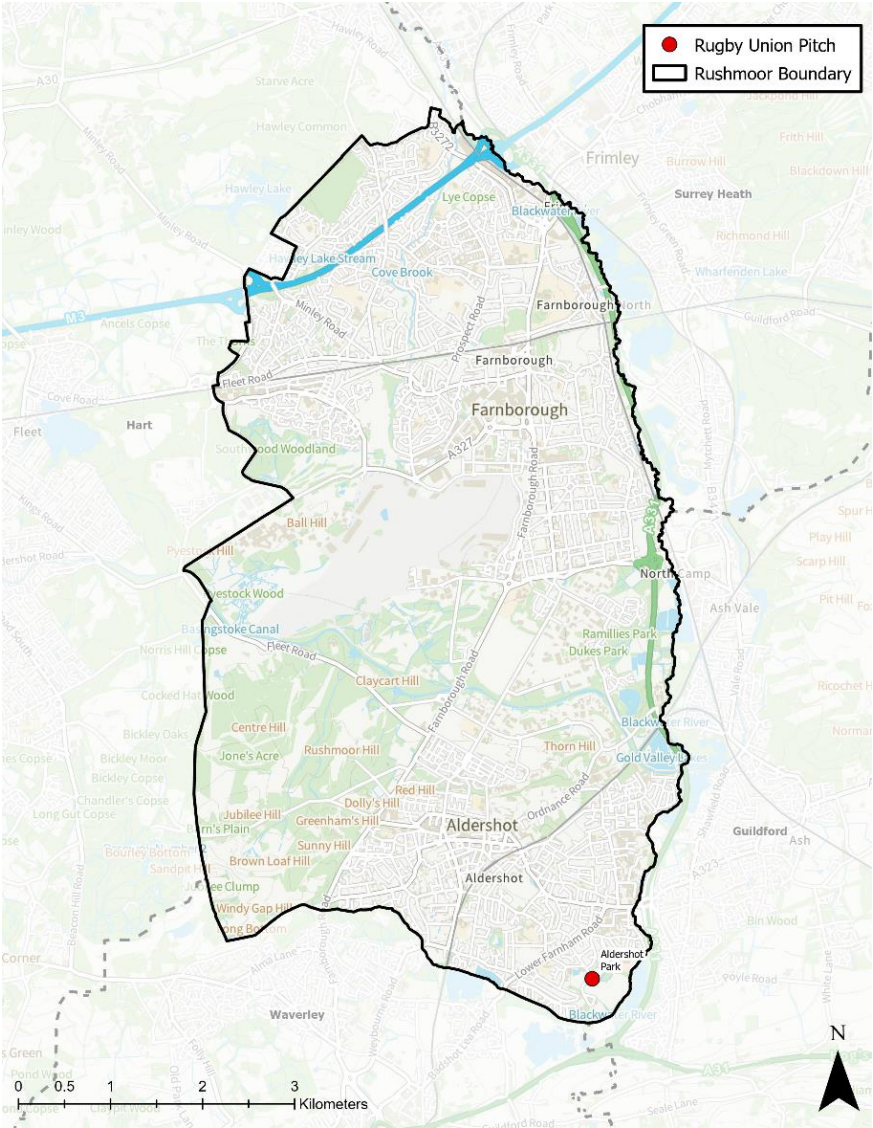
Type	Ownership	Management
Club	0	1
Local Authority	1	0
Education	0	0

8.7. Map 7 shows the geographic location of a rugby league pitch across the Study Area and presents the dispersion pitches across Rushmoor.

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Map 7: Rugby Union Pitch Audit in Rushmoor



Quality Assessment

8.8. Strategic Leisure Limited visited all sites and non-technical site assessments using RFL guidelines haven undertaken to provide an overall quality score. This score is combined with guidance on the number of Match Equivalent Sessions (MES) a pitch can support to give an overall carrying capacity. How pitch quality affects the carrying capacity is outlined in Tables 64 and 65.

Table 64: RFL guidance on how quality affects playing capacity

Agreed Pitch Quality Rating	Match Equivalents per Week
Good	3
Standard	2
Poor	1

8.9. Table 65 shows the overview of non-technical assessments of the pitch used by the community for rugby league in Rushmoor. This allows us to understand the capacity of each pitch from a community use perspective, using the capacity calculations in Table 64 however, this is also used by Aldershot and Fleet RUFC so cannot be assessed in isolation.

Table 65: Community Sites and Individual Pitch Capacity

Site	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Ownership	Agreed Pitch Rating	Capacity (MES)
Aldershot Park	Yes	Secure	Rushmoor Borough Council	Standard	2

Site Summary

8.10. Table 66 includes summaries of the consultations from key sites in Rushmoor, focusing on their issues and future development priorities.

Table 66: Key Site Summaries

Site Name	Consultation Summary
Aldershot Park	<p>Rugby League</p> <p>Aldershot and Fleet Rugby League – Masters Team Overview</p> <p>Team Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team is part of the Rugby Football League (RFL) governing body.</li> </ul>

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Site Name	Consultation Summary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specifically caters to players aged 35 and older.</li> <li>Operates as a separate entity from the local Rugby Union team.</li> <li>Runs its own membership system.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities and Agreements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An agreement with the Rugby Union team is in place for pitch usage, negotiated annually.</li> <li>Weekly training sessions are held on a Wednesday evening for one hour on a floodlit training pitch.</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities and Schedule:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team emphasises the social aspect, playing all friendly matches.</li> <li>Matches are scheduled approximately once every three weeks to a month, although currently less frequent.</li> <li>The playing season runs from late February to mid-November, with half of the matches played at home.</li> <li>Last year, the team hosted five home games.</li> <li>Matches typically take place on Saturdays before the Rugby Union team plays.</li> </ul> <p><b>Membership and Growth:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team currently has over 25 paid members, with membership numbers steadily increasing but the club is unlikely to ever be more than one team.</li> </ul>

### Demand

#### Current Demand

8.11. The profile and team breakdown of rugby league clubs in Rushmoor is summarised in Table 67.

Table 67: Team Profile of Clubs in Rushmoor

Club	Home Ground	Training Venue	Adult		Junior	Mini	Total
			Men	Women			
Aldershot and Fleet Masters Rugby League	Aldershot Park	Aldershot Park	1	-	-	-	1

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Future Demand

- 8.12.

In order to calculate the future demand for rugby league in Rushmoor, a Team Generation Rate (TGR) has been calculated using the current number of teams and current population. This measure allows us to calculate the size of population required (for various age groups) to generate enough demand for a rugby league team.
- 8.13.

This TGR can then be applied to population projections for the Study Area to confirm how population growth or reduction will affect the demand for teams in each of the key age groups.
- 8.14.

Table 68 shows the TGR calculations for rugby league in Rushmoor. There is unlikely to be any further growth of Rugby League Teams within Rushmoor throughout the PPS study period

Table 68: Future Demand Projections for Rugby League Teams in Rushmoor

Age group	Current Population 2024	Current Teams	TGR	Future Population (2035)	Population Change	Potential New Teams	Total Teams in 2035
Rugby League Adult Men (19-45yrs)	18,090 7,815 (35-45)	1	1:7815	7,831	16	0	1

- 8.15.

Table 69 illustrates that there is no projected demand increase for rugby league teams across the Study Area.

Table 69: Predicted Number of Teams in the Study Area in 2035 Using TGRs

	Rugby League Adult Men (19-45 yrs)	Rugby League Adult Women (19-45 yrs)	Rugby League Youth & Junior Boys (12-18 yrs)	Total
Rushmoor	1	0	0	1

Supply and Demand Balance

- 8.16.

This section of the report brings together the supply of rugby league pitches across the study area and combines it with community use demand data. A supply and demand analysis are then undertaken for all sites that provide community use rugby league provision, which is subsequently brought together to provide a view of the current and future position for the sport across the study area.



