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Introduction

Study Area

1.1.

The study area is the South Kesteven District Council boundary area. For the purpose of the PPOSS, South Kesteven is to be split into 3 distinct sub areas. The areas covered by each sub area are stated in Table 1.

Table 1: Description of Sub Areas in South Kesteven

Sub Area	Areas
SA1 (North)	Ancaster, Caythorpe & Claypole, Long Bennington, Allington & Barrowby, Grantham
SA2 (Central)	Corby Glen, Ropsley & Grantham Outskirts, Morton & Billingborough, Harlaxton, Colsterworth & South Witham, Bourne
SA3 (South)	Langtoft, Thurlby & Uffington, Market Deeping, Deeping St James & Frognall, Stamford

Map 1: The South Kesteven Study Area



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Project Scope and Objectives

- 1.2. South Kesteven District Council has commissioned Strategic Leisure Limited for the development of a Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) as part of the wider suite of strategic planning documents to provide the Council with a clear evidence base and set of recommendations for future outdoor sports facility development across the city. The PPOSS will provide a medium-term strategy for SKDC in line with future demand and long-term planning of the District up to 2041.
- 1.3. A PPOSS 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. The assessment will focus on facilities used by the following sports:
 - Football
 - Rugby Union
 - Cricket
 - Hockey
 - Tennis
 - Netball
 - Outdoor Bowls.
- 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 Rush Hockey, 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 PPOSS will provide a holistic analysis of sports facilities across the Study Area. 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 Playing Pitch Strategy 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.

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- 1.7. The PPOSS will sit alongside a wider suite of planning documents that cover Leisure and Culture in its widest sense and will focus on furthering the Council's ambitions to increase active and creative behaviours and connection to open space for all its residents in the hope of decreasing the life expectancy divide in our communities.
- 1.8. The works will include the audit of existing open space, sport and recreation, 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 way any proposed PPOSS and Outdoor Sports Strategy will identify suitable outdoor provision according to where housing growth is expected to arise in the two areas.
- 1.9. The strategy will therefore aim to deliver against the following drivers:
- Refreshing the evidence base for SKDC's new local plan through the provision of a clear action plan with owners and defined timescales for completion.
 - Support the new Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) which will be prepared alongside the local plan to address infrastructure issues.
 - Recognition of the importance of outdoor physical activity and sport within any development or regeneration project, and clearly demonstration of how these should be prioritized.
 - Provision of an evidenced based approach and the management of a clear sign-off and governance structure for key stakeholders and
 - Evidence to support a wider review into sport and physical activity provision relating to protection and improvement of facilities, including housing and population growth projected in neighbouring local authorities.

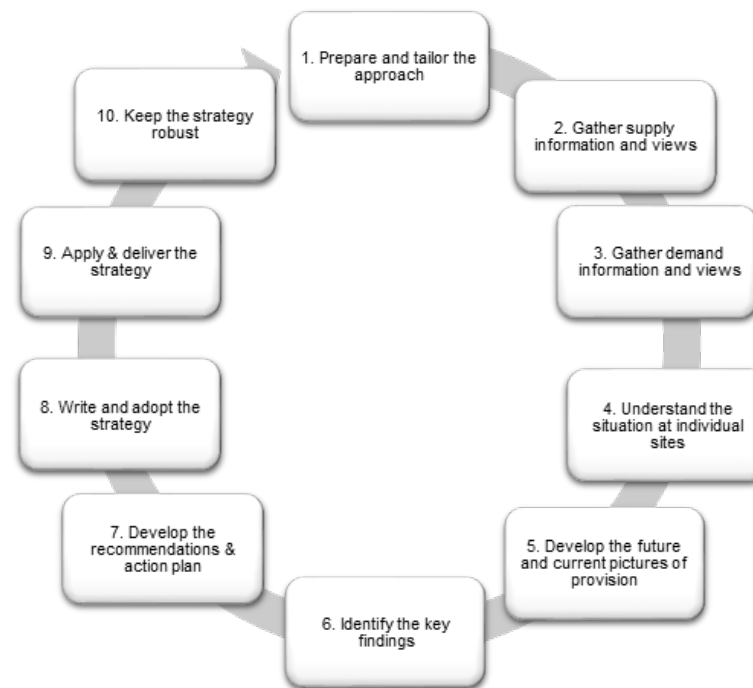
Strategic Context

- 1.10. A detailed overview of SKDC's strategic priorities as well as geographical and demographic issues are highlighted in Appendix 1.

Methodology

- 1.11. The assessment methodology adopted for the PPOSS 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 Strategy¹. 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)



- 1.12. 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 National Governing Body (NGB) consultation will also influence this information before it is presented at Stage B.

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1.13. The supply information at Stage B should include 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.

1.14. 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 that each specific site caters for. The demand information required to inform the PPOSS 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

1.15. All pitch sports are subject to the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) methodology, whereas other outdoor sports (e.g. tennis) are assessed using the Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (ANOG). There are 4 stages to the ANOG assessment:

- **Stage A – Prepare and tailor the approach.**
 - Establish a clear understanding of the purpose, scope and scale of the assessment. This will be undertaken in line with Stage A of the PPS methodology.
- **Stage B – Gather information on supply and demand.**
 - To build a clear picture of the supply of outdoor facilities, information will be gathered on the quality, quantity, accessibility and availability of individual sites.
 - Demand data such as local population, club affiliation, educational demand, unmet/latent demand, future growth and sport specific priorities will be gathered.

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- Supply and demand data will be gathered alongside Stage B of the PPS methodology, using consultation, club surveys, site assessments etc.
- **Stage C – Assessment – bringing the information together.**
 - Development of the key findings regarding quality, quantity, accessibility and availability of outdoor sports provision in the area. Implications of each site will be developed on the principle of protect, enhance and provide.
- **Application – Application of the assessment**
 - All key findings and priorities from Stage A – C will be applied and used to inform sports strategy, planning policy, infrastructure planning and funding applications.

1.16. 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;
- Stakeholder consultation, including South Kesteven 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.

1.17. 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

1.18. The structure of the PPOSS report is as follows:

- Section 1 – Introduction and Methodology
- Section 2 – Strategic Context
- Section 3 – Artificial Grass Pitches
- Section 4 – Football
- Section 5 – Hockey
- Section 6 – Rugby Union
- Section 7 – Cricket
- Section 8 – Tennis

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- Section 9 – Netball
- Section 10 – Bowls
- Section 11 - Athletics

- 1.19. Supporting information is included in the appendices and referenced throughout.
- 1.20. 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.

2 Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) Analysis

Introduction

- 2.1. 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 South Kesteven that are suitable for football, rugby union and rugby league, as well as the sand-based pitches in South Kesteven, which are currently used for hockey and other informal usage such as football training, walking football etc.

3G AGP Usage for Football

- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. 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

- 2.5. 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.
- 2.6. 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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- 2.7. 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.
- 2.8. 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.

Supply

- 2.9. Table 2 provides a list of all sand-based and 3G AGPs in South Kesteven, 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.
- 2.10. The study area currently has three full sized 3G AGPs available for community use, at Elsa Park (Bourne), Borderville Sport Centre and Grantham Meres Leisure Centre which all cater for large amounts of demand from sports clubs and are available throughout the peak period. There are also 2 small sided 3G pitches, located at Charles Read Academy and Gonerby Recreation Ground (Corby Glen). Although Charles Read Academy is on an education site and caters for curriculum use, it is available to the community during peak hours.
- 2.11. There are also 11 sand dressed AGPs in South Kesteven, all located on education sites, other than one at Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields. However, of these 11, only 5 are full size.
- 2.12. 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' (PPOSS) rather than acting as a substitute for having a PPOSS 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, 90% of all national football investment (FA, Premier League, Sport England and DCMS via the Football Foundation) in South Kesteven District is estimated to be identified via your LFFP'.
- 2.13. The Local Football Facility Plan (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 PPOSS.
- 2.14. The 2019 LFFP for South Kesteven highlighted a deficit of 3 full size 3G AGPs, and as a result identified 4 priority projects, 3 full size and 1 small-sided. Consultation conducted for the LFFP suggested that the full size pitches should be located in Grantham, Deepings and Stamford, with a 7v7 3G at Long Bennington QE2. These suggestions were informed by size of settlements and location of affiliated teams. However, this PPOSS will further explore the need for 3G provision, based on updated football affiliation figures, as well as highlighting potential locations.

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2.15. The LFFP also highlights the need for grass pitch improvements at a number of other sites, however these will be further mentioned in the football section of this report.

2.16. An audit of AGPs in South Kesteven is provided in table 2.

Table 2: AGP Audit

Site Name	Postcode	Sub Area	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Pitch Dimensions (m)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Ambergate Sports College	NG31 7LP	1	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	No	No	5v5	40x20	2013	No	Standard
Gonerby Recreation Ground	NG31 8PP	1	Available	Secure	3G	No	No	5v5	35x30	2019	Yes	Good
Grantham Meres Leisure Centre	NG31 7XQ	1	Available	Secure	3G	Yes	No	Full	102x63	2016	Yes	Good
Long Bennington Qe2 Playing Fields	NG23 5HD	1	Available	Secure	Sand Filled	No	No	5v5	35x30	2020	Yes	Good
The West Grantham Primary Academy (Lower)	NG31 7XQ	1	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	No	No	5v5	30x20	2011	No	Standard

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Site Name	Postcode	Sub Area	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Pitch Dimensions (m)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Bourne Abbey CE Primary Academy	PE10 9EP	2	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	5v5	30x20	2013	No	Standard
Bourne Academy	PE10 9DT	2	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Full	100x60	2020	No	Good
Bourne Grammar School	PE10 9JE	2	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Small	66x46	2020	No	Good
Charles Read Academy	NG33 4NT	2	Available	Secure	3G	No	No	9v9	78x52	2015	Yes	Good
Elsa Park AGP	PE10 0YE	2	Available	Secure	3G	Yes	No	Full	100x60	2020	Yes	Good
Borderville Sports Centre	PE9 1US	3	Available	Secure	3G	Yes	No	Full	90x60	2014	Yes	Good
Copthill School	PE9 3AD	3	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	7v7	60x40	2012	No	Good

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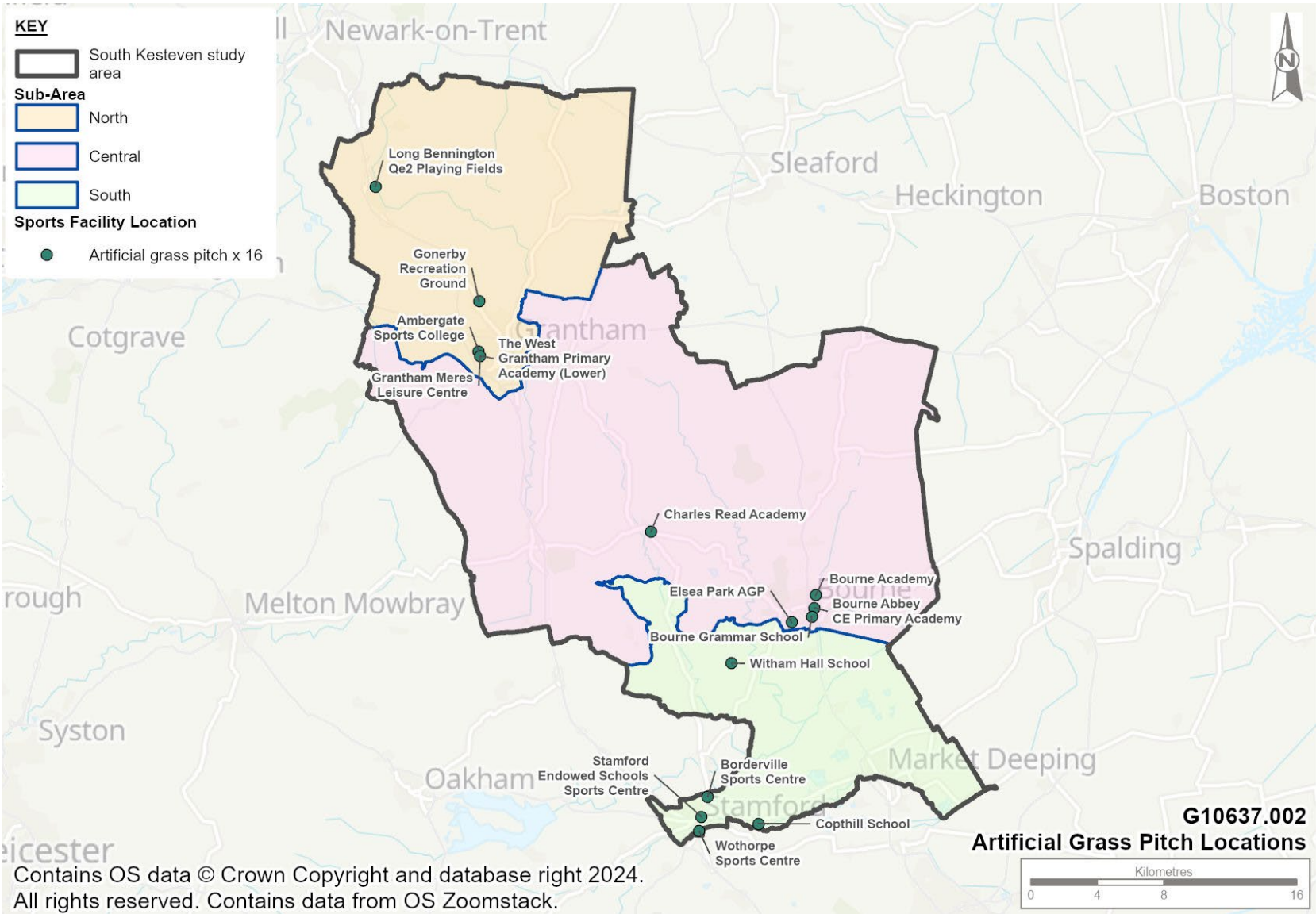
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Site Name	Postcode	Sub Area	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	WR22	Size	Pitch Dimensions (m)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	PE9 1QQ	3	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Full	92x56	2018	Yes	Good
Witham Hall School	PE10 0JJ	3	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Full	100x60	1995	No	Standard
Wothorpe Sports Centre / Stamford Junior School	PE9 2LR	3	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Full	100x60	2021	Yes	Good
Wothorpe Sports Centre / Stamford Junior School	PE9 2LR	3	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	No	No	Full	97x60	2021	Yes	Good

2.17. Map 2 shows the location of all AGP pitches in South Kesteven.

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Map 2: AGP sites in South Kesteven



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Current Supply and Demand

- 2.18. The commentary in the previous section has explained the current supply of AGPs in the study area. To understand how this supply caters for the study area, it is necessary to analyse the current demand for AGP pitch use.
- 2.19. To provide a more accurate picture of how AGP provision is currently being utilised, Table 3 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.
- 2.20. 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.
- 2.21. It should be noted that this theoretical analysis only includes full sized AGP's, in line with the strategic objectives of the FA and Football Foundation.

Supply and Demand Analysis for Sand Dressed AGP

- 2.22. Although there is a significant amount of hockey specific AGP provision in South Kesteven, there are currently no community clubs utilising pitch provision in the area and therefore no community demand for hockey. All full size sand-based provision is located on education sites and caters for a large amount of curricular and extra-curricular hockey activity from the grammar and private schools.
- 2.23. Bourne Deeping HC, Leadenham HC and Spalding HC are all large clubs and operate and utilise facilities just outside of South Kesteven, indicating that there is likely a significant amount of exported demand from the study area. This will be explored further in the hockey section of this PPOSS.
- 2.24. Although due to suitability and FA regulations, sand-dressed surfaces are not able to meet any match play demand from football clubs, they can help to meet some football training demand. However, through consultation, no community football club use of full size sand-based AGPs was highlighted.
- 2.25. It is key to note that only demand that has been identified by clubs during the PPOSS consultation has been included. It must also be noted that further demand will be generated by informal football or corporate leagues, among others, therefore it is important that this supply and demand assessment is cross-checked with the supply and demand analysis presented below.

Supply and Demand Analysis for Football / 3G AGP

- 2.26. Table 3 indicates that all full size 3G pitch provision in the study area is used to capacity. This is based on club consultation, as well as information gathered through discussions with facility managers.

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2.27. Several teams use a number of 3G pitches, indicating a difficulty in gaining suitable levels of access to conveniently located provision.

2.28. Many clubs and teams are unable to access 3G provision due to high levels of demand and lack of available pitches.

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

Site Name	Pitch Type	Size	Supply - Peak Time Capacity	Clubs using the site	Demand - Total hours used			
					Midweek	Saturday	Sunday-	Total
Grantham Meres Leisure Centre	3G	Full	34	Portugese Football Academy, Grantham Town FC, Harrowby United, Kesteven Community FC	18	8	8	34
Elsa Park AGP	3G	Full	34	Bourne Town FC, Stamford Strollers, Thurlby Tigers FC, Kesteven Community FC, Rippingale & Folkingham FC, Deeping Rangers FC	18	8	8	34
Borderville Sports Centre	3G	Full	34	Stamford Strollers, Stamford AFC, Stamford Lions, Stamford College, Thurlby Tigers FC, Bourne Town Res, Deeping Rangers FC	18	8	8	34
Total					54	24	24	102

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

2.29. 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 and match play slots, as well as providing suitable supply at peak times (weekday evenings and weekends).

2.30. Using the demand data for South Kesteven, 269 teams have been identified as playing within South Kesteven. Using the FA's suggested ratio of 1:38, this demonstrates the need for 7 full sized 3G AGP's.

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Table 4: Current Capacity Analysis for AGPs

Area	Teams	Total number of full size 3G AGPs required to meet demand	Current number of full size equivalent 3G AGPs	Current balance
SA1	80	2.1	1	-1.1
SA2	55	1.5	1	-0.5
SA3	132	3.5	1	-2.5
South Kesteven	267	7	3	-4

- 2.31. Supply data for the project identifies 3 existing full sized 3G AGP facilities within the Study Area that are available for community use. Table 7 therefore, suggests that there is a deficit of -4 3G AGPs in South Kesteven. This deficit is split between the sub areas, with -2.5 generated by SA3, -1.1 by SA1 and -0.5 by SA2.
- 2.32. As highlighted in table 3, all 3G pitches are currently being used to capacity, with no spare time available during peak times.
- 2.33. It should be noted that this theoretical analysis only includes full sized 3G AGP's, in line with the strategic objectives of the FA and Football Foundation.

AGP Future Supply and Demand Balance

- 2.34. To understand the projected level of demand for 3G AGPs in South Kesteven across the lifetime of the project, the same ratio of 1:38 has been used and applied to the identified growth of an additional 22 football teams created by population growth and 59 teams identified through latent demand predictions.
- 2.35. Using these updated parameters, it is projected that an additional 0.6 new full sized equivalent 3G AGPs will be required by 2041 to meet future football demand as a result of population growth alone.
- 2.36. Latent demand predictions would also generate demand for an additional 1.6 full size 3G AGPs. This would result in a total additional demand of 2.2 3G pitches to cater for future growth. However, as growth through latent demand is highlighted by clubs, this can often be aspirational and may not be realised.

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Table 5: Future Capacity Analysis for 3G AGPs in South Kesteven

	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
SA1	6	0.2	13	0.3	0.5
SA2	5	0.1	2	0.1	0.2
SA3	11	0.3	44	1.2	1.5
South Kesteven	22	0.6	59	1.6	2.2

- 2.37. If this future demand from population growth alone is added to the current deficit, then there would be a shortfall of 4.6 full size 3G AGPs by 2041. If latent demand is also considered this deficit would increase further to 6.2.
- 2.38. The grass football pitch section of this report also highlights future deficits of all pitch types by 2041. The development of 3G pitch provision, could help to meet some training and match play demand from affiliated clubs. The possibility and likely impact of any development will be explored in Stage D of this PPOSS.

Meeting the Current and Future Demand for 3G AGP Facilities Across South Kesteven

- 2.39. 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.
- 2.40. From the current and future supply and demand analysis we can presume the following:
- There is a current deficit of 4 3G pitches in South Kesteven for affiliated football teams.
 - To cater for additional future demand through population growth, a further 0.6 full size equivalent 3G AGPs should be considered, increasing the total deficit to 4.6 full size equivalent 3G AGPs.
 - If latent demand predictions are realised, they may create the additional need for a further 1.6 3G pitches, raising the total deficit by 2041 to 6.2.
 - 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.

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- 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

- 2.41. This section summarises the findings from the AGP analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendations and action plan section for South Kesteven.
- 2.42. Table 6 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 Sports Chapters creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

Table 6: Key PPOSS Findings for AGPs in South Kesteven

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p>There are 3 full size 3G AGP's in South Kesteven, with a further 2 small sided 3G pitches. All are rated as good quality.</p> <p>There are also 11 sand-based AGPs in the study area, 5 of which are full sized. All hockey specific provision is located on educational sites.</p> <p>There are no WR22 compliant pitches in the study area.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>Based on the 1:38 model, 114 teams can access 3G provision in South Kesteven, leaving 155 teams who cannot. This suggests there is a current deficit of -4 full size equivalent 3G pitches in South Kesteven. All full size 3G pitches are used to capacity. Through consultation it is clear that a large number of teams are unable to access 3G provision at all, or to the level required.</p> <p>There are no hockey clubs in South Kesteven, however both a number of schools have extensive hockey programmes, ensuring the utilisation of sand dressed AGPs in at grammar and private education sites.</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>81% of AGPs in South Kesteven are good and 19% standard.</p> <p>All 3G provision is rated as good quality.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>There is predicted to be a growth of 22 football teams due to population growth and 59 teams as a result of latent demand predictions.</p> <p>If latent demand predictions are taken into account, there is the need for an additional 6.2 full size equivalent 3G pitches. Although there are no planned 3G developments, the existing LFFP suggests the need for an additional 3 full size 3G pitches.</p>

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Key Question	Analysis
Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet future demand?	Using current demand data coupled with future TGR calculations and latent demand information, it has been identified that by 2041, there will be a deficit of 4.6 full size 3G AGPs as a result of population growth alone, and 6.2 if latent demand predictions are realised.

3 Football Stage C Assessment

Introduction

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. This section includes the headline findings from the PPOSS, as well as a site-by-site analysis of football sites across South Kesteven.

Strategic Priorities for Football

- 3.3. Football in the study area is governed by Lincolnshire FA which works to administer the provision of football in South Kesteven and support the strategic priorities highlighted below.
- 3.4. The FA Time for Change Strategy 2020-2024 is based on the exciting objective of inspiring a lifelong journey in football for all its vision is 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.
- 3.5. The Time for Change Strategy focusses on six game changer objectives:
- Win a major tournament.
 - Serve 2m+ through a transformed digital platform.
 - Ensure equal opportunities for every girl.
 - Delivery of 5000 quality pitches
 - A game free from discrimination
 - Maximise the appeal and revenue of the FA cups and Barclays FA Women's Super League.
- 3.6. There are also 8 serve objectives:
- Trusted, progressive, regulation and administration.
 - Safe and inclusive football pathways and environment
 - Personalised & connected learning experiences.
 - Maximum investment into the game
 - Diverse, high-performing workforce & inclusive culture

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- World class venues and events
 - Strong reputation and clear brand identity
 - Technology enabled and insight driven.
- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. The strategic pillar that is of greatest relevance to this PPOSS is: Develop Sustainable Football Facilities. The 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
- 3.9. 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.
- 3.10. Local Football Facility Plans (LFFP) are locally tailored reports that highlight the facility need across individual local authority areas. Informed and led by a PPOSS, 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 that require funding.

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Supply

- 3.12. The audit identifies a total of 146 grass football pitches across 61 sites in South Kesteven. 114 pitches are available for community use, across 46 sites.
- 3.13. Table 7 highlights the breakdown of different pitch types across available sites (secure and unsecure) in South Kesteven.

Table 7: Summary of Grass Football Pitches in South Kesteven.

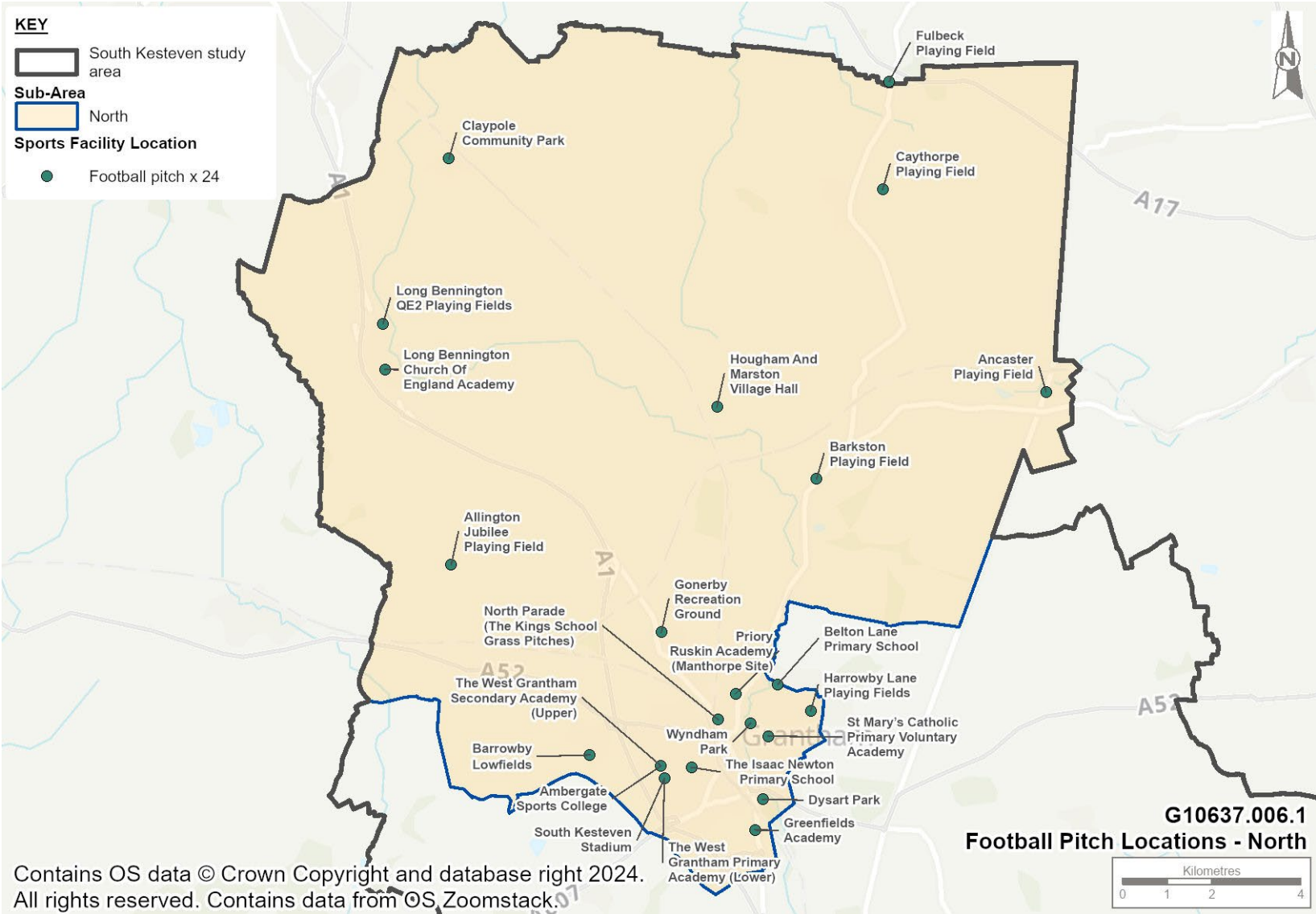
Analysis area	No. unavailable pitch sites	No. available Playing Pitch Sites	Pitches Available for Community Use					Total Available Pitches
			Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	7v7	5v5	
1	7	17	14	10	4	7	3	38
2	1	18	19	4	5	3	3	34
3	7	12	13	9	5	9	6	42
Total	15	46	46	23	14	19	12	114

- 3.14. There are 114 available pitches in South Kesteven. This number can be broken down into 46 adult 11v11, 23 youth 11v11, 15 youth 9v9, 19 7v7 and 12 mini 5v5 pitches.

