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GLOSSARY

3G	Third Generation (artificial turf)
AGP	Artificial Grass Pitch
ANOG	Assessing Needs & Opportunities Guide
CBMDC	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
EH	England Hockey
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FPM	Facilities Planning Model
GMA	Grounds Maintenance Association
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
GPMF	Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund
HC	Hockey Club
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LFFP	Local Football Facility Plan
MES	Match equivalent session
NFFS	National Football Facilities Strategy
NGB	National Governing Body
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NLS	National League System
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PP	PitchPower
PPOSS	Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFC	Rugby Football Club
RFU	Rugby Football Union
RFL	Rugby Football League
RUFC	Rugby Union Football Club
U11/U12	Under 11 / Under 12
WNLS	Women's National League System
WRFA	West Riding Football Association
YCB	Yorkshire Cricket Board

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PART 1: INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

1.1: Introduction

Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) has been commissioned to undertake a Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) for Bradford. This will provide the necessary robustness and direction to inform decisions affecting relevant provision within the local authority area. The PPOSS will replace the previous study, which was completed in 2018.

This report presents a supply and demand assessment of playing pitch and outdoor sport facilities across Bradford. For playing pitch sports, it is delivered in accordance with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Guidance. This details five stages for the developing the study:

- ◆ Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach (1).
- ◆ Stage B: Gather information and views on supply of and demand for provision (2 & 3).
- ◆ Stage C: Assess the supply and demand information and views (4, 5 & 6).
- ◆ Stage D: Develop the strategy (7 & 8).
- ◆ Stage E: Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date (9 & 10).

Stages A to C are covered in this report, with Stage D covered in the ensuing strategy document. Stage E references the ongoing work that will be required once the PPOSS has been approved and adopted.

For "non-pitch" sports, Sport England's 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide (ANOG)' is followed. This has a similar staged approach:

- ◆ Stage A: Prepare and tailor the approach.
- ◆ Stage B: Gather information on supply and demand.
- ◆ Stage C: Assessment – bringing the information together.
- ◆ Application: Application of an assessment.

1.2: Prepare and tailor the approach (Stage A)

Management arrangements

The project team from the Council has worked with KKP to ensure that all relevant information is readily available and to support the consultants as necessary to ensure that project stages and milestones are delivered on time, within the cost envelope and to the required standard to meet Sport England guidance.

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from public health, planning, greenspace, GIS and education), Sport England, the relevant NGBs (e.g., the Football Foundation on behalf of the FA, West Riding FA, ECB, Yorkshire Cricket Board, RFU, EH, RFL, England Athletics, England Netball, Lawn Tennis Association, England Golf and British Crown Green Bowling Association).

Discussions and sign off is required by the Steering Group at the following key stages:

- ✦ Initial preparation (stage A).
- ✦ Information gathering update (stage B).
- ✦ Assessment Report (stage C).
- ✦ Strategy development (stage D).
- ✦ Strategy sign off and implementation (stage E).

The Steering Group is involved in the following:

- ✦ Identifying who should be consulted in regard to supply and demand information.
- ✦ Helping to achieve club survey response rates.
- ✦ Establishing the approach to collecting quality data and agreeing quality ratings.
- ✦ Checking and challenging key findings within the Assessment Report.
- ✦ Defining the scenarios that need to be tested.
- ✦ Checking and challenging recommendations and actions within the Strategy.
- ✦ Where unforeseen problems occur, deciding how to progress the PPOSS.

As well as considering current supply and demand, the PPOSS incorporates future demand to 2043, which is in line with the current expectations for the emerging Local Plan.

It is important that there is regular annual monitoring and review against the actions identified in the Strategy once it is completed. This monitoring should be led by the local authority and supported by the Steering Group. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPOSS has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. This should form an on-going role of the Steering Group.

Why the Strategy is being developed

The primary purpose of the PPOSS is to provide a strategic framework which ensures that the provision of outdoor playing pitches and facilities meet the local needs of existing and future residents within the District. The PPOSS will be an evidence-based document to support the preparation of a new Local Plan and will also set out recommendations in respect of management/ maintenance and improvements to playing fields/pitches.

More broadly, the PPOSS will ensure that Bradford conforms to requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). One of the core planning principles of this is to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs.

National Planning Policy Framework (updated 2026)

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out planning policies for England. It details how these changes are expected to be applied to the planning system. It also provides a framework for local people and their councils to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

The NPPF's Promoting Healthy Communities policies recognise the important role that open space, sports facilities and recreational opportunities play in supporting physical

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activity, improving health and wellbeing, strengthening community cohesion and enhancing quality of life.

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In particular, Policy HC7 (Development affecting existing recreational land and facilities) states development proposals should not result in the loss of existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, other formal and informal play space and allotments, unless:

- ▶ A - An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- ▶ B - The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality, in a location which offers comparable or improved accessibility for the community it serves; or
- ▶ C - The development is for public service infrastructure, and the resulting loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and/or quality; or
- ▶ D - The development is for alternative open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

The NPPF also supports the designation and protection of Local Green Spaces where they are demonstrably special to local communities, including where they have recreational or sporting value. Policy HC8 (Development affecting Local Green Space) provides protection for existing open space, sports and recreational land and facilities, including playing fields. It states that Development proposals for land which has been designated as Local Green Space should be determined in a manner consistent with the relevant national decision-making policies for land in the Green Belt, excluding provisions relating to grey belt and previously developed land.

In addition, Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications that affect, or may prejudice, the use of sports facilities. It requires an up-to-date PPOSS to assist in assessing planning applications against its Playing Fields Policy. Sport England will object to development proposals affecting playing field provision (and associated ancillary facilities) unless at least one of its five policy exceptions is satisfied.

Local context

The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan for the District. This plan will set out a number of strategic and thematic policies to manage development within the District up to 2043, including the delivery of over 30,000 new homes and over 70ha of new employment land. The plan will also include a number of site allocations for housing, employment and other uses, along with a series of sites designated for environmental protection.

Bradford Local Plan incorporates a vision led place-based approach, with the needs of the community and the needs of those organisations providing services and facilities to the local communities being an important consideration in relation to how places change and grow.

A critical component of the Local Plan will be the approach taken to ensuring that residents can live well and enjoy a healthy life. Sporting facilities have a role to play in providing these opportunities, and therefore a comprehensive assessment of these facilities is required in order to inform the emerging Local Plan policies and relevant strategy.

The Bradford Council District Plan (2021-25)¹ has a strong focus upon tackling health inequalities with one of its priority outcomes being for residents to achieve good health and wellbeing.

¹ [CBMDC 'Our Plan for Bradford District' \(2021-25\)](#)

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The plan ambition includes direct reference to:

- ✦ Providing the conditions in which people can be healthy - not just preventing disease but enjoying full and active lives.
- ✦ Investing in wellbeing in early life, support families to have good wellbeing, have healthy school and work environments that support pupils, school staff and the wider workforce to have better learning and working environments.
- ✦ Making it easy for people at all stages of life to find it easier to be active, eat well, feel better, stay healthier.

Active Bradford Strategy - Every Move Counts

Every Move Counts is Bradford District's Physical Activity Strategy, led by Active Bradford, aiming to make Bradford a place where it is easier for everyone to move and be active every day. The strategy builds on existing work and has been developed with support from partners, stakeholder, organisations and local communities from across the District.

Low levels of physical activity can have a negative impact on public health and may increase demand on health and social care services. Regular physical activity can support both physical and mental wellbeing, while also benefiting communities, the local economy, and environmental goals such as working towards net-zero. The strategy also recognises the importance of reducing sedentary behaviours, such as long periods of sitting, which can also affect health.

The plan focuses on nine priorities:

1. **Active schools and young people** – embedding activity in schools and early years settings.
2. **Neighbourhoods and communities** – creating safe, welcoming places that encourage activity.
3. **Sport and recreation** – improving access to sports spaces and promoting informal activities.
4. **Health and social care** – integrating physical activity into healthcare and treatment pathways.
5. **Workplaces** – encouraging movement during the working day and supporting an active workforce.
6. **Greenspace** – ensuring access to safe, high-quality parks and outdoor areas.
7. **Built environment** – designing neighbourhoods that support active lifestyles.
8. **Active travel** – promoting walking, cycling, and wheeling for everyday journeys.
9. **Communications and campaigns** – promoting consistent messages to encourage people to move more.

The strategy is guided by four principles: **reducing inequalities, using evidence and data, promoting inclusion and diversity, and encouraging long-term behaviour change.**

Yorkshire Sport Foundation

One of the aims is to proactively engage new groups and organisations who can deliver activities to reach new audiences and tackle inequalities. Promoting informal active recreation and different kinds of exercise to engage those who may be less active, such as women and girls, will be a key. Bradford's vibrant and appealing mass participation events will continue to be priority with new opportunities sought to further develop.

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Yorkshire Sport Foundation is the active partnership covering South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire. The priorities of the partnership in terms of vision themes are reproduced below.

Vision Themes:



Study area

The study area will comprise of the City of Bradford administrative area, with analysis areas (or sub areas) also to be used to allow for a more localised analysis in addition to the analysis for Bradford District as a whole.

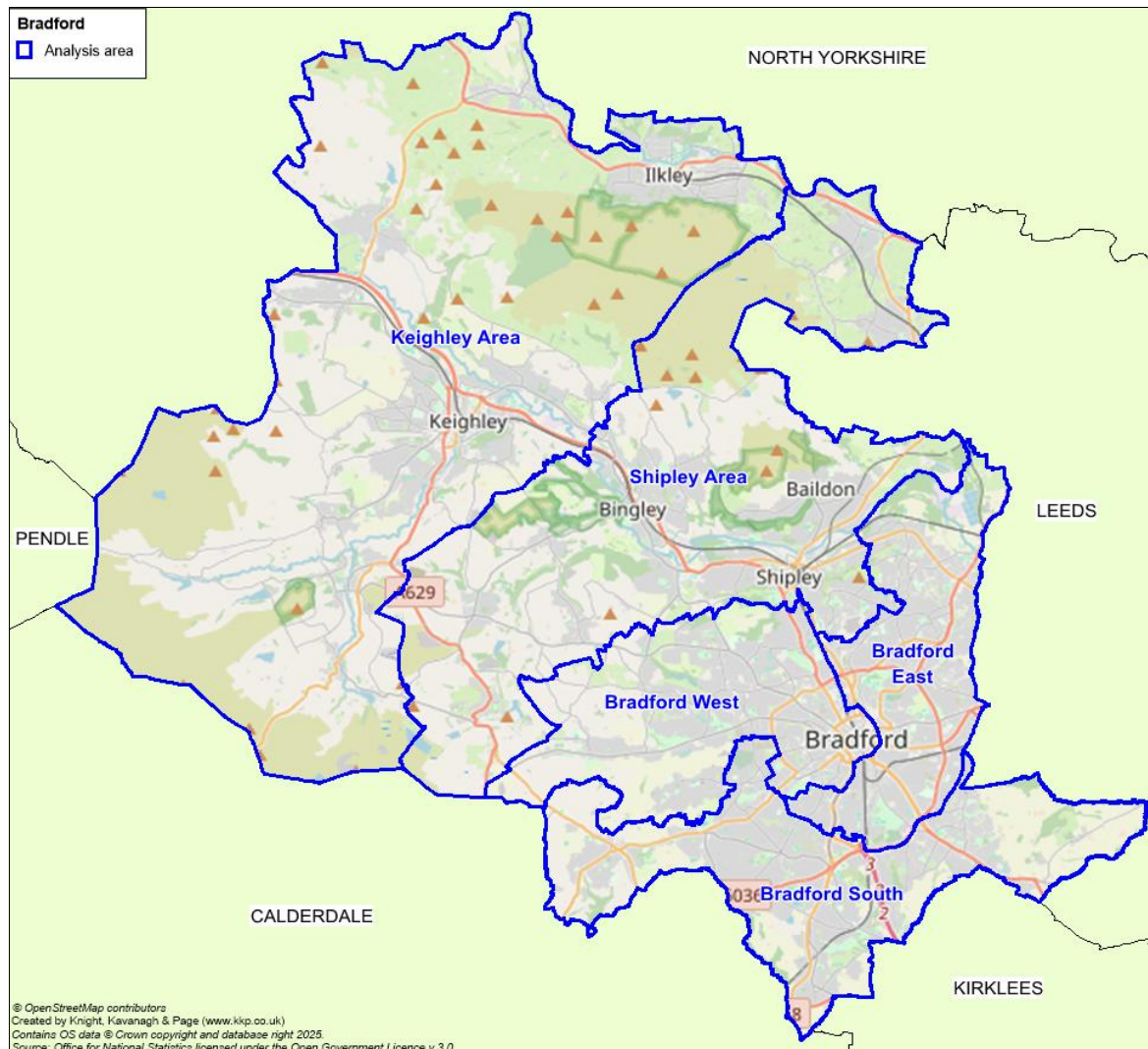
For the purpose of this analysis, Bradford District has been broken down into five analysis areas, Bradford South, Bradford West, Bradford East, Shipley and Keighley. This will also allow for a more robust analysis of supply and demand changes since the previous 2018 PPS (updated in 2021).

The data gathered will be presented in a way that allows for further breakdown by sub-area where necessary.

A map of Bradford District and the analysis areas can be seen below in Figure 1.1 below.

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Figure 1.1: Analysis area map



Scope

The scope of the PPOSS focuses geographically on all local provision, regardless of ownership and management arrangements. Provision for the following sports/facilities is included:

- ◆ Athletics.
- ◆ Cricket.
- ◆ Football.
- ◆ Hockey (artificial grass pitches).
- ◆ Bowling greens.
- ◆ Netball.
- ◆ Tennis courts (including padel).
- ◆ Rugby league.
- ◆ Rugby union.
- ◆ Third generation turf (3G) pitches.
- ◆ Golf.

The above is largely consistent with the previous study undertaken in 2018, with the additions of netball and golf. This allows comparisons to be made throughout the document, highlighting key changes since the previous assessment.

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As detailed earlier, pitch sports (i.e. football, rugby union, rugby league, hockey, and cricket) are assessed using the guidance set out in Sport England's Guidance: An Approach to Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy.

In addition, any other grass sport pitches identified during the project are also included.

Non-pitch sports (i.e. tennis, bowls, athletics, netball) are assessed using Sport England's Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (ANOG) to ensure the process is compliant with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This requires a different methodology to assess supply and demand to that used for pitch sports and is generally less prescriptive.

1.3: Gather information and views on supply of and demand for provision (Stage B)

A clear picture of the supply and demand for playing pitches and outdoor sport facilities in the area is required to enable an accurate assessment of quantity, quality and usage. This is achieved through site assessments and consultation with key stakeholders.

Gather supply information and views – an audit of provision

Quantity

Where known, all playing pitch facilities are included within the PPOSS, irrespective of ownership, management and use.

Sites have been initially identified using Sport England's Active Places web-based database, with the Council and NGBs supporting this process by checking and updating this initial data as well as by supplying their own affiliation data and booking information. For each site, the following details are recorded in the project database:

- ❖ Site name, address (including postcode) and location.
- ❖ Ownership and management type.
- ❖ Security of tenure.
- ❖ Community availability.
- ❖ Total number, type and quality of provision.
- ❖ Usage levels.

Sport England's guidance uses the following definitions of a playing pitch and playing field. These definitions are set out by the Government in the 2015 'Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order':

- ❖ **Playing field** – the whole site encompassing at least one playing pitch.
- ❖ **Playing pitch** – a delineated area which, together with any run-off area, is of 0.2 hectares or more, and which is used for association football, American football, rugby, cricket, hockey, lacrosse, rounders, baseball, softball, Australian football, Gaelic football, shinty, hurling, polo or cycle polo.

Although the statutory definition of a playing field sets out a minimum size, the PPOSS takes account of smaller sized pitches that contribute to the supply side. For example, a site containing a mini 5v5 football pitch is included despite it potentially being smaller than 0.2ha. The study counts individual grass pitches (as a delineated area) as the basic unit of supply, with the definition of a playing pitch also including artificial grass pitches (AGPs).

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As far as possible, this report aims to capture all of the playing pitches within Bradford; however, there may be instances that have led to omissions, such as unused school sites where access was not possible (although facilities at sites not accessed are still included within the study where provision is known to exist from other sources e.g., affiliation data or club/league consultation). Where provision has not been recorded within the report, it is still considered to exist for planning purposes and will continue to do so.

Furthermore, any exclusion does not mean that the provision is not required from a supply and demand point of view.

Accessibility

Not all pitches offer the same level of access to the community. The ownership and accessibility of playing pitches also influences their actual availability for community use. Each site is assigned a level of community use as follows:

- ◀ **Community use** – facilities in public, voluntary, private or commercial ownership or management (including education sites) recorded as being available for hire and currently in use by teams/members/individuals (depending on the sport).
- ◀ **Available but unused** - facilities that are available for hire but are not currently used externally; this most often applies to school sites but can also apply to sites which are expensive to hire or particularly poor quality.
- ◀ **No community use** - facilities which are, as a matter of policy or practice, unavailable for external hire. This includes professional club pitches along with some semi-professional club pitches where play is restricted to the first or second team of the host club.
- ◀ **Disused playing field** – any sites where outdoor sports facilities were once provided but are no longer used, yet they remain undeveloped and could therefore be brought back into use.

The lawful use of a disused playing field is still that of a playing field until such time as it is developed for a non-pitch sport use or its use is formally changed through the planning system. There is no positive obligation, under planning law, for a playing field to be actively used as such.

In addition, there should be a good degree of certainty that provision will be available to the community for at least the following three years. If this is not the case, the provision is still included within the assessment but is noted as having unsecure tenure. A judgement is made based on the information gathered and a record of secured or unsecured community use is put against each site.

Disused sites provide the opportunity to help address deficiencies in pitch sport if brought back into use or replaced in a more sustainable location to meet need. These sites will be assessed to establish whether they are surplus to meet an identified need in the area in which they are situated within this PPOSS, should be retained and protected for future use or could be replaced in accordance with Sport England's Playing Field Policy.

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In addition to above, there are some existing playing field sites which may be able to or have previously accommodated more pitches than are presently marked. Where known, these will be identified through the PPOSS. There may also be sites which are no longer prepared and used for formal sport but serve another function, such as a public open space or park. These sites should not be considered disused as they continue to operate as part of the green infrastructure typology and remain playing field, which could be brought back into use with marked out playing pitches and have the potential to contribute to supply.

Quality

The capacity of provision to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of provision affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of a sport. In extreme circumstances, it can result in a facility being unable to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off-peak times.

The quality of all provision identified in the audit and the ancillary facilities supporting them are assessed as part of a PPOSS, regardless of ownership, management and availability. Along with capturing any details specific to the individual facilities and sites, a quality rating is also recorded within the audit for each pitch/facility. These ratings are then used to help estimate the capacity (aligned to NGB guidance) to accommodate competitive and other play within the supply and demand assessment.

For the purposes of quality assessments, the PPOSS refers to playing facilities and ancillary facilities separately as being of 'good', 'standard' or 'poor' quality. However, some good quality sites may have poor quality elements and vice versa (e.g., a good quality pitch may be serviced by poor quality changing facilities).

Good quality refers to facilities with, for example, good grass cover, even surfaces and that are free from vandalism and litter. For ancillary facilities, it refers to access for disabled people, sufficient provision for referees, juniors/women/girls and appropriate showers, toilets and car parking. The age of the facilities can also have a significant bearing on the overall quality rating.

Standard quality refers to playing provision that have, for example, adequate grass cover, minimal signs of wear and tear and goalposts that may be secure but in need of minor repair. In terms of ancillary facilities, standard quality refers to adequately sized changing rooms, storage provision and the provision of toilets, although some level of improvement/ modernisation may be required.

Poor quality refers to playing provision with, for example, inadequate grass cover, uneven surfaces and poor drainage, whilst for ancillary facilities it may relate to changing rooms, no showers, no running water and old, dated interiors. They are often unsuitable for mixed gender use.

To ensure accurate findings, site assessments for each sport are carried out during the playing season for that sport. As such, the site assessments for sports played in the winter (i.e., football, rugby union and hockey) are conducted between November and February, whilst the sports played in the summer (i.e., rugby league, tennis, bowls, cricket, netball) have assessments carried out between July and September.

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In addition to undertaking non-technical assessments (using the templates provided within the guidance), users and providers have also been consulted on the quality as well as the Council and relevant NGBs. In some instances, the quality rating has been adjusted to reflect this (thus establishing an “agreed quality rating”).

Furthermore, technical assessments have also been provided, where undertaken, such as those carried out by the Grounds Maintenance Association (GMA), which now provides technical assessments across football, rugby union, rugby league and cricket (known as PitchPower reports). PitchPower reports, where carried out, have informed the quality assessments for the PPOSS to ensure the findings align (unless there is a clear reason for a differential e.g., recent improvements/deterioration).

Gather demand information and views

Current demand

Presenting an accurate picture of current demand for playing pitches (i.e., recording how and when provision is used) is important when undertaking a supply and demand assessment. To that end, demand for provision in Bradford tends to fall within the following categories:

- ◆ Organised competitive play.
- ◆ Organised training.
- ◆ Informal play.
- ◆ Unofficial use.

Current and future demand for provision is presented on a sport-by-sport basis within the relevant sections of this report. In addition, unmet, latent, imported and exported demand for provision is also identified within each section (unless no such demand has been identified).

Unmet demand is existing demand that is not getting access to provision. It is usually expressed, for example, when a team is in training but is unable to access a match pitch, or when a league has a waiting list due to a lack of provision, which in turn is hindering the growth of the competition. In comparison, latent demand is defined as the number of additional teams (or members) that could be accommodated if access to a sufficient number of playing pitch facilities (and ancillary provision) was available.

Exported and imported demand refers to those that are playing outside of their local authority area of choice. This therefore includes Bradford-based demand that travels outside of the authority to access provision (exported demand), as well as demand from nearby authorities that travel into the area (imported demand). This can often be linked to capacity and/or quality issues within an authority.

A variety of consultation methods have been used to collate demand information. Firstly, face-to-face consultation has been carried out with key clubs from each sport (as identified by the Council and the relevant NGBs), thus allowing for the collection of detailed demand information and further interrogation of key issues. For all remaining clubs and leagues, telephone consultation or an online survey (converted to postal if required) has been utilised.

Key providers and other users of provision have also been contacted, including schools and further/higher education establishments. This involves face-to-face meetings with secondary schools, colleges and universities and an online survey being sent to primary schools and independent schools.

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Future demand

Alongside current demand, it is important for a PPOSS to assess whether the future demand for provision can be met. Using Office of National Statistics (ONS) population projections and proposed housing growth, as well as likely participation growth informed through consultation, an estimate can be made of the likely future demand for the relevant facilities. Assumptions can then be made as to whether existing provision can cater for such growth.

Team generation rates are used to provide an indication as to how many people it may take to generate a team (by gender and age group). This ratio can then be applied to predicted participation, population and housing growth to help estimate the change in demand for each sport that may arise in the future.

Other information sources that were used to help identify future demand include:

- Recent trends in the participation.
- The nature of the current and likely future population and their propensity to participate.
- Feedback from clubs on plans to develop additional teams / attract additional members.
- Any local and NGB specific sports development targets e.g., women's and girls' activity.

All future demand projections across the PPOSS for Bradford cover the period up until 2043, in line with the Council's emerging Local Plan.

1.4: Assess the supply and demand information and views (Stage C)

Supply and demand information gathered is used to assess the adequacy of playing pitch provision in Bradford and to identify key issues, challenges and aspirations. This forms the basis of this report.

Understanding the situation at individual sites

Qualitative ratings are linked to a capacity rating derived from NGB guidance and tailored to suit a local area. For playing pitch sports, the quality and use of each pitch is assessed against recommended capacity to indicate how many match equivalent sessions provision could accommodate. Each pitch is then said to have potential spare capacity, be at capacity, or be overplayed – as follows:

Potential spare capacity: Play is below the level the site could sustain.	
At capacity: Play is at a level the site can sustain.	
Overused: Play exceeds the level the site can sustain.	

Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is likely to be for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions but may for example include training sessions and informal use. One team accessing one whole pitch is considered to use the pitch for 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week based on them playing home and away fixtures on an alternate basis (therefore only requiring access to their home pitch every two weeks).

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As a guide, the NGBs for football, cricket, rugby union and hockey have set a standard number of matches that each pitch type should be able to accommodate without adversely affecting its quality. Given how the sports operate, this is per week for football, rugby league, rugby union, per day for hockey and per season for cricket and is further detailed in the table below.

Table 1.2: Capacity of playing pitches in match equivalent sessions

Sport	Pitch type	Good quality pitch	Standard quality pitch	Poor quality pitch
Football	Adult pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Football	Youth pitches	4 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Football	Mini pitches	6 per week	4 per week	2 per week
Rugby league	Adult pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Rugby league	Junior pitches	3 per week	2 per week	1 per week
Cricket	One grass wicket	5 per season	4 per season	0 per season
Cricket	One synthetic wicket	60 per season	60 per season	60 per season
Hockey	One AGP	4 matches per day	4 matches per day	0 matches per day

Rugby union has recently amended its recommended approach to determining capacity to coincide with PQS ratings and hours of usage of a pitch. Therefore, capacity based on quality is set as follows:

- ◆ Unclassified (three hours or two match equivalent sessions per week).
- ◆ Basic (four hours or 2.6 match equivalent sessions per week).
- ◆ Good or Advanced (five hours or 3.3 match equivalent sessions per week).

The above is based on one match being 90 minutes (80 minutes plus additional time).

More detailed sport specific capacity guidance is detailed within the relevant sections of this report. There is, however, no capacity guidance for 3G pitches, with availability and usage instead determined by a programme/hours-led approach.

Develop the current and future picture of provision

Once capacity is determined on a site-by-site basis, actual spare capacity is calculated on a Council-wide and an area-by-area basis via further interrogation of peak time demand (i.e., the day/time demand is most likely to exist). This then identifies whether there is overall spare capacity or whether there is a shortfall of capacity.

Although spare capacity may be identified at some sites and in some areas, it does not necessarily mean that there is surplus provision. For example, spare capacity may not be available when it is needed (actual spare capacity), or a site may be retained in a 'strategic reserve' to enable rotation and to reduce wear and tear. There may also be a need to discount some capacity, for example at poor quality sites that should not be used until they are improved, or at unsecure sites where long-term access cannot be guaranteed.

Conversely, where a shortfall of capacity is identified, this does not necessarily mean there is a need for increased provision via new facilities. Instead, it may be possible for deficits to be overcome through better utilising the existing stock, such as through quality improvements or through improving community access.

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Once current capacity has been determined, future capacity can then also be calculated via incorporating the future demand that has been identified as well as any unmet, latent and exported demand.

Identify the key findings and issues

The Assessment Report, which is this document, is drafted and presented on a sport-by-sport basis, with data analysis undertaken on both a Council-wide and sub-area basis. This focuses on reporting research findings, consultation, site audit information and data analysis supported by detailed GIS mapping. It is agreed and 'signed off' prior to moving on to the strategy and action plan development stages.

Each included section (from Part 2 onwards) summarises the local administration of the included playing pitch facilities. Each provides a summary of the supply of and demand for provision, with key issues identified and an overall supply and demand analysis undertaken.

1.5: Develop the strategy (Stage D)

The Strategy follows the production of this Assessment Report, once it has been finalised and signed off by the Steering Group. It will feature:

- ◆ Headline findings.
- ◆ An overall vision and associated aims for the PPOSS.
- ◆ Sport-by-sport recommendations and scenarios.
- ◆ Strategic recommendations.
- ◆ A site-by-site and area-by-area Action Plan.
- ◆ Housing growth scenarios.

Additionally, it will provide detail as to how to deliver the PPOSS and keep it robust and up to date (Stage E).

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PART 2: FOOTBALL

2.1: Introduction

The organisations responsible for the development of football in Bradford include West Riding FA. They are also responsible for the administration, in terms of discipline, rules and regulations, cup competitions and representative matches, development of clubs and leagues, facilities, volunteers, referees and delivering national football schemes.

Facility development for football is largely the responsibility of the Football Foundation (FF), which is a charity, linked to and funded by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England). Working in partnership with West Riding FA, they help communities improve their local football facilities through grant funding.

This section of the report focuses on the supply and demand for grass football pitches, where formal demand is generally defined through five formats of play and five pitch types, linked to the age of teams and players. Please refer to the table below for more detail relating to this.

Table 2.1: Football grass pitch formats

Format/pitch type	Age range	Recommended pitch size (metres)
Adult	U17s+	100 x 64
Youth 11v11	U15s-U16s	91 x 55
Youth 11v11	U13s-U14s	82 x 50
Youth 9v9	U11s-U12s	73 x 46
Mini 7v7	U9s-U10s	55 x 37
Mini 5v5	U7s-U8s	37 x 27

Part 3 captures supply and demand for third generation artificial turf pitches (3G pitches), which is the preferred artificial surface type for football.

FA FutureFit - Grassroots Football Format Changes²

From the 2026-27 season, the FA will be introducing the following changes and will shortly deliver a series of comprehensive workshops and tools to support all coaches, clubs and leagues across the country to further understand the changes that will be implemented:

- ▶ A new 3v3 entry format for the youngest players in the pathway at U7s level, fielding three players on each side, to maximise engagement and provide the best introduction to football.
- ▶ Each format will be played one year later as players transition through the pathway, including 11v11 which will move from U13s to U14s level.
- ▶ Greater alignment with schools with children playing smaller formats with simplified rules throughout primary school, before progressing to 9v9 and more complex rules at secondary school.
- ▶ Evolved Laws of the Game that are age-appropriate and best support the overall development of the young player. For example, amendments have already been made to game restarts for U7s-U9s to increase ball in play time.

²<https://www.EnglandFootball.com/articles/2025/Feb/21/Future-Fit-grassroots-youth-football-England-update-20252102>

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At the time of writing the exact details on how the new 3v3 format will be marked is unknown. Various methods are being considered such as formally marked pitches, cone marked pitches, overmarking on larger pitch or played on 3G pitches.

Local Football Facility Plans (LFFPs)

To support in delivery of both the current and superseding FA National Game Strategy, the FA commissioned a nationwide consultancy project to develop an LFFP for every local authority across England, with each plan being unique to its area as well as being diverse in its representation.

The LFFP is strategically aligned to the National Football Facilities Strategy (NFFS); a 10-year plan to change the landscape of football facilities in England. The NFFS represents a major funding commitment from the national funding partners (the FA, Premier League and Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)) and is delivered through the Football Foundation (FF) to inform and direct an estimated one billion pounds of investment into football facilities over the next ten years.

Each LFFP builds upon PPOSS findings (where present and current) regarding the formal affiliated game.

The LFFP for Bradford was originally produced in 2018 and subsequently updated in 2025. LFFPs identify key projects to be delivered and act as an investment portfolio for projects that require potential funding through the FF.

Notwithstanding the above, it is important to recognise that the LFFP is an investment portfolio of priority projects for potential FF investment; it is not a detailed supply and demand analysis of all pitch provision in a local area. Consequently, it cannot be used in place of a PPOSS and is not an accepted evidence base for site change of use or disposal. An LFFP does, however, build on available/existing local evidence and strategic plans.

Consultation

In total, there are 902 teams across 145 clubs identified as playing regular, competitive matches on football pitches within Bradford during the 2025/26 season.

The current response rate from football clubs equates to a team response rate of 54% (489/908 teams and 46/145 clubs).

The following have been identified as key clubs and have been consulted with face to face, either in person or via video meeting:

- ✦ Baildon Trinity Dynamos JFC.
- ✦ Bolton Woods Junior
- ✦ Bradford City AFC Women.
- ✦ Eldwick Juniors.
- ✦ Idle.
- ✦ Ilkley Town AFC.
- ✦ Oakworth Juniors.
- ✦ Phoenix Juniors.
- ✦ Salts FC.
- ✦ Silsden.
- ✦ Wilsden Juniors.
- ✦ Wyke Wanderers (Saturday) and Wyke Wanderers Juniors.

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2.2: Supply

In total, there are 263 pitches across 137 unique sites in Bradford, of which, 229 pitches across 111 sites are available for community use. All pitches that are unavailable for community use are either located at education sites or elite sports clubs' facilities such as Bradford City AFC utilised by Bradford City FC which compete within EFL League One.

Table 2.3: Summary of grass pitches available for community use

Analysis area	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Total
Bradford East	22	6	6	11	2	47
Bradford South	18	10	4	8	2	42
Bradford West	10	7	7	5	1	30
Keighley Area	17	10	8	6	4	45
Shipley Area	18	12	11	14	10	65
2026 Total	85	45	36	44	19	229
2018 Total	104	21	34	34	24	217

Most community available pitches can be found in the Shipley Area Analysis Area with 65 pitches provided (28%) with the fewest available pitches found in the Bradford West Analysis Area (13%).

There are more adult pitches (85) identified when compared to other pitch sizes, which suggests high demand for adult football. However, it should be noted that youth 11v11 demand is higher, despite there being less youth 11v11 pitches. This is common nationally, with many youth 11v11 teams playing on adult pitches, although this can be due to a lack of dedicated provision rather than through preference.

In accordance with the FA Youth Review, u17s and u18s can play on adult pitches. The FA's recommended pitch size for adult, youth and mini pitches can be seen in the table above.

The number of grass football pitches since the previous study (2018) has increased from 243 (8% or 20 pitches), of which, 217 were identified as being available for community use on some level with an overall increase of 12 community available pitches (5%).

Unmarked provision

There are several sites in Bradford which have previously been known to provide football pitches but were not marked during the development of this PPOSS. These are summarised in the table below.

Table 2.4: Unmarked provision identified in Bradford

Site name	APP ID	Postcode	Sport(s)	Comments
Appleton School	1044203	BD12 8AL	Football	Unmarked provision - Previously had one adult pitch marked.
Burley Oaks Primary School	50000140	LS29 7EJ	Football	Unmarked provision - Previously had one youth 9v9 pitch marked.
Home Farm Primary School	30004321	BD6 3NR	Football	Unmarked provision - Previously had one mini 7v7 pitch marked.

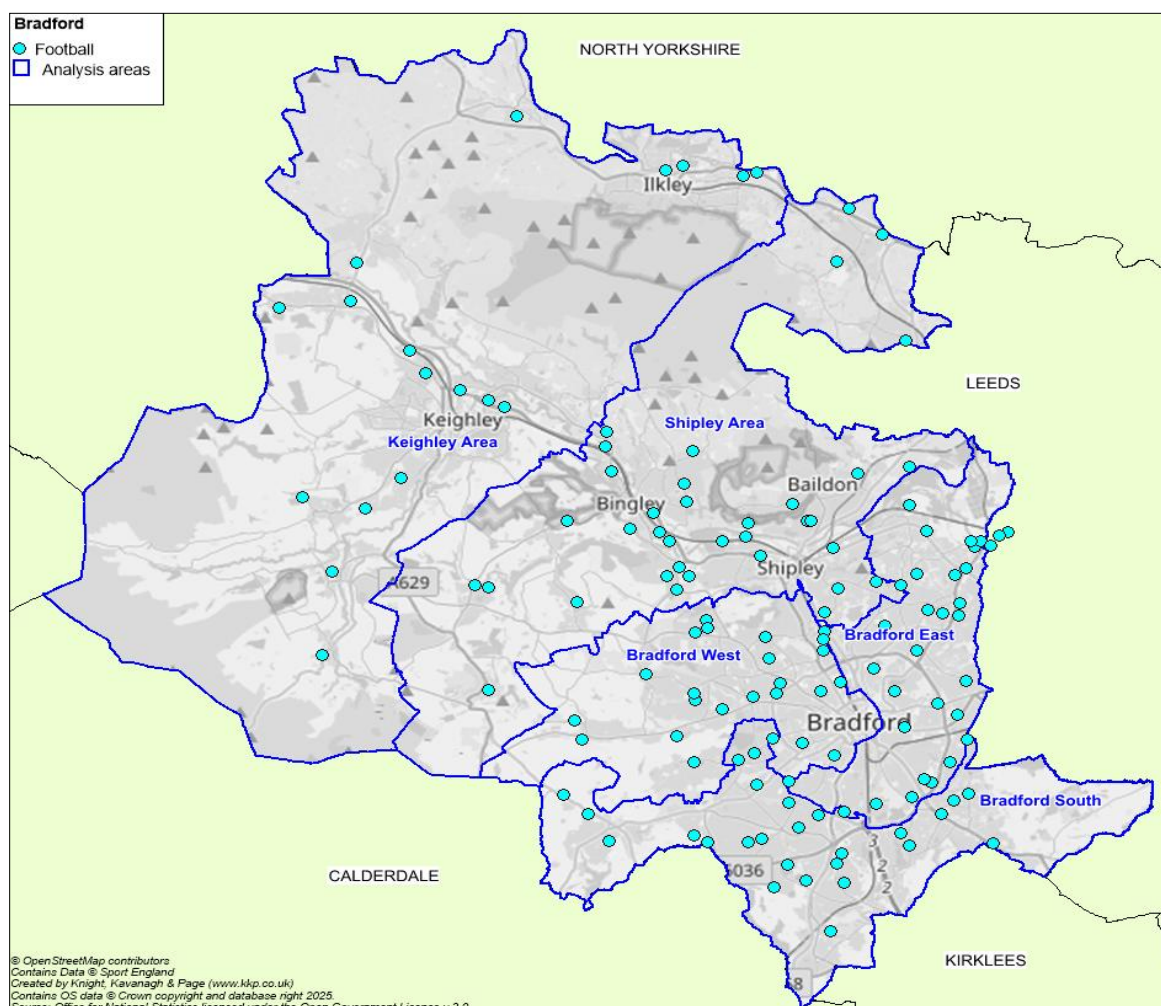
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Site name	APP ID	Postcode	Sport(s)	Comments
Leeds City College Recreation Ground	1203038	BD20 6DL	BD20 6DL	Unmarked provision - Previously had one adult pitch marked.
Long Lee Primary School	6017019	BD21 4RU	Football	Unmarked provision - Previously had one youth 9v9 pitch marked.
Oasis Academy Lister Park	1201880	BD8 7ND	Football	Unmarked provision - Previously had one adult pitch marked.
St William's Catholic Primary School	30005711	BD8 9RG	Football	Unmarked provision - Previously had one youth 9v9 pitch marked.
(Area above Lower Fields Primary School)	-	BD4 8RG	Football	Unmarked provision - Previously had one adult pitch marked.
(Area below Newhall Park Primary School)	-	BD4 6AF	Football	Unmarked provision - Previously had one adult pitch marked.

Figure 2.1 identifies all grass football pitches currently servicing Bradford, regardless of community use. For a key to the map, see Table 2.16.

Figure 2.1: Map of sites with football pitch provision within Bradford

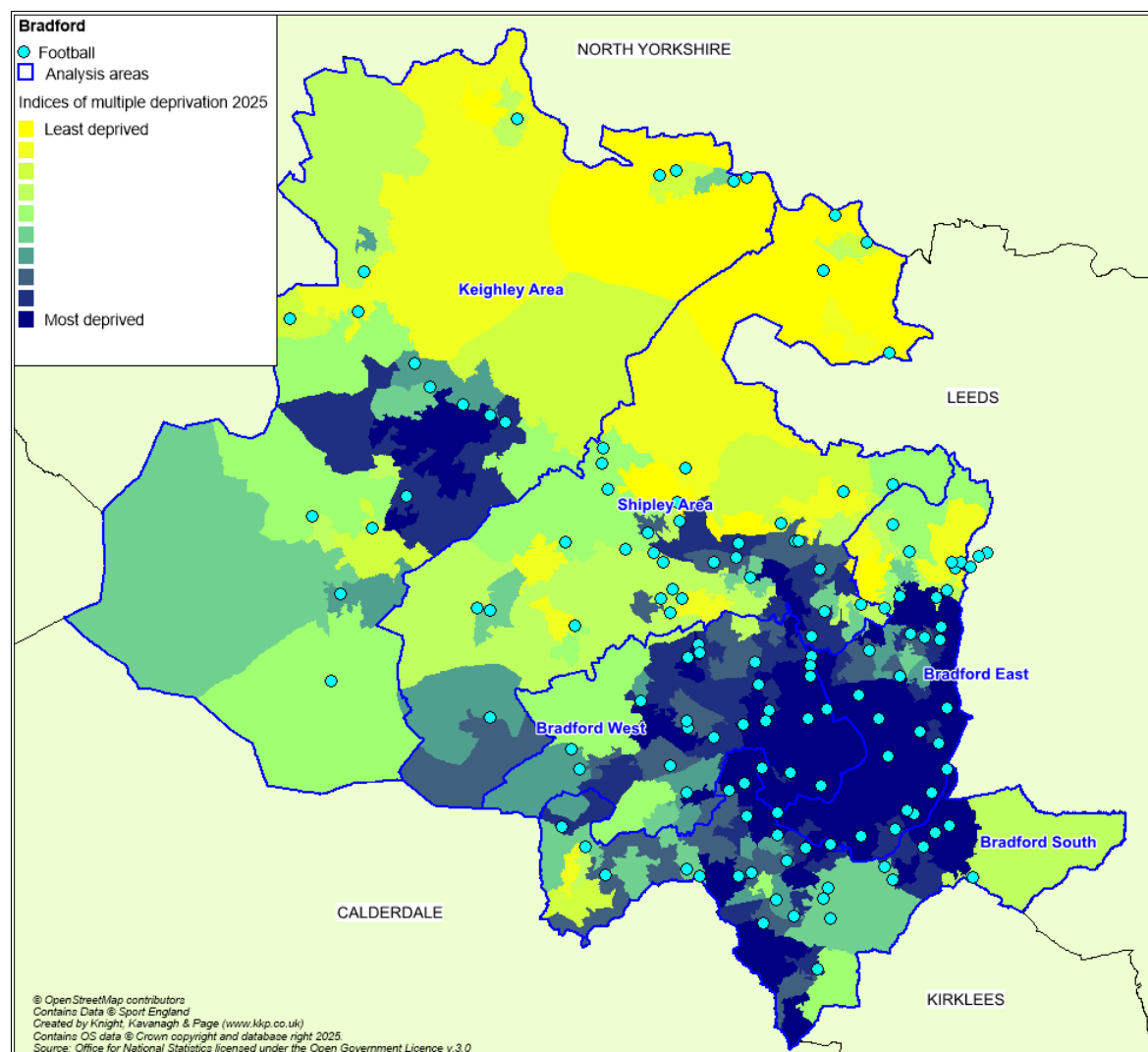


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Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The figure below shows all active football sites located in the more deprived area across Bradford can be seen in the map below.

Figure 2.2: Location of football sites against IMD



Security of tenure

Tenure of sites across Bradford is generally secure i.e., through a long-term lease or a guarantee that pitches will continue to be provided over the next three years. This relates to most of the Council and Parish/Town Council operated pitches, with such provision protected as part of an ongoing commitment to providing a leisure offering.

Most large clubs (such as Salts, Silsden AFC, Bolton Woods JFC, Denholme United AFC, Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC and Cullingworth Youth FC) have freehold/long term leases or licence agreements for their respective sites. Most smaller clubs largely play on Council facilities which are also classified as being secure.

Baildon Trinity Dynamos JFC reports having previous conversations with the Council regarding taking over the lease of its home ground (The Dell) with this still an aspiration.

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Additionally, Wilsden Juniors FC highlights aspiration to take over the lease of its home ground (Harden Rec Ground) from the Council. Conversations have taken place previously with the Club aspiring to seek funding to improve its provision.

Currently, most sites are managed by the Council (55 sites or 40%), followed by 50 sites (36%) managed by education providers, 27 sites (20%) by sports clubs and five sites (4%) by other management organisations. The site by site breakdown can be found in Table 2.17.

A common exception to providing security of tenure is found at schools and academies that state their own policies and are more likely to restrict levels of community use, as exemplified with 23 education providers not currently allowing community use in Bradford on some of their pitches. The reasons for not allowing community use varies, although the most common justification is that the school want to protect their pitches for curricular and extra-curricular purposes due to existing quality issues. Other motives include staffing issues, health and safety issues and a perceived lack of profitability.

Sport England promotes the use of education providers sports facilities to be available for wider community use and provides guidance³.

There are several schools in Bradford which do allow community use of their facilities but offer no community use agreement (CUA), which results in no security of tenure to any clubs which are utilising their provision. The table below shows which clubs are currently using school facilities to accommodate match demand without a CUA in place.

Table 2.5: Summary of clubs with unsecure tenure across Bradford at education managed sites

Site ID	Site name	Club name	Number of teams
27	Blakehill Primary School	Idle	8 teams
35	Bradford Academy	Bradford Olympic Bradford Warriors Farsley Celtic Juniors Manningham Allstars Pro Elite Route One Rovers Juniors Super Eagles Leeds/FC	1 team 3 teams 1 team 1 team 4 teams 13 teams 11 teams
50	Carlton Bolling College	Bradford City AFC Women's Undercliffe Sports Club	1 team 1 team
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	Allerton FC EyUp FC Forza Football FSC FC Halifax FC Women Wilsden Junior	9 teams 1 team 14 teams 4 teams 1 team 5 teams
73	Dixons Cottingley Academy	Eldwick Juniors	1 teams
76	Dixons Trinity Academy	Junior Central Stars FC	3 teams
84	Eldwick Primary School	Eldwick Juniors	2 teams
96	Ghyll Road School	Burley Trojans FC	7 teams
187	Sandal Primary School	Salts	10 teams

³ <https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/use-our-school>

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Site ID	Site name	Club name	Number of teams
193	St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College (Ardor Campus)	All Stars	2 teams
196	St Phillip's CE Primary Academy	Fairbank United	5 teams
208	Thornton Primary School	Thornton United	9 teams
213	Trinity Academy	FC Queensbury	1 team
227	Whetley Academy	Fairbank United Whetley Juniors FC	2 teams 10 teams
235	Woodside Academy	Shelf Juniors	4 teams
238	Zara Sports Centre	Bingley Juniors Eldwick Juniors Fairbank United Route One Rovers	6 teams 6 teams 1 team 1 team

As seen in the table above, 148 teams from 27 clubs are currently accessing school facilities to accommodate their match demand, without a CUA in place. The proceeding Strategy & Action Plan will assess the potential impact should access to these facilities be stopped.

Pitch quality

The quality of football pitches in Bradford has been assessed via a combination of site visits carried out in March 2026 (using non-technical assessments as determined by the FA), PitchPower reports (see below), and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating on a scale of good, standard and poor. For the full site assessment criteria, please refer to Appendix 2.

Pitch quality primarily influences the carrying capacity of a site; often pitches lack the drainage and maintenance necessary to sustain use. Pitches that receive little to no ongoing repair or post-season remedial work are likely to be assessed as poor, therefore limiting the number of games they can accommodate each week without it having a detrimental effect on quality.

Conversely, well maintained pitches are likely to be of a higher standard and capable of taking a number of matches without a significant reduction in surface quality.

The table below summarises the quality of community available pitches in Bradford with most pitches assessed as standard (39%) and poor quality (41%).

Table 2.6: Summary of pitch quality (community use pitches)

Pitch type	Good	Standard	Poor
2018	-	-	-
Adult	9	72	24
Youth pitches	1	44	9
Mini pitches	9	37	12
Total	19 (9%)	153 (71%)	45 (20%)
2026	-	-	-
Adult	19	30	36
Youth 11v11	6	13	26
Youth 9v9	5	16	15

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Pitch type	Good	Standard	Poor
Mini 7v7	11	19	14
Mini 5v5	5	11	3
Total	46 (20%)	89 (39%)	94 (41%)

In Bradford, of the community availability pitches, 46 pitches are assessed as good quality, 89 as standard quality and 94 as poor quality. Overall pitch quality has both improved and declined since the previous study in 2018 with a higher number of good quality community available pitches which is largely due several sites in Bradford receiving Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund. Conversely, the number of poor quality pitches has increased following heavy usage with is impacting the quality.

During non-technical assessments several sites showed evidence of poor drainage because of the wet weather experienced during winter 2025/26, which has caused parts of the playing surface to be torn up, damaging the pitches. In particular, this was identified at Bierly Recreation Ground, Hudson Avenue Recreation Ground, Legrams Recreation Ground, Green Top Street Recreation Ground and Peel Park (Bradford).

The following provides a summary of some of the key issues identified from consultation with clubs.

Hewenden Junior Football Club states the quality of the pitches at Parkside School are worsening in quality due to the lack of maintenance.

Low Moor FC highlights the quality of the pitches at Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre are poor quality due to heavy usage combined with limited maintenance.

There are several clubs (Hewenden Junior Football Club, Bolton Woods JFC, Undercliffe Sports Club, Northern FC, Shipley Town Football Club, Oxenhope Recreation Ground AFC and Low Moor FC) which state the quality of their pitches has declined over the last two years due to multiple reasons such as poor weather, limited maintenance and heavy usage.

Both Low Moor FC (Fifth Street Recreation Ground) The Marsh FC (Knowles Park) reports issues with unauthorised access on its site, with quad bikes being driven across the pitches which is affecting the quality.

Pitch improvement

The FA has a Pitch Improvement Programme aimed at improving the standard of grass pitches across the Country. For provision included in the programme, clubs can utilise the services of the FF's PitchPower app to carry out a free on-site assessment of their pitches. This then provides the Grounds Management Association (GMA) with the detail needed to create a personalised, informative report to advise on how improvements can be made. Clubs then receive bespoke advice and support to help with any future actions, funding applications and equipment.

The web app is open to access by all providers, including clubs, schools and local authorities. Following a PitchPower report, organisations can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches. Applicants are required to submit a PitchPower assessment for each of their pitches as a condition of a grant funding application for FF grass pitch investment, such as the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (detailed later in this section).

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PitchPower is less restricted by the seasonal window of in-season play than the non-technical assessments, instead being able to be undertaken within a 10-month period, with assessments completed and submitted within one of three windows: July - October, November – March or April – June.

As well as the completion of other supporting information such as detail of volunteer training and what maintenance equipment is available, the assessment requires the taking of images and a single soil sample at each assessment site. There are three assessment sites for adult and youth pitches at each goal area and the centre circle, whilst for mini pitches there are two sites at the centre circle and one goal area.

The PitchPower assessments use a new five step Performance Quality Standard (PQS) rating system developed by the GMA, with the FF and Sport England agreeing alignment with the capacity guidance within the existing PPS guidance. This alignment is shown in the table below.

Table 2.7: Agreed equivalent PPOSS quality rating for PQS ratings

PQS Rating	PPOSS quality rating
Poor	Poor
Basic	Standard
Good	Good
Advanced	Good
High	Good

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In Bradford, 10 sites have received a PitchPower assessment. The findings of these in comparison to the PPOSS findings are shown in the table below.

Table 2.8: Summary of PitchPower findings compared to PPOSS quality ratings

Site ID	Site name	Pitch type	PitchPower rating	Submission date	PPOSS rating (2026)	Users	Comments	Agreed quality score to be used in the PPOSS
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Youth 11v11	Good	17/03/2026	Good	Bolton Woods JFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Mini 7v7 ⁴	Good	17/03/2026	Good	Bolton Woods JFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Youth 9v9	Basic	17/03/2026	Good	Bolton Woods JFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Mini 7v7	Advanced	17/03/2026	Good	Bolton Woods JFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Mini 7v7	Advanced	17/03/2026	Good	Bolton Woods JFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Mini 7v7	Good	17/03/2026	Good	Bolton Woods JFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Mini 7v7	Good	13/12/2025	Standard	Oakworth Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Mini 7v7	Advanced	13/12/2025	Standard	Oakworth Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Mini 5v5	Good	13/12/2025	Standard	Oakworth Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Youth 9v9	Advanced	13/12/2025	Standard	Oakworth Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Youth 11v11	Good	13/12/2025	Standard	Oakworth Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Adult	Good	13/12/2025	Standard	Oakworth Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
57	Clayton ARLFC	Adult	Good	24/09/2025	Good	Clayton Albion FC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
57	Clayton ARLFC	Mini 7v7	Good	24/09/2025	Good	Clayton Albion FC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
109	Harden Rec Ground	Youth 9v9	Basic	07/05/2025	Standard	Wilsden Junior AFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
109	Harden Rec Ground	Mini 7v7	Basic	07/05/2025	Standard	Wilsden Junior AFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
109	Harden Rec Ground	Mini 7v7	Basic	07/05/2025	Standard	Wilsden Junior AFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
109	Harden Rec Ground	Mini 5v5	Basic	07/05/2025	Standard	Wilsden Junior AFC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	Youth 11v11	Poor	19/01/2026	Poor	Eccleshill United Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Poor
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	Mini 7v7	Basic	19/01/2026	Standard	Eccleshill United Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	Youth 9v9	Poor	19/01/2026	Poor	Eccleshill United Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Poor
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Adult	Basic	17/03/2026	Standard	Eldwick Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Adult	Poor	17/03/2026	Poor	Eldwick Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Poor
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Adult	Poor	17/03/2026	Poor	Eldwick Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Poor
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Adult	Basic	17/03/2026	Standard	Eldwick Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Adult	Poor	17/03/2026	Poor	Eldwick Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Poor
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Adult	Basic	17/03/2026	Standard	Eldwick Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Youth 11v11	Basic	17/03/2026	Standard	Eldwick Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Standard
171	Eccleshill Sports and Social Club (Olympic Park)	Adult	Good	23/09/2025	Good	Olympic FC	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Adult	Poor	23/03/2026	Poor	Oxenhope Recreation	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Poor
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Adult	Advanced	07/05/2026	Good	Salts	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Adult	Advanced	07/05/2026	Good	Salts	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Youth 9v9	Advanced	07/05/2026	Good	Salts	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Mini 7v7	Advanced	07/05/2026	Good	Salts	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Mini 5v5	Advanced	07/05/2026	Good	Salts	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
191	Silsden AFC	Youth 11v11	Good	17/11/2025	Standard	Silsden AFC Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good

⁴ It should be noted that Mini 5v5 on the PP report have been changed to Mini 7v7 based on club consultation

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191	Silsden AFC	Mini 7v7	Good	17/11/2025	Standard	Silsden AFC Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
191	Silsden AFC	Youth 9v9	Good	17/11/2025	Standard	Silsden AFC Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
191	Silsden AFC	Adult	Good	17/11/2025	Good	Silsden AFC Juniors	PP report score and non-tech assessment correspond.	Good
191	Silsden AFC	Mini 5v5	Good	17/11/2025	Standard	Silsden AFC Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
191	Silsden AFC	Mini 5v5	Good	17/11/2025	Standard	Silsden AFC Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good
191	Silsden AFC	Youth 11v11	Good	17/11/2025	Standard	Silsden AFC Juniors	PP report and club consultation supersede non-tech rating.	Good

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Football Foundation (FF) Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund ⁵

With quality of grass pitches becoming one of the biggest influences on participation in football, the FA has made it a priority to work towards improving quality of grass pitches across the country. This has resulted in the creation of the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF). As part of this, grass pitches identified as having quality issues by the GMA via PitchPower assessment can apply to access funding to improve pitches to good quality or sustain them at good quality.

Once a PitchPower grass pitch assessment report has been produced for the site, eligible organisations can then apply for grant funding support through the FF Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund, a fund offering six-year tapered grants to help eligible clubs/organisations enhance or sustain the quality of their grass pitches. The fund is a key part of the FF's Grass Pitch Improvement Programme - an ambition to deliver 12,000 quality grass pitches by 2028.

If a site is categorised as 'poor' or 'basic' then organisations can apply for funding to enhance pitch quality, whilst clubs with good or standard quality pitches can also apply for a lower level of funding to sustain quality.

All applicants must have the landowner's permission (as a minimum) and have received a PitchPower Pitch Assessment Report, with the fund currently open to football clubs, (excluding pitches used for men's National League System and Women's Football Pyramid (Tiers 1-4) play), leagues, education establishments, Club Community Organisations (CCOs), County FAs, Parish & Town Councils and charities.

Several clubs/sites in Bradford have been awarded funding from the FF to improve the quality of their pitches including, Bolton Woods Junior FC, Oakworth Juniors FC, Silsden AFC Juniors, Clayton Albion FC, Oxenhope Recreation FC, Wilsden Junior FC, Salts, Queensbury Celtic FC, Addingham FC, Wibsey FC, Champion FC and Steeton FC.

Ancillary facilities

Ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site accompanied by their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities. Good quality ancillary facilities are particularly important for football clubs as they can assist with income generation. Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly important for the provision to be inclusive, particularly due to growing women's and girls', disability and junior/mini demand. Although the size and configuration of ancillary provision may alter based on the sports using the provision, and the number of pitches it services, generally the same principles are recommended to allow for varied use from all demographics:

- ✦ Accessible changing areas which can be separated, or are private/self-contained, to allow for separate male/female/all gender or senior/junior separation
- ✦ A private accessible changing room (with relevant changing and showering provision) for someone who requires assistance
- ✦ Separate female / male / all gender toilet provision
- ✦ Suitably designed and specified showering cubicles to all users to maintain dignity and privacy whilst showering.

⁵ [Link to the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund](#)

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Open planned changing, toilets and particularly showering facilities can provide a significant barrier to many people resulting in them either not taking part or having a poorer sporting experience.

As a result of the above, those ancillary facilities that do not meet the above criteria, cannot be rated anything higher than standard quality for the purposes of this document. Additional context behind the rationale is provided below.

Please note the information does not include primary schools which generally only provide mini pitches with the relevant teams not requiring access to changing rooms as teams generally come ready to play.

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Table 2.9: Ancillary provision at community available grass pitch sites

Site ID	Site name	Clubs	Type of demand	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ⁶	Comments
4	Addingham Recreation Ground	Addingham	Adult men	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
8	Apperley Bridge Playing Fields	Greengates FC / Idle / Leeds Gunners FC / Thackley Juniors 2003	Adult men / youth boys	Poor	Poor	The Club (Greengates FC) reports the facilities are outdated and in need of modernisation.
9	Apperley Lane	Horsforth JFC	Youth boys	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
11	Arkwright Street Rec Ground (Tyersal FC)	Tyersal	Adult men / adult women / youth boys	Poor	Poor	Two portacabins onsite which are poor quality and need replacing.
13	Avenue Road Playing Fields	-	-	Poor	Poor	There is a need to improve the current provision due to being outdated and not suitable for the levels demand on the site.
16	Bankfoot Cricket Club	George Hotel United 2001 / Mosaic / Oakenshaw / Wibsey	Adult men / youth boys	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	-	-	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	-	-	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Ilkley Town AFC / Wharfedale Grassroots Association	Adult men / adult women / youth boys' / youth girls / mini	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site. It should be noted the additional small changing facility onsite (next to grass pitches) is poor quality and in need of repair with the Club stating plans to rebuild the facilities.
23	Bierley Recreation Ground	Ratters / WBA FC	Adult men	Poor	Poor	One portacabin onsite which is poor quality and need replacing.
24	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	Bingley Juniors	Youth boys	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some low level vandalism.
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Bolton Woods JFC	Youth boys / youth girls / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Bingley Juniors	Youth boys	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
35	Bradford Academy	Bradford Olympic / Bradford Warriors / Farsley Celtic Juniors / Manningham Allstars / Pro Elite / Route One Rovers / Route One Rovers Juniors / Super Eagle Leeds/FC	Adult men / adult women / youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
41	Bradford Road Playing Field	Thornton United	Youth boys	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Oakworth Juniors	Adult men / youth boys / mini	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
44	Burley in Wharfedale Recreation Ground	Burley Trojans FC	Adult men / adult women / youth boys / youth girls	Good	Good	Newly developed building. Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	Challenge AFC / Shelf Juniors	Youth boys / miini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
50	Carlton Bolling College	Bradford City AFC Womens / Route One Rovers Juniors / Undercliffe Sports Club	Adult women / youth boys	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
51	Carlton Keighley	-	-	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
52	Carrbottom Recreation Ground	Buttershaw St Paul	Adult men	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite

⁶ Including changing areas, toilets and showering facilities.