**Supply and Demand Balance – Rugby League Club Sites**

8.17. Table 70 brings together the key data from this chapter, for all sites that are available for community use. The analysis only includes grass pitches. The key issues are identified for each site, as well as the supply and demand data, as explained in the sections below.

**Table 70: Supply and Demand Balance of Sites with Community Use in Rushmoor**

Site Name	Carrying Capacity (MES)	Current Demand (MES)		
		Training	Match	Supply and Demand Balance
Aldershot Park*	2	0.5	0.5	1

\*The club does have access to a field beside their pitch which could be utilised in the future if required, however, this has not been included in supply as it is not an official pitch. This pitch is also used by Aldershot and Fleet RUFC.

8.18. The balance in Table 70 reveals that there is currently sufficient capacity in Rushmoor however when factoring in Rugby Union usage on this pitch, the capacity is reduced. It is advised that there is improvement to drainage on this pitch to ensure sufficient capacity moving forward. No additional drainage may cause issues for the clubs currently as it affects the quality of experience for players and will inhibit the growth of clubs in the future.

**Peak Time Demand**

8.19. To assess the availability of rugby league facilities at peak times, it has been assumed that the period of highest demand for rugby matches is on a Saturday afternoon for adults and Sunday morning for youth and junior rugby. Please note that all demand is measured in match equivalent sessions.

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#### Site by Site Analysis

8.20. Table 71 provides a breakdown of the supply and demand at each site as well as an overview of key summary issues.

**Table 71: Site by Site Analysis for Rugby League Sites in Rushmoor**

Site Name	Pitch Type	Agreed Pitch Rating	Floodlit	Site Capacity	Demand		Balance	Adult Peak Time	Junior Peak Time	Site Summary and Issues
					Senior	Junior				
Aldershot Park	Grass	Standard	Yes	2	1	0	1*	0.5	0	Also used significantly by Aldershot and Fleet RUFC which reduces the capacity balance to 0*

#### Rugby League Summary

8.21. This section summarises the findings from the rugby league analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rushmoor.

8.22. Table 72 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPS studies across the UK, to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

**Table 72: Key PPS Findings for Rugby League in Rushmoor**

Key Question	Analysis
<b>What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?</b>	The team is a Masters rugby league team, playing friendlies only. Matches are played on a shared rugby union pitch with Aldershot and Fleet RUFC. Current demand is sufficient to sustain the team, with over 25 paid members and steady growth.  There is enough access to the pitch for current needs, although scheduling must factor in Rugby Union (RFU) activities, which as shown above is being played over capacity.
<b>Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?</b>	Yes, there is enough secured access to the shared pitch to meet current demand, despite needing to coordinate with RFU activities. However, additional rugby union or rugby league would have an impact on capacity. Reliance on this shared arrangement means the team may face challenges if Rugby Union activities increase significantly.
<b>Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?</b>	The quality of the pitch is adequate for current use, but it is not marked out correctly for rugby league. There is potential to improve pitch quality, which could enhance capacity and user satisfaction.

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Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	The club does not anticipate future growth in the number of teams. Demand for pitch use is expected to remain stable as a single Masters team.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	Yes, given the stable demand and no plans for growth, the current access arrangements should be sufficient for future needs, as long as coordination with RFU activities continues effectively.

## Hockey Analysis

### Introduction and Strategic Context

- 9.1. In order to understand the overall objectives and priorities of England Hockey (EH), an analysis of key recent strategies and documentation has been undertaken and summarised below.

#### England Hockey: “Creating a Future for Our Game Together” 2023-2028

- 9.2. England Hockey’s strategy, “*Creating a Future for Our Game Together*”, outlines the vision for hockey through to 2028. Its mission is to “work together to make hockey more visible, relevant, and accessible to all.” The strategy is underpinned by four core values and focuses on five key objectives for the next five years:
- Lead positive change
  - Meaningful growth
  - Drive visible impact
  - Responsible leadership
  - Inspirational international success
- 9.3. In addition to club-based match play and training, England Hockey supports several national initiatives that increase participation and engagement. These include:
- Back to Hockey
  - Flyerz Hockey
  - Hockey Heroes
  - Quicksticks
  - Rush Hockey
  - In2 Hockey
  - Walking Hockey

#### **Back to Hockey**

- 9.4. This initiative offers fun, social, and informal sessions, ideal for those returning to the game after a break or trying it for the first time. Delivered by clubs with guidance from England Hockey, *Back to Hockey* provides multiple benefits, including:
- Increased membership
  - Engaged casual players
  - Additional income streams
  - Enhanced publicity
  - New volunteer opportunities

#### **Flyerz Hockey**

- 9.5. Flyerz is the name widely associated with grassroots disability hockey in Great Britain. There are now more than 50 Flyerz sections across England, Wales, and Scotland, providing inclusive hockey for disabled people.

#### **Hockey Heroes**

- 9.6. Hockey Heroes is a six-week hockey programme aimed at beginners (children aged five to eight) that not only focuses on helping children develop some physical hockey skills such as dribbling, passing and goal scoring, but also places as much emphasis on character development including teamwork, communication, perseverance and respect.

#### **In2Hockey**

- 9.7. In2Hockey is England Hockey's adapted game format aimed at players 10-14 years old and is played as a 6-a-side game without goalkeepers, or as a 7-a-side game with goalkeepers.

#### **Quicksticks**

Quicksticks is designed to introduce young people (aged 7-11) to the game of hockey. It is 4-a-side, can be played on any surface, and uses a larger, lighter and safer ball. It is a fun, fast, safe and exciting game that has been designed so that anyone can deliver the game, regardless of previous hockey experience.

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#### Rush hockey

- 9.9. Rush hockey is a new way to play hockey, designed as a small-sided hockey game for adults. It can be played by men and women in mixed or single gender teams, indoors or outdoors and on pitches of varying sizes. Teams are four or five aside and it is played with a standard hockey stick but with unique goals and balls.

#### Walking hockey

- 9.10. Increasing in popularity, walking hockey is perfect for players looking for a less physically demanding version of the game but still enjoy showing their skills and being involved in the team and social aspect.

#### England Hockey Facilities Strategy (2017)

- 9.11. In 2017 England Hockey published the latest facilities strategy for the sport, which replaces the previous 2012 edition and aims to help every hockey club in England work towards having appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

**Vision:** For every hockey player in England to have appropriate and sustainable facilities that provide excellent experiences for players.

**Mission:** More, Better, Happier players with access to appropriate and sustainable facilities

- 9.12. The club market for hockey is well structured and clubs are required to affiliate to England Hockey to play in community leagues. As a result, only a few occasional teams lie outside of the EH affiliation structure. Schools and Universities are the other two areas where significant hockey is played.
- 9.13. England Hockey has the ambition of growing participation by 10,000 adults and 32,500 children. To enable this, the following three objectives have been highlighted.
- **Protect:** To conserve the existing hockey provision. EH currently has over 800 pitches that are used by hockey clubs (club, school, universities). We need to retain the current provision where appropriate to ensure that hockey is maintained across the country.
  - **Improve:** To improve the existing facilities stock (physically and administratively). The current facilities stock is ageing and there needs to be strategic investment into refurbishing the pitches and ancillary facilities. There needs to more support for clubs to obtain better agreements with facilities providers & education around owning an asset.

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- Develop:** To strategically build new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain. This might include consolidation hockey provision in a local area where appropriate. Research has identified key areas across the country where there is a lack of suitable Hockey provision and there is a need for additional pitches. There is an identified demand for multi pitches in the right places to consolidate hockey and allow clubs to have all of their provision catered at one site.

9.14. Competitive league hockey matches, and training can only be played on sand filled, sand dressed or water based artificial grass pitches (AGPs). Although competitive, adult and junior club training cannot take place on third generation turf pitches (3G), 40mm pitches may be suitable for introductory level hockey, such as school curriculum low level hockey. EH's Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy details suitability of surface type for varying levels of hockey, as shown below.