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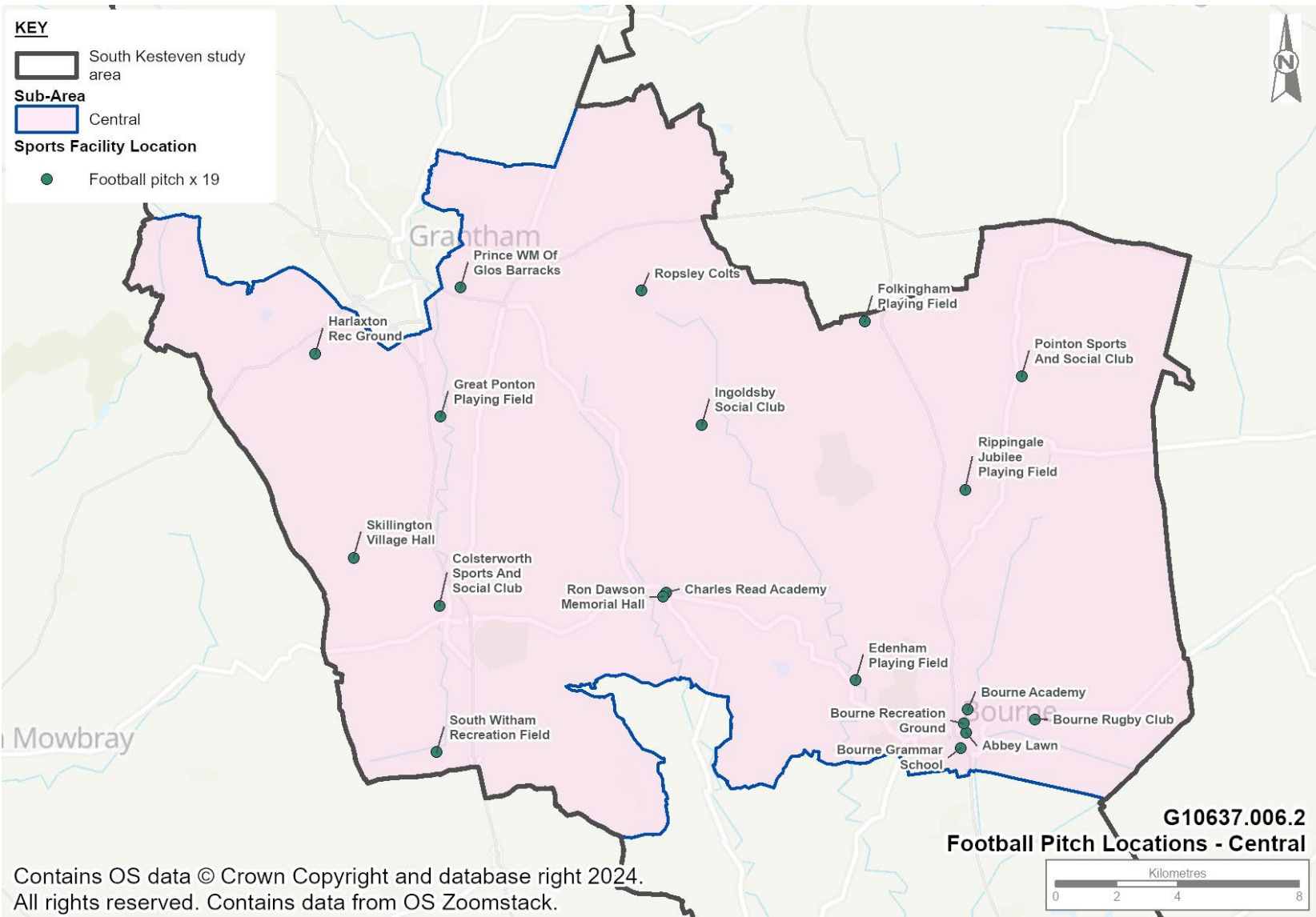
Map 3: All pitch across the South Kesteven area - North



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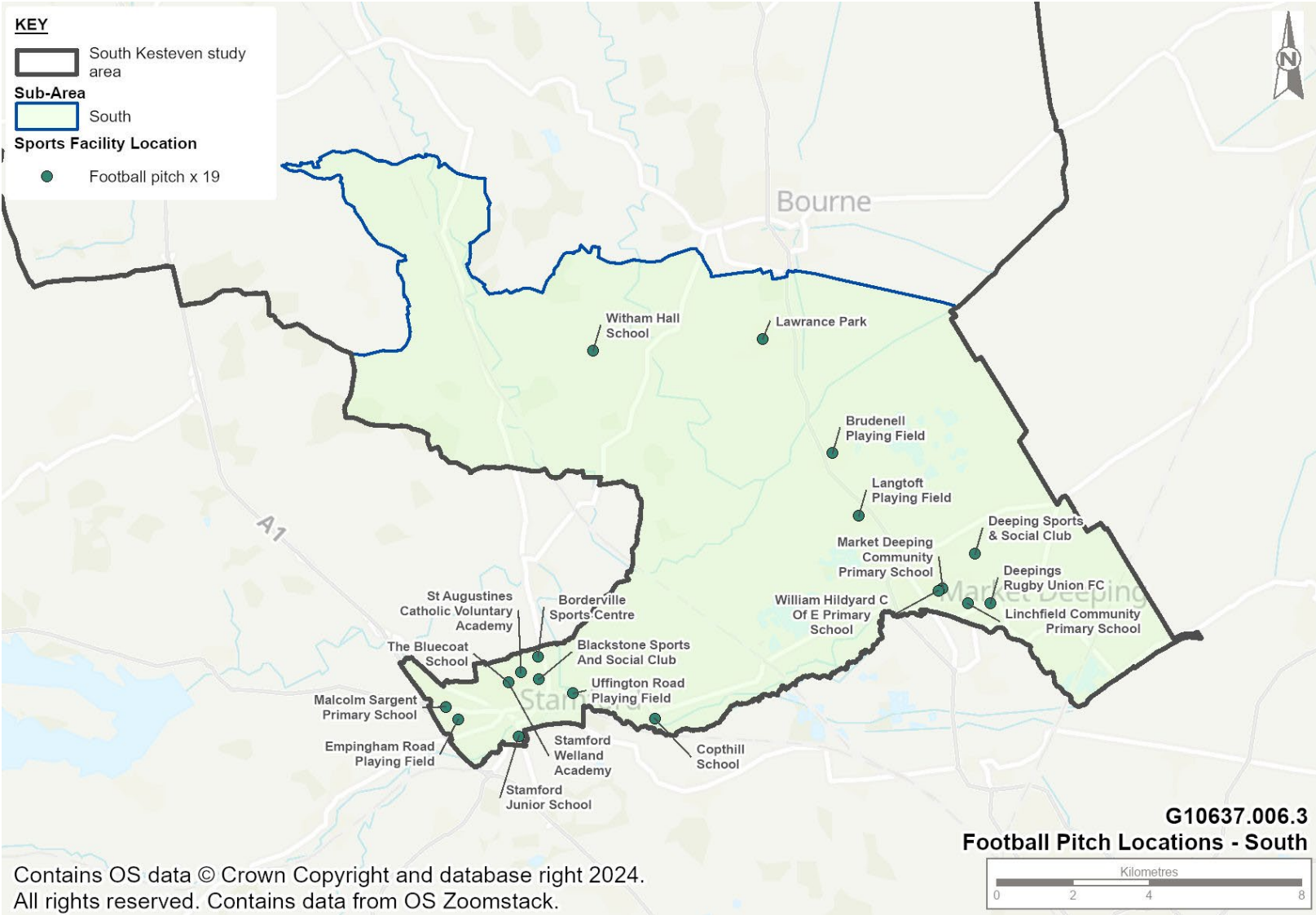
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Map 4: All pitch across the South Kesteven area - Central



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Map 5: All pitch across the South Kesteven area - South



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Available Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches.

- 3.15. 106 of the 114 (93%) available pitches in South Kesteven provide secure community use access (i.e., pitches owned or leased by local authorities or clubs/associations). 9 (7%) pitches are unsecured community use pitches.

Table 8: Secured and Unsecured Community Use Pitches 2022/23 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)	
SA1	Secured Community Use	12	10	4	7	3	36 (95%)
	Unsecured Community Use	2	0	0	0	0	2 (5%)
SA2	Secured Community Use	16	3	5	3	3	30 (85%)
	Unsecured Community Use	3	1	0	0	0	4 (15%)
SA3	Secured Community Use	13	8	5	8	6	40 (98%)
	Unsecured Community Use	0	1	0	1	0	2 (2%)
Total	Secured Community Use	41	21	14	18	12	106 (93%)
	Unsecured Community Use	5	2	1	1	0	9 (7%)

Disused Provision

- 3.16. 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 District Planning Order 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 take into account the whole of the playing field, Sport England may still be a statutory consultee for the sites below.
- 3.17. Disused pitches must still be assessed using the criteria in paragraph 103 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.

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Table 9: Disused Pitches South Kesteven

Pitch Name	Previous Pitch Size	Ownership	Reason for no use
Grantham College, Grantham	Adult 11v11	Education	Site Closed
St George's Academy, Sleaford (outside of District)	Adult 11v11	Local Authority	Site Closed
Stoke Rochford Leisure Club, near Grantham	Adult 11v11	Commercial	Site Closed

Proposed Supply changes

- 3.18. There are no planning applications or proposals for playing pitch sites in South Kesteven 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

- 3.19. 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 South Kesteven will then be set out before a supply and demand analysis is undertaken for each site and South Kesteven as a whole.
- 3.20. Lincolnshire FA and 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 13 have been informed by the Pitch Power assessments provided by Lincolnshire FA, however improvements may have been made since the assessments were carried out. Further, site specific details regarding Pitch Power are provided below.
- 3.21. The following clubs/sites are being supported by Lincolnshire 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.

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3.22. The PitchPower quality ratings reflect the pitch assessment ratings in this report.

- **Ropsley Colts** – 4 pitches received good quality ratings, with pitch 1 receiving an advanced score.
- **Deeping Sport and Social Club** – 1x adult 11v11 and 1x 9v9 received a good grade, whilst the remaining pitches received a poor-quality rating.
- **Barrowby Lowfields** - All pitches classified as good, other than 1 5v5 pitch which received a rating of poor.
- **Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields** – All pitches received an advanced quality rating.
- **Ancaster Playing Field** – The 7v7 pitch is rated as poor quality. The other 11v11, 9v9 and 5v5 pitches are rated as basic.
- **Harrowby Lane** – Both pitches received a basic quality rating.
- **Stamford Welland Academy** – The youth 11v11 is rated as advanced, however the adult 11v11 is poor and the 2 9v9 pitches received a basic rating.
- **Colsterworth Sports and Social Club** – The adult 11v11 pitch is rated as good, but both junior pitches are of poor quality.
- **Claypole Community Park** – One adult 11v11 pitch, rated as poor.
- **Abbey Lawn** – The adult 11v11 pitch received a poor quality rating.

3.23. Table 10 indicates the quality assessments for each site and pitch in South Kesteven. The following information includes only sites which are available for community use.

Table 10: Pitch Quality in SA1

Sub Area 1	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
Allington Jubilee Playing Field						1						1			
Ambergate Sports College					1										
Ancaster Playing Field			1												
Barkston Playing Field	1														
Barrowby Lowfields	1			1			3			2					1
Caythorpe Playing Field		1													
Claypole Community Park					1										

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Sub Area 1	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
Dysart Park						1									
Fulbeck Playing Field			1									1			
Gonerby Recreation Ground			1												1
Harrowby Lane Playing Fields	1	1													
Hougham and Marston Village Hall			1			1									
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	1			2			1			1			1		
Priory Ruskin Academy	2														
South Kesteven Stadium	1														
West Grantham Secondary Academy (Upper)		1			1						2				
Wyndham Park					1										
	7	3	4	3	4	3	4	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	2

Table 11: Pitch Quality in SA2

Sub Area 2	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
Abbey Lawn			1												
Bourne Academy		2													
Bourne Grammar School		1					1								
Bourne Recreation Ground			1			1									1
Bourne Rugby Club		1			1										

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Sub Area 2	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
Charles Read Academy					1										
Colsterworth Sport and Social Club		1						1						1	
Edenham Playing Field		1						1			1				
Folkingham Playing Field			1			1									
Great Ponton Playing Field			2												
Ingoldsby Social Club		1									1				
Pointon Sports and Social Club	2														
Rippingale Jubilee Playing Fields	1														
Ron Dawson Memorial Hall			1												
Ropsley Colts	1						2			1			1		
Skillington Village Hall			1												
South Witham Recreation Field	1														
	5	7	7	0	2	2	2	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	1

Table 12: Pitch Quality in SA3

Sub Area 3	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
Blackstone Sports and Social Club	1														
Borderville Sports Centre	1				1			1			2				
Brudenell Playing Field			1												

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Sub Area 3	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
Deeping Sport and Social Club	3			1			1			3					
Deepings RFC	1			1			1			1					
Empingham Road Playing Field			1									1			
Langtoft Playing Field			1			1									1
Lawrence Park			1			1									2
St Augustines Catholic Voluntary Academy												1			
Stamford Junior School				1											
Stamford Welland Academy			2	1				2							
Uffington Road Playing Field		1			2						1			3	
	6	1	6	4	3	2	2	3	0	4	3	2	0	3	3

Table 13: Overview of Pitch Quality in South Kesteven



South Kesteven	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
SA1	7	3	4	3	4	3	4	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	2
SA2	5	7	7	0	2	2	2	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	1
SA3	6	1	6	4	3	2	2	3	0	4	3	2	0	3	3
Total	18	11	17	7	9	7	8	6	0	8	7	4	2	4	6

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Ancillary Facilities

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

Good	
Standard	
Poor/None	

- 3.25. 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 14 below identifies the findings for football sites that are actively utilised for football across South Kesteven.

Table 14: Site by site analysis of ancillary facility quality – SA1.

Site name	Ancillary facility quality
Allington Jubilee Playing Field	Good
Ambergate Sports College	Standard
Ancaster Playing Field	Good
Barkston Playing Field	Good
Barrowby Lowfields	Good
Caythorpe Playing Field	Good
Claypole Community Park	Standard
Dysart Park	None
Fulbeck Playing Field	Good
Gonerby Recreation Ground	Good
Harrowby Lane Playing Fields	Good
Hougham and Marston Village Hall	Standard

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Site name	Ancillary facility quality
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	Good
Priory Ruskin Academy	Good
South Kesteven Stadium	Good
West Grantham Secondary Academy (Upper)	Standard
Wyndham Park	Good

Table 15: Site by site analysis of ancillary facility quality – SA2.

Site name	Ancillary facility quality
Abbey Lawn	Standard
Bourne Academy	Standard
Bourne Grammar School	Standard
Bourne Recreation Ground	Poor
Bourne Rugby Club	Standard
Charles Read Academy	Standard
Colsterworth Sport and Social Club	Good
Edenham Playing Field	Standard
Folkingham Playing Field	Good
Great Ponton Playing Field	Standard
Harlaxton Recreation Gound	Good
Ingoldsby Social Club	Standard
Pointon Sports and Social Club	Standard
Rippingale Jubilee Playing Fields	Standard

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Site name	Ancillary facility quality
Ron Dawson Memorial Hall	Good
Ropsley Colts	Standard
Skillington Village Hall	Good
South Witham Recreation Field	Standard

Table 16: Site by site analysis of ancillary facility quality – SA3.

Site name	Ancillary facility quality
Blackstone Sports and Social Club	Good
Borderville Sports Centre	Good
Brudenell Playing Field	Standard
Deeping Sport and Social Club	Good
Deepings RFC	Standard
Empingham Road Playing Field	Standard
Langtoft Playing Field	Standard
Lawrence Park	Standard
Stamford Junior School	Good
Stamford Welland Academy	Standard
Uffington Road Playing Field	Standard

Current Demand

- 3.26. Football is the most popular team sport across South Kesteven. With a total of 267 teams across 35 clubs. As part of the PPOSS process, all clubs were given the opportunity to respond to consultation, allowing them to provide their views on facilities, developments, issues and growth plans. An overview of the consultation is included in Table 15 below.

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3.27. 90.6% of football teams in the study area responded to the online survey. A summary of their feedback is included in Table 17.

Table 17: Club Consultation

Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
Ancaster Athletic FC	Ancaster Playing Fields	The sports club owned home ground pitch quality has been rated poor which is backed up by the pitch power report rating ranging from basic to poor. The club trains on 3G pitches at Carre's Grammar School, Sleaford and Sir William Robertson Academy, Leasingham. The club currently operates 9 teams from junior to adult football also comprising of one U12s female only team with aspirations to add 7 more teams in the upcoming three seasons. The ancillary facility of Ancaster Playing Field has been rated poor and the current maintenance programme described as standard by the club.
Barrowby FC	Lowfields Sportsfield / Barrowby FC	The club plays their home matches at Lowfields which is rented from the Parish Council and maintained by the club itself. The ground has standard quality grass pitches with good maintenance programme. The club consists of 20 teams from U6 to U15 age categories. In addition to this, the club also has four female only teams at U9, U10, U11 and U12 levels. The club has indicated the need of a 3G pitch in the future.
Blackstones Junior FC	Stamford Welland Academy	The club plays and trains across Stamford Welland Academy, St Augustine's School, Blue Coats School and the Parish Council owned ground Empingham Road Playing Field. The quality of pitches of all the four sites have been rated as standard. Stamford Welland Academy is used for 10+ hours per week primarily for training purpose. The ancillary facility at Stamford Welland Academy and Empingham Road is said to be poor and standard at the two school sites. There is no maintenance at the school sites while the maintenance at other two sites have been rated poor. The club consists of 20 teams and has plans to potentially add 7 teams over the next three seasons. The club is almost towards the end of the facility improvement plan at Stamford Welland Academy.
Bourne Town Juniors	Bourne Recreation Ground / Bourne Rugby Club	Bourne Town Juniors have 18 teams ranging from U7 to U18. Mainly located at Bourne Rec Ground and Bourne Rugby Club, the club do however utilise Abbey Lawn and Edenham Playing Field for some match play and training demand. The club train at Elsea Park 3G pitch, Bourne Rec Ground grass pitches and Edenham Village Hall grass pitches. They highlight the need for pitch improvements at Bourne Rec Ground urgently.
Caythorpe and Fulbeck JFC	Caythorpe Playing Field / Fulbeck Playing Field	The club which is based at Caythorpe Playing Field and Fulbeck Playing Field, consists of 6 teams, from under 7 to U14, with no female only teams. They have grown by 2 junior teams over the past 3 years and predict further growth of 4 teams in the next 3 seasons. There are good quality ancillary facilities on both sites. As there are often multiple matches per day, and some pitches are used for more informal use, during the winter the pitches can become muddy and in poor condition.
Colsterworth Colts JFC	Colsterworth Sports and Social Club	The club have 6 teams ranging from U7 to U12 and are based at Colsterworth Sports and Social Club, where there are basic ancillary facilities. The club have plans to grow over the next three seasons, but need greater access to pitch provision and funding to enable this.
Deeping Rangers	The Haydon Whitham Stadium / Deeping Rangers FC	The club has security tenure from Deeping Sports & Social Club who own the site and have a lease agreement with Deeping St James United Charities. The club uses facilities outside Deepings for training purpose. The quality of one pitch out of four has been rated as good with the rest being of standard quality. As per the pitch power report, the quality of adult football West field 1 and junior football 11v11 pitches have been marked poor while the other two pitches have been rated as good. The ground maintenance programme is undertaken by the grounds team from seeding, cutting to all the associated tasks.

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		The grounds team also manages the maintenance and upkeep of the ancillary facility. The current maintenance programme and ancillary facility at this site has been rated as good. The club has 21 teams junior and adult teams and runs a junior soccer school for girls on Sundays on ground 4. The club is continually looking at increasing the number of teams to accommodate the vast number of young girls and boys that want to play football as well as running competitive senior football teams to play at a high standard. An open aged ladies team was to begin from 2023/24 season utilising grounds 1,2 and 3. The club has highlighted the problem of restricted training space as they only have access to grass pitches of which only one is floodlit. A number of teams travel outside the county to access additional provision – Queen Katherine Academy, Middletons Road 3G, Arthur Mellows Village College in Peterborough. The club has underlined the need of a local 3G pitch as part of wider community initiative consolidated by the initial conversations with Football Foundation to reduce car journey expenses and reintegrate funds within the local community.
Deeping United FC	Deeping RFC	The quality of grass pitches at the school together with its maintenance programme has been described as poor by the club. The club already has 40+ active teams from U5 to adult with 7 female only teams and the club would like to add 15 more teams in the near future ranging from 5v5 to adult sections. The club currently does not have access to ancillary facilities provided within the school owing to safety concerns. The club has highlighted the lack of suitable facilities with limited access to 3G pitches and poor quality grass pitches in Deeping. The consultation indicated that the club travels outside the county to access the 3G pitch at Werrington Leisure Centre in Peterborough.
Gonerby Youth FC	Gonerby Recreation Ground	14 teams from U7 to U18, based at Gonerby Recreation Ground but who also use Hougham and Marston Village Hall and Allington Jubilee Playing Field. The club currently lease all facilities, but are in the process of trying to source land to develop their own facilities. If this was possible, then there may be opportunities for the club to grow its number of teams significantly. The club have grown quickly in the past few seasons, and are struggling to cater for demand most weekends, due to lack of facilities.
Grantham Town	Grantham Town FC and Grantham Meres 3G	The South Kesteven Stadium or Grantham Town FC football pitch is of standard quality maintained by the sports club. The 3G pitch is also described as standard and is maintained by SK Leisure with standard maintenance programme across both the grounds. It was identified during the consultation that the ground is also for athletics and general public use. The club has 9 teams with the U19, U23 and senior team using the SK stadium while other teams play at Meres 3G. The club is also looking to add one adult 11v11 female only team to their roster. The junior side play in Junior Premier League U19, National Youth U19 and Alliance U23 in United Counties League Seniors in Northern Premier League. The club is considering to add the adjacent unused grass pitch to the existing lease contract.
Harrowby United FC	Harrowby United Football & Social Club	The club's home ground is based at Dickens Road, Grantham which has two pitches. The club has leased the ground from South Kesteven District Council. The quality of the pitch and ancillary facility are rated good with current maintenance programme described as excellent. Informal play at this venue includes charity games. The club has 5 teams at present with plans to increase two more teams over the next three seasons. The club rents 3G in Wellsbourne for training purpose. Current facility development plans include extending the changing facilities by 100 square metres which will increase the size of the changing rooms and kitchen. The club has made an application for a 20m wide standing stand. In future, the club is looking to lease two further pitches and changing rooms on Harrowby lane from the Council and look to apply for a 3G pitch in this area.
Kesteven Community FC	Grantham Town FC & Elsea Park	The club rents pitches at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre from the Council and Elsea Park from the Elsea Park Community Trust. The club consists of 3 veteran teams using both pitches for 10+ hours per week for training. The AGP and its ancillary facility at Trent Road, Grantham is rated poor while Elsea Park 3G and the ancillary facility is rated good.

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		The maintenance programme of Grantham Meres Leisure Centre is described as poor and that of Elsea Park as excellent. The club plans to increase one 11v11 adult male team and two 11v11 adult female teams over the next three seasons. The club has secured funding for the provision of shelter kits.
Langtoft United FC	Langtoft Sports Pavilion	The club uses Langtoft Playing Field for both competition and training purposes. The ground has been leased by South Kesteven District Council. The quality of grass pitches has been rated standard with poor ancillary facilities. The standard ground maintenance programme includes general tidying and by the volunteers at the end of the season. The club has 9 teams across U9-U16. Additionally, the club also runs 4 female only teams in U8, U10, U13 and U15 age categories. The club has extensive plans to increase the number of teams by 28 from 5v5 girls and boys to 11v11 adult female and male teams. The boys/mixed category teams play in either the Peterborough and District Junior Alliance or the Peterborough and District Football League outside the local authority area. The club has outlined plans of having 3G facilities, new floodlighting and pitch improvements as part of the development plans. The application for the facility development is still pending.
Long Bennington FC	Long Bennington QE2 Playing Field	The club's home base is Parish council owned site and managed by the Long Bennington Playing Field Management Committee. The quality of grass pitch is recorded as good and the all weather pitches as standard and poor. The accessible ancillary facility is also of poor quality. As part of the Grass Pitch Improvement scheme, the ground maintenance programme includes monthly surface grooming, aerating and use of fertiliser 2-3 times annually and re-seeding, top dressing and scarifying done annually. The pitch power report has rated the pitches as advanced. The SKDC FFP identified the need for a pavilion upgrade and 3G pitch at the facility. The club has been in talks with the Lincolnshire FA and Football Foundation. At present, funding has not been secured. Through consultation it can be evidenced that many teams travel outside the county with U9s competing in the Grantham Youth League, U15s Girls playing in the Lincolnshire League, all other junior and youth teams playing in the Nottinghamshire League as there is no provision for Saturday football within the local authority area. The senior team plays in the Central Midlands League and the veteran team plays in the East Midland League.
Portugese Football Academy	Harlaxton Sports and Social Club	The club have 5 teams from U7 to U12 based at Haraxton Sports and Social Club and Grantham Meres Leisure Centre. However, some teams are forced to travel to Nottinghamshire to train and play. The club have development plans to support children who are unable to play at other clubs, but need support to enable them cater for rising demand. Accessible and affordable pitches are in short supply and the club need a floodlit pitch to support training demand.
Ropsley Colts	Ropsley Playing Fields	The club has 16 male/mixed teams and 4 female only teams. The latest pitch power inspection report stated the quality of grass pitches as good. The ground maintenance programme is said to be good according to the football club. The club has aspirations to increase one 11v11 youth girls and one 9v9 youth girls teams in the next three years. The club would like to improve the facility as part of its development plan, however, no funding has been sought or agreed.
Stamford AFC	Zeeco Stadium / Borderville Sports Centre	The club leases its ground from Burghley House Preservation Trust. The pitch quality of the two grounds are described as good and standard respectively. The Uffington Road Playing Fields grass pitch is used for 4-5 hours per week for training purpose. The current maintenance programme at each site is rated as good. The club has facility development plans in place.
Stamford Belvedere	Stamford Welland Academy	The club described the quality of the 11v11 adult grass pitch as poor with the same being recorded in the pitch power report in 2022. The club comprises of two senior teams and one veteran team. According to the club, currently no maintenance programme is carried out and the pitch marking is done by the contractors. There are facility development plans in place and the school has said to receive funding for the same. The club uses Borderville Sports Centre as training facility site.

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Club	Site Name	Consultation Summary
Stamford Strollers	Borderville Sports Centre	The club rents three facilities which includes Borderville Sports Centre, Elsea Park AGP and Charles Read Academy, Corby Glen. Pitches at all three sites have been rated good by the club with good ancillary facility at Borderville and Elsea Park and termed the maintenance programme as excellent. The club has four veteran teams playing 7v7 competitive football. In addition to the competitive fixtures, the club also operates casual football session. The club has plans to increase the number of teams with the club currently having 147 members. There is aspiration to add a females only veteran team.
Thurlby Tigers FC	Lawrance Park, Thurlby Tigers FC	The club uses four grounds for formal play and training purpose. The club has 25 teams and plans to increase the number by 13 in the following three seasons. The club manages the home ground at Lawrance Park and rents Brudenell Playing Field from Brudenell Playing Fields Management Committee, Elsea Park from Elsea Park Community Trust and Borderville AGP from Stamford AFC. The quality of pitches and ancillary facility at Lawrance Park and Brudenell Playing Field have been rated standard while the pitches and ancillary facility at Elsea Park and Borderville have been rated good. The maintenance programme for Elsea Park and Borderville has been described as excellent but poor for Brudenell Playing Field. The maintenance of Thurlby Tiger FC home ground is carried out by private contractor and has been described as standard.

3.28. Table 18 outlines the current football demand in South Kesteven.

Table 18: Football Demand

Age Groups	Male Teams	Female Teams	Total
SA1			
Adult 11v11	23	1	24
Youth 11v11	18	1	19
9v9	7	0	7
7v7	17	0	17
5v5	13	0	13
Total	78	2	80
SA2			
Adult 11v11	17	0	17
Youth 11v11	8	2	10
9v9	10	1	11
7v7	9	0	9

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Age Groups	Male Teams	Female Teams	Total
5v5	8	0	8
Total	52	3	55
SA3			
Adult 11v11	27	2	29
Youth 11v11	24	6	30
9v9	19	5	24
7v7	25	2	27
5v5	21	1	22
Total	116	16	132
South Kesteven Totals			
Adult 11v11	67	3	70
Youth 11v11	50	9	59
9v9	36	6	42
7v7	51	2	53
5v5	42	1	43
Total	246	21	267

- 3.29. Table 19 outlines the current football provision for women and girls in South Kesteven, focussing on female only teams (team numbers below are included in the overall data).

Table 19: Female Only Football Provision

Club	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	Total No. Teams
Bourne Town Juniors	0	1	0	0	0	1
Deeping United	1	3	4	1	1	10
Langtoft United	0	2	0	0	0	2

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Club	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	Total No. Teams
Ropsley Colts	0	1	1	0	0	2
Long Bennington FC	1	1	0	0	0	2
Stamford AFC	1	1	1	1	0	4
Totals	3	9	6	2	1	21

Demand Driven by Exported/Imported Demand

- 3.30. No imported or exported demand was highlighted during the consultation period.

Demand Driven by Latent Demand

- 3.31. Latent demand for football has been identified across the study area. Latent demand is 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.
- 3.32. 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 South Kesteven, in addition to the teams generated by population growth.
- 3.33. 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.
- 3.34. Table 20 shows that there is the potential latent demand of 29.5 MES per week across the study area. 6.5 MES can be attributed to SA1, 1 MES will be generated in SA2, and a 22 MES of demand is expected to be delivered by clubs in SA3 by 2041.

