

**PLAYING PITCH ASSESSMENT:  
STAFFORD BOROUGH**

**STRATEGY AND ACTION  
PLAN**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Strategy has been developed through an analysis of the provision and use of outdoor sports facilities within Stafford Borough. Outdoor sports in this context covers football, rugby union, cricket, hockey (including artificial turf pitches), crown green bowls, netball, athletics and tennis. The principal objective of the study is to assess the adequacy of existing provision and the requirement for additional provision to meet the needs and aspirations of current and future users. The study assesses adequacy based on both the quantity and quality of provision as perceived by facility managers and users. The adequacy of provision is translated into a pitch hectare per 1,000 head of population to give a local standard for existing and future need.

*Outdoor sports facility provision available for community use*

Area	Senior football	Junior football	Mini-soccer	ATP/redgra	Grass hockey	Senior rugby	Junior rugby	Mini rugby	Cricket	Bowling green	Athletics	Tennis/netball
<b>Stafford Town</b>	28	10	4	1	10	7	1	3	2	14	1	28
<b>Rural Stafford South</b>	11	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	6	2	0	4
<b>Stone Town</b>	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	13
<b>Rural Stafford North</b>	13	1	4	1	4	3	1	0	10	5	0	3
<b>Stafford Borough</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>

In general, evidence indicates that there has been a lack of appropriate investment in pitch infrastructure and ancillary facilities necessary to meet the ground specifications from local football leagues and/or the needs and aspirations of local football clubs. This is particularly relevant to a number of Stafford Borough Council (SBC) owned pitches. Silkmore Lane, Wildwood Park and Westbridge Park have particular problems with waterlogging causing a deterioration in pitch quality through continued use. Many sites either do not include or have inadequate changing facility accommodation such as Barnes Road, Charnley Road, Cresswell Manor Farm, Silkmore Lane, Woodlands Road and Walton Common.

These issues, amongst other factors, have affected participation at open age level with a move away from Saturday to Sunday play. Conversely, junior participation has increased particularly since the advent of mini-soccer and the development of girls' football. SBC must plan for this increase in participation with the provision of appropriate quality junior sized pitches and associated facilities.

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There are a number of key football clubs that also have significant requirements for improved pitch and facility provision such as Brocton FC, Stafford Rangers Ladies FC, Stafford Town FC and Stone Dominoes FC. It is important for the growth of the game within the Borough that these key clubs have the facilities to maintain and improve their standings within the football pyramid system.

There are two artificial turf pitches (ATP) suitable for competitive hockey; Beaconside Sports Centre and Stone HC. This provision does not currently provide an adequate amount of pitch time or space, particularly with competition from football clubs, for training and match needs from the six hockey clubs based in the Borough. Consequently, a number of clubs play and train outside of Stafford. Furthermore, the quality of the pitch at Stone HC has deteriorated to the extent that it needs to be replaced to continue being a venue for competitive hockey. However, the Club has no funds for its replacement and there is concern that ATP provision could be reduced to Beaconside Sports Centre. A reduction to one ATP will have serious implications for hockey participation and football club training.

There are two major rugby clubs within the Borough, Stafford RUFC and Stoke RUFC, which both have strong junior development programmes and three minor clubs, St. Leonard's, Gnosall and Stone. The two main clubs both have facility issues. The owner of Stafford RUFC's ground is looking to develop the site and relocate it to an alternative venue. Stoke RUFC is currently at capacity on its site and is looking to move back to its home base within Stoke-on-Trent. SBC must help facilitate an adequate resolution to these issues to sustain rugby participation and development in the Borough.

Cricket, and in particular junior cricket, is relatively strong within the Borough with a number of large clubs providing opportunities for competitive play. The research indicates with the rise of junior cricket the provision of good quality artificial turf wickets, alongside and detached from the square, is needed to reduce wear and tear of grass wickets. There are a number of club specific facility issues with the most severe relating to the tenure and improvements to the pitch at St. Peter's Primary School for Trent Valley CC.

Despite recent losses in bowling greens participation is strong within the Borough with over 3,000 members playing within local competitions. The research indicated that some clubs are at capacity in terms of membership and some greens are at capacity at peak times. At present there are five public greens and 18 private greens. However, there is concern over the future of a number of these greens including GEC Alstom, Meaford Power Station and the Plume of Feathers.

Athletics participation is serviced by the stadium at Rowley Park which includes an eight lane 400m all-weather surface and field facilities. It is the home venue for Cannock & Stafford AC, Stafford Harriers as well as being used by schools for sports days. There are a number of facility issues which bar the stadium from being used for international competitions.

Competitive tennis is serviced through six clubs within the Borough. The Lawn Tennis Association 'ClubVision' initiative puts clubs at the top of the agenda in terms of support and activity. In the main this includes coach employment, child protection, business planning and developing school links. Stafford Town and Stone Town both have provision for 'pay and play'. However, there is little in the way of this provision outside of these areas. Schools have a number of courts which are generally either not accessible or of a good enough quality to be used.

Competitive netball is organised through the Stafford & District Netball League. This is run at two central venue sites; Blessed William Howard And King Edward Schools in Stafford. There are a number of facility issues relating to the quality and availability of the courts at both venues. These are inhibiting the development of the League and participation in the sport.

### *Summary of qualitative and quantitative inadequacies*

The study has found evidence that a small number of clubs have indicated a need for additional pitches over and above the existing level of provision. Another significant issue is the impact of the quality of existing pitches and ancillary facilities, particularly for football, which is suppressing the demand for and the growth of particular sports. This issue should be addressed in the short to medium term (i.e. the next five years) by improving the quality of existing pitches and ancillary facilities to league standards and meeting the need for additional pitches over and above the existing level of provision.

In the longer term (i.e. the next ten years) SBC should investigate the provision of an outdoor multi-pitch sports complex to the north of Stafford Town to cater for the anticipated future growth in sports participation. This complex should seek to provide high quality senior pitches and ancillary facilities, catering predominantly for adult teams. In addition, existing multi-pitch sites and ancillary facilities should be improved to form the basis of senior pitch provision in the Borough.

The demand for junior pitches in the longer term would be best met on school sites and senior pitches surplus to requirements once provision of a multi-pitch complex is complete. In response to Staffordshire FA's Development Plan the growth and promotion of mini-soccer in the Borough will best be accommodated at centralised facilities developed to meet the specific demands by mini-soccer sites such as car parking, changing and social accommodation, storage and supervision.

School playing pitches could potentially provide accessible, high-quality facilities, including floodlit synthetic pitches, for use by the school during the day and the local community at night and at weekends. SBC should continue to work in partnership and where necessary enter into formal agreements with the Local Education Authority to maximise the potential of school sites for community use. These partnerships should be developed to obtain funding for improved playing facilities.

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Qualitative issues are, to some extent, creating an artificially low level of use and demand for certain sports. Some clubs have indicated, within the users survey and through consultation, that if the quality of facilities were improved they would be able to produce additional teams. In the case of football, the improvement in the quality of facilities will enable the development of the FA's Community Club Ethic.

The issue of the existing quality of pitch sites needs to be taken into account in the analysis of the adequacy of provision. The approach has been to identify those sites or pitches that are inadequate for the following reasons:

- ❑ Poor playing surface due to drainage, waterlogging, unevenness or debris where there is evidence that a high proportion of matches are cancelled during the season.
- ❑ No changing facilities or an inadequate number of changing facilities relative to the number of pitches.
- ❑ No or limited off-street parking provision.
- ❑ Lack of access to changing facilities due to school management policy and/or cost.
- ❑ In the case of junior teams from U15 age level down which have to play on senior sized pitches rather than junior pitches which would be more appropriate to their level.

Area	Inadequate existing provision	Shortfall in existing provision	Long term requirement
<b>Stafford Town</b>	10 senior football, seven junior football and four mini-soccer pitches.  Inadequate facilities at Rowley Park stadium for athletics and football.	Two senior football pitches and one artificial turf pitch.  One tennis court and one bowling green.	Multi-pitch sports complex.
<b>Rural Stafford South</b>	Two senior football and two junior football pitches, one senior rugby pitch and one cricket pitch.	No identified shortfall beyond the inadequacy in existing pitches.  Four tennis courts	
<b>Stone Town</b>	Three senior and two junior football pitches.	One senior rugby pitch, one cricket pitch and one artificial turf pitch.	
<b>Rural Stafford North</b>	Three senior and two junior football pitches.	One junior football pitch, one junior rugby pitch, one senior and one junior cricket pitch.  Two tennis courts.	

In the longer term, the improvements to facility provision, aligned to sports development initiatives, should increase use and demand for pitch provision within the Borough. SBC should review the adequacy of provision as part of a rolling programme every three to five years to identify inadequacies in provision and revise priorities as applicable.

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### Strategy

The Strategy is aimed at supporting a number of statutory, corporate and wider objectives, to which SBC is a partner. It should support SBC and its partners in prioritising actions for improvements to playing pitch provision and applying for major funding streams. The overall vision of the Playing Pitch Strategy is that:

*'by 2012 Stafford Borough Council will aim to provide and have assisted in the provision of an appropriate distribution and range of quality outdoor sports facilities which will sustain a growing sporting community and provide opportunities for increased participation for all the Borough's residents'*

SBC will work to provide, and assist in the provision of, good quality, accessible outdoor sports facilities appropriate to meet the needs of the various communities within the Borough. The achievement of the strategic aim should be carried out through the implementation of the following policy objectives:

1. Increase the *quality* and *capacity* of outdoor sports facilities.
2. *Maintain* and *increase* the current quantity of outdoor sports facility provision.
3. Improve *accessibility to* and *opportunities at* existing outdoor sports facilities.
4. Provide *usable, accessible* and *viable* facilities in the context of the Borough Local Plan.
5. Increase the *demand for* and *participation* through sports development initiatives.
6. Improve *health and well being* by providing high quality opportunities for sport.
7. Support the *development of local sports clubs* to meet their needs and aspirations.

The strategy is accompanied by an action plan which provides a series of recommendations for a number of key sites. By implementing these actions SBC should meet some or all of the Strategy's policy and wider linked corporate objectives. The following page provides a list of priority actions that it is recommended that SBC pursue in the short term.

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### Priority actions

Area	Priority Site/Club/Area	Recommended Action
<b>Stafford</b>	Charnley Road and Woodlands Road	Target investment into pitch surface, drainage infrastructure, changing facility, security improvements and parking provision.
	Rowley Park	Targeted investment in junior football/mini-soccer provision including improvements to drainage infrastructure.
	Riverway East	Discuss with owners joint management and access arrangements and produce master plan for future development and management of site including compensatory provision in lieu of the potential loss of facilities at GEC Stychfields.
	Stafford Rangers Ladies FC and Stafford Town FC	Support clubs in locating and developing pitch facilities appropriate to their needs and aspirations.
	Multi-pitch sports complex	Identify appropriate location and discuss with landowners acquisition and development of complex. Allocate site within the revised Local Plan.
<b>Rural Stafford South</b>	Gnosall Cricket Club	Identify site as priority for targeted improvements linked to sports development initiatives with SBC, sports governing bodies and local schools.
	Brocton FC	Support club in locating and developing pitch facilities appropriate to its needs and aspirations.
<b>Stone Town</b>	Westbridge Park	Investigate viability of undertaking significant improvements to infrastructure of pitches and provision of changing facilities. Carry out targeted investment aligned to sport and club development initiatives.
	Alleyne's High School	Investigate feasibility of converting the existing redgra area into an ATP linked with joint facility management, club and sports development initiatives.
<b>Rural Stafford North</b>	Springbank Park	Support Stone Dominoes FC in securing funding opportunities and facilitating ground improvements and investigate SBC and sports governing body development initiatives links with club developments.
	Eccleshall Community Centre	Investigate viability of pitch provision and development of club at new facility.
	Stone HC	Support the club in relocating to new ATP at Alleyne's High School and investigate lease/sale of current site to football club(s).
<b>Borough-wide</b>	Stafford or Stone Town	Investigate suitable sites for the provision of an ATP for hockey and football use.

## CONTEXT

### Introduction

The Strategy has been developed from research and analysis of playing pitch and non-pitch provision and use within Stafford Borough. Playing pitch provision covers football, rugby, cricket and hockey pitch supply and demand. The latter examines the provision of and requirement for bowls, tennis, netball and athletics.

Research and consultation work was carried out between February and August 2001 culminating in the production of an Assessment Report in August 2001. Accompanying the Assessment Report were two annexes; Annex A summarising pitch provision on a site-by-site basis and Annex B providing an audit and summary of some of the clubs playing within and around Stafford. Copies of these Reports are available from the Sport & Leisure Manager at Stafford Borough Council (SBC).

The Strategy & Action Plan sets out a realistic vision for SBC and its partners in relation to the provision and improvement of playing pitches, non-pitches and associated facilities within the Borough. The document is split into three parts; the Context, the Strategy and the Action Plan.

### Scope of the Strategy

The Strategy principally covers the Stafford Borough area and is produced for SBC. However, the Strategy also takes into consideration and makes recommendations on outdoor sports facilities provided by the voluntary, private and education sectors. It is therefore a document that should be used by the sporting community in partnership with SBC.

The Strategy sets out a vision over the next ten years for the provision and improvement of outdoor sports facilities within the Stafford Borough area. Outdoor sports provision comprises of two main elements; playing pitches and non-pitches. Playing pitch provision is that which services football, rugby, cricket and hockey. Non-pitch provision is that which services bowls, tennis, netball and athletics.

Stafford Borough is centrally located within Staffordshire and adjoins all but one of the other districts within the County. The Borough has an area of some 230 square miles, with a population of around 126,180 (1999 Staffordshire County Council estimates). Approximately half of the population lives within Stafford town and a tenth in Stone, the second largest settlement in the Borough.