Table 73: England Hockey Guidelines on Artificial Surface Types Suitable for Hockey

Category	Surface	Playing Level	Playing Level
England Hockey Category 1	Water surface approved within the FIH Global/National Parameters	Essential International Hockey - Training and matches	Desirable Domestic National Premier competition Higher levels of EH Player Pathway Performance Centres and upwards England
England Hockey Category 2	Sand dressed surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	Essential Domestic National Premier competition Higher levels of player pathway: Academy Centres and Upwards	Desirable All adult and junior League Hockey Intermediate or advanced School Hockey
England Hockey Category 3	Sand based surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	Essential All adult and junior club training and league Hockey EH competitions for clubs and schools Intermediate or advanced schools' hockey	EH competitions for clubs and schools (excluding domestic national league)
England Hockey Category 4	All 3G surfaces	Essential None	Desirable Lower-level hockey (Introductory level) when no category 1-3 surface is available.

EH is currently testing a new multi-sport surface to better meet the needs of lower hockey demand while accommodating other sports like netball and tennis. This surface, called Gen 2, is a sand-dressed synthetic turf with a shock pad. It provides a high-quality playing experience for all sports and is designed for versatile use in schools and other facilities, maximizing space and functionality.

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- 9.16. For senior hockey matches, the pitch must measure at least 91.4 x 55 metres, with minimum run-off areas of two metres on the sides and three metres at the ends. England Hockey recommends larger run-offs of four metres on the sides and five metres at the ends, creating a preferred pitch size of 101.4 x 63 metres overall.
- 9.17. A hockey pitch with sports lighting can host up to four matches per day. Senior training typically takes place midweek in the evenings, while junior teams train on Sundays and during the week.

#### Supply

- 9.18. Rushmoor has three sites, with four pitches that have full size sand or artificial grass pitches that are suitable for competitive hockey.
- 9.19. Whilst three of these sites are available to the community, there are technically no secure community use agreements in Rushmoor. Farnborough Hill School is unavailable to the community at the time of writing but this is being considered by the school in the near future.
- 9.20. Table 74 below details of all pitches that are suitable for competitive hockey in Rushmoor.
- 9.21. As part of the PPOSS, each site that is suitable for hockey has been assessed by an independent research team and scored according to England Hockey's facilities framework contained within the 2013 Sport England Playing Pitch Guidance. Table 74 below provides a summary of the quality assessments for all hockey suitable sites in the Study Area.



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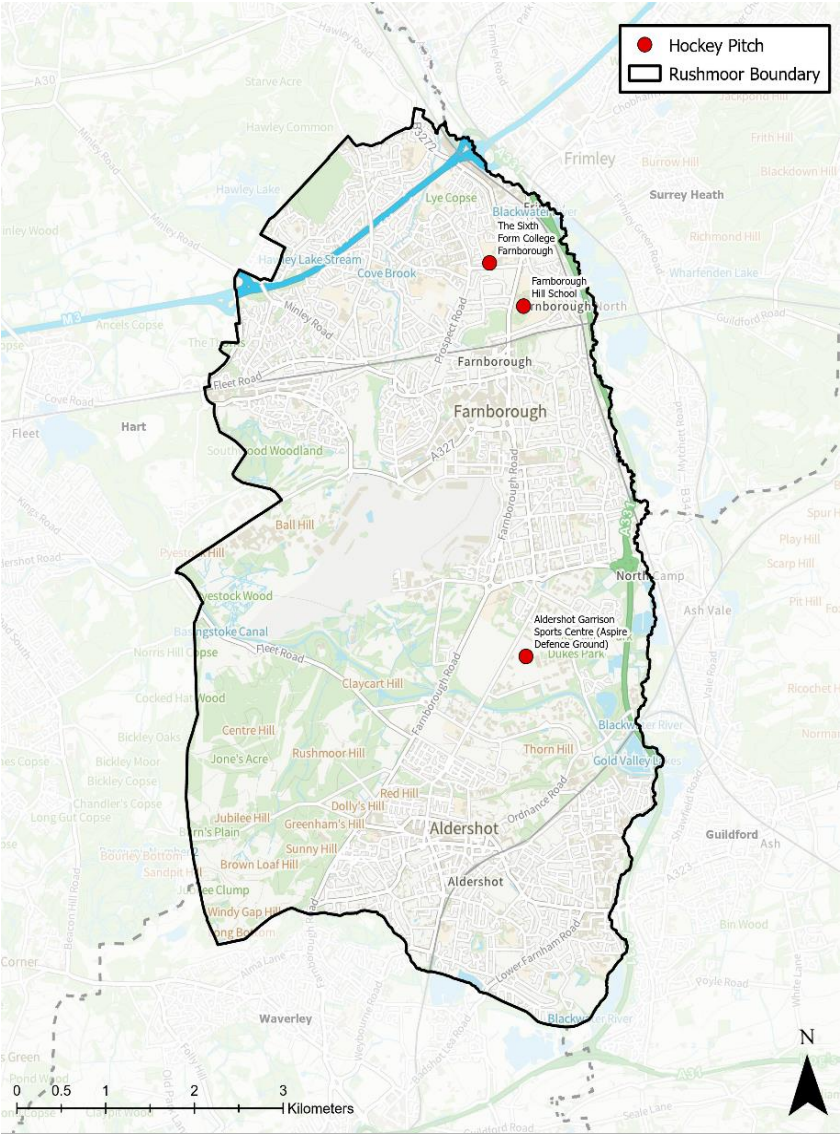
Table 74: Quality Overview for Hockey Facilities in Rushmoor

Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	GU11 2EY	Public Access	Not Secure	Sand-dressed AGP	N	N	Full size Hockey	2-5 years	Y	Good
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	GU11 2EY	Public Access	Not Secure	Sand-dressed AGP	N	N	Full size Hockey	10-15 years	Y	Standard
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	GU14 8JX	Public Access	Not Secure	Sand-dressed AGP	N	N	Full size Hockey	10-15 years	Y	Standard
Farnborough Hill School	GU14 8AT	Private	Unavailable	Sand-dressed AGP	N	N	Full size Hockey	5-10 years	Y	Good

- 9.22. Two out of four pitches are rated as good quality, with one pitch at Aldershot Garrison and Sixth Form College Farnborough rated as standard quality.
- 9.23. Map 8 shows the distribution of hockey specific AGPs in Rushmoor:

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Map 8: Hockey AGP sites in Rushmoor



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### Demand

- 9.24. Through consultation with England Hockey, there is one community hockey club in Rushmoor and two clubs based out of borough utilising pitches in Rushmoor. Both hockey clubs were consulted as part of the PPS process, as part of the demand-gathering process, with the detailed consultations providing the following findings.

**Table 75: Summary of Demand Consultations from Hockey Clubs in Rushmoor**

Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary			
Fleet & Ewshot Hockey Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 1 Aldershot GU11 2LD</li> <li>Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD</li> <li>Calthorpe Park School Fleet GU51 5JA</li> </ul>	Playing Grounds:			
		Site Name	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 1 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Calthorpe Park School Fleet GU51 5JA
		Quality	Sand Dressed	Sand Dressed	3G
		APG Surface	Good	Standard	Standard
		Floodlit	Yes	Yes	Yes
		No. Hours Used Per Week (Mon-Fri)	4	9	1
		No. Hours Used Per Weekend (Sat-Sun)	5	9	-
		Pitch Quality	Good	Standard	Standard
		What form of tenure does the club have on the site?	Rented	Rented	Rented
		If leased, what is the length of the agreement?	We lease the Army Hockey Centre from Aspire Defence Services Limited who operate the facility on behalf of the Army Hockey Association. We are therefore subject to their booking policy which means we share the facility with a number of other sports and Aldershot & Farnham hockey club who use it as a supplementary venue for training and matches, most notably on Sunday mornings.		
		Who manages the site?	Other	Other	School
		Who maintains the ground?	Other	Other	School
		If other:	The Army Hockey Centre is operated and maintained by Aspire Defence Services Limited under guidance (and capital funding) from the Army Hockey Association. The AHA will decide with ADSL when, for example, pitches are renewed and floodlights are upgraded.		