Table 20: Latent demand highlighted through consultation.

Club	Sub Area	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	Total Teams	Total latent demand (MES)
Harrowby United FC	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1
Kesteven Community FC	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.5

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Club	Sub Area	Adult 11v11	Youth 11v11	9v9	7v7	5v5	Total Teams	Total latent demand (MES)
Long Bennington FC	1	0	2	0	2	4	8	4
Ropsley Colts	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Blackstones JFC	3	1	2	1	1	2	7	3.5
Deeping Rangers FC	3	1	2	2	2	2	9	4.5
Deeping United	3	2	4	3	3	3	15	7.5
Thurlby Tigers FC	3	1	3	3	3	3	13	6.5
Total		9	15	10	11	14	59	29.5 MES

Future Demand

Demand Driven by Population Growth

- 3.35. 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.
- 3.36. 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.
- 3.37. Across South Kesteven, 51.5% of the population are female, and 48.5% are male. This figure has been applied to the population figures in Table 21. All figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.
- 3.38. Table 21 below demonstrates that there is an anticipated total increase of 22 teams across South Kesteven due to population growth. A full breakdown by age group and sub area can be seen below:

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Table 21: Future demand driven by population growth.

Age Groups	Current teams	no. of	Current Population	Future Population (8% increase by 2041)	Current TGR*	Population change	Projected change	team	no.
SA1									
Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	23		8984	9702	391	717		2	
Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	1		9539	10303	9539	764		0	
Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	18		1355	1463	75	103		1	
Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	1		1438	1553	1438	115		0	
Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	7		700	757	100	57		1	
Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	0		744	803	0	59		0	
Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	17		1330	1436	78	106		1	
Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	13		1273	1375	98	102		1	
Total projected new teams by 2041								6	
SA2									
Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	17		6371	6881	375	510		1	
Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	0		6765	7306	0	541		0	
Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	8		996	1076	125	80		1	
Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	2		1058	1143	529	85		0	
Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	10		511	551	51	40		1	
Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	1		542	586	542	44		0	
Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	9		970	1048	108	78		1	
Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	8		945	1021	118	76		1	
Total projected new teams by 2041								5	
SA3									
Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	27		6801	7345	252	544		2	
Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	2		7222	7800	3611	578		0	

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Age Groups	Current no. of teams	Current Population	Future Population (8% increase by 2041)	Current TGR*	Population change	Projected change	team no.
Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	24	1037	1121	43	84	2	
Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	6	1102	1190	184	88	1	
Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	19	501	541	26	40	2	
Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	5	531	574	106	43	0	
Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	27	1047	1131	39	84	2	
Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	22	942	1017	43	75	2	
Total projected new teams by 2041						11	

- 3.39. The table above illustrates the projected growth across each football age group. The largest growth will be generated by adult males, with 5 additional teams expected in South Kesteven by 2041. When considering growth by sub area, SA3 will see the 11 additional teams, SA1 will have 6 and SA2 will have 5.
- 3.40. Table 22 shows the future number of teams in South Kesteven by age group and sex, driven by population growth to 2041.

Table 22: Future team numbers by 2041 – population growth only.

	Adult 11v11		Youth 11v11		Youth 9v9		Mini		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	Mixed 7v7	Mixed 5v5	
SA1	25	1	19	1	8	0	18	14	86
SA2	18	0	9	2	11	1	10	9	60
SA3	29	2	26	7	21	5	29	24	143
Total	72	3	54	10	40	6	57	47	289

- 3.41. Utilising the current demand figures for football, and how the population of South Kesteven is projected to grow by 2041, we can provide an estimation of the future level of demand in South Kesteven. This data, shown in Match Equivalent Sessions (MES), assumes that teams will require access to 0.5 MES per week, due to playing away from their home ground every other week.
- 3.42. Table 23 highlights how these future team numbers will impact the demand in MES for football provision. There is predicted to be a total future demand for 144.5 MES per week by 2041, when considering future population growth. The impact of latent demand will be explored separately.

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Table 23: 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	
SA1	12.5	0.5	9.5	0.5	4	0	9	7	43
SA2	9	0	4.5	1	5.5	0.5	5	4.5	30
SA3	14.5	1	13	3.5	10.5	2.5	14.5	12	71.5
Total	36	1.5	27	5	20	3	28.5	23.5	144.5

- 3.43. Although this PPS 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. This is significantly higher than predictions above and would suggest a potential growth of around 140 teams by 2041. This growth would have a serious impact on the availability of both grass and 3G pitch provision in South Kesteven which will be explored further as part of Stage D of the PPOSS.

Football Supply and Demand information

- 3.44. 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.
- 3.45. 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 24 below illustrates how weekly carrying capacity is allocated to each pitch type, depending on its quality rating.

Table 24: Carrying Capacity per Pitch Type. All Figures in MES

Quality score	Adult football	Youth football	Mini soccer
Good (80-100%)	3	4	6
Standard (50-79.9%)	2	2	4
Poor (0-49.9%)	1	1	2

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- 3.46. Table 25 below provides an overview of all pitch capacity and demand across all available sites across South Kesteven, categorised by pitch type and sub area. All unavailable sites have been dismissed from this list as there is no community use on these sites.
- 3.47. 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.
- 3.48. 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 25: Capacity Analysis for Grass Football Pitches – SA1

Site name	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Allington Jubilee Playing Field	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Poor	1	1	0	No spare capacity
Allington Jubilee Playing Field	Secure	1x 7v7	Poor	2	0	2	1
Ambergate Sports College	Unsecure	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	1	1	No spare capacity - unsecure
Ancaster Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	3.5	-2.5	No spare capacity
Barkston Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	0.5	2.5	0.5
Barrowby Lowfields	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	0	3	1
Barrowby Lowfields	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Good	4	1	3	No spare capacity
Barrowby Lowfields	Secure	3x 9v9	Good	12	1	11	1
Barrowby Lowfields	Secure	2x 7v7	Good	12	2	10	No spare capacity
Barrowby Lowfields	Secure	1x 5v5	Poor	2	2	0	No spare capacity
Caythorpe Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	No spare capacity
Claypole Community Park	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	0	2	1

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Site name	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Dysart Park	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Poor	1	0	1	1
Fulbeck Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	1	0	No spare capacity
Fulbeck Playing Field	Secure	1x 7v7	Poor	2	1	1	No spare capacity
Gonerby Recreation Ground	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	No spare capacity
Gonerby Recreation Ground	Secure	1x 5v5	Poor	2	4	-2	No spare capacity
Harrowby Lane Playing Fields	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	1	2	No spare capacity
Harrowby Lane Playing Fields	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	6.5	-4.5	No spare capacity
Hougham and Marston Village Hall	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Hougham and Marston Village Hall	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Poor	1	1	0	No spare capacity
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	3	0	No spare capacity
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	Secure	2x Youth 11v11	Good	8	4.5	3.5	0.5
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	Secure	1x 9v9	Good	4	3	1	No spare capacity
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	Secure	1x 7v7	Good	6	3	3	No spare capacity
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	Secure	1x 5v5	Good	6	1.5	4.5	0.5
Priory Ruskin Academy	Unsecure	2x Adult 11v11	Good	6	2	4	No spare capacity - unsecure
South Kesteven Stadium	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	1	2	No spare capacity
West Grantham Secondary Academy (Upper)	Unsecure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	1	1	No spare capacity - unsecure
West Grantham Secondary Academy (Upper)	Unsecure	2x Youth 11v11	Standard	4	2	2	No spare capacity - unsecure
West Grantham Secondary Academy (Upper)	Unsecure	2x 7v7	Standard	8	2	6	No spare capacity - unsecure

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Site name	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Wyndham Park	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	0	2	1

Table 26: Capacity Analysis for Grass Football Pitches – SA2

Site name	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Abbey Lawn	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	1.5	-0.5	No spare capacity
Bourne Academy	Unsecure	2x Adult 11v11	Standard	4	2	2	No spare capacity - unsecure
Bourne Grammar School	Unsecure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	1	1	No spare capacity - unsecure
Bourne Grammar School	Unsecure	1x 9v9	Standard	2	1	1	No spare capacity - unsecure
Bourne Recreation Ground	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Bourne Recreation Ground	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Poor	1	2.5	-1.5	No spare capacity
Bourne Recreation Ground	Secure	1x 5v5	Poor	2	1.5	0.5	No spare capacity
Bourne Rugby Club	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	1.5	0.5	No spare capacity
Bourne Rugby Club	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	1	1	No spare capacity
Charles Read Academy	Unsecure	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	1	1	No spare capacity - unsecure
Colsterworth Sport and Social Club	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	1	1	No spare capacity
Colsterworth Sport and Social Club	Secure	1x 9v9	Standard	2	2	0	No spare capacity
Colsterworth Sport and Social Club	Secure	1x 5v5	Standard	4	1	3	No spare capacity
Edenham Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5

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Site name	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Edenham Playing Field	Secure	1x 9v9	Standard	2	0	2	1
Edenham Playing Field	Secure	1x 7v7	Standard	4	0	4	1
Folkingham Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Folkingham Playing Field	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Poor	1	0	1	1
Great Ponton Playing Field	Secure	2x Adult 11v11	Poor	2	0	2	2
Ingoldsby Social Club	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	0.5
Ingoldsby Social Club	Secure	1x 7v7	Standard	4	0	4	1
Pointon Sports and Social Club	Secure	2x Adult 11v11	Good	6	1.5	4.5	0.5
Rippingale Jubilee Playing Fields	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	0	2	1
Ron Dawson Memorial Hall	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	0	1	1
Ropsley Colts	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	2	5.5	-3.5	No spare capacity
Ropsley Colts	Secure	2x 9v9	Good	8	5	3	No spare capacity
Ropsley Colts	Secure	1x 7v7	Good	6	4	2	No spare capacity
Ropsley Colts	Secure	1x 5v5	Good	6	3	3	No spare capacity
Skillington Village Hall	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
South Witham Recreation Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	0.5	2.5	0.5

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Table 27: Capacity Analysis for Grass Football Pitches – SA3

Site name	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Blackstone Sports and Social Club	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	1.5	1.5	No spare capacity
Borderville Sports Centre	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	3.5	-0.5	No spare capacity
Borderville Sports Centre	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Standard	2	4	-2	No spare capacity
Borderville Sports Centre	Secure	1x 9v9	Standard	2	0.5	1.5	No spare capacity
Borderville Sports Centre	Secure	2x 7v7	Standard	8	0.5	7.5	No spare capacity
Brudenell Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	4	-3	No spare capacity
Deeping Sport and Social Club	Secure	3x Adult 11v11	Good	9	2.5	6.5	0.5
Deeping Sport and Social Club	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Good	4	2.5	1.5	No spare capacity
Deeping Sport and Social Club	Secure	1x 9v9	Good	4	1.5	2.5	No spare capacity
Deeping Sport and Social Club	Secure	3x 7v7	Good	18	4	14	No spare capacity
Deepings RFC	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Good	3	3	0	No spare capacity
Deepings RFC	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Good	4	3	1	No spare capacity
Deepings RFC	Secure	1x 9v9	Good	4	5	-1	No spare capacity
Deepings RFC	Secure	1x 7v7	Good	6	5.5	0.5	No spare capacity
Empingham Road Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	0	1	1
Empingham Road Playing Field	Secure	1x 7v7	Poor	2	0	2	1
Langtoft Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	2	-1	No spare capacity
Langtoft Playing Field	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Poor	1	1	0	No spare capacity

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Site name	Security of Use	Pitch Supply	Pitch Quality Rating	Pitch capacity MES	Pitch demand MES	Balance Weekly MES	Peak period MES
Langtoft Playing Field	Secure	1x 5v5	Poor	2	1	1	No spare capacity
Lawrence Park	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Poor	1	2.5	-1.5	No spare capacity
Lawrence Park	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Poor	1	5	-4	No spare capacity
Lawrence Park	Secure	2x 5v5	Poor	4	3	1	No spare capacity
St Augustines Catholic Voluntary Academy	Unsecure	1x 7v7	Poor	2	2.5	-0.5	No spare capacity
Stamford Junior School	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Good	4	1	3	1
Stamford Welland Academy	Secure	2x Adult 11v11	Poor	2	1.5	0.5	No spare capacity
Stamford Welland Academy	Secure	1x Youth 11v11	Good	4	0.5	3.5	0.5
Stamford Welland Academy	Secure	2x 9v9	Standard	4	2	2	No spare capacity
Uffington Road Playing Field	Secure	1x Adult 11v11	Standard	2	0	2	1
Uffington Road Playing Field	Secure	2x Youth 11v11	Standard	4	0	4	2
Uffington Road Playing Field	Secure	1x 7v7	Standard	4	0	4	1
Uffington Road Playing Field	Secure	3x 5v5	Standard	12	5	7	3

Adult 11v11 Analysis total Peak Capacity

- 3.49. Table 28 provides the current and future position for 11v11 adult grass pitch provision across the full study area, for peak times.
- 3.50. All tables in the sections below show the capacity position, in MES, by sub area, currently and to 2041. The future position for grass pitches is shown both with and without latent demand predictions factored in.

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- 3.51. The data demonstrates that there is a deficit of -5 MES for adult 11v11 pitches across the study area. This is a result of deficits in SA1 and SA3, whilst there is a small amount of spare capacity in SA2.
- 3.52. When population growth is taken into account, this deficit is likely to increase to -7.5 MES by 2041. If latent demand is also considered, the deficit is predicted to reach -12 MES, as a result of Harrowby United and Kesteven Community FC's likely growth.

Table 28: 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 – Incl Latent Demand
SA1	2	7	-5	1	-6	2	-8
SA2	7.5	4	3.5	0.5	3	0	3
SA3	2.5	6	-3.5	1	-4.5	2.5	-7
Total	12	17	-5	2.5	-7.5	4.5	-12

Youth 11 v 11 Analysis - Peak

- 3.53. Table 29 provides the current and future position for 11v11 youth grass pitch provision across South Kesteven, at peak times.

Table 29: 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 – Incl Latent Demand
SA1	3.5	0	3.5	0.5	3	1.5	1.5
SA2	1	1.5	-0.5	0.5	-1	0.5	-1.5
SA3	3.5	6	-2.5	1.5	-4	5.5	-9.5
Total	8	7.5	0.5	2.5	-2	7.7	-9.5

- 3.54. Table 29 illustrates that there is a current spare capacity of 3.5 MES in SA1. However, the small deficits of -0.5 and -2.5 in SA2 and SA3 reduce the current spare capacity of Youth 11v11 pitches to 0.5 MES per week in South Kesteven.

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- 3.55. Population growth is likely to create a deficit of -2 MES for youth 11v11 pitches by 2041. Whilst the spare capacity in SA1 will remain, the deficit in the other areas will grow.
- 3.56. If latent demand predictions of clubs were also realised, then the future deficit may increase significantly to -9.5 MES. This is a result of predicted growth by Blackstones JFC, Deeping Rangers, Deeping United, Thurlby Tigers, Ropsley Colts, Long Bennington and Harrowby United. Latent demand growth will have the most impact in SA3, where an additional demand for 5.5 MES will be generated.

Youth 9 v 9 Analysis Peak

- 3.57. Table 30 provides the current and future position for 9 v 9 youth grass pitch provision across the full study area.

Table 30: 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 – Incl Latent Demand
SA1	1	0	1	0.5	0.5	0	0.5
SA2	1	0	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0
SA3	0	-1	-1	1	-2	4.5	-6.5
Total	2	-1	1	2	-1	5	-6

- 3.58. Table 30 illustrates that there is a current spare capacity of 1 MES for 9v9 pitches across the study area. However, this is predicted to turn into a deficit of -1 MES by 2041 as a result of population growth.
- 3.59. Teams in SA3, such as Thurlby Tigers, Deeping United and Deeping Rangers, have predicted a large amount of 9v9 latent demand. If this growth is realised, then there will be a deficit of -6.5 MES in SA3 and -6 MES across South Kesteven.

Mini 7 v 7 pitch supply Peak

- 3.60. Table 31 provides the current and future position for 7v7 mini grass pitch provision across the full study area.

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Table 31: 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 – Incl Latent Demand
SA1	1	0	1	0.5	0.5	1	-0.5
SA2	2	0	2	0.5	1.5	0	1.5
SA3	2	0.5	1.5	1	0.5	4.5	-4
Total	5	0.5	4.5	2	2.5	5.5	-3

- 3.61. Table 31 indicates that there is 4.5 MES of spare capacity for 7v7 pitches in South Kesteven, with availability in all 3 sub areas. A small amount of additional demand through population growth will reduce the spare capacity to 2.5 MES by 2041.
- 3.62. If latent demand was to be considered, the large growth in demand predicted in SA3, would see the study area-wide position reduced to a deficit of -3 MES by 2041.

Mini 5 v 5 pitch supply Peak

- 3.63. Table 32 provides the current and future position for 5v5 grass pitch provision across the full study area.

Table 32: 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 – Incl Latent Demand
SA1	0.5	-2	-1.5	0.5	-2	2	-4
SA2	0	0	0	0.5	-0.5	0	-0.5
SA3	3	0	3	1	2	5	-3
Total	3.5	-2	1.5	2	-0.5	7	-7.5

- 3.64. Table 32 illustrates that there is 1.5 MES of spare capacity per week on 5v5 pitches in South Kesteven. This spare capacity is a result of low levels of demand at Uffington Playing Fields.

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- 3.65. However, population growth will turn the position for 5v5 pitches into a deficit of -0.5 MES by 2041, and if latent demand is considered, then the deficit may increase significantly to -7.5 MES as a result of large predicted growth in SA3.

Football Summary

- 3.66. This section summarises the findings from the football analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for the South Kesteven.

Table 33: Summary of Supply and Demand South Kesteven Peak time of Play

Pitch type	Demand (match equivalent sessions per week)				Future position – Population Growth Only	Unmet/Latent demand	Future position – Incl Latent Demand
	Actual Spare Capacity (Peak Time)	Total Overplay	Current Total	Future Demand Population Growth			
Adult 11v11	12	17	-5	2.5	-7.5	4.5	-12
Youth 11v11	8	7.5	0.5	2.5	-2	7.7	-9.5
Youth 9v9	2	-1	1	2	-1	5	-6
Mini 7v7	5	0.5	4.5	2	2.5	5.5	-3
Mini 5v5	3.5	-2	1.5	2	-0.5	7	-7.5

- 3.67. There is currently a small amount of spare capacity on all pitch types, other than adult 11v11 in South Kesteven. Where there is a deficit of -5 MES for adult pitches.
- 3.68. Population growth by 2041 will have a significant impact on the capacity position for all pitch types, apart from 7v7. The deficit of adult 11v11 provision will increase to -7.5 MES; youth 11v11 will see a deficit of -2 MES; 9v9 pitches will be in a deficit of -1 MES; and there will be a deficit of -0.5 MES for 5v5 pitches. Only 7v7 pitches will retain any spare capacity and will be in a position of 2.5 MES spare per week by 2041.
- There are 115 grass football pitches across 46 sites that are available for community use.
 - 106 (92%) of pitches in South Kesteven provide secured community use access (i.e., pitches owned or leased by local authorities or clubs/associations). 8% of available pitches do not have any security of tenure.

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- 267 teams from 35 clubs are identified as playing within South Kesteven. This consists of 67 adult men's, 3 adult women's, 50 youth 11v11 boys', 9 youth 11v11 girls, 36 junior boys' 9v9 teams, 6 9v9 girls' teams, 53 7v7 and mini soccer teams and 43 5v5 mini soccer teams. There is demand across all age groups of football across South Kesteven.

3.69. This section summarises the findings from the football analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for South Kesteven. Table 34 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 chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

Table 34: Key PPOSS findings for football in the South Kesteven study area

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p>There are a total of 115 available pitches across 46 sites in South Kesteven. The majority (92%) of available pitches have secured community use on them.</p> <p>There are 35 football clubs in South Kesteven, comprising a total of 267 teams. The largest proportion of these teams come from adult 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 small levels of spare capacity on all pitch types apart from adult 11v11 pitches, where there is a deficit of -5 MES.</p> <p>There is 0.5 MES spare on youth 11v11 pitches, 1 MES spare on 9v9 pitches, 4.5 MES spare on 7v7 and 1.5 MES of available capacity on 5v5 pitches.</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>37% of pitches are rated as good quality and 32% are classed as standard and 30% are poor quality, suggesting that there is room for pitch quality improvements to be supported by PitchPower.</p> <p>The following sites have PitchPower reports in place: Ropsley Colts, Deeping Sport and Social Club, Barrowby Lowfields, Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields, Ancaster Playing Field, Harrowby Lane, Stamford Welland Academy, Colsterworth Sports and Social Club, Claypole Community Park and Abbey Lawn</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>The demand for grass football pitches is likely to increase significantly as a result of population growth, which is expected to add 22 new teams to the study area by 2041.</p> <p>Latent demand predictions by clubs could also add an additional 59 teams to the study area, if they are all realised.</p>

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Key Question	Analysis
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	<p>The impact of population growth will result in all pitch types, other than 7v7, operating at a deficit by 2041. There will be a deficit of -7.5 MES for adult 11v11, -2 MES for youth 11v11, -1 MES for 9v9 and -0.5 MES for 5v5.</p> <p>7v7 pitches will retain 2.5 MES of spare capacity each week.</p> <p>Unsecure sites in the study area do cater for a significant amount of demand, meaning that the loss of these sites would negatively impact the availability of grass pitches. This will be further explored as a scenario at Stage D of the PPS.</p>

4 Hockey Analysis

Introduction and Strategic Context

- 4.1. 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 Facilities Strategy (2017)

- 4.2. 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

- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. 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). Current provision to be retained 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 be more support for clubs to obtain better agreements with facilities providers & education around owning an asset.
 - **Develop:** To strategically build new hockey facilities where there is an identified need and ability to deliver and maintain. This might include consolidation of 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.

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- 4.5. 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 35: 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.

- 4.6. For senior hockey teams, a full-sized pitch for competitive matches must measure at least 91.4 x 55 metres excluding surrounding run off areas which must be a minimum of two metres at the sides & three metres at the ends. England Hockey preference is for four metre side and five metre end run offs, with a preferred overall area of 101.4 x 63 metres though a minimum overall area of 97.4 x 59 metres is accepted.
- 4.7. It is considered that a hockey pitch can accommodate a maximum of four matches on one day (peak time) provided that the pitch has floodlighting. Training is generally midweek and requires access to a pitch and floodlights.

Supply

- 4.8. South Kesteven has four sites, with five pitches that have full size sand or artificial grass pitches that are suitable for competitive hockey.

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- 4.9. Bourne Academy, Stamford Endowed School and Wothorpe Sports Centre (Stamford Junior School) are all available for community use, but do not have any security of tenure. Witham Hall School is unavailable for community use.
- 4.10. Table 36 below details all pitches that are suitable for competitive hockey in South Kesteven.
- 4.11. 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 36 below provides a summary of the quality assessments for all hockey suitable sites in the Study Area.

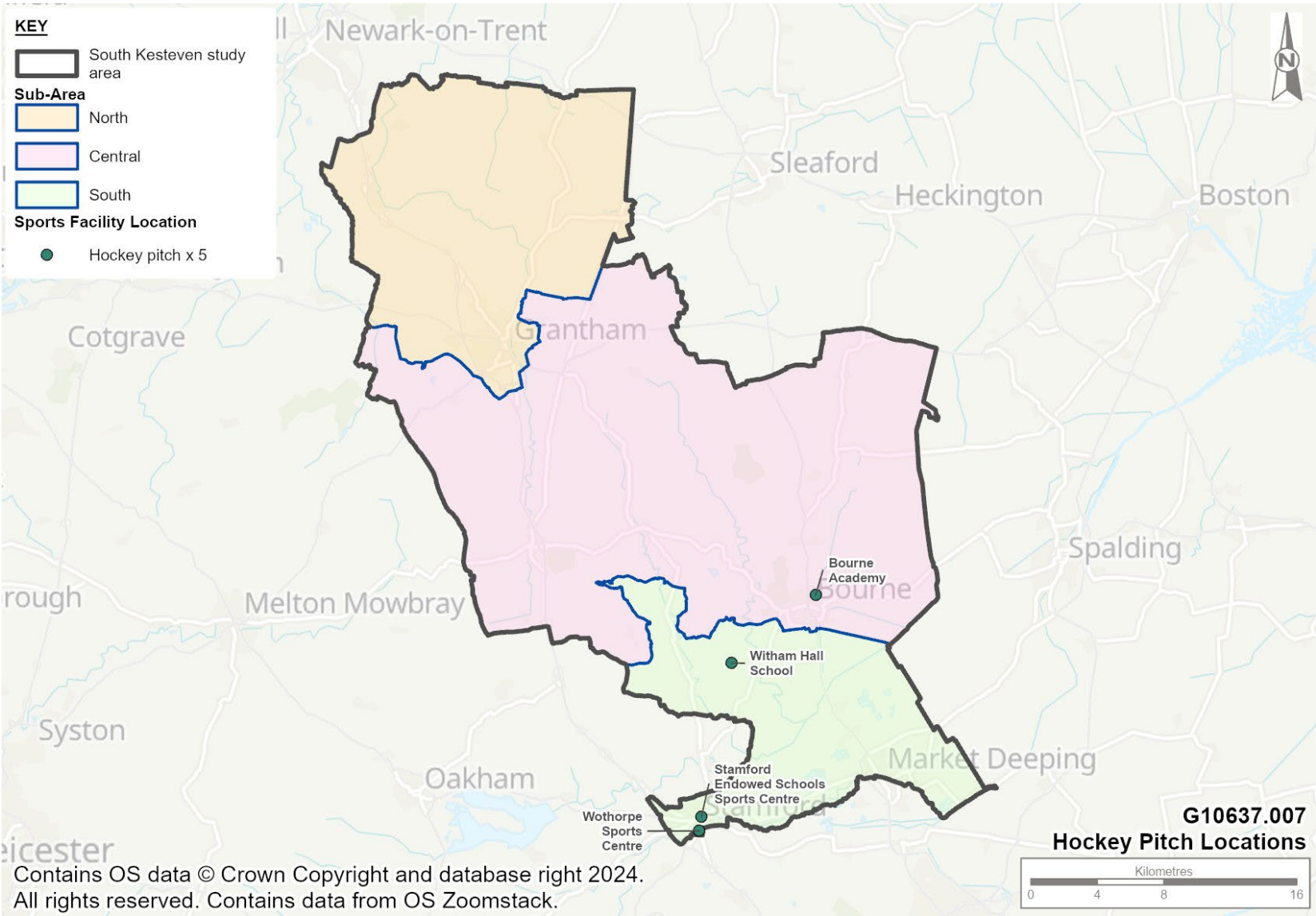
Table 36: Quality Overview for Hockey Facilities in South Kesteven

Site Name	Postcode	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	Size	Pitch Dimensions (m)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Bourne Academy	PE10 9DT	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	Full	62x101	2020	No	Good
Stamford Endowed School	PE9 1QQ	Available	Unsecure	Sand Filled	Full	92x56	2018	Yes	Good
Witham Hall	PE10 0JJ	Unavailable	Unsecure	Sand Filled	Full	60x100	1995	No	Standard
Wothorpe Sports Centre (Stamford Junior School)	PE9 2LR	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	Full	60x100	2021	Yes	Good
Wothorpe Sports Centre (Stamford Junior School)	PE9 2LR	Available	Unsecure	Sand Dressed	Full	97x60	2021	Yes	Good

- 4.12. Four out of the five pitches are rated as good quality, with only Witham Hall rated as standard quality.
- 4.13. Map 6 shows the distribution of hockey specific AGPs in South Kesteven

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Map 6: Hockey AGP sites in South Kesteven



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Demand

- 4.14. Through consultation with England Hockey, it is apparent that there are no community hockey clubs currently operating in South Kesteven. The only hockey demand is generated through curricular and extra-curricular use by education institutions. Because of this, there can be no supply and demand analysis undertaken as part of the PPOSS assessment.
- 4.15. Bourne Deeping Hockey Club (HC) was formed following the merger of Market Deeping HC and Bourne HC. Although the club was initially based in South Kesteven at Stamford School, they have since relocated outside of the study area to Arthur Mellows College in Glington. This indicates that there is likely a large amount of exported demand for hockey in the study area and therefore impact of the club's possible return to South Kesteven will be explored at Stage D of this PPOSS.
- 4.16. Spalding HC and Leadenham HC are also both large clubs, operating just outside of South Kesteven, that may also be catering for demand that cannot be met in the study area.