The majority of the Borough's area is rural in character with a range of settlements varying from suburban settlements, such as Meir Heath and, Blythe Bridge, on the fringes of major conurbations to large free-standing villages, such as Eccleshall, and more isolated small settlements such as Hixon and Knighton.

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Many of these settlements contain playing pitch and non-pitch facilities which are important to the overall contribution to sports provision and participation within the Borough. In some cases, these facilities are also the focus for communities within the area.

The research findings are based on supply and demand in the context of the whole Borough area. It is important to note that individuals, teams, clubs and leagues involved in sport do not necessarily recognise local authority administrative boundaries. Local leagues often include catchment areas that straddle these boundaries. For example, the North Staffordshire and South Cheshire Cricket League not only straddles a number of districts but also county boundaries.

The study has identified the majority of clubs and teams, whether from inside or outside of Stafford Borough, that use pitches and non-pitch facilities for competitive league matches within the Borough's boundary. For example, Stoke-on-Trent RUFC, a team that originated in the City, is now located in Barlaston in the north of the Borough.

Where possible, the study has also identified clubs or teams that have their base in Stafford Borough but have to play on pitches within a neighbouring Borough. For example, Rising Brook Ladies Hockey Club who have their notional base within Stafford Borough play in Cannock as they have been unable to access an artificial turf pitch (ATP) within Stafford.

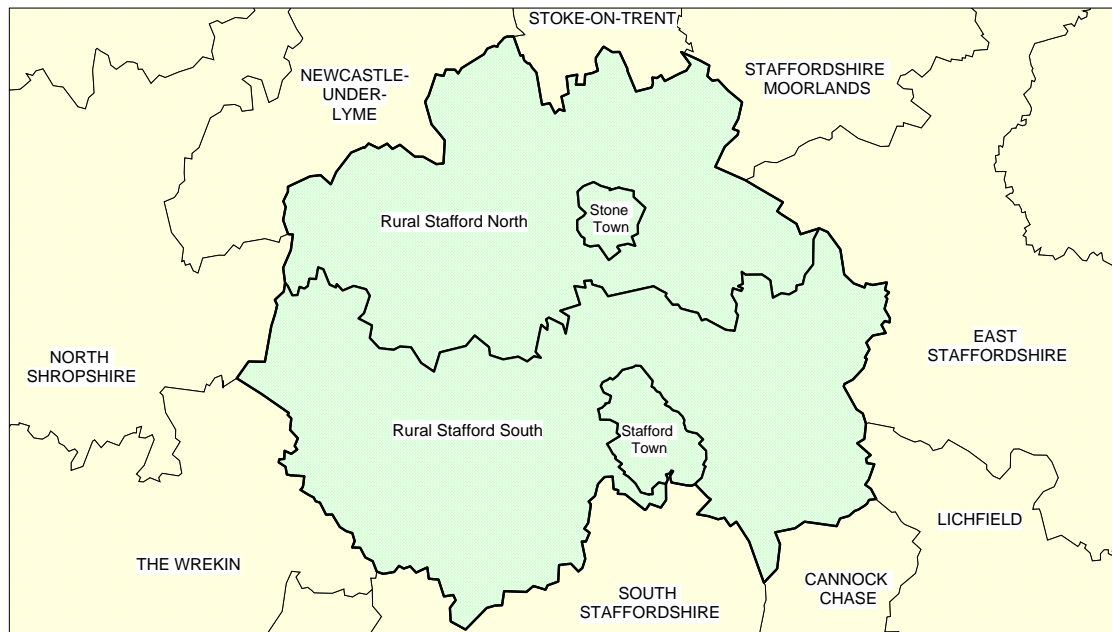
For the purposes of identifying local standards of provision the study has also identified four local catchment areas within the Borough. These are based on the two largest settlements and a grouping of wards that divide the Borough into two areas, as shown in Table I and Figure I below. The local catchment areas are as follows:

*Table I: Catchment areas*

<b>Catchment area</b>	<b>Wards</b>	<b>Population (1999 estimates)</b>
Stafford Town	Baswich, Common, Forebridge, Highfields, Holmcroft, Littleworth, Manor, Penside, Rowley, Tillington and Weeping Cross	57,400
Stone Town	St. Michaels, Stonefield & Christchurch and Walton	15,100
Rural Stafford North	Barlaston, Eccleshall, Fulford, Milwich, Oulton and Swynnerton	22,300
Rural Stafford South	Beaconside, Castle, Chartley, Church Eaton, Gnosall, Haywood, Milford, Seighford and Woodseaves	31,800

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Figure 1: Stafford Borough catchment areas for the analysis of pitch and non-pitch provision



### Preparing the Strategy

SBC commissioned the Assessment in January 2001. The principal research and consultation was carried out between February and August 2001. The study uses the methodology within the 'Playing Pitch Strategy' document published by the Sports Council, National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) and Central Council for Physical Recreation in 1991. This document outlines an assessment process based on a local qualitative evaluation. This method was devised to enable policy makers to review playing pitch requirements and provision at a local level.

The method uses sport 'teams' as the basic unit of demand. Sports are evaluated separately and a demand equation that compares the number of matches to be accommodated with the number of pitches available. In this study, a team-based analysis is used based on use of pitches at individual sites.

The primary method of research involves detailed consultation with representatives from the following groups:

- regional governing bodies
- sports leagues
- sports clubs
- site managers
- local authority – Leisure, Planning, LEA
- schools

In this case research into the adequacy of football pitch and facility provision was supplemented by the distribution of a club-based playing pitch questionnaire. Each league secretary distributed the questionnaire to clubs via the league meetings or questionnaires were sent direct to clubs. Around 108 questionnaires were distributed to open age, junior and mini football teams playing within the Borough. 70 questionnaires were returned giving a response rate of 65%.

The questionnaire sought information relating to the quality of the pitch, changing accommodation and parking. The questionnaires were used as one source to identify latent or suppressed demand along with interviews and meetings with local club representatives. The questionnaires were used to assess the standard of facilities as perceived by users and to qualify what facilities are required at specific sites and how those facilities may assist the development of clubs.

### **National Policy Context**

The Government views playing field strategies as an essential element to underpinning its strategy for the protection and provision of outdoor playing space. In the Government's strategy for sport, 'A Sporting Future for All' (2000), it highlights the need and importance for local authorities to carry out playing pitch assessments. Audits, assessments and strategies for playing pitches are also seen as pivotal in the Government's approach to protect and provide playing pitches for curricular requirements and the wider community.

The Government, recognising the continued loss and risk to playing fields, has tightened up some aspects of legislation and policy regarding these facilities. In 1996, the Government introduced the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Amendment) Order. This made provisions for Sport England to be a statutory consultee on proposals that affect playing fields. A playing field, for the purposes of the Order, is defined as the whole of a site that encompasses at least one playing pitch.

In 1998, the Department of the Environment, Transport & the Regions introduced new legislation in the form of the Town & Country Planning (Playing Fields) (England) Direction. The Direction states that where a local planning authority is approving development on playing fields within local authority ownership and those used by educational institutions, and where Sport England has objected, the planning application must be referred to the Secretary of State.

Further legislation, within the Schools Standards and Framework Act (SSFA) 1998, was introduced by the Government requiring all state schools to seek approval from the Secretary of State for Education and Employment (Education and Skills since July 2001) for the sale of their playing fields. Section 77 of the SSFA seeks to protect school playing fields against disposal or change of use by requiring the prior consent of the Secretary of State before disposal or change of use may take place. The Department for Education and Employment produced guidance on section 77 of the SSFA within Circular 3/99 'The Protection of School Playing Fields' in June 1999.

Circular 3/99 has recently been replaced by guidance from the Department for Education and Skills entitled 'The Protection of School Playing Fields and Land for City Academies'. The guidance aims to strengthen the existing measures for protecting school playing fields.

In particular, the guidance intends to support the development and improvement of sporting and play provision for the benefit of schools and their local communities, and to provide wider access to these facilities. Applications for disposal or change of use of playing fields will not only have to take account of existing community use but the potential use of the facilities for the local community.

The Government has re-affirmed its policies to sport in 'A Sporting Future for All' published by the Department of Media, Culture and Sport in 2000. Paragraph 8.6 seeks to continue protecting sports pitches through planning and education requirements. It also looks to further strengthen or extend protection of playing fields by; revising PPG17 to tighten the categories of possible exception, better monitoring of applications affecting playing fields, and the setting up of a National Advisory Panel to monitor school playing field disposal.

An aspiration within 'The Government's Plan for Sport' published in March 2001 is that by the end of the decade each local authority should have a comprehensive audit of all outdoor playing field facilities to include public (education and leisure), private and voluntary provision.

PPG 17 'Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation' was published in July 2002 followed in September by 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A Companion Guide to PPG 17'. The PPG re-affirms the importance of undertaking 'robust assessments of the existing and future needs of their communities' not just playing pitches but open space, sports and recreational facilities. Paragraph 5 states that 'Good quality assessments and audits, leading to clear strategies supported by effective planning policies, will provide vital tools for resolving potential conflicts that arise between different uses and users of open space, sports and recreational facilities.

Since 1996, Sport England has published a number of documents reflecting issues and guidance relating to playing fields. Sport England's policy on planning applications for development on playing fields is included in their planning policy statement 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' (1998).

Sport England's planning policy statement puts forward a presumption against development which would lead to the loss of, or would prejudice the use of, all or any part of a playing field, or land last used as playing field or land allocated for use as a playing field in an adopted or draft deposit local plan. There are a number of exceptions to this rule, one of which includes the production of a carefully quantified and documented assessment of current and future needs. This should demonstrate that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment and that the site has no special significance to the interests of sport.

### Outdoor sports in Stafford Borough

#### *Football*

During the 2000/2001 season there were around 63 clubs playing men's senior football within Stafford. The majority of senior football is played on a Sunday morning within the Stafford & District Sunday Football League. 48 of the clubs playing within this league use playing pitches within the Borough. Over half of these clubs use SBC-owned playing pitches.

Saturday afternoon football has been in decline for a number of years with the numbers of divisions and clubs within the Springbank Vending Midland League and the Staffordshire County League North contracting to their lowest levels. The Borough has a number of large football clubs playing within the pyramid league structure. In the main these clubs have reserve teams playing in the local Saturday leagues which feed into the pyramid structure. Each of these clubs are experiencing difficulties in relation to ground requirements.

Stafford Rangers Ladies FC currently have two women's teams playing in the Midlands Combination League and Midlands Combination Reserves League. The first team's home ground is Marston Road owned by Stafford Rangers FC's ground. However, most home matches are played elsewhere due to weather conditions and restrictions over access to the pitch. The second team plays home matches at Yarnfield to the north of the Borough.

Youth football between the ages of 16 and 18 is serviced by the County Minor Sunday Youth League. The league has consolidated its position over the last number of years with over 40 clubs playing each season. During the 2000/2001 season there were nine clubs playing within Stafford.

Junior football and mini-soccer is serviced by the Mid Staffs Junior Football League. Mini-soccer is currently played at U9 and U10 age levels which is set to expand into the U11 age level during the 2001/2002 season. This season 38 teams played mini-soccer at three venues two of which were located in the Borough; Staffordshire Police Ground and Stone Hockey Club.

54 of the 95 teams playing 11 a-side football at U11 to U16 age level use pitches within Stafford. The majority of teams play on either school or SBC-owned pitch sites. In the main the pitches are over size for junior use, i.e., senior/open age size.

Girls play mini-soccer within the North Staffordshire Girls Football League. Of the 11 teams involved this season two came from within the Borough. Matches are played at two central venues one of which was the Staffordshire Police Ground.

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### *Hockey*

There are six hockey clubs that have their notional base within the Borough:

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| 1. Alstom LHC       | 4. Stafford HC  |
| 2. Barlaston HC     | 5. Stafford LHC |
| 3. Rising Brook LHC | 6. Stone HC     |

These clubs produced nine senior ladies teams, two U18 ladies teams, nine men's teams, two senior mixed teams and one veterans team during the 2000/2001 season. Men's teams predominantly play within the West Midlands League and the ladies within the Staffordshire League.

There are two artificial turf pitches within the Borough; Beaconside Sports Centre and Stone Hockey Club. The existing provision does not provide an adequate amount of pitch time or space in terms of all the clubs training and match needs. Consequently, teams from Barlaston HC play and train at Staffordshire University's campus in Stoke-on-Trent and Rising Brook LHC play at Cannock Hockey Club in the neighbouring authority of South Staffordshire District Council.

### *Rugby*

There are six rugby clubs with home grounds within the Borough:

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| 1. Eccleshall RUFC | 3. Stafford RUFC       |
| 2. GEC Alstom RUFC | 4. Stoke-on-Trent RUFC |
| 3. Gnosall RUFC    | 6. Stone RUFC          |

These clubs produced 13 senior teams and two U18 teams during the 2000/2001 season. Competitive rugby is played within the Midland league and the lower Staffordshire league. Only Stafford RUFC and Stoke RUFC have sizeable junior sections and development squads. At present there is no women's or girls rugby being played within Stafford.

There are 12 senior pitches, one junior pitch and three mini pitches available for community use. All these pitches are privately owned except for the pitch at Beaconside Sports Centre which is owned by Staffordshire University.

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### Cricket

There are 18 clubs with home grounds within Stafford producing 51 senior teams, 39 junior teams and one ladies team during the 2001 season. The majority of clubs are involved in the Stone & District Cricket League, the lower tier of the affiliated leagues in the area. The league has both a Saturday and Sunday programme. Only three clubs are involved in the Sunday competition within the North Staffordshire & District Cricket League. Six clubs play Saturday matches within the North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Cricket League.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Barlaston          | <input type="checkbox"/> Moddershall     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Eaton       | <input type="checkbox"/> Oulton          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creda & Wolstanton | <input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eccleshall         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandon          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forton             | <input type="checkbox"/> Stafford        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gnosall            | <input type="checkbox"/> Stone           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Stoke       | <input type="checkbox"/> Swynnerton Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meir Heath         | <input type="checkbox"/> Trent Valley    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milford Hall       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedgwood        |

Three leagues; South Moorlands Cricket League, Staffordshire Youth Cricket League and the Kidsgrove Cricket League service junior cricket in the Stafford Borough area. These leagues cater for different age levels and have overlapping catchment areas.