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary			
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	U8's	U10's	U12's
		Number of Teams in Age Group	1	2	3
		Format	5 v 5	5 v 5	7 v 7
		Type of Play	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	Competitive/League
		Location of Play	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD
		Number of Players - Male	-	-	-
		Number of Players - Female	-	-	-
		Number of Players - Mixed	1 team	2 teams	3 teams
		Team Age Groups and Numbers:			
		Age Group	U14's	U16's	U17's
		Number of Teams in Age Group	3	2	2
		Format	11 v 11	11 v 11	-
		Type of Play	Competitive/League	Competitive/League	Training Only
		Location of Play	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD
		Number of Players - Male	2 teams	1 team	1 team
		Number of Players - Female	1 team	1 team	-
		Number of Players - Mixed	-	-	-

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary			
		Playing Grounds:			
		Site Name	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 1 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Calthorpe Park School Fleet GU51 5JA
		Access	Yes	Yes	Yes
		Quality	Good	Good	Good
		Changing Rooms	Yes	-	-
		Official Rooms	Yes	-	-
		Showers	Yes	-	-
		Kitchen	-	-	-
		Toilets	Yes	-	-
		Bar	Yes	-	-
		Home Ground:			
		Home Ground:			
		Site Name	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 1 Aldershot GU11 2LD		
		Floodlights	Yes		
		Training equipment storage	Yes		
		Access for disabled	Yes		
		Pitch perimeter barrier	Yes		
		Dugouts	Yes		
		Spectator stands	Yes		
		Safe goalposts (that meet FA standards)	Yes		
		Scoreboard	No		
		Do you have any facility development plans? e.g. clubhouse, 3G pitch, floodlighting, pitch improvement			
		Yes			

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		<p><b>If yes, please highlight which facilities and whether funding has been secured</b></p> <p>We understand that the AHA is planning to replace Pitch 2 in the next few years, and upgrade floodlighting to LED.</p> <p><b>If your club hire/lease pitches or training facilities, what is the cost of these?</b></p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">Cost and Maintenance</th></tr><tr><th>Site Name</th><td>Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 1 Aldershot GU11 2LD</td><td>Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD</td><td>Calthorpe Park School Fleet GU51 5JA</td></tr><tr><th>Cost per Season</th><td>Varies - £52.50 per hour for general use, junior only is £32.90</td><td>Varies - £52.50 per hour for general use, junior only is £32.90</td><td>£90 per hour</td></tr><tr><th>Maintenance Standard</th><td>Good</td><td>Standard</td><td>Standard</td></tr><tr><th>Type of Maintenance</th><td>-</td><td>-</td><td></td></tr><tr><th>Informal or casual use that occurs at your ground</th><td colspan="3"><p>I don't think there is 'casual or informal' use of the Army Hockey Centre, however it is used for a variety of other functions and if these are hosted by the Army they will and do have preferential use. This has meant on two weekends this season we have not been able to host any games.</p><p>In addition we play a fee for floodlight usage and hire the pavilion for Saturday league games and occasionally on Sundays. Note Ground 1 and Ground 2 are at the same facility but there are two pitches of quite different quality that are rented separately so I have noted them separately.</p><p>Adult matches are spread across both of them but junior matches predominantly take place on 'Ground 2' due to the booking by A&amp;F HC.</p></td></tr></table> <p><b>Other comments:</b></p> <p>N/A</p>	Cost and Maintenance				Site Name	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 1 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Army Hockey Centre - Pitch 2 Aldershot GU11 2LD	Calthorpe Park School Fleet GU51 5JA	Cost per Season	Varies - £52.50 per hour for general use, junior only is £32.90	Varies - £52.50 per hour for general use, junior only is £32.90	£90 per hour	Maintenance Standard	Good	Standard	Standard	Type of Maintenance	-	-		Informal or casual use that occurs at your ground	<p>I don't think there is 'casual or informal' use of the Army Hockey Centre, however it is used for a variety of other functions and if these are hosted by the Army they will and do have preferential use. This has meant on two weekends this season we have not been able to host any games.</p> <p>In addition we play a fee for floodlight usage and hire the pavilion for Saturday league games and occasionally on Sundays. Note Ground 1 and Ground 2 are at the same facility but there are two pitches of quite different quality that are rented separately so I have noted them separately.</p> <p>Adult matches are spread across both of them but junior matches predominantly take place on 'Ground 2' due to the booking by A&amp;F HC.</p>		
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Camberley and Farnham Hockey Club (imported demand)	Kings International College (out of Borough)	<p>Home pitch (and only pitch) is Kings International College in Camberley. Other than football use, we are the only Hockey tenants on the site.</p> <p>We have the pitch all Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday and Wednesday in the week.</p>																								

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		<p>4 adult Women's teams 4 adult Men's teams 2 mixed teams 1 Vets' team</p> <p>We are arguably the smallest club in the area, other clubs in Rushmoor and beyond are large. Our focus is friendly hockey and as such, numbers are slightly under pressure.</p> <p>Kings International College is becoming an academy, we hope our tenancy will remain secure.</p> <p>We have previously looked into using pitches in Rushmoor but all at capacity, particularly for our needs.</p>
Aldershot and Fleet Hockey Club (imported demand)	Heath End School (out of borough) and Army Garrison Pitches (in Rushmoor)	<p><b>Club Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Membership:</b> 350 members, comprising:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 adult teams: 4 men's, 6 ladies', 1 mixed.</li> <li>Youth teams: U6-U16 in 2-year increments (6 teams total: 3 boys, 3 girls).</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Recent Changes:</b> Reduction by 2 adult teams (one male, one female) with aspirations to reinstate them.</li> </ul> <p><b>Training and Match Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Heath End School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior training: 12 hours per week, including Saturday match play.</li> <li>Developing a new 3G pitch adjacent to the sand dressed pitch.</li> <li>High usage by footballers, impacting availability and increasing costs on the sand dressed site.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Aldershot Garrison:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club and junior training: 6.5 hours (adults), 14.5 hours (juniors) across two pitches.</li> <li>Some junior training conducted indoors due to outdoor pitch constraints.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Facility Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No dedicated hockey clubhouse.</li> <li>Garrison has changing rooms but lacks club facilities.</li> <li>The club utilises Aldershot Cricket Club for club facilities.</li> <li><b>Army Pitch:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers half-rate pricing for juniors, though the army has priority.</li> <li>Additional challenges due to access restrictions.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Other Local Facilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farnborough Sixth Form: Limited to 3 hours available on a Monday, pitch primarily used for football.</li> <li>Farnborough Hill School: Expected to open for community use.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
		<p><b>Lease and Partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aldershot Cricket Club:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Long-standing relationship; club sub-leases during winter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Lease Renewal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cricket club leases the land; renewal process is underway.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Heath End Surface Replacement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consideration of future pitch replacement – whether it will remain suitable for hockey. Although this is not planned</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Development Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wellesley Development:</b> Potential impact on demand of facilities locally</li> <li>• <b>Army's Previous Plan:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial plan in 2012 to create three pitches, on the unused grass space.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Facility Expansion Needs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additional 1.5 hours of pitch availability required.</li> <li>○ Lack of a permanent home affects club atmosphere.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Community and Growth Efforts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The club actively engages schools (e.g., Cambridge School, Waseley) to promote hockey.</li> <li>• Limited resources for outreach, currently provided free of charge.</li> <li>• Junior membership retention is a challenge, with some moving to Guildford due to larger club but they have to travel because the club is now so large</li> </ul> <p><b>Financial and Strategic Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• England Hockey considering a fee increase for affiliation.</li> <li>• The club acknowledges the importance of investment in facilities and community engagement.</li> <li>• Despite challenges, the club remains sizable for the area, a testament to volunteer efforts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring pitch replacement at Heath End supports hockey.</li> <li>• Exploring long-term facility solutions to establish a more permanent base.</li> <li>• Monitoring developments such as Wellesley for potential opportunities.</li> </ul>

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Table 76: Membership data for Hockey in Rushmoor

Hockey club	M 5-10	F 5-10	M 11-13	F 11-13	M 14-16	F 14-16	M 17-18	F 17-18	M 19-21	F 19-21	M 22-25	F 22-25	M 26-35	F 26-35	M 36-45	F 36-45	M 46+	F 46+	Total 2024/25
Aldershot and Farnham Hockey Club (Imported demand)	25	22	18	21	10	24	10	14	2	4	6	5	10	18	13	9	29	21	261
Camberley and Farnborough Hockey Club (Exported demand)	16	21	15	9	16	24	8	2	2	1	3	8	13	14	19	14	27	12	224
Fleet and Ewshot Hockey Club	25	26	20	18	16	29	11	10	2	3	5	8	14	19	19	14	34	20	294

\*The above membership data was collected in 2024.