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Site ID	Site name	Clubs	Type of demand	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ⁶	Comments
57	Clayton ARLFC	Clayton AFC	Adult men	Poor	Poor	Provision is outdated and in need of modernisation. The Club states there are issues with the roof and the showers are poor quality. Calyton ARLFC has recently had planning approved for a new storage container (26/01938/FUL).
60	Co-op Academy Grange	Bowling Eagles FC / Pro Elite / Southfield AFC / St Bedes Old Boys / Wibsey	Adult men / youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
62	Cottingley Manor Park	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
63	Cottingley Rec Ground	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	-	-	Poor	Poor	Provision is outdated and in need of modernisation.
68	Cullingworth Cricket Club	Cullingworth Youth	Adult men	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	Allerton FC / EyUp FC / Forza Football / FSC FC / Halifax FC Women / Wilsden Junior	Adult men / youth boys / youth girls / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
73	Dixons Cottingley Academy	Eldwick Juniors	Youth boys	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
76	Dixons Trinity Academy	Bradford College / Juniors Central Stars FC	Adult men / adult women / youth boys	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
78	East Holmes Field	Ilkley Town AFC / Menston Juniors	Youth boys / youth girls	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
79	Eastburn Playing Field	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
80	Eccleshill United Football Club	Eccleshill United FC Limited	Adult men	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
85	Eldwick Rec Ground	Eldwick Juniors	Youth boys / youth girls	Poor	Poor	There is a need to improve the current provision due to being outdated.
87	Elm Tree Farm	Horsforth JFC	Youth boys / mini	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
88	Emsleys Recreation Ground	Bridge Tavern FC / Red Lion FC / Rose Athletic FC / West Bowling	Adult men	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
89	Esholt Sports Club	Baildon Trinnity Athletic / FSC FC	Adult men / youth boys / mini	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some minor vandalism.
91	Fifth Street Recreation Ground	Low Moor	Youth boys	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
92	Foster Park	Denholme United	Adult men	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
93	Foxhill Park	FC Queensbury	Adult men	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
95	Gain Lane Playing Field	Newlands Avenue FC	Youth boys / mini	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
96	Ghyll Royd School	Burley Trojans FC	Youth boys / youth girls	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
97	Gilstead Rec Ground	Bingley Juniors	Youth boys	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
103	Green Top Street Recreation Ground	Bradford Unity FC / Whetley Juniors FC	Adult men	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
105	Greengates Recreation Ground	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
107	Hanson Academy	Aspire United FC / Idle / Pro Elite	Adult men / youth boys	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
109	Harden Rec Ground (Wilsden Junior AFC)	Wilsden Junior	Youth boys / youth girls / mini	Poor	Poor	There is a need to improve the current provision due to being outdated and not suitable for the levels demand on the site.
110	Harold Park	Clifton Rangers Youth / Park Row Rangers	Adult men	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
111	Harrogate Road Playing Field	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
112	Haworth (Acre Lane) Recreation Ground	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
115	Haworth Road Recreation Ground	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite

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Site ID	Site name	Clubs	Type of demand	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ⁶	Comments
116	Hazelbeck School	A1 FC / Bingley Juniors / Eldwick Juniors	Youth boys / youth girls / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
121	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	Salts	Youth boys	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision.
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC / Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC Juniors / Clayton Celtic / SVA FC	Adult men / youth boys / mini	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision.
126	Hudson Avenue Recreation Ground	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
131	Immanuel College Church of England Academy	Thackley Juniors 2003	Youth boys / youth girls	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
133	Institute Road Recreation Ground	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	Bolton Woods / Bolton Woods Socials / Peacock Bar FC	Adult men	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
140	Knowles Park	Bierley Bantams / The Marsh Inn	Adult men	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
142	Ladyhill Park	Allerton FC	Youth boys	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision.
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	Bradford Royal Tigers FC / Eccleshill United Juniors	Youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
146	Legrams Recreation Ground	Bradford Central	Youth boys / mini	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
152	Manningham Mills Sports Association	Campion	Adult men / mini	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Bingley Juniors / Bronte FC / Eldwick Juniors / FC Keighley United / FC Sporting Keighley / Harden Fire / Keighley Athletic / Keighley Shamrock Juniors / Oxenhope Recreation / Phoenix Allstars / Pro Elite / Project17 FC / Route One Rovers / Steeton / Wilsden Vets / Worth Valley FC	Adult men / adult women / youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Some low level vandalism.
157	Menston Park	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
165	Northfield Road Playing Field	South Bradford Football Club	Youth boys	Good	Good	New building recently installed. Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
166	Oakworth Cricket Club	-	-	Standard	Unknown	Cricket Club is unresponsive.
171	Eccleshill Sports and Social Club (Olympic Park)	Field / Olympic	Adult men	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Oxenhope Recreation Ground	Adult men / youth boys / mini	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
174	Park Street Recreation Ground	Shipley Town	Adult men	Poor	Poor	Facilities are outdated and in need of refurbishment. Currently only home and away changing rooms and no shower or toilet facilities onsite.
175	Parkside School	Hewenden Juniors Football Club	Youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
176	Parkwood Rec Ground	Starsports United	Youth boys / mini	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision which looks like its had recent fire damage and are now usable.
177	Peel Park (Bradford)	BEAP Tigers FC / Blessing FC / Eccleshill Sport FC / Friendly United / Manningham Town FC / Newlands Avenue FC	Adult men / youth boys / mini	Poor	Poor	Communal showering facilities which are not suitable for all demographics.
179	Prospect AFC	Prospect	Adult men	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
180	Prune Park Recreation Ground	Thornton Rangers	Youth boys	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
181	Queensbury Celtic Junior Football Club	Queensbury Celtic	Adult women / youth boys / mini	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Salts	Adult women / Adult men / youth boys / mini	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.

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Site ID	Site name	Clubs	Type of demand	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ⁶	Comments
188	Scalebor Park	Burley Trojans FC	Mini	Poor	Unknown	Unresponsive.
189	Scholemoor Beacon	Juniors Central Stars FC	Mini	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
190	Sedbergh Sports And Leisure Centre	Low Moor / Northern / Super Eagles Leeds/FC	Adult men / youth boys / mini	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
191	Silsden AFC	Silsden / Silsden AFC Junior / Silsden Whitestar	Adult men / adult women / youth boys / mini	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
193	St Bedes And St Josephs Catholic College (Ardor Campus)	All Stars	Youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
194	St Bedes And St Josephs Catholic College (Ignis Campus)	-	-	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
200	Steeton Juniors AFC (The Doris Wells Foundation Ground)	Steeton	Youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
202	Tfd Youth Centre	Holmewood Town Juniors	Youth boys / mini	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
203	Thackley AFC	Thackley Association FC / Thackley Juniors 2003	Adult men / Adult women / youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
205	Thackley Old Road Rec Ground	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
206	The Dell	Baildon Trinity Dynamos JFC	Youth boys	Poor	Poor	There is a need to improve the current provision due to being outdated.
207	Thornton Cricket Club	Thornton United / Throstle Nest United	Adult men / youth boys	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
211	Tong Leadership Academy	Batley Jaguars / Gomersal & Cleckheaton / PSC / TYs Ballerz	Adult men / youth boys	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
213	Trinity Academy	FC Queensbury	Mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
218	Upper Seymour Street Recreation Ground	Bradford Jubodhol FC / Sporting Bradford FC	Adult men / youth boys	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
221	Valley Drive Playing Fields	Menston Junior	Youth boys	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
224	West Holmes Field	Ilkley Town AFC	Youth boys	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
225	West Park (Girlington)	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
226	Westwood Park Cricket Club	Shelf Juniors / Westwood Park (Sun)	Adult men / mini	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some low level vandalism.
227	Whetley Academy	Fairbank United / Whetley Juniors FC	Youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
228	Wibsey Park Recreation Ground	-	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
233	Woodhead Road Recreation Ground	Alpha United Juniors	Youth boys / mini	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
236	Wrose & Claremont Recreation Ground	North Bradford Juniors	Youth boys / mini	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
237	Wyke Community Sports Village	FC Halifax Town / Ossett United FC / Pro Elite / Wyke Wanderers (Sat) / Wyke Wanderers Juniors	Adult men / youth boys / youth girls / mini	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
238	Zara Sports Centre	Bingley Juniors / Eldwick Juniors / Fairbank United / Route One Rovers	Adult men / youth boys / mini	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.

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As seen in the table above, 18 sites in Bradford have poor quality changing facilities largely due to the fact they are outdated and need modernisation or do not offer suitable separation between male/female or adult/youth.

2.3: Demand

In total, there are 902 football teams across 145 clubs identified as playing regular, competitive matches on football pitches within Bradford during the 2025/26 season with most teams competing at youth 11v11 (26% or 239 teams), this is followed by mini mixed (8-9) teams (19% or 169 teams).

Table 2.10: Summary of football demand in Bradford

Age group	No. of teams
Adult men's (16-45)	149
Adult women's (16-45)	19
Youth boys (12-15)	239
Youth girls (12-15)	31
Youth boys (10-11)	150
Youth girls (10-11)	10
Mini mixed (8-9)	169
Mini mixed (6-7)	135
Total	902

Football in Bradford is played more within the Bradford South Analysis Area with 207 teams (23%), this is followed by the Keighley Area Analysis Area with 198 teams (22%). This is further summarised in the following table.

Table 2.11: Number of teams by analysis area

Analysis area	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Total
Bradford East	41	51	25	27	17	161
Bradford South	54	55	35	34	29	207
Bradford West	22	47	25	24	22	140
Keighley Area	38	59	32	39	30	198
Shipley Area	13	58	43	45	37	196
Bradford	168	270	160	169	135	902

There has been an overall increase in demand (by 46%) since the 2018 study with a further 284 teams being accommodated in Bradford. Growth can be seen across all age groups and pitch types.

National League System demand

The National League System (NLS) is a series of interconnected leagues for adult men's football clubs in England. It begins below the Football League (from the National League at Step 1) and comprises of six steps, with various leagues at each level and more leagues lower down the system than at the top. The NLS has a hierarchical format with promotion and relegation between the steps, allowing even the smallest club the theoretical possibility of rising to the top of the system.

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Clubs playing within the NLS must adhere to Stadium Accreditation⁷ requirements set out by the FA. The higher the level of football being played the higher the requirements.

Clubs cannot progress into the league above if the ground grading requirements do not meet the correct specifications. Stadium Accreditation assesses grounds from Grade 1 to 7, which aligns with Step 1 clubs down to Step 6 clubs making the transition from Regional Feeder League. Please refer to the FA website⁸ for the full specifications for each.

Nine teams from nine clubs play within the NLS, as seen in the table below.

Table 2.12: Summary of teams playing within the NLS

Team	League	Level
Albion Sports	Northern Counties East Football League	Step 5
Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC	Northern Premier League	Step 4
Campion	Northern Counties East Football League	Step 5
Eccleshill United FC	Northern Counties East Football League	Step 5
Ilkley Town AFC	Northern Counties East Football League	Step 6
Route One Rovers	Northern Counties East Football League	Step 6
Silsden	Northern Premier League	Step 5
Steeton	Northern Counties East Football League	Step 6
Thackley Association FC	Northern Counties East Football League	Step 5

Women's National League System

Correspondingly there is a Women's National League System similar to the adult men's which provide structure to the women's game. This ranges from Tier 1 to Tier 6 with each Tier requiring differing ground grading requirements.

Although women's clubs still need to meet ground requirements set out by the FA these differ from the men's National League System. Ratings range from grade A to C each with differing minimum requirements. Tier 1 and 2 in the Women's National League System is akin to Tier 3 and 4 of the men's National League System, although not exactly the same. The system is also hierarchical format with promotion and relegation between the levels, allowing even the smallest club the theoretical possibility of rising to the top of the system.

Table 2.13: Summary of teams playing within the Women's NLS

Team	League	Level
Bradford City AFC Women	North East Regional Women's Football League	Tier 5
Halifax FC Women	FA Women's National League	Tier 3

As seen above Bradford City AFC Women and Halifax FC Women both have teams that play within the Women's NLS.

⁷ <https://premierleaguestadiumfund.co.uk/stadium-accreditation-programme>

⁸ <http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/ground-grading>

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Additional demand

University demand

In addition to the above, it should be noted that there are also levels of football demand generated by the universities located within the Bradford District.

University generated football demand within Bradford is focused almost entirely on the University of Bradford. Through its Students' Union and associated sports programmes, the University provides football participation opportunities for students, generating both match play and training demand at university-based and other local facilities.

The University of Bradford operates men's and women's football teams which compete in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) leagues. Training and match activity is coordinated through the University and its sports provision, providing opportunities for students of varying abilities to participate in competitive and recreational football throughout the academic year.

Walking football

Walking football⁹ is an alternate version of football than the format which is governed by The Walking Football Association. The sport has picked up popularity in recent years and has a typical demographic of over 50s for men and over 40s for women. It provides a less physically demanding version of the usual game due to the rules not allowing for any contact or fast-paced movement thus providing a more inclusive game for participants.

Whilst the game is governed by The Walking Football Association, and it provides competitive structures through national cup competitions. Much of the activation work undertaken nationally for this activity type is promoted by professional football club community organisations or by leading community grassroots football clubs.

Bradford City AFC Walking Football host regular walking football sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11am located indoors at BEAP Community Partnership.

Goals (Bradford) hosts regular walking football sessions located at Goals (Bradford) every Tuesday from 4pm on the 3G pitches. Sessions are open to all ages and abilities.

Additionally, Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC walking football club utilises facilities at Horsfall Stadium

Disability football

The FA released a new four-year strategy for disability football in England known as Football Without Limits with one key aim to increase the number of players by more than a third across all disability football formats, reaching 28,300 registered players by 2028. Disability football formats include, pan disability football, amputee football, blind football, cerebral palsy football, deaf football, frame football, partially sighted football, powerchair football and other disability football.

Of the clubs in Bradford, Bradford City FC currently caters for disability groups and teams.

⁹ <https://thewfa.co.uk/who-plays-walking-football/>
<https://thewfa.co.uk/womens-walking-football/>

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Training demand

Access to affordable sports lit training facilities is a significant issue for most clubs in Bradford, particularly those with many youth and mini teams. Of the 46 clubs that responded to consultation requests, 21 state a demand for additional training facilities with some of their teams struggling to train due to not being able to find a training location. All clubs which specifically referenced a need for more 3G provision can be seen in Table 2.14 below.

For more information regarding training see Part 3: Third Generation Turf (3G) Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs).

Latent demand

Latent demand is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision. The table below shows consultation findings where clubs have identified where their growth in teams is limited by a lack of suitable quantity/quality match pitches, training facilities (specifically 3G pitches) and ancillary facilities.

Table 2.14: Potential team increases identified by clubs

Club name	Analysis area	Match pitches	Training facilities	Ancillary facilities
Aspire FC	Bradford East	Yes	Yes	No
Baildon Trinity Dynamos JFC	Shipley Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beap Tigers FC	Bradford East	Yes	No	No
Bolton Woods JFC	Shipley Area	Yes	Yes	No
Bradford Park Avenue FC	Bradford South	Yes	Yes	No
Bradford Warriors JFC	Bradford East	Yes	No	No
Denholme United AFC	Shipley Area	Yes	Yes	No
FC Halifax Town	Bradford South	Yes	Yes	No
FC Queensbury	Bradford South	Yes	Yes	No
Forza Football	Bradford West	Yes	No	No
Hewenden JFC	Shipley Area	Yes	Yes	No
Idle FC	Bradford East	Yes	No	No
Low Moor FC	Bradford South	Yes	No	No
Newlands Avenue FC	Bradford East	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern FC	Bradford South	Yes	No	Yes
Oakenshaw AFC	Bradford South	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oakworth JFC	Keighley Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phoenix JFC	Bradford West	Yes	Yes	Yes
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Yes	Yes	Yes
Salts FC	Shipley Area	Yes	Yes	No
Shelf Juniors FC	Bradford South	Yes	Yes	No
Shipley Town FC	Shipley Area	Yes	Yes	No
Silsden AFC	Keighley Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
The Marsh FC	Bradford South	Yes	Yes	No
Thornton United	Bradford West	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tyersal FC	Bradford South	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wilsden Juniors FC	Shipley Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total	-	27/27	21/27	11/27

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Of the clubs which responded and answered the relevant questions, all indicate they would be able to accommodate more teams if they had access to additional match day pitches. This is closely followed by a greater supply of training facilities such as 3G pitches.

Exported/imported demand

Exported demand refers to teams that are currently accessing pitches for home fixtures outside of the study area, this can be due to their pitch requirements not being met (lack of supply or quality issues) or needing to access a central venue due to the league they play in.

Imported demand refers to any demand from neighbouring local authorities that accesses facilities within the study area due to a lack of available facilities in other local authorities where such team or club is based.

There are currently 27 teams importing demand into Bradford from Calderdale. These include FC Halifax Town (three teams utilising Wyke Community Sports Village), Shelf JFC (22 junior teams utilising Westwood Park Cricket Club, Woodside Academy, Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College) and Halifax FC Women (two teams utilising Myra Shay Playing Fields and Dixons Allerton Academy). It should be noted that, Shelf JFC aspires to move its teams back to Calderdale but there are currently no suitable facilities.

Halifax FC Women is currently utilising facilities at Myra Shay to comply with the ground grading requirements the Northern Premier Division (Tier 3). The Club is actively looking for options to be able to return its match demand back to Halifax.

Of the 17 teams from Super Eagles Leeds/FC, only 15 are utilising provision in Bradford with two teams playing in Calderdale at Lightcliffe Academy.

In addition to the above, Horsforth JFC currently exports four teams to Leeds for its match demand.

Future demand

Future demand can be defined in two ways, through participation increases and by using population forecasts.

The Strategy & Action Plan will contain housing growth scenarios that will estimate the additional demand for football arising from housing development in Bradford.

Participation growth

Of responding clubs, 20 report aspirations to increase the number of teams they provide within the next two seasons, totalling a predicted growth of 91 teams, as seen below.

Table 2.15: Potential team increases identified by clubs

Club	Analysis area	Team type	Number of teams	Pitch size	MES per week ¹⁰
Allerton FC	Bradford West	Men's	1	Adult	0.5
Allerton FC	Bradford West	Youth boys	2	11v11	1

¹⁰ Two teams require one pitch to account for playing on a home and away basis; therefore, 0.5 pitches can therefore be seen in the table where there is latent demand for one team.

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Club	Analysis area	Team type	Number of teams	Pitch size	MES per week ¹⁰
Allerton FC	Bradford West	Youth boys	2	9v9	1
Allerton FC	Bradford West	Mini	1	7v7	0.5
Aspire FC	Bradford East	Youth girls	2	9v9	1
Aspire FC	Bradford East	Mini	1	5v5	0.5
BEAP Tigers FC	Bradford East	Youth boys	1	9v9	0.5
Bolton Woods JFC	Shipley Area	Mini	3	5v5	1.5
Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC	Bradford South	Women's	1	Adult	0.5
Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC	Bradford South	Youth boys	5	11v11	2.5
Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC	Bradford South	Youth girls	2	11v11	1
Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC	Bradford South	Youth boys	5	9v9	2.5
Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC	Bradford South	Youth girls	5	9v9	2.5
Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC	Bradford South	Mini	5	7v7	2.5
Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC	Bradford South	Mini	5	5v5	2.5
Bradford Warriors JFC	Bradford East	Youth boys	2	11v11	1
Challenge AFC	Bradford South	Mini	3	5v5	1.5
Denholme United AFC	Shipley Area	Men's	1	Adult	0.5
Dixons Sixth Form FC	Bradford East	Men's	1	Adult	0.5
Dixons Sixth Form FC	Bradford East	Women's	1	Adult	0.5
FC Halifax Town	Bradford South	Youth boys	2	9v9	1
FC Queensbury	Bradford South	Men's	1	Adult	0.5
FC Queensbury	Bradford South	Youth girls	1	9v9	0.5
FC Queensbury	Bradford South	Mini	2	7v7	1
FC Queensbury	Bradford South	Mini	2	5v5	1
Forza Football	Bradford West	Men's	1	Adult	0.5
Forza Football	Bradford West	Women's	1	Adult	0.5
Hewenden JFC	Shipley Area	Mini	1	5v5	0.5
Idle FC	Bradford East	Youth girls	1	11v11	0.5
Idle FC	Bradford East	Mini	2	5v5	1
Newlands Avenue	Bradford East	Youth boys	1	11v11	0.5
Newlands Avenue	Bradford East	Youth boys	1	9v9	0.5
Newlands Avenue	Bradford East	Mini	1	7v7	0.5
Oakworth JFC	Keighley Area	Men's	1	Adult	0.5
Oxenhope Recreation AFC	Keighley Area	Mini	1	5v5	0.5
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Men's	1	Adult	0.5
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Women's	1	Adult	0.5
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Youth boys	1	11v11	0.5
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Youth girls	1	11v11	0.5
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Youth boys	1	9v9	0.5
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Youth girls	1	9v9	0.5

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Club	Analysis area	Team type	Number of teams	Pitch size	MES per week ¹⁰
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Mini	2	7v7	1
Route One Rovers Juniors FC	Bradford East	Mini	2	5v5	1
Thornton United	Bradford West	Youth boys	2	11v11	1
Thornton United	Bradford West	Youth girls	2	11v11	1
Thornton United	Bradford West	Youth boys	2	9v9	1
Thornton United	Bradford West	Youth girls	2	9v9	1
Thornton United	Bradford West	Mini	2	7v7	1
Thornton United	Bradford West	Mini	2	5v5	1
Undercliffe Sports Club FC	Bradford East	Youth girls	1	11v11	0.5
-	-	Totals	91	-	45.5

The total future demand expressed by the clubs listed above amounts to 45.5 match equivalent sessions per week (as two teams equates to one match equivalent session playing on a home and away basis).

Analysis by pitch type indicates that future demand is highest for youth and mini football provision, particularly youth 9v9 pitches (12.5 match equivalent sessions per week), followed by mini 5v5 (11 match equivalent sessions per week) and youth 11v11 pitches (10 match equivalent sessions per week). There are lower levels of future demand for adult pitches with 5.5 match equivalent sessions per week expressed, while mini 7v7 pitches is for 6.5 sessions per week.

In addition to the above, Baildon Trinity Dynamos JFC, Ilkley AFC, Northern FC, Low Moor, Wilsen Juniors FC and Eldwick Juniors and Lionesses all report ambitions to increase demand, however, do not quantify this.

In light of FA aspirations to increase female participation in football through the establishment and foreseen future effect of the FA Wildcats programme, FA Squad and the Reaching Higher strategy, it is likely that the growth in affiliated women's and girl teams may exceed that shown through team generation rates.

Compared to the previous PPOSS (2018) there has been an increase of 10 additional women's and 20 additional girls' team. Taking this into consideration combined with the aspirations highlighted through club consultation (Table 2.15 showing four women's teams and 18 girls' teams) it can be said that women and girls' participation will continue to grow. As such, it is imperative that sufficient facilities are suitable for female access, particularly in relation to toilets and appropriate changing provision.

To what extent is not currently quantifiable, however, this increase in female demand is likely to be captured within the club aspirational future demand figures expressed in Table 2.15.

Population growth

Based on population projections to 2043 (the period to which this assessment projects population based future demand), Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator can estimate the likely additional demand for grass football pitches that will arise from any growth. This is through using the current and future populations in each of the relevant age groups together with the current team numbers. Team generation rates have then been established to understand how much growth is required to establish one new team.

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Based on ONS projections there is no anticipated growth in demand for football. Notwithstanding the above, it is important to acknowledge that there are plans and strategies in place to increase the number of teams at some formats beyond what current trends and population changes would suggest. Additionally, there is significant growth aspirations identified by clubs in Bradford with overall number of teams already increased 46% since the previous study in 2018.

Future demand summary

Future demand carried through to the supply and demand analysis in this assessment is based on population growth. This is for consistency with other sports and as future demand reported by clubs is considered more aspirational.

Given the growth already identified since the previous study (46% or an increase of 284 teams since the 2018 study), current trends suggest this will likely exceed the population forecasts by 2043. Therefore, the Strategy & Action Plan will test alternative team growth scenarios, including reported club aspirations and growth patterns based on CFA trends from previous seasons.

In addition, the Strategy document will consider additional future population demand associated with planned housing growth, with this not necessarily accounted for within the above figures. This is because ONS data does not account for this.

2.4: Capacity analysis

The capacity for pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affect the playing experience and people's enjoyment. In extreme circumstances, it can result in the inability of a pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off-peak times.

As a guide, The FA has set a standard number of matches that each grass pitch type should be able to accommodate without it adversely affecting its quality.

Taking into consideration the guidelines on capacity, the following ratings were used in Bradford:

Adult pitch quality	Matches per week	Youth pitch quality	Matches per week	Mini pitch quality	Matches per week
Good	3	Good	4	Good	6
Standard	2	Standard	2	Standard	4
Poor	1	Poor	1	Poor	2

Table 2.17 applies the above pitch ratings against the actual level of weekly play recorded to determine a capacity rating as follows:

Potential capacity	Play is below the level the site could sustain
At capacity	Play matches the level the site can sustain
Overplayed	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

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Match equivalent sessions per week

Pitches have a limit of how much play they can accommodate over a certain period of time before their quality, and in turn their use, is adversely affected. As the main usage of pitches is likely to be for matches, it is appropriate for the comparable unit to be match equivalent sessions but may for example include training sessions and informal use.

Education sites

To account for curricular/extra-curricular use of education pitches it is likely that the usage at such sites will need to be adjusted. The only time this would not happen is when a school does not use its pitches at all, and the sole use is community use. The adjustment is typically dependent on the amount of play carried out, the number of pitches onsite and whether there is access to an onsite AGP.

In some cases, where there is no identified community use, there is a little capacity to accommodate further play. Internal usage often exceeds recommended pitch capacity, which is further exacerbated by basic maintenance regimes that may not extend beyond grass cuttings and line marking.

For school sites which are available for community use but that currently do not have any external hirers, one match equivalent session per week, per pitch has been accredited to indicate use for curricular and extracurricular activity as opposed to them being completely unused.

Peak time

Spare capacity can only be considered as actual spare capacity if pitches are available at peak time. In Bradford, peak time for adult football is Sunday AM and mini football is Saturday morning, whereas it is Sunday morning for all remaining pitch types, as most teams across all age groups play at this time.

A pitch is only said to have 'actual spare capacity' if it is available for community use and available at the peak time for that format of play. Any pitch not meeting this criterion is therefore not considered to have additional capacity.

Pitches that are of a poor quality are not deemed to have actual spare capacity due to the already low carrying capacity of the pitches. Any identified spare capacity should be retained to relieve the pitches of use, which in turn will aid the improvement of pitch quality. Furthermore, any pitches with unsecured tenure are not considered to have actual spare capacity as no further play should be encouraged on such sites given that future access cannot be guaranteed. The table below identifies the way capacity balance is represented in Table 2.17.

Table 2.16: Capacity balance examples

Spare capacity in peak period (examples)	Explanation of capacity balance
1	Highlighted in green with a number denotes that the pitches have actual spare capacity at peak time.
-	With a dash, this indicates that the pitch is unavailable in the peak period. If it were to be made available, actual spare capacity could exist.
0	Highlighted in orange with a zero, this indicates the pitch is played to capacity, either overall or during the peak period.

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Spare capacity in peak period (examples)	Explanation of capacity balance
1	Not highlighted by with a value, this indicates that the pitch has spare capacity in the peak period; however, capacity has been discounted. This may be due to unsecure tenure and/or poor pitch quality.
1	Highlighted in red with a number denotes that the pitches are overplayed and have no spare capacity across the week. This includes at peak time, despite any availability at peak time which may exist.

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Table 2.17: Football pitch capacity analysis

Site ID	Site name	Active Places ID	Postcode	Analysis area	Com use?	Management	Security of tenure	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Agreed quality rating	Current play ¹¹	Carrying capacity ¹²	Capacity balance	Spare capacity in peak period	Comments
4	Addingham Recreation Ground	6002668	LS29 0ND	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1.5	1	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
8	Apperley Bridge Playing Fields	6007104	BD10 0PU	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	2	Poor	3	2	-1	-	Pitches are overplayed by 1 match equivalent sessions
8	Apperley Bridge Playing Fields	6007104	BD10 0PU	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
9	Apperley Lane	30007536	BD10 0NP	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	2	2	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
11	Arkwright Street Rec Ground (Tyersal FC)	6002603	BD4 8JL	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
13	Avenue Road Playing Fields	6002608	BD5 8QE	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	0	2	2	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
13	Avenue Road Playing Fields	6002608	BD5 8QE	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	0	2	2	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
14	Baildon C of E Primary School	30009582	BD17 6TE	Shipley Area	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(5v5)	2	Poor	2	4	2	2	Pitches discounted due to not being available for community use
16	Bankfoot Cricket Club	1202842	BD6 1BG	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	2.5	3	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	30008530	BD22 7DU	Keighley Area	Yes	Education	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	30008530	BD22 7DU	Keighley Area	Yes	Education	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	-	BD13 3BH	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure.
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	1014851	LS29 8AW	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Good	2.5	4	1.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	1014851	LS29 8AW	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	3	Good	5.5	9	3.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
23	Bierley Recreation Ground	6002605	BD4 6DU	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
24	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	1040756	BD16 1LX	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
25	Bingley Grammar School	1203204	BD16 2RS	Shipley Area	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
27	Blakehill Primary School	30009935	BD10 8QN	Bradford East	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	2.5	2	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
27	Blakehill Primary School	30009935	BD10 8QN	Bradford East	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Poor	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
29	Bolton Woods JFC	6021173	BD18 1BD	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Good	2	4	2	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
29	Bolton Woods JFC	6021173	BD18 1BD	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	4	Good	2	24	22	2	Actual spare capacity at peak time
29	Bolton Woods JFC	6021173	BD18 1BD	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	2.5	2	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session

¹¹ Match equivalent sessions per week

¹² Match equivalent sessions per week, based on pitch quality - the FA recommends a maximum number of match equivalent sessions to be accommodated per pitch type. Please refer to Section 2.4 for the full breakdown.

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33	Brackenhill Primary School	1043293	BD7 4HA	Bradford South	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Poor	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	1202849	BD16 1LT	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	2	3	1	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
35	Bradford Academy	1039763	BD4 7QJ	Bradford East	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	3	Standard	8.5	6	-2.5	-	Pitches are overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent sessions
36	Bradford City AFC	6006591	BD8 7DY	Bradford West	No	Commercial management	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	0.5	3	2.5	0.5	Unavailable for community use
38	Bradford Forster Academy	30007624	BD4 8RG	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
41	Bradford Road Playing Field	30007723	BD14 6DD	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	2	1	-1	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1 match equivalent session
41	Bradford Road Playing Field	30007723	BD14 6DD	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	0	2	2	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
41	Bradford Road Playing Field	30007723	BD14 6DD	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	2	1	-1	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1 match equivalent session
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	6002650	BD22 7NG	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	0.5	3	2.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	6002650	BD22 7NG	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	2	Good	3	12	9	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	6002650	BD22 7NG	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Good	1.5	6	4.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	6002650	BD22 7NG	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Good	3.5	4	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	6002650	BD22 7NG	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Good	7	4	-3	-	Pitch is overplayed by 3 match equivalent session
44	Burley in Wharfedale Recreation Ground	6002609	LS29 7DN	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	2	Poor	5	2	-3	-	Pitches are overplayed by 3 match equivalent sessions
44	Burley in Wharfedale Recreation Ground	6002609	LS29 7DN	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1.5	1	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
44	Burley in Wharfedale Recreation Ground	6002609	LS29 7DN	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	0	2	2	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	1038812	BD6 3PX	Bradford South	Yes	Education	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Good	3.5	4	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	1038812	BD6 3PX	Bradford South	Yes	Education	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Good	3	4	1	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	1038812	BD6 3PX	Bradford South	Yes	Education	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Good	2	6	4	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
50	Carlton Bolling College	1201354	BD3 0DU	Bradford East	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1.5	1	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
51	Carlton Keighley	1043259	BD20 6EB	Keighley Area	Yes	Education	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
51	Carlton Keighley	1043259	BD20 6EB	Keighley Area	Yes	Education	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
52	Carrbottom Recreation Ground	6002610	BD5 9AE	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	0.5	2	1.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time

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53	Cavendish Primary School	30004647	BD2 2DU	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
57	Clayton ARLFC	30010533	BD7 2PD	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Good	0	6	6	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
57	Clayton ARLFC	30010533	BD7 2PD	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	2	3	1	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
59	Cliffe Lane West Football Pitch	1041052	BD17 5QL	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Standard	3	4	1	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
59	Cliffe Lane West Football Pitch	1041052	BD17 5QL	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	3	2	-1	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1 match equivalent session
59	Cliffe Lane West Football Pitch	1041052	BD17 5QL	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	2	4	2	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
60	Co-op Academy Grange	1044268	BD5 9ET	Bradford South	Yes	Education	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	2.5	2	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions
62	Cottingley Manor Park	6002615	BD16 1PF	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
63	Cottingley Rec Ground	6002616	BD16 1QA	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
64	Cottingley Village Primary School	30004236	BD16 1SY	Shipley Area	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
64	Cottingley Village Primary School	30004236	BD16 1SY	Shipley Area	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
66	Crossflatts Primary School	30009510	BD16 2EP	Shipley Area	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(5v5)	2	Poor	2	4	2	2	Pitches discounted due to not being available for community use
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	6002618	BD16 2HA	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	0	2	2	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
68	Cullingworth Cricket Club	1202864	BD13 5HL	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	1051949	BD8 0DH	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Standard	6	2	-4	-	Pitch is overplayed by 4 match equivalent session
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	1051949	BD8 0DH	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	2.5	2	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
73	Dixons Cottingley Academy	30006720	BD16 1TZ	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
73	Dixons Cottingley Academy	30006720	BD16 1TZ	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
75	Dixons Marchbank Primary	30004110	BD3 8QQ	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
76	Dixons Trinity Academy	30007698	BD5 0BE	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Poor	2.5	1	-1.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent session
78	East Holmes Field	6002614	LS29 8EW	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	1.5	1	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
79	Eastburn Playing Field	6002612	BD20 8UR	Keighley Area	Yes	Community organisation	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
80	Eccleshill United Football Club	6011970	BD2 1PN	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	0.5	3	2.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
80	Eccleshill United Football Club	6011970	BD2 1PN	Shipley Area	No	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	0	3	3	1	Spare capacity discounted due to being unavailable for community use.
84	Eldwick Primary School	1043918	BD16 3LE	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure

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84	Eldwick Primary School	1043918	BD16 3LE	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Poor	0.5	2	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
85	Eldwick Rec Ground	6002620	BD16 3DE	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	5	2	-3	-	Pitch is overplayed by 3 match equivalent session
87	Elm Tree Farm	30006409	BD10 0PU	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	1	4	3	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
87	Elm Tree Farm	30006409	BD10 0PU	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Pitch is played to capacity at peak time
88	Emsleys Recreation Ground	1202925	BD5 8DW	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	2	Good	2.5	6	3.5	-	Pitch is played to capacity at peak time
89	Esholt Sports Club	6011897	BD17 7RQ	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Good	3.75	4	0.25	-	Pitch is played to capacity at peak time
91	Fifth Street Recreation Ground	1040745	BD12 0HY	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity
92	Foster Park	6002634	BD13 4BE	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	3	Poor	0.5	3	2.5	2.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
93	Foxhill Park	6002648	BD13 2JR	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	2	Poor	2	2	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity
95	Gain Lane Playing Field	50000232	BD3 7DY	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
95	Gain Lane Playing Field	50000232	BD3 7DY	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity
96	Ghyll Royd School	30005037	LS29 7HW	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Good	3.5	4	0.5	-	Pitch is played to capacity at peak time
97	Gilstead Rec Ground	6002623	BD16 3NL	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	2	1	-1	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1 match equivalent session
102	Green Lane Primary School	30007798	BD8 8HT	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1	2	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
102	Green Lane Primary School	30007798	BD8 8HT	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
103	Green Top Street Recreation Ground	6002651	BD8 0LX	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
104	Greengates Primary Academy	30006517	BD10 9AX	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
105	Greengates Recreation Ground	6002652	BD10 9BD	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	0	4	4	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
107	Hanson Academy	30003498	BD2 1JP	Bradford East	Yes	Education	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Pitch is played to capacity at peak time.
109	Harden Rec Ground (Wilsden Junior AFC)	6002653	BD16 1AT	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Standard	1.5	4	2.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
109	Harden Rec Ground (Wilsden Junior AFC)	6002653	BD16 1AT	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	3	4	1	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
109	Harden Rec Ground (Wilsden Junior AFC)	6002653	BD16 1AT	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Pitch is played to capacity at peak time
109	Harden Rec Ground (Wilsden Junior AFC)	6002653	BD16 1AT	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	0	2	2	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
110	Harold Park	6002654	BD12 0DL	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.

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111	Harrogate Road Playing Field	30010077	BD10 0JE	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
111	Harrogate Road Playing Field	30010077	BD10 0JE	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
112	Haworth (Acre Lane) Recreation Ground	6002656	BD22 8QL	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Pitch discounted due poor quality
112	Haworth (Acre Lane) Recreation Ground	6002656	BD22 8QL	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Pitch discounted due poor quality
115	Haworth Road Recreation Ground	6002655	BD9 6NJ	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	3	Poor	0	3	3	3	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
116	Hazelbeck School	1103877	BD16 1EE	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
121	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	1041082	BD18 4NQ	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	2	Standard	1	4	3	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
123	Home Farm Primary School	30004321	BD6 3NR	Bradford South	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	1202932	BD6 2NG	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1	2	1	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	1202932	BD6 2NG	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	3	Poor	4	3	-1	-	Pitches are overplayed by 1 match equivalent sessions
126	Hudson Avenue Recreation Ground	6002647	BD7 3JZ	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
126	Hudson Avenue Recreation Ground	6002647	BD7 3JZ	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
131	Immanuel College Church of England Academy	1200631	BD10 9AQ	Bradford East	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	3	Standard	5	6	1	-	Pitch is played to capacity at peak time
131	Immanuel College Church of England Academy	1200631	BD10 9AQ	Bradford East	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	1	4	3	1	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
133	Institute Road Recreation Ground	6007306	BD2 2HU	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	0	2	2	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
136	Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park)	1040761	BD21 3RF	Keighley Area	No	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	0.5	3	2.5	-	Spare capacity discounted due to also being used for professional rugby league
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	6007241	BD2 1AL	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	2	Standard	2	4	2	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	6007241	BD2 1AL	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	0	4	4	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
140	Knowles Park	6002660	BD4 9AE	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
141	Knowleswood Primary School	50001658	BD4 9AE	Bradford South	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
142	Ladyhill Park	6002661	BD15 7RJ	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	1202598	BD4 8PA	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	1.5	1	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	1202598	BD4 8PA	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	0.5	4	3.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time

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143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	1202598	BD4 8PA	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
144	Laisterdyke Leadership Academy	1200629	BD3 8HE	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
144	Laisterdyke Leadership Academy	1200629	BD3 8HE	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
145	Leeds City College Recreation Ground	1203038	BD20 6DL	Keighley Area	No	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
146	Legrams Recreation Ground	6002662	BD7 2EB	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
146	Legrams Recreation Ground	6002662	BD7 2EB	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	0.5	2	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
151	Lower Fields Primary School	6007226	BD4 8RG	Bradford East	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
152	Manningham Mills Sports Association	6001144	BD9 5AT	Bradford West	Yes	Community organisation	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	0.75	3	2.25	0.25	Actual spare capacity at peak time
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	1103892	BD21 4DB	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	7	2	-5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 5 match equivalent session
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	1103892	BD21 4DB	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	3	Poor	0	3	3	3	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	1103892	BD21 4DB	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	2	2	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	1103892	BD21 4DB	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	2	Standard	0	4	4	2	Actual spare capacity at peak time
157	Menston Park	1041051	LS29 6DN	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	0	2	2	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
163	Newhall Park Primary School	6007240	BD4 6AF	Bradford South	No	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
165	Northfield Road Playing Field	20001913	BD6 1RL	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
166	Oakworth Cricket Club	1202945	BD22 0RJ	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	0	2	2	1	Actual spare capacity at peak time
167	Oasis Academy Lister Park	1201880	BD8 7ND	Bradford West	No	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
171	Eccleshill Sports and Social Club (Olympic Park)	1202578	BD10 0HT	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	1	3	2	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	6002667	BD22 9LY	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	0.5	4	3.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	6002667	BD22 9LY	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Standard	1.5	4	2.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	6002667	BD22 9LY	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	2.5	1	-1.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent session
174	Park Street Recreation Ground	6002636	BD18 3LL	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
175	Parkside School	1201335	BD13 5AD	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	0.5	2	1.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
175	Parkside School	1201335	BD13 5AD	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	2	4	2	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
175	Parkside School	1201335	BD13 5AD	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	0.5	2	1.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time

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175	Parkside School	1201335	BD13 5AD	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Standard	1.5	4	2.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
176	Parkwood Rec Ground	6002659	BD21 4AT	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	1.75	1	-0.75	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.75 match equivalent session
177	Peel Park (Bradford)	6002586	BD3 0LT	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	3	Poor	3	3	0	-	Pitches are played to capacity.
177	Peel Park (Bradford)	6002586	BD3 0LT	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
177	Peel Park (Bradford)	6002586	BD3 0LT	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	2	2	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
177	Peel Park (Bradford)	6002586	BD3 0LT	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
179	Prospect AFC	1202585	BD10 9LE	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	2	1	-1	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1 match equivalent session
180	Prune Park Recreation Ground	6002657	BD15 7EB	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
181	Queensbury Celtic Junior Football Club	30004214	BD13 1NB	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	2	Standard	4.5	8	3.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
181	Queensbury Celtic Junior Football Club	30004214	BD13 1NB	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	2	Standard	2.5	8	5.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
181	Queensbury Celtic Junior Football Club	30004214	BD13 1NB	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
181	Queensbury Celtic Junior Football Club	30004214	BD13 1NB	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	3	2	-1	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1 match equivalent session
181	Queensbury Celtic Junior Football Club	30004214	BD13 1NB	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	2.5	2	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	1040772	BD18 3LA	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	2	Good	1.5	12	10.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	1040772	BD18 3LA	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	2	Good	3.5	6	2.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	1040772	BD18 3LA	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	2	Good	2	12	10	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
187	Sandal Primary School	6020538	BD17 5DH	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	4	2	-2	-	Pitch is overplayed by 2 match equivalent session
187	Sandal Primary School	6020538	BD17 5DH	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
187	Sandal Primary School	6020538	BD17 5DH	Shipley Area	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
188	Scalebor Park	30002932	LS29 7SH	Shipley Area	Yes	Trust	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	4	Standard	2.5	16	13.5	1.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
188	Scalebor Park	30002932	LS29 7SH	Shipley Area	Yes	Trust	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	4	Standard	3.5	16	12.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
189	Scholemoor Beacon	30010951	BD7 2RJ	Bradford South	Yes	Community organisation	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	0.5	2	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
190	Sedbergh Sports And Leisure Centre	30008553	BD12 0HQ	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
190	Sedbergh Sports And Leisure Centre	30008553	BD12 0HQ	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	2	1	-1	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1 match equivalent session
191	Silsden AFC	6004680	BD20 0EH	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	2	Good	3	12	9	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
191	Silsden AFC	6004680	BD20 0EH	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	2	Good	5	8	3	-	Played to capacity at peak time.

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191	Silsden AFC	6004680	BD20 0EH	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Good	4	6	2	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
191	Silsden AFC	6004680	BD20 0EH	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	2	3	1	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
191	Silsden AFC	6004680	BD20 0EH	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Good	2.5	4	1.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
193	St Bedes And St Josephs Catholic College (Ardor Campus)	1201945	BD9 4BQ	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
193	St Bedes And St Josephs Catholic College (Ardor Campus)	1201945	BD9 4BQ	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	1.5	4	2.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
194	St Bedes And St Josephs Catholic College (Ignis Campus)	1200633	BD8 7AP	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
194	St Bedes And St Josephs Catholic College (Ignis Campus)	1200633	BD8 7AP	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1	2	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
196	St Philips CE Primary Academy	30010313	BD8 9JL	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	2.5	2	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
200	Steeton Juniors AFC (The Doris Wells Foundation Ground)	6012346	BD20 6FA	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
200	Steeton Juniors AFC (The Doris Wells Foundation Ground)	6012346	BD20 6FA	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Standard	1.5	4	2.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
200	Steeton Juniors AFC (The Doris Wells Foundation Ground)	6012346	BD20 6FA	Keighley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Good	0.5	3	2.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity at peak time
202	Tfd Youth Centre	1004435	BD4 9BU	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	2.75	1	-1.75	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1.75 match equivalent session
203	Thackley AFC	1202595	BD10 0TL	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	2	Standard	2.5	8	5.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
203	Thackley AFC	1202595	BD10 0TL	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Standard	2.5	4	1.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
203	Thackley AFC	1202595	BD10 0TL	Bradford East	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	4.5	2	-2.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent session
205	Thackley Old Road Rec Ground	6002639	BD18 1DD	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
206	The Dell	1041048	BD17 5QL	Shipley Area	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	2	Standard	2.5	4	1.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
207	Thornton Cricket Club	1041767	BD13 3QX	Bradford West	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	2	1	-1	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1 match equivalent session
208	Thornton Primary School	1043921	BD13 3NN	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	2.5	2	-0.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent session
208	Thornton Primary School	1043921	BD13 3NN	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Poor	2	2	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.

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209	Titus Salt School	1037854	BD17 5RH	Shipley Area	No	Education	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	0	2	2	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
211	Tong Leadership Academy	1037844	BD4 6NR	Bradford South	Yes	Education	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	2	2	0	-	Played to capacity.
211	Tong Leadership Academy	1037844	BD4 6NR	Bradford South	Yes	Education	Secured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity.
213	Trinity Academy	1203119	BD13 2AS	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Standard	1.25	2	0.75	0.75	Spare capacity discounted due to unsecure tenure
214	Trinity All Saints Church of England Primary School	1044450	BD16 2PP	Shipley Area	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
218	Upper Seymour Street Recreation Ground	6002637	BD3 9LJ	Bradford East	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Pitch is played to capacity.
221	Valley Drive Playing Fields	1045571	LS29 8FF	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Mini	(7v7)	1	Poor	0	2	2	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
221	Valley Drive Playing Fields	1045571	LS29 8FF	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
223	Wellington Primary School (Eccleshill)	30009934	BD2 3DE	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	0	-	Played to capacity.
224	West Holmes Field	6002641	LS29 0AA	Keighley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Standard	1.5	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
225	West Park (Girlington)	6002642	BD8 9SG	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
226	Westwood Park Cricket Club	1202571	BD6 3XY	Bradford South	Yes	Sport club	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	3.5	1	-2.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 2.5 match equivalent session
227	Whetley Academy	30005145	BD8 9HZ	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	3	1	-2	-	Pitch is overplayed by 2 match equivalent session
227	Whetley Academy	30005145	BD8 9HZ	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	3	1	-2	-	Pitch is overplayed by 2 match equivalent session
228	Wibsey Park Recreation Ground	6002643	BD6 3QA	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	0	1	1	1	Spare capacity discounted due to poor pitch condition
230	Wilsden Primary School	30010198	BD15 0AE	Shipley Area	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(5v5)	1	Poor	1	2	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
233	Woodhead Road Recreation Ground	6002645	BD7 1QE	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Poor	3.25	1	-2.25	-	Pitch is overplayed by 2.25 match equivalent session
233	Woodhead Road Recreation Ground	6002645	BD7 1QE	Bradford West	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	2.5	1	-1.5	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent session
235	Woodside Academy	20001578	BD6 2PG	Bradford South	No	Education	Unsecured	Mini	(7v7)	2	Poor	2	4	2	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
236	Wrose & Claremont Recreation Ground	6002649	BD2 1PT	Shipley Area	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	1	Poor	2.75	1	-1.75	-	Pitch is overplayed by 1.75 match equivalent session
237	Wyke Community Sports Village	30010176	BD12 9HA	Bradford South	Yes	Local authority	Secured	Adult	-	2	Good	7.5	6	-1.5	-	Pitches are overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions
238	Zara Sports Centre	1041873	BD9 6NA	Bradford West	Yes	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Standard	4	2	-2	-	Pitch is overplayed by 2 match equivalent session
239	Beckfoot Upper Heaton	-	BD9 6AL	Bradford West	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Poor	1	1	1	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use

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286	Woodhouse Grove School	1201802	BD10 0NR	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	1	Good	1	3	2	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
288	LCC - Woodhouse Grove School (Rawdon Meadows)	6002584	BD10 0LT	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Adult	-	3	Good	3	9	6	3	Pitches discounted due to not being available for community use
288	LCC - Woodhouse Grove School (Rawdon Meadows)	6002584	BD10 0LT	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(9v9)	1	Good	1	4	3	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use
289	LCC - Woodhouse Grove School (Woodlands Drive)	30007537	BD10 0PA	Bradford East	No	Education	Unsecured	Youth	(11v11)	1	Good	1	4	3	1	Pitch discounted due to not being available for community use

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Actual spare capacity

The table below identifies actual spare capacity by site and pitch type in Bradford. It totals 26.25 match equivalent sessions per week and is identified across 42 pitches at 24 sites. It should be noted that the identified spare capacity is relatively minimal by pitch due to the level of demand already utilising the provision.

Table 2.18: Actual (peak time) spare capacity site by site

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Size	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (MES)
13	Avenue Road Playing Fields	Bradford East	Youth	(11v11)	1	1
13	Avenue Road Playing Fields	Bradford East	Adult	-	1	1
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	Keighley Area	Youth	(9v9)	1	1
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	Keighley Area	Adult	-	1	1
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Shipley Area	Mini	(7v7)	4	2
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Keighley Area	Adult	-	1	0.5
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Keighley Area	Mini	(5v5)	1	0.5
44	Burley in Wharfedale Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Youth	(11v11)	1	1
51	Carlton Keighley	Keighley Area	Adult	-	1	1
51	Carlton Keighley	Keighley Area	Youth	(9v9)	1	1
52	Carrbottom Recreation Ground	Bradford South	Adult	-	1	0.5
57	Clayton ARLFC	Bradford South	Mini	(7v7)	1	1
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Adult	-	1	1
80	Eccleshill United Football Club	Shipley Area	Adult	-	1	0.5
105	Greengates Recreation Ground	Bradford East	Mini	(7v7)	1	1
116	Hazelbeck School	Shipley Area	Adult	-	1	1
121	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	Shipley Area	Youth	(9v9)	2	1
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	Bradford East	Mini	(7v7)	1	1
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	Bradford East	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5
152	Manningham Mills Sports Association	Bradford West	Adult	-	1	0.25
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	Adult	-	2	2
157	Menston Park	Shipley Area	Youth	(11v11)	1	1
166	Oakworth Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Youth	(9v9)	1	1
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Keighley Area	Mini	(7v7)	1	0.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch Size	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (MES)
175	Parkside School	Shipley Area	Youth	(9v9)	1	0.5
175	Parkside School	Shipley Area	Youth	(11v11)	1	0.5
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Shipley Area	Mini	(5v5)	2	0.5
188	Scalebor Park	Shipley Area	Mini	(5v5)	4	1.5
188	Scalebor Park	Shipley Area	Mini	(7v7)	4	0.5
200	Steeton Juniors AFC (The Doris Wells Foundation Ground)	Keighley Area	Adult	-	1	0.5
-	-	-	Total	-	42	26.25

Actual spare capacity is broken down by analysis area and pitch type in the table below. As seen, actual spare capacity is identified in all analysis areas with the Shipley Area Analysis Areas providing the most with 11 match equivalent sessions per week.

Adult pitches have the most actual spare capacity of all the pitch types with 9.25 match equivalent sessions per week.

Table 2.19: Actual spare capacity summary in match sessions per week

Local Authority	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Total
Bradford East	1	1	-	2.5	-	4.5
Bradford South	0.5	-	-	1	-	1.5
Bradford West	0.25	-	-	-	-	0.25
Keighley Area	5	-	3	0.5	0.5	9
Shipley Area	2.5	2.5	1.5	2	2.5	11
Bradford	9.25	3.5	4.5	6	3	26.25

There is significantly less actual spare capacity on grass pitches compared to the 2018 study. In total it has decreased from 73 match equivalent sessions to 26.25 match equivalent sessions. It is highly likely that this is due to the significant amount of growth identified.

Overplay

Overplay occurs when there is more play accommodated on a site than it can sustain (based on its quality rating), which can often be due to the low carrying capacity of pitches. In Bradford, 49 pitches across 36 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 62 match equivalent sessions per week.

Table 2.20: Overplay site-by-site

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (MES)
4	Addingham Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	Adult	-	1	-0.5
8	Apperley Bridge Playing Fields	Bradford East	Adult	-	2	-1
27	Blakehill Primary School	Bradford East	Mini	7v7	1	-0.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (MES)
29	Bolton Woods JFC	Shipley Area	Youth	9v9	1	-0.5
35	Bradford Academy	Bradford East	Adult	-	3	-2.5
41	Bradford Road Playing Field	Bradford West	Youth	9v9	1	-1
41	Bradford Road Playing Field	Bradford West	Youth	11v11	1	-1
43	Bronte School Playing Fields	Keighley Area	Youth	11v11	1	-3
44	Burley in Wharfedale Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Youth	11v11	2	-3
44	Burley in Wharfedale Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Adult	-	1	-0.5
50	Carlton Bolling College	Bradford East	Adult	-	1	-0.5
59	Cliffe Lane West Football Pitch	Shipley Area	Youth	9v9	1	-1
60	Co-op Academy Grange	Bradford South	Adult	-	1	-0.5
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	Bradford West	Adult	-	1	-4
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	Bradford West	Youth	9v9	1	-0.5
76	Dixons Trinity Academy	Bradford West	Adult	-	1	-1.5
78	East Holmes Field	Keighley Area	Youth	11v11	1	-0.5
85	Eldwick Rec Ground	Shipley Area	Youth	11v11	1	-3
97	Gilstead Rec Ground	Shipley Area	Youth	9v9	1	-1
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	Youth	11v11	3	-1
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	Bradford East	Youth	11v11	1	-0.5
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	Adult	-	1	-5
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Keighley Area	Adult	-	1	-1.5
176	Parkwood Rec Ground	Keighley Area	Youth	11v11	1	-0.75
179	Prospect AFC	Bradford East	Adult	-	1	-1
181	Queensbury Celtic Junior Football Club	Bradford South	Youth	9v9	1	-1
181	Queensbury Celtic Junior Football Club	Bradford South	Youth	11v11	1	-0.5
187	Sandal Primary School	Shipley Area	Youth	11v11	1	-2
190	Sedbergh Sports And Leisure Centre	Bradford South	Adult	-	1	-1
196	St Philips CE Primary Academy	Bradford West	Mini	7v7	1	-0.5
202	Tfd Youth Centre	Bradford South	Youth	11v11	1	-1.75
203	Thackley AFC	Bradford East	Adult	-	1	-2.5
207	Thornton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Youth	11v11	1	-1
208	Thornton Primary School	Bradford West	Mini	7v7	1	-0.5
226	Westwood Park Cricket Club	Bradford South	Adult	-	1	-2.5
227	Whetley Academy	Bradford West	Youth	11v11	1	-2
227	Whetley Academy	Bradford West	Youth	9v9	1	-2

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Capacity rating (MES)
233	Woodhead Road Recreation Ground	Bradford West	Youth	11v11	1	-2.25
233	Woodhead Road Recreation Ground	Bradford West	Youth	9v9	1	-1.5
236	Wrose & Claremont Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Adult	-	1	-1.75
237	Wyke Community Sports Village	Bradford South	Adult	-	2	-1.5
238	Zara Sports Centre	Bradford West	Adult	-	1	-2
-	-	-	Totals	-	49	-62

Pitches are generally overplayed due to high levels of demand coupled with poor pitch quality. Additionally overplay can be found at nine education sites where community, curricular and extracurricular demand all contribute to overplay.

Overplay is broken down by local authority and pitch type in the table below. As seen, most overplay is located on adult pitches and in the Bradford West Analysis Area.

Table 2.21: Overplay summary in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Adult	Youth 11v11	Youth 9v9	Mini 7v7	Mini 5v5	Total
Bradford East	-7.5	-0.5	-	-0.5	-	-8.5
Bradford South	-5.5	-3.25	-1	-	-	-9.75
Bradford West	-7.5	-6.25	-5	-1	-	-19.75
Keighley Area	-7	-4.25	-	-	-	-11.25
Shipley Area	-2.25	-8	-2.5	-	-	-12.75
Bradford	-29.75	-22.25	-8.5	-1.5	0	-62

As shown in the table above, levels of overplay have marginally decreased in Bradford since the 2018 study. This is due, in part, to improving pitch quality across some sites.

2.5: Supply and demand analysis

Having considered supply and demand, the tables below identify current demand (i.e., spare capacity taking away overplay) in each of the analysis areas for each pitch type, based on match equivalent sessions. As stated earlier, future demand, at this stage, is calculated based on what has been identified through population growth.

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Adult pitch capacity

Table 2.22: Supply and demand balance of adult pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total
Bradford East	1	-7.5	-6.5
Bradford South	0.5	-5.5	-5
Bradford West	0.25	-7.5	-7.25
Keighley Area	5	-7	-2
Shipley Area	2.5	-2.25	0.25
Bradford	9.25	-29.75	-20.5

The table above shows that there is currently a shortfall amounting to 20.5 match equivalent session per week on adult pitches in Bradford with found across Majority analysis area. Spare capacity can be found in the Shipley Area Analysis Areas.

Table 2.23: Future supply and demand position for adult pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Current total	Future demand	Future total
Bradford	-20.5	0	-20.5

After considering future demand, the shortfall remains the same at 20.5 match equivalent sessions per week.

Although this will be examined in greater detail within the Strategy and Action Plan, it should be noted that, if club aspirational future demand is factored in rather than ONS population growth projections, the overall future shortfall would increase to 26 match equivalent sessions. This is based on an additional 11 teams playing at peak time (5.5 match equivalent sessions per week).

Youth 11v11 pitch capacity

Table 2.24: Supply and demand balance of youth 11v11 pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total
Bradford East	1	-0.5	0.5
Bradford South	-	-3.25	-3.25
Bradford West	-	-6.25	-6.25
Keighley Area	-	-4.25	-4.25
Shipley Area	2.5	-8	-5.5
Bradford	3.5	-22.25	-18.75

The table above shows that there is currently a shortfall of 18.75 match equivalent sessions per week on youth 11v11 pitches in Bradford. Shortfalls, as a result of overplay, can be found in all analysis areas apart from Bradford East which is showing spare capacity.

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Table 2.25: Future supply and demand position for youth 11v11 pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Current total	Future demand	Future total
Bradford	-18.75	0	-18.75

After considering future demand, the shortfall remains the same at 18.75 match equivalent sessions per week.