Hockey Summary

- 4.17. This section summarises the findings from the hockey analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for South Kesteven.
- 4.18. Table 37 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 37: Key PPOSS Findings for Hockey in South Kesteven

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p>There is a total of 5 full size AGPs across four sites in South Kesteven that are suitable for Hockey. All pitches are located on education sites, with Witham School being unavailable for community use. The remaining 4 pitches are available for community use, but there is no security of tenure in the study area.</p> <p>Although there is demand for hockey in South Kesteven, it is exported outside of the study area.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>Although there are 4 hockey suitable, community available pitches in South Kesteven, none offers any security of tenure. If demand was to return to the study area, securing community use agreements should be a priority.</p>

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Key Question	Analysis
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	The quality of hockey AGP provision in South Kesteven that is available for community use is all good quality and well managed and maintained by education establishments.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	It is important to recognise that the sport has also enjoyed significant growth since the Women's gold medal at the Rio and Tokyo Olympics, which it is hoped will stimulate further growth at both junior and adult age groups across the country. It is impossible to predict the future demand for hockey in South Kesteven as there is no current demand.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	There is adequate good quality provision in the study area to meet the educational demand for hockey. Although there is currently no community demand for hockey in the study area, if Bourne Deeping HC were to return or other additional activity was to be created in the future, there is likely to still be capacity on existing sand-dressed AGPs.

5 Rugby Union Analysis

Introduction and Strategic Context

- 5.1. 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)

- 5.2. 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”.
- 5.3. Of the eight priorities, the 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.

- **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.

5.4. 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)

5.5. 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.

5.6. The aims of the 'Every Rose' action plan that are relevant to this PPOSS 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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Quantity Overview

- 5.7. There are 12 sites with a total of 48 pitches in South Kesteven. The ownership of the 12 rugby union sites across the Study Area is shown in Table 38.

Table 38: Ownership of Rugby Pitches in South Kesteven

Sub-category	Ownership	Management
Charity, Trust	0	0
Education	8	8
Local Authority	1	1
MOD	0	0
Private	0	0
Sport Club	3	3

- 5.8. As shown above, only 1 site is owned or managed by the Local Authority, 67% of sites are based on education sites and 25% are owned and managed by sports clubs.
- 5.9. Table 39 provides a breakdown of the rugby sites in South Kesteven.

Table 39: Rugby Site Breakdown of Security of Community Use

Site Name	Postcode	Sub Area	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	No. Adult Pitches	No. Mini/Midi Pitches	Pitch Quality	Floodlit	Ancillary Facilities
Grantham Prep School	NG31 7UF	1	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	0	1	Stand	No	Standard
North Parade	NG31 8AU	1	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	3	0	Good	No	Standard

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Site Name	Postcode	Sub Area	Community use on site	Security of Use	Ownership	No. Adult Pitches	No. Mini/Midi Pitches	Pitch Quality	Floodlit	Ancillary Facilities
Bourne Grammar School	PE10 9JE	2	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	1	0	Standard	No	Standard
Bourne Rugby Club	PE10 0AX	2	Available	Secure	Sports Club	1	1	All pitches D1/M1	Yes	Standard
Kesteven Rugby Club	NG33 5AA	2	Available	Secure	Sports Club	4	2	Senior – D3/M2 Mini – D1/M2	Yes	Standard
Copthill School	PE9 3AD	3	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	1	0	Standard	No	Good
Deepings RUFC	PE6 8NJ	3	Available	Secure	Sports Club	2	0	D2/M2 D2/M1	Yes	Standard
Empingham Road Playing Field	PE9 2RZ	3	Available	Secure	Local Authority	3	5	All pitches D2/M1	Yes (1)	Standard
Kirkstone House School	PE6 9PE	3	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	2	0	Standard	No	Standard
Stamford Endowed Sports Centre	PE9 1QQ	3	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	6	9	Standard	No	Standard
Stamford Welland Academy	PE9 1HE	3	Available	Secure	Education	1	0	D3/M2	No	Standard
Witham Hall School	PE10 0JJ	3	Unavailable	Unsecure	Education	0	8	Good	No	Good

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Quality Assessment

- 5.10. 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.
- 5.11. 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 respective categories is provided in the following two tables.

Table 40: Rugby Pitch Maintenance Quality Assessment Specifications ¹

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 41: Rugby Pitch Drainage Quality Assessment Specifications ²

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.

- 5.12. These scores are then combined to provide a match equivalent capacity, as calculated in Table 42 below. 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.

¹ Source: RFU PPOSS Guidance

² Source: RFU PPOSS Guidance

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Table 42: Match Equivalent Calculation for Rugby Pitches. Source: Appendices 4a to 4c – Rugby Football Union

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

5.13. Table 43 summarises the quality assessment results for **those pitches currently used by the community**.

Table 43: Quality Summary by Pitch Type

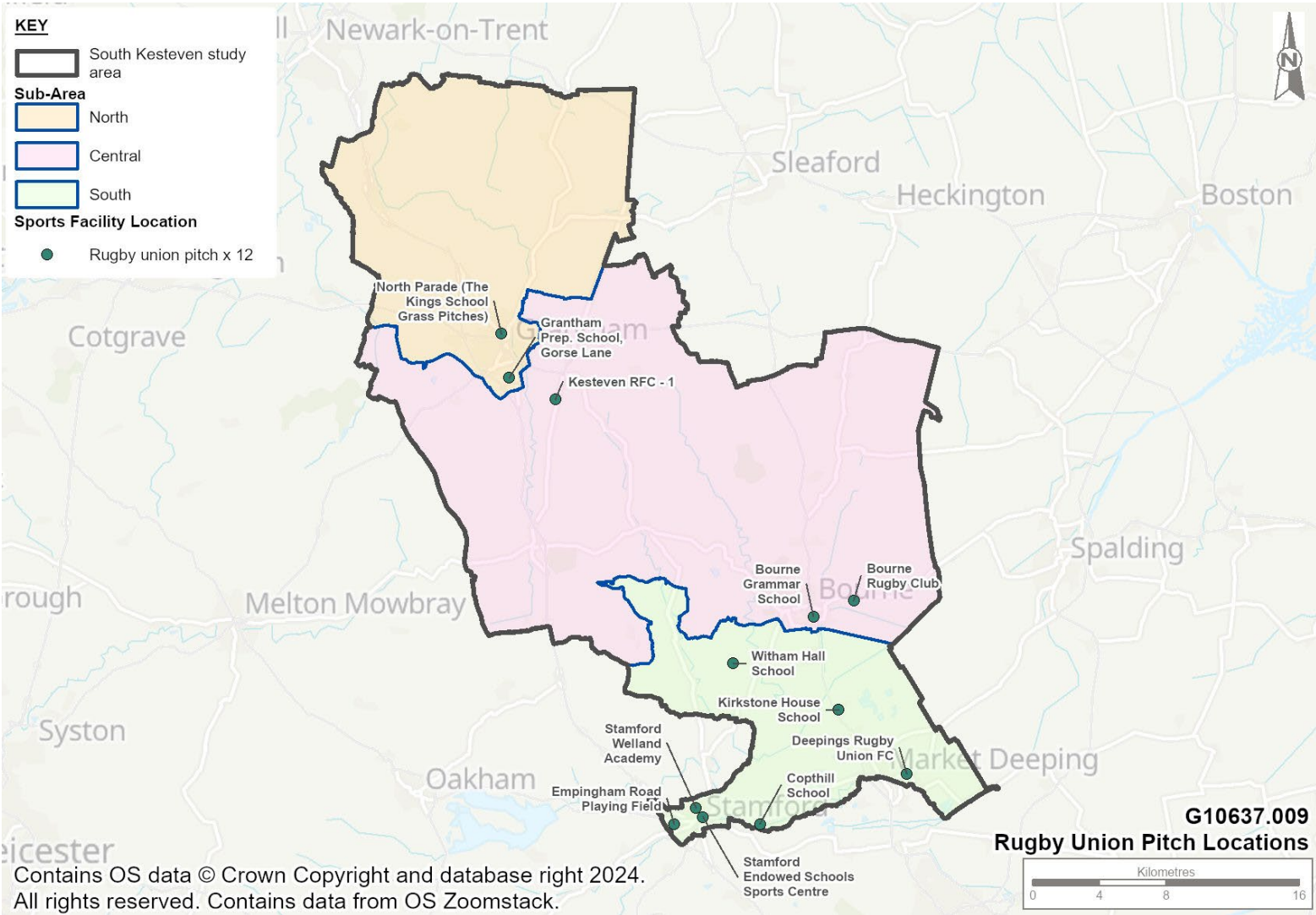
Drainage	Maintenance		
	Poor (M0)	Standard (M1)	Good (M2)
Natural Inadequate (D0)	-	-	-
Natural Adequate (D1)	-	2	6
Pipe Drained (D2)	-	14	1
Pipe and Slit Drained (D3)	-	-	5

- 5.14. The quality of community rugby union pitches in South Kesteven is generally good. All pitches sit between D1/M1 and D3/M2, meaning all pitches are maintained to at least a satisfactory level and have either naturally adequate drainage or drainage solutions that have been installed.
- 5.15. The education sites without community use have been classed as Standard, although the non-technical site assessments were undertaken and all pitches appeared to be of sufficient quality, without fully understanding the drainage and maintenance schedules, pitches have been assumed to be M1/D1 (Standard) quality.
- 5.16. There are a lot of grass rugby union pitches on education sites with no community use. Although rugby union community demand is currently being provided for on other sites, utilising these pitches in the medium-term may be a good option to develop rugby union clubs within South Kesteven. However, this needs to be driven by the relevant parties in order for schools to open their doors to the community.

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5.17. Map 7 shows the geographic location of the rugby pitches across the Study Area and illustrates.

Map 7: Rugby Pitch Audit in South Kesteven



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Current Demand

- 5.18. Through the demand consultations with clubs, five clubs have been identified in South Kesteven. Utilising this club consultation, Table 44 provides the team profiles of all community clubs playing in South Kesteven.

Table 44: Rugby Union Club Profiles for Responding Clubs ³

Club	Sub Area	Adult teams (male)	Adult teams (women)	Junior Boys/Mixed' teams	Junior Girls' teams	Mini / Midi teams	Total
Bourne RFC	2	2	0	2	0	5	9
Kesteven RFC	2	3	1	6	4	7	21
Total SA2		5	1	8	4	12	30
Deeping Rugby Club	3	2	1	2	0	5	10
Stamford College Old Boys	3	2	0	0	0	0	2
Stamford RFC	3	3	1	5	1	7	17
Total SA3		7	2	7	1	12	29
Total – South Kesteven		12	3	15	5	24	59

- 5.19. All of the rugby union clubs in South Kesteven were given the opportunity to be consulted as part of the PPOSS process. All of the community rugby union clubs playing in the local authority responded to the club survey,

Table 45: Summary of Demand Consultations from Rugby Clubs in South Kesteven

Club	Consultation Summary
Bourne RFC	Awaiting final Consultation response
Kesteven RFC	Established in 1947, the club has continually grown and now consists of 20 teams from U3 – Senior. The club have plans to grow the junior section, but this will not increase the number of teams, only the actual playing numbers. However, the club aspire to add 2 additional senior female teams and 1x senior male team. Kesteven RFC are doing exceptionally well in terms of number of teams, however need to find new ways to recruit and keep junior members. There is a standard quality clubhouse with social area. 4 small changing rooms, with 1 open shower block and officials' room and shower. The club's facilities have been developed with the male game in mind and have not been suitably adapted for female/junior rugby. The changing rooms do not meet RFU

³ Source: PPOSS Club Consultations

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Club	Consultation Summary
	<p>guidelines and are not appropriate for female rugby. This creates safeguarding issues and affects the playing schedule. The club's priority is to improve changing provision and they have appointed an architect to carry out initial surveys. Fundraising has begun for the project.</p> <p>Access to 3G provision for training would be useful, as there is only one training pitch for 20 teams.</p>
Deeping Rugby Club	<p>The club have lost some of the older junior teams, largely due to competing demand from football, loss of interest in secondary school and competition from other teams in the local area. Therefore, there are no plans to grow number of teams and the main focus is player retention.</p> <p>The club did have a 30 year lease with the council for their clubhouse, however this is no longer in place due to a change of ownership to the school. Discussions are currently taking with the school to formalise an agreement.</p> <p>The clubhouse is in average condition, but well past its intended lifespan. The club would like to develop it but need a long term lease to access any funding. Car parking is a major issue.</p> <p>Would only be interested in using 3G if necessary, as first choice for training would be the grass area on site.</p>
Stamford College Old Boys	<p>One pitch on site, standard quality at Welland Academy, Stamford. The pitch is rented by the school, who maintain and manage the site. There are two senior men's team at the club. No plans to develop additional teams, the club is happy running as it currently is.</p>
Stamford RFC	<p>The club plays at Empingham Road, where there are two adult pitches and 10 mini/midi areas for training and fixtures. There are floodlights on one of the pitches on site, used for training.</p> <p>The pitches are good quality, leased by SKDC on a long-term lease although this is about to change to Stamford Town Council.</p> <p>The club has one team at each age group (U5, U6 – training only) and competitive play U7 – U12) AND youth teams from U13 – U16 plus a Colts team at U17. There are 3 Adult teams and a Veterans Team. There is an U12 girls and all girls U12 – 16 train together. There is one women's side that train twice per week and play in a league. The club plans to develop an additional Youth Girls team.</p> <p>The club needs funding for a new clubhouse.</p>

Future Demand

- 5.20. Future Demand driven by Population growth will lead to additional teams within South Kesteven.
- 5.21. In order to calculate the future demand for rugby in South Kesteven, 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.

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- 5.22. This Team Generation Rate 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.
- 5.23. Table 46 shows the current and future population projections for South Kesteven. There is a predicted 8% increase in population between 2021 and 2041.

Table 46: Future population projections for South Kesteven

Modelled scenarios	Population ONS 2021	Projected Increase 8%	Population ONS 2041
South Kesteven	143,419	11,473	154,892

- 5.24. Table 47 shows the TGR calculations for South Kesteven split by sub area. As there is no current demand for rugby union in SA1, this has not been included in the table. Based on future population projections a total of 5 new teams will be created by 2041.

Table 47: Future Demand Projections for Rugby Teams in South Kesteven Based on TGR Data

SA2							
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 2041
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	5	5728	6186	1145	458	0	5
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	1	6082	6569	6082	487	0	1
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	8	1387	1498	173	111	1	9
Rugby Union Youth Girls (12-18yrs)	4	1741	1880	435	139	0	4
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-11yrs)	12	2503	2703	209	200	1	13

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SA3							
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 2041
Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs)	7	6095	6582	871	487	1	8
Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs)	2	6471	6989	3236	518	0	2
Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs)	7	1483	1601	212	118	1	8
Rugby Union Youth Girls (12-18yrs)	1	1852	2001	1852	149	0	1
Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-11yrs)	12	2520	2722	210	202	1	13
Total South Kesteven							63

- 5.25. Table 47 illustrates that the projected demand for rugby teams across the South Kesteven is likely to increase by a total of 5 teams by the end of the Local Plan period. 2 of these teams will be located in SA2, whilst 3 will be in SA3. The 5 teams will likely be made up of 1 senior male, 2 youth boy teams, and 2 mini rugby teams. This will result in a total number of 63 teams in the study area by 2041, as a result of population growth.
- 5.26. 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. Moving forward, this may increase the demand for girls' rugby union specifically.
- 5.27. While the TGR calculation does not project a growth in female senior or youth age groups, 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.
- 5.28. 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 the study area. It is expected that 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.

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Future Demand driven by Latent demand.

- 5.29. While a large amount of future demand will be driven by population growth, it is also likely that clubs 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 South Kesteven, in addition to the teams generated by population growth.
- 5.30. Table 48 illustrates that 3 additional teams have been projected as part of the latent demand calculations. Only Kesteven RFC (SA2) and Stamford RFC (SA3) identified any latent demand. Kesteven RFC predict the growth of 1 senior male and 2 senior female teams, whilst Stamford RFC expect 1 additional youth girls' team.
- 5.31. 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 PPOSS process, based on the RFU's recommendations.

Table 48: Latent Demand for Rugby Union in South Kesteven

Club	Sub Area	Adult Male	Adult Female	Youth Boys	Youth Girls	Mini/Midi	Total
Kesteven RFC	2	1	1	0	0	0	2
Stamford RFC	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total		1	1	0	1	0	3

Supply and Demand Balance

- 5.32. 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 has been 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.

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Peak Time Capacity

- 5.33. To assess the availability of rugby union facilities at peak times, it has been assumed that the period of highest demand for rugby matches is on a Saturday afternoon for adult men; Sunday morning for mini and junior rugby union; and Sunday afternoon for adult women. Therefore, each senior pitch can potentially cater for 3 peak time sessions per week. A mini pitch can only cater for 1 peak time session.
- 5.34. Senior and youth teams play on senior pitches and mini/midi teams play on mini pitches as expected. Match Equivalent Sessions are calculated as 0.5 per week for senior and youth teams. The same calculation applies if mini demand can be met by the appropriate size pitch. However, where mini/midi demand is met by senior pitches, each team is assigned 0.25 MES per week. This is due to the fact they will use half a full-sized senior pitch every other week.
- 5.35. E.g. Bourne RFC – There is 1 senior rugby union pitch and therefore there are 3 peak time, senior pitch sessions available each week (Saturday morning, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon). Bourne RFC have a demand of 1 senior male MES per week. As there is one peak time Saturday slot available, peak time capacity for Saturday is in a neutral position. There also 2 peak time slots available on a Sunday. As Bourne RFC have 1 MES of demand for Sunday match play, there is 1 MES of spare capacity.
- 5.36. There is also 1 mini pitch at Bourne RFC, which provides 1 peak time slot for mini rugby. However as there is demand for 2.5 MES per week, there is a peak time deficit of -1.5 MES on the mini rugby pitch at Bourne RFC.
- 5.37. Please note that all demand is measured in match equivalent sessions. Table 49 below shows the peak time capacity for available sites in South Kesteven, therefore unavailable education sites have not been included, despite having rugby union provision.

Table 49: Peak Time Capacity at Rugby Club Sites

Site Name	Peak Time Supply		Peak Time Demand				Peak Time Capacity		
	Senior Pitch	Mini/Midi Pitch	Senior Male	Senior Female	Colts/Youth	Mini	Saturday Senior Pitch (1 session)	Sunday Senior Pitch (2 sessions)	Sunday Mini Pitch (1 session)
Bourne RFC	3	1	1	0	1	2.5	0	1	-1.5
Kesteven RFC	9	6	1.5	0.5	5	3.5	1.5	0.5	2.5
Deepings RUFC	6	0	1	0.5	1	1.25	1	1.25	-
Empingham Road	6	10	1.5	0.5	3	3.5	0.5	0.5	6.5
Stamford Welland Academy	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	-

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- 5.38. This table demonstrates that there is currently spare peak time capacity on Saturdays at Kesteven RFC, Deepings RFC and Stamford Welland Academy. Both Bourne RFC and Empingham Road playing fields have no spare peak time capacity on Saturdays for senior male rugby union.
- 5.39. There is spare peak time capacity for youth rugby and senior female rugby at all community available sites in the study area.
- 5.40. There is a deficit of -1.5 MES for peak time mini rugby sessions at Bourne RFC, however there is peak time capacity for mini rugby at both Kesteven RFC and Empingham Road playing fields.
- 5.41. It is presumed that unavailable schools in South Kesteven have no peak time capacity, due to the lack of community use.
- 5.42. Table 50 details how training and match demand is spread across pitches in South Kesteven. Training demand is assumed to occur midweek and can only be placed on floodlit grass pitches or AGPs.
- 5.43. If training pitches become overplayed due to training demand, these are then removed from match pitch supply.
- 5.44. For clarity the table only includes sites that are available for community rugby union. The impact of securing community use agreements at currently unavailable sites should be explored at Stage D.

Table 50: Supply and Demand Capacity Balance by Site (All Figures in MES)

Site	Sub Area	Number of Floodlit Pitches	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			
Bourne RFC	2	1 ⁴	2	5	-3	2	2	0	0	2.5	-2.5	0	0	-5.5
Kesteven RFC	2	1 ⁵	3.25	10	-6.75	14	7	7	4	6	-2	7	0	5

⁴ The floodlit pitch at Bourne RFC is the mini pitch. All training demand from the club is met on this pitch.

⁵ There is a floodlit training area at Kesteven RFC that supports all training demand. As it is not a formal pitch, it has not been included in previous analysis.

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Site	Sub Area	Number of Floodlit Pitches	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			
Deepings RUFC	3	1 ⁶	0.5	7	-6.5	5.75	5	0.75	0	1.25	-1.25	0.75	-1.25	-0.5
Empingham Road	3	1	2.5	10	-7.5	2.5	5	-2.5	12.5	3.5	9	-10	0	-1
Stamford Welland Academy	3	0	0	0	0	3.5	1	2.5	0	0	0	2.5	0	2.5
Total					-23.75			7.75			3.25	0.25		0.5

- 5.45. Table 50 demonstrates that there is currently a significant deficit of -23.75 MES for training provision in the study area. Both Bourne RFC and Kesteven RFC utilise specific floodlit training areas to meet training demand, however they cannot cater for the demand placed on them by clubs. There is no use of artificial surfaces for training by any club in South Kesteven.
- 5.46. There is 7.75 MES of spare capacity for match play on senior grass pitches, with only Empingham Road playing fields having a shortfall of match day provision. Table 50 suggests there is a small amount of spare capacity match play on mini pitches.
- 5.47. When considering training demand placed on formal pitches, as well as senior, junior and mini match play, there is a total spare capacity of 0.5 MES in South Kesteven.

Current and Future Position

- 5.48. Utilising the data from the previous section, Table 51 shows the current and future position for adult and junior rugby provision across the study area.

⁶ There is a floodlit training area at Deepings RFC that supports all training demand. As it is not a formal pitch, it has not been included in previous analysis.

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5.49. The points below provide further explanation on the terms used within the tables:

- 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 2041, 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 South Kesteven

5.50. For all future demand it is presumed that each adult and junior team will train for 1 MES per week.

5.51. 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.

5.52. Table 51 shows the current and future position for all grass rugby provision in the study area.

Table 51: Current and Future Position for All Community Available Rugby Grass Provision

Area	Current Balance		Projected Balance	
	Training	Match	Training	Match
SA2	-9.75	2.5	-13.75	0.5
SA3	-14	8.5	-18	6.5
South Kesteven Study Area	-23.75	10.5	-31.75	7

5.53. Table 51 highlights that there is a current spare capacity of 10.5 MES for match play sessions across South Kesteven. This is expected to reduce to 7 MES by 2041 when population growth and latent demand are taken into account.

5.54. There is however a deficit of -23.75 MES for training in the study area. When considering the future growth of rugby, the deficit is expected to increase to -31.75 MES, assuming that all new teams choose to train on grass and there is no additional floodlighting installed. This shortfall in training availability will be considered further as part of Stage D of the PPOSS.

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Site by Site Analysis

- 5.55. Table 52 details the current and peak time balance for community available sites, which should provide an accurate overview of actual balance of supply and demand across the Study Area.

Table 52: Overall Site by Site Analysis for Rugby Union Sites

Site Name	Sub Area	Pitch supply	Pitch capacity (MES)	Community/school Pitch Demand (MES)	Balance	Peak Period Capacity
Bourne RFC	2	1x senior / 1x mini	4	9.5	-5.5 MES	There can be no spare capacity as the site is overplayed
Kesteven RFC	2	4x senior / 2x mini	20	21	-1 MES	There can be no spare capacity as the site is overplayed
Deepings RUFC	3	2x senior / 1x training area	6.25	13.25	-7 MES	There can be no spare capacity as the site is overplayed
Empingham Road	3	3x senior / 5x mini	20	18.5	1.5 MES	1.5 MES
Stamford Welland Academy	3	1x senior	3.5	1	2.5	2.5

Rugby Union Summary

- 5.56. This section summarises the findings from the rugby analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section South Kesteven.
- 5.57. Table 53 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 chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

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Table 53: Key PPOSS Findings for Rugby Union in South Kesteven

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p>There are currently 12 rugby union sites in South Kesteven, with a total of 48 pitches. Five sites are available for the community: Bourne RFC, Kesteven RFC, Deepings RUFC, Empingham Road playing fields and Stamford Welland Academy, with a total of 23 pitches.</p> <p>There are five clubs in the study area, comprised of 58 teams: 12 senior male, 3 senior female, 15 junior boys, 5 junior girls and 24 mini teams.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>Based on the supply and demand analysis, there is currently a small amount of spare capacity in South Kesteven for match play.</p> <p>There is a deficit of -23.75 MES for training demand in South Kesteven, largely due to the high number of teams and lack of floodlit or AGP provision.</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>Pitches across all 5 accessible sites are of generally good quality, with all sitting between D1/M1 and D3/M2 and offering good levels of capacity. There are no poorly maintained community accessible pitches in the study area, and most have additional drainage solutions fitted.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>Based on population growth, it is estimated that there will be a total of 5 new teams in South Kesteven by 2041. However additional growth from latent demand predictions by clubs could add a further 3 teams over the next 3-5 years.</p> <p>There are no additional grass pitch developments currently highlighted, however there is a significant deficit of 3G AGP provision in the study area. If future AGP development was to be rugby union compliant, it could help to reduce some of the training deficit currently experienced in South Kesteven. This will be further explored at Stage D of the PPOSS.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	<p>Due to the expected future demand for rugby union provision, the deficit of training availability is expected to increase to -31.75 MES by 2041. This increase is all a result of population growth and latent predictions. The current spare capacity of 10.5 MES for match play is expected to reduce to 7 MES by 2041 when population growth and latent demand are considered.</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 (2019 - 2024)

- 6.2. The ECB published its new strategic plan in 2019, with the ambition being able 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. The ECB will deliver in cricket’s purpose and ambition through six priorities:
1. Grow and nurture the core: Ensure that there is a thriving county network at the heart of the domestic game.
 2. Inspire through elite teams: Create and celebrate the heroes at the pinnacle of the elite game.
 3. Make cricket accessible: Give more people the opportunity to engage with cricket more often
 4. Engage children and young people: Inspire a new generation of players and fans to develop a love for cricket.
 5. Transform women’s and girls’ cricket: Drive cricket’s progress to becoming a truly gender-neutral sport.
 6. Support our communities: Use the purpose to connect communities and improve lives more broadly across society.
- 6.5. It is key that this PPOSS recognises the opportunity made available by Inspiring Generations and provides a framework that allows stakeholders to work together and deliver against the priorities 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.

Development Priorities

All Stars Cricket (2017)

- 6.6. 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.

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- 6.7. It is key that this PPOSS 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)

- 6.8. 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.
- 6.9. 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 and Girls' Cricket

- 6.10. 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.
- 6.11. 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.

Sub Areas

- 6.12. As part of the PPOSS process, South Kesteven has been broken down into three sub-areas. The area covered by each sub area are outlined in the table below.

Table 54: Description of Sub Areas in South Kesteven

Sub Area	Areas
SA1	Ancaster, Caythorpe & Claypole, Long Bennington, Allington & Barrowby, Grantham North East, Grantham North West, Grantham South West and Grantham South East
SA2	Corby Glen, Ropsley & Grantham Outskirts, Morton & Billingborough, Harlaxton, Colsterworth & South Witham, Bourne West and Bourne East
SA3	Langtoft, Thurlby & Uffington, Market Deeping, Deeping St James & Fognall, Stamford North and Stamford Central, West & South

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Supply

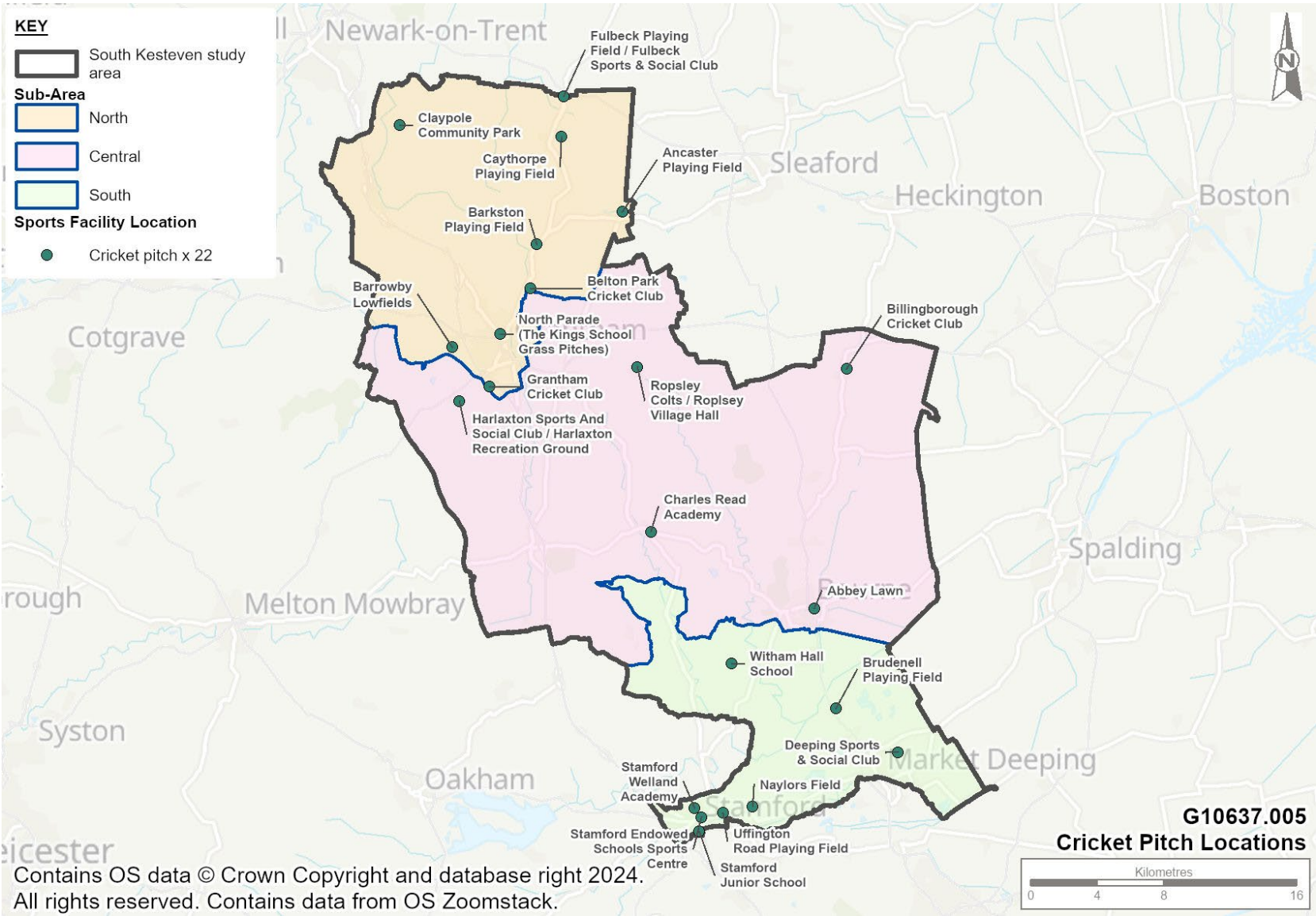
- 6.13. Table 55 below presents a summary of the total number of cricket pitches and wickets in each of the three sub-areas, as well as the study area as a whole. South Kesteven has a total of 24 cricket pitches, 152 grass wickets and 9 artificial turf wickets. Table 58 also shows the supply of cricket wickets across the Study Area, on a site-by-site basis.
- 6.14. Table 55 illustrates the spread of cricket pitches across the Study Area, with 79% of all supply being located in SA1 (10 pitches) and SA3 (9 pitches). The two sub areas also account for 79% of the grass provision in the area. SA3 has the highest artificial grass wickets provision in the study area.