- 9.25. The tables below highlight how the profile of Rushmoor Hockey creates demand for AGP match and training hours throughout the week. Senior teams train midweek; however, some junior teams/development centres may train on weekends, It is important to understand that this will impact on capacity analysis when considered with the competitive match slots required above.

Table 77: Match Demand for Hockey in Rushmoor – Fleet and Ewshot Hockey Club

	Number of teams	Competitive hours required		
		Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior teams (16-65)	9	0	9	6
Junior teams (11-15)	13	0	0	6.5

Table 78: Match Demand for Hockey in Rushmoor –Aldershot and Fleet Hockey Club

	Number of teams	Competitive hours required		
		Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior teams (16-65)	10	0	8	2
Junior teams (11-15)	6	0	0	6

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**Table 79: Match Demand for Hockey in Rushmoor – Camberley and Farnham Hockey Club**

	Number of teams	Training hours required		
		Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior teams (16-65)	11	0	8	8
Junior teams (11-15)	0	0	0	0

**Table 80: Training Demand for Hockey in Rushmoor – Fleet and Ewshot Hockey Club**

	Number of teams	Training hours required		
		Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior teams (16-65)	10	11	0	0
Junior teams (11-15)	13	4	0	8

**Table 81: Training Demand for Hockey in Rushmoor – Aldershot and Fleet HC**

	Number of teams	Training hours required		
		Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior teams (16-65)	10	18.5	8	0
Junior teams (11-15)	X	14.5	0	0

**Table 82: Training Demand for Hockey in Rushmoor – Camberley and Farnborough Hockey Club**

	Number of teams	Training hours required		
		Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Senior teams (16-65)	11	5	0	0
Junior teams (11-15)	X	0	0	0

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## Pitch Usage

- 9.26. Table 83 demonstrates all community usage on the sand filled pitches across the Rushmoor. As demonstrated, there is no peak time availability on any sand-dressed pitch with community use. There are three large hockey clubs in the area, there is both imported and exported demand within the neighbouring boroughs.

**Table 83: Supply and Demand Analysis for all Hockey Provision**

Site Name	Pitch Type	Size	Clubs using the site			Total hours			
			Football	Hockey	Other	Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	Sand-dressed	Full	Badshot Lea	Fleet and Ewshot, Aldershot and Farnham, Military Use	NA	20	8	3	31
Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre (Aspire Defence Ground)	Sand-dressed	Full	NA	Aldershot and Farnham Hockey Club (20 hours) - Monday, fixtures Sunday U16s girls, 6-8 Sundays 1 hour 10-11. Camberley and Farnham (20 hours) - 7-5:30 military use.	NA	20	8	6	34
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	Sand-dressed	Full	Rushmoor Community (2 hours) (football) - Farnborough FC Women (2 hours), Farnborough Juniors, Power League	NA	NA	20	0	0	20
<b>Total</b>						<b>60</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>84</b>

**\*\* Peak time demand on Sundays does vary depend on regional fixtures**



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Table 85: Future Demand Projections for Hockey Teams in Rushmoor – All clubs

Sport and Age Groups	No. of members	5% growth	Projected number of members
Hockey Senior Men (16-55yrs)	227	11	238
Hockey Senior Women (16-55yrs)	196	10	206
Hockey Junior Boys (5-15yrs)	161	8	169
Hockey Junior Girls (5-15yrs)	194	10	204
<b>Total</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>817</b>

- 9.32. To calculate the expected growth in teams that this will generate, a ratio has been calculated based on the existing number of members and teams (1 team to every 20.85 members). There is expected to be one additional team at Fleet and Ewshot and a total of two teams when factoring in imported and exported demand across the lifetime of the local plan period (2035), however it is likely that the current teams will be strengthened through additional growth in the area.

### Demand Driven by Latent Demand

- 9.33. Several hockey clubs have expressed that they would like to grow memberships if the facilities allow over the next few years. As shown, facilities in Rushmoor as working at capacity, but ideally the following teams would be established:

Table 86: Team growth plans – Latent Demand

Club	Team growth plans
Fleet and Ewshot Hockey Club	Senior male – 2 teams U8s and U10s - mixed
Aldershot and Fleet HC	N/A
Camberley and Farnborough Hockey Club	Senior male – 1 team Senior female – 1 team

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### Demand Driven by Informal Demand

- 9.34. With the success of the England Women's team at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and Tokyo 2021, accompanied by significant investment into the grass roots game by England Hockey, there is an aspiration to increase the amount of people playing informal hockey, either as an entry point into the more formal game or simply as a way of providing people with fun ways of keeping active.
- 9.35. Among others, England Hockey is looking to promote Back to Hockey, Rush Hockey and Indoor Hockey, all of which are easily accessible programmes that are easy for those who are not experienced hockey players to play and enjoy.
- 9.36. It is expected that as these informal sports grow, there will be an increase in the number of participants playing both informal and formal hockey. The scenario testing section of the Strategy Document will look to calculate the future need for facilities, should this growth be realised.

### Supply and Demand Balance – Spatial Analysis

- 9.37. To calculate whether there is any spare capacity at hockey sites in the Study Area, Table 87 shows the supply and demand figures for community use hockey facilities in Rushmoor. This table contains demand (in hours) from competitive matches as well as training required by local clubs.
- 9.38. In order to assess the availability of hockey facilities at peak times, it has been assumed that the period of highest demand for hockey matches is on a Saturday.

**Table 87: Supply and Demand Balance for Hockey in Rushmoor**

Site name	Supply (hours)			Demand (Hours: training and matches)			Balance (hours)		
	Week	Sat	Sun	Week	Sat	Sun	Week	Sat	Sun
Aldershot Garrison 1	20	8	8	20	8	5	0	0	3
Aldershot Garrison 2	20	8	8	20	8	6	0	0	2
Sixth Form College Farnborough	20	NA	NA	20	NA	NA	0	NA	NA

- 9.39. Table 87 illustrates that there is no spare mid-week spare capacity or Saturday spare capacity, there is very limited spare capacity on Sunday but this is not classified as peak time. However, on a Saturday all availability is filled with Hockey and most Sundays there is junior hockey on the pitches. The Sixth Form College Farnborough is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday so no fixtures can be played during these times.

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9.40. As is indicated in the AGP section of this report, there is a breakdown of all AGP use by all sports. If community football/commercial football was able to move to different facilities, it is likely there would be more capacity for hockey clubs during the week, this would likely be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to prepare for fixtures at the weekends.

9.41. The impact of expected growth in hockey demand will be addressed as part of the analysis later in this section.

### Peak Time Capacity Analysis

9.42. In line with the 2013 Sport England PPS guidance, this study has considered the total supply and demand for facilities, measured in match equivalent sessions per week.

9.43. While this is a valuable measure of whether or not AGP facilities are at capacity, the patterns of demand should also be considered when assessing whether there are sufficient facilities across the Study Area.

9.44. With this in mind, this section undertakes a peak time capacity analysis, to assess whether there are sufficient facilities during the periods that the greatest proportion of the population like to play hockey.