Although this will be examined in greater detail within the Strategy and Action Plan, it should be noted that, if club aspirational future demand is factored in rather than ONS population growth projections, the overall future shortfall would increase to 28.75 match equivalent sessions. This is based on an additional 20 teams playing at peak time (10 match equivalent sessions per week).

Youth 9v9 pitch capacity

Table 2.26: Supply and demand balance of youth 9v9 pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total
Bradford East	-	-	
Bradford South	-	-1	-1
Bradford West	-	-5	-5
Keighley Area	3	-	3
Shipley Area	1.5	-2.5	-1
Bradford	4.5	-8.5	-4

There is currently a shortfall amounting to four match equivalent session per week on youth 9v9 pitches in Bradford. Overplay can be found in the Bradford West and Shipley Area Analysis Area.

Table 2.27: Future supply and demand position for youth 9v9 pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Current total	Future demand	Future total
Bradford	-4	0	-4

After considering future demand, the shortfall remains the same at four match equivalent sessions per week.

Although this will be examined in greater detail within the Strategy and Action Plan, it should be noted that, if club aspirational future demand is factored in rather than ONS population growth projections, the overall future shortfall would increase to 16.5 match equivalent sessions. This is based on an additional 25 teams playing at peak time (12.5 match equivalent sessions per week).

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Mini 7v7 pitch capacity

Table 2.28: Supply and demand balance of mini 7v7 pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total
Bradford East	2.5	-0.5	2
Bradford South	1	-	1
Bradford West	-	-1	-1
Keighley Area	0.5	-	0.5
Shipley Area	2	-	2
Bradford	6	-1.5	4.5

There is currently actual spare capacity amounting to 4.5 match equivalent session per week on mini 7v7 pitches in Bradford. All analysis areas show spare capacity apart from the Bradford West Analysis Area which is overplayed.

Table 2.29: Future supply and demand position for mini 7v7 pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Current total	Future demand	Future total
Bradford	4.5	0	4.5

After considering future demand, spare capacity remains the same at 4.5 match equivalent sessions per week.

Although this will be examined in greater detail within the Strategy and Action Plan, it should be noted that, if club aspirational future demand is factored in rather than ONS population growth projections, a shortfall would arise amounting to two match equivalent sessions. This is based on an additional 13 teams playing at peak time (6.5 match equivalent sessions per week).

Mini 5v5 pitch capacity

Table 2.30: Supply and demand balance of mini 5v5 pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total
Bradford East	-	-	
Bradford South	-	-	
Bradford West	-	-	
Keighley Area	0.5	-	0.5
Shipley Area	2.5	-	2.5
Bradford	3	0	3

There is currently actual spare capacity amounting to three match equivalent session per week on mini 5v5 pitches in Bradford. The Bradford East, Bradford South and Bradford West analysis areas are currently played to capacity.

Table 2.31: Future supply and demand position for mini 5v5 pitches in match sessions per week

Analysis area	Current total	Future demand	Future total
Bradford	3	0	3

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After considering future demand, spare capacity remains the same at three match equivalent sessions per week.

Although this will be examined in greater detail within the Strategy and Action Plan, it should be noted that, if club aspirational future demand is factored in rather than ONS population growth projections, a shortfall would arise amounting to eight match equivalent sessions per week. This is based on an additional 22 teams playing at peak time (11 match equivalent sessions per week).

2.6: Conclusion

Using the supply and demand tables above, the table below summarises the overall Bradford supply and demand balance by pitch type.

Table 2.32: Summary of supply and demand in match equivalent sessions per week

Pitch type	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Total
Adult	9.25	-29.75	-20.5	0	-20.5
Youth 11v11	3.5	-22.25	-18.75	0	-18.75
Youth 9v9	4.5	-8.5	-4	0	-4
Mini 7v7	6	-1.5	4.5	0	4.5
Mini 5v5	3	0	3	0	3

There are current shortfalls across adult, youth 11v11 and youth 9v9 pitch types in Bradford amounting to 43.25 match equivalent sessions per season. Shortfalls are due to high levels of demand combined with poor quality. Mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitch types are showing actual spare capacity amounting to 7.5 match equivalent sessions per week collectively.

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Supply summary

- In total, there are 263 pitches across 137 unique sites in Bradford, of which, 229 pitches across 111 sites are available for community use. All pitches that are unavailable for community use are either located at education sites or elite sports clubs' facilities such as Bradford City AFC utilised by Bradford City FC which compete within EFL League One.
- Most community available pitches can be found in the Shipley Area Analysis Area with 65 pitches provided (28%) with the fewest available pitches found in the Bradford West Analysis Area (13%).
- The number of grass football pitches since the previous study (2018) has increased from 243, of which, 217 were identified as being available for community use on some level with an overall increase of 12 community available pitches (5%).
- Most large clubs (such as Salts, Silsden AFC, Bolton Woods JFC, Denholme United AFC, Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC and Cullingworth Youth FC) have freehold/long term leases or licence agreements for their respective sites. Most smaller clubs largely play on Council facilities which are also classified as being secure.
- In Bradford, of the community availability pitches, 46 pitches are assessed as good quality, 89 as standard quality and 94 as poor quality.
- Several clubs/sites in Bradford have been awarded funding from the FF to improve the quality of their pitches including, Bolton Woods Junior FC, Oakworth Juniors FC, Silsden AFC Juniors, Clayton Albion FC, Oxenhope Recreation FC, Wilsden Junior FC, Salts, Queensbury Celtic FC, Addingham FC, Wibsey FC, Champion FC and Steeton FC.
- 18 sites in Bradford have poor quality changing facilities largely due to the fact they are outdated and need modernisation or do not offer suitable separation between male/female or adult/youth.

Demand summary

- In total, there are 902 football teams across 145 clubs identified as playing regular, competitive matches on football pitches within Bradford during the 2025/26 season with most teams competing at youth 11v11 (26% or 239 teams), this is followed by mini mixed (8-9) teams (19% or 169 teams).
- Football in Bradford is played more within the Bradford South Analysis Area with 207 teams (23%), this is followed by the Keighley Area Analysis Area with 198 teams (22%).
- There has been an overall increase in demand (by 46%) since the 2018 study with a further 284 teams being accommodated in Bradford. Growth can be seen across all age groups and pitch types.
- Of the 46 clubs that responded to consultation requests, 21 state a demand for additional training facilities with some of their teams struggling to train due to not being able to find a training location.
- Of responding clubs, 20 report aspirations to increase the number of teams they provide within the next two seasons, totalling a predicted growth of 91 teams.
- In Bradford, 49 pitches across 36 sites are overplayed by a combined total of 62 match equivalent sessions per week.
- Spare capacity totals 26.25 match equivalent sessions per week and is identified across 42 pitches at 24 sites.

PART 3: THIRD GENERATION TURF (3G) ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES (AGPS)

3.1: Introduction

Whilst predominately used for football, 3G pitches can be used for a variety of sports and activities, with them providing additional capacity in comparison to grass pitches, especially when supported by sports lighting. The below summarises the requirements of the provision on a sport-by-sport basis.

Many test contractors offer reduced rates through efficiency savings to carry out multiple performance tests in the same session. As such, providers seeking 3G pitch compliancy for a number of sports would be recommended to consider this opportunity.

Football

Competitive football can take place on 3G surfaces that have been FIFA or International Matchball Standard tested and approved by the FA for inclusion on the FA 3G Pitch Register. As such, in addition to training demand, a growing number of 3G pitches are now used for competitive match play, providing that the performance standard meets FIFA quality requirements.

The recommended dimensions for a 11v11 3G artificial grass pitch for football are 100 x 64 metres, with this extending to an area of 106 x 70 metres with the recommended minimum three metre run off area included. These dimensions allow for all age group match play to take place including adults, youth under 17/18 and younger age groups via overmarked pitches, e.g. the marking out of two 9v9 pitches for under 11/12s.

If a new pitch is proposed to measure below the recommended dimensions, then justification must be provided for this in relation to the identified needs it will provide for and/or site constraints. In doing so, the impacts of a reduced pitch size in meeting current and future needs must be considered, e.g., a pitch not providing the recommended dimensions for adult match play and/or only being able to accommodate one rather than two overmarked 9v9 pitches. This justification needs to be included in the planning application details submitted to the relevant Local Planning Authority for the new pitch.

Historically, some pitches otherwise considered as 11v11 pitches are slightly undersized due to be converted from sand-based AGPs, where the dimensions were established more so for hockey.

For the purposes of this report, 3G pitches measuring 91 x 55 metres or larger are considered to be 11v11 size.

Rugby union

World Rugby produced the 'Performance Specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22', which provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for rugby union. The artificial surface standards identified in Regulation 22 allows matches to be played on surfaces that meet the required standard, meaning full contact activity, including tackling, rucking, mauling and lineouts, can take place.

For rugby union, a 3G pitch must measure 106 x 68 metres for senior match play, with a 5-metre run off around the full perimeter. Smaller sized pitches can, however, also be used to support training demand providing that they are installed to the correct specifications.

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Rugby league

Competitive rugby league play and contact practice is permitted to take place on 3G pitches which are deemed by the RFL to meet its Performance Standard. RFL Stadium pitches require testing every two years, which is slightly above the requirements for RFL Community pitches which requires retesting every three years. Community games can be played on RFL Community compliant pitches, but Tiers 1 & 2 must be played on a RFL Stadium compliant surface if they intend to play on 3G. Training demand can take place on both RFL Stadium and RFL Community pitches.

For rugby league, the preferred size of a 3G pitch must measure 100 x 68 metres with an eight metre in-goal area, with a maximum size 3G pitch measuring 100 x 68 metres with a 11 metre in-goal area and for a minimum size 3G pitch it must measure 88 x 55 metres with a six metre in-goal area. All pitches must have a 3-metre run off as standard.

Hockey

EH's Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy (June 2016) advises that 3G pitches should not be used for matches or training. They can only be used for lower level play (introductory) as a last resort when no sand-based or water-based AGPs are available.

Other sports

Other sports that are known to use 3G pitches for training and match play include American football and lacrosse. There are generally no guidelines provided by the NGBs as to what makes provision suitable for these activities, other than the general recommended pitch sizes.

3.2: Supply

There are 19 3G pitches which are 11v11 size in Bradford, with all of these having sports lighting and all but one available for community use with Appleton Academy being unavailable.

Since the previous assessment (2018), there has been an increase in the number of 11v11 3G pitches, with the creation of a hub site at Wyke Community Sports Village and also new pitches now provided at Myra Shay Playing Field, Carlton Bolling College and Horsfall Stadium.

As seen in the table below, most of the 11v11 3G pitches are located in the Bradford South Analysis Area (six or 32%). The least number of pitches is provided in the Shipley Area Analysis Area (one or 5%).

Table 3.1: Summary of the number of 11v11 3G pitches by analysis area

Local Authority	No. of 11v11 pitches available for community use	No. of 11v11 pitches not available for community use
Bradford East	4	-
Bradford South	5	1
Bradford West	4	-
Keighley Area	4	-
Shipley Area	1	-
Bradford	18	1

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Table 3.1: 11v11 3G pitches in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Active Places Power ID	Ownership / management	Postcode	Community use?	Sports lit?	Size ¹³	Year installed / refurbished	Certification (expiry)	Expiry
10	Appleton Academy	Bradford South	1044203	Education	BD12 8AL	No	Yes	91 x 55	2012	-	-
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	Bradford West	50001596	Education	BD13 3BH	Yes	Yes	91 x 55	2011	FA	31/05/2025 (Expired)
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	1014851	Sports Club	LS29 8AW	Yes	Yes	100 x 64	2018	FIFA	31/05/2027
35	Bradford Academy	Bradford East	1039763	Education	BD4 7QJ	Yes	Yes	100 x 60	2015	FA	31/05/2028
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	Bradford South	1038812	Education	BD6 3PX	Yes	Yes	91 x 55	2020	-	-
50	Carlton Bolling College	Bradford East	1201354	Education	BD3 0DU	Yes	Yes	91 x 55	2023	FA RFL markings	31/05/2027
51	Carlton Keighley	Keighley Area	1043259	Education	BD20 6EB	Yes	Yes	96 x 57	2024	FA RFL markings	31/05/2027
60	Co-op Academy Grange	Bradford South	1044268	Education	BD5 9ET	Yes	Yes	91 x 55	2017	FIFA	31/05/2027
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	Bradford West	1051949	Education	BS8 0HD	Yes	Yes	100 x 64	2012	-	-
116	Hazelbeck School	Shipley Area	1103877	Education	BD16 1EE	Yes	Yes	100 x 60	2024	-	-
125	Horsfall Stadium	Bradford South	1011474	Sports Club	BD6 1JQ	Yes	Yes	100 x 64	2021	FIFA RFU	31/05/2027 21/03/2027
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	1040769	Sports Club	BD20 6DT	Yes	Yes	112 x 70	2017	FA RFU	31/05/2027 22/05/2028
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	1103892	Local Authority	BD21 4DB	Yes	Yes	100 x 64	2022	FIFA	31/05/2027
160	Myra Shay Playing Fields	Bradford East	1041050	Local Authority	BD3 9EP	Yes	Yes	100 x 64	2025	FIFA	31/05/2027
211	Tong Leadership Academy	Bradford South	1037844	Education	BD4 6NR	Yes	Yes	91 x 55	2008	-	-
216	University of Bradford (Sports Park)	Bradford West	1103881	Education	BD5 0NH	Yes	Yes	91 x 55	2016	FIFA	31/05/2028
237	Wyke Community Sports Village	Bradford South	30010176	Local Authority	BD12 9HA	Yes	Yes	100 x 64	2022	FIFA	31/05/2028
238	Zara Sports Centre	Bradford West	1041873	Education	BD9 6NA	Yes	Yes	90 x 52	2015	FA	31/05/2029
286	Woodhouse Grove School	Bradford East	1201802	Education	BD10 0NR	Yes	Yes	111 x 68	2013	FA	31/05/2027

As well as the 11v11 3G pitches, there are also 23 small size outdoor 3G pitches across 11 sites. Of these, 19 are available to the community and are provided with sports lighting.

Table 3.2: Additional supply of 3G provision (outdoor)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Active Places Power ID	Ownership / management	Postcode	Number of pitches	Community use?	Sports lit?	Size	Year installed / refurbished
25	Bingley Grammar School	Shipley Area	1203204	Education	BD16 2RS	1	No	No	30 x 17	2015
37	Bradford College (Trinity Green Campus)	Bradford West	1038844	Education	BD7 1JG	1	Yes	Yes	53 x 37	2020
61	Co-op Academy Southfield	Bradford South	1201119	Education	BD5 9ET	1	Yes	Yes	68 x 41	2024
72	Dixons City Academy	Bradford East	1200640	Education	BD5 7RR	1	Yes	Yes	80 x 53	2020

¹³ Size is in metres
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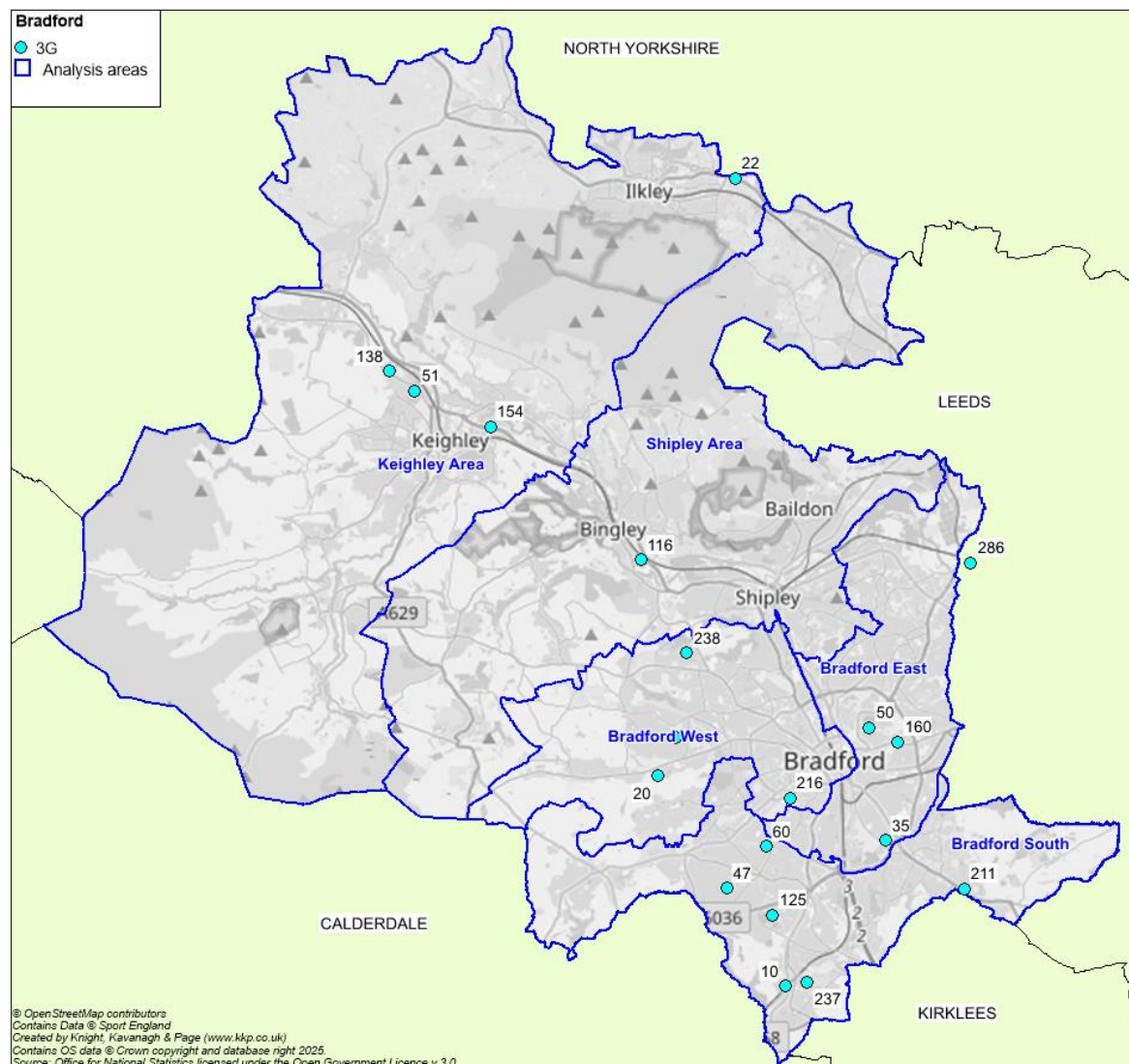
Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Active Places Power ID	Ownership / management	Postcode	Number of pitches	Community use?	Sports lit?	Size	Year installed / refurbished
81	Eden Boys Leadership Academy Bradford	Bradford West	30009979	Education	BD8 9AR	1	No	No	60 x 30	2021
94	Frame 2 Complex	Bradford East	30007566	Education	BD3 9DJ	2	Yes	Yes	40 x 20	2016
99	Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	1035982	Commercial	BD2 1NR	1	Yes	Yes	83 x 55	2024
99	Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	1035982	Commercial	BD2 1NR	2	Yes	Yes	32 x 22	2024
99	Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	1035982	Commercial	BD2 1NR	4	Yes	Yes	32 x 22	2026
99	Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	1035982	Commercial	BD2 1NR	2	Yes	Yes	32 x 22	2023
99	Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	1035982	Commercial	BD2 1NR	1	Yes	Yes	50 x 34	2025
116	Hazelbeck School	Shipley Area	1103877	Education	BD16 1EE	1	Yes	Yes	40 x 23	2024
175	Parkside School	Shipley Area	1201335	Education	BD13 5AD	1	No	No	48 x 24	2022
175	Parkside School	Shipley Area	1201335	Education	BD13 5AD	1	No	No	48 x 36	2022
193	St Bede's And St Joseph's Catholic College (Ardor Campus)	Bradford West	1201945	Education	BD9 4BQ	1	Yes	Yes	60 x 60	2021
217	University of Bradford Sports Centre (Unique Fitness)	Bradford West	1004440	Education	BD7 1PP	1	Yes	Yes	41 x 21	2025
217	University of Bradford Sports Centre (Unique Fitness)	Bradford West	1004440	Education	BD7 1PP	1	Yes	Yes	38 x 21	2025

Whilst not large enough to accommodate adult match play, smaller size provision can be used to accommodate youth and mini matches, in addition to training demand, providing that they are on the FA 3G Pitch Register, of an adequate size and with appropriate run-off areas. Currently, four small size 3G pitches all located at Goals (Bradford) are listed on the FA 3G Pitch Register with one due to expire on 31st March 2027 (Martin Field) and the remaining three due to expire 31st March 2028.

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Figure 3.1 identifies the location of all 11v11 3G pitches in Bradford

Figure 3.1: Location of 11v11 3G pitches in Bradford



Potential future supply

Table 3.4: FA recommended 3G pitch sizes

Age group	Playing format	Recommended pitch dimensions (metres excluding run offs)	Recommended pitch dimensions (metres including run offs)
Mini-Soccer U7/U8	5v5	37x27	43x33
Mini-Soccer U9/U10	7v7	55x37	61x43
Youth U11/U12	9v9	73x46	79x52
Youth U13/U14	11v11	82x50	88x56
Youth U15/U16	11v11	91x55	97x61
Youth U17/U18	11v11	100x64	106x70
Over 18/Adult	11v11	100x64	106x70

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A second 3G pitch is in the process of being developed at Wyke Community Sports Village with work commencing in March 2026. Additionally, there are plans for a second 11v11 3G pitch to be developed at Marley Activities and Coaching Centre alongside a new changing pavilion and car parking improvements.

Bingley Grammar School highlights aspiration for a 3G pitch onsite (potentially 9v9 size) which would also be community available.

Feversham Girls Academy currently has no community use of its facilities but is looking to address this moving forward. The School has identified a need for additional onsite facilities and aspires to develop a 3G pitch that can support both school activity and the wider community.

Both Dixons Kings Academy and Dixon McMillan Academy highlights aspiration to develop a 11v11 3G onsite.

A part of a new school development, Trinity Academy is exploring options to develop a 3G pitch onsite.

During consultation Titus Salt School indicated that the AGP is due to be converted to a 3G pitch this summer (2026).

There is a known aspiration to develop new 3G provision at Ben Rhydding Sports Club in addition to the one already provided. The Sports Club highlights for this pitch to also be World Rugby 22 compliant. This aspiration is in the early stages.

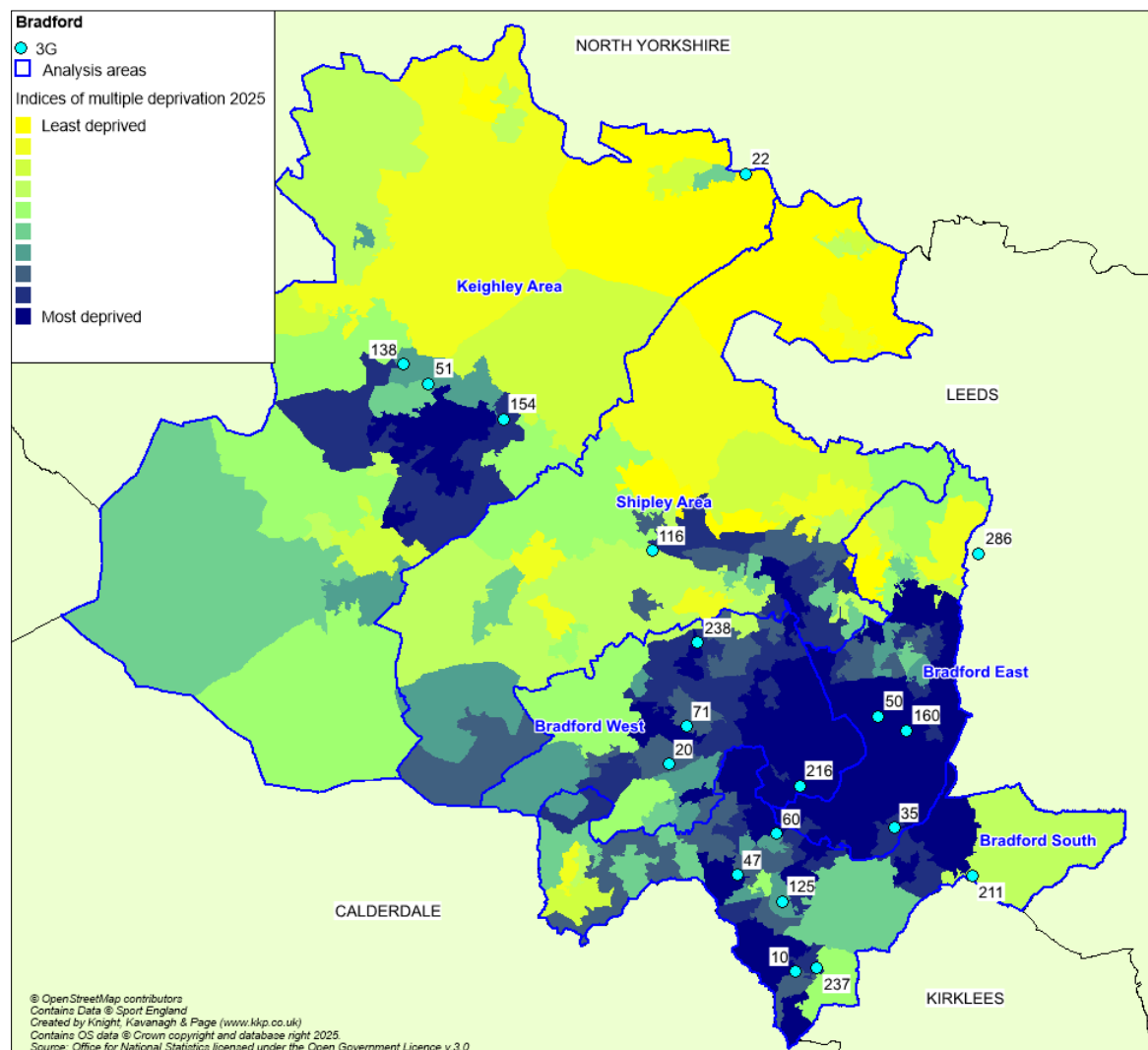
It should be noted that within the recent LFFP update both Titus Salts School and Marley Activities and Coaching Centre are highlighted as potential options for the creation of a 3G pitch to support in meeting identified shortfalls.

Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

The figure below shows all active 3G pitches located in the more deprived area across Bradford can be seen in the map below.

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Figure 3.2: Location of 11v11 3G pitches against IMD



FA 3G Pitch Register

In order for competitive matches to be played on 3G pitches, the pitch should be FIFA or IMS tested and approved and added to the FA 3G Pitch Register, which can be found at: <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register>.

Pitches undergo testing to become a FIFA Quality pitch or a FIFA Quality Pro pitch, with provision commonly constructed, installed and tested in situ to achieve either accreditation. The differences between the accreditations are that FIFA Quality pitches are designed to accommodate substantial levels of regular usage, whereas FIFA Quality Pro pitches are more for high level performance, with usage levels therefore more limited to protect the standard. Generally, FIFA Quality pitches can be typically used for 60-85 hours per week, whereas FIFA Quality Pro pitches are able to accommodate 20-30 hours.

To remain on the Register, pitches must be reassessed every three years to ensure that quality has not deteriorated beyond acceptable levels, although this is required annually for clubs using 3G pitches within the National League System (Step 1-6).

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In Bradford, the 3G pitches located at Ben Rhydding Sports Club, Bradford Academy, Carlton Bolling College, Carlton Keighley, Co-op Academy Grange, Goals (Bradford), Horsfall Stadium, Keighley Rugby Union Football Club, Marley Activities and Coaching Centre, Myra Shay Playing Fields, Wyke Community Sports Village and Zara Sports Centre are all on the FA 3G Pitch Register. The 11v11 3G pitch located at Beckfoot Thornton School was previously on the Register but has now expired.

It should be noted that the 3G pitch located at Ben Rhydding Sports Club, Horsfall Stadium and Marley Activities and Coaching Centre are National League System pitches and need retesting annually. As such, its certification will expire every season without retesting.

World Rugby compliant pitches

To enable 3G pitches to accommodate competitive rugby union matches, World Rugby has developed the Rugby Turf Performance Specification. This is to ensure that the surfaces can replicate the playing qualities of good quality grass pitches, provide a playing environment that will not increase the risk of injury and are of an adequate durability.

The specification included a rigorous test programme that assesses ball/surface interaction and player/surface interaction and has been modified to align the standard with that of FIFA. Any 3G pitch used for any form of competitive rugby must comply with this specification and must be tested every two years to retain compliance.

In Bradford, there are two World Rugby compliant 3G pitches located at Horsfall Stadium and Keighley Rugby Union Football Club.

RFL compliant pitches

3G pitches for rugby league are classed as either RFL Community or RFL Stadium. RFL Community is suitable for Tiers 4-6 and training. If used for competitive games they should be tested every two years, and if it only used training only then every three years. RFL Stadium pitches are considered suitable for match play use in Tiers 1-3 and should be retested annually if used for competitive games. More information can be found in Section five here [Materials Science Consultants Ltd](#).

The WR22 test complies with the RFL Community element of this, but the frequency of retest is different should the 3G be used for competitive rugby league. The RFL Stadium criteria requires an additional test.

In Bradford, there is currently no 3G pitch which is RFL community compliant. However, the 3G pitch located at Carlton Bolling College and Carlton Keighley does provide rugby league markings and is used to accommodate some training demand from Bradford Bulls Foundation and Keighley Cougars.

Management

Of the 11v11 3G pitches in Bradford, 13 are managed by educational providers and three by sports clubs, with the remaining pitches located at Marley Activities and Coaching Centre, Myra Shay Playing Fields and Wyke Community Sports Village managed by Local Authority.

The smaller size 3G pitches are managed by either education providers (12 pitches across 10 sites) or commercial operators (10 pitches across one site, Goals (Bradford)).

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Availability

The following table summarises the availability within the peak period of 11v11 3G pitches in Bradford. Sport England Facilities Planning Model (FPM) applies a generic overall peak period for AGPs based the following hours for AGPs 34 hours a week (Monday to Thursday 17:00-21:00; Friday 17:00-19:00; Saturday and Sunday 09:00-17:00).

The availability at each venue providing a 11v11 3G pitch is summarised in the Table 3.5.

Table 3.5: Summary of 11v11 3G pitch availability

Site ID	Site	Availability in the peak period (hours)	Availability
10	Appleton Academy	-	Unavailable for community use.
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	22	Available to the community from 18:00 until 21:00 on weekdays (Monday – Thursday), 17:30 until 19:30 on Friday and from 09:00 until 13:00 on weekends.
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	34	Fully available
35	Bradford Academy	34	Available to the community from 17:00 until 22:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 09:00 until 22:00 on weekends.
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	28	Available to the community from 17:00 until 21:30 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 08:00 until 14:00 on weekends.
50	Carlton Bolling College	29	Available to the community from 18:00 until 21:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 09:00 until 18:00 on weekends.
51	Carlton Keighley	34	Available to the community from 17:00 until 22:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 08:00 until 17:00 on weekends.
60	Co-op Academy Grange	32	Available to the community from 17:00 until 22:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 09:00 until 16:00 on weekends.
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	32	Available to the community from 17:00 until 21:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 09:00 until 16:00 on weekends.
116	Hazelbeck School	27	Available to the community from 17:00 until 21:00 on weekdays (Monday – Thursday), 17:00 until 19:00 on Friday and from 09:00 until 13:30 on weekends.
125	Horsfall Stadium	5	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 09:00 until 11:30 and 15:30 until 18:00. Friday 10:00 until 1:30pm and 15:00 until 21:00
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Unknown	Unknown
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	34	Fully available
160	Myra Shay Playing Fields	34	Fully available
211	Tong Leadership Academy	28	Available to the community from 16:30 until 21:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 09:00 until 14:00 on weekends.

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Site ID	Site	Availability in the peak period (hours)	Availability
216	University of Bradford (Sports Park)	26.5	Available to the community from 18:30 until 22:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 09:00 until 18:00 on weekends.
237	Wyke Community Sports Village	34	Fully available
238	Zara Sports Centre	32	Available to the community from 17:00 until 21:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 09:00 until 16:00 on weekends.
286	Woodhouse Grove School	28	Available to the community from 17:00 until 21:00 on weekdays (Monday – Friday) and from 09:00 until 14:00 on weekends.

Quality

Depending on use, it is considered that the carpet of a 3G pitch usually lasts for approximately ten years', and it is the age of the surface, combined with maintenance levels, which most commonly affects quality. It is therefore recommended that pitch replacement funds be put into place by providers to enable long-term sustainability, ongoing repairs and future refurbishments beyond this period.

In Bradford, nine 11v11 3G pitches are assessed as good quality, six as standard quality and four as poor quality with these located at Appleton Academy, Beckfoot Thornton School, Dixons Allerton Academy and Tong Leadership Academy and shown in the table below.

Table 3.6: Summary of 11v11 3G pitch quality

Site ID	Site	Year installed/ resurfaced	Quality
10	Appleton Academy	2012	Poor
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	2011	Poor
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	2018	Good
35	Bradford Academy	2015	Standard
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	2020	Good
50	Carlton Bolling College	2023	Good
51	Carlton Keighley	2024	Good
60	Co-op Academy Grange	2017	Standard
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	2012	Poor
116	Hazelbeck School	2024	Good
125	Horsfall Stadium	2021	Good
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	2017	Standard
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	2022	Good
160	Myra Shay Playing Fields	2025	Good
211	Tong Leadership Academy	2008	Poor
216	University of Bradford (Sports Park)	2016	Standard
237	Wyke Community Sports Village	2022	Good
238	Zara Sports Centre	2015	Standard
286	Woodhouse Grove School	2013	Standard

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In addition to above, of the small size provision, 17 are assessed as good quality, three as standard quality and three pitches as poor quality located at Bingley Grammar School and Frame 2 Complex.

Table 3.7: Summary of smaller size 3G pitch quality

Site ID	Site	Number of AGPs	Year installed/resurfaced	Quality
25	Bingley Grammar School	1	2015	Poor
37	Bradford College (Trinity Green Campus)	1	2020	Standard
61	Co-op Academy Southfield	1	2024	Good
72	Dixons City Academy	1	2020	Standard
81	Eden Boys Leadership Academy Bradford	1	2021	Good
94	Frame 2 Complex	2	2016	Poor
99	Goals (Bradford)	1	2024	Good
99	Goals (Bradford)	2	2024	Good
99	Goals (Bradford)	4	2026	Good
99	Goals (Bradford)	2	2023	Good
99	Goals (Bradford)	1	2025	Good
116	Hazelbeck School	1	2024	Good
175	Parkside School	1	2022	Good
175	Parkside School	1	2022	Good
193	St Bede's And St Joseph's Catholic College (Ardor Campus)	1	2021	Standard
217	University of Bradford Sports Centre (Unique Fitness)	1	2025	Good
217	University of Bradford Sports Centre (Unique Fitness)	1	2025	Good

Majority of clubs which responded to consultation attempts including (Tyersal FC, Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC, Denholme United AFC, Silsden AFC, Baildon Trinity Dynamos JFC, Wilsden Juniors FC, Salts FC and Route One Rovers Juniors FC) highlight the lack of 3G pitches for training, with all clubs struggling to access training slots throughout the winter months.

3.3: Demand

The 11v11 3G pitches currently available for community use in Bradford are all reported to be operating at or close to capacity at peak times, especially during winter months when grass pitches cannot be used for training or recreational demand (due to a lack of sports lighting).

Currently, it is considered that all the community-based activity on 3G pitches is mainly football demand with some rugby league and rugby union demand.

The table below summarises usage levels of the 11v11 3G provision in Bradford based on booking sheets supplied by the operators. This compared against availability at peak time, using Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM). This applies an overall peak period for AGPs of 34 hours per week; split between 18 hours midweek and 16 hours at the weekend (Monday to Thursday 17:00-21:00; Friday 17:00-19:00; Saturday and Sunday 09:00-17:00).

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Table 3.8: Current usage of 11v11 3G pitches across Bradford in peak time

Site ID	Site name	Club user (where known)	Midweek availability (hours)	Midweek usage (hours)	Weekend availability (hours)	Weekend usage (hours)
10	Appleton Academy	Unavailable for community use	-	-	-	-
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	Thornton United	14	10	8	3
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Ilkley Town AFC / Wharfedale Grassroots Association	18	16	16	12
35	Bradford Academy	Pro Elite / Route One Rovers Juniors / Super Eagles Leeds/FC / Tyersal FC	18	14	16	10
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	Challenge AFC / Shelf Juniors	18	16	10	5
50	Carlton Bolling College	Bradford City AFC Women / Route One Rovers Juniors / Undercliff Sports Club / Bradford Bulls Foundation	12	10	17	15
51	Carlton Keighley	Oakworth Juniors / Silsden AFC / Keighley Cougars	18	16	16	10
60	Co-op Academy Grange	Bowling Eagles FC / Pro Elite / Southfield AFC / St Bedes Old Boys / Wibsey / Shelf Juniors / Low Moor FC	18	15	14	10
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	Allerton FC / EyUp FC / Forza Football / FSC FC / Halifax FC Women / Wilsden Junior / Shelf Juniors	16	16	16	14
116	Hazelbeck School	A1 FC / Bingley Juniors / Eldwick Juniors	18	16	9	3
125	Horsfall Stadium	Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC / Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC Juniors / Forza Football	5	5	-	-
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley RUFC / Oxenhope Recreation AFC	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Bingley Juniors / Bronte FC / Eldwick Juniors / FC Sporting Keighley / Harden Fire / Keighley Athletic / Keighley Shamrock Juniors / Oxenhope Recreation / Phoenix Allstars / Pro Elite / Project17 FC / Route One Rovers / Steeton / Wilsden Vets / Oxenhope Recreation AFC	18	18	16	11

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Site ID	Site name	Club user (where known)	Midweek availability (hours)	Midweek usage (hours)	Weekend availability (hours)	Weekend usage (hours)
160	Myra Shay Playing Fields	Albion Sports / BD3 United FC / Bradford Moor YSA / Halifax FC Women / Myra Shay Women's FC / Route One Rovers / Route One Rovers Juniors / Ventus	18	18	16	14
211	Tong Leadership Academy	Batley Jaguars / Gomersal & Cleckheaton / PSC / TY'S Ballerz / Oakenshaw AFC	18	15	10	5
216	University of Bradford (Sports Park)	Phoenix Juniors / Bradford City Juniors / Liversedge FC / Yorkshire Amateur Academy / Football for Peace / Bradford New College / Bradford College / Halifax Women's FC / Shelf Junior	10.5	10.5	16	13
237	Wyke Community Sports Village	FC Halifax Town / Ossett United FC / Pro Elite / Wyke Wanderers Juniors / Wyke Wanderers (Saturday)	18	18	16	16
238	Zara Sports Centre	Bingley Juniors / Eldwick Juniors / Heaton Futsal All Stars / Route One Rovers	16	14	16	10
286	Woodhouse Grove School	Northern FC / Greengates FC / Challenge AFC	16	Unknown	12	Unknown

As seen, all midweek availability is currently at capacity or close to capacity, although some spare capacity is identified on weekends particularly at Carlton Bolling College, Carlton Keighley, Co-op Academy Grange and Zara Sports Centre but this is limited.

This data should be used to establish a baseline that can be reviewed annually to see if the position changes, taking into account any new pitches that are established and the impact these have.

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3.4: Supply and demand analysis

Football

The FA considers high quality 3G pitches as an essential tool in promoting coach and player development, with the pitches considered to be great assets on account of being able to support intensive use and use during inclement weather. Primarily, such facilities have been installed for social use and training; however, they are increasingly being used for competition, which the FA wholly supports.

Training demand

To quantify the potential 3G pitch shortfall for football, the FA has established a training model, which suggests that one 11v11 3G pitch can accommodate 38 affiliated teams (with capacity built in for other forms of demand). It also has an aspiration for all teams to train once per week on a 3G pitch, although it is recognised that nationally some activity may need to be retained on sand-based pitches to ensure the sustainability of them.

For the model, some smaller size pitches are also included as nationally many are suitable for accommodating training demand, especially larger ones. In contrast, some larger pitches have capacity discounted where activity is restricted or where other usage forms are taking place. The contribution each pitch makes towards the modelling in Bradford is summarised in the table below, with this then informing the proceeding modelling tables.

Table 3.8: Contribution of 3G pitches in meeting training requirements

Site name	Analysis area	Size (metres)	Comments	Full size adult pitch equivalents
11v11	-	-	-	-
Appleton Academy	Bradford South	91 x 55	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	-
Beckfoot Thornton School	Bradford West	91 x 55	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	100 x 64	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community. This pitch is used for NLS play.	0.75
Bradford Academy	Bradford East	100 x 60	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	Bradford South	91 x 55	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Carlton Bolling College	Bradford East	91 x 55	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Carlton Keighley	Keighley Area	96 x 57	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Co-op Academy Grange	Bradford South	91 x 55	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Dixons Allerton Academy	Bradford West	100 x 64	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Hazelbeck School	Shipley Area	100 x 60	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1

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Site name	Analysis area	Size (metres)	Comments	Full size adult pitch equivalents
11v11	-	-	-	-
Horsfall Stadium	Bradford South	100 x 64	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community. This pitch is used for NLS play.	0.75
Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	112 x 70	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community. Used for rugby and football demand.	0.5
Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	100 x 64	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community. This pitch is used for NLS play.	0.75
Myra Shay Playing Fields	Bradford East	100 x 64	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Tong Leadership Academy	Bradford South	91 x 55	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
University of Bradford (Sports Park)	Bradford West	91 x 55	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community. Also used to accommodate university demand.	0.75
Wyke Community Sports Village	Bradford South	100 x 64	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Wyke Community Sports Village	Bradford South	100 x 64	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Zara Sports Centre	Bradford West	90 x 52	11v11 3G pitch fully available to the community.	1
Small Size	-	-	-	-
Bingley Grammar School	Shipley Area	30 x 17	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Bradford College (Trinity Green Campus)	Bradford West	53 x 37	Large enough to accommodate training demand	0.5
Co-op Academy Southfield	Bradford South	68 x 41	Large enough to accommodate training demand	0.5
Dixons City Academy	Bradford East	80 x 53	Large enough to accommodate training demand	0.75
Eden Boys Leadership Academy Bradford	Bradford West	60 x 30	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Frame 2 Complex	Bradford East	40 x 20	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Frame 2 Complex	Bradford East	40 x 20	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	83 x 55	Large enough to accommodate training demand	0.75
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	32 x 22	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	32 x 22	Too small to accommodate training demand	-

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Site name	Analysis area	Size (metres)	Comments	Full size adult pitch equivalents
11v11	-	-	-	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	32 x 22	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	32 x 22	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	32 x 22	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	32 x 22	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	32 x 22	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	32 x 22	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Goals (Bradford)	Bradford East	50 x 34	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Hazelbeck School	Shipley Area	40 x 23	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Parkside School	Shipley Area	48 x 24	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
Parkside School	Shipley Area	48 x 36	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
St Bede's And St Joseph's Catholic College (Ardor Campus)	Bradford West	60 x 60	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
University of Bradford Sports Centre (Unique Fitness)	Bradford West	41 x 21	Large enough to accommodate training demand	0.5
University of Bradford Sports Centre (Unique Fitness)	Bradford West	38 x 21	Too small to accommodate training demand	-
-	-	-	Total	

Given there is a total of 902 football teams which originate from Bradford, there is a theoretical need for 24 11v11 3G pitches (rounded up from 23.73).

As there are currently 19.5 3G pitch equivalents provided, this means that there is a potential need for 4.5 additional 11v11 3G pitches to meet all current training demand. This is evidenced further in the following table.

Table 3.9: Current demand for 11v11 3G pitches in Bradford (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Current number of teams	3G requirement	Current number of 11v11 size 3G pitch equivalents	Current shortfall
902	23.73 – 24	19.5	4.5

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ONS population projections indicate no anticipated growth in football demand based solely on population change. However, it is important to recognise that a number of plans and development strategies are in place which aim to increase participation and team numbers across several formats of the game beyond that suggested by demographic trends alone.

In addition, clubs in Bradford have identified significant growth aspirations, and the overall number of teams has already increased by 46% since the previous study in 2018. Consequently, the following table shows the impact of accommodating an additional 415 teams over an eight-year period, reflecting this 46% growth trend.

Alternative growth scenarios and club-specific aspirations will also be considered within the Strategy and Action Plan.

Table 3.11: Future demand for 11v11 3G pitches in Bradford (based on 38 teams per pitch)

Future number of teams	3G requirement	Current number of 11v11 size 3G pitch equivalents	Future shortfall
1,317	34.65 – 34.5	19.5	15

Alternatively, the table below considers the number of 3G pitches required if every team was to remain training within the respective analysis area that they play in. This not only identifies where the potential needs exist across Bradford, but it can also be used to guide which areas should be targeted for new provision.

Table 3.10: Current demand for 11v11 3G pitches by analysis area

Analysis area	Current number of teams	Current requirement	Current number of 11v11 pitch equivalents	Current shortfall
Bradford East	167	4.39 – 4.5	4.5	-
Bradford South	207	5.44 – 5.5	6.25	0.75
Bradford West	140	3.68 - 4	4.75	0.75
Keighley Area	198	5.21 - 5	3	2
Shipley Area	196	5.15 - 5	1	4
Total	908	24	19.5	4.5

This shows an overall shortfall of 4.5 11v11 3G pitch equivalents, aligning to the shortfall across Bradford as a whole. It also identifies that there is specific shortfall in the Keighley Area and Shipley Area analysis areas.

Match play demand

Improving grass pitch quality is one way to increase the capacity at sites but given the cost of doing such work and the continued maintenance required (and associated costs), alternatives need to be considered that can offer a more sustainable model for the future of football. The alternative or supplement to grass pitches is the use of 3G pitches for competitive matches, providing that the pitch is FA approved, sports lit and available for community use during the peak period.

In Bradford, currently 212 affiliated teams across 35 clubs are registered as using 3G pitches for regular match play.

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As the number of 3G pitches increases in line with meeting training demand shortfalls, so should the number of teams utilising the provision for matches, which in turn should relieve grass pitches of use.

As such, whilst the number of 3G pitches needed for matches will never outweigh the number of 3G pitches needed for training (as they would not be sustainable without midweek usage), maximising the pitches that are in place and that are proposed should be fully supported.

Rugby union

Given the inclement weather often experienced throughout the winter months of the rugby union season, more clubs are becoming increasingly receptive towards training on artificial pitches. Clubs traditionally train on match pitches where sports lighting is in place or one pitch designated for all training in particular, unless there is a separate floodlit grass training area. It often results in deterioration in pitch quality coupled with decreasing maintenance budgets.

The recent RFU strategy on investment in 3G pitches both at club and community based sites is indicative of the growing acceptance of 3G pitches amongst clubs nationally. Nationally clubs identify the use of 3G pitches for training as a method of protecting the match pitches and providing a high quality surface for full contact practice. Competitive play continues to take place on grass pitches for the most part, with ad hoc use of 3G pitches for fixtures in the case of unsuitable pitches due to waterlogging or frost.

In Bradford, there are two World Rugby compliant 3G pitches located at Horsfall Stadium and Keighley Rugby Union Football Club. In addition to this, Ben Rhydding Sports Club aspiration to develop a new 3G which will also be World Rugby compliant.

As identified within Part 4 of this report, there is no evidence to suggest a need for an additional World Rugby compliant 3G pitch in Bradford. However, given the minor shortfall on grass pitches identified midweek at Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club, Bradford & Bingley Sports Club and Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club, additional use of 3G pitches may be required in the future to alleviate pressures on grass pitches. This will be further explored in the proceeding Strategy & Action Plan.

Rugby league

Nationally, rugby league clubs tend to use match pitches for training due to clubs preferring to use grass pitch provision, but also the cost of hiring 3G facilities is too high. However, this leads to overplay of pitches due to accommodating both training and matches.

For rugby league, all eight clubs which responded to consultation requests indicate a need for additional training provision with Silsden Storm, Odsal Sedbergh, Clayton, Queensbury, Wibsey Warriors and Wyke rugby league clubs specifically referencing a need for more affordable and accessible 3G provision.

As seen in Part 5 of this report, there is a current shortfall of rugby league provision to meet demand which is partly due to heavy usage on match pitches. Whilst there are currently two 3G pitches that provide rugby league line markings, increased use of these facilities for training would help alleviate pressure on club match pitches. Furthermore, achieving RFL certification for these pitches would enable greater utilisation of the provision for both training and competitive rugby league activity.

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Other sports

Currently, no other sports clubs/users are presently identified as accessing the existing stock of 3G pitches in Bradford (outside of some school activity).

3.5: Conclusion

In conclusion, there is insufficient supply of 11v11 size 3G pitches to meet current and anticipated future football training demand in Bradford, with a potential current shortfall of 4.5 11v11 3G pitches identified and an anticipated future shortfall of 15 11v11 3G pitches (this is based on growth over an eight-year period).

Although there has been an increase in 3G pitch provision and the creation of new 3G pitches within Bradford, which has provided additional playing capacity and opportunities for clubs to expand and grow participation, there remains a shortfall. This is primarily due to the significant increase in demand as earlier identified, with a growth of 46% since the previous study.

Once broken down by analysis area, there is an identified shortfall in the Keighley Area Analysis Area amounting to two pitches and the Shipley Area Analysis Area equating to four pitches. No shortfall has been identified in the Bradford East, Bradford South and Bradford West analysis areas.

To ensure that current supply and any future supply is maintained to a good enough standard to accommodate demand, providers are encouraged to put pitch replacement funds in place to ensure long-term sustainability. This will allow for re-surfacing to take place when required and will ensure that pitches can remain on the FA 3G Pitch Register.

Supply and demand summary

- ▶ **In conclusion, there is insufficient supply of 11v11 size 3G pitches to meet current and anticipated future football training demand in Bradford, with a potential current shortfall of 4.5 11v11 3G pitches identified and an anticipated future shortfall of 15 11v11 3G pitches (this is based on growth over an eight-year period).**
- ▶ **Once broken down by analysis area, there is an identified shortfall in the Keighley Area Analysis Area amounting to two pitches and the Shipley Area Analysis Area equating to four pitches. No shortfall has been identified in the Bradford East, Bradford South and Bradford West analysis areas.**

Supply summary

- ▶ There are 19 3G pitches which are 11v11 size in Bradford, with all of these having sports lighting and all but one are available for community use with Appleton Academy being unavailable.
- ▶ Since the previous assessment (2018), there has been an increase in the number of 11v11 3G pitches, with new pitches now provided at Myra Shay Playing Field, Wyke Community Sports Village, Carlton Bolling College and Horsfall Stadium.
- ▶ Most of the 11v11 3G pitches are in the Bradford South Analysis Area (six or 32%). The least number of pitches is provided in the Shipley Area Analysis Area (one or 5%).
- ▶ As well as the 11v11 3G pitches, there are also 23 small size outdoor 3G pitches across 11 sites. Of these, 19 are available to the community and are provided with sports lighting.
- ▶ A second 3G pitch is in the process of being developed at Wyke Community Sports Village with work commencing in March 2026. Additionally, there are plans for a second 11v11 3G pitch to be developed at Marley Activities and Coaching Centre alongside a new changing pavilion and car parking improvements.
- ▶ Bingley Grammar School highlights aspiration for a 3G pitch onsite (potentially 9v9 size) which would also be community available with both Dixons Kings Academy and Dixon McMillan Academy highlights aspiration to develop a 11v11 3G onsite.

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- ◀ A part of a new school development, Trinity Academy is exploring options to develop a 3G pitch onsite.
- ◀ In Bradford, there are two World Rugby compliant 3G pitches located at Horsfall Stadium and Keighley Rugby Union Football Club.
- ◀ In Bradford, there is currently no 3G pitch which is RFL community compliant. However, the 3G pitch located at Carlton Bolling College and Carlton Keighley does provide rugby league markings and is used to accommodate some training demand from Bradford Bulls Foundation and Keighley Cougars.
- ◀ Of the 11v11 3G pitches in Bradford, 13 are managed by educational providers and three by sports clubs, with the remaining pitches located at Marley Activities and Coaching Centre, Myra Shay Playing Fields and Wyke Community Sports Village managed by Local Authority.
- ◀ In Bradford, nine 11v11 3G pitches are assessed as good quality, six as standard quality and four as poor quality with these located at Appleton Academy, Beckfoot Thornton School, Dixons Allerton Academy and Tong Leadership Academy.
- ◀ Of the small size provision, 17 are assessed as good quality, three as standard quality and three pitches as poor quality located at Bingley Grammar School and Frame 2 Complex.

Demand summary

- ◀ Given there is a total of 902 football teams which originate from Bradford, there is a theoretical need for 24 11v11 3G pitches (rounded up from 23.73). As there are currently 19.5 3G pitch equivalents provided, this means that there is a potential need for 4.5 additional 11v11 3G pitches to meet all current training demand.
- ◀ When considering the number of 3G pitches requires if every team was to remain training within the respective analysis area they play in, this shows overall shortfall of 4.5 11v11 3G pitch equivalents, aligning to the shortfall across Bradford as a whole. It also identifies that there is specific shortfall in the Keighley Area and Shipley Area analysis areas.

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PART 4: RUGBY UNION

4.1: Introduction

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is split into geographic areas across the Country with a workforce team that covers club and coach development, in conjunction with Constituent Bodies that are responsible for overseeing governance, discipline and safeguarding. It governs a variety of formats and programmes, including 15-a-side, small-sided contact rugby, TAG rugby and T1 Rugby. Its aim is to increase and retain participation within the game, with facilities needing to be appropriate, affordable and accessible in order to enable this.

For traditional rugby union, there are generally three playing formats, based on the age of the players involved. These are now known as age grade mixed rugby (previously mini), age grade boys/girls rugby (previously junior) and senior rugby. Maximum pitch dimensions for all formats of play are shown in the table below.

Table 4.1: Rugby union pitch dimensions

Age	Playing format	Maximum pitch dimensions (metres)	Recommended run off around the full perimeter of the pitch	Minimum in goal area
U7	Age grade mixed	20 x 12	2-metre	N/A
U8	Age grade mixed	45 x 22	2-metre	N/A
U9	Age grade mixed	60 x 30	3-metre	N/A
U10	Age grade mixed	60 x 35	3-metre	N/A
U11	Age grade mixed	60 x 43	4-metre	N/A
U12	Age grade mixed	60 x 43	5-metre	5-metre
U13	Age grade boys	90 x 60	5-metre	5-metre
U13/U14s	Age grade girls	60 x 43	5-metre	5-metre
U14	Age grade boys	100 x 70	5-metre	5-metre
U15	Age grade boys	100 x 70	5-metre	5-metre
U15/U16s	Age grade girls	100 x 70	5-metre	5-metre
U16	Age grade boys	100 x 70	6-metre	6-metre
U17	Age grade boys	100 x 70	6-metre	6-metre
U17/U18s	Age grade girls	100 x 70	6-metre	6-metre
U18	Age grade boys /girls	100 x 70	6-metre	6-metre
Adult	Adult	100 x 70	6-metre	6-metre

The rugby union playing season operates from September to May.

Consultation

There are six rugby union clubs playing in Bradford. Only three have responded to consultation requests at the time of writing, Baildon RFC, Bumble Bees RUFC and Bradford Salem RUFC. This results in a 50% response rate which is summarised in the table below.

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Table 4.2: Summary of consultation

Clubs	Responded?
Baildon RFC	Yes
Bumble Bees RUFC	Yes
Bradford & Bingley RUFC	No
Bradford Salem RUFC	Yes
Ilkley RFC	No
Keighley RUFC	No

The number of rugby union clubs has decreased since the previous PPS in 2018 with Wibsey RUFC folding in 2024 and Old Grovians RUFC now utilising provision in Leeds for all its demand.

4.2: Supply

The audit identifies a total of 28 rugby union pitches located across 15 sites within Bradford, with these all senior sized. Of the pitches, 20 are available for community use, whilst eight are unavailable, based at Bingley Grammar School, Dixon Cottingley Academy, Titus Salt School and Woodhouse Grove School.

Table 4.3: Supply of grass rugby union pitches in Bradford

Analysis area	No. of community available rugby union pitches	No. of unavailable rugby union pitches
Bradford East	-	5
Bradford South	-	-
Bradford West	8	-
Keighley Area	7	-
Shipley Area	5	3
2026 Total	20	8
2018 Total	32	1

Since the previous study, there has been a decrease in the number of pitches provided with some sites no longer actively marking out pitches for rugby union.

Disused sites

Since the previous study, the overall number of pitches since the previous study (2018) has decrease slightly from 33 pitches (2%). This is due to several pitches no longer being activity marked with these sites shown below.

Table 4.4: Unmarked provision

Site ID	Site name	Active Places ID	Postcode	Comments
8	Apperley Bridge Playing Field (Old Grovians RUFC)	6007104	BD10 0PU	Unmarked provision - Previously had one rugby pitch marked. Now marked for football.
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	30008530	BD22 7DU	Unmarked provision - Previously had one rugby pitch marked. Now marked for rugby league.

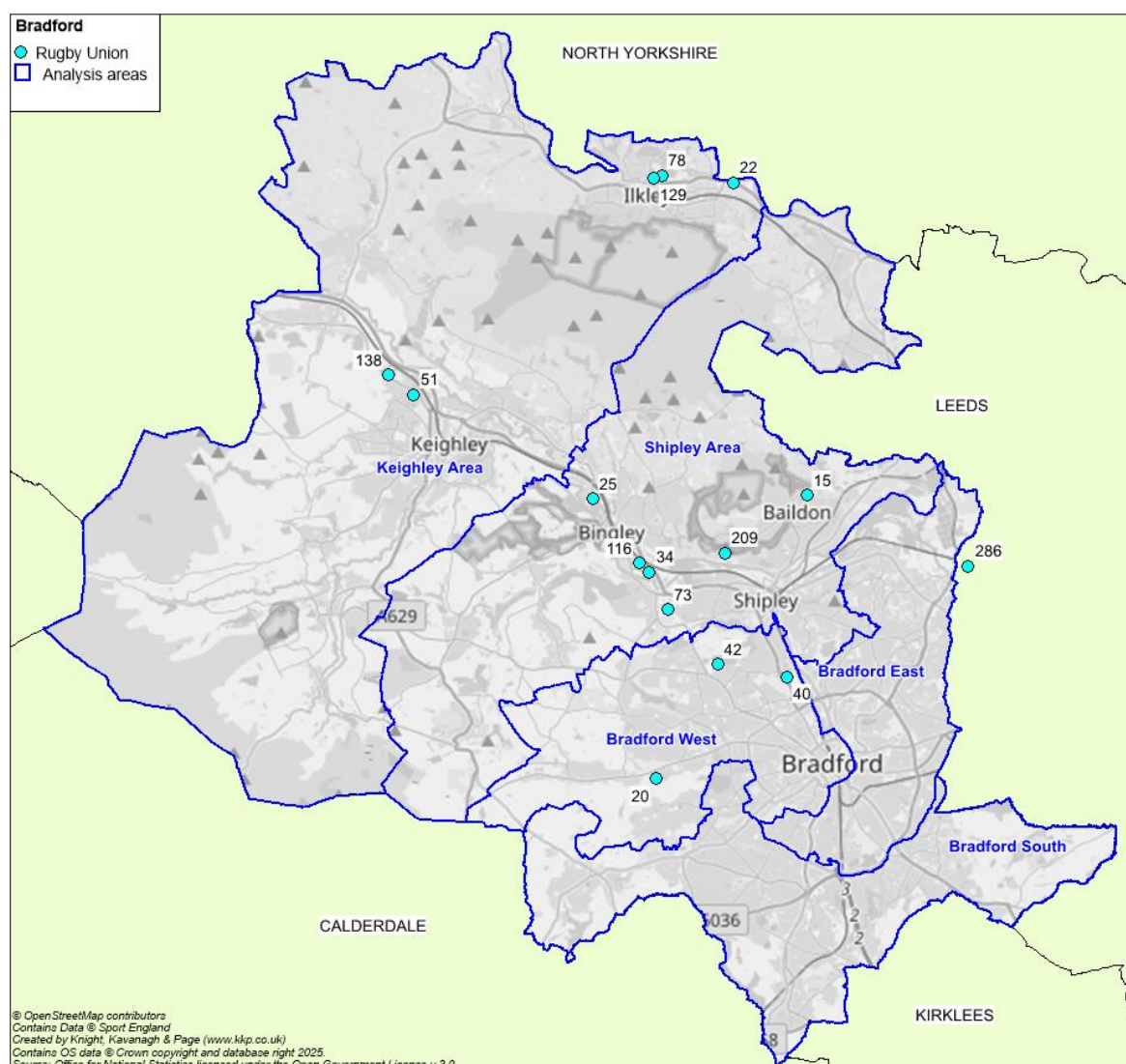
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Site ID	Site name	Active Places ID	Postcode	Comments
21	Beldon Lane Recreation Ground	1202928	BD7 4LE	Unmarked provision - Previously had one rugby pitch marked. Now marked for football.
25	Bingley Grammar School	1203204	BD16 2RS	Unmarked provision - Previously had two rugby pitch marked but now only one pitch is active due to a school development.
122	Holy Family Catholic School	1200627	BD20 6LH	Unmarked provision - Previously had one rugby pitch marked.
228	Wibsey Park Recreation Ground	6002643	BD6 3QA	Unmarked provision - Previously had one rugby pitch marked.