There are 21 cricket pitches available for community use in the Borough. The majority of these are located on club grounds with two pitches located on school sites, one on land owned by Staffordshire County Council (SCC) and one owned by the SBC at Rowley Park.

Some clubs are at capacity with third teams playing on school or SCC/SBC-owned pitches. With increased junior sections there is a need to look at the provision of artificial wickets alongside existing squares. This will increase capacity on the squares and reduce wear and tear of the natural wickets.

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### *Bowls*

Clubs in the south of the Borough play in leagues affiliated to the Staffordshire Crown Green Bowling Association such as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Locks & Latches Bowling League     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cannock Bowling League             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stafford Veterans Bowling League   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stafford & District Bowling League |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Brough Metals Bowling League | <input type="checkbox"/> Moss Pit (Renault) Bowling League  |

Those clubs located in the north play in leagues affiliated to the Potteries & District Crown Green Bowling Association such as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> North Staffordshire Industries Bowling League | <input type="checkbox"/> North Staffordshire Parks Bowling League   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oakhill Jubilee Bowling League                | <input type="checkbox"/> North Staffordshire Amateur Bowling League |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stoke-on-Trent Bowling League                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Potteries Bowling League                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staffordshire County Ladies Bowling League    |   |

There are approximately 29 bowling clubs with around 3,000 players playing within the Borough. Over half these clubs play on the five Council-owned bowling greens and 14 clubs own or lease their own greens. GEC Alstom BC and Universal BC have three greens each along with floodlighting at the former. Most clubs that own their own greens have teams playing in all the above leagues whereas the clubs playing on Council-owned greens play in one or two leagues only.

### *Athletics*

Cannock & Stafford Athletics Club, the principal user of the athletics stadium at Rowley Park, has a men's team in the Midlands League Division I and a women's team in the UK Women's League Division 4. There are also junior teams competing in a variety of competitions including the Midlands Women's League and the McDonalds League.

### *Tennis*

There are six affiliated tennis clubs within Stafford:

- |                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Burton Manor TC | 4. Great Bridgeford TC        |
| 3. Church Eaton TC | 5. Stone Tennis & Squash Club |
| 3. Eccleshall TC   | 6. Walton TC                  |

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Senior competitive tennis is serviced by the Wilson Staffordshire Inter Club League which has both ladies and men's sections. During the 2001 season there were nine Stafford based teams in the ladies section and 15 Stafford based teams in the men's section.

Junior competitive tennis is serviced by the National Junior Club League which has County, Regional and National competitions. Three Stafford based clubs were playing in the County National Junior Club League in 2001.

There are 39 tennis courts available for community use in the Borough. 20 of these courts are either owned or managed by tennis clubs. The remainder are owned by SBC and are available for 'pay and play'.

### *Netball*

Netball in Stafford is serviced by the Stafford and District YLC League which has 22 teams, form 16 clubs, playing in three divisions. The league plays both summer and winter seasons. During the summer season and winter season (weather permitting) games are played outdoors. All League fixtures are played at the same time on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at Blessed William Howard School and King Edward School both in Stafford Town.

Although the league is relatively large some clubs have expressed that in order for the league to promote itself further there is a need for more high quality pitches to be available to play and train on throughout Stafford at affordable prices.

All the clubs suggest that improvements to the pitches at King Edward School should be made. At least four of the seven pitches are of poor quality, with reported broken glass, loose gravel and uneven surfaces. Teams playing at Blessed William Howard School have also reported problems with their outdoor pitches in that they are primarily tennis courts. The players have to remove tennis nets and posts before they play. Post caps are missing on the courts, which creates a safety issue with the holes.

### Pitch and non-pitch provision assessment and analysis

#### *Playing pitch provision*

Through extensive consultation the study has found evidence of a need for some additional pitches over and above the existing level of provision. A small number of clubs have indicated a need for additional pitches either because they do not currently have one, are sharing a facility with another club or the quality of the facility is preventing the club from using it throughout the season. These clubs included Stafford Town FC, Stafford Rangers Ladies FC, Brocton FC, Stone Dominoes FC, Stone RUFC and Trent Valley CC. This issue of facility provision is to some extent inhibiting the development of these clubs and therefore the sport in the club's local catchment.

Another significant issue arising out of the research is that of the impact of the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities, particularly for football, which is suppressing the demand for and the growth of particular sports within the Borough. Years of under investment in the infrastructure and maintenance of many pitches has been a contributory factor to individuals and clubs either leaving the sport or moving to another area. This issue should be addressed in the short to medium term (i.e. the next five years) by improving the quality of existing pitches and ancillary facilities to league standards and meeting the need for additional pitches over and above the existing level of provision.

In the longer term (i.e. the next ten years) SBC should investigate the provision of an outdoor multi-pitch sports complex to the north of Stafford Town to cater for the anticipated future growth in sports participation. This complex should seek to provide high quality senior pitches and ancillary facilities, catering predominantly for adult teams. The potential benefits of improved programming, economies of scale, site supervision and opportunities for formal and informal recreation would provide a high quality and accessible community facility. In addition, existing multi-pitch sites and ancillary facilities should be improved to form the basis of senior pitch provision in the Borough.

The demand for junior pitches in the longer term would be best met on school sites and senior pitches surplus to requirements once provision of a multi-pitch complex is complete. In response to Staffordshire FA's Development Plan the growth and promotion of mini-soccer in the Borough will best be accommodated at centralised facilities developed to meet the specific demands by mini-soccer sites such as car parking, changing and social accommodation, storage and supervision.

School playing pitches could potentially provide accessible, high-quality facilities, including floodlit synthetic pitches, for use by the school during the day and the local community at night and at weekends. SBC should continue to work in partnership and where necessary enter into formal agreements with the Local Education Authority to maximise the potential of school sites for community use. These partnerships should be developed to obtain funding for improved playing facilities.

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Many pitch sites within the Borough are located within the floodplains of the Rivers Trent, Penk and Sow. Under investment in drainage infrastructure has led to some pitches suffering constant poor drainage and waterlogging. The cumulative effect of years of under investment and continual play throughout the season is taking its toll on many of the Borough's pitches, resulting in the loss of some pitches for an entire season.

Many football pitch sites either lack or have an inadequate number of changing facilities relative to the number of pitches on the site. The quality of some of these facilities, which in many cases are temporary portacabin style structures, in terms of health and safety and security appear to be barely meeting minimum standards.

Parking provision at many of the SBC-owned pitch sites is poor which not only affects the playing pitch users but is also a highway safety issue with vehicles parking on-street. This situation does not aid the cause of local sport which, for football in particular, already has a poor perception amongst some local residents and communities.

Again, under investment in the pitch infrastructure on school sites has led to a reduction in the quality of some pitches, which barely have the capacity to meet curricular requirements. Nevertheless, school playing pitches offer a significant resource for junior football teams but in many cases do not allow access to changing facilities. For the older age levels this is an unsatisfactory situation.

In the short to medium term the improvement of existing facilities to the appropriate standard should increase use and demand for pitch provision. In the longer term, the decommissioning of the poorest quality sites will enable SBC to refocus resources on improving the overall quality of provision and providing a multi-pitch sports complex

Qualitative issues are to some extent creating an artificially low level of use and demand for certain sports. Some clubs have indicated, within the users survey and through consultation, that if the quality of facilities were improved they would be able to produce additional teams. In the case of football, the improvement in the quality of facilities will enable the development of the FA's Community Club Ethic. The study also found that due to the poor quality of existing facilities there is at present a low rate of demand for additional facilities other than that indicated in the first paragraph above.

The issue of the existing quality of pitch sites therefore needs to be taken into account in the analysis of the adequacy of provision. In terms of this study the approach has been to identify those sites or pitches that are inadequate for the following reasons (Table 2 lists inadequate sites and reasons for their inadequacies):

- ❑ Poor playing surface due to drainage, waterlogging, unevenness or debris where there is evidence that a high proportion of matches are cancelled during the season.
- ❑ No changing facilities or an inadequate number of changing facilities relative to the number of pitches.
- ❑ No or limited off-street parking provision.
- ❑ Lack of access to changing facilities due to school management policy and/or cost.
- ❑ In the case of junior teams from U15 age level down which have to play on senior sized pitches rather than junior pitches which would be more appropriate to their level.

One of the main purposes of the local standard is as a means of identifying the need for future pitch provision and the protection of existing facilities based within the development and land use planning process. The study has identified that future provision based on current levels of demand should be based in the short term on improvements to existing facilities. Planning obligations should be sought where the quantity or quality of provision is inadequate or under threat, or where new development increases local need.

The identification of existing sites that require significant investment within the local standard should assist SBC to maximise recreational open space provision through development opportunities in the future. Using commuted sums, existing capital budgets and other funding the Council should be able to reduce the number of inadequate pitches identified in this study. This could be done by either providing investment into existing facilities or providing new facilities of the appropriate standard.

In the longer term, the improvements to facility provision, aligned to sports development initiatives, should increase use and demand for pitch provision within the Borough. SBC should review the adequacy of provision as part of a rolling programme every three to five years to identify inadequacies in provision and revise priorities as applicable.

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Table 2: Inadequate football pitches within Stafford Town

No. and type of pitch	Location	Reason for inadequacy
1 senior pitch	Barnes Road	Lack of changing and parking facilities
2 senior pitches	Charnley Road	Lack of changing and parking facilities
1 senior pitch	Cresswell Manor Farm	Lack of changing and parking facilities
1 senior pitch	Silkmore Lane	Waterlogging and lack of changing and parking facilities
2 senior pitches	Wildwood Park	Poor drainage and waterlogging
1 senior pitch	Woodlands Road	Lack of changing and parking facilities
1 senior pitch	Marston Road	Ground unable to satisfy demand from Stafford Town and Stafford Rangers Ladies and inadequate for Unibond League requirements
1 senior pitch	Universal	Clubs have indicated a need for an additional pitch to meet demand
1 junior and 4 mini pitches	Staffs. Police Ground	Ground closed at the end of season and junior teams using senior sized pitches
1 junior pitch	The Grove School	Lack of access to changing facilities
1 junior pitch	John Wheeldon School	Lack of access to changing facilities
1 junior pitch	Sir Graham Balfour School	Lack of access to changing facilities and clubs have indicated a need for an additional pitch to meet demand
1 junior pitch	St. Leonard's School	Lack of access to changing facilities
1 junior pitch	Walton High School	Lack of access to changing facilities and junior teams using senior sized pitches
1 junior pitch	Weston Road High School	Lack of access to changing facilities and junior teams using senior sized pitches
1 senior pitch	Brazenhill Lane	Lack of changing and parking facilities
1 senior pitch	Cannock Road	Unavailable at the start of the season and lack of changing and parking facilities
1 junior pitch	St. Lawrence School	Junior teams using senior sized pitches
1 junior pitch	Green Fields	Lack of changing facilities
1 senior pitch	Walton Common	Lack of changing and parking facilities
2 senior and 2 junior pitches	Westbridge Park	Poor drainage and playing surface
1 senior and 1 junior pitch	BT Yarnfield	Unavailability of pitch on a Saturday is suppressing demand
1 senior pitch	Pershall Park	Club has indicated that if improvements are made to the facility additional teams will be generated
1 senior pitch	Wedgwood Sports & Social Club	Clubs indicate that an additional pitch and better changing facilities would allow it to provide additional teams
1 junior pitch	Wheatsheaf	Clubs indicate that an additional pitch would allow the development of additional teams

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### *Non-pitch provision*

The qualitative assessment of non-pitch sport is based on the same approach advocated within the 'Playing Pitch Strategy'. Although this 'Strategy' was not devised to include bowling greens, tennis courts, etc, it effectively provides an analysis framework, which allows most aspects of local demand to be considered. It is important to note that this methodology does not fully represent actual use, suppressed demand or, with certainty, likely future demand.

The provision of non-pitch facilities within the Borough is poor in relation to the national minimum standard as recommended by the NPFA of 0.4 ha. per 1,000 population see table below.

*Table 3: Non-pitch provision*

<b>Area</b>	<b>Stafford Town</b>	<b>Rural Stafford South</b>	<b>Stone Town</b>	<b>Stafford Rural North</b>	<b>Stafford Borough</b>
Non-pitch facilities available for community use (ha. per 1,000)	0.13	0.02	0.10	0.06	0.09
Shortfall against NPFA min. standard (ha. per 1,000)	0.27	0.38	0.30	0.34	0.31

In order to improve on the existing situation of the inadequate quantity and quality of facilities the study recommends that the national minimum standard be adopted as the baseline position. This should then be augmented by additional club generated requirements to give a locally derived standard. This standard can be used to either improve the quality of existing facilities or provide additional facilities to meet the minimum national standard.

The locally derived standard is therefore the national minimum standard of 0.4 ha per 1,000 population plus the club generated requirement represented in hectares per 1,000.

### **Area based pitch and non-pitch provision and requirement**

#### *Stafford Town*

The total number of playing pitches and non-pitches available for community use within Stafford Town is shown in the appendix. There is an estimated 50.70 hectares of playing pitch area and 7.29 hectares of non-pitch area.

The study identified a shortfall of two senior football pitches, one junior pitch and four mini-soccer pitches. The study identified a further ten senior football and six junior football pitches as being inadequate. No shortfall in the provision of rugby or cricket pitch provision was identified.

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Evidence suggests that the current artificial turf pitch at Beaconside Sports Centre is at capacity particularly at peak times with some clubs indicating that they are unable to access the pitch for training and in some cases matches. There is therefore a case for an artificial turf pitch within the Borough and it would most viably be located in either one of the two large settlements. For the purposes of the local standard a half an artificial turf pitch is apportioned to Stafford Town and Stone Town.