9.45. This will indicate whether there is enough capacity to satisfy the demand where a large amount of hockey is played at the same time (e.g., are there enough match slots so that all adult and junior teams can to play at the favoured times on Saturday and Sunday?)

9.46. The following assumptions on peak times have been developed, based on standard practice for competitive grassroots hockey:

- There are 3 x 2 hours match slots on Saturday per pitch
- There are 4 x 1.5 hours match slots on Sunday per pitch

9.47. It should be noted that a hockey suitable AGP is identified as available for community use as part of this study, therefore 4 match slots on each day of the weekend have been included for each of these sites in the peak time capacity analysis, producing a total peak time capacity of 8 match slots per weekend.



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Table 88: Peak Time Capacity Analysis for Rushmoor Hockey Provision (Calculated in Match Slots)

Age Group (Preferred Match Slot)	No. of Teams	Peak Time Demand	Peak Time Capacity	Balance	Commentary
Adult (Saturday 10-5*)	31	15.5	4	-11.5	Additional pitches utilised out of borough resulting in 0 MES spare capacity
Junior (Sunday 10-4)	13	6.5	4	-2.5	Additional pitches utilised out of borough resulting in 0 MES spare capacity

*\*Adult fixtures are occasionally played on Sunday (depending on league rules), however for this analysis peak time adult demand is assumed to be Saturday.*

- 9.48. Table 88 indicates that, when including all available sites in the analysis, there is spare capacity of 0 MES for adult hockey and 0 MES for junior hockey across Rushmoor during periods of peak demand. Clubs are utilising pitches out of borough (exported demand) and clubs based outside of Rushmoor are utilising pitches in borough (imported demand) resulting in a balanced supply and demand with no comfort factor.
- 9.49. Table 88 illustrates that there is currently balanced supply and demand for hockey in Rushmoor on the basis that neighbouring boroughs are being utilised. When additional teams are factored in through population growth or latent demand, there is no spare capacity at peak times for adult hockey or for junior teams numbers to grow although additional players could join the current teams. On this basis, additional pitches will be required in the future and/or football should be moved to other locations to allow additional hockey to be played. Furthermore, if Sixth Form College Farnborough opened at weekends, this would help to address future peak demand.

### Hockey Summary

- 9.50. This section summarises the findings from the hockey analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for Rushmoor.
- 9.51. Table 89 includes the response to 5 key questions which are identified in the Sport England PPOSS Guidance Checklists. Using these key questions to summarise the findings of each of the sport chapters creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

Table 89: Key PPOSS Findings for Hockey in Rushmoor

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There is a total of four AGPs across three sites in Rushmoor that are suitable for Hockey. 50% of the pitches are located on education sites, only one of which is available for community use, and this does not include weekend use. Three of the pitches are available for community provision, there is no security of tenure in the study area. At the time of writing, Farnborough Hill School is unavailable for community use, but this is being considered by the institution.

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Key Question	Analysis
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>There is significant imported and exported demand for hockey in Rushmoor. When all clubs, teams and sites are considered, there is sufficient usage but only one club is based on one site, this is Fleet and Ewshot, utilising Aldershot Garrison.</p> <p>When factoring all sites and usage including neighbouring authorities, there are sufficient pitches to meet current demand, but hockey clubs are travelling significant distances in some instances for pitches.</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>The quality of provision in Rushmoor is of generally of good quality. Aldershot Garrison currently has one Good and one Standard pitch however; the 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch will be resurfaced in the future.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>It is important to recognise that the sport has also enjoyed significant growth since international success at Olympics and Commonwealth Games, which it is hoped will stimulate further growth at both junior and adult age groups across the country. There is likely to be additional 22 teams based on population growth and potentially others based on latent demand.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	<p>There is adequate good quality provision in the study area to meet the current demand for hockey. There is a sand-dressed pitch with significant football use and no hockey use, partly because the facility is closed at weekends. If this facility opened at weekends and Farnborough Hill School started offering community use, there would be sufficient supply for current and future demand, however at present there is very little room for growth on the current sites.</p>

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# Equality Impact Assessment: Screening Tool

The **Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Tool** should be completed for any new proposal. It helps staff check if their proposal will positively, neutrally, or negatively affect residents, staff, or service users. If the impact is positive or neutral, a full EIA isn't needed.

A **full EIA** is required if the screening shows a negative impact on specific groups. We also advise that a full EIA should be completed when a [key decision](#) is being made. Key decisions are executive actions likely to:

- Significantly affect Council tax, budget balances, or contingencies.
- Have a major impact on communities across two or more Borough wards.
- Expenditure or savings over £100,000 qualify as significant, with a £250,000 threshold for property transactions.

Furthermore, for staff, we generally consider the impact on more than 25 people as significant, which would require a full EIA. If you're unsure, you can seek guidance from the Policy Team.

**\*After screening, if you identify the need for a full Equality Impact Assessment, you can use your existing answers as a foundation for the full assessment.**

Name of Project	Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)
Reference number (if applicable)	
Service Area	Planning Policy – Property & Growth
Date screening completed	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
Screening author name	Alice Barella (Acting Service Manager – Planning Policy)
Policy Team sign off	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Authorising Director/Head of Service name	Tim Mills (Executive Head of Property & Growth)

## 1. Please provide a summary of the proposal

The decision being made is to adopt the Playing Pitch Strategy for Rushmoor. This is a key decision as it affects the whole borough.

The Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is an evidence document that helps to inform the preparation of a local plan, decisions on planning applications, Section 106 agreements/spending and other relevant Council activities related to playing pitches. It is also used by the National Governing Bodies (NGBs) for the sports when considering their funding for sports development in the area. The PPS is a strategic assessment that provides an up-to-date analysis of supply and demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) and its current and future demand in Rushmoor. It then sets out a strategy for how this demand can be met. We commissioned Strategic Leisure Limited (SLL) (consultants who specialise in preparing PPS) to undertake the technical work.

## 2. Who will the proposal impact? Please indicate Yes or No

Group of people	Impacted?
Residents	Yes
Businesses	Yes
Visitors to Rushmoor	Yes
Voluntary or community groups	Yes
Council staff	No
Trade unions	No
Other public sector Organisations	No
Others	Sports clubs, schools, and governing bodies

## 3. What impact will this change have on staff? Please complete where relevant:

None

## 4. What consultation or engagement will you be leading (with residents, staff, or other stakeholders) as part of this project?

The PPS preparation was overseen by a steering group which included Sport England and the National Governing Bodies which represent clubs and players of the sports covered by the PPS: Football Foundation & Football Association, England Hockey, England Cricket Board, Rugby Football Union, Rugby Football League and British American Football.

All registered clubs for the six sports were contacted and offered the opportunity to meet with SLL or to fill out a survey to provide information about their club, teams, facilities and future aspirations. This fed into the Stage C – Needs Assessment element of the PPS.

Following completion of Stage C – Needs Assessment and Stage D – Strategy and Action Plan, these two elements were provided to clubs for review and comment and so that they could see how their contribution had been incorporated into the final PPS documents.

## 5. What impact will this change have on people with protected characteristics and/or from disadvantaged groups?

### Direct and indirect impacts

When completing this table, please consider both **direct and indirect impacts**, see helpful guidance.

Direct discrimination occurs when someone is treated less favourably than another person because of a **protected characteristic**. This includes:

- **Actual possession** of a protected characteristic.
- **Perceived possession** of a protected characteristic (discrimination by perception).
- **Association** with someone who has a protected characteristic (discrimination by association).

A valid comparison must show that someone without the protected characteristic would have been treated better in similar circumstances. It can still be direct discrimination even if the person treating you unfairly shares the same characteristic.

*Note: Age discrimination may be lawful if it can be objectively justified. For other protected characteristics, direct discrimination is unlawful regardless of intent or justification.*

Indirect discrimination happens when a **policy, rule, or practice** applies to everyone but puts people with a protected characteristic at a **particular disadvantage**. It occurs when:

- A policy is applied equally to all.
- It disadvantages a group sharing a protected characteristic.
- You are personally disadvantaged by it.
- The organisation cannot justify the policy as a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.