Table 55: Supply of Cricket Pitches in South Kesteven

Sub Area	Number of pitches	Grass Wickets	Artificial Wickets
SA1	10	76	1
SA2	5	32	2
SA3	9	44	6
Total	24	152	9

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Map 8: Cricket sites in South Kesteven



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Tenure and Management

- 6.15. Table 56 illustrates that the majority of cricket sites in South Kesteven are owned by sports clubs (33%), with the second largest proportion being owned by education establishments (29%). One 1 (4%) of sites are owned by the local authority, which could have an impact on the long-term security of cricket across South Kesteven. This will be analysed further as part of the site-by-site assessment and commentary.
- 6.16. In addition, Table 56 illustrates that the management of cricket facilities is dominated by club management and education sites. 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.

Table 56: Cricket site ownership and management in South Kesteven

Type of Ownership	Ownership	Management	Secure Community Use	Unsecure/Unavailable Community Use
Community Organisation	4	4	4	0
Education	7	7	0	7
Sports Club	8	10	8	0
Local Authority	5	3	5	0
Total	24	24	17	7

Quality Assessment

- 6.17. Each site was visited and assessed by Strategic Leisure in summer 2022 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 ($< 50\%$).
- 6.18. The quality of a cricket pitch is essential in determining not only the amount 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 South Kesteven.

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- 6.19. Table 57 provides a picture of the mean percentage score for pitches in each sub area, based on the quality assessment results. A full site-by-site breakdown can be seen in Table 58. Most of the pitches in South Kesteven are of good quality (54%), with 33% rated as standard and only 13% receiving a poor rating. No pitches were rated poor in SA3. SA2 has an even split between good and standard quality pitches.

Table 57: Summary of Cricket Pitch Scoring in South Kesteven by Sub Area

Sub Area	Pitches		
	Good	Standard	Poor
SA1	5 (50%)	3 (30%)	2 (20%)
SA2	2 (40%)	2 (40%)	1 (20%)
SA3	6 (67%)	3 (33%)	0 (0%)
Total	13	8	3
Average Score	54%	33%	13%

- 6.20. Table 57 illustrates that quality of provision in SA3 is much better than the other two sub areas. The quality of provision in SA1 and SA2 is almost of a similar standard.
- 6.21. Table 58 provides a site-by-site breakdown of cricket provision in South Kesteven.

Table 58: Cricket Site Breakdown in South Kesteven

Playing Pitch Sites	Club	Sub-area	Postcode	Community use on site	Secured Community use	Ownership	Squares	Grass Wickets	Artificial Wickets	Quality
Abbey Lawn	Bourne CC	SA2	PE10 9EP	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	1	15	1	Good
Ancaster Playing Field	Ancaster CC	SA1	NG32 3QW	Available	Secured	Local Authority	1	6	0	Poor
Barkston Playing Field	Barkston & Syston CC	SA1	NG32 2NG	Available	Secured	Local Authority	1	5	0	Standard

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Playing Pitch Sites	Club	Sub-area	Postcode	Community use on site	Secured Community use	Ownership	Squares	Grass Wickets	Artificial Wickets	Quality
Barrowby Lowfields	Barrowby CC	SA1	NG32 1DJ	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	1	4	0	Poor
Belton Park Cricket Club	Belton Park CC	SA1	NG32 2LS	Available	Secured	Sports Club	1	8	0	Good
Billingborough Cricket Club	Billingborough CC	SA2	NG34 0QF	Available	Secured	Sports Club	1	5	0	Standard
Brudenell Playing Field	Baston CC	SA3	PE6 9PA	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	1	5	0	Standard
Caythorpe Playing Field	Caythorpe CC, Lincs	SA1	NG32 3EW	Available	Secured	Sports Club	1	9	0	Good
Charles Read Academy	-	SA2	NG33 4NT	Unavailable	Unsecured	Academies	1	0	1	Poor
Claypole Community Park	Claypole CC	SA1	NG23 5BQ	Available	Secured	Local Authority	1	7	0	Standard
Deeping Sports & Social Club	Market Deeping CC	SA3	PE6 8LQ	Available	Secured	Sports Club	1	10	1	Good
Fulbeck Playing Field / Fulbeck Sports & Social Club	Fulbeck CC	SA1	NG32 3JP	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	1	8	0	Good
Grantham Cricket Club	Grantham CC	SA1	NG31 7UE	Available	Secured	Sports Club	1	18	0	Good
Grantham Cricket Club	Grantham CC	SA1	NG31 7UE	Available	Secured	Sports Club	1	6	1	Standard
Harlaxton Sports And Social Club / Harlaxton Recreation Ground	Harlaxton CC	SA2	NG32 1HU	Available	Secured	Sports Club	1	6	0	Good
Naylors Field	Uffington CC	SA3	PE9 4SP	Available	Secured	Sports Club	1	5	1	Good

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Playing Pitch Sites	Club	Sub-area	Postcode	Community use on site	Secured Community use	Ownership	Squares	Grass Wickets	Artificial Wickets	Quality
North Parade (The Kings School Grass Pitches)	-	SA1	NG31 8AU	Unavailable	Unsecured	Foundation School	1	5	0	Good
Ropsley Colts / Ropsey Village Hall	Ropsley Baboons CC	SA2	NG33 4BN	Available	Secured	Local Authority	1	6	0	Standard
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	-	SA3	PE9 1QQ	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	1	0	1	Good
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	-	SA3	PE9 1QQ	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	1	10	0	Good
Stamford Junior School	-	SA3	PE9 2LR	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	1	0	1	Good
Stamford Welland Academy	-	SA3	PE9 1HE	Unavailable	Unsecured	Academies	1	0	1	Standard
Uffington Road Playing Field	Stamford Town CC	SA3	PE9 3AA	Available	Secured	Local Authority	1	8	1	Standard
Witham Hall School	-	SA3	PE10 0JJ	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	1	6	0	Good

- 6.22. Only three cricket pitches across South Kesteven have been rated poor. Of which, Charles Read Academy is on a school site and contains only single artificial wickets which is in poor condition. The outfield at Ancaster Playing Field is hard and in poor condition partly due to the shared provision with football. More than half the available pitches seem to be in good condition and the rest seem to be in reasonably average condition.

Table 59: Cricket Ancillary Facilities by Site in South Kesteven

Sites	Sub Areas	Ancillary Facility Quality	Ancillary Facility Description
Abbey Lawn	SA2	Good	Good pavilion with kitchen, bar and changing facilities. Two artificial nets and one grass net available for training purpose. Rollers, three covers and scoreboard also available on-site.
Ancaster Playing Field	SA1	Good	Basic facilities include roller, scoreboard, and fixed nets. Ancillary facilities include an ageing pavilion with changing rooms, showers, toilets, kitchen, and bar.

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Sites	Sub Areas	Ancillary Facility Quality	Ancillary Facility Description
Barkston Playing Field	SA1	Good	Standard ancillary facilities with changing rooms, showers and toilets. There is access for disabled. Roller and scoreboard present on-site. Two fixed artificial nets available for training
Barrowby Lowfields	SA1	Standard	Standard quality changing facilities available. There is provision for officials room. Training equipment storage space available. Defibrillator held on-site.
Belton Park Cricket Club	SA1	Standard	Standard pavilion with average changing facilities.
Billingborough Cricket Club	SA2	Standard	Standard pavilion with average changing facilities. Other ancillary facilities include covers, rollers, scoreboard and artificial nets.
Brudenell Playing Field	SA3	Standard	Standard changing facilities. Bar and kitchen also available. Good size structure for holding machinery and equipment. Defibrillator on-site.
Caythorpe Playing Field	SA1	Good	Good condition clubhouse with changing rooms, bar and kitchen. The bar is only open on weekends. Two grass nets available. Defibrillator on-site.
Charles Read Academy	SA2	Standard	Standard school changing facilities. No covers, screens or scoreboard present at the time of the visit.
Claypole Community Park	SA1	Standard	A small clubhouse with standard changing facilities and kitchen on-site. Maintenance equipment includes hand mower, sit mower, covers and a roller.
Deeping Sports & Social Club	SA3	Good	Good quality pavilion with changing facilities, bar and kitchen. Standard practice nets, covers, screens, and scorers' hut available.
Fulbeck Playing Field / Fulbeck Sports & Social Club	SA1	Good	Good clubhouse with changing facilities. Brick built building behind the clubhouse to hold maintenance machinery. Two practice nets with only frame and no nets during the visit.
Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	Good	Excellent clubhouse on-site with changing facilities, bar and kitchen. Defibrillator inside the premises. More than 10 practice nets available. Scoreboard, covers, rollers, and screens too available.
Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	Good	Excellent clubhouse on-site with changing facilities, bar and kitchen. Defibrillator inside the premises. More than 10 practice nets available. Scoreboard, covers, rollers, and screens too available.
Harlaxton Sports And Social Club / Harlaxton Recreation Ground	SA2	Standard	Average clubhouse with changing facilities and bar. No other ancillary facilities present like screens, covers, nets or scoreboard.
Naylors Field	SA3	Good	Adequate changing facilities with three dressing rooms. Ageing pavilion. Training equipment storage available. There is access for disabled. Fixed artificial nets present.

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Sites	Sub Areas	Ancillary Facility Quality	Ancillary Facility Description
North Parade (The Kings School Grass Pitches)	SA1	Good	Good quality overall changing facilities within the school. 3 covers, 2 screens on-site, however there were no signs of practice nets or scoreboard.
Ropsley Colts / Ropsey Village Hall	SA2	Good	Good clubhouse with changing, bar and kitchen. 2 covers, 2 nets and 2 screens present. Machinery shed and compound at the site. Defibrillator on-site. Children's playground also present.
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	SA3	Good	High quality pavilion with changing and kitchen facilities. A well-stocked maintenance building. 4 screens, 4 covers and scoreboard on-site.
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	SA3	Good	High quality pavilion with changing and kitchen facilities. A well-stocked maintenance building. 4 screens, 4 covers and scoreboard on-site.
Stamford Junior School	SA3	Good	Very good school changing facilities. No pavilion or maintenance equipment seen during the visit. 2 good quality mobile nets present for training purpose.
Stamford Welland Academy	SA3	Standard	Standard school changing and kitchen facilities. No signs of screens, scoreboard or covers.
Uffington Road Playing Field	SA3	Standard	Good pavilion with bar, kitchen and changing facilities. Scorer's hut present along with outbuildings to contain machinery and equipment. A few worn out nets but two good new looking nets.
Witham Hall School	SA3	Good	Good standard private school facility. Good quality pavilion available. Screens, covers, scoreboard present on-site.

Current Demand

Club and Team Profile

- 6.23. To understand how cricket is played across South Kesteven 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.
- 6.24. Through the demand consultations with clubs, 16 clubs have been identified as playing in South Kesteven. This totals to 74 teams. There are 30 teams in junior age categories and 44 senior level teams.

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Table 60: Cricket Club Profiles

Club	Sub-Area (Home Ground Location)	Number of Competitive Teams				Total
		Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	
Ancaster CC	SA1	2	0	0	0	2
Barkston & Syston CC	SA1	1	0	0	0	1
Barrowby CC	SA1	1	0	0	0	1
Baston CC	SA3	1	0	0	0	1
Belton Park CC	SA1	1	0	0	0	1
Billingborough CC	SA2	3	0	0	0	3
Bourne CC	SA2	3	2	5	0	10
Caythorpe CC	SA1	1	1	4	0	6
Claypole CC	SA1	2	0	2	0	4
Fulbeck CC	SA1	1	0	0	0	1
Grantham CC	SA1	5	1	5	0	11
Harlaxton CC	SA2	1	0	0	0	1
Market Deeping CC	SA3	5	2	4	0	11
Ropsley Baboons CC	SA2	1	0	0	0	1
Stamford Town CC	SA3	5	0	5	0	10
Uffington CC	SA3	4	1	5	0	10
Total		37	7	30	0	74

6.25. To illustrate how the demand for cricket is spread geographically, Table 61 indicates how the teams are split by sub-area.

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Table 61: Cricket Demand by Sub Area

Club	Number of Competitive Teams				Total
	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior Boys	Junior Girls	
SA1	14	2	11	0	27
SA2	8	2	5	0	15
SA3	15	3	14	0	32
Total	37	7	30	0	74

- 6.26. Table 61 shows that the majority of cricket is played in the SA3 sub area (43%) and closely followed by SA1 (36%).
- 6.27. To further understand the demand for cricket in South Kesteven, detailed consultations have been undertaken with all the clubs within South Kesteven. Accounts of these consultations including with key strategic priorities are referenced in the site-by-site assessment later in this section.

Consultation Overview

- 6.28. In addition to the structure and guidance provided by the ECB, local cricket in South Kesteven is governed by Lincolnshire County Cricket. The county board has been consulted as part of the PPOSS process, with key priorities and facility development needs for South Kesteven highlighted above.
- 6.29. 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.
- 6.30. Table 62 below highlights the consultation responses that have been received from cricket clubs in South Kesteven.

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Table 62: Cricket Club Consultation Responses

Club	Site Name	Sub Area	Consultation Summary
Ancaster CC	Ancaster Playing Field	SA1	The club is based in the heart of Lincolnshire at Ancaster Playing Field managed by the Parish Council. There is 1 square with six poor to standard quality grass wickets on-site. Ancaster CC has 2 senior men's teams having affiliations with South Lincs & Border League and Lincoln & District Cricket League. The club has aspirations to replace the pavilion. The players travel outside the county to access nets during winter. Ancaster CC also offers All Stars and Dynamos sessions.
Barkston & Syston CC	Barkston Playing Field	SA1	Barkston & Syston CC play their matches at Barkston & Syston Playing Field managed by the Parish Council. The site features 1 square with five standard to good quality grass pitches. The club has one team competing in the Lincoln & District Cricket League on Sundays. There has been an initial talk of developing a new pavilion, however, is yet to reach the planning stage. The current facility maintenance has been described as poor. The club pays for the maintenance of wicket which is rated good. Barkston & Syston CC has a thriving youth section with aspirations to increase junior teams from U11 to U15 and create a midweek adult team. The club hosts All Stars and Dynamos sessions for juniors.
Barrowby CC	Barrowby Lowfields	SA1	Barrowby CC is in Lowfields, Grantham alongside Barrowby Football Club. The home ground consists of 1 square with four poor quality grass wickets rented from Barrowby Parish Council. The ground maintenance programme has been excellent. The club has one active senior men's team playing in the Lincoln & District Cricket League on Sundays. The club offers both All Stars and Dynamos sessions during the season.
Baston CC	Brudenell Playing Field	SA3	Baston CC is based in the southern part of the county. Brudenell Playing Field comprises of 1 square with five average pitches. Baston CC fields one senior men's team in the South Lincs & Border League on Saturdays.
Belton Park CC	Belton Park Cricket Club	SA1	Belton Park CC is based in Grantham. Belton Park CC has one square with 8 good quality grass wickets on site. Currently, the club has one senior team playing in the South Lincs & Border League on Saturdays.
Billingborough CC	Billingborough Cricket Club	SA2	Billingborough CC is based in Sleaford. Billingborough CC has five standard quality grass wickets on 1 square. The club has three active senior teams with two teams competing in the South Lincs & Border League on Saturdays and competing one in Lincoln & District Cricket League on Sundays.
Bourne CC	Abbey Lawn	SA2	Bourne CC is a Clubmark accredited club based at Abbey Lawn in Bourne. There are 14 good quality grass pitches and one standard quality artificial wicket on-site. The ground maintenance programme has been rated excellent. The club leases its ground from Bourne United charity. The club has 3 senior and 5 junior teams playing matches across Lincolnshire County Board Premier League, South Lincs & Border League, Rutland League and East Midlands Women's Super 8s League. Bourne CC aspires to have an all-girls softball team.

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Club	Site Name	Sub Area	Consultation Summary
			They have grown over the past 5-10 years and given the size of the ground and the square (coupled with the population of the village) they are not in a position to expand further. It is recorded that some players travel to Leicestershire for county and district coaching and some use the Tom Flowers indoor facility for coaching and practice. The club has recently invested in enhancing the pavilion and have plans to install 2 bay fixed artificial net. The club offers Women's softball sessions in addition to All Stars and Dynamos sessions.
Caythorpe CC	Caythorpe Playing Field	SA1	Caythorpe CC, Linc is based in Grantham with Caythorpe Playing Field as its home ground. There is 1 square with nine good quality grass wickets. The club is accredited with Clubmark. The club has one senior team playing in Lincoln & District Cricket League on Sundays. The club has a thriving junior section with 4 junior teams. The club hosts All Stars sessions. Women's softball sessions were also offered in 2022.
Claypole CC	Claypole Community Park	SA1	Claypole CC is based at a Parish Council owned site – Claypole Community Park. There are seven standard to good quality wickets. The club has two junior – U12 and U14 teams and two senior teams. The senior teams compete in the South Nottinghamshire Cricket League on Saturdays and Newark & District Evening League in midweek. There are three girls who are part of the junior team. The club is looking to work with the Parish Council to improve the quality of changing facilities. The ground maintenance program is average. Claypole CC is aiming to add two more junior teams – U12 and U14 and one senior team over the next three years.
Fulbeck CC	Fulbeck Club & Social Club	SA1	Fulbeck CC ground comprises of one square with 8 good quality grass pitches. The club has dropped out of the formal league competition in 2022 season. The club has one team only playing friendly fixtures.
Grantham CC	Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	Grantham CC is Clubmark accredited club based at Gorse Lane in Grantham. The site has two squares having 18 good quality grass pitches on one and 6 standard grass pitches and 1 non-turf pitch on the other. The club has 10 teams in total with 5 junior and 5 senior teams. 3 of these senior teams play on Saturdays in Lincolnshire County Board Premier League and South Linc & Border League. 2 senior teams play on Sundays in Lincoln & District League and Grantham & Melton Cricket League. The club offers All Stars and Dynamos sessions for juniors. The club accesses Priory Ruskin Academy for indoor cricket. However, the mats are of poor quality. There are plans to install a drop-down unit onto the wall of the disabled toilet or female toilets to make arrangements for baby changing and make the facilities more accessible.
Harlaxton CC	Harlaxton Sports & Social Club	SA2	There are six good quality grass wickets on-site at Harlaxton CC home ground. The club has one team playing competitive cricket on Sundays in the Lincoln & District League.
Market Deeping CC	Deeping Sports & Social Club	SA3	Market Deeping CC is one of the few Clubmark accredited club in the study area. The club is based at Deeping Sports & Social Club that comprises of 10 good quality grass wickets and 1 artificial wicket. Two artificial nets are also present on-site. The club fields 4 junior teams and 5 senior teams across Lincolnshire County Board Premier League and South Lincs & Border Cricket League.

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Club	Site Name	Sub Area	Consultation Summary
			Artificial wicket is only used by the junior section. Market Deeping CC is also one of the centres hosting All Stars and Dynamos.
Ropsley Baboons CC	Ropsley Village Hall	SA2	Ropsely Baboons CC is a friendly cricket club. The club has one senior team which only plays friendly fixtures. There was no formal cricket recorded at Ropsley Village Hall ground. The local authority owned site has six standard grass wickets available on-site.
Stamford Town CC	Uffington Road Playing Field	SA3	Stamford Town CC's home ground is based at Uffington Road Playing Fields. There are 8 standard quality grass wickets and 1 artificial grass wicket. The ground is owned by the council and the clubhouse is owned by the club. Stamford Town CC has received its Clubmark accreditation. The club has 5 junior and 5 senior teams. The senior teams compete across multiple leagues on Saturdays, Sundays and midweek in Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire County Cricket League, Rutland League and Grantham & Melton Cricket League. There is a good 2-lane NTP practice facility on-site. The club offers All Stars and Dynamos sessions during the season.
Uffington CC	Naylors Field	SA3	Uffington CC play their home matches at Naylors Field in Uffington. There are five good quality grass wickets and one artificial grass wicket. The current maintenance programme has been rated as good. There are 5 junior teams and 4 senior teams. All the junior teams are mixed teams. The club is operating at full capacity and there are no plans to increase in the teams in the foreseeable future. The club offers All Stars, Dynamos and Women's Softball sessions. The ground club would like to develop a play area as part of the ancillary facilities. The ground is also used for non-cricket activities like birthday parties and social events.

Future Demand

Demand Driven by Population Growth

- 6.31. In order 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.
- 6.32. 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.
- 6.33. Table 62 overleaf illustrates that the greatest projected growth in cricket demand is projected to be in the adult men's and junior boys/mixed groups.

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- 6.34. ECB and County Cricket Boards are making a conscious effort to increase female participation across the country, especially following England's 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup win.

Table 63: Impact of Population Projections on the Need for Cricket Provision in South Kesteven (TGRs by Sub Area)

Sub Area – SA1						
Age group	No. of teams in age group within the area	Current Population (2021) in age group within the area	Future Population (2041) in age group within the area (7.41% increase)	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)	14	12,254	13,234	875	980	1
Cricket Open Age Women's (18-55yrs)	2	13,011	14,043	6,505	1,032	0
Cricket Junior (7-18yrs)	11	3,249	3,898	295	649	2
Cricket Junior Girls (7-18yrs)	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	27	15,503	17,132	-	1,629	3

Sub Area – SA2						
Age group	No. of teams in age group within the area	Current Population in age group within the area	Future Population in age group within the area (7.41% increase)	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)	8	9,012	9733	1,127	721	1
Cricket Open Age Women's (18-55yrs)	2	9,570	10,439	4,785	869	0
Cricket Junior (7-18yrs)	5	2,408	2,882	482	474	1
Cricket Junior Girls (7-18yrs)	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	13	11,420	12,615	-	1,195	2

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Sub Area – SA3						
Age group	No. of teams in age group within the area	Current Population in age group within the area	Future Population. in age group within the area (7.41% increase)	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)	15	9,442	10,197	629	755	1
Cricket Open Age Women's (18-55yrs)	3	10,026	10,827	3,342	802	0
Cricket Junior (7-18yrs)	14	2,892	2,981	207	89	0
Cricket Junior Girls (7-18yrs)	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	29	12,334	13,178	-	844	1

Future growth driven by latent demand

- 6.35. 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. The table 64 below identifies all clubs, grouped by sub-area, that identified 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 South Kesteven in addition to the teams generated by population growth.

Table 64: Latent Demand for Cricket by Sub Area

Club	Sub Area	Senior Cricket		Junior Cricket	
		Men	Women	Boys	Girls
Barkston & Syston CC	SA1	0	0	3	0
Claypole CC	SA1	1	0	2	0

- 6.36. 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

- 6.37. Table 63 and 64 show the projected growth in cricket teams in South Kesteven via population growth and latent demand. Table 65 below summarises this projection.

Table 65: Total projected future cricket team growth by Sub Area

Analysis Area	Adult Teams		Junior Teams		Total
	Population Growth	Latent Demand	Population Growth	Latent Demand	
SA1	2	1	1	5	9
SA2	1	0	1	0	2
SA3	1	0	0	0	1
Total	4	1	2	5	12

- 6.38. Table 65 shows that there is projected to be a combined growth of 12 teams in South Kesteven by 2041. There will be an estimated growth of 3 teams in SA2 and SA3 due to population growth. However, the SA1 sub area is predicted to see the largest growth through both latent and population demand. The combined future projected growth of adult teams in South Kesteven is 5 and junior teams is 7.

Supply and Demand Balance

- 6.39. This section presents the supply and demand balance findings for cricket provision (both for current and future analyses) for the study, split by sub-area.
- 6.40. The pitch balance figures i.e., the relationship between supply and demand, have been calculated using the capacity and pitch quality ratings.
- 6.41. Table 66 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 around the across South Kesteven.
- 6.42. 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

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- 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, including NTPs, included after.

Spare Capacity and Overplay

- 6.43. Overplay occurs when a cricket square is played on a greater amount than is recommended by the pitch's carrying capacity. 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.
- 6.44. There are a number of 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.
- 6.45. Spare capacity is the opposite of overplay and occurs when demand at a site is less than the theoretical carrying capacity over a season.
- 6.46. It is important that any overplay of pitches is considered as part of the overall supply and demand analysis for grass wickets, therefore Table 66 identifies overplay or spare capacity at all sites.
- 6.47. As there were no junior wickets identified in the study area, the total demand including adult and junior play has been taken into consideration rather than differentiating between the two age categories.

Table 66: Current Position for Cricket in South Kesteven

Playing Pitch Sites	Sub Area	Squares	Quality Provision* of	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Abbey Lawn	SA2	1	Good	15	75	70	5	1	60	10	50	55
Ancaster Playing Field	SA1	1	Poor	6	0	20	-20	0	0	0	0	-20

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Playing Pitch Sites	Sub Area	Squares	Quality Provision* of	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Barkston Playing Field	SA1	1	Standard	5	20	12	8	0	0	0	0	8
Barrowby Lowfields	SA1	1	Poor	4	0	9	-9	0	0	0	0	-9
Belton Park Cricket Club	SA1	1	Good	8	40	8	32	0	0	0	0	32
Billingborough Cricket Club	SA2	1	Standard	5	20	18	2	0	0	0	0	2
Brudenell Playing Field	SA3	1	Standard	5	20	12	8	0	0	0	0	8
Caythorpe Playing Field	SA1	1	Good	9	45	34	11	0	0	0	0	11
Charles Read Academy	SA2	1	Poor	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Claypole Community Park	SA1	1	Standard	7	28	32	-4	0	0	0	0	-4
Deeping Sports & Social Club	SA3	1	Good	10	50	70	-20	1	60	0	60	40
Fulbeck Playing Field / Fulbeck Sports & Social Club	SA1	1	Good	8	40	5	35	0	0	0	0	35
Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	1	Good	18	90	60	30	0	0	0	0	30
Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	1	Standard	6	24	12	12	1	60	0	60	72
Harlaxton Sports And Social Club / Harlaxton Recreation Ground	SA2	1	Good	6	30	7	23	0	0	0	0	23
Naylors Field	SA3	1	Good	5	25	45	-20	1	60	40	20	0
North Parade (The Kings School Grass Pitches)	SA1	1	Good	5	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ropsley Colts / Ropsey Village Hall	SA2	1	Standard	6	24	3	21	0	0	0	0	21
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	SA3	1	Good	0	0	0	0	1	60	60	0	0

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Playing Pitch Sites	Sub Area	Squares	Quality of Provision*	Grass Wickets	Grass Supply (MPS)	Grass Demand	Grass Balance (MPS)	NTP Wickets	NTP Supply (MPS)	NTP Demand	NTP Balance (MPS)	Total Balance
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	SA3	1	Good	10	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stamford Junior School	SA3	1	Good	0	0	0	0	1	60	60	0	0
Stamford Welland Academy	SA3	1	Standard	0	0	0	0	1	60	60	0	0
Uffington Road Playing Field	SA3	1	Standard	8	32	50	-18	1	60	0	60	42
Witham Hall School ⁷	SA3	1	Good	6	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total – South Kesteven				152	668	502	96	9	480	230	250	346

Table 67: Potential Spare Capacity for Cricket in South Kesteven

Playing Pitch Sites	Sub Area	Total Weekly Balance	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Saturday	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Sunday	Potential spare capacity for junior cricket midweek
Abbey Lawn	SA2	75	No	No	Yes
Ancaster Playing Field	SA1	-20	No	No	No
Barkston Playing Field	SA1	8	No	No	No
Barrowby Lowfields	SA1	-9	No	No	No
Belton Park Cricket Club	SA1	32	No	Yes	Yes
Billingham Cricket Club	SA2	2	No	No	No

⁷ The demand for North Parade (The Kings School Grass Pitches), Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre, Stamford Junior School, Stamford Welland Academy and Witham Hall School; has been matched with supply to ensure the capacity is not misrepresented by unavailable sites.