Figure 4.1 overleaf shows the location of all rugby union pitches currently servicing Bradford. For a key to the map, see Table 4.7.

Figure 4.1: Location of rugby union pitches within Bradford



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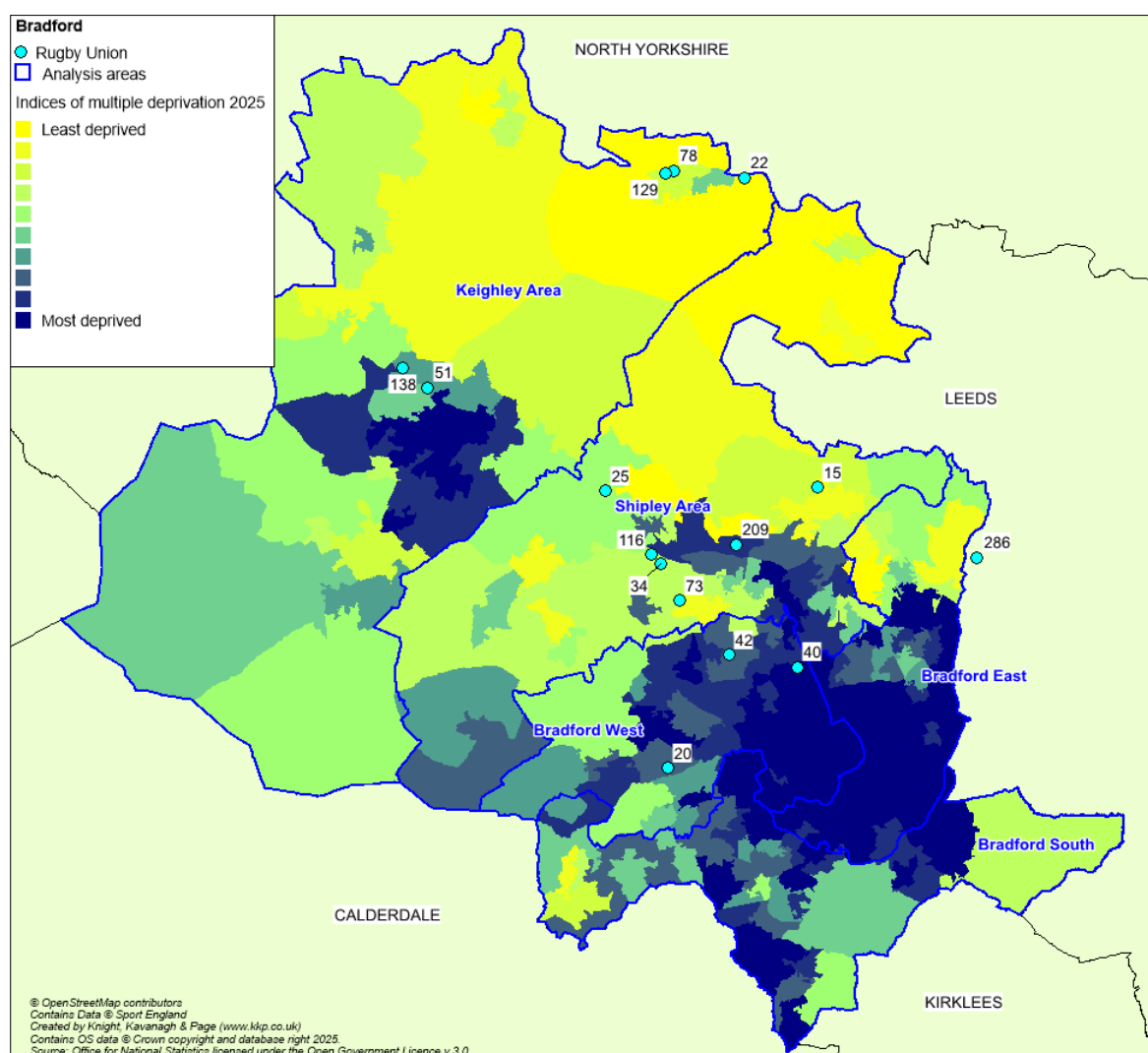
Potential future developments

As mentioned above in Part 3, there is a known aspiration to develop new 3G provision at Ben Rhydding Sports Club in addition to the one already provided. The Sports Club highlights for this pitch to also be World Rugby compliant.

Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

The figure below shows all active rugby sites located in the more deprived area across Bradford can be seen in the map below.

Figure 4.2: Location of rugby union sites against IMD



Security of tenure

Baildon RFC, Keighley RFC and Ilkley RFC own respective home grounds freehold including grass pitches and ancillary facilities with these three clubs are considered to have security of tenure.

Ilkley RFC rents pitches from the Council at East Holmes Field on annual basis. Tenure is considered secure given the Club is utilising provision which is owned by the Council.

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Bradford Salem RUFC has a long term lease on its facilities at Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club with 19 years remaining.

Bradford & Bingley RFC individual lease agreement including both pitch and ancillary provision at Bradford & Bingley Sports Club. The lease is from The Craven Trust and expires in 2067. It previously had an agreement with the overarching Bradford & Bingley Sports Club; however, this changed in 2017 when it was dissolved.

Bingley Bees RFC rents a pitch at Bradford & Bingley Sports & Social Club annually. The agreement entitles the Club to utilise pitch and ancillary provision for match and training demand.

Sports lighting

The presence of sports lighting on rugby union pitches can be vital for accommodating rugby union demand, with most clubs nationally utilising grass provision for midweek training activity. In Bradford, six pitches are serviced with sports lighting and are therefore able to be used during evenings across the year located at Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club (one pitch), Bradford & Bingley Sports Club (one pitch), Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club (two pitches), Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club (one pitches) and Keighley Rugby Union Football Club (one pitch).

Please note that a sports lit rugby union pitch is defined by the field of play and in-goal areas, where artificial lighting provides uniform illumination across the full perimeter and entire surface of the playing enclosure. This must ensure that all areas within the boundary lines are clearly visible and suitable for the safe conduct of play, effective match officiating, and, where applicable, spectator viewing. Any pitch that does not meet this criterion, such as back lit or half lit pitches, will not be considered as sports lit for the purposes of this document.

Where no form of permanent sports lighting is provided, mobile lighting can provide a solution, although this is not preferable for the RFU (it can however allow for training areas to be rotated). In addition, 3G pitches can be utilised where they are World Rugby compliant (see Part 3).

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Pitch quality

The quality of rugby union pitches across Bradford has primarily been assessed via pitch quality standard (PQS) assessments using the web app PitchPower. Clubs can utilise the services of the PitchPower app to carry out a free on-site assessment of their pitches. This then provides the Grounds Management Association (GMA) with the detail needed to create a personalised, informative report to advise on how improvements can be made. Clubs then receive bespoke advice and support to help with any future actions, funding applications and equipment.

The web app is open to access by all providers, including clubs, schools and local authorities. Following a PitchPower report, organisations can work towards the recommended dedicated maintenance regime identified to improve the quality of their pitches. Applicants are required to submit a PitchPower assessment for each of their pitches as a condition of a grant funding application.

PitchPower is less restricted by the seasonal window of in-season play than the non-technical assessments (which were previously used to assess quality within a PPOSS). They are instead able to be undertaken within a 10-month period, with assessments completed and submitted within one of three windows: July - October, November – March or April – June.

The PQS for rugby union examines thatch depth, root depth, average grass height, grass, weed coverage, topsoil depth, compaction, surface evenness, surface debris and line markings. Based on the inspection, bespoke recommendations are then made on how pitch improvements can be made through pitch maintenance including but not limited to decompaction, slitting, application of selective herbicide/fertiliser, scarifying, top dressing and overseeding.

The overarching quality score is provided on a scale of unclassified, basic, good, advanced and high, with recommended hours of use then attributed to each (the better quality the rating, the more capacity is considered to exist). Additional information for the ratings is provided in the table below.

Table 4.5: Rugby union pitch quality score ratings

PQS rating	Recommended hours of use (per week)	Comments
Unclassified	3	Pitch fails to meet minimum standards of the GMA's Grounds Management Framework and could be deemed poor quality.
Basic	4	A pitch that is safe for recreation sport and meets the minimum playing needs and expectations of community players nationwide.
Good	5	A pitch that is good quality and safe for recreation sport. It meets the playing needs and expectations of community players nationwide.
Advanced	5	A pitch that is high quality and meets the needs of top level recreational sport. It meets the playing needs and expectations of community and semi-professional players nationwide.
High	5	The playing surface is of a very high quality that meets the needs of professional and semi-professional sport in the UK.

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It should be noted that where there is not a PQS rating, such as at education sites, the quality score defaults to basic. As part of the PPOSS, this is then checked and challenged with the RFU, Sport England as well as the Council and relevant operators for accuracy.

The GMA has determined that an unclassified pitch can accommodate three hours' worth of play per week, with this generally equating to 180 minutes of senior matches and, thus, two match equivalent sessions of demand per week. For basic quality pitches, this increases to four hours (2.6 match equivalent sessions per week), whilst for good/advanced pitches it is five hours (3.3 match equivalent sessions per week).

Table 4.6: Pitch capacity guidance (conversion to match equivalent sessions per week)

PQS rating	Recommended hours of use (minutes) per week	Match equivalent sessions per week
Unclassified	3 (180)	2
Basic	4 (240)	2.6
Good	5 (300)	3.3
Advanced	5 (300)	3.3
High	5 (300)	3.3

A pitch-by-pitch breakdown of quality for Bradford can be seen in the table overleaf. However, as no Pitch Quality Standard (PQS) data is available for the sites (no assessments have been completed), the majority of pitches have been assessed as basic quality, in line with RFU expectations. It is important to state that, the non-technical PPOSS assessments carried out, closely align to these expectations.

There have been no PotchPower reports provided for rugby union sites in Bradford. Quality scores have been based on non-technical assessments and club consultation findings. In Bradford, five pitches (18%) are assessed as good quality, 18 pitches (64%) are standard quality, and five pitches (18%) are assessed as poor quality located at Beckfoot Thornton School, Carlton Keighley, East Holmes Field, Hazelbeck School and Titus Salt School.

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Table 4.7: Overview of grass rugby union pitch supply within Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Post code	APP Site ID	Club user/s	Analysis area	Community use?	Tenure	Management	No. of pitches	Pitch type	Sports lighting?	Quality rating	Midweek training pitch capacity (MES)	Weekend pitch capacity (MES)
15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	BD17 6RS	1202836	Baildon RFC	Shipley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	Yes	Basic	2.6	2.6
15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	BD17 6RS	1202836	Baildon RFC	Shipley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	No	Basic	-	2.6
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	BD13 3BH	50001596	Curricular / Extracurricular	Bradford West	Yes	Unsecure	Education	1	Senior	No	Unclassified	-	2
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	LS29 8AW	1014851	Curricular / Extracurricular	Keighley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	No	Basic	-	2.6
25	Bingley Grammar School	BD16 2RS	1203204	Curricular / Extracurricular	Shipley Area	No	Unsecure	Education	1	Senior	No	Basic	-	2.6
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	BD16 1LT	1202849	Bradford & Bingley RUFC Bumble Bees RUFC	Shipley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	Yes	Basic	2.6	2.6
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	BD16 1LT	1202849	Bradford & Bingley RUFC Bumble Bees RUFC	Shipley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	No	Basic	-	2.6
40	Bradford Grammar School	BD9 4JP	1200639	Curricular / Extracurricular	Bradford West	Yes	Unsecure	Education	4	Senior	No	Basic	-	10.4
42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	BD9 6SL	1040781	Bradford Salem RUFC	Bradford West	Yes	Secure	Sports club	2	Senior	Yes	Basic	5.2	5.2
42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	BD9 6SL	1040781	Bradford Salem RUFC	Bradford West	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	No	Basic	-	2.6
51	Carlton Keighley	BD20 6EB	1043259	Curricular / Extracurricular	Keighley Area	Yes	Unsecure	Education	1	Senior	No	Unclassified	-	2
73	Dixons Cottingley Academy	BD16 1TZ	30006720	Curricular / Extracurricular	Shipley Area	No	Unsecure	Education	1	Senior	No	Basic	-	2.6
78	East Holmes Field	LS29 8EW	6002614	Ilkley RUFC	Keighley Area	Yes	Unsecure	Sports club	1	Senior	No	Unclassified	-	6
116	Hazelbeck School	BD16 1EE	1103877	Curricular / Extracurricular	Shipley Area	Yes	Unsecure	Education	1	Senior	No	Unclassified	-	2
129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	LS29 0AF	20001934	Ilkley RUFC	Keighley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	Yes	Basic	2.6	2.6
129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	LS29 0AF	20001934	Ilkley RUFC	Keighley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	No	Basic	-	2.6
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	BD20 6DT	1040769	Keighley RUFC	Keighley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	Yes	Basic	2.6	2.6
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	BD20 6DT	1040769	Keighley RUFC	Keighley Area	Yes	Secure	Sports club	1	Senior	No	Basic	-	2.6
209	Titus Salt School	BD17 5RH	1037854	Curricular / Extracurricular	Shipley Area	No	Unsecure	Education	1	Senior	No	Unclassified	-	2
286	Woodhouse Grove School	BD10 0NR	1201802	Curricular / Extracurricular	Bradford East	No	Unsecure	Education	5	Senior	No	Good	-	16.5

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Bradford Salem RUFC report having a pitch maintenance plan during the summer months in order to ensure pitches are good quality at Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club for the start of the season.

Ancillary facilities¹⁴

Ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site accompanied by their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities. Good quality ancillary facilities are particularly important for rugby union clubs as they can assist with income generation, player welfare, capacity of site/pitches, player experience.

Furthermore, it is important for the provision to be inclusive and meet club and participant needs from a welfare, diversity, quality of experience, financial sustainability and site capacity perspectives. As such, although the size and configuration of ancillary provision may alter based on the sports using the provision, and the number of pitches it services, generally the same principles are recommended to allow for varied use from all demographics. These are:

- ◆ Accessible changing areas which can be separated, or are private/self-contained, to allow for separate male/female/all gender or senior/junior separation.
- ◆ A private accessible changing room (with relevant changing and showering provision) for someone who requires assistance.
- ◆ Separate female / male / all gender toilet provision.
- ◆ Suitably designed and specified showering cubicles to all users to maintain dignity and privacy whilst showering.

Open planned changing, toilets and particularly showering facilities can provide a significant barrier to many people resulting in them either not taking part or having a poorer sporting experience. As such, facilities that provides such provision cannot be assessed as anything better than standard quality for the purposes of the PPOSS, regardless of what the overall condition is like.

Aligned to the above, the RFU provides guidance on [Changing Rooms](#) and [New Clubhouse](#) design, via its website.

As seen in the table below, changing facilities located at one site is assessed as good quality and four sites have standard quality changing facilities.

Table 4.8: Ancillary provision of the clubs that responded to consultation

Site ID	Site name	Club user/s	Overall building quality	Changing room quality	Comments
15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	Baildon RFC	Good	Standard	The Club is looking to increase the number of changing rooms it has, to better accommodate all types of demand, particularly women and girls.

¹⁴<https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/accessible-inclusive>

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Site ID	Site name	Club user/s	Overall building quality	Changing room quality	Comments
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Bradford & Bingley RUFC Bumble Bees RUFC	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	Bradford Salem RUFC	Standard	Standard	The Club is looking to secure funding for LED sports lighting and solar panels on its clubhouse. The provision is not currently suitable for women and girl's demand.
78	East Holmes Field	Ilkley RUFC	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision onsite
129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Ilkley RUFC	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley RUFC	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.

Currently, two sites (50%) are identified as not having suitable/separate changing rooms for women's and girls' provision, these being Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club and Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club.

4.3: Demand

Demand for rugby union pitches within Bradford tends to fall within the categories of organised competitive play and organised training.

Competitive demand

There are six clubs within Bradford generating a total of 83 teams across the District. As shown in the table below, Keighley RUFC provides the most teams with 22 teams, closely followed by Ilkley RFC has 20. Bumble Bees RUFC provides the least number of teams with only one adult men's team.

Broken down, the demand equates to 18 adult male (22%), 35 age grade boys and girls (42%), six age grade U12s (7%) and 28 age grade mixed teams (34%). This is further shown in the following table.

Table 4.9: Summary of number of teams (demand) by club

Club	Analysis area	Age grade mixed	Age grade girls U12s	Age grade boys U12s	Age grade boys / girls U13-U18	Adult male	Adult female	Total
Baildon Rugby Club	Shipley	6	-	1	5	3	-	15
Bradford & Bingley RUFC	Shipley	5	-	1	6	3	-	15
Bradford Salem RUFC	Bradford West	5	-	-	2	3	-	10

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Club	Analysis area	Age grade mixed	Age grade girls U12s	Age grade boys U12s	Age grade boys / girls U13-U18	Adult male	Adult female	Total
Bumble Bees RUFC	Shipley	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Ilkley RFC	Keighley	6	1	1	9	3	-	20
Keighley RUFC	Keighley	6	1	1	9	5	-	22
-	Total	28	2	4	31	18	-	83

Since the previous PPOSS in 2018, the overall number of teams has increased by nine (12% increase) from 74 with this largely coming from Ilkley RUFC and Keighley RUFC whom has had the biggest growth.

University demand

In addition to the above is should be noted there are levels of rugby union demand generated for the universities across the District.

University-generated rugby union demand within Bradford is focused almost entirely on the University of Bradford. The University's rugby union club provides an important participation opportunity for students and contributes additional match and training demand at University-based facilities. Whilst modest in scale compared to community club demand generated by clubs such as Bradford & Bingley RUFC, Bradford Salem RUFC and Keighley RUFC, university participation forms part of the wider rugby union pathway within the District.

The University of Bradford Rugby Union Club operates through the Students' Union and currently includes a women's rugby union section, with training taking place at University of Bradford (Sports Park). The Club is open to players of all abilities and competes against other universities.

Training demand

Throughout the Country, many rugby union teams train at their home ground on match pitches. A key factor in determining the extent of training on these pitches is the presence of sports lighting, with those which are sports lit, more likely to exceed their carrying capacity.

The activity and training arrangements for clubs in Bradford and the level of this is highlighted in the table below. As seen, all six heavily utilise their pitches for training demand, with this adding significant usage to their sports-lit provision.

Table 4.10: Summary of rugby union club facility use for evening training

Club	Site ID	Site	Training demand type	Match equivalent sessions (per week)
Baildon Rugby Club	15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	Adult	3
Baildon Rugby Club	15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	Age grade boys/girls	2.5
Baildon Rugby Club	15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	Age grade u12 boys	0.25

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Club	Site ID	Site	Training demand type	Match equivalent sessions (per week)
Bradford & Bingley RUFC	34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Adult	3
Bradford & Bingley RUFC	34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Age grade boys/girls	3
Bradford & Bingley RUFC	34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Age grade u12 boys	0.25
Bradford Salem RUFC	42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	Adult	3
Bradford Salem RUFC	42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	Age grade boys/girls	1
Bumble Bees RUFC	34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Adult	1
Ilkley RFC	129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Adult	3
Ilkley RFC	129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Age grade boys/girls	4.5
Ilkley RFC	129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Age grade u12 boys	0.25
Ilkley RFC	129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Age grade u12 girls	0.25
Keighley RUFC	138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Adult	2.5
Keighley RUFC	138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Age grade boys/girls	4.5
Keighley RUFC	138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Age grade u12 boys	0.25
Keighley RUFC	138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Age grade u12 girls	0.25
-	-	-	Total	32.5

The above equates to 32.5 match equivalent sessions of training activity across five sites.

For reference the following assumptions have been made to training demand, based upon findings and consultation with the RFU:

- Age Grade Mixed (U7s to U11s) demand is not accounted for midweek as they play/train at weekend.
- Each Age Grade U12s team is represented by 0.25 match equivalent sessions due to the reduce pitch size required to meet their demand.
- Each Age Grade (U13s to U18s) team are represented as 0.5 match equivalent sessions as they train once a week but require two teams for one full size pitch usage.
- Each adult team is represented as one match equivalent session as they train twice a week but need two teams for a full pitch.

For the capacity analysis below, it is recognised that training activity can occur on sports lit pitches that feature permanent line markings and goalposts (or World Rugby compliant 3Gs where identified). Unlike unmarked playing fields, with portable sports lights, where layouts can change weekly, these structured pitches will remain in situ for the foreseeable future. This stability allows strategic funding opportunities to focus on maximising long-term outcomes on pitches with guaranteed, frequent use.

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Use of artificial pitches

The alternative to training and playing on grass pitches is the use of 3G pitches. World Rugby produced the 'Performance Specification for artificial grass pitches for rugby', more commonly known as 'Regulation 22' that provides the necessary technical detail to produce pitch systems that are appropriate for contact rugby union activity. A World Rugby compliant pitch also enables the transfer of match demand from grass pitches onto 3G pitches, which may alleviate overplay of grass pitches and as a result protects quality.

There are two World Rugby compliant 3G pitches in Bradford located at Horsfall Stadium and Keighley Rugby Union Football Club.

In addition, as mentioned above, Ben Rhydding Sports Club has an aspiration to develop a new 3G pitch which will also be World Rugby compliant.

See Part 3 of this report for further information.

Imported/exported demand

Exported demand refers to Bradford based teams that are currently accessing pitches outside of the local authority for their home fixtures, normally because their pitch requirements cannot be met, which is usually because of pitch supply, in some cases quality issues or stipulated league requirements for access to certain facilities. There is no known club exporting demand from Bradford.

Imported demand refers to any demand from neighbouring local authorities that accesses facilities within the study area due to a lack of available facilities in other local authorities where such team or club is based. There is no known club based imported demand into Bradford.

Unmet/latent demand

Unmet demand is existing demand at clubs which is not able to access sufficient supply of pitches for match play or training. It is usually expressed, for example, where a team is already training but is unable to access a match pitch or where a league or club operates a waiting list. Consultation did not highlight any potential unmet demand.

Latent demand is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision. Consultation did not highlight any potential latent demand.

Future demand

Future demand can be defined through multiple ways, including through participation increases and by using population forecasts. In addition, the proceeding Strategy & Action Plan document will contain housing growth scenarios to estimate additional demand for rugby union arising from housing developments across Bradford.

Participation growth

The three clubs which responded to consultation, Baildon RUFC (Shipley) and Bradford Salem RUFC (Bradford West), indicate plans to grow levels of participation. The former states an aspiration to increase by three youth boy's teams and two youth girl's teams, whereas the latter expressed future demand of one youth girl's teams.

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Population growth

Based on population projections to 2043 (in line with the Council's emerging Local Plan), Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator can estimate the likely additional demand for grass rugby union pitches that will arise from any growth. This is by using the current and future populations in each of the relevant age groups together with the current team numbers, with team generation rates then established to understand how much growth is required to establish one new team.

The projections do not indicate any growth for rugby union across Bradford. However, it should be noted that the calculations do not account for specific development work within certain areas, or focused towards certain groups, such as via NGB initiatives. As such, increased further future growth is still considered possible. A growth in women and girls' rugby is thought to be particularly likely given current RFU aspirations the 2025 Women's World Cup win.

Future demand summary

Future demand carried through to the supply and demand analysis in this assessment is based on population growth. This is for consistency with other sports and as future demand reported by clubs is considered more aspirational.

Given the growth already identified (12% or an increase of nine teams since the 2018 study), current trends suggest this will likely exceed the population forecasts by 2043. Therefore, the Strategy & Action Plan will test alternative team growth scenarios, including reported club aspirations.

In addition, the Strategy document will consider additional future population demand associated with planned housing growth, with this not necessarily accounted for within the above figures. This is because ONS data does not account for this.

4.4: Capacity analysis

The capacity for pitches to regularly accommodate competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing rugby union. In extreme circumstances, it can result in the inability of a pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during peak and off-peak times.

As mentioned earlier, an unclassified pitch quality equates to two match equivalent sessions per week, basic pitch quality equates to 2.6 match equivalent sessions per week, and a good/advanced pitch quality equates to 3.3 match equivalent sessions per week. The table below then identifies how both competitive and training demand has been equated for in the capacity table.

Table 4.11: Competitive and training demand (match equivalent sessions per week)

Age group	Match equivalent sessions	Comments
Competitive demand	-	-
Age grade boys / girls and Adult	0.5	The current level of play per week is set at 0.5 match equivalent sessions for each match played based on all teams operating on a home and away basis.

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Age group	Match equivalent sessions	Comments
Age grade girls / boys U12s	0.25	One match equates to 0.25 match equivalent sessions as a smaller pitch area is utilised and matches are shorter.
Age grade mixed	0.125	Play on only a proportion of senior pitch, with match play equating to 0.125 match equivalent sessions per week
Training demand	-	-
Adult	1	Each adult teams is represented as one match equivalent session as they train twice a week but need two teams for a full pitch.
Age grade boys / girls	0.5	Each age grade (U13s to U18s) team are also represented as 0.5 match equivalent sessions as they train once a week but require two teams for one full size pitch usage.
Age grade girls / boys U12s	0.25	Each age grade U12s team is represented as 0.25 match equivalent sessions due to the reduce pitch size required to meet their demand.
Age grade mixed	-	Age grade mixed (U7s to U11s) are not accounted midweek as they play/train at weekend.

In addition, to enable an accurate supply and demand assessment, the following assumptions are applied:

- ◆ All sites that are or could be used for competitive rugby matches (regardless of whether this is secured community use) are included on the supply side.
- ◆ All competitive play is on senior sized pitches, with age grade teams playing on overmarked pitches, unless dedicated age grade pitches are known to be instead.
- ◆ From U13s upwards, teams play 15v15 and use a full pitch.
- ◆ All club training is assumed to that takes place on clubs' sites on sports lit marked pitches unless known otherwise from consultation.
- ◆ A total of one match equivalent session of demand, per pitch, has been added for educational sites to accommodate for curricular and extracurricular activities. This is identified in the overall site capacity column.
- ◆ Need to include commentary on whether club is operating separate gender teams within mixed age-grade definition.
- ◆ Other usage of pitches (e.g., by football teams) is added as match equivalent sessions based on the level and regularity of play.

Midweek capacity position

Midweek capacity has been calculated based on the total amount of training demand from clubs across the number of sports lit pitches that they have access to and the quality and capacity rating of these.

Weekend capacity position

Weekend capacity has been calculated based on the total amount of competitive demand fielded by a club across the total number of pitches it uses for matches on its site. This is regardless of whether they are sports lit or not.

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Overall site capacity

The overall site capacity has been calculated based on the training (midweek/training demand) and competitive demand (weekend matchplay demand) combined across the total number of pitches across the site and their quality and associated capacity rating.

Identified additional activity / capacity

Historically, spare capacity for rugby union has been identified on Saturday afternoons as this is when adult senior men's team play nationally; however, participation trend data from the RFU identifies that demand now is spread across the week. This is because pitches are used substantially used for midweek training demand (as explored earlier), whilst weekends are used to accommodate competitive fixtures for various age groups.

As a result of the above, spare capacity is examined on a site as a whole rather than at any given peak period. The proceeding Strategy & Action Plan will then provide bespoke recommendations in order to determine how additional capacity could be created, based on where and when shortfalls are identified.

In addition, it should be noted that sites that have unsecure tenure or that are unavailable for community use are not considered to have any additional capacity, with long-term access not guaranteed. Similarly, poor quality pitches have any spare capacity discounted as further usage should not be encouraged until improvements take place.

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Table 4.12: Capacity table for rugby pitches in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Tenure	Community use?	Midweek/ training demand (MES)	Sports lit (No.) ¹⁵	Midweek training pitch capacity (MES)	Midweek capacity position (MES)	Weekend demand (MES)	Total pitches	Weekend pitch capacity (MES)	Weekend capacity (MES)	Overall site capacity ¹⁶ (MES)
15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	5.75	Yes (1)	2.6	3.15	5	2	5.2	0.2	3.13
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	-	No	-	-	-	1	2.6	2.6	2.6
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	7.25 ¹⁷	Yes (1)	2.6	4.65	4.8	2	5.2	0.4	4.05
42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	Bradford West	Secure	Yes	4	Yes (2)	5.2	1.2	3.13	3	7.8	4.67	3.47
78	East Holmes Field	Keighley Area	Unsecure	Yes	-	No	-	-	-	3	6	6	6
129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	8	Yes (1)	2.6	5.4	7.25	2	5.2	2.05	7.45
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	-	Yes (1)	2.6	-	6.5	2	5.2	1.3	1.3
-	World Rugby 3G Pitch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	7.5	Yes (1)	-	-	1.75 ¹⁸	1	-	-	-
-	Education Sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	Bradford West	Unsecure	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
25	Bingley Grammar School	Shipley Area	Unsecure	No	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.6	2.6	1.6
40	Bradford Grammar School	Bradford West	Unsecure	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	4	10.4	10.4	6.4
51	Carlton Keighley	Keighley Area	Unsecure	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
73	Dixons Cottingley Academy	Shipley Area	Unsecure	No	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.6	2.6	1.6
116	Hazelbeck School	Shipley Area	Unsecure	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
209	Titus Salt School	Shipley Area	Unsecure	No	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
286	Woodhouse Grove School	Bradford East	Unsecure	No	-	-	-	-	-	5	16.5	16.5	11.5

¹⁵ Number of pitches with sports lighting.

¹⁶ One match equivalent has been removed per pitch on education sites to account for curricular and extracurricular demand.

¹⁷ Includes one match equivalent session of training demand from Bumble Bees RUFC

¹⁸ Estimated two senior and all age grade mixed playing on the 3G.

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4.5: Supply and demand analysis

Having considered supply and demand, the tables below identifies the overall supply and demand balance (capacity against overplay) in each of the analysis areas based on match equivalent sessions per week. There are separate tables for midweek and weekend demand based on the different requirements for training demand and match play activity.

Midweek capacity

Midweek capacity differs to that of whole site conclusions. For community rugby union clubs, for playing purposes, the only use of any site midweek is for access to grass or artificial grass pitches which have accompanying sports lighting to support midweek training requirements for members. On any given site, only a proportion of pitches provide sports lighting, and some sites have no provision altogether.

As a result of the requirement for sports lighting and many pitches not providing it, many pitches are, in effect, unusable midweek. As the player base for community clubs must train during autumnal and winter evenings (aligned to the rugby union season) where sports lighting is an essential requirement having a sufficient capacity to accommodate this is essential.

The table below highlights the midweek capacity position, based on pitches which provide sports lighting.

Table 4.13: Midweek capacity balance (sports-lit pitches only)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Midweek/training demand	Quality	Midweek training pitch capacity (MES)	Midweek capacity position (MES)
15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	Shipley Area	5.75	Basic	2.6	3.15
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	-	Basic	-	-
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Shipley Area	7.25 ¹⁹	Basic	2.6	4.65
42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	Bradford West	4	Basic	5.2	1.2
78	East Holmes Field	Keighley Area	-	Unclassified	-	-
129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	8	Basic	2.6	5.4
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	-	Basic	2.6	-
-	-	-	-	-	Total	12

As shown in the table above, there is an overall shortfall of midweek training capacity within Bradford totalling 12 match equivalent sessions per week. This is due the heavy usage at Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club, Bradford & Bingley Sports Club and Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club.

Table 4.14: Overall midweek supply and demand balance on rugby union pitches

¹⁹ Includes one match equivalent session of training demand from Bumble Bees RUFC

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Analysis area	Midweek capacity position (MES)	Future demand (MES)	Future total (MES)
Bradford East		-	
Bradford South		-	
Bradford West	1.2	-	1.2
Keighley Area	5.4	-	5.4
Shipley Area	7.8	-	7.8
Bradford	12	0	12

When broken down by analysis area, a shortfall can be identified in the Keighley Area and Shipley Area analysis areas with Bradford West showing actual spare capacity. As no future demand has been identified through population growth, the shortfall remains the same.

Weekend capacity

Weekend capacity differs from midweek capacity as the majority of rugby activity takes place during daylight hours, meaning sports lighting is not a requirement for pitch usage. As a result, both lit and unlit grass pitches can contribute to overall weekend capacity. The table below highlights the weekend capacity position in Bradford across all pitches.

Table 4.15: Weekend capacity balance

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Weekend demand	Quality	Weekend pitch capacity (MES)	Weekend capacity position (MES)
15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	Shipley Area	5	Basic	5.2	0.2
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	-	Basic	2.6	2.6
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Shipley Area	4.8	Basic	5.2	0.4
42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	Bradford West	3.13	Basic	7.8	4.67
78	East Holmes Field	Keighley Area	-	Unclassified	6	6
129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	7.25	Basic	5.2	2.05
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	6.5	Basic	5.2	1.3
-	-	-	-	-	Total	10.52

As shown in the table above, there is current capacity for weekend matches within Bradford totalling 10.52 match equivalent sessions per week.

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Table 4.16: Overall weekend supply and demand balance on rugby union pitches

Analysis area	Weekend capacity position (MES)	Future demand (MES)	Future total (MES)
Bradford East	0	-	0
Bradford South	0	-	0
Bradford West	4.67	-	4.67
Keighley Area	5.25	-	5.25
Shipley Area	0.6	-	0.6
Bradford	10.52	0	10.52

When broken down by analysis area, actual spare capacity can be identified in the Bradford West, Keighley Area and Shipley Area analysis areas. As no future demand has been identified through population growth, spare capacity remains the same.

Overall site capacity/overplay

Overall, across Bradford, there is a combined shortfall of 3.86 match equivalent sessions per week identified. This is predominately due to a lack of sports lit pitches with the ability to accommodate training demand.

Table 4.17: Summary of overall site capacity of rugby union pitches in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Midweek capacity position	Weekend capacity position	Overall site capacity
15	Baildon Rugby and Cricket Club	Shipley Area	3.15	0.2	3.13
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	-	2.6	2.6
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Shipley Area	4.65	0.4	4.05
42	Bradford Salem Rugby Union Football Club	Bradford West	1.2	4.67	3.47
78	East Holmes Field	Keighley Area	-	6	6
129	Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	5.4	2.05	7.45
138	Keighley Rugby Union Football Club	Keighley Area	-	1.3	1.3
-	-	Total	12	10.52	3.86

It should be noted that the overall site capacity is based on the total amount of midweek and weekend demand across the capacity of all pitches. As such, a site as a whole can display a shortfall despite having spare capacity at the weekend or during midweek.

4.6: Conclusion

In conclusion, there is a clear and evident need to increase the carrying capacity of grass rugby union provision within Bradford, equating to 3.86 match equivalent sessions, predominately due to a lack of sports lit pitches to accommodate training demand.

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Table 4.18: Overall supply and demand balance on rugby union pitches in Bradford

Analysis area	Overall site capacity (MES)	Future demand (MES)	Future total (MES)
Bradford East		-	
Bradford South		-	
Bradford West	3.47	-	3.47
Keighley Area	0.15	-	0.15
Shipley Area	7.18	-	7.18
Bradford	3.86	0	3.86

Although a direct comparison cannot be made between the supply and demand balance identified in this study and that reported in the 2018 PPS, (due to applying updated capacity analysis as provided by RFU), it should be noted that the previous study identified an overall shortfall of 22.5 match equivalent sessions per week.

While a shortfall remains evident in this assessment, it is significantly lower than identified in the previous study. This suggests improvements in pitch provision, supported by the development of World Rugby compliant 3G pitches, such as the pitch at Keighley Rugby Union Football Club, which better accommodates training demand, have had a positive impact.

Rugby union - supply and demand summary

- There is a clear need to increase the carrying capacity of grass rugby union provision within Bradford, equating to 3.86 match equivalent sessions per week, predominately due to a lack of sports lit pitches to accommodate training demand.

Rugby union - supply summary

- The audit identifies a total of 28 rugby union pitches located across 15 sites within Bradford, with these all senior sized. Of the pitches, 20 are available for community use, whilst eight are unavailable, based at Bingley Grammar School, Dixon Cottingley Academy, Titus Salt School and Woodhouse Grove School.
- The overall number of pitches since the previous study (2018) has decrease slightly from 32 pitches (2%).
- There is a known aspiration to develop new 3G provision at Ben Rhydding Sports Club in addition to the one already provided. The Sports Club highlights for this pitch to also be World Rugby compliant.
- Each club in Bradford is considered to have long term security of tenure at the sites they use.
- In Bradford, six pitches are serviced with sports lighting and are therefore able to be used during evenings across the year located.
- In Bradford, five pitches (18%) are assessed as good quality, 18 pitches (64%) are standard quality, and five pitches (18%) are assessed as poor quality located at Beckfoot Thornton School, Carlton Keighley, East Holmes Field, Hazelbeck School and Titus Salt School.
- Changing facilities located at one site is assessed as good quality and four sites have standard quality changing facilities.

Rugby union - demand summary

- There are six clubs within Bradford generating a total of 83 teams across the District. As shown in the table below, Keighley RUFC provides the most teams with 22 teams, closely followed by Ilkley RFC has 20. Bumble Bees RUFC provides the least number of teams with only one adult men's team.
- Broken down, the demand equates to 18 adult male, 35 age grade boys and girls, six age grade U12s and 28 age grade mixed teams.
- Since the previous PPOSS in 2018, the overall number of teams has increased by nine (12% increase) from 74.
- All six clubs heavily utilise their pitches for training demand, with this adding significant usage to their sports-lit provision.

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- ◀ The two clubs which responded to consultation, Baildon RUFC (Shipley) and Bradford Salem RUFC (Bradford West), indicate plans to grow levels of participation. The former states an aspiration to increase by three youth boy's teams and two youth girl's teams, whereas the latter expressed future demand of one youth girl's teams.
- ◀ Population projections to 2043 forecast no growth in team numbers.

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PART 5: RUGBY LEAGUE

5.1: Introduction

The Rugby Football League (RFL) is the governing body for rugby league in Britain and Ireland. It administers the England national rugby league team, the Challenge Cup, Super League, and the Championships which form the professional and semi-professional structure of the game structure in the UK. The RFL also administers the amateur and junior game across the country in association with the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA).

Most community club rugby league is played throughout the summer season (from February to October). However, rugby league is considered a winter season sport within schools, colleges and universities and therefore pitch provision for matches and training can also be required throughout the winter months.

Senior rugby league is played on a pitch measuring 100 x 68 metres. The preferred pitch size for U7s, U8s and U9s is 60 x 40 metres, whereas for U10s and U11s it is 80 x 30 metres, with U12s and above generally playing on senior pitches. Teams from U7s to U11s are known as primary teams, whilst teams from U12s to U18s known as junior teams.

Consultation

There are nine rugby league clubs located in Bradford. Of the nine clubs, eight have responded to consultation requests, with only Bradford Dudley Hill ARLFC outstanding. The current response rate from rugby league clubs is therefore 89%. Endeavours are being made to receive a response from the outstanding club.

It should be noted that there are also two professional clubs namely, Bradford Bulls (competing in Super League) and Keighley Cougars (competing in the Championship), which are included and referenced as required. Consultation attempts have been made but both clubs are currently unresponsive.

Table 5.1: Summary of consultation

Clubs	Responded?
Bradford Dudley Hill ARLFC	No
Clayton ARLFC	Yes
Keighley Albion ARLFC	Yes
Silsden Storm	Yes
Odsal Sedbergh ARLFC	Yes
Queensbury ARLFC	Yes
West Bowling ARLFC	Yes
Wibsey Warriors ARLFC	Yes
Wyke ARLFC	Yes

Since the previously study in 2018, two clubs are no longer active, Cowling Harlequins ARLFC (folded in 2019) and Worth Village ARLFC (circa 2021) with both clubs seeing a decline in membership numbers.

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5.2: Supply

There are 26 rugby league pitches identified in Bradford across 17 sites. Of these, 24 pitches across 15 sites are available for community use, with the pitch at Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park) and Odsal Stadium unavailable for community use due to being used for professional rugby league.

Table 5.2: Summary of grass rugby league pitches available to the community

Analysis area	No. of available pitches	No. of unavailable pitches
Bradford East	2	-
Bradford South	14	1
Bradford West	-	-
Keighley Area	6	1
Shipley Area	2	-
2026 Total	24	2
2018 Total	23	1

Although the overall number of pitches has largely remained the same since the previous study in 2018, there has still been some changes in rugby league supply with some pitches no longer being marked and new pitches being provided. The table below (Table 5.3) shows several sites that are no longer actively marked out for rugby league.

Third generation turf pitches (3G)

Unlike many local authorities, there is some rugby league demand taking place on 3G pitches mainly at Carlton Bolling College (Bradford Bulls Foundation) and Carlton Keighley (Keighley Cougars). More information surrounding the quality, accessibility and demand is found in Part 3: Third Generation Turf (3G) Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPS).

Unused provision

Although not classed as disused, as the sites are still actively used as public open spaces or used for other sports, there a number of sites which no longer accommodate rugby league pitches. This is based on evidence provided in the 2018 PPS. Details surrounding these sites are outlined in detail in the table below.

Table 5.3: Summary of unused Rugby league sites in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Postcode	Comments
69	Delph Recreation Ground	Bradford West	BD14 6RY	Previously had two rugby league pitch which is now unmarked.
120	Highfield Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	BD21 2JA	Previously had one rugby league pitch which is now unmarked.
154	Marley Actives and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	BD21 4BD	Previously accommodated three rugby league pitches, now only one pitch is active.
168	Odsal Recreation Ground	Bradford South	BD6 1BG	Previously had one rugby league pitch which is now unmarked.
228	Wibsey Park Recreation Ground	Bradford South	BD6 3QA	Previously had one rugby league pitch which is now

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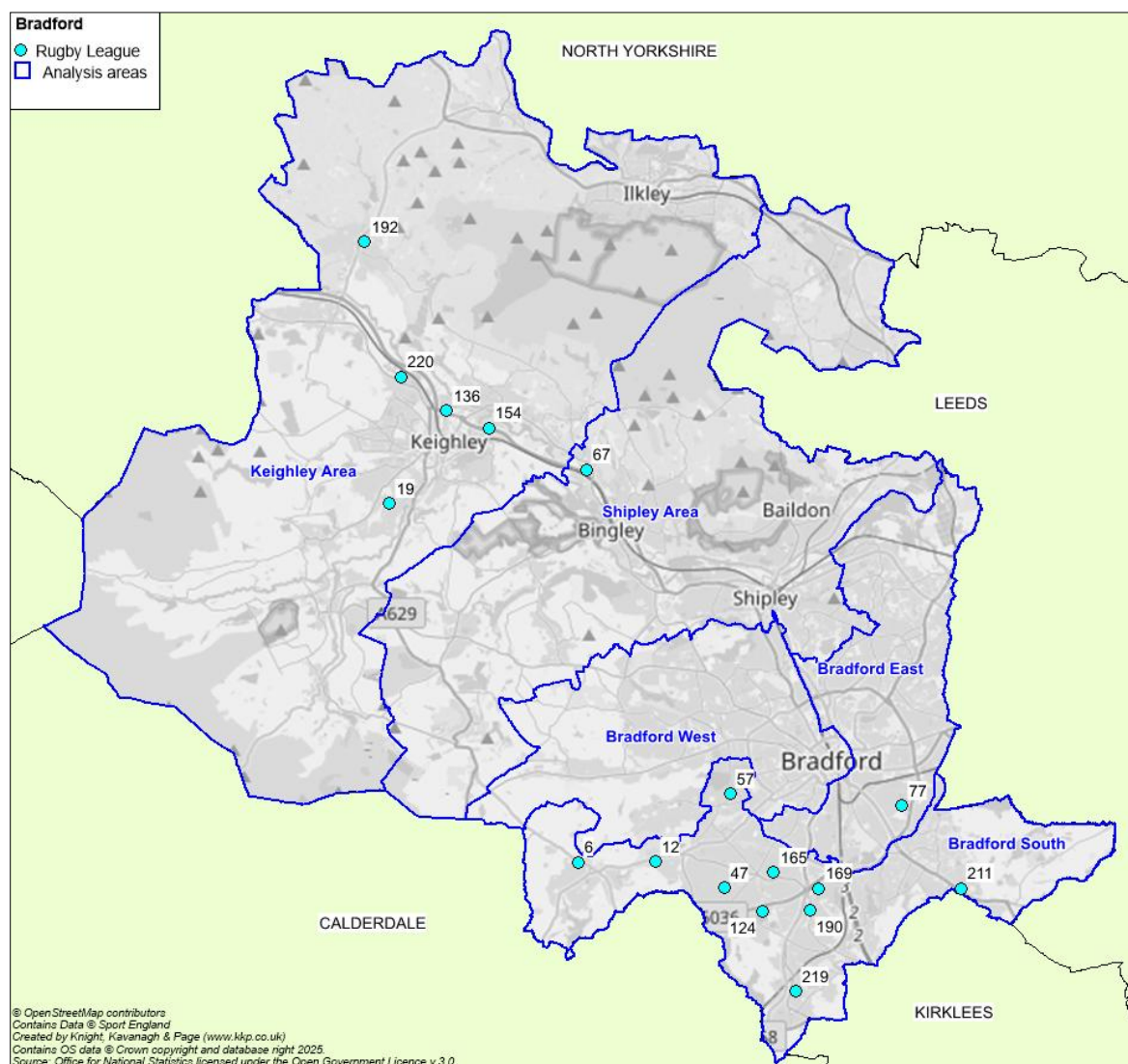
Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Postcode	Comments
				unmarked. Site is used for football.

Future developments

Keighley Cougars has submitted a planning application (26/01440/FUL) to replace its current grass pitch to a 11v11 3G pitch to better accommodate demand. Given the high levels of demand accessing the site, the quality of the surface is beginning to deteriorate with the Club feeling a 3G pitch is the better solution.

Figure 5.1 highlights all rugby league pitches currently within Bradford, regardless of community use. For a key to the map, see Table 5.16.

Figure 5.1: Location of rugby league pitches within Bradford



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Security of tenure

Tenure of sites in Bradford is generally secure i.e. through a long-term lease or a guarantee that the pitch will continue to be provided over the next three years, with most sites ensuring community use is available.

Table 5.4: Summary of tenure for community rugby league club in Bradford

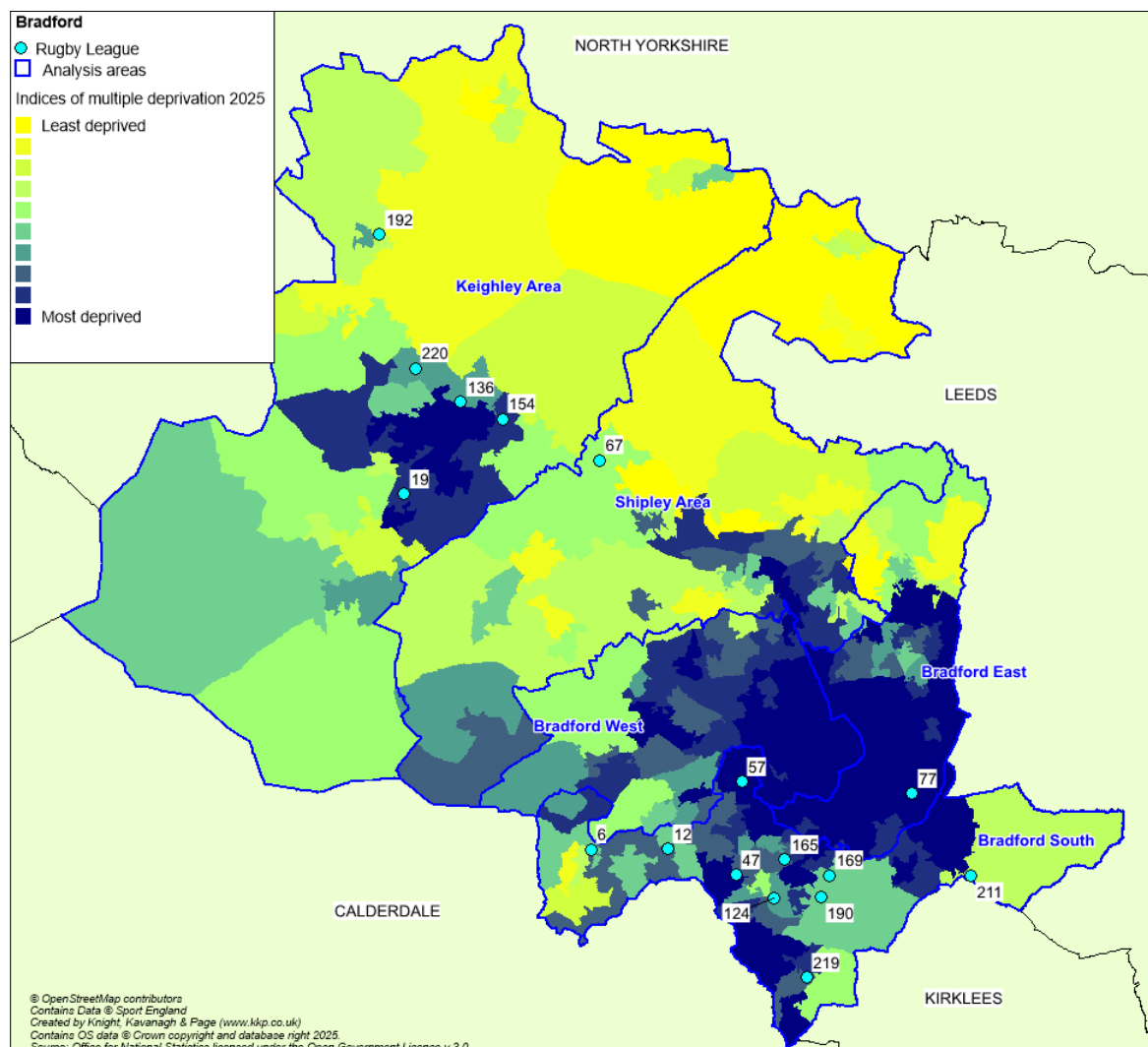
Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Clubs playing at pitches	Secure / unsecure	Notes of ownership/ management
6	Albert Road Recreation Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)	Bradford South	Queensbury ARLFC	Secure	Long term lease from Bradford Council with 23 years remaining
57	Clayton ARLFC	Bradford South	Clayton ARLFC	Secure	Long term lease from Bradford Council with 21 years remaining
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Keighley Albion ARLFC	Secure	Leased annually from Bradford Council
77	Dudley Hill ARLFC	Bradford East	Bradford Dudley Hill ARLFC	Unknown	Unknown due to the Club being unresponsive to consultation request
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	West Bowling ARLFC	Secure	Rented from Bradford Council
136	Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park)	Keighley Area	Keighley Cougars RLFC	Secure	Freehold
165	Northfield Road Playing Field	Bradford South	Wibsey Warriors ARLFC	Secure	Leased from Bradford Council. Length of lease is unknown.
169	Odsal Stadium	Bradford South	Bradford Bulls RLFC	Secure	Long term lease from Bradford Council
190	Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre	Bradford South	Odsal Sedbergh ARLFC	Secure	Rented from Bradford Council
192	Silsden Park	Keighley Area	Silsden Storm ARLFC	Secure	Leased annually from Bradford Council
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	Wyke ARLFC	Secure	Long term lease from Bradford Council with 15 years remaining.

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Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

The figure below shows all active rugby sites located in the more deprived area across Bradford can be seen in the map below.

Figure 5.2: Location of rugby league sites against IMD



Pitch quality

The quality of rugby league pitches in Bradford has been assessed via a combination of PitchPower reports, club consultation and site visits, carrying out non-technical assessments as determined by the RFL (undertaken in July 2026), and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating as follows:

- Good.
- Standard.
- Poor.

Pitch quality influences the carrying capacity of a site; often pitches lack the drainage and maintenance necessary to sustain high levels of use. It is likely that pitches that receive little or no ongoing repair or off-season remedial work will be assessed as poor, therefore limiting the number of games able to take place each week without it having a detrimental effect on quality.

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Conversely, well maintained pitches which are tended to regularly are likely to be a higher standard and capable of taking several matches without a significant reduction in surface quality.

Private sites (e.g. sports clubs) can often offer better quality facilities than Council and school playing pitches as such sports clubs tend to have dedicated ground staff or volunteers working on pitches regularly during the week. Also, private sites are often secured by fencing which prevents unofficial use whilst council pitches are generally located within parks and open spaces, regularly used by the public.

PitchPower Assessment

PitchPower (a technical assessment of quality) for rugby league began to be used in 2024 with the initial reports being produced towards the end of the season. More information surrounding PitchPower, and its functionality is available in Part 2: Football. The main difference for the analysis of cricket is that both the outfield and square are assessed for quality.

PitchPower assessments use a new five step Performance Quality Standard (PQS) rating system developed by the GMA, with the FF and Sport England agreeing alignment with the capacity guidance within the existing PPS guidance. This alignment is shown in the table below.

Table 5.5: Agreed equivalent PPOSS quality rating for PQS ratings

PQS Rating	PPOSS Quality Rating
Poor	Poor
Basic	Standard
Good	Good
Advanced	Good
High	Good

In Bradford, five rugby league sites have received a PitchPower assessment. The findings of these in comparison to the PPOSS findings are shown in the table below.

Table 5.6: Summary of PitchPower findings compared to PPOSS quality ratings

Site ID	Site name	Club users	PitchPower rating	PPOSS non tech rating
6	Albert Road Recreation Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)	Queensbury ARLFC	Basic	Standard
6	Albert Road Recreation Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)	Queensbury ARLFC	Basic	Standard
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Keighley Albion ARLFC	Basic	Standard
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Keighley Albion ARLFC	Basic	Standard
77	Dudley Hill ARLFC	Bradford Dudley Hill ARLFC	Basic	Standard
169	Odsal Stadium	Bradford Bulls RLFC	Basic	Good
219	Upper Wyke Park	Wyke ARLFC	Basic	Standard
219	Upper Wyke Park	Wyke ARLFC	Basic	Standard
219	Upper Wyke Park	Wyke ARLFC	Basic	Standard

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For reference the PitchPower quality scores, in the most part, will be the ones used in the pitch capacity analysis to follow. The only exception to this is Odsal Stadium. As the PitchPower report was completed in January 2025 the more recent data from non-technical assessments will be used for the supply and demand analysis.

Using the information above, as well as club feedback and non-technical site assessments, a breakdown of each pitch quality for every site used by a community club can be seen in the table below.

Table 5.7: Site quality ratings of pitches used by community clubs

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Sports lit?	Overall quality rating
6	Albert Road Recreation Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)	Bradford South	Senior	2	No	Standard
12	Asa Briggs Park	Bradford South	Senior	1	No	Standard
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	Keighley Area	Senior	1	No	Standard
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	Bradford South	Senior	1	No	Good
57	Clayton ARLFC	Bradford South	Senior	1	No	Poor
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Senior	1	No	Standard
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Junior	1	No	Standard
77	Dudley Hill ARLFC	Bradford East	Senior	1	Yes	Standard
77	Dudley Hill ARLFC	Bradford East	Primary	1	Yes	Standard
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	Senior	2	No	Standard
136	Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park)	Keighley Area	Senior	1	Yes	Standard
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	Senior	1	No	Standard
165	Northfield Road Playing Field	Bradford South	Senior	1	Yes	Poor
169	Odsal Stadium	Bradford South	Senior	1	Yes	Good
192	Silsden Park	Keighley Area	Senior	2	No	Good
190	Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre	Bradford South	Senior	1	No	Good
211	Tong Leadership Academy	Bradford South	Senior	2	No	Good
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	Senior	1	No	Standard
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	Junior	1	No	Standard
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	Mini	1	No	Standard
220	Utleigh Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	Senior	1	No	Poor
220	Utleigh Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	Junior	1	No	Poor

The non-technical assessment of rugby league pitches in Bradford identifies that there are seven (28%) good quality pitches, however, 15 (56%) are standard and four (16%) are assessed as poor.

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Of responding clubs, the following raised issues relating the quality of pitches.

Keighley Albion ARLFC states the quality of its provision at Crossflatts Recreation Ground is declining due to overmarking and the provision accommodating large amounts of use.

Both Clayton ARLFC (Clayton ARLFC) and Wisbey Warriors ARLFC (Northfield Road Playing Fields) reports their respective pitches to be of poor quality. In summer, the surface becomes excessively dry and hard, reducing its suitability for match play. During the winter months, inadequate drainage leads to wet and waterlogged conditions. These seasonal issues are affecting the pitch quality and its capacity to adequately accommodate demand throughout the year.

West Bowling ARLFC highlights aspiration to improve the pitch provision at Horsfall Playing Fields with relevant conversation underway.

Given its growth in recent years, Keighley Albion ARLFC has an aspiration to source additional provision to accommodate its demand including sites such as Utley Recreation Ground which is currently unused.

Queensbury ARLFC is continuing to improve its pitch provision to achieve a high standard. However, the Club is experiencing issues with dog walkers using the site, which is having a negative impact on the pitch quality, and is seeking support to help address this issue.

Although the pitches are assessed as standard quality, Wyke ARLFC highlights issues with pitch quality due to poor drainage in the winter months which is worsened due to unauthorised access. It also states that dog fouling is an ongoing issue the Club is facing.

Pitch quality Bradford overview

Overall, the quality of grass rugby league pitches has improved with a higher percentage of good and standard quality pitches in 2026 and fewer number of poorer quality pitches when compared to the 2018 study.