The above equates to 17.69 hectares of inadequate or required pitches in Stafford Town which is added to the existing pitch provision of 50.70 hectares to give a total pitch requirement of around 68 hectare. This equates to a local standard of **1.2 ha per 1,000** population.

There is a need for one additional tennis court and at least one additional bowling green. The quality of facilities at Rowley Park stadium, a Borough-wide facility, does not meet the governing bodies requirement and thus may be inhibiting the development of the sport in the area. This factor needs to be taken into account within the standard. This shortfall equates to 0.79 hectares of non-pitch space which when added to the required provision based on the national minimum standard gives a local standard of **0.41 ha per 1,000** population.

### *Rural Stafford South*

The total number of playing pitches and non-pitches available for community use within Rural Stafford South is shown in the Appendix. There is an estimated 23.50 hectares of playing pitch area and 0.76 hectares of non-pitch area.

The study identified an inadequacy in two senior football pitches, two junior football pitches, one senior rugby pitch and one cricket pitch. This equates to 6.15 hectares of pitch provision which gives a total pitch requirement in Rural Stafford South of 29.65 hectares. The corresponding local standard is **0.93 per 1,000** population.

Two tennis courts for public provision and an additional tennis court at Church Eaton TC are required. The quality of facilities at Rowley Park stadium, a Borough-wide facility, does not meet the governing bodies requirement and thus may be inhibiting the development of the sport in the area. This factor is taken into account within the standard.

This identified need equates to 0.77 hectares of non-pitch space which when added to the required provision based on the national minimum standard gives a local standard of **0.42 ha per 1,000** population.

### *Stone Town*

The total number of playing pitches and non-pitches available for community use within Stone Town is shown in the Appendix. There is an estimated 11.07 hectares of playing pitch area and 1.55 hectares of non-pitch area.

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The study identified three senior football pitches and two junior football pitches as being inadequate in terms of quality. Additionally, a shortfall of one senior rugby pitch, one cricket pitch and a half a artificial turf pitch was also identified in the area. The resultant qualitative shortfall of pitch provision in Stone Town is 7.89 hectares. Added to the current available pitch space of 11.07 hectares gives a pitch requirement figure of 18.96 hectares which equates to a local standard of **1.27 ha per 1,000** population.

No requirement for additional tennis or bowling greens has been identified through the research. The quality of facilities at Rowley Park stadium, a Borough-wide facility, does not meet the governing bodies requirement and thus may be inhibiting the development of the sport in the area. This factor is taken into account within the standard. The above equates to 0.50 hectares of non-pitch space which when added to the required provision based on the national minimum standard gives a local standard of **0.43 ha per 1,000** population.

### *Stafford Rural North*

The total number of playing pitches and non-pitches available for community use within Stafford Rural North is shown below. In terms of playing space area this provides an estimated 35.84 hectares of playing pitch area and 1.27 hectares of non-pitch area.

The study identified three senior football pitches and two junior football pitches as having an inadequate standard. There is also a need for a junior football pitch in Eccleshall which currently has no provision. Additional identified shortfall includes one junior rugby pitch and one and half cricket pitches. This equates to a shortfall of 7.82 hectares which gives a total pitch requirement figure of 43.66 hectares. The local standard is **1.96 ha per 1,000** population.

Two tennis courts for public provision are required in this catchment area. The quality of facilities at Rowley Park stadium, a Borough-wide facility, does not meet the governing bodies requirement and thus may be inhibiting the development of the sport in the area. This factor is taken into account within the standard. The above equates to a requirement for 0.68 hectares of non-pitch space which when added to the required provision based on the national minimum standard gives a local standard of **0.43 ha per 1,000** population.

*Table 4: Pitch and non-pitch requirement as a local standard (ha./1,000 population)*

	Stafford Town	Stafford Rural South	Stone Town	Stafford Rural North	Stafford Borough
Local playing pitch standard	1.20	0.93	1.27	1.96	1.26
Local non-pitch standard	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.42
Local standard for outdoor playing space	1.61	1.35	1.70	2.39	1.68

### STRATEGY

The preceding sections have provided a summary of local sports provision within the Borough. The requirement for additional pitches and non-pitch facilities have been identified where there is an expressed demand. The issue of the quality of the existing pitch stock, in particular for football, has been highlighted in the section on assessment and analysis. Significant investment is required on many existing pitches to bring about improvements to meet the needs and aspirations of existing and future users. In some cases the levels of investment required relative to the sporting benefit obtained means that some pitches should be decommissioned with a view to consolidating on existing multi-pitch sites and, in the longer term, a new multi-pitch sports complex. The following section provides the way forward for SBC in the provision and improvement of outdoor sports facilities within the Borough.

### Aim

The overall vision of the Playing Pitch Strategy is that:

*'by 2012 Stafford Borough Council will provide and have assisted in the provision of an appropriate distribution and range of quality outdoor sports facilities which will sustain a growing sporting community and provide opportunities for increased participation for all the Borough's residents'.*

The Strategy is aimed at supporting a number of Statutory, Corporate and wider objectives, to which SBC is a partner, such as:

- The Department of Media, Culture & Sport 'A Sporting Future for All Action Plan' 2000 and 'The Government's Plan for Sport' 2001. (The requirement for playing pitch audits and strategies to be produced by the end of the decade.
- Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) Note 17 'Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation' July 2002 and 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities: A Companion Guide to PPG 17. (The requirement for local planning authorities to carry out robust assessments of need from which to adopt policies for the protection of existing and the provision of new facilities).
- Sport Across Staffordshire Active Sports Development Plan Frameworks.
- Staffordshire Football Association Development Plan.
- Stafford Borough Council Policy Framework (and subsequent frameworks).
- Stafford Borough Local Plan Review.
- Stafford Borough Local Cultural Strategy, 2001-2006.
- Stafford Borough Open Space Strategy, 2001-2005 (draft).

### Policy Objectives

SBC will work to provide, and assist in the provision of, good quality, accessible outdoor sports facilities appropriate to meet the needs of the community within and beyond the Borough. The achievement of the strategic aim should be carried out through the implementation of the following policy objectives:

1. Increase the quality and capacity of existing outdoor sports facilities to meet the needs and aspirations of the sports governing bodies, affiliated leagues, local sports clubs and Stafford Borough Council.
2. Maintain and increase the current quantity of outdoor sports facility provision to meet the identified needs of local sports clubs and users.
3. Improve accessibility to existing outdoor sports facilities and opportunities for local sports clubs and users to participate on them.
4. Provide usable, accessible and viable outdoor sports facilities within the Borough in the context of the Council's Open Space Strategy and Local Plan.
5. Increase the demand for and participation in outdoor sports through sports development initiatives.
6. Improve the health and well being of the Borough's residents by providing improved opportunities to high quality sporting activities.
7. Support the development of local sports clubs to meet their needs and aspirations within the Borough.

### Management Objectives

A number of management objectives need to be produced and implemented to enable the above policy objectives to be delivered. It is recommended that SBC adopt the following management objectives to enable it to achieve the aim and objectives of the Strategy:

- Within a phased programme, improve the quality of outdoor sports facilities including their ancillary amenities such as changing accommodation and car parking.
- Ensure the appropriate distribution of outdoor sports facilities commensurate with need.
- Use development opportunities to provide improvements to existing facility provision or additional facilities where appropriate.
- Work in partnership with the Local Education Authority and local schools to maintain, improve and encourage access to school facilities.
- Increase participation in outdoor sports through sports development initiatives and increased opportunities at good quality facilities.
- Work with the sporting community to identify facility need and increase and/or improve the existing provision.
- Work with local clubs to produce sports development plans and where relevant identify and secure facility improvements, appropriate sites for new facility development and funding opportunities.
- Develop policies within the revised local plan along with supplementary planning guidance that seek to provide for high quality sports facilities.
- Strive to ensure that where sites may be lost through development or closure of access that facilities of the same or improved standard are provided to meet the continued needs of residents within and beyond Stafford.
- Assist the development of local sports clubs to meet their needs and aspirations within the Borough.
- Work to ensure appropriate resources are made available to maintain sites to an appropriate standard.
- Work with, and assist partner agencies to provide, usable, accessible and viable outdoor sports facilities within the Borough.
- Identify outdoor sports facilities that are well used but have the potential to further increase participation in sport.
- Identify areas of open space that have the potential to contribute to outdoor sports provision within the Borough.
- Work to ensure maximum benefits from new funding opportunities and technological advances.
- As part of rolling programme review the Playing Pitch Assessment every three to five years to monitor trends, highlight the impact of improvements and identify new priorities.

### ACTION PLAN

The following tables set out a series of recommended actions relating to site specific issues within and beyond the Borough. The tables include the following headings:

- ❑ Site and map ref. – the map reference number refers to the sites located on the maps at the end of each Analysis Area.
- ❑ Key Issues - the key issues relate to the quality and capacity of pitch sites to provide an adequate level of service to existing and future users. These issues were identified through the various methods of consultation and are detailed in the Assessment Report.
- ❑ Recommended Action - in principle the actions on one particular site should be viewed within the overall strategy of seeking to improve the overall pitch stock for the benefit of current and future users. Many of the recommended actions relate to infrastructure improvements such as drainage or changing facility improvement. However, some recommendations relate to changing the use of the site and different management regimes.
- ❑ Timescale - there are a number of timescales included within the action plans. The overall timescale of the Strategy relates to the period 2002 to 2012.
  - Short term refers to within three years (i.e. by 2005)
  - Medium term refers to within five years (i.e. by 2007)
  - Long term refers to between 2007 and 2012

Those sites with short term timescales should be viewed as having the highest priority within the Strategy and Action Plan.

- ❑ Lead agencies - includes the various partners that will need to be involved within any proposed improvements at particular sites. There is a need for SBC as one of the major stakeholders to foster these partnerships in the early stages of the Strategy.
- ❑ Links to POs (policy objectives) - relates to the number of key policy objectives within the Strategy, shown on page 21 of the document, that a specific proposal will help to achieve.
- ❑ Potential resources - highlights the known funding sources at the time of writing the Strategy. These may of course change over the next ten years and SBC, along with its partners, should seek to obtain funding from future available sources of funding. SBC should develop an Open Space Funding Strategy as part of a review of the Open Space Strategy to ensure a strategic approach to accessing funding opportunities.
- ❑ Outcomes - highlights the principle outcomes of implementing the proposed recommendations on each site.

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### SITE SPECIFIC ACTION PLANS