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Playing Pitch Sites	Sub Area	Total Weekly Balance	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Saturday	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket Sunday	Potential spare capacity for junior cricket midweek
Brudenell Playing Field	SA3	8	No	No	No
Caythorpe Playing Field	SA1	21	Yes	No	No
Charles Read Academy	SA2	0	No	No	No
Claypole Community Park	SA1	-4	No	No	No
Deeping Sports & Social Club	SA3	60	No	No	No
Fulbeck Playing Field / Fulbeck Sports & Social Club	SA1	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	40	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	72	No	No	Yes
Harlaxton Sports And Social Club / Harlaxton Recreation Ground	SA2	23	Yes	No	No
Naylors Field	SA3	10	No	No	No
North Parade (The Kings School Grass Pitches)	SA1	0	No	No	No
Ropsley Colts / Ropsey Village Hall	SA2	21	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	SA3	0	No	No	No
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	SA3	0	No	No	No
Stamford Junior School	SA3	0	No	No	No
Stamford Welland Academy	SA3	0	No	No	No
Uffington Road Playing Field	SA3	42	No	No	No
Witham Hall School	SA3	0	No	No	No

6.48. Table 66 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.

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- 6.49. 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.
- 6.50. As per the audit, there is higher supply of both grass and non-turf cricket pitches than demand in the study area.
- 6.51. The pitch at Charles Read Academy is rated as poor and therefore the carrying capacity at this site is 0. There is currently no demand for the artificial wickets at education sites, although they may cater for curricular and extra-curricular use. Therefore, Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre, Stamford Junior School and Stamford Welland Academy have been given a neutral balance. North Parade (The Kings School Grass Pitches), Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre and Witham Hall School have three good quality grass wickets with a supply of 105 MPS. However, these sites are unavailable for community use. These sites have therefore been assigned a neutral position to ensure an inaccurate balance is not stated. The artificial grass wicket at Deeping Sports & Social Club is not fit ideally suited for adult cricket and is only used by the junior section of Market Deeping CC.
- 6.52. With only 8 MPS available as spare capacity at Barkston Playing Field, there is a possibility to accommodate junior cricket.
- 6.53. Table 67 highlights where there is potential spare capacity for cricket activity in South Kesteven. Although some sites have spare capacity as they cater for less MPS than the wicket quality allows, due to the number of matches taking place, spare capacity at peak times is reduced.
- 6.54. Based on club consultation and match play timings, there is potential for six additional match session on Saturdays and three match session on Sundays for senior cricket in the study area. Fulbeck Playing Field and Ropsley Village Hall have 8 good quality and 6 standard quality pitches respectively. However, the clubs based at this site only play friendly matches and there is no regular competitive cricket played on this site. This reduces the utilisation capacity of its pitches as a result could provide an option to accommodate some midweek or junior cricket.
- 6.55. Additionally, there are 6 sites that have the potential to offer additional mid-week junior sessions if we consider the use of artificial wickets along with grass wickets. The artificial wickets at Deeping Sports and Social Club, Gantham CC and Uffington CC are not used for formal match currently and is typically utilized for training purposes. The use of this non-turf pitch has the potential to offset the overplay by accommodating junior cricket activities.

Site by Site Analysis

- 6.56. To ensure that the PPOSS can be seen as a robust evidence base, the site-by-site assessment below includes all cricket sites 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 PPOSS 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 68: Site by Site Summary for Cricket Provision in South Kesteven

Site	Sub Area	Squares	Community Use	Secured Community Use	Ownership	Capacity Analysis (Grass Wickets)	Site Summary
Abbey Lawn	SA2	1	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	5	15 good quality grass wickets. One standard artificial grass wicket. Two artificial nets and one grass nets. Bourne CC based at this site. Good ancillary facilities. Excellent ground maintenance programme.
Ancaster Playing Field	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	-20	Six standard quality grass wickets used by Ancaster CC. Standard ancillary facilities. The club has development plans to enhance the ageing pavilion.
Barkston Playing Field	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	8	Five standard quality grass wickets. Two artificial nets. Barkston & Syston CC use this as their home ground. Initial phase of development plans for a new pavilion. Poor facility maintenance. Aspirations to increase 3 junior teams.
Barrowby Lowfields	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	-9	Multi-sport site shared by Barrowby CC and Barrowby FC. Four poor quality grass wickets. Standard changing facilities.
Belton Park Cricket Club	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	32	8 good quality grass wickets. Standard ancillary facilities. Currently, one senior team using the ground on Saturdays allowing peak time spare capacity of 32 MPS.
Billingborough Cricket Club	SA2	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	2	Five standard quality grass wickets. Standard quality pavilion with changing facilities.
Brudenell Playing Field	SA3	1	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	8	Five standard quality grass wickets. The home ground of Baston CC. Standard ancillary facilities.
Caythorpe Playing Field	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	11	Nine good quality grass wickets. Two grass nets. Caythorpe CC has rental agreement with the Playing Field Association. Good condition clubhouse.
Charles Read Academy	SA2	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Academies	0	One poor quality artificial grass wicket not available for community use. Standard school changing ancillary facilities.

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Site	Sub Area	Squares	Community Use	Secured Community Use	Ownership	Capacity Analysis (Grass Wickets)	Site Summary
Claypole Community Park	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	-4	Seven standard quality grass wickets. Small clubhouse with standard changing facilities. Club development plans to improve changing rooms in collaboration with the Parish Council. Aspirations to increase 2 junior and 1 senior teams.
Deeping Sports & Social Club	SA3	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	-20	Ten good quality grass wickets. One non-turf wicket used by junior teams. The facility is used by Market Deeping CC. Good quality pavilion. Repairs made to the covers recently.
Fulbeck Playing Field / Fulbeck Sports & Social Club	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	35	Eight good quality grass wickets. The facility is used by Fulbeck CC for friendly games. Good clubhouse with changing facilities. Evidence of spare capacity to accommodate games during the peak time.
Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	30	18 good quality grass wickets. Excellent overall ancillary facilities.
Grantham Cricket Club	SA1	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	12	6 standard quality grass wickets. Excellent overall ancillary facilities. One non-turf wicket in poor condition. Club is looking to make the facility more accessible by introducing drop-down unit for baby changing facilities.
Harlaxton Sports And Social Club / Harlaxton Recreation Ground	SA2	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	23	Six good quality grass wickets. Average quality clubhouse with changing facilities. Harlaxton CC use the ground for Sunday league matches allowing spare capacity to accommodate 23 MPS on Saturdays.
Naylors Field	SA3	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	-20	Five good quality grass wickets. Fixed nets, ageing pavilion and standard changing facilities, Uffington CC use this venue as their home ground. Club development plans include adding play area for the kids.
North Parade (The Kings School Grass Pitches)	SA1	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Foundation School	0	Five good quality grass wickets and good ancillary facilities, however there is no community use of the cricket provision.

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Site	Sub Area	Squares	Community Use	Secured Community Use	Ownership	Capacity Analysis (Grass Wickets)	Site Summary
Ropsley Colts / Ropsey Village Hall	SA2	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	21	Six standard quality grass wickets. Two nets. The local authority owned facility is used by Ropsley Baboons CC to play friendly fixtures. No other formal cricket recorded on this site allowing a spare capacity of 21 MPS. Good clubhouse with changing facilities.
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	SA3	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	0	Private school site with 10 good quality grass wickets. High quality pavilion with changing and kitchen facilities. The facility is not available for community use.
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre	SA3	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	0	Private school site with 1 good quality artificial grass wicket. High quality pavilion with changing and kitchen facilities. The facility is not available for community use.
Stamford Junior School	SA3	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	0	One good quality non-turf wicket. Very good school changing facilities. Two good quality mobile nets present for training purpose. The facility is only available for curricular and extra-curricular use.
Stamford Welland Academy	SA3	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Academies	0	One standard quality non-turf wicket. Standard school changing facility. Not available for community use
Uffington Road Playing Field	SA3	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	-18	Eight standard quality grass wickets. A few worn out nets but two good new looking non-turf nets. The carrying capacity is 32 MPS. However, there is an overplay of 18 matches given the current quality of the pitches. Good pavilion with changing facilities.
Witham Hall School	SA3	1	Unavailable	Unsecured	Other Independent School	0	Six good quality grass wickets. Good standard private school facility not available for community use. Good quality pavilion.

Current and Future Position of Grass Pitches

Understanding the Process and Key Terminology

- 6.57. The previous section and table 68 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.
- 6.58. To provide a clear idea of the current position for cricket provision across each of the sub-areas, Table 69 below shows the balance between supply and demand for each sub-area. The information gathered in the earlier stages of the project is used to present the current supply and demand position for each typology. The current position is then used to look at the likely future position by incorporating latent/unmet, displaced and future demand.
- 6.59. 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 2041, 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.

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- 6.60. 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 South Kesteven.
- 6.61. Like above, it must be taken into consideration that much of the future demand is made up of latent demand, that is only apparent through consultations with cricket clubs. This is not always accurate, and, in many cases, clubs do not meet their growth targets in the timescales they predict.

Total Wicket Analysis

Table 69: Current and Future Position of Adult Grass Wickets

Analysis Area	Site Capacity	Current Demand	Current Position	Total Future Demand	Future Position
SA1	312	217	95	68	27
SA2	149	98	51	10	41
SA3	207	257	-50	18	-68
Total	668	572	96	96	0

- 6.62. Table 69 illustrates that there is currently 96 MPS of spare carrying capacity for grass wickets across South Kesteven. SA1 has the highest carrying capacity and is also adequately placed with a spare capacity of 95 MPS. The total current demand for adult grass wickets is 86% of total capacity with SA3 the only sub area with a current shortfall of 50 MPS on grass wickets.
- 6.63. When future demand by 2041, including population growth and latent demand, is considered, it is predicted that there will no spare capacity grass wickets in the study area. Although both SA1 and SA2 will maintain a positive position, the deficit in SA3 is predicted to increase to -68 MPS. This must be treated with caution however, as this anticipated growth in cricket is mainly a result of latent demand predictions which may not materialise.
- 6.64. When capacity generated by NTPs (Non-turf pitches) is taken into consideration and extra 250 MPS is available. Of this 250 MPS, 42 would be allocated to SA3 sub-area, resulting in a current position of 22 MPS of spare capacity and 4 MPS of spare capacity in the future. However, although it is necessary to consider NTPs in South Kesteven, it is often not possible to meet demand, particularly from adults on NTP wickets. Consultations with clubs have indicated that the quality of NTPs is not ideal for senior cricket matches or practice sessions. Meeting junior demand through use of NTPs could be considered as part of the stage D analysis.
- 6.65. When including the NTP generated capacity in the overall future position, there will be 250 MPS of spare capacity by 2041,.

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Cricket Summary

- 6.66. This section summarises the findings from the cricket analysis, which will form the basis of the recommendation and action plan section for South Kesteven
- 6.67. Table 70 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 chapter creates consistency, not only within the report but with similar PPOSS projects in neighbouring local authorities and further afield.

Table 70: Key PPOSS Findings for Cricket in South Kesteven

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p>There is a total of 24 pitches across 22 sites in South Kesteven, comprising of 152 grass wickets and 9 artificial grass wickets. Half of the grass wickets are concentrated in SA1, and the other 50% of grass provision is located within SA2 and SA3.</p> <p>There are five community accessible NTPs in South Kesteven, as well as 4 located on education sites. Eight of the accessible cricket provision in South Kesteven is owned by sports clubs, with 5 of them being local authority owned site and four owned a by community organisations.</p> <p>There are currently 16 cricket clubs in the area, compromising of 74 teams. Of these 67 teams, 44 are seniors and 30 are junior and youth teams. The majority of cricket is played in the SA3 sub area (43%), closely followed by SA1 (37%) and SA2 (20%).</p>
Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>The analysis shows that, overall, there is enough accessible community use provision to meet current demand when the study area is measured as a whole with 96 MPS for grass wickets. However, it must be highlighted that there is a disparity in the supply and demand balance within SA3 which has a shortfall of -50.</p> <p>There is spare capacity of cricket provision within the other two sub areas SA1 and SA2. It must be highlighted that there are spare capacities on education sites however, since there is no community use, the capacity on those sites has been neutralised.</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>All but 3 grass wicket provision is of a good or standard quality in South Kesteven. 54% grass wickets are good, 33% are standard rated and 13% are of poor quality. NTP on community sports club's site is of standard to poor quality. However, artificial wickets on education sites are good and only cater for curricular use. 17 out of 24 cricket provision are available for community use with 7 being on education 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 across the Study Area, with a total growth of 96 MPS by 2041. The largest growth of cricket projected is driven mainly by latent demand predictions for junior cricket and for senior cricket due to population growth. The largest growth of cricket is projected to come in the SA1 sub area (68 MPS), which is driven mainly by latent demand predictions for junior cricket.</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, Women and Girls' Cricket and Softball Cricket initiatives, the increase in demand is likely to have some impact on the level of demand for cricket across South Kesteven.</p>

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Key Question	Analysis
Is there enough accessible community use provision to meet future demand?	The future analysis shows that there is predicted to be no spare capacity on grass wickets by 2041. Potentially, there is large amounts of spare capacity on education sites that could further increase the supply of the cricket provision in the study area if community agreements were to be put into place.

7 Tennis Analysis

Introduction and Strategic Context

- 7.1 The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is the organisation responsible for the governance of tennis. Lincolnshire Tennis is responsible locally for the sport in terms of county teams and county-based initiatives in South Kesteven. The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies and national facility plans that are currently being delivered by the LTA.
- 7.2 Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for tennis and considers:
- The supply of courts and demand for these;
 - The quality of courts in South Kesteven; and
 - Recommendations moving forward.

Tennis Opened Up 2019-2023

- 7.3 The LTA has recently produced a new strategy which outlines the strategic priorities for the future of the sport.
- 7.4 The overriding mission statement of the strategy is “to grow tennis by making it more relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable.”
- 7.5 To help with delivering on this mission statement, four pillars have been identified to provide focus for improvement. These are:
- Relevant: Tennis is seen as traditional, old-fashioned and reserved. To succeed it needs to be seen as modern, fresh and exciting;
 - Accessible: Tennis needs to be seen as an easy sport for people to engage with. The process must be frictionless and available when people want it;
 - Welcoming: Tennis is perceived as inward looking, elitist, and socially and technically intimidating. This image must be broken down; everyone is welcome in the tennis family whatever their age, ability or social background; and
 - Enjoyable: Tennis is viewed as a tough sport requiring commitment, dedication and a lot of hard work but it doesn't have to be this way. The social side, the different formats and the exhilaration of playing are richly rewarding and hugely positive.

LTA Facilities Investment Strategy – Vision for the 2020 and beyond

- 7.6 The LTA has developed a programme of action based on seven core strategies. These are:
- Visibility: Broaden relevance and increase visibility of tennis all year round to build engagement and participation with fans and players;
 - Innovation: Innovate in the delivery of tennis to widen its appeal.
 - Investment: Support community facilities and schools to increase the opportunity to play.
 - Accessibility: Make the customer journey to playing tennis easier and more accessible for anyone.
 - Engagement: Engage and collaborate with everyone involved in delivering tennis in Britain, particularly coaches and volunteers, to attract and maintain more people in the game.
 - Performance: Create a pathway for British champions that nurtures a diverse team of players, people and leaders; and
 - Leadership: Lead tennis in Britain to the highest standard so it is a safe, welcoming, well-run sport.
- 7.7 The LTA Facilities Investment Framework sets out how it intends to deliver the investment to support community accessible tennis facilities. The focus will be on:
- New and existing indoor tennis centres
 - Park tennis
 - Tennis clubs
 - Schools and other educational establishments
- 7.8 The key principles of the framework are to:
- Help fund projects through interest free loans.
 - Invest in venues that have a proven record of increasing participation.
 - Invest where there is thorough community engagement.
 - Support venues that encourage participation growth.
 - Targeted investment that is demand-led.
 - Support venues that have successfully sourced partnership funding.
- 7.9 The Sport England Active Lives Survey confirms the seasonal participation peaks in the summer. This is particularly pronounced amongst non-club and occasional players.

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- 7.10 It is key to note that the correlation between the lack of 'community' tennis in the non-summer months is likely to be heavily influenced by the lack of floodlighting, which is often a characteristic of local authority owned courts.
- 7.11 Further research carried out by the LTA suggests that many more people would play tennis if they knew where courts were located, particularly local authority courts. Its assertion is that better promotion would increase conversion of latent demand.

Sub Areas

- 7.12 As part of the PPOSS process, South Kesteven has been broken down into three sub-areas. The area covered by each sub area are outlined in Table 71 below.

Table 71: Description of Sub Areas in South Kesteven

Sub Area	Areas
SA1	Ancaster, Caythorpe & Claypole, Long Bennington, Allington & Barrowby, Grantham North East, Grantham North West, Grantham South West and Grantham South East
SA2	Corby Glen, Ropsley & Grantham Outskirts, Morton & Billingborough, Harlaxton, Colsterworth & South Witham, Bourne West and Bourne East
SA3	Langtoft, Thurlby & Uffington, Market Deeping, Deeping St James & Frognall, Stamford North and Stamford Central, West & South

Supply

- 7.13 The following table 72 provides a breakdown of tennis courts in the area (please note that this table refers to courts and not sites). The quality rating of a court is calculated using the following LTA criteria:

Table 72:

Poor:

Playing surface poor, slippery playing surface, poor drainage, cracks on the playing surface and surrounding area, court markings hardly visible, no nets or nets damaged, surrounding fencing poor/dangerous.

Standard:

Court colour is fading or showing signs of wear. The surface remains largely intact. The court life, prior to needing resurfacing, would be extended for up to 5 years by cleaning and repainting of the existing surface.

Good:

Good playing surface, courts recently been upgraded, resurfaced, nets and fencing in working order

- 7.14 The following table 73 provides a breakdown of tennis courts in the Study Area.

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Table 73: Outdoor Tennis Provision by Site

Site Name	Postcode	Sub Area	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Ownership	Management	Number of Courts	Surface	Floodlit	Site Quality
Abbey Lawn	PE10 9EP	2	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	8	5x Grass 3x AGP	2	Good
Belton Woods Hotel	NG32 2LN	1	Not available	Unsecured	Commercial	Commercial	2	Macadam	2	Good
Bourne Grammar School	PE10 9JE	2	Not available	Secured	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	4	Macadam	0	Standard
Brudenell Playing Field	PE6 9PA	3	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	2	Macadam	0	Standard
Charles Read Academy	NG33 4NT	2	Not available	Secured	Academies	School/College/University (in house)	4	Macadam	3	Standard
Claypole Community Park	NG23 5BQ	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2	Macadam	2	Poor
Deeping Sports & Social Club	PE6 8LQ	3	Available	Secured	Sports Club	Sport Club	3	Macadam	3	Good
Dysart Park	NG31 6JB	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1	Macadam	0	Poor
Grantham Meres Leisure Centre	NG31 7XQ	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	Commercial Management	3	Macadam	3	Poor
Grantham Tennis Club	NG31 8HU	1	Available	Secured	Sports Club	Sport Club	9	4x AGP 5x Clay	9	Good
Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School	NG31 9AU	1	Not available	Unsecured	Community school	School/College/University (in house)	4	Tarmac	0	Standard
Langtoft Playing Field	PE6 9NB	3	Available	Secured	Local Authority	Sport Club	2	Macadam	0	Standard
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	NG23 5HD	1	Available	Secured	Community Organisation	Community Organisation	2	Macadam	2	Good
Prince WM Of Glos Barracks	NG31 7TB	2	Not available	Unsecured	MOD	MOD	2	Macadam	0	Standard
Rippingale Jubilee Playing Field	PE10 0TB	2	Available	Secured	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	1	Macadam	0	Good
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre /Stamford Tennis Club	PE9 1QQ	3	Available	Unsecure	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	7	Macadam	7	Standard

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Site Name	Postcode	Sub Area	Community Use	Security of Community Use	Ownership	Management	Number of Courts	Surface	Floodlit	Site Quality
Stamford Junior School	PE9 2LR	3	Available	Secured	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	6	Macadam	6	Good
Stamford Recreation Ground	PE9 1EJ	3	Available	Secured	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2	Macadam	0	Poor
Stamford Rock Tennis Club	PE9 1EJ	3	Available	Secured	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	3	Grass	0	Poor
Tallington Lakes Leisure Park	PE9 4RJ	3	Not available	Unsecured	Commercial	Commercial Management	1	Macadam	0	Standard
Witham Hall School	PE10 0JJ	3	Not available	Unsecured	Other Independent School	School/College/University (in house)	6	Macadam	6	Good
Wyndham Park	NG31 9BB	1	Available	Secured	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	2	Macadam	0	Standard

Table 74: Outdoor Tennis Ancillary Provision by Site

Site Name	Sub Area	Postcode	Overmarked?	Ancillary Facilities
Abbey Lawn	2	PE10 9EP	No	Standard
Belton Woods Hotel	1	NG32 2LN	No	Standard
Bourne Grammar School	2	PE10 9JE	Yes	Standard
Brudenell Playing Field	3	PE6 9PA	No	Standard
Charles Read Academy	2	NG33 4NT	Yes	Standard
Claypole Community Park	1	NG23 5BQ	Yes	Standard
Deeping Sports & Social Club	3	PE6 8LQ	No	Good
Dysart Park	1	NG31 6JB	No	No ancillary facilities on site
Grantham Meres Leisure Centre	1	NG31 7XQ	Yes	Standard
Grantham Tennis Club	1	NG31 8HU	No	Good
Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School	1	NG31 9AU	No	Standard

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Site Name	Sub Area	Postcode	Overmarked?	Ancillary Facilities
Langtoft Playing Field	3	PE6 9NB	No	Standard
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	1	NG23 5HD	Yes	Good
Prince WM Of Glos Barracks	2	NG31 7TB	No	Standard
Rippingale Jubilee Playing Field	2	PE10 0TB	No	Standard
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre /Stamford Tennis Club	3	PE9 1QQ	Yes	Standard
Stamford Junior School	3	PE9 2LR	Yes	Good
Stamford Recreation Ground	3	PE9 1EJ	No	Poor
Stamford Rock Tennis Club	3	PE9 1EJ	No	Poor
Tallington Lakes Leisure Park	3	PE9 4RJ	Yes	Standard
Witham Hall School	3	PE10 0JJ	No	Good
Wyndham Park	1	NG31 9BB	No	Standard

7.15 Provisional findings from the supply-side analysis indicate:

- There are 76 tennis courts, across 21 sites in the study area.
- 55 out of 76 courts are available to public, and all available sites provide secured community use.
- Out of 21 sites are rated as good quality, making up 33% of the supply of courts and 9 out of 21 sites are rated as standard quality, making up of 41% of the supply of the courts.
- There are 45 floodlit courts in South Kesteven, accounting for 59% of the total supply. However, only 34 of these are available for community use, which is 62% of the available supply.

7.16 Stamford Tennis Club have a 15 year lease of the courts at Stamford Endowed School Sports. However, the school retain the right to require the club to vacate the courts with 15 months notice. As a result of this, the club are seeking alternative facilities but require funding to progress applications. The club have held early discussions with a number of sites in Stamford, but funding is a significant barrier currently.

7.17 Table 75 summarises the tennis sites in South Kesteven, including consultation summaries from clubs.

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Table 75: Site Summaries

Site Name	Summary
Abbey Lawn	Five macadam tennis courts and three all-weather floodlit hard courts on a secured site. Two all-weather courts are floodlit. All courts are of good quality. Bourne Town Lawn Tennis Club is based here. Standard changing and kitchen facilities available.
Belton Woods Hotel	Two good quality secure floodlit hardcourt tennis courts located at this private site. Ancillary facilities include standard hotel changing facilities.
Bourne Grammar School	Four non-floodlit standard quality secured tennis courts at a school site. These courts are not available for community use. Standard school ancillary facility.
Brudenell Playing Field	Two standard quality non-floodlit macadam tennis courts. The multi-sport facility is managed by Brudenell Playing Fields Management Committee (BPFMC). The tennis courts can be booked for casual hire at £5 per court per hour. Standard ancillary facilities available on-site.
Charles Read Academy	Four standard quality macadam tennis courts located in a school site. Three courts are floodlit. The courts are restricted to curricular use. Standard school changing facility available.
Claypole Community Park	Two poor quality macadam tennis courts with good nets. Both the courts are floodlit and secure. One basketball present on one of the courts. Standard changing facilities available with no kitchen.
Deeping Sports & Social Club	Deeping Sports & Social Club is the home of Deeping Tennis club. Three very good floodlit and secure hardcourt tennis courts. Full time coaching programme available. Good ancillary facility. The clubhouse comprises of a bar, changing rooms and function room and patio viewing area. Lot of space for parking available.
Dysart Park	One poor quality non-floodlit macadam tennis court on a secure local authority owned site. Poor surface and poor net. No ancillary facility available on-site.
Grantham Meres Leisure Centre	Three macadam tennis courts of poor quality. All courts are floodlit. No nets present at the time of site audit. Standard changing facilities within the leisure centre.
Grantham Tennis Club	Very good facility. Nine good quality tennis courts of which four are artificial grass hard court and five are clay courts. Good ancillary facilities available on-site along with access to café, bar and health and fitness gym.
Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School	Four standard quality tarmac tennis courts situated at a school site. Standard school ancillary facility.
Langtoft Playing Field	Two standard quality secure non-floodlit tennis courts. Both courts appeared to be worn out. There is a sports cafe on site and standard changing facilities. Parking is available for 50-60 cars. There is a defibrillator on the outside.
Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields	This site has two good macadam surface tennis courts marked out within including portable nets. The changing facilities are of good quality with a kitchen and a bar. The venue also has a defibrillator.