Table 5.8: Comparison of pitch quality ratings for all rugby league pitches in Bradford

Analysis area	Good	Standard	Poor	Total
2018	-	-	-	-
Bradford East	1	-	-	1
Bradford South	4	3	4	11
Bradford West	-	-	2	2
Keighley Area	-	2	7	9
Shipley Area	-	1	-	1
Bradford	5 (21%)	6 (25%)	13 (54%)	24
2026	-	-	-	-
Bradford East	-	2	-	2
Bradford South	5	8	2	15
Bradford West	-	-	-	0
Keighley Area	2	3	2	7
Shipley Area	-	2	-	2
Bradford	7 (28%)	15 (56%)	4 (16%)	26

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Grass pitch maintenance fund²⁰

Community Clubs and Foundations can now take advantage of the revolutionary Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund which is being delivered in partnership with the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation.

Over the next three years, £5 million of Sport England National Lottery funding will be made available via the Foundation to support the improvement of grass pitches in rugby league's community clubs.

Upon submitting a PitchPower assessment, clubs will receive a bespoke maintenance plan from the Grounds Management Association (GMA) enabling them to access a six-year tapered grant, providing up to £3,600 for every 'match equivalent' pitch in the first two years and tapered down over the remaining period. This funding can be used to employ contractors and purchase materials to improve pitches over a 10-year period.

Ancillary facilities

Ancillary facility ratings are primarily influenced by the type of amenities which are available on a site accompanied by their quality, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, car parking, dedicated official and spectator facilities. Good quality ancillary facilities are particularly important for rugby clubs as they can assist with income generation. Furthermore, it is becoming increasingly important for the provision to be inclusive, particularly due to growing women's and girls', disability and junior/mini demand.

Although the size and configuration of ancillary provision may alter based on the sports using the provision, and the number of pitches it services, generally the same principles are recommended to allow for varied use from all demographics:

- ◆ Accessible changing areas which can be separated, or are private/self-contained, to allow for separate male/female/all gender or senior/junior separation.
- ◆ A private accessible changing room (with relevant changing and showering provision) for someone who requires assistance.
- ◆ Separate female / male / all gender toilet provision.
- ◆ Suitably designed and specified showering cubicles to all users to maintain dignity and privacy whilst showering.

Open plan changing rooms and showering facilities can provide a significant barrier to many people resulting in them either not taking part or having a poorer sporting experience. As a result, those ancillary facilities that do not meet the above criteria, cannot be rated anything higher than standard quality.

As seen in the table below, changing facilities located at four sites are assessed as good quality, three sites have standard quality changing facilities and five sites have poor quality changing facilities located at Clayton ARLFC, Crossflatts Recreation Ground, Horsfall Playing Fields, Silsden Park and Utley Recreation Ground.

²⁰ [Grass Pitch Fund \(rugby-league.com\)](https://www.rugby-league.com/grass-pitch-fund)

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Table 5.9: Rugby league ancillary provision summary (primary venue)

Site ID	Site name	Users	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ²¹	Comments
6	Albert Road Recreation Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)	Queensbury ARLFC	Good	Standard	Provision is not currently suitable for women and girls' demand.
12	Asa Briggs Park	-	N/A	N/A	No dedicated provision.
57	Clayton ARLFC	Clayton ARLFC	Poor	Poor	Provision is outdated and in need of modernisation. The Club states the there are issues with the roof and the showers are poor quality. The Club has recently had planning approved for a new storage container (26/01938/FUL).
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Keighley Albion ARLFC	Poor	Poor	Provision is outdated and in need of modernisation.
77	Dudley Hill ARLFC	Bradford Dudley Hill ARLFC	Standard	Unknown	Club is currently unresponsive to consultation requests.
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	West Bowling ARLFC	Poor	Poor	Provision is outdated and in need of modernisation.
136	Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park)	Keighley Cougars RLFC	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	-	Standard	Standard	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
165	Northfield Road Playing Field	Wibsey Warriors ARLFC	Good	Good	New building recently installed. Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
169	Odsal Stadium	Bradford Bulls RLFC	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
190	Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre	Odsal Sedbergh ARLFC	Good	Good	Provision is suitable for the levels of demand accessing the site.
192	Silsden Park	Silsden Storm ARLFC	Poor	Poor	Provision is outdated and in need of modernisation. The Club highlights the creation of new girls' teams is increasing the need for these facilities to be upgraded.

²¹ Including changing areas, toilets and showering facilities.

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Site ID	Site name	Users	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ²¹	Comments
219	Upper Wyke Park	Wyke ARLFC	Standard	Standard	No highlighted issues with the provision but it should be noted that the facilities are not currently suitable for women and girls' demand.
220	Utleigh Recreation Ground	-	Poor	Poor	Building onsite in a state of disrepair.

Currently seven sites (50%) are identified as not having suitable/separate changing rooms for women's and girls' provision, these being Albert Road Recreation Ground, Clayton ARLFC, Crossflatts Recreation Ground, Horsfall Playing Fields, Silsden Park and Utleigh Recreation Ground.

Given the above and the strong presence of women's and girls' demand in Bradford, some sites will require investment in order to better accommodate current and future levels of women and girls' demand, in particular at Albert Road Recreation Ground (Queensbury ARLFC), Horsfall Playing Field (West Bowling ARLFC) and Silsden Park (Silsden Storm ARLFC) as these sites currently accommodate girls' demand.

5.3: Demand

Demand for rugby league in Bradford tends to fall within the categories of organised competitive play and organised training. As the majority of rugby league play takes place during the summer period, when the nights are lighter, a significant amount of training takes place on pitches in addition to the competitive match play.

Competitive play

A total of 78 teams are identified as playing competitive rugby league in Bradford. This consists of 12 senior men's, three senior women's, 29 junior boys' teams, six junior girls' team and 28 primary teams. The table below shows that the Bradford South Analysis Area is where the most teams have their competitive pitch located (48 teams), whilst the Bradford East Analysis Area accommodates the least number of teams (six teams). No demand takes place in the Bradford West Analysis Area.

Table 5.10: Comparison of rugby league community club demand

Analysis area	Senior	Junior	Primary	Total
2018	-	-	-	-
Bradford East	2	-	3	5
Bradford South	12	20	21	53
Bradford West	-	-	-	-
Keighley Area	5	-	1	6
Shipley Area	2	5	6	13
Bradford	21	25	31	77
2026	-	-	-	-
Bradford East	1	2	3	6
Bradford South	10	23	15	48
Bradford West	-	-	-	0
Keighley Area	2	2	6	10

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Analysis area	Senior	Junior	Primary	Total
Shipley Area	2	8	4	14
Bradford	15	35	28	78

As seen overall, there has been an increase in demand since the 2018 PPS. Although the increase only seems minimal, it should be noted that the 2018 demand figures include both Cowling Harlequins ARLFC (one adult team and one u10 team) and Worth Village ARLFC (one adult team) who have now folded. Discounting these two clubs means that demand has increased overall from 74 to 78 teams. The biggest change can be seen within the junior section which has seen an increase in 10 teams.

The table below breaks down the levels of demand by team and by demographic.

Table 5.11: Club by club summary of teams

Club	Senior men (inc. masters)	Senior women (inc. masters)	Junior boys (U13–U18)	Junior girls (U13– U18)	Primary (mixed) U7s–U12s	Total
Bradford Bulls	2	2	-	-	-	4
Bradford Dudley Hill ARLFC	1	-	2	-	3	6
Clayton ARLFC	1	-	-	-	-	1
Keighley Albion ARLFC	2	-	8	-	4	14
Keighley Cougars	1	1	-	-	-	2
Silsden Storm	-	-	1	1	6	8
Odsal Sedbergh ARLFC	1	-	-	-	-	1
Queensbury ARLFC	1	-	8	2	4	15
West Bowling ARLFC	2	-	5	3	4	14
Wibsey Warriors ARLFC	1	-	1	-	3	5
Wyke ARLFC	-	-	4	-	4	8
Total	12	3	29	6	28	78

It should be noted that Silsden Storm has dedicated teams included within their primary age group sections.

Bradford Bulls

Bradford Bulls is a professional club which competes in the men's Super League (promoted in 2026) which is the top tier of rugby league based at Odsal Stadium. The Club also accommodates one reserve's team and two women's teams which are also based at Odsal Stadium.

The Bradford Bulls Community Foundation provides a variety of on and offsite programmes to enable thousands of people to take part in sport, health, educational and wellbeing initiatives including:

- ◆ New initiatives to develop rugby league, including women and girls' pathway, physical and learning disability rugby league, Touch rugby league and wheelchair rugby league.
- ◆ Health & wellbeing delivery for the local community.

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- ◀ Community club support across the Bradford
- ◀ School-based coaching, physical activity and educational programmes
- ◀ Health and wellbeing initiatives aimed at increasing participation in physical activity
- ◀ Talent pathway opportunities for young rugby league players
- ◀ Inclusive sports provision for people of all ages and abilities
- ◀ Community events, fundraising activities and volunteer opportunities
- ◀ Partnerships with local organisations to support wider community development and social outcomes.

Keighley Cougars

Keighley Cougars is a professional rugby league club competing in the Championship (second tier) with its matches played at Cougar Park. The Club secured promotion in 2022 following an unbeaten season in League One.

In addition, the Club accommodates one women's team which also playing its home games at Cougar Park. Likewise, to Bradford Bulls, Keighley Cougars plays an important role in promoting rugby league within Bradford and supporting player development pathways.

Women and girls' rugby league

Both Bradford Bulls and Keighley Cougars have dedicated women's teams with Bradford Bulls Women playing in the Women's National Championship (second tier of women's rugby league pyramid) utilising provision at Odsal Stadium. Keighley Cougars Women competes in the Women's Northern League Three (sits below National Championship) with all home games played at Cougar Park.

Further to this the following community clubs also have dedicated women's or girls' teams within their structure: Silsden Storm, Queensbury ARLFC and West Bowling ARLFC.

Wheelchair rugby league²²

Wheelchair rugby league is played on an indoor court surface with the dimensions being 20 metres x 46 metres long, although this can be adjusted accordingly to accommodate differing numbers of players. Teams consist of no more than five players with a maximum of two non-disabled players allowed.

The object of the game is to ground the ball in the opponents in goal to score a try and to kick (a 'kick' is completed with the arm) the ball over the opponent's cross bar to score goals. A match is normally 80 minutes with a five-minute half time.

Bradford Bulls currently has a wheelchair rugby league team which plays in Super League following promotion from Championship in 2025. The team utilises the full size indoor pitch located at Sedburgh Sports Centre Bradford for training and match play.

Physical disability rugby league (PDRL)

PDRL is a full contact version of the game designed for participants with physical disabilities. It is played in its own league with each club hosting their own festivals where a number of fixtures take place with contribute to league standings.

²² <https://www.rugby-league.com/uploads/docs/Rules%20Doc.pdf>

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Domestically, PDRL is played on a 50 metre x 100 metre pitch and is a nine a side version of rugby league. Teams include seven physically disabled players and two non-disabled players which act as facilitators during the game. Each half is 25 minutes in length.

Bradford Bulls and Keighley Cougars both have active PDRL sections and utilise the clubs respective home venues. The latter is a newly established section as of the 2026 season.

Learning Disability Rugby League (LDRL)

LDRL is a variant of the game developed to ensure that people with learning disabilities can access and enjoy the sport of Rugby League. It is an accessible offer open to any individual who has a learning disability or associated condition.

The sport is played on a quarter of a pitch with a seven a side team with games non-contact and generally following tag rugby league rules. Teams are allowed two non-disabled players who act as facilitators to ensure the match is free flowing and balanced. Each game lasts 40 minutes (2 x 20 minute halves) on a 35 metre x 50 metre pitch.

Bradford Bulls has LDRL section utilising provision at Odsal Stadium.

Training

Nationally, rugby league clubs tend to use match pitches for training due to clubs preferring to use grass pitch provision, but also the cost of hiring 3G facilities is too high. However, this leads to overplay of pitches due to accommodating both training and matches.

Contrary to the above, Bradford Bulls Foundation and Keighley Cougars utilise 3G provision at Carlton Bolling College and Carlton Keighley to accommodate some of its demand. Bradford Bulls use a range of facilities for training including the grass pitches at Tong Leadership Academy and the indoor facilities (including the gym) at Bradford College (Trinity Green Campus).

All remaining clubs indicate they train on their grass match pitches which causes overuse and overplay. The exact amount of training demand located on pitches is shown in detail in Table 5.14 later in the section.

All eight clubs which responded to consultation requests indicate a need for additional training provision with Silsden Storm, Odsal Sedbergh, Clayton, Queensbury, Wibsey Warriors and Wyke rugby league clubs specifically referencing a need for more affordable and accessible 3G provision. The remaining clubs (Keighley Albion and West Bowling) mention a need for additional grass provision at their home sites.

Imported/exported demand

Exported demand refers to Bradford based teams that are currently accessing pitches outside of the local authority for their home fixtures, normally because their pitch requirements cannot be met, which is usually because of pitch supply, in some cases quality issues or stipulated league requirements for access to certain facilities. There is no known club exporting demand from Bradford.

Imported demand refers to any demand from neighbouring local authorities that accesses facilities within the study area due to a lack of available facilities in other local authorities where such team or club is based. There is no known club based imported demand into Bradford.

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Unmet/latent demand

Unmet demand is existing demand at clubs which is not able to access sufficient supply of pitches for match play or training. It is usually expressed, for example, where a team is already training but is unable to access a match pitch or where a league or club operates a waiting list. Consultation did not highlight any potential unmet demand.

Latent demand is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision.

Keighley Albion ARLFC, Silsden Storm, Clayton ARLFC and Wibsey Warriors ARLFC all indicate that if they had access to more or better changing facilities, they would be able to increase the levels of participations.

In addition to the above, several clubs (Keighley Albion ARLFC, Silsden Storm, Queensbury ARLFC, West Bowling ARLFC, Wibsey Warriors ARLFC and Wyke ARLFC) state that if it has access to more pitches, it would be able to increase the number of teams it fields, however, do not quantify this with a specific number.

Future demand

Future demand can be defined in two ways, through participation increases and using population forecasts. In addition, the proceeding Strategy & Action Plan document will contain housing growth scenarios that will estimate the additional demand for rugby league arising from housing developments within Bradford.

Population increase

Based on population projections to 2043 for Bradford (the period to which this assessment projects population based future demand), Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC) can estimate the likely additional demand for grass rugby pitches that will arise from any growth.

Based on ONS projections there is no anticipated growth in demand for rugby league. Notwithstanding the above, it is important to acknowledge that there are plans and strategies in place to increase the number of teams at some formats beyond what current trends and population changes would suggest.

Participation increase

Of responding clubs, seven clubs highlight plans to increase membership amounting to 34 teams in total. The amount to which each club want to increase is listed in the table below. Table 5.12: Future demand from club aspirations

Club	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Primary	Total
Clayton ARLFC	-	1	1	-	-	2
Keighley Albion ARLFC	1	1	1	2	3	8
Silsden Storm	1	1	1	2	1	6
Odsal Sedbergh ARLFC	1	-	-	-	1	2
Queensbury ARLFC	1	1	1	1	-	4
Wibsey Warriors ARLFC	1	-	3	3	3	10
Wyke ARLFC	-	-	1	1	-	2
Total	5	4	8	9	8	34

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The impact of this potential growth will be run as a scenario in the Strategy and Action Plan to follow.

5.4: Capacity analysis

The capacity for pitches to regularly provide for competitive play, training and other activity over a season is most often determined by quality. As a minimum, the quality and therefore the capacity of a pitch affects the playing experience and people's enjoyment of playing. In extreme circumstances it can result in the inability of a pitch to cater for all or certain types of play during the peak period and off-peak times.

The carrying capacity of a pitch is dependent upon the quality of a pitch which is outlined below:

Pitch quality	Capacity
Good	3 matches per week
Standard	2 matches per week
Poor	1 match per week

The next step is to ascertain whether any identified 'potential capacity' can be deemed 'actual capacity'. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for several regular friendly matches and activities that takes place but are difficult to quantify on a weekly basis. Where actual spare capacity exists, it is highlighted in Table 5.15.

The peak period

To fully establish actual spare capacity, the peak period needs to be established. As the majority of competitive rugby league takes place on senior rugby league pitches the peak period is Saturday PM, Saturday AM for junior rugby and Sunday AM for mini rugby demand.

Education sites

To account for curricular/extra-curricular use of education pitches it is deemed that usage should be adjusted and increased by one match equivalent session per week, per pitch. The only time this does not apply is when a school does not use its pitches at all and the sole use is that made by the community.

The table below identifies the way capacity and overplay is represented in Table 5.14.

Table 5.13: Spare capacity examples

Spare capacity in peak period (examples)	Explanation of spare capacity
1	If the cell is highlighted in green with a number, it means that the pitch(es) have actual spare capacity at peak time.
0	If the cell has a 0 in it, this means that the pitch(es) is/are played to capacity, either overall or during the peak period.

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Spare capacity in peak period (examples)	Explanation of spare capacity
1	If the cell has a number in it but is not highlighted, it means the pitch has spare capacity in the peak period; however, this is discounted. This is most commonly due to unsecure tenure and/or poor pitch quality but can also be due to the site being unavailable to the community.
1	If the cell is highlighted in red with a number, it means that the pitch(es) are overplayed.

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Table 5.14: Rugby league capacity table (match equivalent sessions per week)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Active Places Power ID	Postcode	Available for community use?	Type of Tenure	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Sports lit?	Quality rating	Match equivalent sessions of play	Training demand	Site capacity	Capacity rating	Capacity at peak time	Comments
6	Albert Road Recreation Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)	Bradford South	1040757	BD13 1QB	Yes	Secure	Senior	2	No	Standard	6.5	6	4	8.5	-	Overplayed by 8.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
12	Asa Briggs Park	Bradford South	1040742	BD13 2RH	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	No	Standard	-	-	2	2	1	Spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent sessions per week.
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	Keighley Area	30008530	BD22 7DU	Yes	Unsecure	Senior	1	No	Standard	1	-	2	1	1	Spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure tenure.
47	Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	Bradford South	1038812	BD6 3PX	Yes	Unsecure	Senior	1	No	Good	1	-	3	2	1	Spare capacity has been discounted due to unsecure tenure.
57	Clayton ARLFC	Bradford South	30010533	BD7 2PD	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	No	Poor	0.5	1	1	0.5	-	Overplayed by 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	6002618	BD16 2HA	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	No	Standard	4	2	2	4	-	Overplayed by four match equivalent sessions per week.
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	6002618	BD16 2HA	Yes	Secure	Junior	1	No	Standard	2	4	2	4	-	Overplayed by four match equivalent sessions per week.
77	Dudley Hill ARLFC	Bradford East	20001564	BD4 8QJ	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	Yes	Standard	1.5	2	2	1.5	-	Overplayed by 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
77	Dudley Hill ARLFC	Bradford East	20001564	BD4 8QJ	Yes	Secure	Primary	1	No	Standard	1.5	-	2	0.5	-	Played to capacity in the peak period.
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	1202932	BD6 2NG	Yes	Secure	Senior	2	No	Standard	6	6	4	8	-	Overplayed by eight match equivalent sessions per week.
136	Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park)	Keighley Area	1040761	BD21 3RF	No	Secure	Senior	1	Yes	Standard	1	-	2	1	-	Played to capacity in the peak period.
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	1103892	BD21 4DB	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	No	Standard	-	-	2	2	1	Spare capacity amounting to one match equivalent sessions per week.
165	Northfield Road Playing Field	Bradford South	20001913	BD6 1RL	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	Yes	Poor	1.75	1.5	1	2.25	-	Overplayed by 2.25 match equivalent sessions per week.
169	Odsal Stadium	Bradford South	300006851	BD6 1BS	No	Secure	Senior	1	Yes	Good	2	-	3	1	-	Played to capacity at peak time.
192	Silsden Park	Keighley Area	6002638	BD20 0LA	Yes	Secure	Senior	2	No	Good	2.5	1	6	2.5	-	Played to capacity in the peak period.
190	Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre	Bradford South	30008553	BD12 0HQ	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	No	Good	0.5	1	3	1.5	0.5	Spare capacity amounting to 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
211	Tong Leadership Academy	Bradford South	1037844	BD4 6NR	Yes	Unsecure	Senior	2	No	Good	2	4	6	-	-	Played to capacity. Used to accommodate school use and training demand from Bradford Bulls.
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	1202950	BD12 9PX	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	No	Standard	-	2	2	-	-	Played to capacity.
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	1202950	BD12 9PX	Yes	Secure	Junior	1	No	Standard	2	-	2	-	-	Played to capacity.
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	1202950	BD12 9PX	Yes	Secure	Mini	1	No	Standard	2	-	2	-	-	Played to capacity.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Active Places Power ID	Postcode	Available for community use?	Type of Tenure	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Sports lit?	Quality rating	Match equivalent sessions of play	Training demand	Site capacity	Capacity rating	Capacity at peak time	Comments
220	Utleigh Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	1041053	BD20 6DR	Yes	Secure	Senior	1	No	Poor	-	-	1	1	1	Spare capacity has been discounted due to poor quality.
220	Utleigh Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	1041053	BD20 6DR	Yes	Secure	Junior	1	No	Poor	-	-	1	1	1	Spare capacity has been discounted due to poor quality.

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Actual spare capacity

The next step is to ascertain whether or not any identified 'potential capacity' can be deemed 'actual capacity'. There may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to regularly operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular friendly matches and other activities that are difficult to quantify on a weekly basis.

Table 5.15: Actual spare capacity

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch type	No. of pitches	Spare capacity (MES)	MES available in the peak period	Comments
12	Asa Briggs Park	Bradford South	Senior	1	2	1	Actual spare capacity amounting to one MES
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	Senior	1	2	1	Actual spare capacity amounting to one MES
190	Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre	Bradford South	Senior	1	1.5	0.5	Actual spare capacity amounting to 0.5 MES

Despite seven sites indicating they have potential spare capacity at peak time only three have actual spare capacity at peak time. This totals 2.5 match equivalent sessions across three sites. This equates to 1.5 match equivalent sessions per week in the Bradford South Analysis Area and one match equivalent sessions per week in the Keighley Area Analysis Area.

This is lower than the 2018 study which showed a total of 7.5 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity per week.

Overlay

The total amount of overlay amounts to 29.75 match equivalent sessions per week which is a reduction from the 2018 study which had shortfalls amounting to 44.25 match equivalent sessions per week. Pitches which are identified as being overplayed is largely due to high levels of demand for both matches and training.

Table 5.16: Overlay

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Capacity rating
6	Albert Road Recreation Ground (Queensbury ARLFC)	Bradford South	Senior	2	8.5
57	Clayton ARLFC	Bradford South	Senior	1	0.5
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Senior	1	4
67	Crossflatts Recreation Ground	Shipley Area	Junior	1	4
77	Dudley Hill ARLFC	Bradford East	Senior	1	1.5

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Pitch size	No. of pitches	Capacity rating
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	Senior	2	8
136	Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park)	Keighley Area	Senior	1	1
165	Northfield Road Playing Field	Bradford South	Senior	1	2.25
-	-	-	Total	10	29.75

For a clearer understanding of the deficit, overplay has been outlined below by analysis area and by pitch type.

- Bradford South Analysis Area – 19.25 match equivalent sessions on senior pitches.
- Bradford East Analysis Area – 1.5 match equivalent sessions on senior pitches.
- Shipley Area Analysis Area – four match equivalent sessions on junior pitches / four match equivalent sessions on senior pitches.
- Keighley Area Analysis Area – one match equivalent sessions on senior pitches.

As detailed the majority of overplay is on senior pitches in the Bradford South Analysis Area which correlates with this are accommodating the greatest number of pitches and highest amount of demand.

5.5: Supply and demand analysis

Having considered supply and demand, the table below identifies the overall spare capacity and overplay in each of the analysis areas for all rugby league grass pitches based on match equivalent sessions per week. It should be noted that future demand referenced is solely from population increases and does not include club aspirational growth. The latter will be run as a scenario within the Strategy & Action Plan.

Senior pitches balance

The table below identifies the current levels of spare capacity at peak time against the current levels of overplay on senior pitches to understand the present capacity balance.

Table 5.17: Supply and demand balance of senior rugby league pitches in Bradford

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total
Bradford East	-	1.5	1.5
Bradford South	1.5	19.25	17.75
Bradford West	-	-	
Keighley Area	1	1	
Shipley Area	-	4	4
Bradford	2.5	25.75	23.25

There is a current a significant overall shortfall of 23.25 match equivalent sessions per week despite there being minimal levels of spare capacity identified in Bradford South and Keighley Area analysis areas.

After considering future demand from population growth, as there is no anticipated growth from population increases the shortfall remains the same.

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Junior pitches balance

In regard to junior pitches there is no evident spare capacity at peak time, due to the rise in both junior boy's and girls' teams, meaning there is a minimal amount of overplay amounting to four match equivalent sessions.

Table 5.18: Supply and demand balance of junior rugby league pitches in Bradford

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total
Bradford East	-	-	
Bradford South	-	-	
Bradford West	-	-	
Keighley Area	-	4	4
Shipley Area	-	-	
Bradford	0	4	4

When accounting for future demand from population increases the shortfall remains the same due to no anticipated growth identified from population increases.

Mini pitches balance

For mini pitches there is no identified spare capacity or overplay identified and therefore is considered to be played to capacity.

Table 5.19: Supply and demand balance of mini rugby league pitches in Bradford

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total
Bradford East	-	-	
Bradford South	-	-	
Bradford West	-	-	
Keighley Area	-	-	
Shipley Area	-	-	
Bradford	0	0	0

After considering future demand from population growth, as there is no anticipated growth from population increases the shortfall remains the same.

5.6: Conclusion

Overall, there are shortfalls across both senior and junior pitch types in Bradford, particularly on senior pitches. This remains largely consistent with the previous study with the current overplay on senior pitches being similar.

Table 5.20: Overall supply and demand for grass rugby league pitches in Bradford

Pitch type	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Future total
Senior pitches	2.5	25.75	23.25	-	23.25
Junior pitches	0	4	4	-	4
Mini pitches	0	0	0	-	0

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The previous study identified an overall shortfall of 36.75 match equivalent sessions per week on senior football pitches. Although a shortfall remains evident in the current assessment, it is significantly lower than that identified in 2018 due to improved quality and an increase in pitch supply. The identified shortfalls are primarily a result of substantial competitive and training demand being accommodated on a limited number of pitches following an increase in demand. Options to address and alleviate these shortfalls will be explored further within the accompanying Strategy and Action Plan.

Supply and demand summary

- There is insufficient supply of senior and junior rugby league pitches in Bradford to meet demand.

Supply summary

- There are 26 rugby league pitches identified in Bradford across 17 sites. Of these, 24 pitches across 15 sites are available for community use, with the pitch at Keighley Cougars (Cougar Park) and Odsal Stadium unavailable for community use due to being used for professional rugby league.
- There are five sites which no longer actively mark rugby league provision, located at Delph Recreation Ground, Highfield Recreation Ground, Marley Active and coaching centre, Odsal Recreation Ground and Wibsey Park Recreation Ground.
- Keighley Cougars has submitted a planning application (26/01440/FUL) to replace its current grass pitch to a 11v11 3G pitch to better accommodate demand.
- Tenure of sites in Bradford is generally secure i.e. through a long-term lease or a guarantee that the pitch will continue to be provided over the next three years, with most sites ensuring community use is available.
- The non-technical assessment of rugby league pitches in Bradford identifies that there are seven (28%) good quality pitches, however, 15 (56%) are standard and four (16%) are assessed as poor.
- Overall, the quality of grass rugby league pitches has improved with a higher percentage of good and standard quality pitches in 2026 and fewer number of poorer quality pitches when compared to the 2018 study.
- Changing facilities located at four sites are assessed as good quality, three sites have standard quality changing facilities, and five sites have poor quality changing facilities located at Clayton ARLFC, Crossflatts Recreation Ground, Horsfall Playing Fields, Silsden Park and Utley Recreation Ground.

Demand summary

- A total of 78 teams are identified as playing competitive rugby league in Bradford. This consists of 12 senior men's, three senior women's, 29 junior boys' teams, six junior girls' team and 28 primary teams.
- Bradford Bulls and Keighley Cougars both have active PDRL sections and utilise the clubs respective home venues. The latter is a newly established section as of the 2026 season.
- Bradford Bulls has LDRL section utilising provision at Odsal Stadium.
- All eight clubs which responded to consultation requests indicate a need for additional training provision with Silsden Storm, Odsal Sedbergh, Clayton, Queensbury, Wibsey Warriors and Wyke rugby league clubs specifically referencing a need for more affordable and accessible 3G provision.
- There is no known imported or exported demand.
- Keighley Albion ARLFC, Silsden Storm, Clayton ARLFC and Wibsey Warriors ARLFC all indicate that if they had access to more or better changing facilities, they would be able to increase the levels of participations.
- In addition to the above, several clubs (Keighley Albion ARLFC, Silsden Storm, Queensbury ARLFC, West Bowling ARLFC, Wibsey Warriors ARLFC and Wyke ARLFC) state that if it has access to more pitches, it would be able to increase the number of teams it fields, however, do not quantify this with a specific number.
- Of responding clubs, seven clubs highlight plans to increase membership amounting to 34 teams in total.

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- ◀ Despite seven sites indicating they have potential spare capacity at peak time only three have actual spare capacity at peak time. This totals 2.5 match equivalent sessions across three sites.
- ◀ The total amount of overplay amounts to 29.75 match equivalent sessions per week which is a reduction from the 2018 study which had shortfalls amounting to 44.25 match equivalent sessions per week.

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PART 6: HOCKEY

6.1: Introduction

Hockey in England is governed by England Hockey (EH).

Competitive league hockey matches, and training sessions must be played on artificial grass pitches (AGPs) that are either sand-filled, sand-dressed, or water-based. Third generation (3G) turf pitches are not suitable for adult or junior club training. However, where no alternative surface is available, introductory-level hockey may be permitted on 3G pitches

EH's Artificial Grass Playing Surface Policy details suitability of surface type for varying levels of hockey, as shown below.

Table 6.1: England Hockey guidelines on artificial surface types suitable for hockey

Category	Surface	Essential Playing Level	Desirable Playing Level
1	Water surface approved within the FIH Global/National Parameters	International hockey (training and matches).	Domestic National Premier League competition; Higher levels of player pathway (performance centres and upwards).
2	Sand dressed surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	Domestic National Premier League competition; Higher levels of player pathway (academy centres and upwards).	All adult and junior league hockey; Intermediate or advanced school hockey; EH competitions for clubs and schools.
3	Sand filled surfaces within the FIH National Parameter	All adult and junior club training and league hockey; EH competitions for clubs and schools; Intermediate or advanced school hockey.	Lower level hockey (introductory level).
4	Gen 2 Pitch (sand dressed surface with modified shock pad)	Education, local authority and leisure sites that require multi-sport use. Suitable for community clubs playing up to EHL standards.	

Gen2: In collaboration with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and England Netball (EN), England Hockey (EH) has supported the development of a multi-sport surface to accommodate lower levels of hockey demand on a pitch that is also suitable for sports such as netball, tennis, and recreational football. This reduces the need for multiple specialised playing surfaces.

The Gen2 system is a sand dressed synthetic turf with a compatible shock pad to suit several sports at a community level. The concept is designed for shared-use environments like schools, to maximise available space and enables the provision to be utilised to its full potential.

For senior-level hockey matches, a full-size pitch must measure a minimum of 91.4 x 55 metres, excluding required run-off areas, which must be two metres on the sides and three metres at the ends. England Hockey recommends more generous dimensions, with preferred run-offs of four metres at the sides and five metres at the ends, resulting in a total area of approximately 101.4 x 63 metres.

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It is considered that a hockey pitch can accommodate a maximum of four matches on one day, providing that it has sports lighting. Training is generally midweek for senior activity and requires access to a pitch and sports lights, whereas many junior teams train on a Sunday as well as during midweek.

Consultation

There are three hockey clubs playing in Bradford all of which responded to consultation requests. This results in a 100% response rate which is summarised in the table below.

Table 6.2: Summary of consultation

Name of club	Responded?
Bradford HC	Yes
Ben Rhydding HC	Yes
Aire Valley HC	Yes

The number of hockey clubs has reduced by one with Bingley Bees HC merging with Airedale HC to form Aire Valley HC circa 2021, following a reduction in playing numbers post Covid.

6.2: Supply

In Bradford, there are six full size hockey suitable artificial grass pitches (AGPs) across five sites. The overall number of AGPs has stayed the same since the previous study in 2018. However, the pitch at Carlton Bolling College has recently been converted to a 3G pitch whereas the pitch at Beckfoot Oakbank School has been brought back into use following a new pitch being installed in 2019 as part of the school rebuild.

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Table 6.3: Full size hockey suitable pitches in Bradford

Site ID	Site	Active Places Power ID	Postcode	Analysis area	Community use?	Sports lighting?	Surface	Size (metres)	Users
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	30008530	BD22 7DU	Keighley Area	Yes	Yes	Sand filled	100 x 55	Aire Valley HC
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	1014851	LS29 8AW	Keighley Area	Yes	Yes	Sand dressed	100 x 60	Ben Rhydding HC
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	1014851	LS29 8AW	Keighley Area	Yes	Yes	Sand dressed	100 x 60	Ben Rhydding HC
39	Bradford Girls Grammar School	1103880	BD9 6RB	Bradford West	Yes	Yes	Sand dressed	100 x 60	Bradford HC
40	Bradford Grammar School	1200639	BD9 4JP	Bradford West	Yes	Yes	Sand filled	100 x 60	University of Bradford HC
209	Titus Salt School	1037854	BD17 5RH	Shipley Area	Yes	Yes	Sand dressed	100 x 60	-

In addition to the above, there are eight small size pitches located across seven sites. The AGP previously located at Dixons City Academy (Bradford East – BD5 7RR) was refurbished to 3G in 2020 whereas the pitch at Beckfoot Thornton School (Bradford West – BD13 3BH) is now classified as disused with the area now being utilised as a carpark for the school.

Table 6.4: Smaller size AGPs in Bradford

Site ID	Site	Active Places Power ID	Postcode	Analysis area	Community use?	Sports lighting?	Surface	Size (metres)	Users
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	30008530	BD22 7DU	Keighley Area	Yes	Yes	Sand filled	56 x 47	-
40	Bradford Grammar School	1200639	BD9 4JP	Bradford West	Yes	Yes	Sand dressed	66 x 52	-
55	Christ Church Primary Academy	50000586	BD18 2NT	Shipley Area	No	No	Sand dressed	20 x 20	-
55	Christ Church Primary Academy	50000586	BD18 2NT	Shipley Area	No	No	Sand dressed	20 x 25	-

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Site ID	Site	Active Places Power ID	Postcode	Analysis area	Community use?	Sports lighting?	Surface	Size (metres)	Users
55	Christ Church Primary Academy	50000586	BD18 2NT	Shipley Area	No	No	Sand dressed	35 x 23	-
153	Manningham Sports Centre	1004407	BD8 8DB	Bradford West	Yes	Yes	Sand Dressed	48 x 27	-
195	St Clare's Catholic Primary School	30005021	BD2 3JD	Bradford East	No	Yes	Sand dressed	32 x 16	-
291	Denholme Primary School	-	BD13 4AY	Bradford West	Yes	No	Sand Dressed	30 x 13	-
292	Byron Primary School	-	BD3 0AB	Bradford East	No	Yes	Sand dressed	39 x 18	-

Nationally, most smaller size pitches are considered too small to accommodate any purposeful hockey demand, although some larger ones are utilised for training demand and junior play. However, in Bradford, none of the smaller size pitches are considered suitable as they are either too small, unavailable for community use, or without sports lighting.

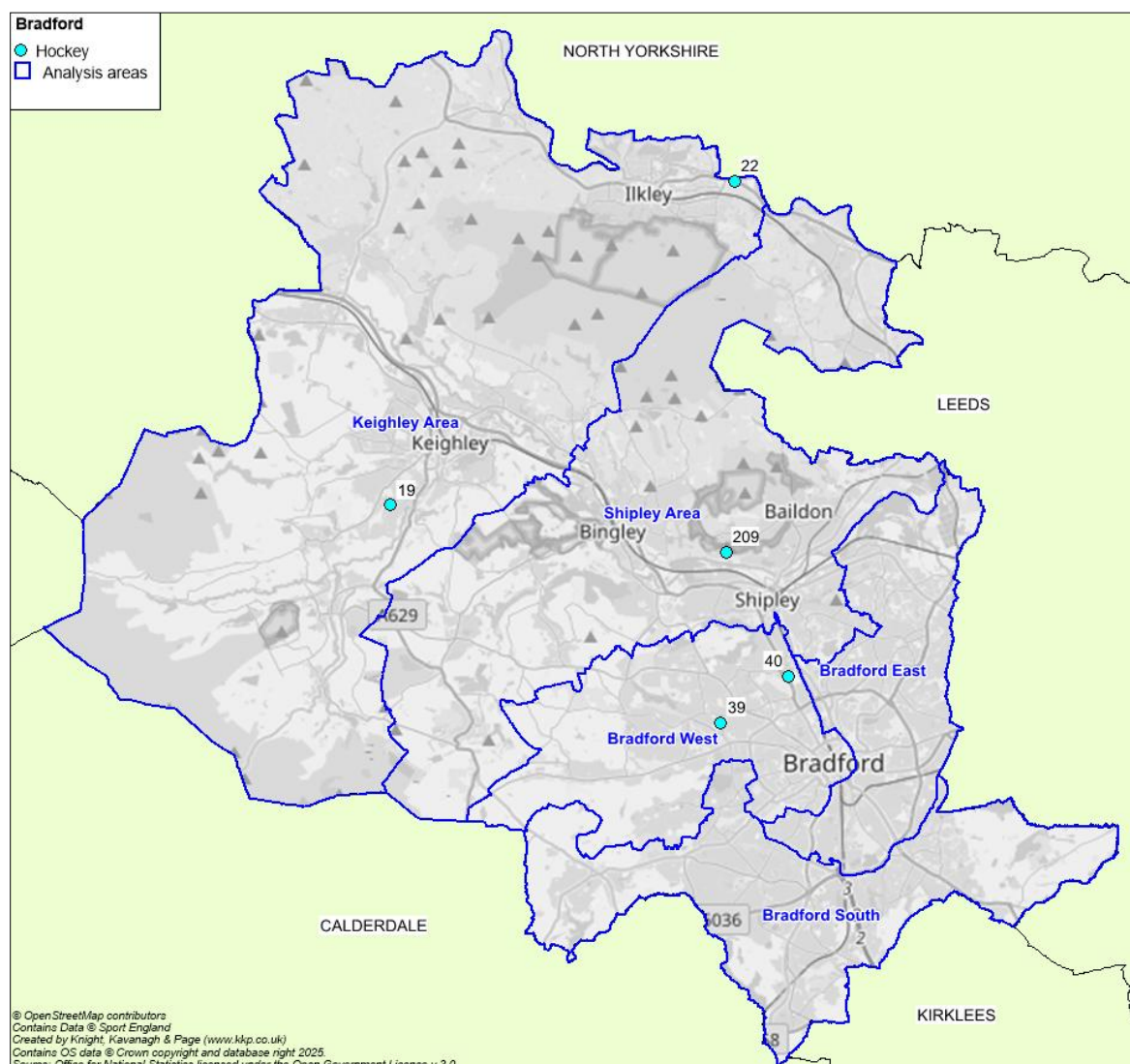
Based on this, the stock is discounted from this point forward as the pitches are not relevant from a hockey perspective. Notwithstanding the above, it is recognised that the smaller size pitches can be valuable assets for accommodating curricular and extra-curricular hockey demand as well as recreational community activity where availability is offered.

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For the location of the full size AGPs, please see Figure 6.1 below.

Figure 6.1: Location of full size hockey pitches across Bradford



Disused provision

There is currently one disused full size AGP located on Scotchman Road (BD9 5AT), which has not been used since circa 2013. It is understood that the facility is under the Councils remit. As mentioned above, the small-size AGP at Beckfoot Thornton School is now classified as disused with the area now being utilised as a carpark for the school.

Future developments

During consultation Titus Salt School indicated that the AGP is due to be converted to a 3G pitch this summer (2026).

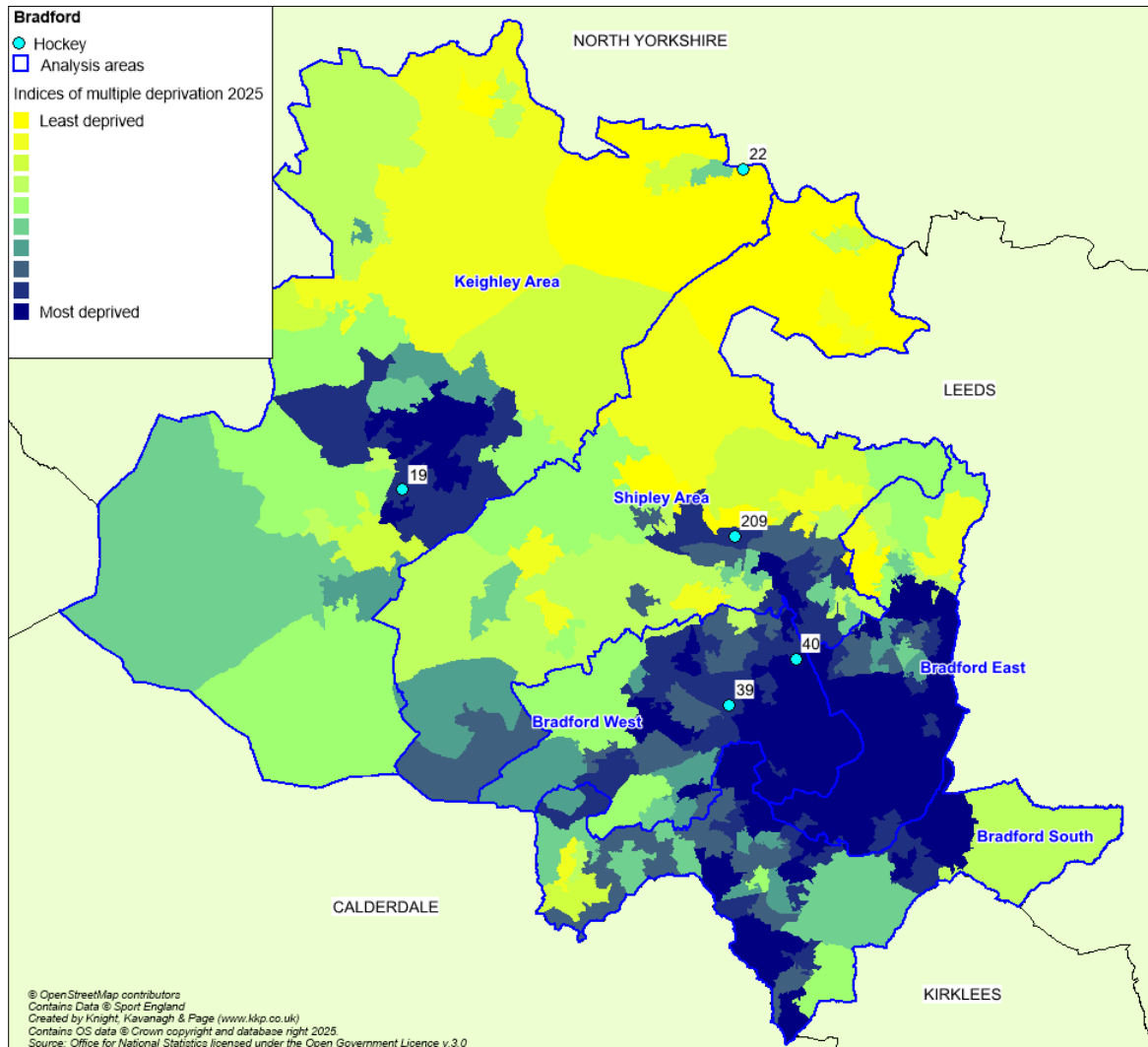
Aire Valley HC report a long term ambition to have its own clubhouse and pitch. It has been raising funds over the last 15 years and is actively looking for external investors and potential venues. It states that this would offer the greatest chance to expand its participation particularly within Keighley area.

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Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

The figure below shows all active hockey sites located in the more deprived area across Bradford can be seen in the map below.

Figure 6.2: Location of hockey sites against IMD



Management and security of tenure

A site is thought to provide security of tenure if there is a long-term lease agreement in place or a guarantee that the pitch will continue to be provided over the next three years.

To attract external funding, clubs and sites generally need long-term security of tenure. The table below summarises the pitches and whether security of tenure is provided to the clubs that use them.

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Table 6.5: Summary of venues used by hockey clubs and relevant tenure

Site ID	Club	Users	Comments	Tenure
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	Aire Valley HC	Rented from EDU Lettings which operate on behalf of the School.	Unsecure
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Ben Rhydding HC	Owned by overarching sports club.	Secure
39	Bradford Girls Grammar School	Bradford HC	Rented from the Grammar School.	Unsecure
40	Bradford Grammar School	University of Bradford HC	Rented from the Grammar School.	Unsecure

Similar to the previous study, the only club considered to have secure tenure is Ben Rhydding HC through ownership by the wider sports club which owns the site. All remaining clubs are considered to have unsecure tenure as they rent the use of their facilities on a weekly or annual basis.

Availability

Sport England's Facilities Planning Model (FPM) applies an overall peak period for AGPs of 34 hours per week (Monday to Thursday 17:00-21:00; Friday 17:00-19:00; Saturday and Sunday 09:00-17:00).

Using the peak time modelling, the availability at each site providing a full-size pitch in Bradford is summarised in the table overleaf. However, please note that this only refers to overall availability and opening hours, rather than considering current capacity, which is instead accounted for within the demand part of this section. A pitch may theoretically have good availability but may currently be operating at capacity, especially during peak times, based on existing usage levels.

Table 6.6: Availability of full-size hockey suitable AGPs used by clubs

Site ID	Site name	Availability	Midweek availability in the peak period	Weekend availability in the peak period
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	Midweek 17:00 – 21:00 Weekend 09:00 – 18:00	18/18	16/16
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Fully available	18/18	16/16
39	Bradford Girls Grammar School	Midweek 17:30 – 22:00 Weekend fully available	15.5/18	16/16
40	Bradford Grammar School	Midweek 16:30 – 21:00 Weekends available but prioritised for curricular and extracurricular demand.	18/18	0/16

Bradford Girls Grammar School indicate there are not set hours for hire on Saturday or Sunday, however, it states that the AGP is available as and when Bradford HC requires it. As a result, it is considered fully accessible at the weekend.

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Although Bradford Grammar School is used midweek by the University of Bradford HC, it is not considered available at the weekend for community clubs. As stated in the table above, the AGP is prioritised for curricular demand with any potential users having to block book the provision for regular access.

Quality

Depending on use, it is considered that the carpet of an AGP usually lasts for approximately ten years, and it is the age of the surface, together with maintenance levels, that most commonly affects quality. An issue for hockey nationally is that some providers did not financially plan to replace the carpet when first installed, leading to many pitches now being outside of their recommended lifespan and, consequently, poor quality.

For the PPOSS, each AGP has been assigned a quality rating of good, standard or poor following site assessments undertaken in February/March 2026 and provider/user consultation. This rating is linked to the condition and age of the playing surface, as well as surrounding hard areas and the maintenance that is undertaken. For the full assessment criteria, please refer to Appendix 2.

The following table indicates when each of the full-size pitch was installed or last resurfaced, together with its quality rating.

Table 6.7: Age and quality of full-size hockey suitable AGPs

Site ID	Site	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Year installed/ resurfaced	2018 quality	2026 quality
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	Keighley Area	1	2020	N/A	Standard
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	1	2017	Good	Standard
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	1	2012	Good	Poor
39	Bradford Girls Grammar School	Bradford West	1	2004	Poor	Poor
40	Bradford Grammar School	Bradford West	1	2019	Poor	Standard
209	Titus Salt School	Shipley Area	1	2009	Poor	Poor

Bradford HC reports the pitch at Bradford Girls Grammar School floods and becomes slippery and unusable. The Club invested into a pitch rejuvenation in 2022; however, this has had limited success in improving its quality due to a lack of dedicated maintenance.

The pitch quality is generally considered to be acceptable at Beckfoot Oakbank School with Aire Valley HC indicating issues with the goals and missing bulbs in the sports lighting.

The older pitch at Ben Rhydding Sports Club needs refurbishment including that accompanying sports lighting. The overarching sports club is examining options on how this can be funded.

Ancillary provision

Aire Valley HC report the accompanying changing rooms and toilet facility at Beckfoot Oakbank School are located too far from the AGP which can pose a safeguarding issue for junior players.

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Although there are no immediate issues at Ben Rhydding Sports Club it should be noted that site is situated within a flood zone. Additionally, there is a separate ancillary building on the site which football stakeholders (Ilkley Town AFC) have ambitions to demolish and rebuild; however, this should not affect the hockey club.

6.3: Demand

Across Bradford there is a total of 47 dedicated hockey teams across three community clubs and the University of Bradford intermural teams. There are no mini teams.

Table 6.7: Summary of number of hockey teams within Bradford

Name of club	Senior men	Senior women	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini	Total
Bradford HC	2	1	2	2	-	7
University of Bradford HC	1	1	-	-	-	2
Ben Rhydding HC	6	6	4	4	-	20
Aire Valley HC	4	4	5	5	-	18
Total	13	12	11	11	-	47

Table 6.8: Summary of club demand within Bradford

Name of club	Senior men (17-55)	Senior women (17-55)	Junior boys (14-16)	Junior girls (14-16)	Junior boys (11-13)	Junior girls (11-13)	Mini mixed (5-10)	Total
Bradford HC	44	26	15	15	8	5	20	133
University of Bradford HC ²³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ben Rhydding HC	88	102	55	69	20	31	58	423
Aire Valley HC	38	38	17	16	5	4	20	138
Total	170	166	87	100	33	40	98	694

Away from club-based match play and training demand, there are also several initiatives supported by EH that operate across the Country, including:

- ❖ Back to Hockey.
- ❖ Flyerz Hockey.
- ❖ Hockey Heroes.
- ❖ Quicksticks.
- ❖ Rush Hockey.
- ❖ In2 Hockey.
- ❖ Walking Hockey.

Where undertaken, these initiatives add to the hockey demand at sites. Each is summarised below.

Back to Hockey

Back to Hockey sessions are fun, social, and informal and are aimed at people who either have not played for a number of years or that are looking to play for the first time. They are generally hosted by clubs, with EH providing guidance on how to deliver the programme.

²³ Dedicated breakdown unavailable but anticipated between 30 and 50 members

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Benefits of clubs being involved in Back to Hockey include:

- ◆ More members.
- ◆ More casual players.
- ◆ Additional income.
- ◆ Extra publicity.
- ◆ New volunteers.

Bradford HC, Ben Rhydding HC and Aire Valley HC all report running Back to Hockey at respective home venues.

Flyerz Hockey

Flyerz is the name widely associated with grassroots disability hockey in Great Britain. There are now more than 50 Flyerz sections across England, Wales, and Scotland, providing inclusive hockey for disabled people.

There are currently no Flyerz Hockey sessions taking place in Bradford.

Hockey Heroes

Hockey Heroes is a six-week hockey programme aimed at beginners (children aged five to eight) that not only focuses on helping children develop some physical hockey skills such as dribbling, passing and goal scoring, but also places as much emphasis on character development including teamwork, communication, perseverance, and respect.

There are currently no Hockey Heroes courses operating in Bradford.

In2Hockey

In2Hockey is England Hockey's adapted game format aimed at players 10-14 years old and is played as a 6-a-side game without goalkeepers, or as a 7-a-side game with goalkeepers.

No In2Hockey activity is identified in Bradford.

Quicksticks

Quicksticks is designed to introduce young people (aged 7-11) to the game of hockey. It is 4-a-side, can be played on any surface, and uses a larger, lighter and safer ball. It is a fun, fast, safe and exciting game that has been designed so that anyone can deliver the game, regardless of previous hockey experience.

Currently no clubs in Bradford offer dedicated Quicksticks delivery.

Rush hockey

Rush hockey is a new way to play hockey, designed as a small-sided hockey game for adults. It can be played by men and women in mixed or single gender teams, indoors or outdoors and on pitches of varying sizes. Teams are four or five aside and it is played with a standard hockey stick but with unique goals and balls.

No Rush hockey activity is identified in Bradford.

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Walking hockey

Increasing in popularity, walking hockey is perfect for players looking for a less physically demanding version of the game but still enjoy showing their skills and being involved in the team and social aspect.

There are currently no walking hockey sessions operating in Bradford.

Imported/exported demand

Exported demand refers to Bradford registered teams that are currently accessing pitches outside of the City for their home fixtures, conversely, imported demand are teams entering the City to access provision. There is no known exported or imported demand.

Future demand

Bradford HC and Aire Valley HC specifically state through consultation aspirations to increase the number of teams they accommodate. The former wanting to grow by one men's, one women's and four junior teams (two boys and two girls), whereas the latter wanting to increase by two junior boys and two junior girls' teams.

Ben Rhydding HC also aspires to increase levels of participation, however, does not specifically quantify this with any teams.

Unmet/latent demand

Unmet/latent demand is defined as the number of additional teams (or members) that could be accommodated if access to enough or improved facilities (and ancillary provision) was available.

Both Bradford HC and Aire Valley HC indicate if they had access to additional pitch space, at peak time, they would be able to accommodate additional teams, specifically women and girls. In comparison Ben Rhydding HC could accommodate more teams if it had additional coaches. None of the clubs quantify this latent demand with a quantifiable number of teams.

Peak time demand

For matches, most senior hockey activity in Bradford takes place on a Saturday, whereas most junior activity occurs on a Sunday. For training, peak time is midweek evenings, although preference is generally given for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays due to clubs wanting to avoid training near to weekend matches.

6.4: Supply and demand analysis

When assessing the capacity of hockey pitches, all usage needs to be considered. This is because, in addition to hockey activity, there is often heavy football usage of the provision and occasionally other sporting use which can take capacity away from hockey-based demand.

The table below details the usage at all sites providing full size hockey suitable pitches in Bradford. It compares availability during peak time against hockey use and other activity as well as taking into consideration any remaining spare capacity.

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Spare capacity is considered to exist for matches if there are currently less than eight teams assigned to a pitch on a Saturday or Sunday (and if the remaining capacity is not being utilised for other purposes). It exists for training if at least a section of a pitch is available for at least an hour during midweek evenings (Tuesday-Thursday).

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Table 6.9: Usage of full-size hockey suitable AGPs used by clubs

Site ID	Site name	No. of pitches	Availability	Availability in the peak period (hours)	% of hockey usage	% of other usage (e.g., football/rugby league)	% of Spare capacity	Hockey club users	Training capacity comments (mid-week)	Match capacity comments (weekend)	Capacity summary
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	1	Midweek 17:00 – 21:00 Weekend 09:00 – 18:00	34/34	53%	21%	26%	Aire Valley HC	Used by Aire Valley HC Tuesdays and Thursdays 18:00 – 21:00	Used all day Saturday for fixtures and Sunday mornings for junior training/matches.	There is no additional capacity available for hockey with the Club stating latent demand for both senior and junior teams as the pitch is used to capacity at peak time. Spare capacity available for other users Sunday afternoons and midweek (Monday and Fridays).
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	2	Fully available	34/34	53%	N/A	N/A	Ben Rhydding HC	Both pitches are used to accommodate all training demand from Ben Rhydding HC. Used to accommodate football training demand, however, exact details are unknown.	Used all day Saturday for fixtures and Sunday mornings for junior training/matches.	The pitches are utilised both midweek and weekends to accommodate both training and match demand.
39	Bradford Girls Grammar School	1	Midweek 17:30 – 22:00 Weekend fully available	31.5/34	29%	N/A	N/A	Bradford HC	It is used to accommodate training demands from Bradford HC; Thursdays 19:00 to 20:30 and Fridays 18:45 to 20:15. The Club plans to increase Thursday usage to 18:30 to 21:00.	Used by Bradford HC 10:00 – 16:00 for up to three matches per day.	This pitch is utilised both midweek and weekends to accommodate both training and match demand.
40	Bradford Grammar School	1	Midweek 16:30 – 21:00 Weekends available but prioritised for curricular and extracurricular demand.	18/34	44%	N/A	N/A	University of Bradford HC	Used by University of Bradford HC to accommodate training and BUCs fixtures.	Exact usage information unavailable.	Exact usage information unavailable.

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Match play analysis

It is suggested that a full-size hockey suitable, sports lit AGP can accommodate four match equivalent sessions on one day. With teams playing on a home and away basis, this equates to one pitch being able to cater for eight 'home' teams at peak time (one team requires 0.5 match equivalent sessions per week on its 'home' AGP).

Using the above calculations, on the basis that there are currently six full size community available hockey suitable pitches in Bradford, this provides a theoretical opportunity to accommodate up to 48 senior teams at peak time. However, the provision at Titus Salt School, Bradford Girls Grammar School and one pitch at Ben Rhydding Sports Club have been discounted due to poor quality, with the pitch at Bradford Grammar School not fully available at the weekend, resulting in an actual capacity of just 16 teams.

The table below therefore further explores the level of capacity provided, for senior hockey (i.e., on a Saturday).

Table 6.10: Summary of hockey pitch capacity for peak time match play (Saturday)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of pitches	Potential capacity in teams	Actual capacity in teams	Number of hockey teams using the provision at peak time	Capacity balance
19	Beckfoot Oakbank School	Keighley Area	1	8	8	8	
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	2	16	8	12	4
39	Bradford Girls Grammar School	Bradford West	1	8	-	3	3
40	Bradford Grammar School	Bradford West	1	8	-	-	
209	Titus Salt School	Shipley Area	1	8	-	-	
-	-	Total	6	48	16	23	7

Overall, it is determined that current provision cannot accommodate all senior teams in Bradford, at peak time on Saturdays, amounting to a shortfall of seven teams. Beckfoot Oakbank School is considered played to capacity with a need to improve the quality of provision at both Ben Rhyddings Sports Club and Bradford Girls Grammar School.

For junior hockey matches, the need for pitches is generally less than it is for senior hockey. This is because younger age groups can play on half a pitch (meaning two fixtures can take place at one time) and because junior demand is fewer than senior demand in Bradford. As such, provision adequate to accommodate senior demand is also likely to be adequate to accommodate junior demand.

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6.5: Conclusion

There is currently an insufficient supply of full-size hockey suitable AGPs, of suitable quality and tenure, across Bradford to cater for demand. There is a need to refurbish the older pitch at Ben Rhyddings Sports Club and the AGP at Bradford Girls Grammar School. Furthermore, there is a need to secure tenure for clubs at both Beckfoot Oakbank School and Bradford Girls Grammar School.

There is also a need to consider future and latent demand in Bradford which also cannot be catered for given the current supply of provision, in particular for Aire Valley HC. The proceeding Strategy & Action Plan will examine how these shortfalls can be alleviated through scenario testing.

Supply and demand summary

- There is currently an insufficient supply of full-size hockey suitable AGPs, of suitable quality and tenure, across Bradford to cater for demand. There is a need to refurbish the older pitch at Ben Rhyddings Sports Club and the AGP at Bradford Girls Grammar School. Furthermore, there is a need to secure tenure for clubs at both Beckfoot Oakbank School and Bradford Girls Grammar School.