**Stafford Town** (see accompanying map and table on page 39 and 40)

Acronyms under Lead Agencies and Potential Resources are listed on page 38

Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Charnley Road	2	Well used site. However, changing facilities adequate for only one pitch. Poor access and limited off-street parking. Localised drainage problems.  Site has basic infrastructure to accommodate additional capacity to meet unmet/future demand.	Target investment in pitch surface, drainage infrastructure, changing facility, security improvements and parking provision.	Short term	SFA, SBC, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	FF, NOF, Sport England, SFA, SBC	High quality multi-pitch site and associated facilities providing open age and Sunday football.
Woodlands Road	11	Well used site. However, changing facilities adequate for only one pitch. Limited off-street parking. Health and safety issues from dog fouling.  Site has basic infrastructure to accommodate additional capacity to meet unmet/future demand.	Target investment in changing facility, security improvements and parking provision.	Short term	SFA, SBC, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	FF, NOF, Sport England, SFA, SBC	High quality multi-pitch site and associated facilities providing open age and Sunday football.
Western Downs	9	Closed during the 2000/2001 season because of drainage problems.  No changing facilities and limited off-street parking.	Target investment in drainage infrastructure, changing facilities and off-street car parking required.	Short term	SFA, SBC, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	FF, NOF, Sport England, SFA, SBC	High quality multi-pitch site and associated facilities providing open age and Sunday football.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Silkmore Lane	5	Located on floodplain with continual waterlogging problems. Poor access and limited off-street parking. Changing provision adequate for one pitch only.	Cease use of one pitch to competitive play and move users to Western Downs once improvements completed. Retain two teams on a 'home and away' basis to share remaining pitch and changing facilities.	Short term	SFA, SBC, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	SBC	Partial decommissioning of site as playing pitch. Examine alternative use of site following full assessment of all types of open space provision (in line with PPG 17 and Companion Guide).
Barnes Road	1	Single pitch site with no changing or off-street parking facilities.	Cease use of site for competitive play and move users to Western Downs once improvements completed.	Medium term	SFA, SBC, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	SBC	Decommission site as playing pitch. Examine alternative use of site following full assessment of all types of open space provision (in line with PPG 17 and Companion Guide).
Staffs. Police Sports Ground	75	Site closed at end of 2000/2001 season due to health and safety issues.	Investigate lease of ground and investment required in changing facilities, access and parking provision.	Short term	SPC, SFA, SBC, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	1, 2, 3, 4	SPC, SBC	Continued use of site as sports ground managed by consortium.  Improved facilities secured for football and bowls clubs.  Relocation of Brocton FC to site.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Rowley Park	4	Identified as Junior Football Development Centre in Stafford.	Targeted investment in junior football/mini-soccer provision including improvements to drainage infrastructure.	Short term	SFA, SBC, SAS, SVML, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	1-7	FF, NOF, Sport England, SFA, SBC	Site fulfils potential as the Borough's Junior Football Development Centres.
		Localised waterlogging problems on pitches.	Improved floodlighting on stadium pitch required.	Upgrade floodlights to match UK Athletics/FA specification.	Medium term	SBC, SFA, SVML, C&SAC	SFA, UKA, SBC	Stadium meets UK Athletics/ FA specifications.
Creswell Manor Farm	3	Single pitch site with no changing or off-street parking facilities.	Cease use of site for competitive play and move teams to alternate pitch sites.	Medium term	SFA, SBC, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	4	SBC	Examine alternative use of site following full assessment of all types of open space provision (in line with PPG 17 and Companion Guide).
Beaconside Sports Centre	86	University playing field has potential land to accommodate an additional pitch and associated infrastructure to meet national league requirements.	Discuss with Staffordshire University and Stafford Town FC the leasing of part of playing field for development of football pitch and associated facilities.	Medium term	SU, SFA, STFC	1, 2, 3, 4, 7	FF, NOF, Sport England, SFA, , SU, STFC, SBC	Stafford Town FC relocate and lease new ground from Staffs. University.
King Edward's High School	32	Poor quality pitches are reducing the capacity of the playing fields to meet curricular and community needs.	Target investment in pitch surface, drainage infrastructure and security improvements.  Monitor accessibility of school playing fields to community teams and work with school to maintain the availability of facilities.	Medium term	KES, LEA, SFA, SBC, MSJL	1, 2, 3, 4	FF, NOF, LEA, KES, SBC	Improved facilities for curricular and community use.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Marston Road	69	Ground needs infrastructure improvements to meet national league requirements.	Work with Stafford Rangers FC to investigate feasibility of undertaking necessary improvements to the ground.  Subject to the above support club in carrying out improvements or finding alternative location for new ground.	Medium term	SRFC, SFA, SBC	1, 2, 3, 7	SRFC, SBC	Long term future of Stafford Rangers FC secured at appropriate ground.
		Ground currently beyond capacity standard of football being used by Stafford Rangers FC, Stafford Town FC and Stafford Rangers Ladies FC.	Work with Stafford Town FC and Stafford Rangers Ladies FC to find suitable alternative venues.	Medium term	STFC, SRLFC, SFA, SU, SBC	7	STFC, SRLFC, SBC	Long term future of Stafford Town FC and Stafford Rangers Ladies FC secured at appropriate grounds.
Wildwood Park	10	Site is located near to floodplain and continually suffers from waterlogging. Changing facilities and parking at the site are good.	Investigate the feasibility of increasing the levels of pitch site and improving the quality and capacity of the pitches.  Subject to the above feasibility study either invest in the site or examine alternative options.	Short term	SFA, SBC, SCL(N), SDSL, MSJL	1, 2, 4	SBC	Improved quality pitches used by junior clubs.
				Medium term		4	FF, NOF, Sport England, SFA, SBC	
Chetwynd Centre	189	Former College playing field with potential for outdoor sports provision.  Site identified for retail development.	Negotiate an appropriate off-site loss of playing field contribution for the provision of a replacement facility of equivalent or greater benefit to the community (i.e. at Riverway East or Rowley Park)	Medium term	Land owner, SBC	1, 2, 4	SBC, s. 106	Improved facilities providing additional opportunities to local sporting clubs.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Walton County High School	53	There is potential spare capacity either on or to the south of the school playing fields.	Discuss with the LEA and WCHS the option of leasing part of playing field area if spare to the school's needs to develop into a pitch site for community use.  Monitor accessibility of school playing fields to community teams and work with school to maintain the availability of facilities.	Medium term	WCHS, LEA, SFA, SBC	1, 2, 3, 4	FF, NOF, Sport England, SFA, WCHS, LEA, SBC	Improved facilities for curricular and community use.
Riverway East	73 & 74	Two playing pitch sites owned by Stafford C&HC and GEC Alstom with football, rugby and cricket provision.  Centrally located site near to town centre with good infrastructure including pavilion, parking and access and some spare land.  Has potential to be a major outdoor multi-sports venue within the town.	Work with owner to produce a masterplan for future development and management of the site including compensatory provision in lieu of loss of cricket, tennis and bowls at GEC Alstom Stychfields.  Investigate joint management arrangement with local sporting clubs.	Medium term	SC&HC, GEC, SFA, RFU, SCCB, SBC	1-7	FF, NOF, Sport England, SFA, SC&HC, GEC, SBC	High quality multi-pitch site and associated facilities under joint management providing improved opportunities to local sports clubs.  Improved facilities provided to Sport England standard.
Riverway West	-	Former school playing field with potential for outdoor sports provision.	Negotiate acquisition and develop pitch with ancillary facilities.  Investigate ownership/ management link with adjacent land at Riverway East.	Long term	SC, SBC, local sports clubs	2, 3, 4	FF, NOF, Sport England, SBC	Site acquired for outdoor sports development and informal recreation.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
St. Leonard's Primary School	46	Unattached playing field with junior football pitch and no changing facilities.	Monitor accessibility of school playing fields to community teams and work with school to maintain the availability of facilities.	On-going	LEA, SLPS, SBC	1, 3, 4	SBC	Improved facilities for curricular and community use.
RAF Stafford	-	Opportunities and land availability may arise through MOD disposal programme	Develop planning polices and supplementary guidance to safeguard sport facilities on the site and for outdoor sports facility provision associated with disposal and development.	Medium term	MOD, SBC	2, 3, 4	SBC	Planning policies included within the revised Local Plan.
Universal	78	Existing pitch is located within an area of proposed public open space within the Local Plan.	Investigate the viability of developing additional pitch provision including ancillary facilities on the site.  Draft planning policy framework for provision of additional outdoor sports facilities within the revised Local Plan as part of requirements for development on site HP9.	Short term  Medium term	Universal, SBC  Universal, SBC, local leagues and sports clubs	1, 2, 3, 4	SBC  SBC, s. 106	Planning policies included within the revised Local Plan.
The Grove Primary School	49	Well used site. However, users unable to access changing facilities.  Target for junior use.	Discuss with LEA and GPS the use of the school's changing facilities or portacabin provision on the playing fields.  Monitor accessibility of school playing fields to community teams and work with school to maintain the availability of facilities.	Medium term	GPS, LEA, SBC, local leagues and sports clubs	1, 2, 3, 4	GPS, LEA, SBC, local sports clubs	Improved facilities for curricular and community use.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Weston Road High School	55	Capacity of the site for community use limited by the lack of access to changing facilities. Target for junior use.	Discuss with LEA and WRHS the use of the school's changing facilities or portacabin provision on the playing fields.  Monitor accessibility of school playing fields to community teams and work with school to maintain the availability of facilities.	Medium term  On-going	WRHS, LEA, SBC, local leagues and sports clubs	1, 2, 3, 4	WRHS, LEA, SBC, local sports clubs	Improved facilities for curricular and community use.
Sir Graham Balfour School	39	School rebuilt under a PFI agreement which includes the provision of additional and enhanced sports facilities for community use. Target for junior use.	Monitor accessibility of school playing fields to community teams and work with school to maintain the availability of facilities.	Short term	SGBS, LEA, SBC, local leagues and sports clubs	1, 2, 3, 4	SGBS, LEA, SBC, local sports clubs	Improved facilities for curricular and community use.
Castlefields	89	Owner is seeking to develop the site and relocate Stafford RUFC.  Site is in a good location close to the town centre and there are no obvious alternative locations within the town.	Refuse development of the site unless suitable alternative is secured for the club.	On-going	Lord Stafford, SRUFC, RFU, SBC	1, 2, 3, 4, 7	Lord Stafford, SRUFC, RFU, SBC	Long term future of Stafford RUFC secured at appropriate site.
Housing land proposal HP3 (Rickerscote)	-	Land identified for proposed public open space within allocated housing site.	Investigate viability of proposed public open space to provide outdoor sports facilities.  Draft planning policy framework for provision of formal outdoor sports facilities either on or off-site within revised Local Plan.	Short term  Medium term	Land owner, SBC	2, 3, 4	SBC	Planning policies included within the revised Local Plan.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Housing land proposals HPI0 and 12 (Baswich)	-	Provision of formal outdoor sport facilities associated with future housing development.	Planning framework should look at securing commuted sums for off-site formal outdoor sports facility provision.	Short term	Land owner, SBC	2, 3, 4	SBC	Planning policies included within the revised Local Plan.
Housing land proposal HPI3 (North of Beaconside)	-	Provision of formal outdoor sport facilities associated with future housing development.	Planning framework should look at securing commuted sums for off-site formal outdoor sports facility provision.	Medium term	Land owner, SBC	2, 3, 4	SBC	Planning policies included within the revised Local Plan.
GEC Alstom Stychfields	146	<p>Development of site with compensatory provision in lieu of loss of cricket pitch and tennis courts to be provided at Riverway East.</p> <p>Ensure replacement provision meets Sport England standards and is of equal or greater benefit to the community.</p> <p>The research has identified a need for bowls, indoor cricket and junior football provision within Stafford.</p>	Investigate the relocation of the sports facilities to Riverway East as part of the joint management and access arrangements and the masterplan for future development of the site as a centre for sporting provision for the Borough.	Short term	GEC Alstom, SC&HC, SBC	1, 2, 3, 4, 7	GEC Alstom, SBC	Facilities relocated to Riverway East to provide high quality multi-pitch site under joint management to local sports clubs (see Riverway East).

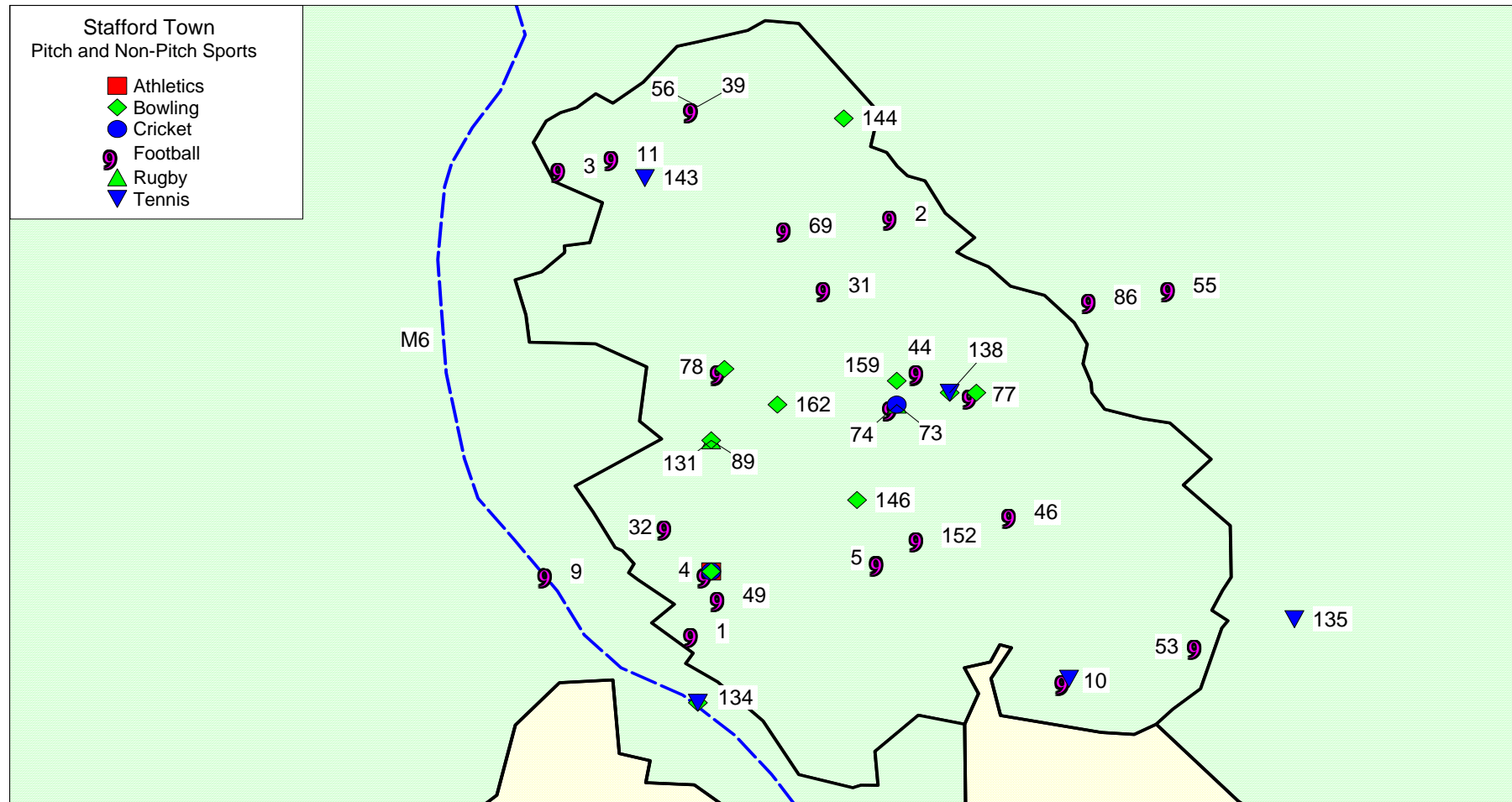
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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Burton Manor BC	134	Security of tenure – according to club representatives it is unlikely that Stafford Grammar School will renew the lease.	Negotiate with SGS to renew lease.  Subject to the above support the club in relocating to a suitable alternative site.	Medium term  Long term	BMBC, SGS, SCGBA, SBC  BMBC, SCGBA, SBC	3, 7	BMBC, SGS, SBC  BMBC, SBC	Long term future of Burton Manor BC secured at appropriate site.

Legend: SBC – Stafford Borough Council, SFA – Staffordshire Football Association, SCL(N) – Staffordshire County League (North), SDSL – Stafford & District Sunday League, MSJL – Mid Staffs Junior League, SPC – Staffordshire Police Constabulary, SAS – Sport Across Staffordshire, SVML – Springbank Vending Midland League, C&SAC – Cannock & Stafford Athletics Club, SU – Staffordshire University, STFC – Stafford Town FC, KES- King Edward’s High School, LEA – Local Education Authority, SRFC – Stafford Rangers FC, SRLFC – Stafford Rangers Ladies FC, WCHS – Walton County High School, SC&HC – Stafford Cricket and Hockey Club, GEC – General Electric Company, RFU – Rugby Football Union, SCCB – Staffordshire County Cricket Board, SC – Stafford College, SLPS – St. Leonard’s Primary School, MOD – Ministry of Defence, GPS – The Grove Primary School, WRHS – Weston Road High School, SGBS – Sir Graham Balfour School, SRUFC – Stafford RUFC, BMBC – Burton Manor BC, SGS – Stafford Grammar School, SCGBA – Staffordshire Crown Green Bowls Association, FF – Football Foundation, NOF – New Opportunities Fund and UKA – UK Athletics.