If the policy can be objectively justified, it is not considered indirect discrimination.

*For example: Closing public toilets may be an example of indirect discrimination, as it affects everyone but disproportionately disadvantages women, due to toilet frequency, alternative options and safety/hygiene factors.*

## Likely impact

For the groups identified earlier, tick the likely impact (both direct and indirect) on people with protected characteristics (e.g., age, disability, race, etc.):

- **Neutral:** No impact.
- **Positive:** Benefits people with protected characteristics.
- **Negative:** Harms people with protected characteristics.
- **Not Sure:** It's unclear how this affects people with protected characteristics, or more information is needed.

Rate the negative impact as **low**, **medium**, or **high**. Also, consider whether the proposal may be seen as controversial or negative by some groups. See the guidance for help.

## Protected characteristic - Age

(for example, young people under 25, older people over 65)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
Yes	Yes	N/A	No	The PPS considers teams of all ages, however a large number of teams in the borough are for children and young people. The impact will be positive for that group of people as the PPS will likely lead to investment/improvement of the pitches they use. There are less likely to be older people

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
				playing pitch sports and the impact is therefore likely to be neutral.

### Protected characteristic – Disability

(include people with physical disabilities, people with learning disabilities, blind and partially sighted people, Deaf or hard of hearing people, neurodiverse people. This also includes carers.)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
No	No	N/A	Yes	The strategy does not consider any registered disability clubs/teams as there are none for the sports included in the study in Rushmoor.

### Protected characteristic - Gender reassignment and identity

(Include people who identify across the trans\* umbrella, not only those who have undergone gender reassignment surgery. This is inclusive of girls and or/women, men and/or boys, non-binary and genderfluid people and people who are transitioning) \*Trans is an umbrella term to describe people whose gender is not the same as, or does not sit comfortably with, the sex they were assigned at birth.

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
No	No	N/A	Yes	The study considers men's, women's, girls and boy's clubs/teams.

### Protected characteristic - Marriage and Civil Partnership

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
No	Yes	N/A	No	

### Protected characteristic – Pregnancy and Maternity

(Include people who are pregnant in or returning to the workplace after pregnancy. Could also include working parents.)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
No	Yes	N/A	No	

### Protected characteristic – Race or ethnicity

(include on the basis of colour, nationality, citizenship, ethnic or national origins)



Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
Yes	No	<b>Low</b>	No	The strategy considers the needs of the Gorkhali cricket league which runs separately to other cricket leagues in the area. The league has identified a wish to play more/all league matches in the area due to the large Nepali community in Rushmoor and the PPS makes a recommendation for this to be accommodated. Indirect impact – although the strategy acknowledges the need to restore the cricket square at Rectory Road Recreation Ground for the British Gorkhali Cricket League. If this is not done, it could negatively impact this specific group and their ability to play

## Protected characteristic – Religion or belief

(include no faith)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
No	Yes	<b>N/A</b>	No	

## Protected characteristic - Sex

(Under the Equality Act 2010 and following the 2025 Supreme Court ruling on 15 April 2025, a person's legal sex is defined as their biological sex as recorded at birth. Trans individuals are still protected from discrimination under the characteristic of gender reassignment.)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
Yes	No	<b>Low</b>	No	The study considers men's, women's, girls and boy's clubs/teams. There is a particular focus in the PPS on considering the rise in popularity of women's sports and ensuring that this can be accommodated in the borough. Indirect impact - the strategy also notes that the growth of women and girls' rugby could lead to a deficit in training venues.

## Protected characteristic - Sexual Orientation

(Include people from across the LGBTQ+ umbrella, for example, people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, pansexual or asexual.)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
No	Yes	<b>N/A</b>	No	

## Protected characteristic - Other

(e.g. people on low incomes, people living in poverty, looked after children, people with care experience, people who are homeless, people with mental health problems, people who are prison leavers, people affected by menopause, people affected by menstruation and/or period poverty)

Positive impact	Neutral impact	Negative impact	Not Sure	Description of the impact (if applicable) <i>Consider both direct and indirect impacts when completing this table</i>
Yes	No	N/A	No	

## 6. Screening Decision

Outcome	Yes or No
Neutral or Positive – no full EIA needed*.	Yes
Negative – Low Impact – full EIA at the service director's discretion*.	
Negative – Medium or High Impact – must complete a full EIA.	
Is a full EIA required? Service decision:	No
Is a full EIA required? [Policy Team] sign off recommendation:	No
Flag for DPIA (will include engagement that collects personal data). [Policy Team]:	
Flag for ethics (high risk / will involve engagement with vulnerable residents):	

Once you've completed the screening tool and determined that the proposal is likely to have a positive or neutral impact on people with protected characteristics, the following can be included in the 'Equality Impact Assessment' part of the report. ***'An equality impact check found that this proposal would have a positive or neutral impact on people with protected characteristics. Therefore, a full assessment is not required.'***

Please send this completed EIA Screening Tool to [Policy@rushmoor.gov.uk](mailto:Policy@rushmoor.gov.uk) for quality checking by the policy team.

**If required, please continue to the full assessment below.**

CABINET

COUNCILLOR KEITH DIBBLE  
HOUSING & PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER

14 OCTOBER 2025

KEY DECISION? YES

REPORT NO. PG2532

**HAMPSHIRE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY****SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) were introduced by the Environment Act 2021 and are a new system of plans for nature recovery covering the whole of England. Hampshire County Council is the responsible body preparing the LNRS for Hampshire and has formally provided the Council with the final LNRS under the Regulations, triggering a 28-day period for the Council to either confirm that it is content for the final LNRS to be published or to issue a publication advisory notice.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the Cabinet confirms that it is content for the final Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) to be published.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to set out the background to the Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), and to enable the Cabinet to discharge the Council's requirement (as a supporting body) under the Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 ("the LNRS Regulations") to respond to Hampshire County Council (as the responsible body) within 28 days of it providing the final LNRS to the Council.
- 1.2. This is a key decision because the Hampshire LNRS will cover the whole of Rushmoor and the Council will be required to "take account" of the LNRS when preparing the new local plan.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) were introduced by the Environment Act 2021 and are a new system of plans for nature recovery covering the whole of England. They are a key mechanism for planning and delivering the National Nature Recovery Network. Rushmoor will be required to "take account" of the LNRS when preparing the new local plan. Hampshire County Council (HCC) is the responsible body for preparing the LNRS for Hampshire and Rushmoor is designated as a supporting body. Officers have been attending a LNRS working group which meets regularly.

- 2.2. There are several key stages of LNRS preparation where the LNRS Regulations require Rushmoor (as a supporting body) to formally respond to HCC (as the responsible body):
- **Regulation 6:** To confirm relevant sites
  - **Regulations 7, 9 & 11:** To confirm that we are content for the draft LNRS to be consulted on or raise objections within 28 days of receipt
  - **Regulations 13, 15 & 18:** To confirm that we are content for the final LNRS to be published or issue a publication advisory notice within 28 days of receipt
- 2.3. A formal request under Regulation 6 was received by Rushmoor and responded to in January 2024. A draft of the LNRS was provided to Rushmoor under Regulation 7 in October 2024. Following this, officers raised a significant matter of concern with HCC relating to the lack of reference to the Thames Basin Lowlands National Character Area (NCA) which covers approximately 220 ha in Rushmoor. Reassurance was received from HCC that these concerns would be addressed prior to consultation, and on that basis, Rushmoor provided a formal response to HCC under Regulation 9 in November 2024 setting out that it was content to approve the draft for consultation.
- 2.4. HCC published the draft LNRS for a 6-week consultation in May 2025. Rushmoor provided a formal response to the consultation in June 2025 raising the following concerns:
- The length, focus and usability of the LNRS and the risk that this will impact on levels of public engagement with the LNRS
  - How Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) have been addressed in the LNRS. Urban SINCs have been excluded and whilst we agree that it is acceptable to exclude some SINCs where it is unlikely that changes to site management are feasible or desirable, we are concerned about the exclusion of the following SINCs within Rushmoor which would benefit from more appropriate management as may be secured through an LNRS:
    - Claycart Hill Open Space
    - Claycart Hill Flash
    - Chalk Farm Lake
    - Ramilies Park / North Camp Lakes
    - Brickfields Park
    - Rushmoor Arena
- 2.5. On 1 October 2025 HCC formally provided Rushmoor with the final LNRS under Regulation 13. This triggered the 28 days for Rushmoor to either confirm that it is content for the final LNRS to be published or to issue a publication advisory notice. A publication advisory notice should be issued where the supporting authority considers that parts of the final LNRS cannot be justified based on the results of the consultation undertaken by the responsible authority, and/or the supporting authority considers that the final LNRS is materially deficient.