Supply summary

- In Bradford, there are six full size hockey suitable artificial grass pitches (AGPs) across five sites. The overall number of AGPs has stayed the same since the previous study in 2018. However, the pitch at Carlton Bolling College has recently been converted to a 3G pitch whereas the pitch at Beckfoot Oakbank School has been brought back into use following a new pitch being installed in 2019 as part of the school rebuild.
- There are eight small size pitches located across seven sites. The AGP previously located at Dixons City Academy (Bradford East – BD5 7RR) was refurbished to 3G in 2020 whereas the pitch at Beckfoot Thornton School (Bradford West – BD13 3BH) is now classified as disused with the area now being utilised as a carpark for the school.
- There is currently one disused full size AGP located on Scotchman Road (BD9 5AT), which has not been used since circa 2013. It is understood that the facility is under the Councils remit. As mentioned above, the small-size AGP at Beckfoot Thornton School is now classified as disused with the area now being utilised as a carpark for the school.
- During consultation Titus Salt School indicated that the AGP is due to be converted to a 3G pitch this summer (2026).
- Aire Valley HC report a long term ambition to have its own clubhouse and pitch. It has been raising funds over the last 15 years and is actively looking for external investors and potential venues. It states that this would offer the greatest chance to expand its participation particularly within Keighley area.
- Of the full-size hockey suitable pitches in Bradford, three are assessed as standard quality and three as poor quality located at Ben Rhydding Sports Club, Bradford Girls Grammar School and Titus Salt School.
- Aire Valley HC report the accompanying changing rooms and toilet facility at Beckfoot Oakbank School are located too far from the AGP which can pose a safeguarding issue for junior players.
- Although there are no immediate issues at Ben Rhydding Sports Club it should be noted that site is situated within a flood zone. Additionally, there is a separate ancillary building on the site which football stakeholders (Ilkley Town AFC) have ambitions to demolish and rebuild, however, this should not affect the hockey club.

Demand summary

- Across Bradford there is a total of 47 dedicated hockey teams across three community clubs and the University of Bradford intermural teams. There are no mini teams.
- There is no known exported or imported demand.
- Both Bradford HC and Aire Valley HC indicate if they had access to additional pitch space, at peak time, they would be able to accommodate additional teams, specifically women and girls. In comparison Ben Rhydding HC could accommodate more teams if it had additional coaches. None of the clubs quantify this latent demand with a quantifiable number of teams.

PART 7: CRICKET

7.1: Introduction

Yorkshire Cricket Foundation (YCF) is the main governing and representative body for cricket for Bradford. Working closely with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), they are responsible for the management and development of every form of recreational cricket for men, women and children within each authority. NCB also currently working with the ECB on delivering and laying the foundations for its Strategy, Inspiring Generations, with an updated mission to inspire a generation to say “cricket is a game for me.” The Strategy has been refreshed with its 2028 Vision to:

- ◀ Become the most inclusive team sport.
- ◀ Unite and grow the game.
- ◀ Lead the game through global transformation

For adult cricket in Bradford there are three main offerings; Saturday, Sunday and midweek cricket. The youth league structure tends to be club based matches which are played mid-week.

County Facilities Strategy (CFS)

In 2022, to build upon the ECB’s Inspiring Generations Strategy, the ECB has started the process of producing County Facilities Strategies (CFS). A CFS will be produced by each individual county cricket board and will be unique to its geographical area as well as being diverse in its representation.

The CFS is a ‘long-term’ plan with county boards ensuring the Strategy provides a ten-year view of facility needs. Like a PPS (or PPOSS in this instance), the county cricket boards have established key stakeholders (clubs, leagues, county sports partnerships, county pitch advisors & Sport England etc) within its locality to consult during the development of their Strategy.

Each county cricket board will utilise up to date PPS within its locality to support the development of the CFS, utilising the PPS findings as a ‘high-quality’ evidence base. The CFS will look at a range of facilities which support cricket across its region, with the ECB setting out guidelines to ensure that the following facilities are considered throughout the development of the CFS:

Types of facility

- ◀ “Traditional” outdoor facilities:
 - ◀ Pitches and Outfields.
 - ◀ Pavilions.
 - ◀ Practice.
- ◀ “Non-traditional” facilities:
 - ◀ Multi Use Games Areas.
 - ◀ Tapeball/softball spaces.
 - ◀ Courts or cages.
- ◀ Indoor facilities:
 - ◀ Practice (multi use halls).
 - ◀ Performance (cricket specific).
 - ◀ Matchplay (6 or 8 a side).

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Each CFS will be used to shape investment decisions and priorities, particularly how each county cricket board will use the devolved budget within the County Grants Fund and prioritise larger scale strategic projects.

Notwithstanding the above, it is important to recognise that the CFS is an investment portfolio of priority projects for potential investment; it is not a detailed supply and demand analysis of all pitch provision in a local area. Consequently, it cannot be used in place of a PPS (or PPOSS in this instance) and is not an accepted evidence base for development proposals that need to be judged against the NPPF and Sport England's Playing Field Policy.

Consultation

In total, there are 96 cricket clubs in Bradford, of which 59 are affiliated clubs and 37 are non-affiliated. To date, 43 clubs have responded to consultation requests, of which 29 are affiliated. Response rate is based on affiliated club demand which equates to a 50% response rate.

Table 7.1: Cricket club response rate

Clubs	Affiliated / non affiliated	Responded?
Adam CC, Yorkshire	Non Affiliated	Yes
Addingham CC	Affiliated	Yes
Airedale CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
AK Eagles CC	Affiliated	No
Allerton CC, Yorkshire	Affiliated	Yes
Attock Tigers CC	Non Affiliated	No
Awan CC	Affiliated	Yes
Baildon CC	Affiliated	No
Bankfoot CC	Affiliated	No
Ben Rhydding CC	Affiliated	No
Bhalot Strikers CC	Non Affiliated	No
Bingley Congs CC	Affiliated	Yes
Bolton Villas 24 CC	Affiliated	No
Bowling Baptist CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
Bowling Old Lane CC	Affiliated	Yes
Bradford & Bingley CC	Affiliated	Yes
Bradford Indians CC	Affiliated	No
Bradford Ladies CC	Affiliated	No
Bradford Mavericks CC	Affiliated	No
Bradford Moor YCA	Non Affiliated	Yes
Bradford Park Avenue CC	Non Affiliated	No
Bradford Park Avenue Ladies CC	Non Affiliated	No
Bradford Qalandars CC	Affiliated	Yes
Bradford Riders CC	Affiliated	No
Bradford United CC	Non Affiliated	No
Burley-in-Wharfedale CC	Affiliated	No
Buttershaw St Pauls CC	Affiliated	Yes
Cambing CC	Affiliated	No
Choudhrys CC	Non Affiliated	No
Clayton CC, Yorkshire	Non Affiliated	Yes
Crossflatts CC	Affiliated	Yes

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Clubs	Affiliated / non affiliated	Responded?
Cullingworth CC	Affiliated	No
Darulshafa CC	Non Affiliated	No
Denholme CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
Diagonal Tigers CC	Non Affiliated	No
Diamond CC	Non Affiliated	No
Eldwick & Gilstead CC	Non Affiliated	No
Eldwick Law CC	Non Affiliated	No
Friends CC, Yorkshire	Non Affiliated	Yes
GHC Panthers CC	Non Affiliated	No
Girlington CC	Affiliated	No
Great Horton Church CC	Affiliated	Yes
Great Horton Park Chapel CC	Affiliated	Yes
Greenfield CC, Yorkshire	Affiliated	Yes
Hallfield CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
Hanover CC	Affiliated	No
Harden CC	Affiliated	Yes
Haworth CC	Affiliated	No
Heaton Park CC	Non Affiliated	No
Hepworth & Idle CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
Ilkley CC	Affiliated	No
Indus Bradford CC	Affiliated	No
Ingrow CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
Interlink CC	Affiliated	Yes
Jer Lane CC	Affiliated	No
Karmand CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
Kashmir CC	Affiliated	No
Keighley CC	Affiliated	Yes
Keighley RZM CC	Non Affiliated	No
Khan CC, QEA	Affiliated	No
Khari Star CC	Non Affiliated	No
Kings XI Lahore CC	Non Affiliated	No
Long Lee CC	Affiliated	Yes
Low Moor Holy Trinity CC	Affiliated	No
Mangla United CC	Non Affiliated	No
Mayfield CC, Yorks	Affiliated	No
Menston CC	Affiliated	Yes
Mirpur CC	Non Affiliated	No
Mirpur Royals CC	Affiliated	No
Muff Field CC	Affiliated	Yes
My Lahore CC	Non Affiliated	No
Northcliffe CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
Oakworth CC	Affiliated	No
Olicanian CC	Affiliated	Yes
Omars CC	Affiliated	No
OneStop CC	Affiliated	No
Oxenhope CC	Affiliated	No
Pak Cuisine CC	Non Affiliated	No
Queensbury CC	Affiliated	Yes
Riddlesden CC	Non Affiliated	Yes

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Clubs	Affiliated / non affiliated	Responded?
Salem Athletic CC	Affiliated	No
Saltaire CC	Affiliated	Yes
Sandy Lane CC	Non Affiliated	Yes
Silsden CC	Non Affiliated	No
Steeton CC	Affiliated	No
Sunrise CC	Affiliated	Yes
Thackley CC	Affiliated	Yes
Thornton CC	Affiliated	No
Tong Park Esholt CC	Affiliated	Yes
Undercliffe CC	Affiliated	Yes
White Rose CC	Non Affiliated	No
Wilsden CC	Non Affiliated	No
Windhill & Daisy Hill CC	Affiliated	Yes
Woodlands CC, Yorkshire	Affiliated	Yes
Yorkshire Friends CC	Affiliated	Yes
Yorkshire LPS CC	Affiliated	Yes

Since the previous study, several clubs have either folded, merged or relocated to facilities outside the Bradford authority area. An extensive process of reviewing and validating non-affiliated demand has been undertaken, where possible, to determine which clubs remain active and continue to use facilities within the City during the 2026 season. Details relating to these changes are referenced throughout this section where relevant.

7.2: Supply

In total, there are 64 grass wicket cricket squares in Bradford provided across 62 unique sites. Of the 64 squares, 61 are available for community use.

The Shipley Analysis Area provides the most community available provision with 19 squares (31%), followed by the Keighly Analysis Area providing 15 squares (25%) and then the Bradford South Analysis Area with 11 squares of 18% of provision. The remaining two analysis areas (Bradford East and Bradford West) each have eight community available squares (13%).

Table 7.2: Summary of grass wicket squares and community availability

Analysis area	No. of community available squares	No. of unavailable squares
Bradford East	8	-
Bradford South	11	-
Bradford West	8	2
Keighley Area	15	-
Shipley Area	19	1
Bradford	61	3

Since the previous study in 2018 there has been a reduction of community available squares. This, in part, is explained the disused and unused provision below. Additionally, the formally community available squares at Bradford Grammar School (two squares) and Bolton Villas Cricket Club are now considered unavailable.

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It should be noted that these figures do not include the three squares located at Woodhouse Grove School (Bronte House and Rawdon Meadows). These squares are situated on the border with Leeds City Council and are geographically not located within Bradford. These accommodate demand from within Bradford and will be referenced where appropriate throughout this section.

Disused and unused provision

The table below identifies disused and former cricket provision across Bradford. In total there are six disused squares and four sites which previously accommodated cricket facilities.

Table 7.3: Summary of disused and unused cricket provision in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Postcode (APP) ²⁴	Comments
13	Avenue Road Playing Fields	Bradford East	BD5 8QE (6002608)	Unused - site has an NTP, however, has previously accommodated grass wickets.
20	Beckfoot Thornton School	Bradford West	BD13 3BH (50001596)	Unused - site has disused NTP, however, is still used for other grass pitch sports.
98	Girlington Cricket Club	Bradford West	BD5 0NG (1202620)	Disused – site previously accommodated Girlington CC, however, since an arson attack and demolishing of ancillary provision, as well as issues with the lease the Club has relocated. The site is no longer actively used.
114	Haworth Road Methodists Church Cricket Club	Shipley Area	BD17 7EP (6002602)	Disused – site previously accommodated a ten wicket square, however, it has not been used since Haworth Road Methodist CC folded circa 2024.
143	Laisterdyke Cricket and Athletic Club	Bradford East	BD4 8PA (1202598)	Unused - site has disused six wicket square last marked circa 2016, however, is still used for football.
145	Leeds City College Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	BD20 6DL (1203038)	Disused – former educational sports grounds not formally used since circa 2010. Consists of on adult football pitch and six wicket grass square.
178	Penistone Hill Cricket Ground (Haworth Westend Cricket Field)	Keighley Area	BD22 9RH (1041818)	Disused – the Club folded in 2010 with the six wicket grass square no longer maintained. The sites ancillary building is still used by the local community.
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Shipley Area	BD18 3LA (1040772)	Unused – until 2023 the site was home to Shipley Providence CC which folded. Used to have a 14 wicket square. Still used for various pitch sports.
193	St Bede's And St Joseph's Catholic College	Bradford West	BD9 4BQ (1201945)	Unused - site has disused NTP, however, is still used for other grass pitch sports.

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Postcode (APP) ²⁴	Comments
290	Hollingwood Mount	Bradford South	BD7 2RE	Disused – site previously accommodated an eight wicket square which has not been used for approximately ten years. Active planning application.
297	Ingrow St John's Cricket Club (Street Lane)	Keighley Area	BD20 5US	Disused – the site had one square on site consisting of six grass wickets.

As mentioned, there is an active planning application (25/04444/MAF) on Hollingwood Mount for the development of 26 dwellings. However, the decision at the time of writing, is still pending.

Identified in the previous study, there was previously a natural turf cricket square at Ingrow St John's CC (Street Lane) which was last used in 2017. The site was the previous home venue of Ingrow St John's CC, however, due to the private landowner not renewing the Club's lease agreement, the aforementioned club folded.

Non-turf pitches (NTPs)

A total of 17 non-turf pitches (NTPs) are identified in Bradford. Of these, 13 support existing grass wicket squares, with all others being standalone NTPs. Only two of these are not available community with these both being located at educational sites.

Table 7.4: Summary of NTPs in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Community use?	Position
7	Allerton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Yes	Square
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	Yes	Square
31	Bowling Park	Bradford East	Yes	Standalone
40	Bradford Grammar School	Bradford West	Yes	Standalone
46	Burley-in-Wharfedale Sports And Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Yes	Square
61	Co-op Academy Southfield	Bradford South	No	Standalone
70	Denholme Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Yes	Square
71	Dixons Allerton Academy	Bradford West	No	Standalone
115	Haworth Road Recreation Ground	Bradford West	Yes	Standalone
120	Highfield Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	Yes	Standalone
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	Yes	Square
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	Bradford East	Yes	Square
144	Laisterdyke Leadership Academy	Bradford East	No	Standalone
152	Manningham Mills Sports Association	Bradford West	Yes	Square
160	Myra Shay Playing Fields	Bradford East	Yes	Standalone
164	Northcliffe Park	Shipley Area	Yes	Standalone
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Keighley Area	Yes	Square
173	Park Avenue Bradford Ltd	Bradford East	Yes	Square
177	Peel Park (Bradford)	Bradford East	Yes	Standalone
184	Roberts Park	Shipley Area	Yes	Square (x2)

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Community use?	Position
187	Sandal Primary School	Shipley Area	Yes	Square
188	Scalebor Park	Shipley Area	Yes	Standalone
207	Thornton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Yes	Square
286	Woodhouse Grove School		Yes	Standalone

Cricket squares can be accompanied by NTPs, with these made of a synthetic material that allows users to play on a usable wicket all year round whilst not contributing towards playing demand on grass wickets. By the nature of its design, an NTP is able to accommodate significantly more demand than a natural cricket wicket (up to 60 match equivalent sessions per season), meaning they can contribute towards addressing overplay issues on grass cricket squares. As such, installing an NTP to accompany overplayed grass wicket squares can alleviate capacity issues as some demand could be transferred.

As a caveat, whilst the inclusion of an NTP for the management of fixtures can alleviate overplay issues, usage is subject to league rules and minimum pitch specifications. Generally, only junior fixtures can be played on the provision, in addition to some lower level senior play and midweek demand (e.g., recreational leagues and friendlies). Furthermore, undue pressure should not be placed on clubs and volunteers to install self-funded NTPs.

Hybrid wickets

Although not readily available within grassroots cricket, there may be potential in the future to address overplay through the installation of hybrid wicket/s on competitive senior pitches. The ECB has been working with SIS Pitches on the installation of hybrid cricket wickets at county cricket clubs (2019) and more recently recreational squares such as Perry Hall Park in Birmingham (2021).

A hybrid wicket combines natural turf grass with less than 5% of uniquely engineered, soft polyethylene yarn, which has already been used to improve golf tees, tennis courts and pitch surrounds. These wickets are to offer a greater capacity in addition to reducing time on repair works with a faster recovery time. Reports found that hybrid wickets improve surface stability, reduced wear, reduced bowler foot holes and significantly extended hours of playing time.

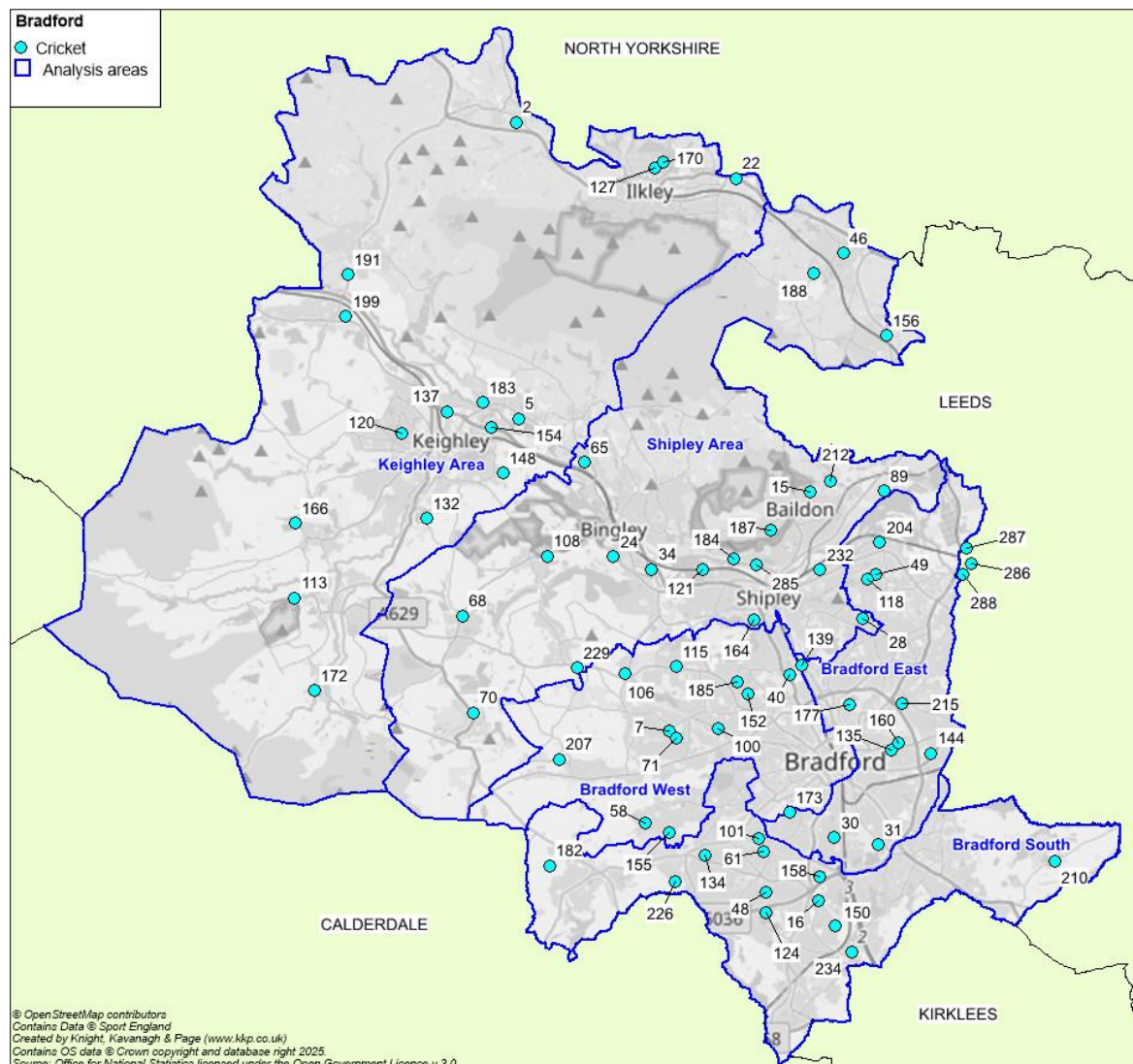
Ideally, once these become more readily available for community cricket clubs and have gone through the required testing, they could act as a way to increase levels of playing capacity on overplay squares. This would be particularly beneficial for those sites which are limited on space and cannot create additional wickets due to restrictions on things such as boundary length or ball strike.

Although it is difficult at this stage to understand what impact hybrid wickets could have on each site's capacity, it is suggested that it could potentially alleviate all the overplay on both junior and senior wickets. This is based on the assumption that more senior demand can take place on the hybrid wickets allowing for the outer senior wickets to be used/converted for junior demand. However, it should also be known that hybrid wickets are a new development and remain largely untested at grassroots level, meaning there is no data at present to formally promote them as a solution.

For the location of all grass wicket and NTP cricket provision, see Figure 7.1 below. For a key to the map, refer to Table 7.5.

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Figure 7.1: Location of cricket squares in Bradford

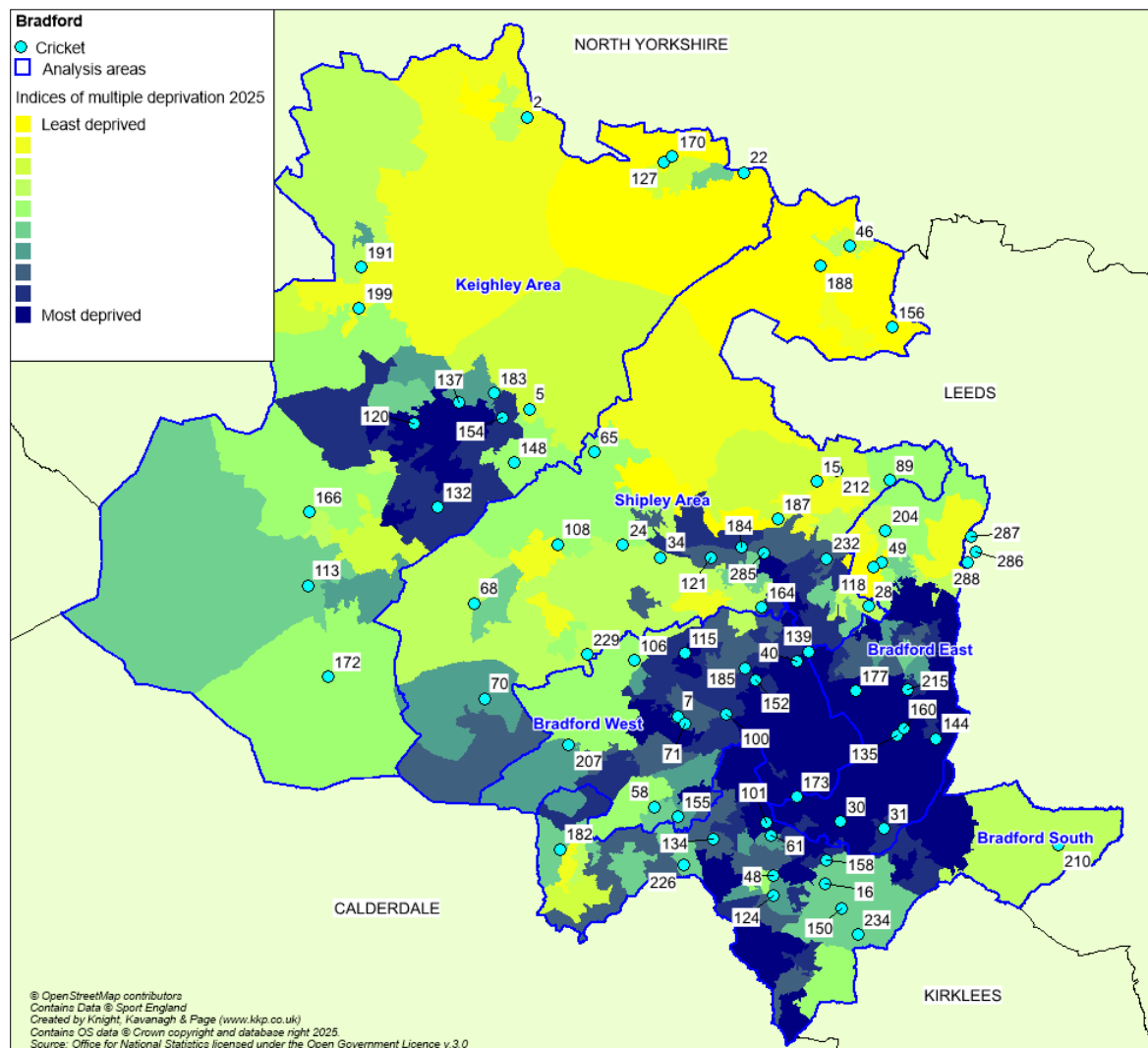


Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The figure below shows all active cricket sites located in the more deprived area across Bradford can be seen in the map below.

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Figure 7.2: Location of cricket sites against IMD



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Table 7.5: Key to map of cricket squares

Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site name	Postcode	Analysis area	Management type	Community use?	No. of senior wickets (Grass)	No. of wickets (Non-turf)
2	1202727	Addingham Cricket Club	LS29 0LT	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
5	1040753	Airedale Cricket Club	BD20 4HD	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
7	1040778	Allerton Cricket Club	BD15 7LU	Bradford West	Sport Club	Yes	3	1
15	1202836	Baildon Rugby And Cricket Club	BD17 6RS	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
16	1202842	Bankfoot Cricket Club	BD6 1BG	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	14	0
22	1014851	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	LS29 8AW	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	12	1
24	1040756	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	BD16 1LX	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
24	1040756	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	BD16 1LX	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
28	1041978	Bolton Villas Cricket Club	BD10 8TZ	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
30	1040748	Bowling Old Lane Cricket Club	BD5 8BH	Bradford East	Sport Club	Yes	12	0
31	50000336	Bowling Park	BD4 7TH	Bradford East	Council	Yes	0	1
34	1202849	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	BD16 1LT	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	14	0
40	1200639	Bradford Grammar School	BD9 4JP	Bradford West	Education	Yes	0	1
40	1200639	Bradford Grammar School	BD9 4JP	Bradford West	Education	Yes	4	0
40	1200639	Bradford Grammar School	BD9 4JP	Bradford West	Education	Yes	8	0
46	1041542	Burley-in-Wharfedale Sports And Cricket Club	LS29 7HG	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	14	1
48	1040749	Buttershaw St Paul's Cricket Club	BD6 1ST	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	14	0
49	1041773	Cambling Cricket Club	BD10 8PY	Bradford East	Sport Club	Yes	4	0
58	1040747	Clayton Cricket Club	BD14 6SJ	Bradford West	Sport Club	Yes	7	0
61	1201119	Co-op Academy Southfield	BD5 9ET	Bradford South	Education	No	0	1
65	1040775	Crossflatts Cricket Club	BD16 2ER	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	12	0
68	1202864	Cullingworth Cricket Club	BD13 5HL	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
70	1202581	Denholme Cricket Club	BD13 4JT	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	1
71	1051949	Dixons Allerton Academy	BD8 0DH	Bradford West	Education	No	0	1
89	6011897	Esholt Sports Club	BD17 7RQ	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	14	0
100	1040771	Great Horton Church Cricket Club	BD8 0BQ	Bradford West	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
101	30005895	Great Horton Park Chapel Cricket Club	BD7 3NR	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	8	0

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site name	Postcode	Analysis area	Management type	Community use?	No. of senior wickets (Grass)	No. of wickets (Non-turf)
106	1202625	Greenwood Park	BD15 9JN	Bradford West	Council	Yes	6	0
108	1202839	Harden Cricket Club	BD16 1HU	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	14	0
113	1041787	Haworth Cricket Club	BD22 8EN	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
115	6002655	Haworth Road Recreation Ground	BD9 6NJ	Bradford West	Council	Yes	0	1
118	1041874	Hepworth & Idle Cricket Club	BD10 8UQ	Bradford East	Sport Club	Yes	12	0
120	1202943	Highfield Recreation Ground	BD21 2JA	Keighley Area	Council	Yes	0	1
121	1041082	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	BD18 4NQ	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	6	0
124	1202932	Horsfall Playing Fields	BD6 2NG	Bradford South	Council	Yes	4	1
127	1202586	Ilkley Cricket Club	LS29 0AD	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	18	0
132	1041780	Ingrow Cricket Club	BD21 5QJ	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
134	1040777	Jer Lane Cricket Club	BD7 4NP	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	6	0
135	30007390	Karmand Community Centre	BD3 9EP	Bradford East	Community Organisation	Yes	4	0
137	1202588	Keighley Cricket Ground	BD21 3NB	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	12	0
139	6007241	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	BD2 1AL	Bradford East	Council	Yes	10	1
144	1200629	Laisterdyke Leadership Academy	BD3 8HE	Bradford East	Education	No	0	1
148	1041151	Long Lee Cricket Club	BD21 4SH	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
150	1202875	Low Moor Holy Trinity Cricket Club	BD12 0QB	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
152	6001144	Manningham Mills Sports Association	BD9 5AT	Bradford West	Community Organisation	Yes	6	1
154	1103892	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	BD21 4DB	Keighley Area	Council	Yes	8	0
155	1202624	Mayfield Terrace Cricket Field	BD14 6JW	Bradford West	Council	Yes	8	0
156	1202721	Menston Cricket Club	LS29 6EB	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	16	0
158	1041769	Muff Field Cricket Club	BD5 8NB	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	6	0
160	1041050	Myra Shay Playing Fields	BD3 9EP	Bradford East	Council	Yes	0	1
164	1202924	Northcliffe Park	BD18 3DE	Shipley Area	Council	Yes	4	0
164	1202924	Northcliffe Park	BD18 3DE	Shipley Area	Council	Yes	0	1
166	1202945	Oakworth Cricket Club	BD22 0RJ	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
170	1040773	Olicanian Cricket Club	LS29 0BZ	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	14	0

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site name	Postcode	Analysis area	Management type	Community use?	No. of senior wickets (Grass)	No. of wickets (Non-turf)
172	6002667	Oxenhope Sports Association	BD22 9LY	Keighley Area	Council	Yes	6	1
173	1041064	Park Avenue Bradford Ltd	BD5 0PX	Bradford East	Council	Yes	14	1
177	6002586	Peel Park (Bradford)	BD3 0LT	Bradford East	Council	Yes	0	1
182	1202572	Queensbury Cricket Club	BD13 2NS	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
183	1040770	Riddlesden Cricket Club	BD20 5AB	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
184	1202872	Roberts Park	BD17 7LU	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	6	2
185	1202853	Salem Athletic Cricket Club	BD9 5PZ	Bradford West	Sport Club	Yes	4	0
187	6020538	Sandal Primary School	BD17 5DH	Shipley Area	Education	Yes	7	1
188	30002932	Scalebor Park	LS29 7SH	Shipley Area	Trust	Yes	0	1
191	6004680	Silsden AFC	BD20 0EH	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
199	20001126	Steeton Cricket Club	BD20 6RX	Keighley Area	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
204	1040779	Thackley Cricket Club	BD10 0TL	Bradford East	Sport Club	Yes	14	0
207	1041767	Thornton Cricket Club	BD13 3QX	Bradford West	Sport Club	Yes	10	1
210	50003802	Tong Cricket Club	BD4 0RR	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	5	0
212	1040774	Tong Park Esholt Cricket Club	BD17 7LJ	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	12	0
215	1202833	Undercliffe Cricket Club	BD2 3JR	Bradford East	Sport Club	Yes	12	0
226	1202571	Westwood Park Cricket Club	BD6 3XY	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
229	1041065	Wilsden Cricket Club	BD15 0JX	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	8	0
232	1202584	Windhill & Daisy Hill Cricket Club	BD18 1BR	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	10	0
234	1004447	Woodlands Sports Hall & Cricket Club	BD12 7AX	Bradford South	Sport Club	Yes	14	0
285	-	Greenfield Cricket Club	BD17 5HU	Shipley Area	Sport Club	Yes	6	0
286	1201802	Woodhouse Grove School	BD10 0NR		Education	Yes	0	1
286	1201802	Woodhouse Grove School	BD10 0NR		Education	Yes	4	0
287	1039097	LCC - Woodhouse Grove School (Bronte House)	BD10 0NR		Education	No	10	0
288	6002584	LCC - Woodhouse Grove School (Rawdon Meadows)	BD10 0LT		Education	Yes	6	0

Management and security of tenure

Security of tenure is a key factor in determining a cricket club's ability to invest in pitches, ancillary facilities and long-term development. Club consultation highlights a varied tenure profile across the Authority, ranging from clubs that own their grounds outright to those operating under leasehold or short-term rental arrangements.

A substantial proportion of established clubs' benefit from freehold ownership of their grounds. Clubs such as Harden CC, Denholme CC, Haworth CC, Keighley CC, Ingrow CC, Riddlesden CC, Undercliffe CC, Windhill & Daisy Hill CC and Bowling Old Lane CC own their facilities, providing a high degree of security and enabling investment in pitch improvements, pavilions, maintenance equipment and ancillary provision.

A second group of clubs operate under long-term lease agreements. These are typically held with Bradford Council, parish councils, private landowners or other organisations. Examples include Hepworth & Idle CC (lease to 2048), Clayton CC (99-year lease), Addingham CC (35-year lease), Airedale CC (25-year lease), Bingley Congs CC (25-year lease), Menston CC, Great Horton Park Chapel CC and Tong Park Esholt CC. While not providing the same level of security as freehold ownership, long-term leases generally provide sufficient certainty to support facility investment and club development.

A significant number of clubs are reliant on rented provision, often on local authority managed grounds. This includes clubs such as Queensbury CC, West Bowling CC, Hallfield CC, Yorkshire Friends CC, Bradford Qalandars CC, Sunrise CC and The Luxe CC. Several clubs competing in Sunday leagues also rent grounds either within or outside the Bradford district due to limited availability of suitable provision. These arrangements often offer less security of tenure and can restrict opportunities to invest in playing surfaces or supporting infrastructure.

The consultation also identified a number of clubs that are forced to play outside Bradford owing to a lack of available cricket grounds within the Authority. Clubs including Nathia United CC, Bradford Moor YCA CC, Shaheen CC and some Quaid-e-Azam League clubs reported hiring grounds in locations such as Leeds, Huddersfield, York and North Yorkshire. These clubs expressed a preference for securing provision closer to their player base within Bradford. This will be explored in more detail later in the section.

Overall, the tenure profile demonstrates that whilst many traditional clubs benefit from secure ownership or long-term lease agreements, a sizeable proportion of clubs remain dependent on rented facilities and shared provision. Protecting existing club-owned and leased sites, whilst seeking opportunities to improve the security of tenure for clubs operating on rented grounds, will be important to supporting the long-term sustainability and growth of cricket across Bradford.

In comparison to the overall tenure, it should be noted that Bolton Villas 24 CC is currently facing legal issues with the trustee which owns the clubs' ground (Bolton Villas Cricket Club – BD10 8TZ) in the Shipley Analysis Area. As a result, it has not used the ground this season and has been forced to relocate to several venues across Bradford. Similarly, since the start of the 2026 Girdlington CC has had to relocate from its home site (of the same name) due to several issues include its lease. The site is now considered disused with the Club now using Horsfall Playing Fields.

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Square quality

The quality of cricket squares has been assessed via a combination of site visits undertaken in June 2026 (using non-technical assessments as determined by the ECB), PitchPower reports (see below), and user consultation to reach and apply an agreed rating on a scale of good, standard and poor. For the full site assessment criteria, please see Appendix 2.

The percentage parameters used for the non-technical assessments were as follows; Good (>80%), Standard (50-79%), Poor (<49%).

Maintaining high pitch quality is the most important aspect of cricket; if the wicket is poor, it can affect the quality of the game and can, in some instances, become dangerous. As an example, if a square is poor quality, a ball can bounce erratically on a wicket and become a danger to nearby players.

The audit of grass wicket cricket squares in Bradford found 45 (75%) to be good quality, 13 (22%) to be of standard quality and two (3%) poor quality.

Table 7.6: Quality ratings for all grass wicket squares (site-by-site)

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Square quality (PP rating)	Outfield quality (PP rating)
2	Addingham Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Good
5	Airedale Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Standard (Basic)	Standard (Basic)
7	Allerton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Poor	Standard
15	Baildon Rugby And Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good
16	Bankfoot Cricket Club	Bradford South	Good	Good
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	Good	Good
24	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good (Good)	Standard (Basic)
30	Bowling Old Lane Cricket Club	Bradford East	Good (Good)	Standard (Basic)
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good
46	Burley-in-Wharfedale Sports And Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good
48	Buttershaw St Paul's Cricket Club	Bradford South	Good	Good
49	Cambing Cricket Club	Bradford East	Poor	Poor
58	Clayton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Good	Good
65	Crossflatts Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good (Good)	Standard (Basic)
68	Cullingworth Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Standard
70	Denholme Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Standard
89	Esholt Sports Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good
100	Great Horton Church Cricket Club	Bradford West	Good	Good
101	Great Horton Park Chapel Cricket Club	Bradford South	Standard (Basic)	Standard (Basic)
106	Greenwood Park	Bradford West	Standard	Poor
108	Harden Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Square quality (PP rating)	Outfield quality (PP rating)
113	Haworth Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Good
118	Hepworth & Idle Cricket Club	Bradford East	Good	Standard
121	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	Shipley Area	Standard	Poor
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	Good	Standard
127	Ilkley Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Good
132	Ingrow Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Standard
134	Jer Lane Cricket Club	Bradford South	Good	Standard
135	Jinnah Arena	Bradford East	Good	Good
137	Keighley Cricket Ground	Keighley Area	Good	Good
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	Bradford East	Standard	Poor
148	Long Lee Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Standard
150	Low Moor Holy Trinity Cricket Club	Bradford South	Standard	Standard
152	Manningham Mills Sports Association	Bradford West	Standard (Basic)	Standard (Basic)
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	Standard	Standard
155	Mayfield Terrace Cricket Field	Bradford West	Standard	Standard
156	Menston Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good
158	Muff Field Cricket Club	Bradford South	Good	Standard
164	Northcliffe Park	Shipley Area	Standard	Poor
166	Oakworth Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Good
170	Olicanian Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Good
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Keighley Area	Good	Good
173	Park Avenue Bradford Ltd	Bradford East	Good	Good
182	Queensbury Cricket Club	Bradford South	Good	Standard
183	Riddlesden Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Standard
184	Roberts Park	Shipley Area	Good	Standard
185	Salem Athletic Cricket Club	Bradford West	Standard	Standard
187	Sandal Primary School	Shipley Area	Standard	Standard
191	Silsden AFC	Keighley Area	Good	Good
199	Steeton Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Good	Good
204	Thackley Cricket Club	Bradford East	Good	Standard
207	Thornton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Good	Good
210	Tong Cricket Club	Bradford South	Good	Standard
212	Tong Park Esholt Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good
215	Undercliffe Cricket Club	Bradford East	Good	Good
226	Westwood Park Cricket Club	Bradford South	Standard (Basic)	Standard (Basic)
229	Wilsden Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good
232	Windhill & Daisy Hill Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good
234	Woodlands Sports Hall & Cricket Club	Bradford South	Good	Good
285	Greenfield Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Good	Good

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It should be noted that PitchPower (PP) ratings generally supersede the non-technical assessments as they are more in-depth in their analysis, as long as they are current. For the purposes for the PPOSS these ratings have been equated to the non-technical squares to allow for capacity analysis as seen below:

- ◆ (Poor) = Poor.
- ◆ (Basic) = Standard.
- ◆ (Good / Advanced / High) = Good.

Although capacity solely derives from square quality, as outlined later in the section, the ratings for outfielders have also been included. This is because their quality can affect the accessibility of the square in addition to them also being used for cricket initiatives for junior (All Stars/Dynamos) and women's cricket (Softball).

The quality of outfielders was a recurring theme during consultation, particularly at sites affected by unauthorised public access. Several venues reported damage caused by bicycles, informal recreation and dog fouling, which negatively impacts surface quality and increases maintenance requirements (Greenwood Park, Ingrow CC, King George V Playing Fields, Long Lee CC, Roberts Park and Westwood Park CC). Other outfield-related issues included drainage deficiencies, seasonal flooding, weed infestation and uneven ground conditions, all of which can affect pitch preparation and playing quality (Muff Field CC, Riddlesden CC and Denholme CC).

Several clubs identify challenges relating to the preparation and maintenance of natural turf wickets. Issues reported include uneven playing surfaces, deteriorating wickets resulting from extensive use, insufficient loam depth and a lack of accessible watering infrastructure (Bowling Old Lane CC, Bingley Congregationals CC, Hepworth & Idle CC and Great Horton Park Chapel CC). In addition, some clubs highlight constraints around ongoing maintenance practices and resources, which can limit opportunities to further improve pitch quality (Allerton CC and Northcliffe Park).

Consultation responses also highlight the impact of weather-related factors on cricket provision. Extreme heat was reported to have adversely affected playing surfaces at a number of sites (Long Lee CC and Windhill & Daisy Hill CC), whilst flooding issues were identified as a challenge which can delay the start of the season and reduce overall resilience of provision (Riddlesden CC).

Despite these challenges, several sites report recent improvements in pitch quality resulting from targeted investment and enhanced maintenance regimes. Examples include improvements to square quality through increased ground staff input (Queensbury CC), the installation of hybrid wickets to strengthen playing provision (Roberts Park) and investment in equipment and volunteer capacity to support ongoing maintenance (Thackley CC). These examples demonstrate the positive benefits of continued investment and proactive site management.

Bingley Congregationals CC also identify aspirations for additional non-turf practice provision, with the installation of an NTP considered important to help manage pitch usage and support future demand.

Similar to the previous study, there are clear issues regarding the quality of outfielders, particularly at Council-operated sites that are subject to unauthorised access, including dog fouling, bike use and vandalism. This is compounded by the use of these venues by prominent leagues within the City, such as the Bradford Sunday Mutual League and the Quaid-e-Azam Cricket League, which increases maintenance requirements and associated costs for the local authority.

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Poor outfield quality can adversely affect the playing experience, increase health and safety concerns, and limit the ability of sites to accommodate sustained levels of community cricket. As such, improvements to outfield quality should be considered alongside enhancements to square quality in order to maximise playing capacity and improve the overall quality of provision.

Yorkshire Cricket has indicated that a recent PitchPower pilot identified the need for remedial works and investment to support improvements across all local authority-managed cricket sites. The findings reinforce concerns raised through consultation and highlight the importance of continued investment in maintenance regimes, drainage improvements and outfield restoration works to ensure that provision remains fit for purpose and capable of meeting current and future demand.

Grass Pitch Improvement Fund²⁵

To coincide with the utilisation of PitchPower (PP) for cricket the ECB in partnership with Sport England and National Lottery has released the Grass Pitch Improvement Fund (GPIF). The GPIF aims to tackle inequalities by providing improved access to good quality, safe playing facilities for targeted groups. The Sport England Lottery Fund will provide funding for projects in England with projects in Wales supported by the England and Wales Cricket Trust.

Priority will be given to applications which support cricket for the following groups:

- ◀ Women's and girls' cricket.
- ◀ Cricket in diverse communities.
- ◀ Disability cricket.
- ◀ Low socio-economic groups (LSEG).

Investment will be targeted into three main areas:

- ◀ Improving the quality of squares and outfields (for grass pitches rated 'unsuitable' or 'basic' to improve to at least 'good').
- ◀ Creating sustainable management of sites (through irrigation and machinery improvements).
- ◀ Installing hybrid pitches to increase playing capacity.

The fund will run until March 2027, or whenever the funding is fully allocated, whichever is sooner.

Ancillary facilities

The extent of ancillary facilities required differs between times of play. For example, senior teams playing at weekends typically need to access clubhouse for suitable changing and toilet facilities and also kitchen facilities to provide teas, whereas this is often not required for junior and short format senior matches, where the need is more for access to just suitable changing and/or toilet facilities.

²⁵<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2024/07/23/a754a60b-a11a-4dee-aa7e-06fbdc040297/GPIF-guidance-notes.pdf>

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Ancillary facility rating is primarily influenced by the type and quality of amenities which are available on a site, such as a clubhouse, changing rooms, showering provision, car parking, dedicated umpire, spectator facilities and boundary fencing. Provision of high quality ancillary facilities is a key aspect of the ECB's Inspiring Generations Strategy, to meet the expectations of the core participation base as well as key growth markets such as women and girls, South Asian and BAME communities and All Stars and Dynamos cricket (detailed later in the section).

Ancillary provision across Bradford's cricket sites is generally sufficient to support existing activity; however, the quality of changing accommodation presents a significant issue. Whilst many clubhouses and pavilion buildings are rated as good or standard quality, the majority of changing rooms are assessed as either standard or poor, with only a small number of sites providing good quality facilities. A recurring concern identified by clubs is that traditional communal changing and showering arrangements are no longer suitable for a modern and diverse playing population, particularly women and girls, junior participants and disability cricket users.

Table 7.7: Changing room quality (at community available sites with natural turf squares)

Site ID	Site name	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ²⁶	Comments
2	Addingham Cricket Club	Standard	Standard	Facilities currently meet demand, however, a long-term plan to upgrade provision.
5	Airedale Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
7	Allerton Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Site has suffered from recent vandalism and arson attempts.
15	Baildon Rugby And Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Rugby club has plans to increase the number of changing rooms and upgrade them to cater for all types of demand.
16	Bankfoot Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
24	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some low level vandalism.
30	Bowling Old Lane Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.

²⁶ Including changing areas, toilets and showering facilities.

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Site ID	Site name	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ²⁶	Comments
46	Burley-in-Wharfedale Sports And Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
48	Buttershaw St Paul's Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
49	Cambing Cricket Club	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision.
58	Clayton Cricket Club	Good	Good	No issues indicated.
65	Crossflatts Cricket Club	Good	Unknown	Unresponsive.
68	Cullingworth Cricket Club	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
70	Denholme Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
89	Esholt Sports Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some minor vandalism.
100	Great Horton Church Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
101	Great Horton Park Chapel Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some minor vandalism.
106	Greenwood Park	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Issues with regular vandalism means there is no sight screen.
108	Harden Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
113	Haworth Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
118	Hepworth & Idle Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
121	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision.
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision.
127	Ilkley Cricket Club	Good	Unknown	Unresponsive.
132	Ingrow Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
134	Jer Lane Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
135	Karmand Community Centre	Good	Good	No issues indicated.
137	Keighley Cricket Ground	Standard	Standard	No issues indicated.

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Site ID	Site name	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ²⁶	Comments
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
148	Long Lee Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some low level vandalism.
150	Low Moor Holy Trinity Cricket Club	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
152	Manningham Mills Sports Association	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Standard	Standard	Some low level vandalism.
155	Mayfield Terrace Cricket Field	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
156	Menston Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
158	Muff Field Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some low level vandalism.
160	Myra Shay Playing Fields	Good	Good	No issues indicated.
164	Northcliffe Park	N/A	N/A	Aspirations from users some form of basic ancillary provision.
166	Oakworth Cricket Club	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
170	Olicanian Cricket Club	Good	Good	No issues indicated.
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
173	Park Avenue Bradford Ltd	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
182	Queensbury Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Limited/poor quality social areas.
183	Riddlesden Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some low level vandalism.
184	Roberts Park	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some low level vandalism.
185	Salem Athletic Cricket Club	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
187	Sandal Primary School	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision.
188	Scalebor Park	Poor	Unknown	Unresponsive.
191	Silsden AFC	Good	Unknown	Unresponsive.
199	Steeton Cricket Club	Good	Unknown	Unresponsive.

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Site ID	Site name	Overall building quality	Changing room quality ²⁶	Comments
204	Thackley Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some minor vandalism.
207	Thornton Cricket Club	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
210	Tong Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
212	Tong Park Esholt Cricket Club	Good	Standard	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some minor vandalism.
215	Undercliffe Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics.
226	Westwood Park Cricket Club	Standard	Poor	Communal changing rooms and showering are not suitable for all demographics. Some low level vandalism.
229	Wilsden Cricket Club	Standard	Unknown	Unresponsive.
232	Windhill & Daisy Hill Cricket Club	Good	Good	No issues indicated.
234	Woodlands Sports Hall & Cricket Club	Good	Good	No issues indicated.
285	Greenfield Cricket Club	Poor	Poor	Basic storage container for ancillary provision.

Poor quality changing facilities are evident at a number of clubs, including Allerton CC, Bingley Congregationals CC, Buttershaw St Paul's CC, Denholme CC, Great Horton Church CC, Hepworth & Idle CC, Ingrow CC, Jer Lane CC, Queensbury CC, Tong CC, Undercliffe CC and Westwood Park CC. In addition, several sites, including Cambing CC, Hirst Lane Playing Fields, Horsfall Playing Fields, Sandal Primary School and Greenfield CC, rely on very basic ancillary provision and are rated poor overall.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour are further challenges affecting a number of sites and, in some cases, are impacting the quality and sustainability of facilities. Several clubs also identify aspirations to modernise or expand changing provision, reflecting a wider need for investment in accessible, inclusive and fit-for-purpose facilities. Overall, future improvements should prioritise the upgrading of outdated communal changing rooms and the enhancement of ancillary provision at sites where facilities are currently poor or limited, helping to support future participation growth and improve the overall user experience.

Ball strike

Where there is either new cricket provision being put in place, or more commonly where there is a development which may prejudice the use of an existing cricket facility, there is a requirement for a full ball strike risk assessment to be undertaken and appropriate mitigation put in place as part of the development. Where applicable, an assessment under the NPPF must be undertaken. The ECB recommends that the affected or at-risk clubs and organisations seek to have a ball strike risk assessment undertaken (further information can be provided by the ECB).

In Bradford, Great Horton Church CC (Great Horton Church Cricket Club) report of ball-striking issues occasionally causing damage to surrounding houses.

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There are also known issues with the home ground of Jer Lane CC (Jer Lane Cricket Club). The ground is considered too small with an inability to install appropriate ball stop netting due to planning permissions. This has forced the Club to utilise other venues for its teams which is also problematic due to a need to meet certain criteria for matches. It also struggles to establish regular junior teams which is now a league requirement.

Training facilities

The provision of both outdoor and indoor training facilities is critical to supporting cricket participation and player development across Bradford. Consultation responses indicate that most clubs have access to some form of training provision, ranging from fixed outdoor net facilities and artificial practice wickets at club sites to winter training sessions held at schools, leisure centres and specialist cricket facilities. However, many clubs identified a need for additional or improved practice facilities, particularly non-turf training wickets, net cages and indoor training access.

A number of larger clubs' benefit from established outdoor training infrastructure. Facilities such as Bingley Congs CC, Tong Park Esholt CC, Great Horton Park Chapel CC, Bowling Old Lane CC, Windhill & Daisy Hill CC, Saltaire CC, Menston CC and Woodlands CC all report dedicated outdoor nets or practice facilities which support both junior and senior cricket activity. These clubs generally consider their training provision sufficient to meet current requirements, although some have aspirations to enhance or modernise existing facilities.

Conversely, many clubs operating at smaller sites, particularly those playing on local authority grounds, report limited or no dedicated training provision. Several clubs currently train on match squares or utilise temporary mobile equipment. As a result, the most common aspiration identified by clubs is the provision of additional non-turf practice wickets, outdoor net lanes and associated training infrastructure.

Indoor training is widely used throughout the District, particularly during the pre-season period. Bradford Park Avenue, Adil Rashid Cricket Centre, South Craven School, Hanson School, Bradford Grammar School and a number of local sports halls are commonly used by clubs for winter nets and coaching sessions. Clubs generally report that indoor provision meets some or all of their requirements, although affordability and availability were identified as key challenges by a number of respondents.

Table 7.8: Summary of training facilities at club sites

Club	Current outdoor training provision	Aspirational training provision	Indoor training venue(s)	Indoor venue location
Airedale CC	Portable net and three practice strips	No requirement identified	South Craven School	Outside Bradford (North Yorkshire)
Bingley Congs CC	Two-lane outdoor nets	Grass practice pitch and mobile net cage	South Craven School & The Cricket School	Outside Bradford (North Yorkshire) / Bradford
Bowling Old Lane CC	Two artificial practice nets	No requirement identified	None reported	-
Clayton CC	Single artificial net	Hybrid pitches and mobile cage	Bradford Park Avenue	Bradford
Denholme CC	Outdoor nets/cage	No requirement identified	Adil Rashid Cricket Centre	Bradford

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Club	Current outdoor training provision	Aspirational training provision	Indoor training venue(s)	Indoor venue location
Great Horton Park Chapel CC	Roll-on net facility	Modern non-turf practice nets	Thornton Recreation Centre & Bradford Park Avenue	Bradford
Harden CC	No dedicated net facility	Two-lane artificial net facility	Bradford Park Avenue	Bradford
Haworth CC	Practice wicket	Artificial non-turf practice wicket	Adil Rashid Cricket Centre & South Craven School	Bradford / Outside Bradford (North Yorkshire)
Hepworth & Idle CC	Two-lane outdoor nets	No requirement identified	Hanson School & Bradford Park Avenue	Bradford
Ingrow CC	Summer net sessions on site	Non-turf nets	South Craven School	Outside Bradford (North Yorkshire)
Keighley CC	Two artificial nets	Indoor net provision	None currently used	-
Menston CC	Two-lane permanent nets and mobile net	No requirement identified	Titus Salt School, Benton Park School, Woodhouse Grove School	Bradford / Outside Bradford (Leeds)
Queensbury CC	Double-bay artificial net and batting cage	Larger junior training area	Bradford Park Avenue Dome and sports centres	Bradford
Saltaire CC	Two roll-on cages	No requirement identified	Bradford Grammar School, St Bede's & St Joseph's, Bradford Park Avenue	Bradford
Thackley CC	Temporary nets	Replacement net system	Hanson School	Bradford
Tong Park Esholt CC	Two-lane artificial nets and roll-on net	Additional lane, upgraded netting and run-up area	Guiseley School & Bradford Park Avenue	Outside Bradford (Leeds) / Bradford
West Bowling CC	Training on match square	Non-turf practice wicket	Bradford Park Avenue	Bradford
Woodlands CC	Three outdoor artificial nets plus sports hall	No requirement identified	On-site sports hall	Bradford

Allerton CC also states a need for additional practice facilities but does not include an specifics.

Overall, consultation responses indicate that while many clubs have secured access to indoor training opportunities, there remains a district-wide need to improve the quantity and quality of outdoor practice facilities, particularly non-turf practice wickets, net cages and dedicated training areas capable of accommodating growing junior and women and girls' participation.

It should be noted there have been two substantial investments into cricket training provision since the previous PPOSS, these are outlined below.

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Bradford Park Avenue Cricket Dome

Opened in October 2023, the £1.5 million facility is the UK's first purpose-built all-weather cricket dome and was funded through a partnership between the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Council. The facility comprises a 10-bay training complex across two covered domes, providing year-round access to high-quality practice facilities regardless of weather conditions.

The dome has substantially increased cricket training capacity within Bradford and is expected to provide opportunities for approximately 10,000 participants annually. In addition to supporting local clubs, the venue is used by Yorkshire County Cricket Club, Northern Diamonds, Northern Superchargers and a wide range of community programmes, including Wicketz, tape-ball cricket and women and girls' cricket initiatives. The site has also become a focal point for wider cricket development through its role within a pitch improvement and grounds management programme supporting clubs across the region.

Parkside Urban Cricket Centre

The Parkside Urban Cricket Centre forms part of the ECB's Urban Cricket Centre programme and South Asian Action Plan, which seeks to increase participation and reduce barriers to cricket participation within urban communities. Located at Parkside Sports Centre in West Bowling, the project was developed through a partnership between Bradford Trident, the ECB, Yorkshire Cricket, the Council and other key stakeholders.

The scheme involves the redevelopment and extension of the existing sports centre to create a dedicated indoor cricket hub, including indoor cricket lanes, multi-sport space, fitness facilities, changing accommodation and community facilities. The project was designed to improve access to affordable cricket opportunities whilst creating a focal point for community participation, club development, coach education and volunteer training. The initiative specifically targets communities traditionally underrepresented within formal cricket structures and is intended to complement wider investment at Bradford Park Avenue and across the City.

7.3: Demand

There are 89 clubs playing within Bradford of which 57 are affiliated with the remaining 32 be considered unaffiliated. In total this equates to 356 teams broken down into 139 boys, 15 girls, 24 women's and 178 men's teams.

Overall the Shipley Area accommodates most of the cricket in Bradford with 116 teams (affiliated and non-affiliated) this is followed by the Keighley Area with 90 teams, Bradford South with 62 teams and the Bradford East and Bradford West with 46 and 42 teams respectively.

Although a direct comparison cannot be made with the previous study, due to limited information surrounding unaffiliated demand, it is estimated that overall demand has increased between 25% and 50% since 2018 which identified 238 teams.

Table 7.9: Summary of cricket teams by analysis area

Club	Analysis area	Affiliation	Boys (7-18)	Girls (7-18)	Men's (18-55)	Women's (18-55)	Total
Adam CC, Yorkshire	Keighley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Addingham CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	7	-	2	-	9
Airedale CC	Keighley Area	Non Affiliated	4	-	2	-	6
AK Eagles CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1

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Club	Analysis area	Affiliation	Boys (7-18)	Girls (7-18)	Men's (18-55)	Women's (18-55)	Total
Allerton CC, Yorkshire	Bradford West	Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Attock Tigers CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Awan CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	-	-	3	-	3
Baildon CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	5	1	4	1	11
Bankfoot CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	3	-	2	1	6
Ben Rhydding CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	5	1	2	-	8
Bhalot Strikers CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Bingley Congs CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	4	2	6	-	12
Bolton Villas 24 CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Bowling Baptist CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	4	-	4
Bowling Old Lane CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	2	-	3	1	6
Bradford & Bingley CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	5	-	3	1	9
Bradford Indians CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Bradford Mavericks CC	Bradford West	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Bradford Park Avenue Ladies CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	-	-	-	2	2
Bradford Qalandars CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Bradford Riders CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Bradford United CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Burley-in-Wharfedale CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	5	1	3	2	11
Buttershaw St Pauls CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	5	-	3	1	9
Cambling CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Choudhrys CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Clayton CC, Yorkshire	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	1	-	2	-	3
Crossflatts CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	5	3	3	2	13
Cullingworth CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	2	-	2	2	6
Darulshafa CC	Shipley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Denholme CC	Shipley Area	Non Affiliated	1	-	2	1	4
Diagonal Tigers CC	Bradford South	Non Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Diamond CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Eldwick & Gilstead CC	Keighley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
GHC Panthers CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Girlington CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Great Horton Church CC	Bradford West	Affiliated	4	2	3	-	9
Great Horton Park Chapel CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	2	-	4	1	7
Greenfield CC, Yorkshire	Shipley Area	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Harden CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	4	-	3	1	8
Haworth CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	4	-	2	-	6

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Club	Analysis area	Affiliation	Boys (7-18)	Girls (7-18)	Men's (18-55)	Women's (18-55)	Total
Heaton Park CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Hepworth & Idle CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	4	-	3	-	7
Ilkley CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	5	-	3	1	9
Indus Bradford CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Ingrow CC	Keighley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Interlink CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Jer Lane CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	1	-	2	-	3
Karmand CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Kashmir (Bradford) CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Keighley CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	3	-	3	1	7
Keighley RZM CC	Keighley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Khan CC, QEA	Bradford South	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Khari Star CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Kings XI Lahore CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Long Lee CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Low Moor Holy Trinity CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	5	1	4	1	11
Mangla United CC	Bradford South	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Mayfield CC, Yorks	Bradford West	Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Menston CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	4	2	4	1	11
Mirpur CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Mirpur Royals CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Muff Field CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
My Lahore CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Northcliffe CC	Shipley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Oakworth CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	5	2	3	-	10
Olicanian CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	4	-	3	-	7
Omars CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
OneStop CC	Bradford West	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Oxenhope CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	2	-	3	-	5
Pak Cuisine CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Queensbury CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	4	-	4	1	9
Riddlesden CC	Keighley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Salem Athletic CC	Bradford West	Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Saltaire CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	4	-	3	-	7
Sandy Lane CC	Bradford West	Non Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Silsden CC	Keighley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Steeton CC	Keighley Area	Affiliated	5	-	3	-	8
Sunrise CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Thackley CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	4	-	3	1	8
Thornton CC	Bradford West	Affiliated	5	-	3	-	8
Tong Park Esholt CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	7	-	4	-	11
Undercliffe CC	Bradford East	Affiliated	4	-	2	-	6
White Rose CC	Bradford East	Non Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Wilsden CC	Shipley Area	Non Affiliated	-	-	2	-	2
Windhill & Daisy Hill CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	1	-	3	1	5

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Club	Analysis area	Affiliation	Boys (7-18)	Girls (7-18)	Men's (18-55)	Women's (18-55)	Total
Woodlands CC, Yorkshire	Bradford South	Affiliated	4	-	2	1	7
Yorkshire Friends CC	Shipley Area	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Yorkshire LPS CC	Bradford South	Affiliated	-	-	1	-	1
Total	-		139	15	178	24	356

Approximately 83% of cricket demand in Bradford is affiliated, with the remaining 17% considered unaffiliated. However, this assessment is based on the available participation figures provided by Yorkshire Cricket and supplementary online research, meaning it is likely to underrepresent the true scale of non-club cricket activity across the District.