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Figure 2: Location of sites within Stafford Town



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KKP ref.	Site name	KKP ref.	Site name	KKP ref.	Site name
1	Barnes Road Playing Field, Stafford	35	Marshlands Special School, Lansdowne Way, Stafford	77	Tixall Lane, Stafford (Perkins Works)
2	Charnley Road Playing Field, Stafford	36	Oakridge Primary School, Silvester Way, Stafford	78	Universal Sports Ground, Doxey Road, Stafford
3	Creswell Manor Farm Playing Field, Wotton Drive, Stafford	37	Rising Brook County High School, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford	86	Beaconside Sports Complex (Staffordshire University)
4	Rowley Park, Averill Road, Stafford	38	Silkmore Primary School, Exeter Street, Stafford	89	Castlefields (Stafford RUFC)
5	Silkmore Lane Playing Field, Stafford	39	Sir Graham Balfour High School, North Avenue, Stafford	106	Glebelands, Church Eaton (Church Eaton CC)
9	Western Downs Playing Field, Sundown Road, Stafford	41	St. Anne's RC Primary School, Lynton Avenue, Stafford	134	Burton Manor Road, Stafford (Burton Manor TC & BC)
10	Wildwood Park, Wildwood Drive, Stafford	42	St. Austin's RC Primary School, Garden Street, Stafford	135	Green Gore Lane, Stafford (Walton TC)
11	Woodlands Road Playing Field, Stafford	44	St. John's School CE Primary, Weston Road, Stafford	138	Littleworth Park, Dartmouth Street, Stafford
20	Barnfields Primary School, Lansdowne Way, Oulton	46	St. Leonards Primary School, St. Leonard's Avenue, Stafford	143	Tillington Hall Hotel, Eccleshall Road, Stafford
22	Blessed William Howard School RC, Rowley Avenue, Stafford	49	The Grove Primary School, Highfield Grove, Stafford	144	Amasol BC, Common Road, Stafford
23	Bower Norris Primary School, Somerset Road, Stafford	50	Tillington Manor Primary School, Young Avenue, Stafford	146	GEC Stychfields, Stafford
24	Burton Manor County Primary, Uplands Road, Stafford	53	Walton High School, The Rise, Stafford	151	Stafford Bowling Club, Newport Road, Stafford
25	Casltechurch Primary School, Tennyson Road, Stafford	55	Weston Road High School, Blackheath Lane, Stafford	152	Staffordshire Police Grounds, Cannock Road, Stafford
27	Doxey Primary School, Marshland Road, Doxey	56	Holmcroft Youth Centre, Newland Ave	159	Pennycroft, Corporation Street, Stafford
28	Flash Ley Primary, Hawksmoor Road, Stafford	69	Marston Road, Stafford (Stafford Rangers FC)	162	Victoria Park, North Walk, Stafford
31	John Wheeldon School, Corporation Street, Stafford	74	Riverway, Stafford (Stafford Cricket and Hockey Club)	179	Leasowes County Junior School, Porlock Avenue, Stafford
32	King Edward VI High School, West Way, Stafford	75	Silkmore Lane, Stafford (Staffordshire Police Ground)	189	Chetwynd Centre, Newport Road, Stafford

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**Rural Stafford South** (see accompanying map and table on page 45 and 46)  
Acronyms under Lead Agencies and Potential Resources are listed on page 44

Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Brazenhill Lane	12	Multi-pitch site with no changing facilities and limited parking.  Site is very constrained with little space for changing accommodation, parking and associated facilities.	Target investment in changing facilities and parking provision.  Work with HPC to investigate land acquisition/lease to provide required facilities.	Long term	HPC, local sports clubs, SBC	1, 2, 3, 4	HPC, SBC	Improved facilities for local sports clubs.
Cannock Road	68	Site rented by Brocton FC is unsuitable for the league and club's requirements.  It is constrained in terms of ground development opportunities by landownership and location within the green belt, SSSI and AONB.	Work with and support club to identify and secure appropriate site to develop ground with necessary facilities.	Medium term	BFC, SFA, SBC	3, 7	FF, NOF, Sport England, BFC, SBC	Long term future of Brocton FC secured at appropriate ground.
Gnosall Cricket Club	62 & 88	Largest multi-pitch site in the south west of Stafford with ancillary facilities and car parking. Has potential to be the key outdoor sports facility within this part of the Borough.  Problems with drainage and adequacy of changing facilities. Club is currently looking to invest in the site.	Identify site and club as a priority for targeted improvements, including drainage infrastructure, changing facility and the provision of mini-soccer pitches.  Above improvements to be linked to sports development initiatives and links with local school to provide community resource.	Short to medium term	GCC, SAS, SFA, SCCB, RFU, St. Lawrence School, local sports clubs	1-7	FF, NOF, Sport England, GCC, SBC	High quality multi-pitch site and associated facilities providing improved opportunities for local sports club and residents.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Shugborough Sports Ground	57	<p>The quantity and quality of the changing facility is inadequate. This is reducing the capacity of the site to meet demand.</p> <p>Site is constrained in terms of significant development, as it is located within green belt, SSSI and AONB.</p>	<p>Support SCC to investigate feasibility of investment into additional and improved changing facilities for football and cricket provision.</p> <p>Carryout targeted investment in additional and improved changing facilities.</p>	Short to medium term	SCC, SBC, SFA, SCCB, local leagues and sports clubs	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	FF, NOF, Sport England, SCC, SBC	High quality multi-pitch site and associated facilities providing improved opportunities for local sports club.
Milford Hall CC	110	Site is currently at capacity with 3 <sup>rd</sup> team on Saturday using Shugborough Sports Ground or Stafford Grammar School.	Support club in developing and improving ancillary facilities.	Medium term	MHCC, SCCB, SBC	1, 7	NOF, Sport England, MHCC, SCCB, ECB, SBC	Increased capacity of existing ground and continued club development.
St. Peter's School	48	<p>Trent Valley CC seeking to purchase part of school playing fields.</p> <p>Playing field has localised drainage problems.</p>	<p>Support club in securing land and developing cricket ground on part of school playing fields.</p> <p>Target investment in drainage infrastructure.</p> <p>Facilitate and work with the club to introduce girls cricket with interest from girls at the school.</p>	<p>Short term</p> <p>Medium term</p> <p>Long term</p>	<p>TVCC, SPS, LEA, DES, SCCB, SBC</p> <p>TVCC, SCCB, SBC</p> <p>TVCC, SAS, SCCB, SBC</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4, 7</p> <p>5</p>	<p>TVCC, SCCB, ECB, SBC</p> <p>NOF, Sport England, TVCC, SBC</p> <p>TVCC, SCCB, SAS, SBC</p>	Long term future of Trent Valley CC secured at school playing fields.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Church Eaton (Glebelands)	106	The ground is currently at capacity with Church Eaton CC's 3 <sup>rd</sup> team using Shugborough Sport Ground.	Support club in developing ground and its ancillary facilities.	Medium term	CECC, SCCB, SBC	1, 7	NOF, Sport England, CECC, SCCB, ECB, SBC	Increased capacity of existing ground and continued club development.
Green Fields	64	Single pitch site with no changing facilities.  Provision of changing facilities may increase capacity at the site.	Support the owner in investigating the provision of changing facilities alongside provision of mini-soccer pitches  Investigate links between Hixon Hawks and St. Peter's School to develop club and utilise facility.	Long term	Green Man PH, Hixon Hawks, SPS, MSJL, SFA, SBC	1, 2, 3, 4  5, 7	Sport England, Green Man PH, Hixon Hawks, SFA, SBC	Improved facilities for Hixon Hawks, St. Peter's School and local residents.
Jubilee Playing Fields	13	Provision of changing facilities may increase capacity at the site.	Investigate links between Haywood Hornets and St. Peter's School to develop club and utilise facility.	Long term	CPC, Haywood Hornets, SPS, MSJL, SFA, SBC	5, 7	Sport England, CPC, Haywood Hornets, SFA, SBC	Improved facilities for Haywood Hornets, St. Peter's School and local residents.
Knighton Social Club	67	Facility is closely associated with the adjoining factory complex.	Monitor accessibility of site to community teams and work with company to maintain the availability of facilities.	On-going	KSS, users, SBC	2, 3, 4, 7	SBC	Continued access and use of good quality facilities to local clubs.

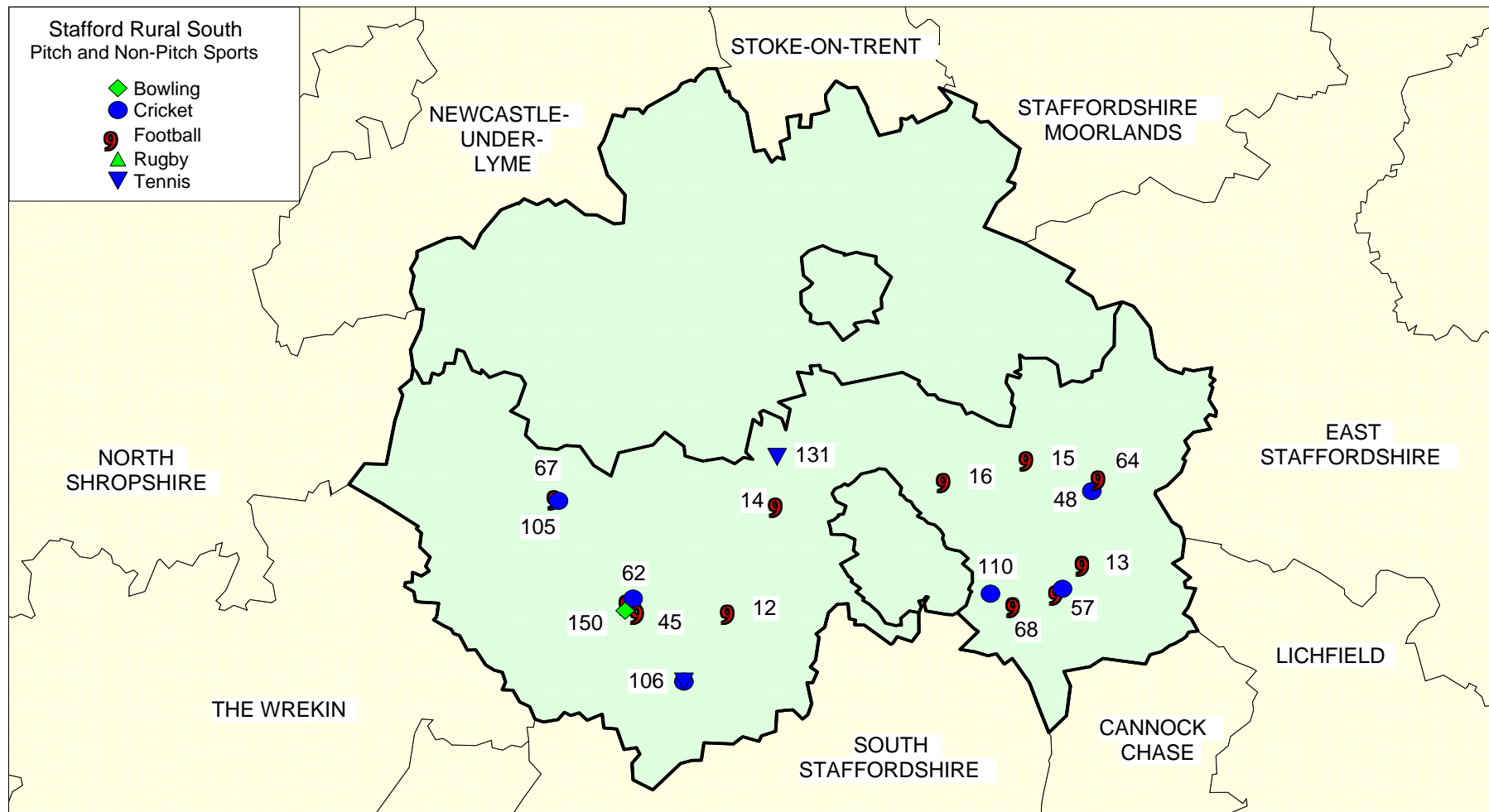
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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Seighford Road	14	Users consider the quality of pitch as poor to adequate. No expressed/latent demand from current users.	Support SPC in investigating pitch surface and drainage infrastructure improvements.	Long term	SPC, SBC	1, 3, 4	SPC, SBC	Improved facilities for local clubs and users.
St. Lawrence School	45	Football pitch used by Gnosall Colts FC – no information on quality of pitch or access to changing facilities.	Support links between school, GCFC and Gnosall CC for club and junior sport development and curricular activity.	On-going	SAS, GCC, GCFC, SLS, GPC, SBC	5, 7	SAS, GCC, GCFC, SLS, GPC, SBC	Links established between club and school.

Legend: HPC – Houghton Parish Council, SBC – Stafford Borough Council, SFA – Staffordshire Football Association, SCL(N) – Staffordshire County League (North), SDSL – Stafford & District Sunday League, MSJL – Mid Staffs Junior League, SAS – Sport Across Staffordshire, GCC – Gnosall Cricket Club, SVML – Springbank Vending Midland League, LEA – Local Education Authority, RFU – Rugby Football Union, SCCB – Staffordshire County Cricket Board, MHCC – Milford Hall CC, TVCC – Trent Valley CC, SPS – St. Peters School, DES - Department of Education and Skills, CECC – Church Eaton CC, CPC – Colwich parish Council, KSS – Knighton Social Club, SPC – Seighford Parish Council, GCFC – Gnosall Colts FC, SLS – St. Lawrence School, GPC – Gnosall Parish Council, FF – Football Foundation and NOF – New Opportunities Fund.