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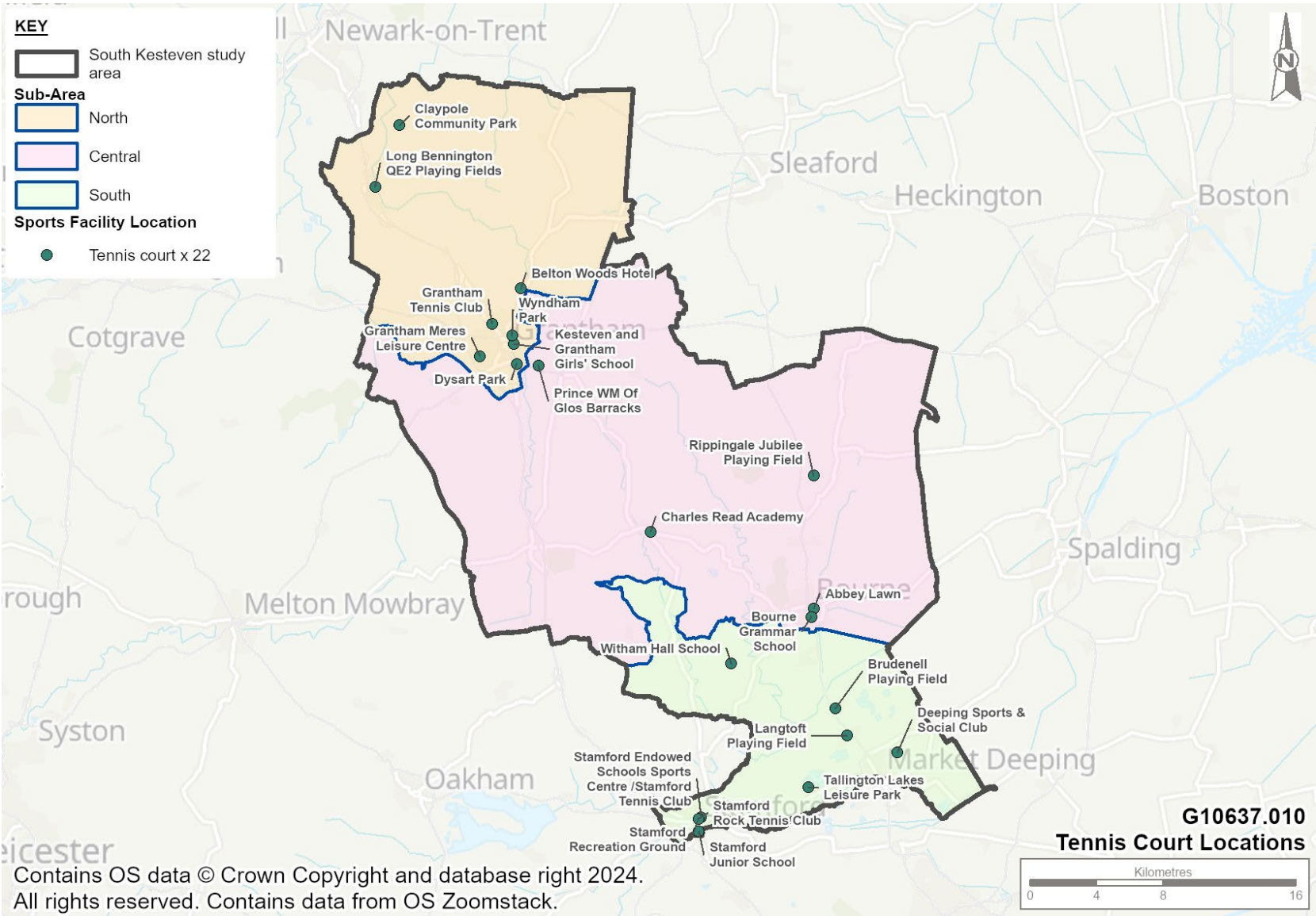
Site Name	Summary
Prince WM Of Glos Barracks	MOD site with two standard quality macadam tennis courts. The site has standard ancillary facilities.
Rippingale Jubilee Playing Field	The site is managed by Rippingale Jubilee Playing Field Trust. One good quality macadam tennis court available. There is a play area on-site. Standard changing facility.
Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre /Stamford Tennis Club	A big multi-sport site with seven standard quality macadam tennis courts. All courts are floodlit. All courts are available for hire. Stamford Tennis Club is based at this site. Upper four surfaces have been resurfaced three years ago and the lower three surfaces are in deteriorating condition. The club has 300 members with plans to increase membership. Standard school changing facility available along with a basic clubhouse. The school is looking to develop five new courts, and this could affect the club.
Stamford Junior School	Six good standard secure floodlit hardcourt tennis courts situated at a school facility. All courts are floodlit. Standard school changing facility available. All courts are available for hire.
Stamford Recreation Ground	The facility is maintained by the local authority. Two macadam poor quality non-marked out non-floodlit tennis courts. Standard ancillary facility.
Stamford Rock Tennis Club	The facility is part of Stamford Recreation Ground maintained by the local authority. Three poor quality grass tennis courts. None of the courts are floodlit. Stamford Rock Tennis Club uses this venue on rent. Currently, the club has 20 members with a capacity to increase memberships however, the club expects the membership number to remain the same over the period of five years. Changing facility includes a hut of poor quality.
Tallington Lakes Leisure Park	One standard quality non-floodlit tennis court. The outdoor tennis court is available to all members, campers and caravaners. Standard ancillary facility available.
Witham Hall School	Six good quality secured macadam tennis courts. All courts are floodlit. Good overall ancillary facility. The site is not available for community use.
Wyndham Park	Two standard quality tennis courts. The courts are free to use. There is a café, visitor centre and children's play park right next to the courts along with ample parking off Hill Avenue.

7.18 Map 9 shows the geographic location of outdoor tennis courts across the Study Area and presents the dispersion courts across South Kesteven.

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Map 9: Outdoor Tennis Court Audit in South Kesteven



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7.19 This section of the analysis examines the demand for tennis in South Kesteven

Active Lives Survey

7.20 As per the LTA's insight as captured at the start of this chapter, demand for tennis is comprised of members and more 'casual' or 'recreational' players. These 'casual' or 'recreational' players are usually defined by a lack of membership to a tennis club and typically access facilities through public park courts and other publicly available facilities.

7.21 Sport England's Active Lives Survey represents the most robust dataset regarding participation in sport in England amongst those aged 16 or older. The latest iteration of this data is taken from surveys carried out in November 2021/22. Data was not available for South Kesteven specific information, so the data is taken for the whole of the Lincolnshire Active Partnership area (LAP) The data shows the following:

- 1.5% of residents aged 16+ in the LAP reported playing tennis twice within the last 28 days (survey carried out in November 2022).
- The 1.5% 'twice-monthly' participation rate for LAP was lower than the national equivalent participation rate of 2%.
- 4.2% of residents aged 16+ in the LAP area reported playing tennis at least once in year 21/22, which can be compared to a national average of 6%.
- According to the population figures used throughout this report, there are 118,006 residents in South Kesteven aged 16 or over. Although the 1.5% participation rate used in the Active Lives Survey considers the whole of the LAP area, we can assume this is also relevant for South Kesteven. This means that when translated into demand, the Active Lives Figures show that 1,770 people play tennis at least twice every 28 days and 4956 people play at least once per year. These figures can be taken forward to analyse the utilisation the court capacity in South Kesteven.

Membership Data

7.22 Consultations undertaken with clubs in South Kesteven have been used to capture membership and other information. The membership figures for each club are displayed in Table 76

Table 6: Tennis Club Membership in South Kesteven

Club Name	Site	Current Membership
Bourne Lawn Tennis Club	Abbey Lawn	250
Deeping Tennis Club	Deeping Sports & Social Club	160
Grantham Tennis Club and Gym	Grantham Tennis Club	1,000
Stamford Rock Tennis Club	Stamford Rock Tennis Club	30

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Club Name	Site	Current Membership
Stamford Tennis Club	Stamford Endowed Schools Sports Centre /Stamford Tennis Club	300
Total		1,740

7.23 Table 76 shows that there are 5 clubs in South Kesteven with a combined membership of 1,740 people. As a percentage of residents in South Kesteven aged 16+, 1.5% are member of a tennis club. The number of tennis club members is slightly lower than the amount of people participating in tennis at least twice per month, which may indicate availability of average levels of good quality tennis facilities in the area.

7.24 According to the club membership figures, 57% of all tennis club members in the Study Area are members of Grantham Tennis Club and Gym.

Future Demand

7.25 Future population figures provided by the South Kesteven District Council will be used to model future demand for tennis. There will be a predicted 7.4% increase in the population across South Kesteven by 2041. See Table 77 for details.

Table 72: Future Population Projections

Current 16+ Population	Future 16+ Population 2041
118,006	127,446

7.26 This means that, should participation and club memberships grow in-line with the population increase there will be around 7.4% more players in the future. This is broken down in further detail in Table 78.

Table 73: Future Demand Estimates

Participant Category	Current	Future Projection
Club Members	1,740	1,869
Non-club players (at least once annually)	1,778	1,910
Total Participants	3,518	3,779

7.27 Table 78 shows the population driven growth in demand for tennis in South Kesteven. However, this demand should be factored into the overall growth trends driven by the LTA's activity and participation programmes.

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Supply and Demand Balance

- 7.28 This section of the report will draw together the supply and demand data presented above to show the current and projected capacity balances for tennis in South Kesteven.

Club Balance

- 7.29 Table 79 summarises the current utilisation of each community club in South Kesteven. If a court is floodlit it has a membership capacity of 60, compared with a membership capacity of 40 if non-floodlit. Although these are the figures that will be used to conduct the supply and demand analysis, clubs may be able to operate at a higher capacity. Therefore, they should not be considered to be the absolute threshold.

Table 79: Current and Projected Utilisation of Tennis Club Courts in South Kesteven

Club	Capacity (membership)	Members	% Utilisation	Projected Members (2041)	Projected % Utilisation
Bourne Lawn Tennis Club	260	250	96%	269	103%
Deeping Tennis Club	180	160	89%	172	96%
Grantham Tennis Club and Gym	540	1,000	185%	1,074	199%
Stamford Rock Tennis Club	60	30	50%	32	53%
Stamford Tennis Club	420	300	71%	322	77%
Total	1,460	1,740	119%	1,869	128%

- 7.30 Table 79 shows that, when considered together, tennis clubs in South Kesteven are currently operating at 19% over their maximum capacity.
- 7.31 At present two clubs are operating at a higher utilisation rate than expected due to its large membership base and three clubs are operating within their capacity. Whilst both Deeping Tennis Club and Grantham Tennis Club are over capacity, there was no indication from the club's secretary that the courts were overplayed, or that demand could not be met.
- 7.32 If growth in membership were to grow in line with population, then clubs in South Kesteven are projected to be operating at 28% over their maximum capacity by 2041.

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Public Courts

- 7.33 This section summarises the current supply and demand balance of public (non-club) courts in South Kesteven. Only courts accessible on a free-to-access or pay-and-play basis can be considered as 'public courts'.
- 7.34 The LTA advises that the capacity of public courts to be 7 hours per day for non-floodlit courts and 12 hours per day for floodlit courts. This equates to 2,555 hours per year on non-floodlit courts and 4,380 hours per year on floodlit courts.
- 7.35 Those sites deemed to be publicly accessible in this fashion are Brudenell Playing Field, Claypole Community Park, Dysart Park, Long Bennington QE2 Playing Fields, Stamford Recreation Ground, Stamford Rock Tennis Club and Wyndham Park.
- 7.36 It is estimated that these sites contribute 826 hours per week of playing capacity to meet demand for informal tennis in South Kesteven with 336 hours on floodlit courts and 490 hours on non-floodlit courts. This equates to 3,540 hours per month (30-day average) or 42,480 hours per year.
- 7.37 As highlighted 1,770 people participate in tennis activity at least twice every 28 days.
- 7.38 Assuming an average of 3 people per court per 'booking / use' (to account for an even split between singles, doubles and some sessions where 3 people share a court) this equates to 1180 sessions per month played on public courts. If each match lasts for 1 hour on average this means that public courts are operating at 33.3% of their total operational capacity.
- 7.39 According to data provided by the LTA's online booking system (Clubspark) with court access technology, the average level of utilisation in venues (UK wide) is 53%. By this barometer South Kesteven is operating at lower-than-average level in terms of its utilisation of public courts.
- 7.40 If demand for courts increases in line with population, there will be an estimated 1,267 sessions per month on public courts by 2041. This would equate to 36% of existing public court capacity. This means that public tennis courts in South Kesteven would be operating around 17% lower than the current average utilisation according to the LTA's 2019 benchmarking.
- 7.41 There is a less demand of public courts in South Kesteven which makes it highly accessible for the existing participants and new audiences to play on community and park tennis courts.

Tennis Summary

- 7.42 This section summarises the findings from the tennis analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for South Kesteven.

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7.43 Table 80 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPOSS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

Table 74: Key PPOSS Findings for Tennis in South Kesteven

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	Of the 76 courts in the study area, 55 are available for community use. 43 of courts are floodlit, however only 32 of these are available to the community. There is a total of 1,740 members of clubs in South Kesteven, whilst 1,770 people play tennis at least twice every 28 days and 4,956 play at least once per year.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	Club sites in South Kesteven are operating at 19% over their maximum capacity, whilst publicly available courts are operating at around 33% of their total operational capacity. This level of utilisation is considerably lower than the national average according to the LTA data. This is likely to be because of the significant usage of club courts and the ability to book through Clubspark. Although Stamford Tennis Club have a lease agreement at Stamford Endowed School, the school retain the right to ask the club to vacate the courts at short notice. The club are therefore seeking an alternative home site.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	33% of the current supply of courts are rated as good quality, whilst 41% are rated as standard and 26% are rated as poor quality. All the five poor rated sites are owned and managed by the local authority.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	If participation continues to grow in line with population the playing population will increase by 7.4%. This means that club sites are estimated to be operating at 28% over their maximum capacity. Demand for public courts will also increase by 87 sessions per month, bringing the utilisation of public courts to 36% by 2041. However, as demonstrated above, a lot of the tennis usage is by club members than ad-hoc informal players.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	When considering club sites, there is expected to be a 28% undersupply of courts by 2041. However, there is predicted to be approximately 64% spare capacity on public courts even when future population growth is taken into account.

8 Netball Analysis

Introduction and Strategic Context

- 8.1. This section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by England Netball. Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for netball and considers:
- The supply of courts and demand for these;
 - The quality of courts in South Kesteven;
 - Recommendations moving forward.
- 8.2. Netball in England is administered by England Netball, the national governing body for the sport. The current strategy forms the fundamental principles for its strategic planning for the future of sport and business.

Vision, Mission and Values

Purpose: To lead a movement, on and beyond the Court

- 8.3. The EN Adventure Strategy 2021-2031 refers to the following six destinations:
- A Game for Life – Enrich our approach to growing the game, ensuring that netball is a sport for all at every stage of life.
 - A World Leading Game – Set new standards for netball, showcasing inspiring performances by outstanding players in international tournaments and domestic leagues and events.
 - A Visible Presence – Elevate our sport to a new place of prominence achieving landmark visibility, drawing new audiences to the game, whilst evolving our identity and taking the sport to uncharted territory
 - A Resonant Voice – Amplify our voice to influence, inform and ignite positive change.
 - A Thriving Collective – Unite our people and partners behind our purpose, nurturing and unlocking potential and achieving common goals.
 - An Extra Ordinary Experience – Transform the way our sport is consumed, tailoring every touchpoint to provide an exceptional experience at every step of the journey.

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Measures of Success

Figure 2: Measures of Success

A GAME FOR LIFE	A WORLD LEADING GAME	A VISIBLE PRESENCE A RESONANT VOICE	A THRIVING COLLECTIVE	AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% increase in females playing netball across all life stages. Year-on-year increase in the diversity of the netball playing population with an ambition to reflect the diversity of the nation.* A countrywide accessible offer for men and boys (supported through our partnership with EMMNA). 90% of all schools delivering a quality netball experience. A clear and connected offer of choice for all in every community, with world class experiences in clubs and leagues at the heart of community netball. A place to play within easy travel distance from every household. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back-to-back Commonwealth Games and Netball World Cup titles, with a Roses team celebrated for its diversity and identity. World-class depth of Roses-ready players in all positions, competing for places in the team. A nationwide network of centres that provide high quality player support and rich opportunities for learning and progression for the most talented athletes. A fully professional domestic netball league attracting top players from across the world. A community of coaches and practitioners that are recognised and respected as being world-leading in their fields. 100% growth in attendances for all Roses home international events. World class Net Promoter Scores for all EN delivered events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st choice team sport for females. Growth of 'hours and inches' of netball content across all sport and non-sport media. Growth of 'non netballers' engagement across social and digital channels and attending events. Year-on-year increase in the conversion rate from our 'Watch-Click-Play' legacy audiences. Expansion in global coverage of EN netball content. Year-on-year increase in brand awareness of England Netball Year-on-year increase in athlete brand awareness. A leading voice that represents women and girls on the things that matter the most to them, on and beyond the court. Year-on-year increase in members of the netball family who feel netball champions causes important to them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% growth in people with careers in the game. A year-on-year increase in the diversity of our Thriving Collective. A year-on-year increase in our Thriving Collective feeling they belong in netball. Significant growth in the number of people actively taking part in regular learning opportunities. World class accreditation for staff engagement and volunteer Net Promoter Scores. People and partners within our Thriving Collective, aligned to our Moral Compass and signed up to our Belonging Commitment Statement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World class Net Promoter Scores for all netball services. Year-on-year increase in the percentage of the netball audience engaging at least monthly with EN's digital platforms. A loyal and growing membership. 'Netball supports me to belong, flourish and soar'- year-on-year increase in the percentage of people from across the game agreeing with this statement.
<p>*This measure considers the female game only.</p>				

Guiding Principles

8.4. Finally, England Netball has identified 9 guiding principles to help shape decision making within the organisation:

1. We are a customer-focused sport business. We will always place the participant at the heart of everything we do and provide the best quality service we can but we will balance that with the need to grow and manage a sustainable business;
2. We will value and respect the contribution and needs of our volunteer workforce who are integral to our success;
3. We will centrally coordinate and locally deliver our portfolio of programmes and products targeting resources at the point of need (one size does not fit all), by ensuring pathways are integrated and securing a return to on our investment (financially or socially) creating capacity to reinvest in the business and deliver long-term sustainability;
4. We will be innovative and progressive in our thinking, always connecting short-term actions to medium-term strategies and long-term goals, while striving to improve the quality and standard of what we do and how we do it;
5. We will work as 'one team aligned to one dream' for the benefit of netball in England and as such we will succeed or fail together;
6. We will work in partnership and collaboration where there is a mutual benefit in terms of operational effectiveness and efficiency, value for money and added value for participants in netball;
7. We will develop, enable and encourage programmes and activities that have a positive and beneficial impact on the lives of netball participants;
8. We will establish integrated planning and process pathways that enable rather than constrain service excellence, making England Netball easy to do business with and add value to the participant; and
9. We will recognise and celebrate individual and collective contributions and success.

Delivery Methods

8.5. In order to deliver the strategic goals of netball, England Netball has established multiple participation programmes. These programmes are detailed below:

- Traditional 7-a-side: 7 aside is the longstanding format of the game that most girls are introduced to at school. The game is played to a professional level as part of the Netball Super league to regional amateur leagues around the country;

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- Back to Netball: A key participation programme for netball, Back to Netball sessions are run nationally with the intention of reintroducing women back into the sport. England Netball report that over 60,000 women have taken part in these sessions since 2010;
- Netball Now: A turn up and play session of netball with an emphasis on low organisation for the player, with no assigned teams or organised leagues. Netball Now is targeted at 16-21year olds and is seen as a partner to the Back to Netball programme;
- I Heart Leagues: Designed to provide a social and gentle introduction into match play. The leagues are designed for players who have participated in the Back to Netball programme or Social Players looking for a weekly, light but competitive game;
- Walking Netball: A slower version of the 7 aside game played only at walking pace. The programme is targeted at older demographics with a key focus on sociability and enjoyment; and
- Bee Netball: Netball specifically designed for 5-11 year olds.

Supply

- 8.6. The following section will detail the supply of outdoor netball facilities in South Kesteven.
- 8.7. Table 81 shows the outdoor provision of netball courts in South Kesteven. There are 12 sites with a total of 38 courts. Only 7 of the 38 courts are available for community use and only 11 have long-term security of tenure on site for community clubs.

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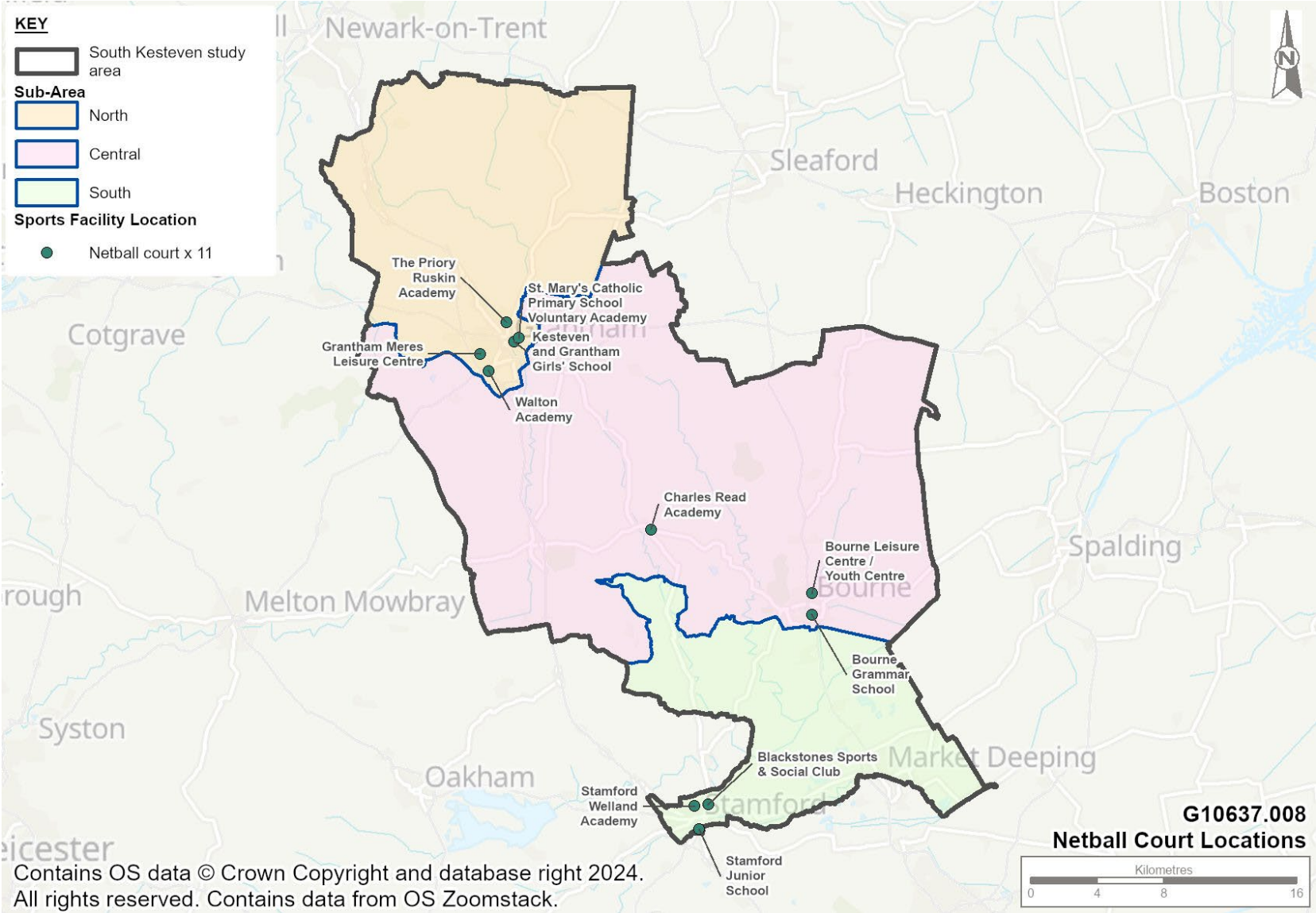
Table 81: Outdoor Netball Facilities in South Kesteven

Site	Post code	Sub Area	Ownership	Management Type	Courts	Surface	Floodlit	Available to community	Security of Tenure	Overall Rating
Grantham Meres Leisure Centre	NG31 7XQ	1	Local Authority	Commercial	3	Macadam	3	Available	Secure	Poor
Kesteven and Grantham Girls School	NG31 9AU	1	Education	Education	3	Macadam	0	Unavailable	Unsecure	Standard
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	NG31 9AX	1	Education	Education	1	Macadam	0	Unavailable	Unsecure	Good
The Priory Ruskin Academy	NG31 8ED	1	Education	Education	6	Macadam	6	Unavailable	Unsecure	Poor
Walton Academy	NG31 7JR	1	Education	Education	4	Macadam	0	Unavailable	Unsecure	Standard
Bourne Grammar School	PE10 9JE	2	Education	Education	3	Macadam	0	Unavailable	Unsecure	Standard
Bourne Academy / 1 Hub Bourne	PE10 9DX	2	Education	Education	2	Macadam	2	Available	Unsecure	Poor
Charles Read Academy	NG33 4NT	2	Education	Education	2	Macadam	1	Unavailable	Unsecure	Standard
Blackstones Sports and Social Club	PE9 1UU	3	Sports Club	Sports Club	2	Macadam	2	Available	Secure	Good
Stamford Junior School	PE9 2LR	3	Education	Education	6	Macadam	6	Available	Secure	Good
Stamford Welland Academy	PE9 1HE	3	Education	Education	4	Macadam	0	Available	Unsecure	Standard
The Deepings School	PE6 8NF	3	Education	Education	2	Macadam	0	Unavailable	Unsecure	Standard

- 8.8. 87% of courts are on sites that are education-owned. Grantham Meres Leisure Centre is owned by the local authority and Blackstones Sports and Social Club is owned by the club.
- 8.9. Of the 38 outdoor courts, 9 are good quality (24%), 18 are standard (47%) and the remaining 11 are poor quality (29%). Of the courts that are available to the community, 53% are good quality, 35% are standard and only 18% are poor. 20 of the total number of courts are floodlit.
- 8.10. Map 10 shows the geographic location of outdoor netball courts across the Study Area and presents the dispersion courts across South Kesteven (to be added).

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Map 10: Outdoor Netball Court Audit in South Kesteven



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Demand

8.11. Current netball demand is met by both outdoor and indoor facilities in South Kesteven, with affiliated netball taking place outdoors at Stamford Junior School, Blackstones Sports and Social Club, Grantham Meres Leisure Centre and Bourne Leisure Centre.

8.12. The following provides an overview of netball in South Kesteven from a membership perspective, from 2018/19 to the latest affiliation data in 2021/22:

Table 82: South Kesteven Netball Membership

Local Authority	18/19	19/20	21/22
South Kesteven	242	230	337

8.13. As shown in table 82, membership numbers in South Kesteven are increasing rapidly.

8.14. Table 83 details the facilities that are used for outdoor netball in South Kesteven and the demand in hours. There is a total demand of 25 hours of demand per week across the Study Area for outdoor courts. There is additional demand for indoor courts at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre, Kings School and Borderville Sports Centre that is not reflected as part of this PPOSS.

Table 75: Demand for Outdoor Netball in South Kesteven

Site Name	Capacity for Netball Courts	Purpose	Weekly Demand
Blackstones Sport and Social Club	2 Courts	Competition, friendly and training provision	Stamford Adult League: 3 hours per week Casual play: 2 hours per week Back to Netball: 2 hours per week
Bourne Leisure Centre	2 Courts	Competition, friendly and training provision	Casual Play: 4 hours per week Walking Netball: 2 hours per week
Grantham Meres Leisure Centre	3 Courts	Competition, friendly and training provision	Grantham League: 3 hours per week Positive Futures: 2 hours per week Walking Netball: 2 hours per week
Stamford Junior School	6 Courts	Competition, friendly and training provision	Stamford and Rutland Junior Netball League: 5 hours per week

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Future Demand

- 8.15. Future demand for outdoor netball is difficult to calculate, as it is often generated by the growth of indoor netball, which is not included as part of this PPOSS. Although indoor sports hall or activity hall provision is the preferred method of netball for many individuals and clubs, it is important to note that the cost of this is often unaffordable for many causing accessibility issues for both new and existing players. Therefore, it is important that the outdoor provision is continued to be supported through facility development, initiatives such as walking netball and Back to Netball, as well as driving participation in affiliated leagues.
- 8.16. However, demand for netball in South Kesteven is likely to increase. After the 2019 Netball World Cup in Liverpool, there was an increase of over 160,000 people participating in netball. Other programmes and initiatives led by England Netball may also lead to an increase in participation such as NetballHer and those stated in section 9.4. The World Cup 2023, England's Roses reached the World Cup 2023 Final and it is hoped that netball participation will rise to similar figures demonstrated after the World Cup in England.
- 8.17. Through consultation, 2 clubs also highlighted likely increases in participation and membership numbers. Fenland Netball Club, who utilise Grantham Meres Leisure Centre indicated a likely increase of 25-30 members; and GTC suggested a growth of approximately 10 members in the next 3-5 years.
- 8.18. Although there is spare capacity to cope with this growth at all sites, if netball in South Kesteven continues to grow this is likely to reduce. There are a number of high quality, floodlit netball courts in the study area that are not currently available for community use. It should be a priority to explore the possibility of securing community use agreements on these sites to ensure the growth of netball can happen sustainably.

Netball Summary

- 8.19. This section summarises the findings from the netball analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for South Kesteven.
- 8.20. Table 84 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPOSS studies across England, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

Table 84: Key PPOSS Findings for Netball in South Kesteven

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	Education owned sites provide 87% all netball courts in the South Kesteven. The outdoor courts Bourne Leisure Centre, Stamford Junior School, Grantham Meres Leisure Centre and Blackstones Sports and Social Club cater for 20 hours a week of netball activity from affiliated clubs, leagues and netball programmes such as Back to Netball and Walking Netball.

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Key Question	Analysis
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>There is spare capacity on outdoor courts in the study area, with many sites being floodlit.</p> <p>However, only 45% of courts are available for community use and only 29% offer security of tenure for community clubs.</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>24% of courts are of good quality, 47% are rated as standard and 29% are poor. However, when considering only community available courts, the proportion of courts that are good quality increases to 53%.</p> <p>87% of courts in South Kesteven are owned by education establishments and are well maintained.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>There is currently a small predicted increase in future demand for outdoor netball courts in South Kesteven, however this may change based on recent success at the World Cup. Indoor netball is preferred by all relevant parties and there is spare capacity on outdoor netball courts if demand grows.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	<p>There is a lack of securely available sites in South Kesteven. This should be monitored as part of Stage E to ensure there continues to be a suitable supply of outdoor netball courts within South Kesteven. A particular focus should be on providing community access to The Deepings School site, as well as education sites in the study area.</p> <p>There is current and future capacity for outdoor netball within South Kesteven.</p> <p>If there is additional demand for outdoor netball in South Kesteven, the current facilities will be sufficient to fulfil the demand. This should be monitored throughout the Stage E PPOSS process.</p>

9 Bowls Analysis

Introduction and Strategic Context

- 9.1. Bowls England is responsible for the governance, administration and promotion of Flat Green Lawn Bowls in England. It was formed in 2008 following the unification of the English Bowling Association and the English Women's Bowling Association.
- 9.2. The following section provides greater detail of the existing strategies that are currently being delivered by Bowls England.
- 9.3. Following this, the supply and demand section of this report evaluates the adequacy of facilities for bowls and considers:
- The supply of facilities and demand for these;
 - The adequacy of facilities in South Kesteven; and
 - Recommendations moving forwards.