### **3. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL**

#### **General**

3.1. The Hampshire LNRS is set out in four parts:

- Part 1: Introduction and Description of Strategy Area
- Part 2: Priorities and Measures
- Part 3: Species Recovery
- Technical Appendices

3.2. The LNRS sets out 52 priority outcomes, along with 69 potential measures to help deliver those priority outcomes for nature recovery in Hampshire. These priority outcomes and measures are grouped as follows:

- Chalk streams, other watercourses, headwaters and groundwater source protection zones
- Wetlands, ponds and ditches
- Species-rich grasslands
- Heathland and acid grassland mosaics
- Woodlands
- Wood pasture, wooded commons and historic parkland
- Coastal
- Farming and nature
- Hedgerows
- Greenspace, access and transport related
- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs)
- Improving knowledge of priority species and priority habitats

3.3. The LNRS species priorities list contains the individual species and groups of species (assemblages) that the LNRS will focus on supporting. Species assemblages which share habitat requirements are likely to benefit from the same recovery measures. They can therefore be addressed collectively in the LNRS rather than individually. 419 species are included in the priority list, of which 69 are priority species that do not fit into assemblages and will require more targeted and bespoke action, and 350 species are grouped into 37 assemblages.

3.4. The LNRS will be used to:

- channel investment into local priorities for protection and enhancement, such as the Environment Land Management scheme;
- map areas of opportunity for the use of “nature-based solutions” to wider environmental problems like flooding, climate change mitigation and adaptation or poor water quality;
- guide mandatory biodiversity net gain investments; and
- provide a source of evidence to help local authorities understand locations important for conserving and enhancing biodiversity.

### **Recommended response**

- 3.5. Officers have worked closely with HCC throughout the preparation of the LNRS, who have been responsive to addressing the issues and concerns that have been raised. With regards to the length, focus and usability of the LNRS, HCC have now set out the LNRS in four parts to make it more accessible to users. Additionally, the six SINC's which we flagged concerns about being excluded have now been included.
- 3.6. Rushmoor must respond to HCC by either:
- Confirming that it is content for the final LNRS to be published, or
  - Issuing a publication advisory notice where it considers that the following apply:
    - parts of the final LNRS cannot be justified based on the results of the consultation undertaken by the responsible authority, and/or
    - the final LNRS is materially deficient.
- 3.7. On the basis that the previous concerns and issues raised by officers have been addressed in the final LNRS alongside those raised by other stakeholders as part of the wider consultation and it is considered that the LNRS is not materially deficient in any way, it is recommended that the response to HCC is to confirm that Rushmoor is content for the final LNRS to be published.

### **Alternative Options**

- 3.8. The following alternative options have been identified:
- Issue a publication advisory notice
  - Not respond to HCC
- 3.9. These alternative options have been dismissed because it is not considered that the criteria for issuing a publication advisory notice have been met and Rushmoor is required under the LNRS Regulations to respond to HCC.

### **Consultation**

- 3.10. The LNRS has been prepared by HCC who have undertaken consultation in line with the requirements of the LNRS Regulations, which includes a 6-week consultation held in May/June 2025.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS (of proposed course of action)**

### **Risks**

- 4.1. The Council is required under the LNRS Regulations as a supporting body to respond to HCC's provision of the final LNRS under Regulation 13 and is credited in the document as a partner who has worked with HCC to shape the

LNRS. Failure to respond appropriately to HCC on the publication of the LNRS would therefore have a reputational risk.

### **Legal Implications**

- 4.2. The legal implications are set out in the body of the report. There are no further specific legal implications arising.

### **Financial Implications**

- 4.3. There are no direct financial implications.  
Rosie Plaistowe-Melham, Financial Services Manager & Deputy S151

### **Resource Implications**

- 4.4. There are no resource implications of this decision.

### **Equalities Impact Implications**

- 4.5. HCC has undertaken an Equalities Impact Assessment for the LNRS, which has scored neutral for protected characteristics and positive for rurality.

### **Other**

- 4.6. There are no other implications of this decision.

## **5. CONCLUSIONS**

- 5.1. The purpose of this report is to set out the background to the Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), and to enable the Cabinet to discharge the Council's requirement (as a supporting body) under the Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 ("the LNRS Regulations") to respond to Hampshire County Council (as the responsible body) within 28 days of it providing the final LNRS to the Council.
- 5.2. It is recommended that the Cabinet confirms that it is content for the final Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) to be published.

### **LIST OF APPENDICES/ANNEXES:**

Appendix 1 – Pre-Publication Consultation Letter from Hampshire County Council

Appendix 2 – [Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#)

### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

None

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Dear Tim,

### Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire – Pre-Publication Consultation with Supporting Authorities (Environment (Local Nature Recovery) (Procedure) Regulations 2023)

I am writing to you as we have now reached the publication stage for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support in shaping the Strategy; it is much improved as a result of your guidance and input.

This pre-publication consultation is asking for your approval to publish the Strategy.

A copy of the Strategy is enclosed, including a link to the updated Local Habitat Map. Please note that the updated versions of the Strategy and Local Habitat Map will not replace the drafts that are on our website until such time as we have approval to publish.

As per Defra guidance, this version of the Strategy will be in place until such time as the Secretary of State instructs responsible authorities to prepare an update. The Local Habitat Map will therefore be static rather than live. It's anticipated that the Strategy will be updated every 3 to ten years.

The regulations provide you with 28 days from the date of receipt of the Strategy to respond, and expects you to provide written confirmation that you are happy for the Strategy to be published. You can provide your written approval by completing this form by **Wednesday 29 October 2025:** [REDACTED]

Regulation 15 of the Environment (Local Nature Recovery) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 states that a supporting authority may give a publication advisory notice if it considers that

*Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Hampshire 2050*  
**Gary Westbrook**

- a) part of the final local nature recovery strategy cannot be justified based on the results of the consultation undertaken by the responsible authority; or
- b) the supporting authority considers that the final local nature recovery strategy is materially deficient.

If you consider this to be the case, before the expiry of the 28-day consultation period you must give notice in writing explaining either

- a) why you consider that parts of the final local nature recovery strategy cannot be justified based on the results of the consultation undertaken, or
- b) why you consider that the final local nature recovery strategy is materially deficient.

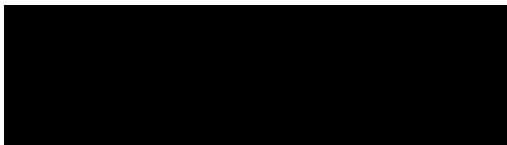
The publication advisory notice must be provided to the Secretary of State within a reasonable time of it being given to the responsible authority.

Subject to the outcome of the Natural England panel on 21 October 2025, and provided that no publication advisory notices are received during the 28-day consultation period, a report will be presented to the County Council's Cabinet on 11 November 2025 to seek approval to publish the Strategy.

Should approval be granted, the County Council will notify the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of its intention to publish the Strategy in December, and thereafter publish the Strategy on the County Council's website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,



Laura McCulloch  
Head of Spatial Planning  
Hampshire 2050

**Copy to: Alice Barella; Heather Lewis**

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