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Figure 3: Location of sites within Stafford Rural South



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Site Ref.	Site name	Site Ref.	Site name
12	Brazenhill Lane Playing Field, Haughton	57	Shugborough Park Sports Ground
13	Jubilee Playing Field, Main Road, Haywood	62	Brookhouse Road, (Gnosall CC)
14	Seighford Road Playing Field, Seighford	64	Green Fields, Green Man Pub, Hixon
15	Village Green, Green Road, Weston	67	Knighton Social Club, Knighton
16	Wilmore Lane Playing Field Playing Field, Hopton	68	Main Road, Brocton (Brocton FC)
18	Anson CE Primary School, Main Road Great Haywood	88	Brookhouse Road (Gnosall RUFC)
21	Berkswich CE Primary School, Cedar Way, Walton	105	Forton Road, Forton (Forton CC)
26	Colwich CE Primary School, Main Road, Colwich	110	Main Road, Milford (Milford Hall CC)
30	Haughton St. Giles Primary, Rectory Lane, Haughton	131	Newport Road, Great Bridgeford (Great Bridgeford TC)
43	St. John's RC Primary School, School Lane, Great Haywood	150	Royal Oak, Gnosall
45	St. Lawrence School, Lowfield Lane, Gnosall	173	Church Eaton Primary School, High Street, Church Eaton
48	St. Peter's CE Primary School, Church Lane, Hixon	174	Colwich CE Primary School, Main Road, Colwich

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**Stone Town** (see accompanying map and table on page 50 and 51)

Acronyms under Lead Agencies and Potential Resources are listed on page 49

Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
West-bridge Park	8	Western end of site located on landfill site and suffers from uneven surface and levels. Eastern end of playing fields located in floodplain with drainage and waterlogging problems.	Investigate viability of undertaking significant improvements to infrastructure of pitches and provision of changing facilities.	Short term	STC, SFA, SBC, local leagues and sports clubs	1-7	SBC	High quality multi-pitch site and associated facilities providing improved opportunities to local sports clubs.
		However, Park is a key site in terms of existing infrastructure such as Sports Centre, and is located near to town centre and the A34.	Subject to the above carry out targeted investment in pitch surface, drainage infrastructure, changing facility and security improvements.	Short - medium term				
Alleyne's High School	17	Access to pitches limited by management policy not to hire out facilities to the detriment of curricular work.	Negotiate accessibility of school playing fields to community teams and work with school to maintain the availability of facilities.	On-going	AHS, LEA, local sports clubs, SBC	1, 2, 3, 4	SBC	Improved facilities for curricular and community use.
		School has a redgra pitch next to joint use Sports Centre.	Investigate the feasibility of converting the existing redgra area into an ATP with ancillary facilities to replace ATP at Stone HC.	Short to medium term	AHS, LEA, SAS, StHC, SBC	1-7	NOF, AHS, LEA, SAS, StHC, SBC	Relocation of Stone HC to new ATP jointly managed by Sports Centre and Stone HC.
			Investigate joint management of ATP by school, Sports Centre and Stone HC.					Site becomes mini-soccer centre with application to Football Foundation for new changing and clubhouse facilities.

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Walton Common	7	Single pitch site with no changing facility or parking provision.	Cease use of site for competitive play and move users to alternative site.	Short term	SBC, users	4	SBC	Examine alternative use of site following full assessment of all types of open space provision (in line with PPG 17 and Companion Guide).
Bibby's Sports & Social Club	59	Rugby pitch is marked on the same area as a football pitch.  Stone RUFC unable to access changing facilities because of cost.	Support SRUFC in locating to a suitable alternative site with ancillary facilities.	Medium term	StRUFC, RFU, SBC	3, 7	StRUFC, SBC	Long term future of SRUFC secured at appropriate ground.
			Investigate with BSSC the retention of site for football provision only and a joint management and access agreement with the Tilling Drive site.	Medium term	BSSC, SFA, SBC, local leagues and sports clubs	1, 2, 4	BSSC, SBC	Improved facilities for local football clubs jointly managed by BSSC and SBC.
			Targeted investment in changing facilities improvements to service both sites.	Long term	BSSC, SFA, SBC, local leagues and sports clubs		NOF, BSSC, SBC	
Tilling Drive	6	Inadequate and poor quality changing facilities.	Investigate joint management and access arrangement with BSSC. Targeted investment in changing facilities improvements to service both sites.	Medium term	BSSC, SFA, SBC, local leagues and sports clubs	1, 3, 4	BSSC, SBC	Improved facilities for local football clubs jointly managed by BSSC and SBC.

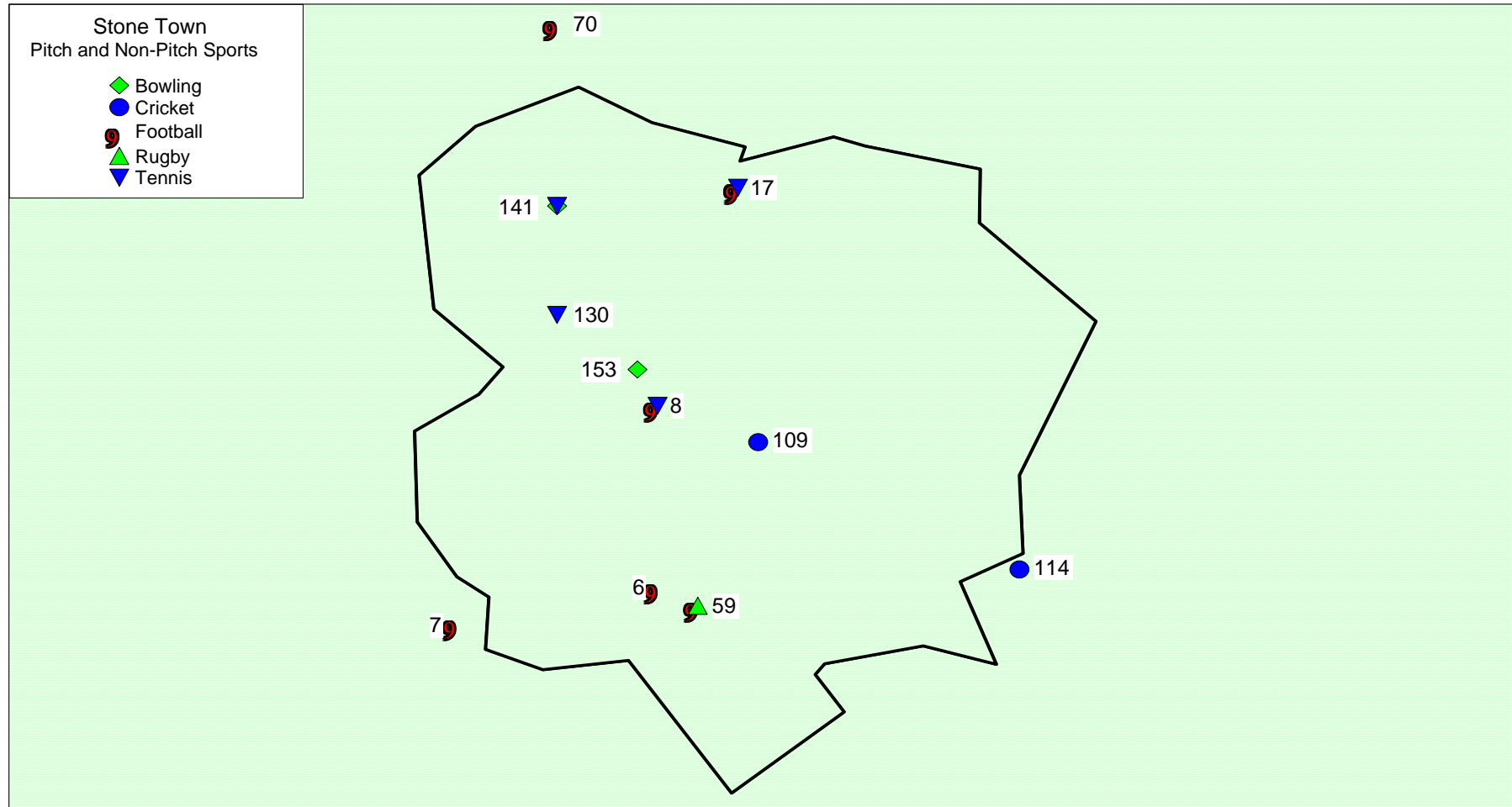
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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Outlanes Ground	70	Single pitch with slight slope with localised drainage problems. The site is constrained in size and is unable to accommodate additional pitches.	Investigate viability for investment in pitch surface and drainage infrastructure improvements.	Long term	Owner, SBC	1, 3, 4	Owner, SBC	Improved facilities for local football clubs.
Lichfield Road	109	Stone CC's ground is currently at capacity during peak times.	Provide an artificial turf wicket alongside existing square for junior use and summer training.	Medium term	StCC, SCCB, SBC	1, 7	StCC, SCCB, ECB, SBC	Increase capacity of existing pitch and reduce wear and tear of the natural wickets.
St. Jenkins Ground	114	Currently the ground is over capacity with Little Stoke CC's 3 <sup>rd</sup> team playing at Alleynes High School.	Support club in improvements to newly acquired ground and its ancillary facilities.	Medium term	LSCC, SCCB, SBC	1, 7	SCCB, LSCC, ECB, SBC	Increased capacity of ground and continued development of club.  Improved facilities for local teams.

Legend: SBC – Stafford Borough Council, SFA – Staffordshire Football Association, STC – Stone Town Council, AHS – Alleynes High School, StHC – Stone HC, SAS – Sport Across Staffordshire, LEA – Local Education Authority, StRUFC – Stone RUFC, RFU – Rugby Football Union, SCCB – Staffordshire County Cricket Board, BSSC – Bibby's Sports & Social Club, StCC – Stone CC, LSCC – Little Stoke CC, FF – Football Foundation, NOF – New Opportunities Fund and ECB- England and Wales Cricket Board.

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Figure 4: Location of sites within Stone Town



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Site ref.	Site name
6	Tilling Drive Playing Field, Stone
7	Walton Common Playing Field, Comon Lane, Stone
8	Westbridge Park, Stafford Road, Stone
17	Alleyes County High School, Oulton Road, Stone
34	Manor Hill First School, Manor Rise, Stone
47	St. Michael's CE First School, Weavers lane, Stone
54	Walton Priory Middle School, Beacon Rise, Stone
58	Stone Youth Centre, Station Approach, Stone
59	Bibbys Sports & Social Club, Tilling Drive, Stone
70	Outlanes Road, Stone
73	Riverway (GEC Alstom St. Leonard's)
109	Lichfield Road, Stone (Stone CC)
114	St. Jenkins Ground, Stone (Little Stoke CC)
130	Newcastle Road, Stone (Stone Tennis & Squash Club)
136	Hotel, Stafford Road, Stone
141	Stonefield Park, Old Road, Stone
153	The Crown Hotel, Crown Street, Stone
171	Christ Church CE Middle School, Old Road, Stone
172	Christ Church CE First School, Northesk Street, Stone

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**Stafford Rural North** (see accompanying map and table on page 58 and 59)  
Acronyms under Lead Agencies and Potential Resources are listed on page 57

Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Springbank Park	76	Stone Dominoes FC proposes to create a Community Club at this site which includes mini-soccer pitches, a senior football pitch, an artificial turf pitch and additional changing and ancillary facilities.	Support Stone Dominoes FC in securing funding opportunities and facilitating ground improvements in order for it to achieve Community Club status.	Short to medium term	SDFC, SFA, SBC	1-7	FF, NOF, Sport England, SDFC, SBC	Stone Dominoes FC achieves FA Community Club status.
		The site is located within the green belt and adjacent to a Special Landscape Area and housing estate in Yarnfield.	Work with club and local community to identify ways of overcoming local opposition to developments at the site.	Short to medium term	SDFC, SFA, local community, SBC	7	SDFC, SBC	
			Ensure that SBC and NGB sports development initiatives link with developments at club.	Medium term	SDFC, SFA, SBC	5	SDFC, SBC	
Former BT Yarnfield Playing Fields	61	Users indicate the quality of pitches as poor and that improved facilities would allow them to produce additional teams.	Targeted investment in improvements to pitch surface and drainage infrastructure.	Medium term	Land owner, SFA, local leagues and sports clubs	1, 2, 4	FF, Sport England, BT, SBC	Increase in the quality and accessibility of pitches to local sports clubs.
		Pitches not available on Saturday afternoon because Sports Centre is closed	Support the Sports Centre in investigating the possibility of opening the pitches to use on a Saturday.	Long term	Land owner, SFA, local leagues and sports clubs	3, 7	BT, SBC	

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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
Creda	65	Facilities at the site appear basic and quality of pitch at end of season appeared poor.	<p>Monitor accessibility of site to community teams and work with company to maintain the availability of facilities.</p> <p>Support company in investigating improvements to pitch and ancillary facility provision.</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>Long term</p>	Creda, SBC	1, 2, 3, 4	FF, Sport England, Creda, SBC	Increase in the quality and accessibility of pitches to local sports clubs.
King's Park	66	The ground has been purchased by Stone Dominoes FC and is to be home to Springbank Dominoes FC senior teams and Meir KA FC.	Support Stone Dominoes FC in securing funding opportunities and facilitating ground improvements.	On-going	SDFC, SFA, SBC	1, 3, 7	FF, NOF, Sport England, SDFC, SBC	Long term future of Stone Dominoes FC and Meir KA FC secured at improved stadium.
Pershall Park	72	<p>Eccleshall FC is keen to upgrade changing facilities and provide other ancillaries such as stands and floodlighting.</p> <p>There is spare land to develop a training facility for both the club and local community.</p>	<p>Support EFC in securing funding opportunities and facilitating ground improvements.</p> <p>Support EFC in investigating the viability of providing a training facility at the site.</p>	<p>Short – medium term</p> <p>Medium – long term</p>	EFC, SFA, SBC	1, 2, 3, 7	FF, NOF, Sport England, EFC, SBC	Improved facilities to meet the needs of the club and the local community.