While affiliated demand is generally easier to quantify through league structures, club membership records and competition data, unaffiliated demand is more difficult to measure due to its informal nature and the absence of a centralised registration system. As such, the actual proportion of unaffiliated participation is likely to be significantly higher than identified through this assessment.

Table 7.10: Summary of cricket teams by affiliation and analysis area

Analysis area	Boys (7-18)	Girls (7-18)	Men's (18-55)	Women's (18-55)	Total
Affiliated	-	-	-	-	-
Bradford East	10	-	18	2	30
Bradford South	24	1	28	6	59
Bradford West	9	2	14	-	25
Keighley Area	40	3	30	2	75
Shipley Area	46	9	42	11	108
Bradford	129	15	132	21	297
Non Affiliated	-	-	-	-	-
Bradford East	4	-	10	2	16
Bradford South	-	-	3	-	3
Bradford West	1	-	16	-	17
Keighley Area	4	-	11	-	15
Shipley Area	1	-	6	1	8
Bradford	10	-	46	3	59
Total	139	15	178	24	356

This is particularly relevant in Bradford, where informal cricket activity forms an important part of the wider cricketing landscape. Formats such as tapeball cricket, casual park cricket and other community-based forms of the game are played extensively across a range of open spaces, parks, recreation grounds, school sites and other informal venues. These formats often appeal to participants who may not wish to commit to traditional club cricket but nevertheless generate regular demand for accessible playing opportunities.

In addition, informal participation can act as a pathway into affiliated cricket, helping to sustain interest in the sport and broaden engagement amongst communities that may otherwise be underrepresented within traditional club structures. Consequently, consideration should be given to both affiliated and unaffiliated demand when planning future cricket provision, recognising that formal pitch assessments may not fully capture the overall level of participation occurring across the District. Further commentary on informal cricket activity, including tapeball cricket, is provided below.

Tapeball

Tapeball cricket is a significant form of informal cricket participation in Bradford, particularly within South Asian communities. Typically played using a tennis ball wrapped in electrical tape, the format requires minimal equipment and can be organised informally in parks, recreation grounds, school sites and other open spaces without the need for prepared wickets, pavilions or formal club infrastructure.

Consultation undertaken as part of the PPOSS identified tapeball cricket as an important component of the local cricket landscape, providing accessible opportunities for participation and often acting as a gateway into affiliated club cricket. The format is particularly popular amongst younger participants and communities that may face barriers to traditional club cricket, helping to broaden participation and increase engagement with the sport.

Informal tapeball cricket activity takes place across a range of parks and green spaces throughout the District, including locations such as Lister Park, Peel Park, Horton Park, Bowling Park, Harold Park, Northcliffe Park and Myrtle Park, alongside numerous neighbourhood recreation grounds and school playing fields. Activity is particularly evident during evenings, weekends and throughout the summer months, with some sites supporting multiple informal games simultaneously.

Bradford has one of the largest South Asian populations in the country and consultation with local stakeholders suggests demand for tapeball cricket significantly exceeds participation levels recorded through traditional ECB club structures. Whilst much of this activity remains informal, there has been a growth in organised tapeball competitions and festivals nationally, including ECB-supported initiatives such as the National Tape Ball Championships. These programmes seek to engage participants who may not otherwise play affiliated cricket and provide pathways into club, recreational and competitive formats.

Although tapeball cricket does not generally create demand for grass wicket squares or ancillary club facilities, it generates substantial demand for accessible and good quality open spaces capable of accommodating informal play. The protection and enhancement of such spaces is therefore important in supporting cricket participation across all communities. There may also be opportunities to formalise provision through the installation of non-turf wickets at key parks and recreation grounds where evidence demonstrates sustained levels of informal cricket activity.

The ECB and Yorkshire Cricket Board increasingly recognise tapeball cricket as an important development format which can help address participation inequalities and diversify the player pathway. Given Bradford's demographic profile and the established popularity of the activity, tapeball cricket is expected to remain a significant contributor to overall cricket demand within the District throughout the strategy period. As such, consideration should be given to both formal affiliated demand and informal tapeball participation when planning future cricket provision and investment.

Cricket leagues across Bradford

Due to the popularity of cricket within Bradford demand is spread across several affiliated and non-affiliated leagues which are outlined in greater detail below.

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Bradford Premier Cricket League

The Bradford Premier Cricket League is the highest standard of recreational and semi-professional cricket operating across Bradford and parts of West Yorkshire. The League operates multiple senior divisions alongside extensive second team and junior competitions, generating the highest levels of match demand on grass wickets within the district.

Halifax Cricket League

The Halifax Cricket League is a long-established league serving Calderdale and neighbouring areas including parts of Bradford. It consists of senior Saturday divisions, reserve team competitions and junior cricket. Several Bradford-based clubs compete within the league, reflecting historic playing patterns and cross-boundary relationships between clubs in Bradford and Calderdale.

Dales Council Cricket League

The Dales Council Cricket League serves clubs predominantly located in North Yorkshire and the Craven district, including clubs situated in northern parts of the Bradford. The League provides competitive cricket for rural and village clubs and plays an important role in sustaining participation in smaller settlements. Fixtures are generally played on Saturdays, with many clubs also operating junior and development teams.

Quaid-e-Azam Premier Cricket League

The Quaid-e-Azam Premier Cricket League (QEAPCL) is one of the largest South Asian community cricket leagues in Yorkshire. The League is primarily played on Sundays and attracts teams from Bradford, Kirklees, Leeds and surrounding authorities. It operates multiple divisions and cup competitions, providing opportunities for a significant number of adult cricketers who may not participate within traditional ECB-affiliated Saturday leagues. The league makes extensive use of both grass and non-turf facilities and represents an important source of cricket demand within Bradford.

Quaid-e-Azam Cricket League

Alongside the Premier League structure, the wider Quaid-e-Azam Cricket League network provides additional competitive opportunities through affiliated divisions and Sunday cricket competitions. The League plays a significant role in increasing participation amongst Bradford's diverse communities and supports numerous teams based within Bradford. This contributes to both formal and informal cricket demand across a range of public parks and sports facilities.

Bradford Mutual Sunday School Cricket League

Traditionally providing Sunday cricket opportunities for clubs across Bradford and neighbouring areas, the League has played an important role in the development of community cricket and local club structures.

Craven and District Cricket League

The Craven and District Cricket League serve clubs across the Craven area, including settlements on the northern edge of the Bradford. The League provides competitive cricket for village and community clubs through a number of senior divisions and supports participation across rural areas.

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Airedale & Wharfedale Senior Cricket League

The Airedale & Wharfedale Senior Cricket League (AWSCL) operates across the Aire and Wharfe valleys and includes several clubs from Bradford. The League provides a competitive structure for clubs that may not participate within the Yorkshire Premier League system, offering multiple senior divisions and supporting a strong network of community clubs. The league is particularly important for clubs located in the north and west of the district and generates regular demand for grass wicket provision throughout the season.

Latent demand

Latent demand is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision.

Club survey responses identify a clear level of latent cricket demand across Bradford, primarily resulting from limitations in pitch supply, training provision and ancillary facilities. Several clubs are currently required to access provision outside the local authority boundary due to a lack of available or suitable grounds within Bradford.

Nathia United CC reports playing home fixtures at Sherburn Eversley Cricket Club and identifies a desire to relocate to a site anywhere within Bradford if suitable provision became available. Similarly, Bradford Moor YCA CC currently hires grounds in Huddersfield and Leeds due to a lack of available pitches and financial constraints, whilst Heaton Park CC reports that some Bradford clubs are having to travel significant distances for home fixtures because of a shortage of locally available grounds. All three clubs indicate that they would prefer to access provision within Bradford should opportunities arise.

The survey also highlights latent demand associated with club growth aspirations that may be constrained by facility limitations. Queensbury CC reports aspirations for an additional men's team and two further women's and girls' teams, whilst Thackley CC identifies plans to establish formal women's cricket provision. Great Horton Church CC has already experienced significant growth in its girls' section and anticipates further expansion, and Tong Park Esholt CC reports aspirations for additional senior and junior teams. Several other clubs, including Clayton CC, Bowling Baptist CC and Northcliffe CC, also indicate intentions to increase participation if sufficient facilities were available to support growth.

A recurring theme throughout the consultation is the need for additional training provision. Numerous clubs identify unmet demand for non-turf practice wickets, net facilities, batting cages and indoor training venues. Clubs such as Muff Field CC, Tong Park Esholt CC, Clayton CC, Keighley CC and Queensbury CC report a requirement for enhanced practice facilities, whilst Bradford Qalandars CC and Sunrise CC highlight a complete lack of suitable training infrastructure. This suggests that latent demand in Bradford is not solely related to match play but also to the availability and quality of training environments required to sustain and develop participation.

Overall, the survey evidence suggests that the greatest latent demand is linked to improving access to community cricket grounds within Bradford, alongside enhanced training provision and ancillary accommodation. Whilst much of the current playing demand is accommodated, addressing these facility constraints could enable displaced clubs and teams to return to the authority, support additional women's, girls' and junior teams, and facilitate wider growth aspirations identified through the consultation process.

Imported demand

Imported demand refers to participation generated by teams, clubs or individuals based outside the Bradford District who regularly access cricket facilities within the authority. This typically occurs where facilities are either unavailable, oversubscribed or considered unsuitable within the neighbouring local authority in which the demand originates.

There is currently no known affiliated imported demand from clubs based outside Bradford. However, anecdotal evidence gathered through consultation suggests that some unaffiliated and informal cricket activity, including recreational and tapeball cricket, is imported from neighbouring authorities such as Calderdale and Leeds. This is likely to be influenced by the availability, accessibility and quality of facilities and open spaces within Bradford.

Due to the informal nature of this activity, participation levels are not formally recorded and therefore the scale of imported demand cannot be quantified at the time of writing. This being said, it is important to recognise that such activity may place additional pressure on certain facilities and open spaces, particularly where demand from informal formats continues to grow.

Exported demand

Exported demand refers to Bradford-based teams that are currently accessing pitches outside of the local authority for their home fixtures, normally because their pitch requirements cannot be met, which is usually because of pitch supply, in some cases quality issues or stipulated league requirements for access to certain facilities.

Although technically not exported, there are a number of unaffiliated clubs which have utilised provision within the City in previous seasons, however, for the 2026 season are using sites located in neighbouring authorities. These include but are not limited to Rajput CC (Calderdale), Nathia United CC (North Yorkshire), Subhan CC (North Yorkshire), CJs CC (North Yorkshire), Leeds Super Kings CC (Leeds), Bradford Moor YCA CC (Kirklees), Azad CC (Leeds) and Friends CC (Leeds).

There is also affiliated exported demand from Menston CC (High Royds Cricket Ground) and West Bowling Cricket Club (Woodhall Playing Fields) both into Leeds and Crossflatts CC into North Yorkshire (Bradley Cricket Club). In total this equates to three men's, one woman's and three junior teams. There is no indication that any of these clubs find their situations problematic as the sites they utilise are considered accessible.

Additionally, as mentioned in the 'Training' section, there are several clubs that travelling outside of Bradford to access indoor training provision.

Additional activity

The ECB is currently running a number of initiatives across the Country which results in additional cricket demand and use of cricket facilities. Whilst these do not generally utilise grass wickets, they can impact upon availability when sessions are being held due to use of cricket outfield, making squares unusable for matches during these periods. This can mean no availability on one or two nights a week.

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Women's and girls' cricket

One of the six key priorities within ECB's Inspiring Generations strategy is 'transforming the women and girls' game'. Through the strategy, ECB have pledged to increase the representation of women and girls in every level of cricket by:

- ◀ Growing the base through participation and facilities investment.
- ◀ Launching centres of excellence and a new elite domestic structure.
- ◀ Investing in girls' county age group cricket.
- ◀ Delivering a girls' secondary school programme.

Through consultation the following clubs report having a softball sections:

- ◀ Bingley Congs – 20 members.
- ◀ Bowling Old Lane – 15 members.
- ◀ Denholme – 15 members.
- ◀ Great Horton Church – 40 members.
- ◀ Great Horton Park – 17 members.
- ◀ Harden CC – 26 members.
- ◀ Haworth – 10 members.
- ◀ Muff Field – 20 members.
- ◀ Queensbury – 20 members.
- ◀ Thackley – 35 members.
- ◀ Woodlands -15 members.

Hardball fixtures are played on the square, but softball fixtures typically take place on outfields, and some are played within round-robin 'festival' format to maximise participation for those involved. Women and girls' teams are included within Table 7.10 above.

A number of clubs also identify growth in women's and girls' cricket as a key future aspiration, with clubs such as Queensbury CC, Denholme CC, Thackley CC and Keighley CC highlighting plans for additional women's and girls' teams

The continued growth of women's and girls' cricket is a key strategic priority for the ECB, with national initiatives and league-level requirements encouraging clubs to establish and develop dedicated female playing pathways. This is expected to generate additional demand for junior and youth cricket opportunities, coaching, training facilities and match provision over the strategy period. Whilst this presents a significant opportunity to grow participation and broaden club membership, it may also create challenges for some clubs, particularly those with limited volunteer capacity, coaching resources, access to suitable training facilities or spare match-day pitch capacity. As a result, the development of girls' cricket programmes is likely to place additional pressure on the local cricket infrastructure network and should be considered as part of future facility planning, site investment and club development priorities

It is understood that clubs must run girls only programmes, in addition to appointing a lead activator, in order maintain or achieve status within an ECB Premier Division (I and II). In Bradford, Jer Lane CC has been deducted points for not meeting these requirements in an appropriate timeline.

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All Stars cricket

In partnership with the ECB and Chance to Shine, cricket clubs can register to become an ECB All Stars Cricket Centre. Once registered, a club can deliver the programme which aims to introduce cricket to children aged from five to eight. Subsequently, this may lead to increased interest and demand for junior cricket at clubs.

The programme seeks to achieve the following aims:

- ✦ Increase cricket activity for 5-8 year olds in the school and club environment.
- ✦ Develop consistency of message in both settings to aid transition.
- ✦ Improve generic movement skills for children, using cricket as the vehicle.
- ✦ Make it easier for new volunteers to support and deliver in the club environment.
- ✦ Use fun small-sided games to enthuse new children and volunteers to follow and play the game.

A number of clubs report delivering ECB All Stars Cricket programmes, with recorded participation ranging from around 12 to 50 children per club. Examples include:

- ✦ Bingley Congs CC – 50 members.
- ✦ Bowling Old Lane CC – 20 members.
- ✦ Denholme CC – 12 members.
- ✦ Great Horton Church CC – 30 members.
- ✦ Great Horton Park Chapel CC – 15 members.
- ✦ Long Lee CC – 20 members.
- ✦ Menston CC – 40 members.
- ✦ Muff Field CC – 12 members.
- ✦ Queensbury CC – 12 members.
- ✦ Windhill and Daisy Hill CC – 15 members.

Responses indicate that All Stars continues to provide an important entry point into junior cricket, supporting recruitment of new players and providing a feeder into club age-group teams.

Dynamo's cricket

A key development area for the ECB in delivering on the outcomes of 'Inspiring Generations' will be the Dynamos programme for 8-11 year olds, which originally aimed to launch in 2020. It plans on building on the significant growth of the All Stars and will develop the pathway to retain juniors who progress. Where All Stars seeks to engage children in cricket activity and learning the skills, Dynamo's seeks to engage children in learning how to play, introducing a modified softball format as competitive progression with a view to eventual transition through to hardball cricket. The programme will be strongly linked to The Hundred, a new short format competition which also aimed to launch in 2020 (pre-Covid-19).

Dynamos provision is less widespread than All Stars but remains an important transition programme for older junior participants. Reported examples include:

- ✦ Bowling Old Lane CC – 20 members.
- ✦ Denholme CC – 19 members.
- ✦ Great Horton Church CC – 35 members.
- ✦ Muff Field CC – 12 members.
- ✦ Windhill and Daisy Hill CC – 10 members.

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The programme is helping to bridge the gap between introductory cricket and hard-ball junior team participation, supporting retention of players typically aged 8-11 years.

Last Man Stands (LMS) Cricket

Last Man Stands (LMS) is an established form of recreational cricket participation across Bradford and Calderdale, providing a flexible and accessible alternative to traditional league cricket. LMS is a nationally recognised eight-a-side T20 competition that attracts a broad range of participants, including former club cricketers, casual players and individuals seeking a shorter, less time-intensive format of the game. The competition forms part of the wider LMS network and operates locally through the Bradford & Calderdale LMS League.

The format is designed to maximise participation through midweek evening fixtures, helping to engage players who may be unable to commit to traditional weekend cricket. As such, LMS contributes towards increasing overall cricket participation and supports wider physical activity objectives across both local authority areas.

Unlike traditional ECB-affiliated league cricket, LMS fixtures are generally played during weekday evenings and utilise a combination of club cricket grounds and community sports venues. This generates additional demand on cricket facilities outside traditional Saturday and Sunday league programmes and helps maximise the use of existing cricket infrastructure.

Consultation and desktop review identified several sites that have hosted, or are capable of hosting, LMS activity across the study area:

- ◀ Bradford – Bowling Old Lane Cricket Club.
- ◀ Bradford – Bowling Park.
- ◀ Bradford – Horsfall Playing Fields.
- ◀ Bradford – Park Avenue Bradford Ltd.

It should be noted that venue usage may vary between seasons depending on fixture scheduling, pitch availability and team distribution.

The Bradford & Calderdale LMS League accommodates a range of locally based social, workplace and community teams. However, league structures, team entries and venue allocations are reviewed annually and can change from season to season.

At the time of preparing this assessment, a definitive team list was not available from publicly accessible sources. It is understood that the League has not operated for the 2026 season.

Future demand

Future demand can be defined via several ways, including through participation increases and by using population forecasts. In addition, the proceeding Strategy & Action Plan document will contain housing growth scenarios that will estimate additional demand that could arise from developments across Bradford.

Participation increases

ECB has established a target of trebling the number of girls' teams across the Country by 2026/2027, with this therefore likely to further increase in demand in Bradford This will be further tested as a scenario in the Strategy.

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For female cricket to grow further in Bradford it is imperative that existing provision adapts to better accommodate women's and girls' demand. Some existing clubhouses are dated and provide unsegregated changing areas as well as communal showers that are unsuitable for mixed gender access.

Consultation responses identify quantified demand for 53 additional teams across Bradford cricket clubs, comprising 12 men's teams, 15 women's teams and 26 junior teams. This is summarised in the following table.

Table 7.11 Summary of future demand

Club	Analysis area	Open age men's	Open age women's	Juniors	Total
Addingham CC	Keighley Area	-	1	2	3
Allerton CC	Bradford West	1	1	1	3
Awan CC	Keighley Area	1	-	1	2
Bowling Old Lane CC	Bradford East	1	1	1	3
Bradford Qalandars CC	Shipley Area	-	-	1	1
Clayton CC	Bradford West	-	-	3	3
Denholme CC	Shipley Area	-	1	1	2
Great Horton Church CC	Bradford West	-	2	-	2
Great Horton Park Chapel CC	Bradford South	1	1	2	4
Greenfield CC	Shipley Area	1	-	1	2
Harden CC	Shipley Area	-	1	-	1
Haworth CC	Keighley Area	-	-	2	2
Ingrow CC	Keighley Area	3	-	-	3
Long Lee CC	Keighley Area	-	-	1	1
Muff Field CC	Bradford South	-	1	2	3
Northcliffe CC	Shipley Area	1	-	-	1
Queensbury CC	Bradford South	-	1	-	1
Sandy Lane CC	Bradford West	-	-	1	1
Sunrise CC	Shipley Area	2	1	1	4
Thackley CC	Bradford East	-	1	-	1
Tong Park Esholt CC	Shipley Area	-	1	1	2
Undercliffe CC	Bradford East	-	-	1	1
Windhill and Daisy Hill CC	Shipley Area	-	-	1	1
Woodlands CC, Yorkshire CC	Bradford South	-	1	1	2
Yorkshire Friends CC	Shipley Area	1	1	1	3
Yorkshire LPS CC	Bradford South	-	-	1	1
-	Total	12	15	26	53

Several clubs also reported aspirations which were not quantified through the survey and therefore are not included within the table above. These include Airedale CC, Bingley Congs CC, Bradford Moor YCA CC, Keighley CC, Saltaire CC and Undercliff CC.

It should be noted that Yorkshire Cricket indicates that Shipley Providence CC aspires to reinstate its teams however may struggle as its former square is no longer actively maintained with the site now mainly used for football.

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Population forecasts

For population projections, Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator can estimate the likely additional demand for grass wicket cricket squares that will arise from forecasted growth (2043). This uses the current population within each relevant age group together with current participation levels to establish team generation rates that are applied to future population projections.

Based on ONS projections there is no anticipated growth in demand for cricket. Notwithstanding the above, it is important to acknowledge that there are plans and strategies in place to increase the number of teams at some formats beyond what current trends and population changes would suggest. For example, consultation with the ECB suggests that further development of women and girl's participation in cricket in Bradford is likely as it is currently a national priority. This also applies to potential increased growth in junior cricket, linked to the abovementioned All Stars and Dynamos initiatives.

Future demand summary

In the supply and demand analysis presented at the end of this section, future demand is based on population growth projections derived from Office for National Statistics (ONS) data, in accordance with Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance and methodology.

However, it is considered that population growth projections alone are likely to understate future demand in Bradford, given the significant growth aspirations reported by clubs, ongoing NGB participation initiatives and historical increases in affiliated participation. Therefore, the accompanying Strategy & Action Plan will assess a higher-growth scenario based on club aspirations to understand the potential implications for future pitch and ancillary facility provision.

7.4: Capacity analysis

Capacity analysis for cricket is measured on a seasonal rather than a weekly basis. This is due to playability (as only one match is generally played per pitch per day at weekends or weekday evening) and because wickets are rotated throughout the season to reduce wear and tear and to allow for repair.

The capacity of a square to accommodate matches is driven by the number and quality of wickets. This section of the report presents the current pitch stock available for cricket and illustrates the number of competitive matches per season per square.

For good quality squares, capacity is considered to be five matches per wicket per season, whilst for a standard quality square, capacity is four matches per wicket per season. For poor quality squares, no capacity is considered to exist as such provision is not deemed safe for play.

The number of matches played by each team has been derived from consultation with the clubs. Where consultation was not possible, the assumption has been made that senior men's teams play 12 home matches per season, senior women play 10 matches per season, and all junior teams play four matches per season.

The above is used to allocate capacity ratings as follows:

Potential capacity	Play is below the level the site could sustain
At capacity	Play matches the level the site can sustain
Overused	Play exceeds the level the site can sustain

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Please note that NTPs have been discounted from the table overleaf. No NTPs are recorded as accommodating more than 60 matches per season; therefore, all NTPs are considered to have spare capacity. This translates to actual spare capacity for junior cricket as peak time is midweek, whereby non-turf wickets are more commonly used, and matches can be played on a variety of days.

The capacity analysis assumes that all clubs rotate their wickets evenly. However, this may not be the case at all sites, with central wickets potentially used more commonly than outer wickets that are closer to a boundary, especially for senior matches. The idea is to showcase what the capacity is or could be if best practice is followed for the whole square, rather than doing it on a wicket-by-wicket basis.

Peak time demand

An analysis of match play identifies that peak time demand for senior cricket in Bradford is Saturday, although several teams also play on a Sunday including senior women's teams. As such, both are considered within the supply and demand analysis later in the section. For junior cricket, peak time is midweek.

Spare capacity

The table below explains the difference between the potential spare capacity referenced in Table 7.13 and the actual spare capacity identified in the final three columns (Saturday, Sunday and midweek).

Table 7.12: Spare capacity examples

Examples	Explanation of spare capacity
No	If the cell has a "no" it means that the pitch is played to capacity within this period and therefore cannot accommodate any further demand.
Yes	If the cell has a "yes" that is not highlighted it means there is spare capacity to accommodate further demand within this designated peak period; however, this is discounted due to unsecure tenure, poor quality, the lack of community availability, or the pitch already being played to capacity or being overplayed.
Yes	If the cell has a "yes" and is also highlighted in green, it means there is actual available spare capacity within this peak period which can be utilised.

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Table 7.13: Capacity analysis of grass cricket squares across Bradford

Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Security of tenure	Community use?	No. of squares	Square quality	No. of grass wickets	No. of artificial wickets	Capacity (Sessions per season)	Actual play (Sessions per season)	Capacity rating (sessions per season)	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket? (Saturday)	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket? (Sunday)	Potential spare capacity for junior cricket? (Midweek)
2	1202727	Addingham Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	10	0	50	44	6	No	Yes	No
5	1040753	Airedale Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	8	0	40	32	8	No	Yes	Yes
7	1040778	Allerton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Unsecure	Yes	1	Poor	3	1	-	44	44	No	No	Yes
15	1202836	Baildon Rugby And Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	10	0	50	48	2	No	Yes	Yes
16	1202842	Bankfoot Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	0	70	56	14	No	No	Yes
22	1014851	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	12	1	60	46	14	No	No	Yes
24	1040756	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	0	40	46	6	No	No	Yes
24	1040756	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	10	0	50	46	4	No	Yes	Yes
28	1041978	Bolton Villas Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Unsecure	No	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	1040748	Bowling Old Lane Cricket Club	Bradford East	Secure	Yes	1	Good	12	-	60	52	8	No	Yes	Yes
34	1202849	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	-	70	36	34	No	Yes	Yes
40	1200639	Bradford Grammar School	Bradford West	Unsecure	No	1	Good	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	1200639	Bradford Grammar School	Bradford West	Unsecure	No	1	Good	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	1041542	Burley-in-Wharfedale Sports And Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	1	70	60	10	No	No	Yes
48	1040749	Buttershaw St Paul's Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	-	70	46	24	No	No	Yes
49	1041773	Cambing Cricket Club	Bradford East	Secure	Yes	1	Poor	12	-	-	12	12	No	No	No
58	1040747	Clayton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Secure	Yes	1	Good	7	-	24	35	11	No	Yes	Yes
65	1040775	Crossflatts Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	12	-	60	70	10	No	No	No
68	1202864	Cullingworth Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	38	2	No	No	Yes
70	1202581	Denholme Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	1	40	24	16	No	Yes	Yes
89	6011897	Esholt Sports Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	-	70	22	48	Yes	Yes	Yes
100	1040771	Great Horton Church Cricket Club	Bradford West	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	68	28	No	No	Yes
101	30005895	Great Horton Park Chapel Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	8	-	32	48	16	No	No	Yes
106	1202625	Greenwood Park	Bradford West	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	6	-	24	46	22	No	No	Yes
108	1202839	Harden Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	-	70	42	28	No	Yes	Yes
113	1041787	Haworth Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	32	8	No	Yes	Yes
118	1041874	Hepworth & Idle Cricket Club	Bradford East	Secure	Yes	1	Good	12	-	60	42	18	No	Yes	Yes
121	1041082	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	6	-	24	10	14	Yes	Yes	Yes
124	1202932	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Good	4	1	20	24	4	No	Yes	Yes
127	1202586	Ilkley Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	18	-	90	46	44	No	No	Yes
132	1041780	Ingrow Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	44	4	No	No	Yes
134	1040777	Jer Lane Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Good	6	-	32	30	2	No	Yes	Yes
135	30007390	Jinnah Arena	Bradford East	Secure	Yes	1	Good	4	-	20	10	10	Yes	Yes	Yes
137	1202588	Keighley Cricket Ground	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	12	-	60	52	8	No	No	Yes
139	6007241	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	Bradford East	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	10	1	50	24	26	No	Yes	Yes
148	1041151	Long Lee Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	24	16	No	Yes	Yes
150	1202875	Low Moor Holy Trinity Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	8	-	32	60	48	No	No	Yes
152	6001144	Manningham Mills Sports Association	Bradford West	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	6	1	24	56	32	No	No	Yes
154	1103892	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	34	6	No	Yes	Yes
155	1202624	Mayfield Terrace Cricket Field	Bradford West	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	8	-	32	20	12	Yes	No	Yes
156	1202721	Menston Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	16	-	80	70	10	No	No	Yes
158	1041769	Muff Field Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Good	6	-	30	24	6	No	Yes	Yes

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Site ID	Active Places Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Security of tenure	Community use?	No. of squares	Square quality	No. of grass wickets	No. of artificial wickets	Capacity (Sessions per season)	Actual play (Sessions per season)	Capacity rating (sessions per season)	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket? (Saturday)	Potential spare capacity for senior cricket? (Sunday)	Potential spare capacity for junior cricket? (Midweek)
164	1202924	Northcliffe Park	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	4	-	16	22	6	No	Yes	Yes
166	1202945	Oakworth Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	50	10	No	No	Yes
170	1040773	Olicanian Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	-	70	46	24	No	Yes	Yes
172	6002667	Oxenhope Sports Association	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	6	1	30	45	15	No	Yes	Yes
173	1041064	Park Avenue Bradford Ltd	Bradford East	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	1	70	78	8	No	No	Yes
182	1202572	Queensbury Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Good	10	-	50	62	12	No	No	Yes
183	1040770	Riddlesden Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	24	16	No	Yes	Yes
184	1202872	Roberts Park	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	6	2	30	42	12	No	Yes	Yes
185	1202853	Salem Athletic Cricket Club	Bradford West	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	4	-	16	36	20	No	Yes	Yes
187	6020538	Sandal Primary School	Shipley Area	Unsecure	Yes	1	Standard	7	1	28	24	4	No	Yes	Yes
191	6004680	Silsden AFC	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	10	-	50	26	24	No	Yes	Yes
199	20001126	Steeton Cricket Club	Keighley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	10	-	50	46	4	No	No	Yes
204	1040779	Thackley Cricket Club	Bradford East	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	14	-	56	42	14	No	No	Yes
207	1041767	Thornton Cricket Club	Bradford West	Secure	Yes	1	Good	10	1	50	46	4	No	Yes	Yes
210	50003802	Tong Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Good	5	-	25	20	5	Yes	No	Yes
212	1040774	Tong Park Esholt Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	12	-	60	38	22	Yes	Yes	Yes
215	1202833	Undercliffe Cricket Club	Bradford East	Secure	Yes	1	Good	12	-	60	52	8	No	No	Yes
226	1202571	Westwood Park Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Standard	10	-	40	30	10	Yes	No	Yes
229	1041065	Wilsden Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	8	-	40	24	16	No	Yes	Yes
232	1202584	Windhill & Daisy Hill Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	10	-	50	54	4	No	No	Yes
234	1004447	Woodlands Sports Hall & Cricket Club	Bradford South	Secure	Yes	1	Good	14	-	70	32	38	No	Yes	Yes
285	-	Greenfield Cricket Club	Shipley Area	Secure	Yes	1	Good	6	-	24	12	12	Yes	Yes	Yes
286	-	Woodhouse Grove School	-	Unsecure	Yes	1	Good	4	-	20	10	-	-	-	-
287	-	LCC - Woodhouse Grove School (Bronte House)	-	Unsecure	No	1	Good	10	-	50	-	-	-	-	-
288	-	LCC - Woodhouse Grove School (Rawdon Meadows)	-	Unsecure	Yes	1	Good	6	-	30	22	-	-	-	-

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Actual spare capacity

A square is only considered to have actual spare capacity if it is available for further usage during a particular peak period. Using the capacity analysis, this section considers the level of actual spare capacity available for each playing format.

Notwithstanding the above, it should be noted that the actual spare capacity on Saturdays, Sundays and during midweek should not be viewed collectively as utilising it across different days may result in overplay. For example, a site with 12 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity per season theoretically has capacity for one additional senior team and two additional junior teams; however, it does not have capacity for both. As such, this needs to be taken into consideration on a site-by-site basis as and when demand grows.

Saturday cricket spare capacity

For senior men's cricket, peak time is Saturday as this is when most demand exists. As only one match can be played on each square per day, only two Saturday teams can be assigned to play home matches on one square (based on matches being played on an alternate home and away basis). As such, if a square has two Saturday teams already playing home fixtures on it, no actual spare capacity is perceived to exist for additional senior usage. If one or no teams are playing on a square on a Saturday, and it has overall capacity, actual spare capacity for senior demand is generally identified.

Notwithstanding the above, there may be situations where, although a site is highlighted as potentially able to accommodate some additional play, this should not be recorded as actual spare capacity against the site. For example, a site may be managed to operate slightly below full capacity to ensure that it can cater for a number of regular training sessions, or to protect the quality of the site. As such, no sites that are over, at, or close to capacity are considered to have actual spare capacity (at least 12 match equivalent sessions of spare capacity are required for an additional senior team to be accommodated) and neither are sites with unsecure tenure as future usage cannot be guaranteed.

Taking this into consideration, there are five squares in Bradford that have potential capacity to accommodate further Saturday demand.

Table 7.14: Summary of actual spare capacity for senior cricket (Saturday) by site

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Comments	Actual spare capacity required for additional teams (MES)
89	Esholt Sports Club	Shipley Area	48	Spare capacity for one additional Saturday team.	12
121	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	Shipley Area	14	Spare capacity for one additional Saturday team.	12
155	Mayfield Terrace Cricket Field	Bradford West	12	Spare capacity for one additional Saturday team.	12
212	Tong Park Esholt Cricket Club	Shipley Area	22	Spare capacity for one additional Saturday team.	12
285	Greenfield Cricket Club	Shipley Area	12	Spare capacity for one additional Saturday team.	12

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Taking the above into consideration there is spare capacity for five additional teams on a Saturday. This equates to 12 match equivalent sessions a season in the Bradford West Analysis Area and 48 match equivalent sessions in the Shipley Analysis Area.

There is no spare capacity identified for additional Saturday cricket in the remaining analysis area of Bradford East, Bradford South and Keighley.

Sunday cricket spare capacity

Like Saturday cricket, a square on a Sunday is only considered to have actual spare capacity if it is not already used by two teams at this time, has secure tenure and is not over, at, or close to capacity.

Taking this into consideration, there are 17 squares in Bradford that has potential capacity to accommodate further Sunday demand.

Table 7.15: Summary of actual spare capacity for senior cricket (Sunday) by site

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Comments	Actual spare capacity required for additional teams (MES)
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Shipley Area	34	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
58	Clayton Cricket Club	Bradford West	11	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
70	Denholme Cricket Club	Shipley Area	16	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
89	Esholt Sports Club	Shipley Area	48	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
108	Harden Cricket Club	Shipley Area	28	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
118	Hepworth & Idle Cricket Club	Bradford East	18	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
121	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	Shipley Area	14	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
135	Jinnah Arena	Bradford East	10	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	Bradford East	26	Spare capacity for two additional Sunday teams.	20
148	Long Lee Cricket Club	Keighley Area	16	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
170	Olicanian Cricket Club	Keighley Area	24	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Comments	Actual spare capacity required for additional teams (MES)
183	Riddlesden Cricket Club	Keighley Area	16	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
191	Silsden AFC	Keighley Area	24	Spare capacity for two additional Sunday teams.	20
212	Tong Park Esholt Cricket Club	Shipley Area	22	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
229	Wilsden Cricket Club	Shipley Area	16	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
234	Woodlands Sports Hall & Cricket Club	Bradford South	38	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10
285	Greenfield Cricket Club	Shipley Area	12	Spare capacity for one additional Sunday team.	10

It total there is spare capacity to accommodate 19 additional teams on Sundays across Bradford. This equates to four teams in the Bradford East Analysis Area, five teams in the Keighley Analysis Area, eight teams in the Shipley Analysis Area and one team each in the Bradford South and Bradford West analysis areas.

Midweek cricket spare capacity

For midweek cricket, most squares with spare capacity have actual spare capacity for an increase in demand. This is because usually most of the demand is from junior matches which are generally played during midweek, where matches can be spread across numerous days, meaning capacity is not limited to two teams.

For a square to have actual spare capacity for junior cricket, it must not be poor quality, have secure tenure, not be overplayed and have at least four match equivalent sessions per season of spare capacity, the average number of home matches an additional junior team would play.

Furthermore, a square is not considered to have capacity for an increase in demand if it is already used by six midweek teams or more, as availability is then assumed to be limited. On average, clubs are able to play junior fixtures on three nights per week, with other nights reserved for other activity such as square remediation/preparation, training activity or All Stars and Dynamos cricket activity.

Taking the above into consideration there are 33 squares across two sites in Bradford that have potential capacity to accommodate further 77 teams' midweek. This is shown in the table below.

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Table 7.16: Summary of actual spare capacity for midweek cricket by site

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Comments	Actual spare capacity required for additional teams (MES)
16	Bankfoot Cricket Club	Bradford South	14	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	14	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
30	Bowling Old Lane Cricket Club	Bradford East	8	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
34	Bradford & Bingley Sports Club	Shipley Area	34	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
46	Burley-in-Wharfedale Sports And Cricket Club	Shipley Area	10	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
48	Buttershaw St Paul's Cricket Club	Bradford South	24	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
58	Clayton Cricket Club	Bradford West	11	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
70	Denholme Cricket Club	Shipley Area	16	Spare capacity for three additional midweek teams.	12
89	Esholt Sports Club	Shipley Area	48	Spare capacity for five additional midweek teams.	20
108	Harden Cricket Club	Shipley Area	28	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
113	Haworth Cricket Club	Keighley Area	8	Spare capacity for one additional midweek team.	4
118	Hepworth & Idle Cricket Club	Bradford East	18	Spare capacity for three additional midweek teams.	12
121	Hirst Lane Playing Fields	Shipley Area	14	Spare capacity for three additional midweek teams.	12
127	Ilkley Cricket Club	Keighley Area	44	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
135	Jinnah Arena	Bradford East	10	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
137	Keighley Cricket Ground	Keighley Area	8	Spare capacity for one additional midweek team.	4
139	King George V Playing Fields (Shipley)	Bradford East	26	Spare capacity for six additional midweek teams.	24

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Actual spare capacity (sessions per season)	Comments	Actual spare capacity required for additional teams (MES)
148	Long Lee Cricket Club	Keighley Area	16	Spare capacity for three additional midweek teams.	12
154	Marley Activities and Coaching Centre	Keighley Area	6	Spare capacity for one additional midweek team.	4
155	Mayfield Terrace Cricket Field	Bradford West	12	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
156	Menston Cricket Club	Shipley Area	10	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
158	Muff Field Cricket Club	Bradford South	6	Spare capacity for one additional midweek team.	4
170	Olicanian Cricket Club	Keighley Area	24	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
183	Riddlesden Cricket Club	Keighley Area	16	Spare capacity for three additional midweek teams.	12
191	Silsden AFC	Keighley Area	24	Spare capacity for five additional midweek teams.	20
204	Thackley Cricket Club	Bradford East	14	Spare capacity for three additional midweek teams.	12
210	Tong Cricket Club	Bradford South	5	Spare capacity for one additional midweek team.	4
212	Tong Park Esholt Cricket Club	Shipley Area	22	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
215	Undercliffe Cricket Club	Bradford East	8	Spare capacity for one additional midweek team.	4
226	Westwood Park Cricket Club	Bradford South	10	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
229	Wilsden Cricket Club	Shipley Area	16	Spare capacity for three additional midweek teams.	12
234	Woodlands Sports Hall & Cricket Club	Bradford South	38	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8
285	Greenfield Cricket Club	Shipley Area	12	Spare capacity for two additional midweek teams.	8

When broken down by analysis area this equates to 17 teams in Bradford East, ten teams Bradford South, four in Bradford West, 20 teams in Keighly and 26 teams in Shipley.

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Overplay

Overplay translates to a site accommodating more demand than it can sustain based on the number of wickets provided and the quality of the square. In Bradford, 20 squares are overplayed equating to 315 match equivalent sessions a season as seen in the table below.

Table 7.17: Summary of overplay

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Overplay (MES)
7	Allerton Cricket Club	Bradford West	44
24	Bingley Congregationals Cricket Club	Shipley Area	6
49	Cambling Cricket Club	Bradford East	12
65	Crossflatts Cricket Club	Shipley Area	10
100	Great Horton Church Cricket Club	Bradford West	28
101	Great Horton Park Chapel Cricket Club	Bradford South	16
106	Greenwood Park	Bradford West	22
124	Horsfall Playing Fields	Bradford South	4
132	Ingrow Cricket Club	Keighley Area	4
134	Jer Lane Cricket Club	Bradford South	2
150	Low Moor Holy Trinity Cricket Club	Bradford South	48
152	Manningham Mills Sports Association	Bradford West	32
164	Northcliffe Park	Shipley Area	6
166	Oakworth Cricket Club	Keighley Area	10
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Keighley Area	15
173	Park Avenue Bradford Ltd	Bradford East	8
182	Queensbury Cricket Club	Bradford South	12
184	Roberts Park	Shipley Area	12
185	Salem Athletic Cricket Club	Bradford West	20
232	Windhill & Daisy Hill Cricket Club	Shipley Area	4
-	Total	-	315

Overplay is mainly due to high demand accessing standard or poor quality provision with limited capacity. Overplay equates to 20 match equivalent sessions a season in Bradford East, 82 match equivalent sessions a season in Bradford South, 146 match equivalent sessions a season in Bradford West, 29 match equivalent sessions a season in Keighly and 38 match equivalent sessions a season in Shipley.

7.5: Supply and demand analysis

Consideration must be given to the extent to which current provision can accommodate current and future demand for both senior and junior cricket. This section therefore looks at actual spare capacity on grass wicket squares considered against overplay and identified future demand. Match equivalent sessions for future demand are calculated using the average number of matches played per season (12 matches for senior Saturday teams, 10 match for Sunday teams and four matches for junior teams).

It should be noted that as the methodology has changed since the previous study, a direct comparison cannot be made regarding the supply and demand analysis.

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Senior cricket supply and demand analysis (Saturday)

The below looks at actual spare capacity during the peak period (Saturday) for senior cricket against overplay.

For actual spare capacity, please note that this is converted from the number of squares to match equivalent sessions. This is calculated by using the average number of matches played per season by senior teams (12) multiplied by the number of additional teams that can be fielded at peak time (one team per 0.5 squares that are available).

The entirety of spare capacity available at each site is not used as this number of matches may not be able to be accommodated at peak time (the maximum amount of spare capacity that can be accommodated on one square at peak time is 24 match equivalent sessions per season).

Table 7.18: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Saturday cricket

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand from population growth	Future total
Bradford East	-	20	20	-	20
Bradford South	-	82	82	-	82
Bradford West	12	146	134	-	134
Keighley Area	-	29	29	-	29
Shipley Area	48	38	10	-	10
Bradford	60	315	255	-	255

There is a current overall shortfall amounting to 255 match equivalent sessions per season on Saturdays in Bradford.

Although this will be examined in greater detail within the Strategy and Action Plan, it should be noted that, if club aspirational future demand is factored in rather than ONS population growth projections, the overall future shortfall would increase to 399 match equivalent sessions. This is based on an additional 12 teams playing at peak time (Saturday), each playing an average of 12 matches per season.

Senior cricket supply and demand analysis (Sunday)

The table below looks at actual spare capacity on Sunday for cricket against overplay and identified future demand. For this, actual spare capacity is considered in multiples of 10 based on the average number of matches played by existing Sunday teams.

Table 7.19: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Sunday cricket

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand from population growth	Future total
Bradford East	40	20	20	-	20
Bradford South	10	82	72	-	72
Bradford West	10	146	136	-	136
Keighley Area	50	29	21	-	21
Shipley Area	80	38	42	-	42
Bradford	190	315	125	-	125

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There is a current shortfall amounting to 125 match equivalent sessions per season on grass wicket squares in Bradford on Sundays. After considering no growth, based on ONS, this remains the same in the future.

Akin to Saturday peak time, if club aspirational future demand is factored in rather than ONS population growth projections, the overall future shortfall would increase to 275 match equivalent sessions. This is based on an additional 15 teams playing at peak time (Sunday), each playing an average of 10 matches per season.

Midweek cricket supply and demand analysis (midweek)

For junior cricket, most squares with spare capacity have actual spare capacity for an increase in demand. This is because junior matches are generally played during midweek, where matches can be spread across numerous days, meaning capacity is not limited to two teams.

For a square to have actual spare capacity for junior cricket, it must not be poor quality or have unsecure tenure, and it must not be overplayed; at least four match equivalent sessions of spare capacity are required for an additional junior team to be accommodated (the average number of matches junior teams play per season). Furthermore, a square is not considered to have capacity for an increase in demand if it is already used by six midweek teams or more as availability is then assumed to be limited (on average, clubs are able to play junior fixtures on three nights per week, with other nights reserved for other activity such as All Stars).

Table 7.20: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares for Midweek cricket

Analysis area	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand from population growth	Future total
Bradford East	68	20	48	-	48
Bradford South	40	82	42	-	42
Bradford West	16	146	130	-	130
Keighley Area	80	29	51	-	51
Shipley Area	104	38	66	-	66
Bradford	308	315	7	-	7

There is a current shortfall amounting to seven match equivalent sessions per season on grass wicket squares in Bradford for midweek cricket. As there is no growth anticipated from ONS this remains the same when accounting for future demand.

As with the Saturday peak period assessment, adopting club aspirational growth figures instead of ONS population growth projections indicates a higher level of future demand. Consequently, the overall shortfall is projected to rise to 111 match equivalent sessions. This increase is attributable to an additional 26 teams playing during the midweek peak period, with each team generating approximately four matches per season.

7.6: Conclusion

In Bradford, the current supply and demand position indicates shortfalls in cricket capacity on Saturdays, Sundays and during midweek periods. Based on ONS population projections, there is no significant increase in future demand forecast across the assessment period and, therefore, the identified shortfalls remain unchanged when future demand is applied.

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However, the level of growth projected through ONS data is considered to underrepresent the likely future demand for cricket in the District. This is evidenced by increases in participation identified since the previous assessment, together with the growth aspirations expressed by clubs and Yorkshire Cricket. As such, the Strategy and Action Plan will explore a range of additional growth scenarios which factor in club development ambitions, latent demand and National Governing Body priorities in order to provide a more realistic understanding of future facility requirements and potential capacity pressures.

Table 7.21: Capacity balance of grass cricket squares summary

Peak time period	Actual spare capacity	Overplay	Current total	Future demand	Future total
Saturday	60	315	255	-	255
Sunday	190	315	125	-	125
Midweek	308	315	7	-	7

There is a clear requirement to address the identified capacity shortfalls. Given the scale of existing deficits, particularly for Saturday and Sunday cricket, opportunities to reinstate disused provision and to develop new wickets should be explored as part of the future Strategy and Action Plan. Alongside the need for additional capacity, investment in the quality of ancillary facilities, including changing accommodation and practice provision, will be essential, particularly to support the continued growth of women's and girls' cricket.

Furthermore, the Strategy will need to consider how best to accommodate the significant levels of non-affiliated and recreational cricket demand evident across Bradford. This will require a balanced approach that provides opportunities for informal participation while safeguarding capacity at appropriate sites to support existing affiliated clubs and future growth in formal cricket demand.

Cricket – supply and demand summary

- ◆ In Bradford, there is a current shortfall on Saturdays, Sundays and during midweek periods. Based on ONS population projections there is no significant increase in future demand anticipated, meaning current shortfalls remain when future demand is applied. However, club aspirations and participation initiatives suggest demand is likely to increase beyond ONS projections, creating further pressure on existing provision.
- ◆ Whilst spare capacity exists at some sites, this is outweighed by overplay at others. A total of 315 match equivalent sessions per season are currently overplayed across 20 sites, compared to spare capacity of 60 match equivalent sessions for Saturday cricket, 190 match equivalent sessions for Sunday cricket and 308 match equivalent sessions for midweek cricket.

Cricket – supply summary

- ◆ In total, there are 64 grass wicket cricket squares across 62 sites in Bradford, with 61 available for community use. The Shipley Analysis Area provides the most community available provision with 19 squares (31%), followed by Keighley with 15 squares (25%), Bradford South with 11 squares (18%) and Bradford East and Bradford West with eight squares each (13%).
- ◆ Since the previous assessment, community available cricket provision has reduced due to a number of sites becoming disused or unavailable for community use. Six disused squares and four former cricket sites have been identified, whilst some clubs now access provision outside of the District due to local shortages.
- ◆ A total of 17 non-turf pitches (NTPs) are identified in Bradford. Thirteen support existing grass wicket squares, whilst the remaining four are standalone provision. Only two NTPs are unavailable for community use.

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- ◆ The audit of community available grass wicket cricket squares found 45 squares (75%) to be of good quality, 13 squares (22%) to be standard quality and two squares (3%) to be poor quality.
- ◆ The quality of ancillary provision varies across the District. Whilst several established clubs benefit from good quality clubhouses and pavilions, many changing facilities are assessed as standard or poor quality, with issues relating to age, accessibility, inclusivity, vandalism and anti-social behaviour reported at a number of sites.

Cricket – demand summary

- ◆ There are 89 cricket clubs operating in Bradford (57 affiliated and 32 unaffiliated), collectively generating demand from 356 teams comprising 178 men's teams, 139 boys' teams, 24 women's teams and 15 girls' teams.
- ◆ Demand is greatest within the Shipley and Keighley Analysis Areas, which account for over half of all teams in Bradford. Participation is estimated to have increased significantly since 2018, with particularly strong growth recorded within junior, women's and girls' cricket.
- ◆ Alongside affiliated club cricket, Bradford accommodates significant levels of unaffiliated participation, including tapeball cricket and informal park-based cricket activity. Whilst not fully captured through affiliation data, this participation places additional demand on open spaces and playing fields throughout the District.
- ◆ Overplay is concentrated at 20 grass wicket squares operating beyond sustainable capacity. This is most prevalent on Saturdays and Sundays, although capacity issues also affect junior and midweek cricket. Although some spare capacity exists across the District, particularly within Shipley and Keighley, it is insufficient to offset identified shortfalls elsewhere.
- ◆ Club consultation identifies latent demand for an additional 53 teams, comprising 12 men's teams, 15 women's teams and 26 junior teams. Many clubs also report aspirations to grow further, particularly within junior and female sections, subject to increased access to pitches, training facilities and improved ancillary provision

PART 8: ATHLETICS

8.1: Introduction

England Athletics (EA) is the not-for-profit membership and development body responsible for grassroots athletics and running in England. EA supports 1,750 affiliated clubs and organisations (covering track and field, road running, fell, hill, trail and cross-country clubs), 147,000 registered athletes, 18,700 licensed coaches and leaders, 3,800 officials and 6.2m regular running participants. EA's Athletics purpose is to inspire more athletes and runners of all abilities and backgrounds to fulfil their potential and to have a lifelong love for the sport. Their vision is for athletics and running to become an inclusive sport where everyone belongs and can flourish.

Consultation

There are four track and field athletics clubs in Bradford, Bradford Airedale AC, Bingley Harriers & AC, Keighley & Craven AC and Ilkley Harriers AC. Two clubs have responded to consultation requests, Bradford Airedale AC and Keighley & Craven AC resulting in a 50% response rate.

8.2: Supply

There are two community athletics tracks in Bradford, located at Horsfall Stadium and Carlton Keighley. Horsfall Stadium has a six-lane, 400-metre synthetic track, while Carlton Keighley has an eight-lane, 400-metre synthetic track. Both athletics tracks are provided with sports lighting and are also used to accommodate other sports within the infield, including football and rugby league.

As the athletics track at Carlton Keighley accommodates a 3G pitch on the infield, there is currently no hammer, discus, javelin and pole vault facilities. It should be noted that there is a shot-put facility to the north of the site which is not provided with sports lighting and footings for a throws cage in the external throws field. Following consultation with England Athletics, it states it would only advocate for the installation of a throws cage if local demand highlighted a need.

In addition to the above, there is a 100 metre, four lane, synthetic track located at Beckfoot Hazelbeck School which is accessed by Bingley Harriers & AC.

More detail for each site can be found in the table overleaf.

NewGen facility concepts

EA is keen to support the development of a new generation of innovative athletics & running facilities (NewGen), as well as a country-wide network of indoor athletics facilities developed as part of future indoor multisport projects. Priority for both NewGen and indoor developments will be given to those areas that sit outside EAs recommended drivetime catchment of existing facilities or where there is additional, demonstrable demand.

Track & Field (Run/Jump/Throw)

- ▶ **Play Track:** The simple animation of dated playground surfaces using colourful painted lines and markings to (KS1 & KS2) – encouraging participation in run/jump/throw activities by creating challenging and inspiring environments.
- ▶ **CompactTrack:** A sports-lit, multiple lane, synthetic sprint straight with optional jumps and throws provision.

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- ▶ **MiniTrack:** A sports-lit synthetic “mini” running oval, with sprint straight, multi-sport “infield” and optional jumps and throws provision.

Recreational Running/Endurance Running/Multi sport

- ▶ **Active Track:** A free to access, macadam running / cycling circuit designed to be sympathetic to the local environment and support the recreational needs of local communities.
- ▶ Ideally lit by low level lighting / solar columns, ActiveTracks can be introduced to existing parks, open spaces and playing fields²⁷ or integrated into the masterplanning of new housing developments
- ▶ Sport England Case Study: ActiveTrack: [Sowerby Sports Village](#)

²⁷ It should be noted that Sport England will not support the development of Active Tracks where they conflict with the Playing Field Policy.

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Table 8.1: Summary of athletics tracks in Bradford

Site ID	Site	Postcode	Active Place Site ID	Analysis area	Community use?	Used by	Surface type	Size	Number of lanes	Sports lighting?
51	Carlton Keighley	BD20 6EB	1043259	Keighley Area	Yes	Keighley & Craven AC	Synthetic	400m	8	Yes
116	Hazelbeck School	BD16 1EE	1103877	Shipley Area	Yes	Bingley Harriers & AC	Synthetic	100m	4	No
125	Horsfall Stadium	BD6 1JQ	1011474	Bradford South	Yes	Bradford Airedale AC	Synthetic	400m	6	Yes

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Security of tenure

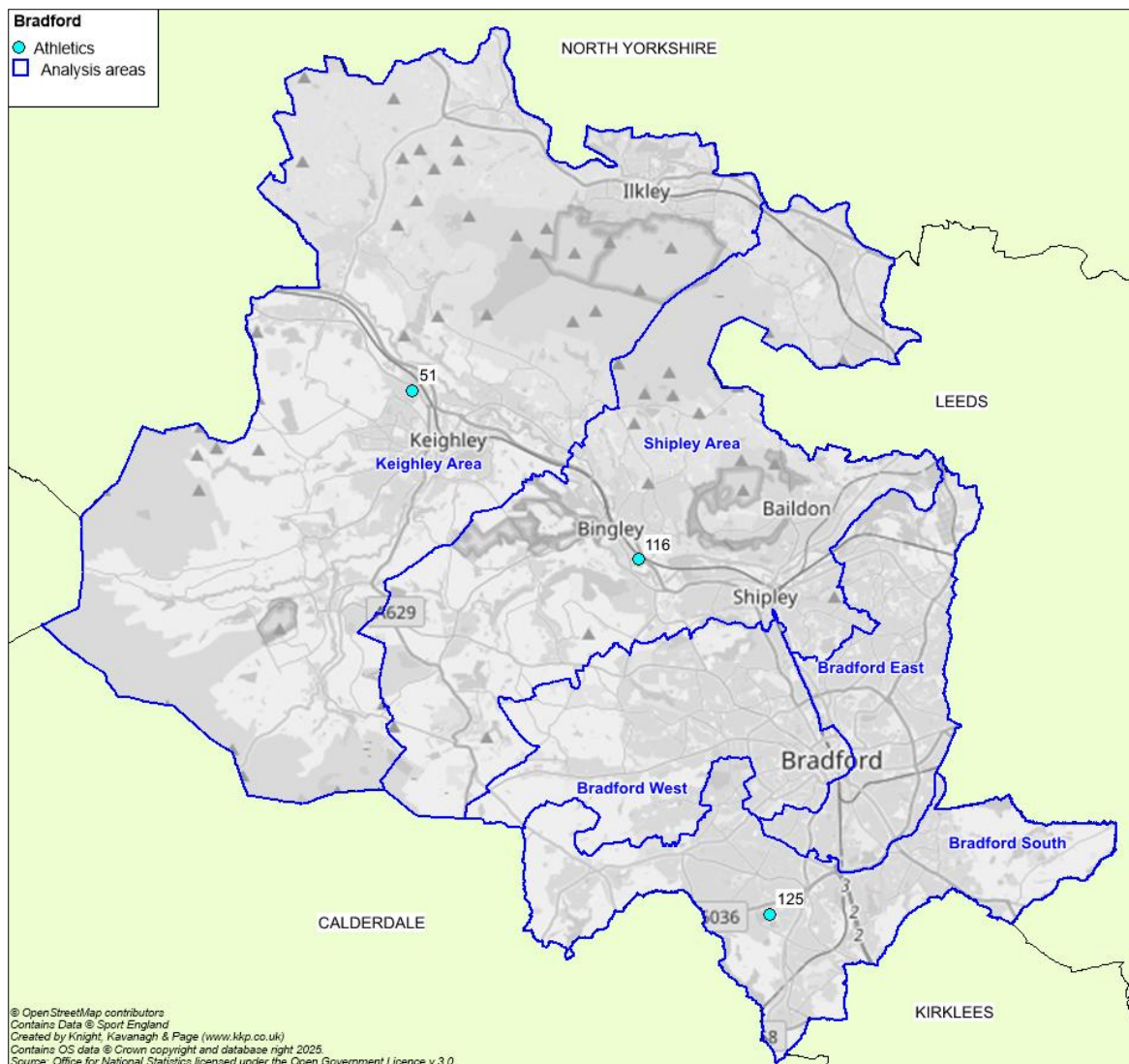
Bradford Airedale AC rents its facilities at Horsfall Stadium with the site owned by the Council and leased to Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC. It is understood that there is an agreement in place between the football club and Bradford Airedale AC.