Strategic Plan – Fit For The Future 2021 - 2026

- 9.4. In August 2021 Bowls England launched their new Strategic Plan for the five-year period to 2026, with the aim for reaching 1 million bowls experiences per year. The key priorities to meet this target are:
- Building the brand of bowls – Increasing focus on international and top domestic bowls, and utilising opportunities such as Birmingham 2022 to achieve larger media coverage;
 - Ensuring the sport is truly accessible to all – by offering different formats of the game which suit all time constraints, as well as driving more people to clubs in new ways;
 - Creating positive playing experiences for everyone – whoever steps on the green, both casual and competitive players, as well as growing our events calendar and introducing a performance pathway;
 - Putting volunteers first – as the lifeblood of our sport, by increasing our support for clubs in order to empower them to thrive;
 - Leading the sport with purpose – by developing our governance structures, diversifying our revenue streams, and working collaboratively with all the sport's key stakeholders.

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Supply

- 9.5. The local authority owns 5 bowls sites in South Kesteven, which it is also responsible for the management of 3. Of the remaining bowls provision (9 sites), all but one site is owned and managed by bowling clubs. One site is owned by a Trust however is managed by the bowling club. This highlights a lack of dependency upon local authority owned and managed sites. A breakdown of ownership and management can be found in Table 85.

Table 85: Ownership and Management of Bowls Sites in South Kesteven

Type	Ownership	Management
Local Authority	5	3
Sports Club	8	11
Community Organisation	1	0
Total	14	14

- 9.6. Table 86 shows that there are currently 14 bowling greens in South Kesteven spread across 14 sites.
- 9.7. Of the total number of greens, 72% are of good quality, 21% are of poor quality and 7% are considered to be standard quality by the non-technical assessment criteria. It should be noted that for higher level competitive bowls, only good quality greens are considered appropriate under this assessment criteria.
- 9.8. Full details of the sites can be found in Table 86.

Table 86: Bowls Sites in South Kesteven (clubs marked with a * are not affiliated clubs)

Site	Sub Areas	Club Using Site	Bowls England Affiliated?	Ownership	Management	Security of Availability to Community	Greens	Green Condition	Clubhouse Condition
Blackstones Bowls Club	3	Blackstones Bowls Club	Yes	Sports Club	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	Good
Billingborough Bowls Club	2	Billingborough Bowls Club*	No	Sports Club	Sport Club	Secured	1	Poor	Standard
Bourne Town Bowls Club	2	Bourne Town Bowls Club	Yes	Sports Club	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	Good

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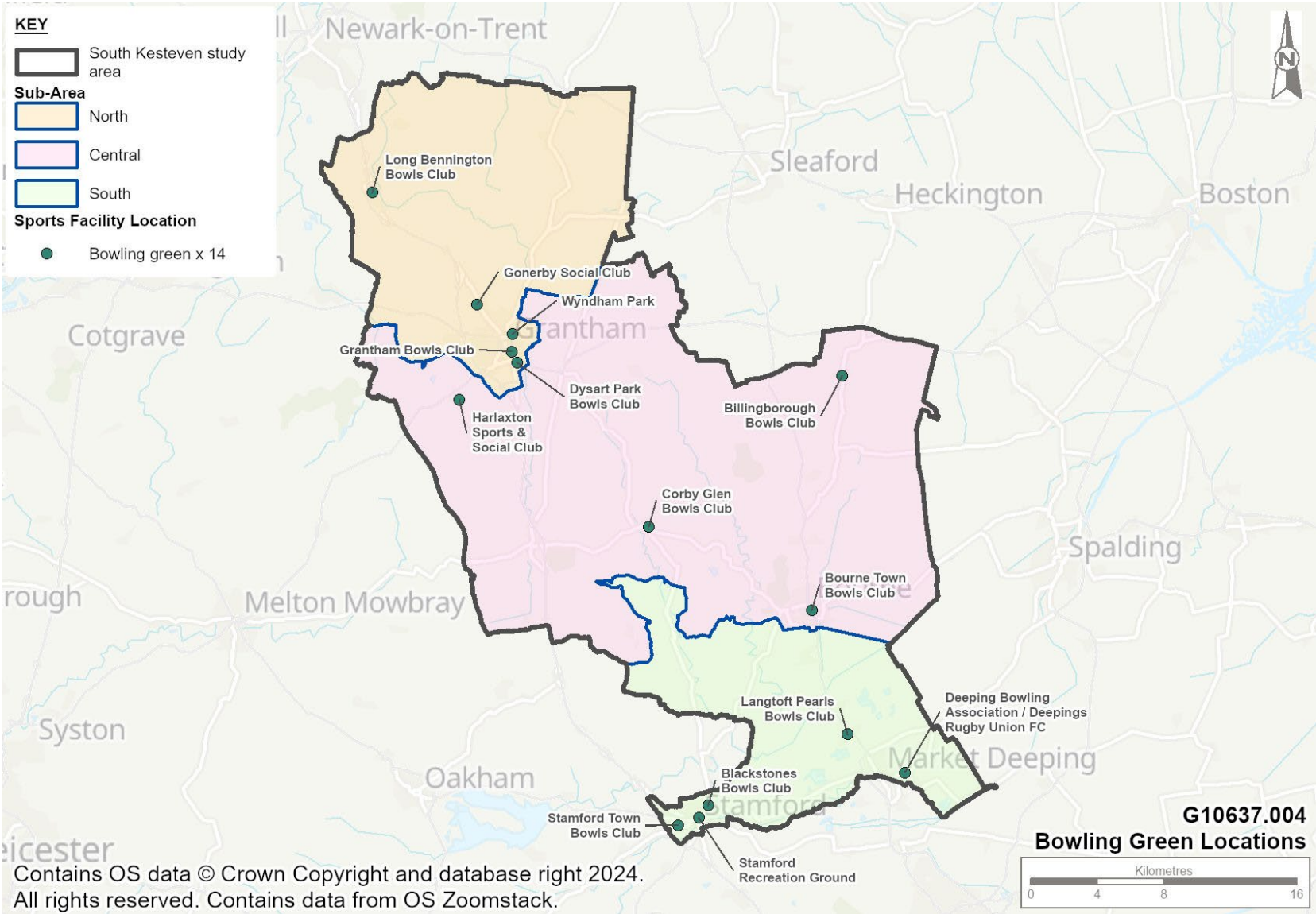
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Site	Sub Areas	Club Using Site	Bowls England Affiliated?	Ownership	Management	Security of Availability to Community	Greens	Green Condition	Clubhouse Condition
Corby Glen Bowls Club	2	Corby Glen Bowls Club*	No	Community Organisation	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	N/A
Deeping Bowling Association / Deepings Rugby Union FC	3	Deepings Bowling Association	Yes	Local Authority	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	Standard
Dysart Park Bowls Club	1	Dysart Bowls Club*	No	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	1	Poor	N/A
Grantham Bowls Club	1	Grantham Bowling Club	Yes	Sports Club	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	Standard
Gonerby Social Club	1	-	No	Sports Club	Sport Club	Secured	1	Standard	Good
Harlaxton Sports & Social Club	2	-	No	Sports Club	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	Good
Langtoft Pearls Bowls Club	3	-	No	Sports Club	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	Standard
Long Bennington Bowls Club	1	-	Yes	Sports Club	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	Good
Wyndham Park	1	Wyndham Park Bowls Club*	No	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	1	Good	Good
Stamford Recreation Ground	3	-	No	Local Authority	Local Authority (in house)	Secured	1	Poor	None
Stamford Town Bowls Club	3	Stamford Town Bowls Club*	No	Local Authority	Sport Club	Secured	1	Good	Good

9.9. Map 11 shows the geographic location of outdoor bowling greens across the Study Area and presents the dispersion of sites across South Kesteven.

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Map 11: Outdoor Bowling Greens Audit in South Kesteven



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Club and Site Consultation

- 9.10. Clubs were contacted by Strategic Leisure with the aim of informing the demand section of the study. Summaries of the information gathered during the Stage B process is provided in Table 87.

Table 87: Selected Site and Club Consultation Summaries

Site Name	Club	Consultation
Blackstones Bowls Club	Blackstones Bowls Club	A multi-sport site which provides for football and netball together with bowls. There is one good quality floodlit outdoor bowling green. Blackstones Bowls Club rents this ground from Blackstone Sports and Social Club. The Club provides both friendly and competitive bowling within Stamford and Peterborough Leagues. The club has currently 42 members with a capacity to accommodate new members. However, there is a possibility that the current membership numbers would decrease over the next five years. The club has access to good quality ancillary facility which includes changing rooms, showers, toilets, kitchen and a bar. The club has plans to add new bank backboards, but no funding has yet been secured.
Billingborough Bowls Club	Billingborough Bowls Club	A multi-sport site which provides for cricket and tennis together with bowls. There is also a small area for skateboarding. There is one poor quality non-floodlit outdoor bowling green home to Billingborough Bowls Club. The club is not affiliated with Bowls England. The ancillary facility is of standard quality.
Bourne Town Bowls Club	Bourne Town Bowls Club	One very good quality secured non-floodlit bowling green with six rinks. Located within the town centre on the far corner of Abbey Lawn, Bourne Town Bowls Club has good accessibility. Bourne Town Bowls Club is affiliated with Bowls England competing in Peterborough, Spalding and Stamford Leagues. The club has 130 members and fields between ten and twelve teams a week in various competitions and other matches. The ancillary facility is also of good quality which comprises of bowler's hut and a small pavilion with changing facility, kitchen and viewing area.
Corby Glen Bowls Club	Corby Glen Bowls Club	Corby Glen Bowls Club site is owned by The Willoughby Memorial Trust which is leased, managed and maintained by the bowling club. There is one good quality non-floodlit outdoor bowling green with five rinks. The club has 25 members at present with spare capacity to accommodate new members. The club expects the membership to increase by 10 over the next five years, The club plays in the Grantham and District League. The ancillary facility is of standard quality which includes a small pavilion and a clubhouse with kitchen and toilets. The club does not have any facility development plans.
Deeping Bowling Association / Deepings Rugby Union FC	Deepings Bowling Association	One decent sized floodlit good quality bowling green. Deepings Bowling Association has a lease agreement with the Council. The club has 50 members with capacity to increase members, but clubs expect the membership to decrease over the next five years. The ancillary facility is of standard quality with access to changing rooms, toilets and kitchen. There are a number of small buildings green side for viewing. Facility development for the club include improvement in green, irrigation system and clubhouse in longer-term.

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Site Name	Club	Consultation
Dysart Park Bowls Club	Dysart Bowls Club	There is one local authority owned poor quality non-floodlit bowling green. The bowling green has overgrown, and the site is now longer in use.
Grantham Bowls Club	Grantham Bowling Club	One good quality decent size non-floodlit outdoor bowling green at a secure site. Standard ancillary facility includes brick-built clubhouse with changing, viewing and kitchen facilities.
Gonerby Social Club		One standard quality bowling green surface. Good overall facility with kitchen and social club present at venue. Parking for 50-60 cars also available.
Harlaxton Sports & Social Club		One good quality outdoor bowling green provided at a multi-sport site that has a cricket square and a small play area. The green is non-floodlit. Harlaxton Bowls Club is based at this site. Small clubhouse and good ancillary facility.
Langtoft Pearls Bowls Club		One good standard non-floodlit large bowling green. Langtoft Pearls Bowls Club is affiliated to Bowls England offering social and competitive green bowls. The club has five teams playing in Peterborough and Stamford leagues. There are 2 mobile huts of good standard used for kitchen, toilets and viewing. There is parking space for 50-60 cars. Overall condition of the ancillary facility is standard.
Long Bennington Bowls Club		One good standard bowling green. Ancillary facilities are of good quality which includes social area and kitchen.
Wyndham Park	Wyndham Park Bowls Club	A secured multi-sport site located in a local park in Grantham. One good quality non-floodlit outdoor large green. Wyndham Park Bowls Club plays in the Vale of Belvoir League. Social bowling also available on-site. Ancillary facilities are of good quality comprising of pavilion, tearoom, and kitchen. There are benches around the green for spectators. Excellent facility overall.
Stamford Recreation Ground		One poor quality green. The bowls facility on this site appears to be no longer in use. The Recreation Ground has a bandstand, tennis courts and a skatepark.
Stamford Town Bowls Club	Stamford Town Bowls Club	Situated just off Exeter Gardens on the huge open sports field of Empingham Road, there is one good quality bowling green with 6 rinks. Stamford Town Bowls Club has 50 members currently and compete regularly in multiple leagues. Good ancillary facilities.

Demand for Outdoor Bowls Facilities

- 9.11. This section summarises the level of demand for bowls in South Kesteven. Table 88 shows the demand for bowls in terms of the number of clubs assigned to each site.

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Table 88 Club Demand on Each Site

Club Name	Affiliated to Bowls England / British Crown Green Bowling Association	Home Site	Members
Blackstones Bowls Club	Yes	Blackstones Bowls Club	42
Billingborough Bowls Club	No	Billingborough Bowls Club	-
Bourne Town Bowls Club	Yes	Bourne Town Bowls Club	130
Corby Glen Bowls Club	No	Corby Glen Bowls Club	25
Deepings Bowling Association	Yes	Deepings Bowling Association	50
Dysart Bowls Club	No	Dysart Bowls Club	-
Grantham Bowling Club	Yes	Grantham Bowling Club	170
Wyndham Park Bowls Club	No	Wyndham Park Bowls Club	-
Stamford Town Bowls Club	No	Stamford Town Bowls Club	50
		Total	297

- 9.12. Table 88 shows that there are 297 members of bowling clubs in the study area with the most used site being Bourne Town Bowls Club with 130 members, followed by Deepings Bowling Association and Stamford Town Bowls Club.
- 9.13. The Sport England Active Lives Survey results from November 2021-22 show that 0.2% of the population aged 16 or over in the East Midlands (the smallest area relating to the South Kesteven for which there is data available) play 'crown green' bowls at least once per year. 0.7% of the same population participated in 'flat green' bowls.
- 9.14. ONS' subnational population projections estimate the population of residents in South Kesteven aged 16 or over to be 118,006. If the participation figures for the West Midlands region (0.2% Crown Green and 0.7% Flat Green) are applied to this population figure, then it can be said that 236 people play crown green bowls at least once per year in South Kesteven. 826 people are predicted to participate in flat green bowls at least once per year. This adds up to a total of 1062 people playing either form of the game at least once per year.

Future Demand

- 9.15. Using 1062 as the number of people playing bowls at least once per year in South Kesteven and future projections of the Study Area's population (127,446 over 16's by 2041), we can calculate potential future demand for the sport. The future population is due to grow by 7.4% which, assuming current levels of participation remain constant, equates to an additional demand of 79 people.

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- 9.16. Due to the fact that during consultation, most clubs highlighted that there was capacity for, and they would welcome new members, we can assume that the demand for an additional 79 participants can be met by existing bowls provision.
- 9.17. This latter point needs to be caveated as the population calculation used data from those who played bowls at least once per year, so they are not necessarily members of affiliated bowls clubs.

Bowls Summary

- 9.18. This section summarises the findings from the bowls analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for South Kesteven.
- 9.19. Table 89 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPOSS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

Table 89 Key PPOSS Findings for Bowls in South Kesteven

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There are currently 14 sites across South Kesteven with 14 greens. There are 9 clubs in the Study Area with a total estimated membership of 297 players.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	All 14 sites in the study are secured for community use, and clubs operating at the greens, highlighted through consultation and online presence that new members/participants would be welcome. This suggests that most greens have some spare capacity.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	Of the 14 available sites, 10 were rated as good quality, 3 were rated as poor and 1 was rated as standard. Maintenance of the greens owned by sports clubs is good. The two local authority owned greens at Dysart Park and Stamford Recreation Ground seems to have no use.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	Future population projections indicate a potential of 79 additional players by 2041. Any future growth in demand can be satisfied with the current green stock and is likely to have little impact on the supply and demand balance in the study area.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	The potential increase in demand of 79 participants by 2041 is able to be met by the current green and club supply.

10 Athletics Analysis

Introduction and Strategic Context

10.1. England Athletics have three key facilities priorities as outlined below:

- Priority One – Ensure that the allocation of resources to new and existing track and field facilities is prioritised to those that have the greatest potential to impact positively on general participation, club membership growth and retention, and improved personal performance.
- Priority Two - Actively encourage athletics and running facilities to be used to their fullest possible extent by the sport and by all sections of the community to maximise viability.
- Priority Three - Encourage innovative approaches to the location and design of facilities for individual components of the sport to increase reach and create sustainability and viability.

10.2. Table 90 highlights how England Athletics will aim to support these priorities.

Table 90 England Athletics Key Priorities

Priority One	Priority Two	Priority Three
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage all tracks to seek accreditation through TrackMark • Help venues to identify the level in the Hierarchy of Facilities that is most appropriate for them and support clubs and operators seeking to raise funding to maintain facilities at that level. • Prioritise new track and field facilities within multi-sport hubs. • Seek to be actively involved in the development of local planning policies wherever possible. • Support new 200m indoor tracks and indoor athletics training facilities where there is a proven demand and a clear geographical gap in supply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support athletics clubs in discussions with facility operators and local authorities over the use of the track infield for other pitch sports and collate examples of good practice and design guidance • Support clubs and groups to ensure the facilities they use for athletics activity are accessible to all. • Help clubs to develop a strong partnership with facility owners/operators and will share examples of good practice. • Provide advice and guidance to clubs actively pursuing an asset transfer. • Help athletics and running clubs to become more professional and sustainable in how they operate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expect all new and refurbished floodlight schemes to deliver a minimum of 100lux across the whole of the track and the infield. • Support clubs in exploring options for improved environmental sustainability and will share examples of good practice. • Support the development of MiniTracks / Compact athletics facilities where there is a viable business case based • Consider supporting facility innovations involving non-standard track shapes, designs and uses providing they are backed by a sound business case

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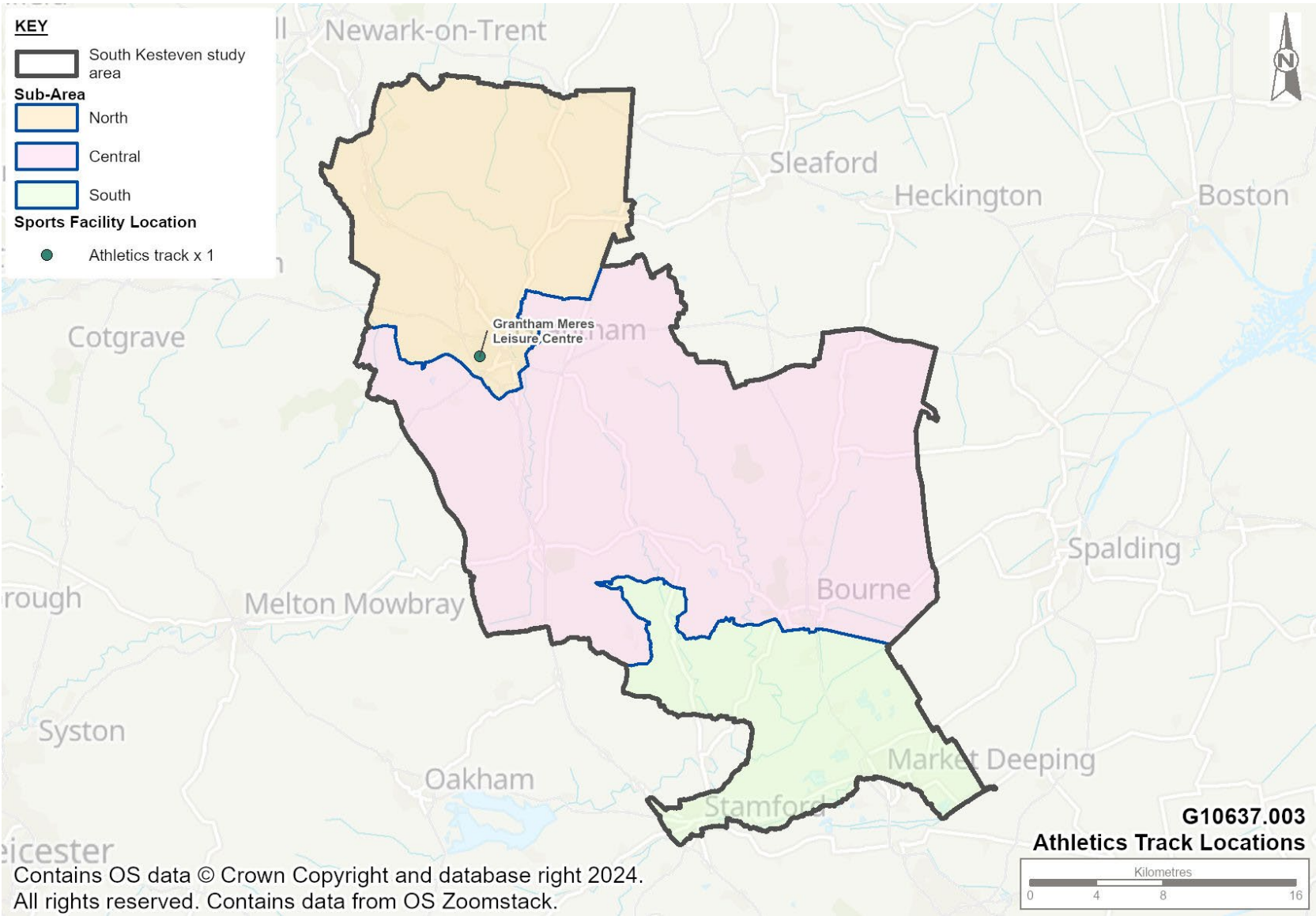
Priority One	Priority Two	Priority Three
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage new partnerships between athletics clubs and schools that have available indoor facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to lobby bodies with an influence over urban design, to ensure that the needs of runners are considered alongside those of cyclists and pedestrians. Continue to lobby for the free use of public parks and open spaces by runners and voluntary running groups. Assist road running clubs that are looking for somewhere to meet, by introducing them to sports clubs in their area that have suitable facilities.

Supply

- 10.3. There is one purpose-built outdoor athletic facility in the north of the study area at South Kesteven Stadium. Situated in SA1, this is a 400m track with throwing and jumping (field) provision included, alongside good quality ancillary facilities.
- 10.4. Although the facility does have TrackMark accreditation, the track is in need of urgent resurfacing within the next 18 months (2024). A review of the facility also advised that runways for both high jump and pole vault should be replaced, and maintenance carried out on the long/triple jump kerbing. The landing area for pole vault also needs adapting to reduce the risk of injury.
- 10.5. England Athletics are aware that some track surface repair work will be undertaken in 2024, however the nature of these repairs is yet to be established. Any repair to the track will have a positive impact on the track's lifecycle and ensure the site is able to maintain its trackmark status, enabling it to host competitions and events for the foreseeable future.
- 10.6. England Athletics have identified South Kesteven as a potential area for facility development, in particular for a New:Gen track or mini-track located in parks, open spaces or as part of a new housing development.
- 10.7. England Athletics has a recommended drive time of 30 minutes for people to access synthetic track provision. Although the South Kesteven Stadium is accessible in this time by all of the SA1 sub area, and the majority of SA2, the key towns of Bourne, Stamford and The Deepings are outside of this catchment area.
- 10.8. In regard to competitive athletic facilities, England Athletics specify a 40-minute drive time to access provision. The need for competitive facilities South Kesteven is met by appropriate tracks in Peterborough and Grantham, although Peterborough is outside of the district.

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Map 12: Athletics Track Locations



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Demand

10.9. There are five athletics clubs in the study area; Belvoir Tri Club, Bourne Town Harriers, Grantham AC, Grantham Running Club and Stamford Striders.

Table 76: Affiliated Athletics Clubs in South Kesteven

Club Name	Primary Venue	Number of Athletes	Comments
Belvoir Triathlon Club	Road	9	Awaiting engagement
Bourne Town Harriers	Bourne Grammar School	100	Community use agreement in place at the school, but only on short term, 1 year contracts. Growth of the club is limited by number of available coaches. Although some participation in competitions does happen, most of the club's activity is based around social running.
Grantham Athletics Club	South Kesteven Stadium	120	Vast majority of membership are juniors, with only 2 or 3 adults. Facility is good but needs to be resurfaced to meet trackmark requirements. The club have good relationships with the leisure centre, however, are only a minor tenant. The largest user of the facility is the football club, who want to take over use of the whole stadium. The athletics club are concerned about this as football will restrict the number of athletic bookings that the centre can take. As a result of this increased football usage, more athletic meetings and competitions are having to move outside of the South Kesteven.
Grantham Running Club	Road	224	Awaiting engagement
Stamford Striders	Road	310	Membership is relatively static currently, with the club not actively pursuing growth. There is a need for a running track in South Kesteven, as there are a number of clubs without access.

10.10. There are a number of athletics clubs in the areas surrounding South Kesteven, which through consultation have been highlighted as catering for some exported demand from the study area. This exported demand is likely caused by a lack of facilities in South Kesteven, and the development of appropriate provision may result in some of this demand returning to the area.

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Future Supply and Demand

- 10.11. As previously mentioned, England Athletics have suggested that the development of a New:Gen athletic facility should be explored in South Kesteven. New:Gen facilities aim to provide affordable, accessible, innovative and inspiring spaces that reflect the changing needs of the 21st century population and encourage people of all ages to run, jump and throw. Table 92 provides an overview of currently available New:Gen facility options.

Table 92: Overview of New:Gen facilities

New:Gen Facility Type	What	Where	Who	Why
Play Track	Visually animated hard standing areas	School playgrounds, parks and play areas	Children aged 4-11	Affordable, encourages participation through challenging environments, promotes independent learning and skill development
Compact Track	Affordable entry athletic facility e.g. sprint straight, multiple long jump runways and landing pit, throwing areas.	School/education settings (KS1-4), community club settings	Children 4-16 and the wider community (local athletic and running clubs, outdoor exercise classes)	Affordable, effective use of space, compliments existing provision, helps deliver fundamental movement skills, accessible environment
Mini Track	Synthetic oval track (min 100m – max 200m), floodlit, with a flexible in-field	School and community settings	Young people and adults taking their first steps into athletics	Financially viable, multi-sport, year round usage, age appropriate.
Active Track	All-weather perimeter fitness trail, multi-use (walking, jogging, running and cycling), length of track tailored to the space, low-level solar lighting.	Parks and open spaces	A facility for everyone	Affordable, fully accessible, encourages community and family activity, flexible design, environmentally sympathetic.

- 10.12. Although the need for, specifics and impact of any new development will be explored at Stage D of this PPOSS, England Athletics have identified South Kesteven as a potential area for development.
- 10.13. Any new development should contribute towards meeting the needs of the community, education establishments and athletic clubs. The location of any potential site is key is determining accessibility in terms of geographical location and community access. Due to the location of the current facility in Grantham, the likely location should be in SA2 or SA3, providing increased accessibility for clubs and residents in these areas. If the agreed location is an education facility, then secure agreements must be put in place to ensure the facility can deliver for all in South Kesteven.

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Athletics Summary

- 10.14. This section summarises the findings from the athletics analysis, which will form basis of the recommendation and action plan section for South Kesteven.
- 10.15. Table 93 includes the response to key questions, which are asked for all PPOSS studies across the UK, in order to provide a standardised illustration of supply and demand for sports provision.

Table 93 Key PPOSS Findings for Athletics in South Kesteven

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	<p>There is one purpose built athletic facility in the study area at South Kesteven Stadium in Grantham (SA1).</p> <p>There are 5 athletic clubs active within South Kesteven. However, many are unable to access track and field provision within the study area, resulting in some exported demand.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	<p>There is a lack of provision in South Kesteven, with only a small part of the study area covered by England Athletics' 30 minute drive time recommendation.</p>
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	<p>The South Kesteven Stadium is accessible by the community, and it has TrackMark accreditation. However, both track and field surfaces need urgent resurfacing if this accreditation is to be upheld. This is particularly important as it dictates the level of competition facilities can host and clubs/individuals can compete in.</p>
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	<p>England Athletics have identified South Kesteven as a priority area for the development of a New:Gen track. It is expected that any new facility will result in some of the exported demand returning to the study area.</p>
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	<p>Further development is needed to cater for current and future demand from clubs in SA2 and SA3.</p>

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