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Eccleshall Com. Centre	-	<p>Eccleshall currently has no football pitch provision for junior participation.</p> <p>There is vacant land at the rear of the Community Centre that could in part be converted into playing pitches with changing facilities provided within the Centre.</p>	<p>Investigate viability of pitch provision on land to the rear of the Community Centre.</p> <p>Discuss with landowners the acquisition or leasing of the land or development of part of land to enable the provision of playing pitch facilities.</p> <p>Investigate Eccleshall FC leasing/self-managing the site to run junior and mini-soccer within the community.</p>	<p>Short to medium term</p> <p>Medium term</p>	<p>EPC, SCC, SFA, SBC</p> <p>EPC, SCC, SFA, SAS, EFC, SBC</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 4, 7</p> <p>5, 7</p>	<p>FF, NOF, Sport England, SCC, SBC</p> <p>SAS, EFC, SBC</p>	<p>Provision of playing pitches within Eccleshall and development of junior football clubs for youngsters in Eccleshall.</p>
Eccleshall RUFC	85	<p>Good quality pitch but club has limited capacity in terms of facilities and coaching support.</p>	<p>Support club, Sport Across Staffordshire and RFU to facilitate improvements at the club to ensure Active Sports programmes succeed.</p>	<p>Short term</p>	<p>SAS, ERUFC, RFU, SBC</p>	<p>1, 3, 7</p>	<p>SAS, RFU, ERFC, SBC</p>	<p>Strong junior section developed at club.</p>
Barnfields & Wrekin View, Spot Acre	103	<p>Need for improved changing and clubhouse facilities to accommodate the growth and development of Moddershall Cricket Club.</p>	<p>Support Moddershall CC in securing funding opportunities for ground improvements and ancillary facility provision.</p>	<p>Short term</p>	<p>Moddershall CC, SCCB, ECB</p>	<p>1,2,3,4,6, 7</p>	<p>NOF, Sport England, MCC, SCCB, ECB</p>	<p>Improved facilities for Moddershall CC enabling continued club development including ladies teams.</p> <p>Improvements to disabled access.</p>

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Stone HC	63	Existing artificial turf pitch surface in poor state and urgently needs replacing. Club does not have necessary funds and is unable to attract grant assistance.	Relocate hockey club and other ATP users to the new ATP at Alleynes High School.	Short term	StHC, AHS, LEA, EHA, users, SBC	5, 7	StHC, SBC	Stone HC relocated to new ATP at Alleynes High School.
		Site is also one of two mini-soccer centres in the Borough. There are plans to increase mini-soccer provision.	Following relocation of SHC investigate ownership/lease of site by local football clubs such as Stafford Rangers Ladies aligned to current girls football on site and/or Brocton FC or Stafford Town FC.	Medium term	StHC, SFA, SRLFC, BFC, SBC	1-7	FF, NOF, Sport England, SRLFC, BFC, SBC	Football Club(s) located at the Stone HC site.
Swynner-ton Park	71	Cricket pitch currently at capacity.	Provide an artificial turf wicket alongside existing square for junior use and summer training.	Medium term	SPCC, SCCB, ECB, SBC	1, 7	Sport England, SPCC, SCCB, SBC	Increase capacity of existing pitch and reduce wear and tear of the natural wickets.
		Cricket pavilion in need of refurbishment. Football pitch serviced by portacabin style changing facilities has spare capacity.	Support SPCC and landowner in investigating the provision of a new pavilion to be located between the cricket and football pitch to service teams using both facilities.	Medium term	Lord Stafford, SPCC, SFA, SCCB, ECB, SBC	Lord Stafford, Sport England, SPCC, SCCB, SBC		
Wedg-wood Sports & Social Club	79	Facility is closely associated with the adjoining factory complex.	Monitor accessibility of site to community teams and work with company to maintain the availability of facilities.	On-going	WSSC, SBC	2, 3, 4, 7	WSSC, SBC	Continued access and use of good quality facilities to local clubs.

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Stoke RUFC	90	<p>Ground is currently at capacity with senior and junior participation. Site constrained in size and is located within the green belt and Special Landscape Area.</p> <p>Club would like to move back to Stoke or expand the range of facilities on the site including a small indoor sports hall.</p>	Support Stoke RUFC in acquiring additional land and developing facilities on site.	Medium term	SRUFC, RFU, SBC	1, 2, 3, 4, 7	SRUFC, RFU, SBC	Long term future of Stoke RUFC secured at existing location with increased/improved facilities.
Meir Heath CC	118	The ground is currently at capacity at peak times and there is a growing junior section.	Provide an artificial turf wicket alongside existing square for junior use and summer training.	Medium term	MHCC, SCCB, ECB, SBC	1, 7	Sport England, MHCC, SCCB, SBC	Increase capacity of existing pitch and reduce wear and tear of the natural wickets.
Meaford Power Station	148	The continued provision of the bowling green and tennis court will be determined by proposed development of the industrial estate by Reach Environmental	Investigate the provision of three bowling greens in one location central to the existing sites which could be jointly managed by the clubs.	Medium - long term	BBC, PFBC, WCBC, PDCGBA, SBC	1, 3, 4, 7	BBC, PFBC, WCBC, PDCGBA, SBC	Development of bowling green complex in the centre of the area following the disposal of existing greens.
Plume of Feathers	154	Although the pub has closed the green has still been used but with limited ancillary facilities. Pub has been purchased and is due for redevelopment which may or may not include the bowling green.	Investigate the provision of three bowling greens in one location central to the existing sites which could be jointly managed by the clubs.	Medium - long term	BBC, PFBC, WCBC, PDCGBA, SBC	1, 3, 4, 7	BBC, PFBC, WCBC, PDCGBA, SBC	Development of bowling green complex in the centre of the area following the disposal of existing greens.

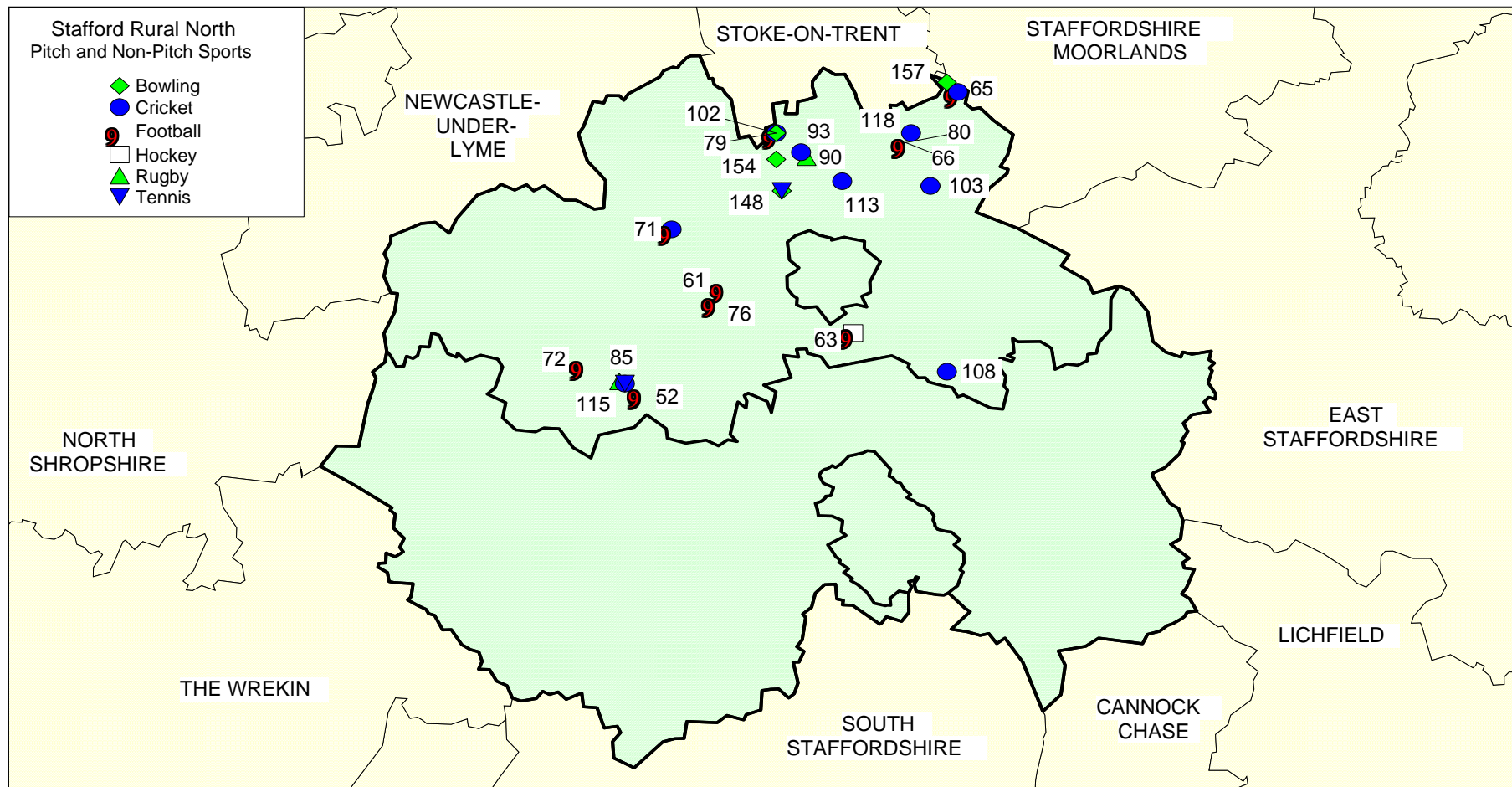
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Site	Map Ref.	Key Issues	Recommended Actions	Timescale	Lead agencies	Links to POs	Potential resources	Outcomes
White Cock Inn	157	At present this green does not appear to be under threat from development or closure.	For long term provision investigate the provision of three bowling greens in one location central to the existing sites which could be jointly managed by the clubs.	Medium - long term	BBC, PFBC, WCBC, PDCGBA, SBC	1, 3, 4, 7	BBC, PFBC, WCBC, PDCGBA, SBC	Development of bowling green complex in the centre of the area following the disposal of existing greens.

Legend: SBC – Stafford Borough Council, SFA – Staffordshire Football Association, SDFC – Stone Dominoes FC, EFC – Eccleshall FC, EPC – Eccleshall Parish Council, SCC – Staffordshire County Council, ERUFC – Eccleshall RUFC, SAS – Sport Across Staffordshire, LEA – Local Education Authority, RFU – Rugby Football Union, SCCB – Staffordshire County Cricket Board, StHC – Stone HC, AHS – Alleynes High School, EHA – English Hockey Association, SRLFC- Stafford Rangers Ladies FC, BFC - Brocton FC, SPCC – Swynnerton Park CC, ECB – England and Wales Cricket Board, WSSC – Wedgwood Sports & Social Club, SRUFC – Stoke RUFC, MHCC – Meir Heath CC, BBC – Barlaston Bowls Club, PFBC – Plume of Feathers Bowls Club, WCBC – White Cock Bowls Club, PDCGBA – Potteries & District Crown Green Bowls Association, FF – Football Foundation and NOF – New Opportunities Fund.

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Figure 5: Location of sites in Stafford Rural North



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Site ref.	Site name	Site ref.	Site name
19	Barlaston CE First School, Broughton Crescent, Barlaston	80	Wheatsheaf Inn, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath
29	Green Lea First School, Fulford, Blythe Bridge	85	Baden Hall Farm (Eccleshall RUFC)
33	Lonsdale CE Primary, School Road, Eccleshall	90	Hartwell Lane (Stoke-on-Trent RUFC)
40	Springsfields First School, Yarnfield	93	Longton Road, Barlaston CC
51	Tittensor CE First School, Beechcliffe Lane, Tittensor	102	Longton Rd, Barlaston Park, (Wedgwood CC)
52	Walton Hall School, Stafford Road, Eccleshall	103	Barnfields & Wrekein View, Spot Acre (Moddershall CC)
61	British Telecom Training Centre, Yarnfield	108	Lichfield Road, Sandon (Sandon CC)
63	Enson Lane, Ashton-by-Stone (Stone Hockey Club)	113	Spencer Copeland Ground, Oulton Heath (Oulton CC)
65	Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge (Creda Works)	115	Church Street, Eccleshall (Eccleshall TC & CC)
66	Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath (Meir KA FC)	118	Willow Lane, Mier Heath (Meir Heath CC)
71	Park View, Swynnerton Park	137	Meaford Road, Meaford (Barlaston TC)
72	Pershall Park, Smithy Lane Eccleshall (AFC Eccleshall)	148	Meaford Power Station, Meaford
76	Springbank Park, Yarnfield (Stone Dominoes FC)	154	The Plume of Feathers, Barlaston
79	Wedgwood Sports Club, Wedgwood Drive, Barlaston	157	White Cock Inn, Blythe Bridge

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### Appendix

Available pitch/non-pitch facilities	Stafford Town			Rural Stafford South			Stone Town			Stafford Rural North		
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior	Junior	Mini
Football	28	10	4	11	2	4	4	2	0	13	1	4
Rugby union	7	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0
Cricket	2	0	-	6	0	-	3	0	-	10	0	-
Hockey (grass)	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
ATP	1	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-
Tennis/netball courts	28	-	-	4	-	-	13	-	-	3	-	-
Bowling greens	14	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	-
Athletics track	1	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-