Keighley & Craven AC also rents its facilities from Carlton Keighley with all lettings managed by the provider in accordance with its PFI contract.

The facilities at Hazelbeck School are also owned and managed by the education provider.

The specific location of the provision can be seen in Figure 8.1 below.

Figure 8.1: Location of athletics tracks in Bradford



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Quality

Key factors impacting upon the quality ratings of athletics facilities include the condition and age of the track surface, the prominence of the line markings and any signs of wear and tear or unofficial use. For the full site assessment criteria, please see Appendix 2.

Table 8.2: Quality of athletics tracks in Bradford

Site ID	Site	Analysis area	Number of lanes	Surface	Quality
51	Carlton Keighley	Keighley Area	8	Synthetic	Good
116	Hazelbeck School	Shipley Area	4	Synthetic	Standard
125	Horsfall Stadium	Bradford South	6	Synthetic	Poor

The non-technical assessment identifies the track and accompanying field facilities at Horsfall Stadium as poor quality, with the users, Bradford Airedale AC, stating a need for track improvements following wear and tear and continued vehicle usage on the track. The Club states its in the process of seeking funding support to improve the facilities.

Additionally, the track and field facilities located at Carlton Keighley are assessed as good quality with Keighley & Craven AC not highlighting any concerns with the track during consultation. It does highlight a need to improve the high jump equipment due to the current stock now old and in disrepair.

The 100m track located at Hazelbeck School is assessed as standard quality with no issues raised.

TrackMark²⁸

TrackMark is UK Athletics' quality assurance scheme for outdoor track and field athletics facilities. A venue that achieves TrackMark is recognised by UK Athletics as having well managed, compliant facilities that are accessible to participants of all abilities. From 2021, venues that actively choose not to pursue accreditation are not eligible to apply for a competition licence at any level.

In Bradford, neither Carlton Keighley nor Horsfall Stadium are Trackmark accredited with the latter failing its recent assessment due to not meeting the relevant specifications for certification.

Ancillary facilities

The quality of the facilities at Horsfall Stadium are good quality with the clubhouse being recently refurbished. However, the Club reports it currently has no access to any ancillary facilities onsite.

Conversely, Keighley & Carven AC reports it has no access the any dedicated changing facilities due to the provision being located on an education site.

²⁸ <https://www.uka.org.uk/about/what-we-do/facilities/>

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8.3: Demand

For the purposes of this study, athletics demand is considered to come in various forms, rather than just traditional track and field activity. As such, running clubs are also considered, as are organised running events and various running initiatives, some of which are governed by England Athletics. It is also acknowledged that recreational running forms a large part of demand, although this is difficult to measure.

Table 8.3: Summary of track and field club membership (where known)

Name of club	Home site	Male	Female	Junior (U18s)	Total number of members
Bradford Airedale AC	Horsfall Stadium	85	52	89	226
Keighley & Craven AC	Carlton Keighley	80	80	220	380
-	Total	165	132	309	606

Although a comparison with demand figures is not available by demographic (male/female/juniors) compared to the previous study, overall demand from the two clubs has increased. It has risen from circa 440 members to 606 members which is a 38% increase in club demand.

Bradford Airedale AC

Bradford Airedale AC has a total of 226 members equating 85 male, 52 female and 89 juniors. The Club highlights a significant increase in membership over the last few seasons particularly within the junior section and there is currently a waiting list to join the club totalling 10 members.

Keighley & Craven AC

Keighley & Craven AC has a total of 380 members equating 80 male, 80 female and 220 juniors. The Club has seen an increase in junior participation following the introduction of new trained coaches. It does not plan to increase membership with the Club main priority to maintain the current numbers.

Bingley Harriers & AC

Bingley Harriers & AC is one of the oldest and most established athletics clubs in West Yorkshire. The Club caters for athletes of all ages and abilities, from novice runners through to national and international competitors. It offers opportunities across a wide range of disciplines, including road running, cross-country, fell running, trail running, track and field athletics. The Club has a strong junior section and is well known within the athletics community for its coaching, competitive success, and organisation of local events such as fell races and trail races.

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Ilkley Harriers AC

Ilkley Harriers AC is a well-established community athletics club based in Ilkley, offering participation opportunities across road running, fell running, trail running, cross-country and track athletics. The Club caters for runners of all ages and abilities through dedicated senior and junior sections and supports both recreational participation and competitive performance. It is an active organiser of local running events and contributes significantly to athletics provision and community sport participation within the Bradford.

In addition to the above, there are a number of running club which focus on cross country, hill and fell running, road running and trail running. All clubs are open to accepting new members of all ages and abilities. These clubs are listed below.

- ◆ Idle AC.
- ◆ Fordy Runs Running Club (Bradford).
- ◆ Baildon Runners.
- ◆ Queensbury Running Club.

ParkRun

ParkRun is a series of 5k runs held on Saturday mornings in areas of open space around the UK, with 1,063 events now operating across the Country. They are open to all, free, and are safe and easy to take part in. Runners must first register online to access a printed barcode which gives them access to all ParkRun events.

Table 8.4: Summary of ParkRun in the Bradford

Location	Event	Number of events	Total finishes
Lister Park	ParkRun	787	240,081
Horton Park	ParkRun	510	31,431
Bowling Park	ParkRun	256	16,193
Bowling Park	Junior ParkRun	82	1,694
Roberts Park	ParkRun	236	102,052
Myrtle Park	ParkRun	338	42,981
Roberts Park	Junior ParkRun	439	38,373

There are five ParkRun and two junior ParkRun in Bradford which are held on Saturday and Sunday mornings, respectively.

Couch to 5k

Couch to 5k is a national health initiative promoted by the National Health Service (NHS) to encourage absolute beginners to get into running as part of establishing and maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle, including regular exercise.

The plan consists of three runs per week and a day of rest in between, with a different schedule for each of the nine weeks to completion. It starts with a mix of running and walking, to gradually build up fitness and stamina, in order to create realistic expectations and a sense of achievability to encourage participants to stick with it. The end goal of the plan is for the participant to be able to run 5k.

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Through the Couch to 5k plan the NHS particularly promotes the health benefits of running and regular exercise which underpin the initiative, such as improved heart and lung health, weight loss and possible increases in bone density which can help protect against bone diseases such as osteoporosis. This also includes mental benefits of running through goal setting and challenge setting, which can help boost confidence and self-belief. Furthermore, running regularly has been linked to combating depression.

It is believed that an increase in people running through the Couch to 5k plan may increase interest and possibly have a knock-on effect of leading to increased demand at running groups and clubs as people may wish to continue develop their running further.

Latent/unmet demand

Unmet/latent demand is defined as the number of additional teams (or members) that could be accommodated if access to enough or improved facilities (and ancillary provision) were available.

Bradford Airedale AC indicates that the track and field facilities needs to be improved to allow the Club to continue to be adequately accommodated and grow its membership. The Club is concerned the facilities are now becoming unsafe and need to be refurbished as a main priority.

Future demand

Bradford Airedale AC highlight plans to increase membership with the Club currently operating a waiting list indicating the lack of coaches and appropriate facilities is restricting its growth.

Keighley & Craven AC do not indicate any plans to increase its membership with the club priority to sustain the currently levels of demand.

As both Bingley Harriers & AC and Ilkley Harriers AC are unresponsive to consultation requests, more investigation is needed to understand both clubs' aspirations.

In addition to the above, England Athletics believes that demand is likely to increase in the future, particularly for initiatives such as ParkRun, although again to what extent is difficult to quantify.

8.4: Supply and demand analysis

It is considered that for an athletics track to be sustainable, a club membership of circa 200 is required, as both clubs are operating above the recommended membership figures collectively accommodating 606 members. It should be noted this is not including the unresponsive clubs, Bingley Harriers & AC and Ilkley Harriers & AC.

Based on the current levels of demand, and expressed future demand, in addition to the type and quality of athletics provision across Bradford, there is currently sufficient quantity of permanent athletics facilities to meet demand. However, there is insufficient quality of facilities given the track at Horsfall Stadium is poor quality and in need of refurbishment as soon as possible to be able to continue to safely accommodate athletics demand accessing that site.

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8.5: Conclusion

As Carlton Keighley, Hazelbeck School and Horsfall Stadium are currently used for club athletics, there is a need to protect both facilities and ensure that quality is sufficient to accommodate the level of demand received.

Given that Bradford Airedale AC is currently accessing poor quality facilities, there is a need to improve the provision to support the Club.

Away from track and field, emphasis should also be placed on supporting the other more informal athletics/running activities taking place across Bradford, with a focus on retaining and increasing participation and growing the various initiatives that are in place.

Supply and demand summary

- Based on the current levels of demand, and expressed future demand, in addition to the type and quality of athletics provision across Bradford, there is sufficient quantity of permanent athletics facilities to meet demand. However, there is insufficient quality of facilities given the track at Horsfall Stadium is poor quality and in need of refurbishment

Supply summary

- There are two community athletics tracks in Bradford, located at Horsfall Stadium and Carlton Keighley. Horsfall Stadium has a six-lane, 400-metre synthetic track, while Carlton Keighley has an eight-lane, 400-metre synthetic track. Both athletics tracks are provided with sports lighting and are also used to accommodate other sports within the infield, including football and rugby league.
- In addition to the above, there is a 100 metre, four lane, synthetic track located at Beckfoot Hazelbeck School which is accessed by Bingley Harriers & AC.
- Bradford Airedale AC rents its facilities at Horsfall Stadium with the site owned by the Council and leased to Bradford (Park Avenue) AFC. It is understood that there is an agreement in place between the football club and Bradford Airedale AC.
- Keighley & Craven AC also rents its facilities from Carlton Keighley with all lettings managed by the provider in accordance with its PFI contract.
- The facilities at Hazelbeck School are also owned and managed by the education provider.
- The non-technical assessment identifies the track and accompanying field facilities at Horsfall Stadium as poor quality, with the users, Bradford Airedale AC, stating a need for track improvements following wear and tear and continued vehicle usage on the track. The Club states its in the process of seeking funding support to improve the facilities.
- Additionally, the track and field facilities located at Carlton Keighley are assessed as good quality with Keighley & Craven AC not highlighting any concerns with the track during consultation. It does highlight a need to improve the high jump equipment due to the current stock now old and in disrepair.
- In Bradford, neither Carlton Keighley nor Horsfall Stadium are Trackmark accredited with the latter failing its recent assessment due to not meeting the relevant specifications for certification.
- The quality of the facilities at Horsfall Stadium are good quality with the clubhouse being recently refurbished. However, the Club reports it currently has no access to any ancillary facilities onsite. Conversely, Keighley & Carven AC reports it has no access the any dedicated changing facilities due to the provision being located on an education site.

Demand summary

- Four clubs have a current focus on athletics and/or running activity in Bradford.
- There are five ParkRun and two junior ParkRun in Bradford which are held on Saturday and Sunday mornings, respectively.
- Bradford Airedale AC indicated that the track and field facilities needs to be improved to allow the Club to continue to be adequately accommodated and grow its membership. The Club is concerned the facilities are now becoming unsafe and need to be refurbished as a main priority.
- Bradford Airedale AC highlight plans to increase membership with the Club currently operating a waiting list indicating the lack of coaches and appropriate facilities is restricting its growth.

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- ◆ Keighley & Craven AC do not indicate any plans to increase its membership with the club priority to sustain the currently levels of demand.
- ◆ As both Bingley Harriers & AC and Ilkley Harriers AC are unresponsive to consultation requestions, more investigation is needed to understand both clubs aspirations.

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PART 9: BOWLS

9.1: Introduction

All bowling greens in Bradford are crown greens with the British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA) responsible for the national governance. The season for crown green bowling generally runs from April to September.

Consultation

There are 50 bowls clubs located in Bradford. Of these, 32 clubs have responded to consultation requests to date, resulting in a 64% response rate as seen below.

Since the previous study, two clubs have folded, Greengates & Apperley Bridge BC and Oaksworth BC.

Table 9.1: Summary of consultation

Name of club	Responded?
ASA Briggs BC	No
Addingham BC	No
Ben Rhydding BC	Yes
Bowling Park BC	Yes
Brackenhill Park BC	No
Bradford Moor BC	Yes
Burley in Wharfedale BC	Yes
Clayton Victoria Park BC	No
Crowghyll Park BC	Yes
Whinswood/Crossroads BC	Yes
Cullingworth BC	Yes
Denholme BC	Yes
Eccleshill BC	Yes
Eccleshill Vets BC	Yes
Foster Park BC	No
Burley BC	No
New Greengates BC	Yes
Harold Park BC	No
Haworth Central Park BC	Yes
Highfield BC	Yes
Horton Park BC	No
Idle BC	Yes
Ilkley BC	Yes
Keighley BC	Yes
Ladyhill BC	No
Lister Park BC	No
Lund Park BC	Yes
Menston BC	Yes
Myrtle Park BC	Yes
Northcliffe Park BC	Yes
Oakenshaw BC	Yes
Oxenhope BC	Yes
Peel BC	No

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Name of club	Responded?
Royd House BC	No
Queensbury BC	Yes
Salts BC	Yes
Silsden Sports Club BC	No
Silsden Playing Fields BC	Yes
Steeton with Eastburn BC	Yes
Baildon BC	Yes
The Harold Club BC	No
Shipley BC	No
Thornton (Branwell House) BC	Yes
West Bradford BC	No
West Park BC	No
Wibsey Park BC	Yes
Wyke BC	Yes
Bingley Glen BC	No
Bingley BC	Yes
St Peter's Church BC	Yes

9.2: Supply

There are 63 crown bowling greens identified in Bradford across 45 sites, all of which, are available for community use. Most of this provision is in the Shipley Area Analysis Area (16 greens).

Table 9.2: Summary of community available greens by analysis area

Analysis area	Number of bowling greens
Bradford East	13
Bradford South	12
Bradford West	8
Keighley Area	14
Shipley Area	16
Bradford	63

Disused greens

Since the previous study, one bowling green has become disused located at Highfield Recreation Ground (BD21 2JA) in the Keighley Area Analysis Area. It should be noted that one green is still active at this site.

The figures below show the location of the active greens servicing Bradford. For a key to the map, see Table 9.3.

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Table 9.3: Key to map

Site ID	Active Places Power ID ²⁹	Site	Postcode	Analysis area	No. of greens	Type of green	Club user	Quality
4	6002668	Addingham Recreation Ground	LS29 0ND	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Addingham BC	Good
12	1040742	Asa Briggs Park	BD13 2RH	Bradford South	1	Crown	ASA Briggs BC	Good
22	1014851	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	LS29 8AW	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Ben Rhydding BC	Standard
31	50000336	Bowling Park	BD4 7TH	Bradford East	3	Crown	Bowling Park BC	Standard
32	1043053	Brackenhill Park	BD7 4DH	Bradford South	1	Crown	Brackenhill Park BC	Standard
54	50000274	Central Park, Haworth	BD22 8DF	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Haworth Central Park BC	Standard
92	6002634	Foster Park	BD13 4BE	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Denholme BC / Foster Park BC	Standard
105	6002652	Greengates Recreation Ground	BD10 9BD	Bradford East	1	Crown	New Greengates BC	Good
110	6002654	Harold Park	BD6 2NG	Bradford South	2	Crown	Harold Park BC	Poor
120	1202943	Highfield Recreation Ground	BD21 2JA	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Highfield BC	Good
142	6002661	Ladyhill Park	BD15 7RJ	Bradford West	1	Crown	Ladyhill BC	Poor
147	50000273	Lister Park	BD9 4PX	Bradford West	3	Crown	Lister Park BC	Standard
161	30003594	Myrtle Park	BD16 1HJ	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Myrtle Park BC	Good
161	30003594	Myrtle Park	BD16 1HJ	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Myrtle Park BC	Standard
164	1202924	Northcliffe Park	BD18 3DE	Shipley Area	2	Crown	Northcliffe Park Crown BC	Poor
172	6002667	Oxenhope Sports Association	BD22 9LY	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Oxenhope BC	Good
177	6002586	Peel Park (Bradford)	BD3 0LT	Bradford East	3	Crown	Peel BC	Poor
186	1040772	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	BD18 3LA	Shipley Area	2	Crown	Salts Crown Green BC	Good
192	6002638	Silsden Park	BD20 0LA	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Silsden Playing Fields BC	Good
192	6002638	Silsden Park	BD20 0LA	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Silsden Sports Club BC	Good
201	50000271	Temple Rhydding (Baildon)	BD17 5PU	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Baildon BC	Standard
219	1202950	Upper Wyke Park	BD12 9PX	Bradford South	1	Crown	Wyke BC	Standard

²⁹ Where relevant as not all bowling greens are listed on APP.

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Site ID	Active Places Power ID ²⁹	Site	Postcode	Analysis area	No. of greens	Type of green	Club user	Quality
222	1202937	Victoria Park (Oakenshaw)	BS12 7BB	Bradford South	2	Crown	Oakenshaw BC / Clayton Victoria Park BC	Standard
225	6002642	West Park, Girlington	BD8 9SG	Bradford West	2	Crown	West Park BC	Standard
228	6002643	Wibsey Park Recreation Ground	BD6 3QA	Bradford South	2	Crown	Wisbey Park BC	Good
240	-	Grange Park	LS29 7HG	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Burley in Wharfedale BC	Good
241	-	Keighley Crown Green Bowling Club	BD21 3RF	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Keighley BC	Standard
266	-	Bradford Moor Park Bowling Club	BD3 7JD	Bradford East	1	Crown	Bradford Moor BC	Good
267	-	Eccleshill Recreation Ground	BD2 2EX	Bradford East	1	Crown	Eccleshill BC / Eccleshill Vets	Good
268	-	Idle Recreation Ground	BD10 9QG	Bradford East	1	Crown	Idle BC	Standard
269	-	Russell Hall Park	BD13 2AL	Bradford South	1	Crown	Queensbury BC	Good
270	-	The Harold Club	BD12 0UD	Bradford South	2	Crown	The Harold Club BC	Standard
271	-	Clayton Victoria Park	BD14 6RH	Bradford West	1	Crown	Clayton Victoria Park BC	Standard
272	-	Horton Park	BD7 3EG	Bradford East	3	Crown	Hornton Park BC	Standard
273	-	Crossroads Park	BD22 9BQ	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Cross Roads BC	Good
274	-	Ilkley Bowling Club	LS29 9EW	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Ilkley BC	Good
275	-	Lund Park Bowling Green	BD21 1JQ	Keighley Area	2	Crown	Lund Park BC	Good
276	-	Holden Park, Oakworth Bowling Green	BD22 7PB	Keighley Area	1	Crown	-	Standard
277	-	Steeton Bowling Club	BD20 6TQ	Keighley Area	1	Crown	Steeton With Eastburn BC	Good
278	-	Crowgill Park Bowling Green	BD18 3EH	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Crowghyll Park BC	Good
279	-	Cullingworth Bowling Club	BD13 5DE	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Cullingworth BC	Standard
280	-	Royd House Bowling Club	BD15 0HS	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Royd House BC	Good
281	-	The Shipley Club	BD18 3DE	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Shipley BC	Standard
282	-	Sleningford Road Bowling Green	BD16 2SF	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Bingley BC	Good
283	-	St Peter's Church	BD18 4SN	Shipley Area	1	Crown	St Peter's BC	Standard
295	-	Thornton Bowling Green	BD13 3PU	Bradford West	1	Crown	Thornton BC	Standard
296	-	Menston Bowling Club	LS29 6HT	Shipley Area	1	Crown	Menston BC	Standard

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Quality

Non-technical assessment of greens in Bradford (carried out in June 2026) have been cross referenced with the findings against club consultation (where received) to generate a quality score. The table below identifies these scores for every site.

The percentage parameters used for the non-technical assessments for bowling greens are as follows: Good (>80%), Standard (50-70%), Poor (<70%) and include, but are not limited to, the examination of; evenness of playing surface, condition of ditches/boarding, quality of surrounding hard areas, disability access, evidence of litter/leaf fall/fouling/inappropriate use.

Table 9.4: Summary of bowling green quality by analysis area

Analysis area	Good	Standard	Poor	Total
2018	-	-	-	-
Bradford East	5	1	4	10
Bradford South	1	3	7	11
Bradford West	-	7	5	12
Keighley Area	1	3	11	15
Shipley Area	4	7	6	17
Bradford	11	21	33	65
2026	-	-	-	-
Bradford East	3	7	3	13
Bradford South	4	6	2	12
Bradford West	-	7	1	8
Keighley Area	10	4	-	14
Shipley Area	7	7	2	16
Bradford	24	31	8	63

Of the crown bowling greens located in Bradford, 24 (38%) are assessed as good quality, 31 (52%) are assessed as standard quality and eight (10%) as poor quality.

A green is considered good quality if it has a high percentage of grass coverage, an even playing surface and limited signs of wear and tear on surrounding ditches/boarding and hard standing areas. In addition, there must be little to no evidence of litter, dog fouling, leaves and inappropriate usage of the green.

The following provides a summary of some of the key issues identified from consultation with clubs.

Steeton with Eastburn BC states plans to improve the green surroundings including the path, seating and shelter.

Wyke BC highlights development plans to continue to make green improvements and upgrade its machinery. The Club is looking for funding support.

Bowling Park BC, Denholme BC and Eccleshill BC report issues with unauthorised access, resulting in the green being used for football or bikes being ridden on the green.

Northcliffe Park BC states the quality of it green (Northcliffe Park) is worsening in quality, with the Club turning away the opportunity to host cup games given the current quality of the green.

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Of the remaining clubs which responded to consultation requests, all state the quality of their respective green to coincide with the quality which is identified from the non-technical assessments.

Ancillary facilities

Most clubs which responded to consultation have access to some form of clubhouse/pavilion on site or through an adjoining public house. The quality of these ranges from purpose built brick pavilions to basic wooden huts and shelters.

In Bradford, 14 (23%) sites are accompanied by good quality facilities, with a further 36 (57%) sites having standard quality facilities and 11 (17%) having poor quality facilities. Two sites (3%) are not accompanied with ancillary provision located at Holden Park and Steeton Bowling Club.

Table 9.5: Summary of ancillary provision quality

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of greens	Ancillary quality rating
4	Addingham Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	1	Standard
12	Asa Briggs Park	Bradford South	1	Standard
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	1	Good
31	Bowling Park	Bradford East	3	Standard
32	Brackenhill Park	Bradford South	1	Good
54	Central Park, Haworth	Keighley Area	1	Standard
92	Foster Park	Shipley Area	1	Poor
105	Greengates Recreation Ground	Bradford East	1	Standard
110	Harold Park	Bradford South	2	Poor
120	Highfield Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	1	Standard
142	Ladyhill Park	Bradford West	1	Poor
147	Lister Park	Bradford West	3	Good
161	Myrtle Park	Shipley Area	2	Poor
164	Northcliffe Park	Shipley Area	2	Standard
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Keighley Area	1	Poor
177	Peel Park (Bradford)	Bradford East	3	Poor
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Shipley Area	2	Standard
192	Silsden Park	Keighley Area	2	Standard
201	Temple Rhydding (Baildon)	Shipley Area	1	Good
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	1	Standard
222	Victoria Park (Oakenshaw)	Bradford South	2	Standard
225	West Park, Girdlington	Bradford West	2	Good
228	Wibsey Park Recreation Ground	Bradford South	2	Standard
240	Grange Park	Shipley Area	1	Standard
241	Keighley Crown Green Bowling Club	Keighley Area	1	Standard
266	Bradford Moor Park Bowling Club	Bradford East	1	Good
267	Eccleshill Recreation Ground	Bradford East	1	Standard
268	Idle Recreation Ground	Bradford East	1	Good
269	Russell Hall Park	Bradford South	1	Standard
270	The Harold Club	Bradford South	2	Standard
271	Clayton Victoria Park	Bradford West	1	Good
272	Horton Park	Bradford East	3	Standard

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	No. of greens	Ancillary quality rating
273	Crossroads Park	Keighley Area	1	Standard
274	Ilkley Bowling Club	Keighley Area	1	Good
275	Lund Park Bowling Green	Keighley Area	2	Standard
276	Holden Park, Oakworth Bowling Green	Keighley Area	1	N/A
277	Steeton Bowling Club	Keighley Area	1	N/A
278	Crowgill Park Bowling Green	Shipley Area	1	Good
279	Cullingworth Bowling Club	Shipley Area	1	Standard
280	Royd House Bowling Club	Shipley Area	1	Poor
281	The Shipley Club	Shipley Area	1	Standard
282	Sleningford Road Bowling Green	Shipley Area	1	Good
283	St Peter's Church	Shipley Area	1	Standard
295	Thornton Bowling Green	Bradford West	1	Standard
296	Menston Bowling Club	Shipley Area	1	Standard

The ancillary facilities identified as poor quality are located across seven sites, Foster Park, Harold Park, Ladyhill Park, Myrtle Park, Oxenhope Sports Association, Peel Park (Bradford) and Royd House Bowling Club this is due to being outdated and in need of modernisation.

No other issues or future for ancillary provision were highlighted through consultation with clubs.

Sports lighting

In Bradford, 11 greens across eight sites (Addingham Recreation Ground, Oxenhope Sports Association, Salts Sports Association, Silsden Park, Ecclestone Recreation Ground, Lund Park Bowling Green, Steeton Bowling Club and Royd House Bowling Club) are serviced by sports lighting. The table below breaks down the number of greens which are provide sports lighting by analysis area.

Table 9.6: Summary of the number of bowling greens which have sports lighting by analysis area

Analysis area	No. of greens which have sports lighting	No. of greens which don't have sports lighting
Bradford East	1	12
Bradford South	-	12
Bradford West	-	8
Keighley Area	7	7
Shipley Area	3	13
Bradford	11	52

Greens with sports lighting offer opportunities to access provision for training and matches during evenings outside of the summer months. However, they are relatively rare across the Country, with the level of sports lighting supply across Bradford considered to be low.

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9.3: Demand

Current demand

There are 50 bowling clubs identified as playing in Bradford of which 32 clubs have responded to consultation requests to date and given membership figures. Membership of the responsive clubs where known can be seen in the table below.

Table 9.7: Membership for responding bowls clubs across Bradford

Club name	Senior males	Senior females	Juniors (U18)	Total
Baildon Bowling Club	23	26	-	49
Ben Rhydding BC	12	9	-	21
Bingley BC	40	35	-	75
Bowling Park BC	9	5	-	14
Bradford Moor BC	14	6	-	20
Burley in Wharfedale BC	42	18	-	60
Crossroads BC	45	5	1	51
Crowghyll Park BC	17	14	-	31
Cullingworth BC	29	19	1	49
Denholme BC	20	4	1	25
Eccleshill BC	61	17	3	81
Haworth Central Park BC	31	8	-	39
Highfield BC	13	3	-	16
Idle BC	35	25	1	61
Ilkley BC	167	80	-	247
Keighley BC	20	2	1	23
Lund Park BC	28	20	-	48
Menston BC	54	28	-	82
Myrtle Park BC	38	21	1	60
New Greengates BC	12	2	-	14
Northcliffe Park BC	19	8	-	27
Oakenshaw BC	17	5	-	22
Oxenhope BC	43	10	1	54
Queensbury BC	17	12	-	29
Salts BC	34	18	-	52
Silsden Playing Fields BC	36	11	1	48
St Peter's Church BC	35	32	-	67
Steeton With Eastburn BC	30	10	10	50
Thornton BC	11	7	-	18
Wibsey Park BC	30	10	-	40
Wyke BC	40	6	-	46
Total	1022	476	21	1519

The largest club according to known membership in Bradford is currently Ilkley BC, with 247 members.

Future demand

The BCGBA is actively working to negate the stereotype that bowls is a sport is for the older generation. As such, it is taking active steps at a county and national level to encourage younger players. This could see the emergence of junior players in Bradford.

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Of the responding clubs in Bradford, 22 highlights plan to increase membership, however, only 17 quantify an amount equating to 372 members collectively. See table below for further breakdown.

Table 9.8: Potential membership increase identified by clubs

Club name	Senior members	Junior members (U18)	Total
Menston BC	100	50	150
Bradford Moor BC	4	4	8
Northcliffe Park Crown BC	4	-	4
Denholme BC	Did not quantify	Did not quantify	-
Silsden Playing Field BC	20	10	30
Wyke BC	10	-	10
Oxenhope BC	10	5	15
Myrtle Park BC	10	5	15
New Greengates BC	Did not quantify	Did not quantify	-
Idle BC	Did not quantify	Did not quantify	-
Crossroads BC	6	2	8
Highfield BC	6	-	6
Haworth Central Park BC	-	10	10
Burley in Wharfedale BC	10	6	16
St Peter's Bowling Club	10	-	10
Bingley BC	10	10	20
Baildon BC	5	5	10
Steeton with Eastburn BC	20	10	30
Thornton BC	6	-	6
Queensbury BC	10	-	10
Lund Park BC	10	4	14
Cullingworth BC	Did not quantify	Did not quantify	-

Latent and unmet demand

Unmet demand is existing demand at clubs which is not able to access sufficient supply of greens for match play or training. It is usually expressed, for example where a club operates a waiting list. Consultation did not highlight any potential unmet demand.

Latent demand is demand that evidence suggests may be generated from the current population should they have access to more or better provision. There is currently no latent demand which is highlighted through consultation.

None of the bowling clubs in Bradford are reported as operating at capacity, with all clubs willing to accept new members. As such, it is considered that anyone within Bradford who would like to start participating, could do so at the clubs and greens already in existence.

9.4: Supply and demand analysis

The capacity of a bowling green is very much dependent on leagues and the day that they operate, as well as how active the general membership is. The provision is likely to be most heavily used during afternoons and evenings when matches are being played, although many active greens are also used throughout mornings by club members who bowl socially. This can cause issues with access during peak times if membership is particularly high.

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Based on the above, the BCGBA does not have any specific guidance on bowling green capacity, stating that it can vary from site-to-site and from club-to-club. However, it notes that any green used by at least 20 members is generally considered to be sustainable, whilst any green operating with a membership of over 60 may need additional resource to ensure that it is meeting the required level of demand.

Capacity ratings for bowling greens in Bradford is therefore classified as follows:

Within capacity range	Membership ensures green is sustainable without capacity issues
At capacity range	Membership is at the capacity limit of the green
Outside capacity range	Membership is below or above the recommended capacity range

Following this, the table below highlights the level of usage each green in Bradford receives, where the information is known. Where no membership information is known, further communication is required with clubs to fully understand their needs and any potential capacity or sustainability issues.

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Table 9.9: Bowling green supply vs demand analysis

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Users	No. of greens	Total members	Current capacity	Future members	Future capacity
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Keighley Area	Ben Rhydding BC	1	21	39	-	39
31	Bowling Park	Bradford East	Bowling Park BC	3	14	166	-	166
54	Central Park, Haworth	Keighley Area	Haworth Central Park BC	1	39	21	10	11
92	Foster Park	Shipley Area	Denholme BC	1	25	35	-	35
105	Greengates Recreation Ground	Bradford East	New Greengates BC	1	14	46	-	46
120	Highfield Recreation Ground	Keighley Area	Highfield BC	1	16	44	6	38
161	Myrtle Park	Shipley Area	Myrtle Park BC	2	60	60	15	45
164	Northcliffe Park	Shipley Area	Northcliffe Park Crown BC	2	27	33	4	29
172	Oxenhope Sports Association	Keighley Area	Oxenhope BC	1	54	6	15	9
186	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	Shipley Area	Salts Crown Green BC	2	52	68	-	68
192	Silsden Park	Keighley Area	Silsden Playing Fields BC	2	48	72	30	42
201	Temple Rhydding (Baildon)	Shipley Area	Baildon BC	1	49	11	10	1
219	Upper Wyke Park	Bradford South	Wyke BC	1	46	14	10	4
222	Victoria Park (Oakenshaw)	Bradford South	Oakenshaw BC	2	22	98	-	98
228	Wibsey Park Recreation Ground	Bradford South	Wisbey Park BC	2	40	80	-	80
240	Grange Park	Shipley Area	Burley in Wharfedale BC	1	60	-	16	16
241	Keighley Crown Green Bowling Club	Keighley Area	Keighley BC	1	23	37	-	37
266	Bradford Moor Park Bowling Club	Bradford East	Bradford Moor BC	1	20	40	8	32
267	Eccleshill Recreation Ground	Bradford East	Eccleshill BC / Eccleshill Vets	1	81	21	-	21

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Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Users	No. of greens	Total members	Current capacity	Future members	Future capacity
268	Idle Recreation Ground	Bradford East	Idle BC	1	61	1	-	1
269	Russell Hall Park	Bradford South	Queensbury BC	1	29	31	10	21
273	Crossroads Park	Keighley Area	Cross Roads BC	1	51	9	8	1
274	Ilkley Bowling Club	Keighley Area	Ilkley BC	1	247	187	-	187
275	Lund Park Bowling Green	Keighley Area	Lund Park BC	2	48	72	14	58
277	Steeton Bowling Club	Keighley Area	Steeton With Eastburn BC	1	50	10	30	20
278	Crowgill Park Bowling Green	Shipley Area	Crowghyll Park BC	1	31	29	-	29
279	Cullingworth Bowling Club	Shipley Area	Cullingworth BC	1	49	11	-	11
282	Sleningford Road Bowling Green	Shipley Area	Bingley BC	1	75	15	20	35
283	St Peter's Church	Shipley Area	St Peter's BC	1	67	7	10	17
295	Thornton Bowling Green	Bradford West	Thornton BC	1	18	42	6	36
296	Menston Bowling Club	Shipley Area	Menston BC	1	82	22	150	172

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There are seven clubs (Burley in Wharfedale BC, Eccleshill BC, Idle BC, Ilkley BC, Bingley BC, St Peter's BC and Menston BC) operating at or above the recommended capacity guidelines. However, no club mention a need for an additional bowling green as a way to accommodate existing or future demand. Conversely, seven clubs (Ben Rhydding BC, Bowling Park BC, New Greengates BC, Highfield BC, Oakenshaw BC, Bradford Moor BC and Thornton BC) all accommodate low membership which is close to the recommendation (20 members) to be considered sustainable and therefore needs to be monitored.

Those clubs which have a substantial level of demand need to be monitored to ensure they have the appropriate quantity and quality of provision. The clubs operating with a membership of over 60 members per green could have capacity issues. Emphasis in this regard should therefore be on supporting clubs with aspirations to improve their sites as this will likely improve the capacity for the provision to accommodate increased levels of demand.

9.5: Conclusion

Of the 32 responding clubs, total membership equates to 1,519. Of these clubs, 22 clubs highlight aspirations to increase membership. These clubs all suggest that future demand can adequately be accommodated on their existing green.

Although all current identified demand is being accommodated, seven club (Burley in Wharfedale BC, Eccleshill BC, Idle BC, Ilkley BC, Bingley BC, St Peter's BC and Menston BC) is operating at or above the recommended capacity levels and therefore need to be monitored to ensure that supply remains adequate. It should be noted that there is currently no quality issues identified at these sites with clubs accessing either good or standard quality bowling greens.

Conversely, seven clubs (Ben Rhydding BC, Bowling Park BC, New Greengates BC, Highfield BC, Oakenshaw BC, Bradford Moor BC and Thornton BC) are currently accommodating a low number of members which is close to the recommendation (20 members) to be considered sustainable and therefore needs to be monitored to ensure long-term survival of the club.

Supply and demand summary

- Of the 32 responding clubs, total membership equates to 1519. Of these clubs, 22 clubs highlight aspirations to increase membership. These clubs all suggest that future demand can adequately be accommodated on their existing green.
- Although all current identified demand is being accommodated, seven club (Burley in Wharfedale BC, Eccleshill BC, Idle BC, Ilkley BC, Bingley BC, St Peter's BC and Menston BC) is operating at or above the recommended capacity levels and therefore need to be monitored to ensure that supply remains adequate. It should be noted that there is currently no quality issues identified at these sites with clubs accessing either good or standard quality bowling greens.

Supply summary

- There are 63 crown bowling greens identified in Bradford across 45 sites, all of which, are available for community use. Most of this provision is in the Shipley Area Analysis Area (16 greens).
- Since the previous study, there is one disused bowling green located at Highfield Recreation Ground (BD21 2JA) in the Keighley Area Analysis Area. It should be notes that one green is still active at this site.
- Of the crown bowling greens located in Bradford, 24 (38%) are assessed as good quality, 31 (52%) are assessed as standard quality and eight (10%) as poor quality.
- In Bradford, 14 (23%) sites are accompanied by good quality facilities, with a further 36 (57%) sites having standard quality facilities and 11 (17%) having poor quality facilities. Two sites (3%) are not accompanied with ancillary provision located at Holden Park and Steeton Bowling Club.

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- ◀ In Bradford, 11 greens across eight sites (Addingham Recreation Ground, Oxenhope Sports Association, Salts Sports Association, Silsden Park, Ecclestone Recreation Ground, Lund Park Bowling Green, Steeton Bowling Club and Royd House Bowling Club) are serviced by sports lighting.

Demand summary

- ◀ There are 50 bowling clubs identified as playing in Bradford of which 32 clubs have responded to consultation requests to date and given membership figures.
- ◀ The largest club according to known membership in Bradford is currently Ilkley BC, with 247 members.
- ◀ Of the responding clubs in Bradford, 22 highlights plan to increase membership, however, only 17 quantify an amount equating to 372 members collectively.

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PART 10: TENNIS

10.1: Introduction

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is the organisation responsible for the governance of tennis and administers the sport locally across Bradford. It has restructured its strategic approach to target several national focus areas, with a priority on delivering its vision, Tennis Opened Up.

Consultation

There are 10 tennis clubs playing within Bradford, of which seven are LTA registered clubs and three are non-LTA registered clubs. Currently, five clubs has responded to consultation requests to date (Beckfoot & Bingley, Ben Rhydding TC, Ilkley TC, Riddlesden TC and St Peters TC) resulting in a 50% response rate.

Table 10.1: Summary of consultation

Name of club	LTA registered	Responded?
Beckfoot & Bingley TC	Yes	Yes
Ben Rhydding TC	No	Yes
Eldwick TC	No	No
Haworth TC	Yes	No
Heaton TC	Yes	No
Ilkley TC	Yes	Yes
Riddlesden TC	Yes	Yes
Salts TC	Yes	No
St Peters TC	Yes	Yes
Undercliffe TC	No	No

10.2: Supply

There are 154 tennis courts identified in Bradford across 40 sites with 130 courts available for community use.

The largest offering of tennis courts is identified in both the Shipley Analysis Areas, with 52 courts. In contrast, the Bradford South Analysis Area offers the least amount of tennis courts with 12.

Table 10.2: Summary of the number of courts by analysis area

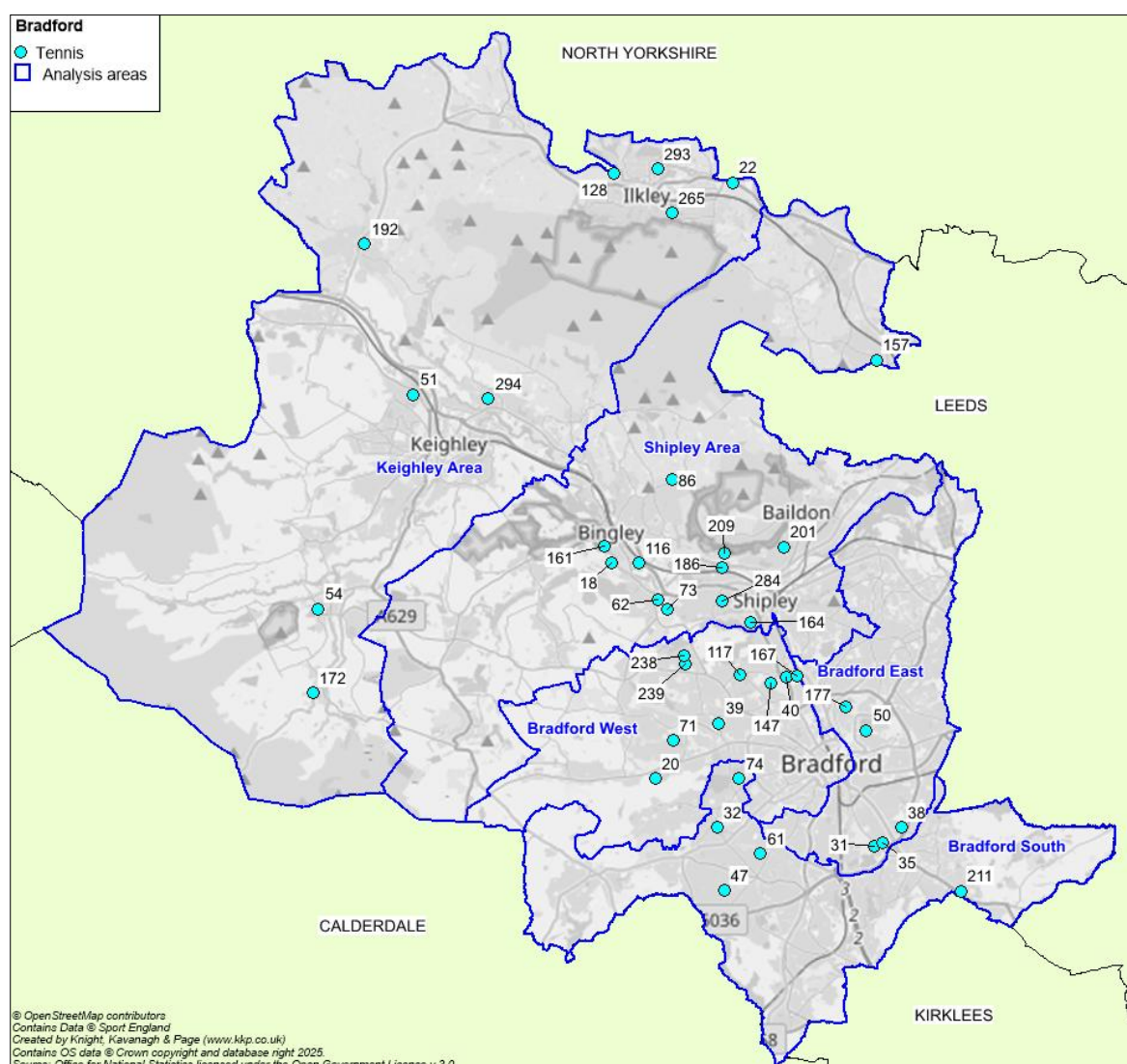
Analysis area	No. of courts available for community use	No. of courts unavailable for community use
Bradford East	14	3
Bradford South	12	-
Bradford West	22	8
Keighley Area	38	5
Shipley Area	48	4
2026 Total	134	20
2018 Total	150	14

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Please note that courts are classified as being available for community use provided that they are deemed to be easily accessible to the general population, such as free to access, pay and play or through a membership at a club.

Figure 10.1 shows the location of the courts servicing Bradford, regardless of community use. For a key to the map, see Table 10.2.

Figure 10.1: Location of tennis courts in Bradford



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Table 10.3: Tennis courts in Bradford

Site ID	Active Places Power ID	Site name	Postcode	Analysis area	Management	Community use?	No. of courts	Sports lighting?	Overmarked?	Surface type	Court quality
18	1043023	Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club	BD16 1LX	Shipley Area	Sports Club	Yes	2	Yes	No	Clay	Good
18	1043023	Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club	BD16 1LX	Shipley Area	Sports Club	Yes	2	No	No	Clay	Good
20	50001596	Beckfoot Thornton School	BD13 3BH	Bradford West	Education	No	4	Yes	No	Artificial	Standard
22	1014851	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	LS29 8AW	Keighley Area	Sports Club	Yes	5	No	No	Grass	Standard
31	50000336	Bowling Park	BD4 7TH	Bradford East	Local Authority	Yes	2	No	No	Macadam	Good
32	1043053	Bracken Hill Park	BD7 4DH	Bradford South	Local Authority	Yes	1	No	Yes	Macadam	Standard
35	1039763	Bradford Academy	BD4 7QJ	Bradford East	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Standard
38	30007624	Bradford Forster Academy	BD4 8RG	Bradford East	Education	No	3	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Poor
39	1103880	Bradford Girls Grammar School	BD9 6RB	Bradford West	Education	No	4	No	Yes	Macadam	Poor
40	1200639	Bradford Grammar School	BD9 4JP	Bradford West	Education	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Poor
47	1038812	Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College	BD6 3PX	Bradford South	Education	Yes	4	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Good
50	1201354	Carlton Bolling College	BD3 0DU	Bradford East	Education	Yes	3	No	No	Macadam	Good
50	1201354	Carlton Bolling College	BD3 0DU	Bradford East	Education	Yes	5	No	Yes	Macadam	Standard
51	1043259	Carlton Keighley	BD20 6EB	Keighley Area	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Good
54	50000274	Central Park (Haworth)	BD22 8DF	Keighley Area	Local Authority	Yes	2	No	No	Macadam	Good
61	1201119	Co-op Academy Southfield	BD5 9ET	Bradford South	Education	Yes	7	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Good
62	6002615	Cottingley Manor Park	BD16 1PF	Shipley Area	Local Authority	Yes	3	No	No	Macadam	Good
71	1051949	Dixon Allerton Academy	BD8 0DH	Bradford West	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Good
73	30006720	Dixon Cottingley Academy	BD16 1TZ	Shipley Area	Education	No	4	No	Yes	Macadam	Poor
74	30008170	Dixon Kings Academy	BD7 2AN	Bradford South	Education	Yes	4	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Standard
86	30006573	Eldwick Tennis Club	BD16 3HD	Shipley Area	Sports Club	Yes	2	No	No	Macadam	Good
116	1103877	Hazelbeck School	BD16 1EE	Shipley Area	Education	Yes	4	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Standard
116	1103877	Hazelbeck School	BD16 1EE	Shipley Area	Education	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	Clay	Good
117	1011265	Heaton Tennis and Squash Club	BD9 5PH	Bradford West	Sports Club	Yes	2	Yes	No	Macadam	Good
117	1011265	Heaton Tennis and Squash Club	BD9 5PH	Bradford West	Sports Club	Yes	4	No	No	Macadam	Good
128	1003042	Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club	LS29 9BG	Keighley Area	Sports Club	Yes	3	Yes	No	Macadam	Good
128	1003042	Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club	LS29 9BG	Keighley Area	Sports Club	Yes	2	Yes	No	Artificial	Good
128	1003042	Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club	LS29 9BG	Keighley Area	Sports Club	Yes	13	No	No	Grass	Good
147	50000273	Lister Park	BD9 4PX	Bradford West	Local Authority	Yes	2	No	No	Macadam	Good
157	1041051	Menston Park	LS29 6DN	Shipley Area	Local Authority	Yes	2	No	No	Macadam	Poor
161	30003594	Myrtle Park	BD16 1HJ	Shipley Area	Local Authority	Yes	2	No	No	Macadam	Good
164	1202924	Northcliffe Park	BD18 3DE	Shipley Area	Local Authority	Yes	8	No	No	Macadam	Good
167	1201880	Oasis Academy Lister Park	BD8 7ND	Bradford West	Education	Yes	1	No	No	Macadam	Standard
172	6002667	Oxenhope Sports Association	BD22 9LY	Keighley Area	Local Authority	Yes	1	No	No	Macadam	Poor
177	6002586	Peel Park (Bradford)	BD3 0LT	Bradford East	Local Authority	Yes	1	No	No	Macadam	Good
186	1040772	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	BD18 3LA	Shipley Area	Sports Club	Yes	3	Yes	No	Macadam	Good
186	1040772	Salts (Saltaire) Sports Association	BD18 3LA	Shipley Area	Sports Club	Yes	1	No	No	Macadam	Good
192	6002638	Silsden Park	BD20 0LA	Keighley Area	Local Authority	Yes	2	No	No	Macadam	Good
201	50000271	Temple Rhydding (Baildon)	BD17 5PU	Shipley Area	Local Authority	Yes	2	No	No	Macadam	Good
209	1037854	Titus Salt School	BD17 5RH	Shipley Area	Education	Yes	3	No	Yes	Macadam	Standard
209	1037854	Titus Salt School	BD17 5RH	Shipley Area	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Standard
211	1037844	Tong Leadership Academy	BD4 6NR	Bradford South	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Good
238	1041873	Zara Sports Centre	BD9 6NA	Bradford West	Education	Yes	4	Yes	Yes	Macadam	Poor
239	-	Beckfoot Upper Heaton	BD9 6AL	Bradford West	Education	No	4	No	Yes	Macadam	Good
265	-	Ilkley Grammar School	LS29 8TR	Keighley Area	Education	No	5	No	Yes	Macadam	Standard
284	-	St Peter's Tennis Club	BD18 4SN	Shipley Area	Sports Club	Yes	3	No	No	Macadam	Good
293	-	Ilkley Lido	LS29 0BZ	Keighley Area	Sports Club	Yes	4	No	No	Macadam	Good
294	-	Riddlesden Tennis Club	BD20 5BU	Keighley Area	Sports Club	Yes	3	No	No	Macadam	Good

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Changes to provision (2019 – 2025)

The table below summarises the tennis courts identified in the previous PPS (2018) but not counted within this PPOSS and the supply table above totalling nine courts. Details surrounding these sites are outlined in detail below.

Table 10.4: Summary of tennis courts identified in previous PPS but not in this PPOSS

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Postcode	Comments
167	Hanson Academy	Bradford West	BD8 7ND	Previous PPS identified four tennis courts, however, only netball courts are currently marked.
122	Holy Family Catholic School	Keighley Area	BD20 6LH	Previous PPS identified three courts, however, these are no longer marked out.
135	Karmand Community Centre	Bradford East	BD3 9EP	Previous PPS identified two courts, however, these courts have been converted to 3G.

Future change in provision

A planning application (25/04725/MAF) has recently been approved for four (including two covered) new padel courts which will include re-configuration of the current grass tennis courts at Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club. It will also include new grass tournament courts and three hard standing sports lit tennis courts.

Management

The table below highlights the management of tennis courts within Bradford. Most tennis courts are operated by education providers (77 or 50%), this is followed by 49 (32%) tennis courts operated by sports clubs. The remaining 28 courts (18%) are managed by the Local Authority.

Table 10.5: Tennis courts by management type

Community use?	Sports club	Council	Education
Available	49	28	53
Unavailable	-	-	24
Total	49	28	77

The delivery of tennis within schools is a priority for the LTA with a range of resources available to support the curriculum and wider school outcomes. The LTA is committed to working with schools to widen community access to the sport both during and out of school hours.

Court type

Majority of outdoor tennis courts in Bradford have a macadam surface. The estimated lifespan of a macadam court is ten years, depending on levels of use and maintenance levels.

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In addition to the above, of the remaining courts in Bradford, 18 courts have a grass surface (Ben Rhydding Sports Club and Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club), six courts have an artificial surface (Beckfoot Thornton School and Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club) and five courts have a clay surface (Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club and Hazelbeck School).

Sports lighting

Courts with sports lighting enable use throughout the year and are identified by the LTA as being a key priority for growing participation nationally. The LTA reports that sports lighting allow for a 35% increase in available court time on an annual basis.

In Bradford, 53 of the community available tennis courts are serviced by sports lights, representing just 34% of the provision.

It should be noted that no Local Authority courts are provided with sports lighting with reduces the courts usage all year round.

Access to courts with sports lighting is considered particularly key at parks and club sites as it allows for more usage of provision. The LTA aspires to add sports lighting to tennis courts located at park sites.

The table below breaks down the number of courts which are available for community use and provide sports lighting by analysis area.

Table 10.6: Summary of the number of courts which have sports lighting by analysis area

Analysis area	No. of courts which have sports lighting	No. of courts which don't have sports lighting
Bradford East	3	11
Bradford South	18	1
Bradford West	11	7
Keighley Area	8	30
Shipley Area	11	26
Bradford	53	77

LTA Quick Access Loan Scheme³⁰

The LTA's mission is to grow tennis and padel by making them accessible, welcoming, and enjoyable. Ensuring local communities have access to quality facilities is critical to attracting and retaining more players. As such, the LTA's Quick Access Loan Scheme aims to provide interest-free loans to support venues investment in facilities, prioritising the installation and construction of covered courts. The objectives of the fund are to:

- ◆ Provide covered or sports-lit playing facilities to encourage community accessible play all year.
- ◆ Retain and increase the number of participants at the venue.
- ◆ Offer and increase both non-members pay and play usage and coaching opportunities.
- ◆ Grow the numbers of adults and juniors on the coaching programme.
- ◆ Provide seamless booking of tennis courts and lessons through an [online booking system](#).

³⁰ [Quick Access Loan Scheme for tennis facilities \(lta.org.uk\)](#)

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As part of the fund, the LTA will fund:

- ✦ Lighting upgrades to LED (outdoor and indoor).
- ✦ New sports lights.
- ✦ New court provision.
- ✦ Outdoor padel courts³¹.
- ✦ Covered padel (courts and cover).
- ✦ Covered tennis courts.

Over markings

Tennis courts, particularly within school, are often over marked by netball, basketball and/or football courts. Courts which are over marked tend to receive higher level of use which can be detrimental to quality over time, as well as creating capacity issues if there is community demand from more than one sport.

Of the 154 courts, 74 courts (48%) are overmarked by netball provision, with all courts located at education sites.

Quality

The quality of tennis courts has been informed through non-technical site assessments and consultation with providers to assign each court a rating of good, standard or poor. Key aspects informing the findings include surface quality, grip underfoot, line marking quality, evenness, and evidence of inappropriate use (e.g., vandalism and/or littering).

For the full assessment criteria, please refer to Appendix 2.

Of the courts in Bradford, 96 (62%) are assessed as good quality, 38 (25%) as standard quality and 20 (13%) as poor quality. Of the good quality tennis courts, 91 are available for community use.

Table 10.7: Quality of tennis courts in Bradford

Community use?	Good	Standard	Poor
2018	-	-	-
Available	53	57	40
Unavailable	10	4	-
Total	63	61	40
2026	-	-	-
Available	92	29	9
Unavailable	4	9	11
Total	96	38	20

The courts assessed as poor quality and available for community use are identified across seven sites, Bradford Forster Academy, Bradford Girls Grammar School, Bradford Grammar School, Dixon Cottingley Academy, Menston Park, Oxenhope Sports Association and Zara Sports Centre. Issues recorded at these sites include poor grip underfoot, the presence of moss, worn line markings and loose gravel, with maintenance also considered to be basic and infrequent at these sites. This leads to further deterioration in quality.

³¹ The LTA states that it is not encouraging clubs or local authorities to convert existing tennis courts to padel courts, unless a benefit to both tennis and padel can be evidenced.

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Tennis courts, particularly at school sites, are often overmarked, predominately by netball courts but also on occasion by basketball and/or football courts. Provision such as this tends to receive higher levels of use which can be detrimental to quality over time as is the case with some tennis courts in Bradford.

Site assessments shown the courts at Menston Park and Oxenhope Sports Association to have some wear and tear around and on the courts with weed growth also creating moss patches around the perimeter of the courts. Given this the grip underfoot when utilising the courts has reduced in quality.

Of the responding clubs, no issues have been recorded with the clubs accessing good or standing quality courts.

Renovation fund³²

The LTA secured a £22 million investment fund to be put into park tennis courts across Britain, together with an £8.5 million investment from the LTA. This has seen thousands of public park tennis courts that are in poor or unplayable condition improved for the benefit of the local communities.

The LTA's ambition is to drive participation across park tennis sites, as well as ensuring the future sustainability of these facilities. As well as paying for the refurbishment of public park courts, the new investment requires the implementation of sustainable operating models for the facilities, to maintain the quality of the courts for the future, with activities to optimise community utilisation. The LTA is looking for sites to offer a Barclays Big Tennis Weekend event, Free Parks Tennis session and offer a Local Tennis League.

In Bradford, several courts have been improved as part of the LTA Parks Investment Strategy located at Bowling Park, Cottingley Manor, Haworth Central Park, Lister Park, Myrtle Park, Northcliffe Park, Peel Park, Silsden Park and Temple Rhydding.

Ancillary provision

Of the responding clubs, Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Beckfoot & Bingley TC, Riddlesden Tennis Club and St Peter's TC report its serviced with good quality ancillary facilities with no issues raised through consultation. However, Ben Rhydding TC reports the quality of its changing facilities are poor quality and in need of refurbishment.

For non-club courts, ancillary provision is generally considered to be problematic, most of the sites do provide changing facilities and/or toilets, they are not specific for tennis and are generally too far away from the courts to be realistically used. Often, the facilities predominately service football/cricket pitch users and therefore are not readily available or suited to tennis court users. In some instances, quality is also poor.

Insight from the LTA indicates good quality ancillary facilities such as toilets, changing rooms and cafes encourage players to visit community available provision and stay for extended periods of time. Therefore, a potential way to increase usage of such provision would be to invest in suitable ancillary amenities, which can then also provide a source of income.

³²[Renovation Fund for tennis facilities \(lta.org.uk\)](https://www.lta.org.uk/renovation-fund)

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10.3: Demand

Competitive tennis

Of the five clubs in Bradford which responded to consultation, there is a total of 3,382 members. As a breakdown, this equates to 2,722 senior members and 660 junior members as seen in the table below.

Table 10.8: Current tennis demand by club

Club	Total members (2018)	Total members (2026)	No. of senior members 2026)	No of junior members (2026)
Beckfoot & Bingley TC	48	51	45	6
Ben Rhydding TC	20	16	16	-
Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club	1,275	3,026	2,500	526
Riddlesden TC	80	125	105	20
St Peter's TC	46	164	56	108
Total	1,469	3,382	2,722	660

As a comparison to the previous PPS (2018), this sees an overall increase amounting to 1,913 members. It should be noted that membership at Ben Rhydding TC has decreased slightly since the previous study.

Participation trends

Nationally, the LTA has announced participation figures for 2022 showing sustained success in getting more people playing tennis more often, with growth across all demographics, regions and nations of Great Britain. This is particularly amongst 16-34 year-olds and those from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

The number of adults reporting that they had played tennis during the year increased 43% compared to the previous year (2021), rising from 3.3 million to 4.7 million from January through to December. This is the highest total recorded since 2017 and has continued the growth seen in 2018-19 before being interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition, more than two million adults play monthly, and this is the highest level recorded since the LTA started tracking this measure seven years ago. This means that the LTA has achieved the targets set out in its five-year 2018-23 strategy for adult annual and monthly participation one year ahead of schedule.

Finally, children's weekly participation in tennis has seen positive growth in the past year with over three and a half million children playing tennis and with an extra 328,000 children playing tennis in schools.

In Bradford, both Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club and St Peter's TC report that demand has increased over recent years. Conversely, both Beckfoot & Bingley TC and Ben Rhydding TC highlights that demand has remained the same over recent years but does highlight plans to increase membership.

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Informal and parks tennis

The LTA has developed a package of support for local authorities and other providers to grow the use of tennis courts by removing key barriers to participation. The three products are ClubSpark, Play and Gate Access, which are further detailed below.

ClubSpark – Improving the booking process

ClubSpark is a flexible and simple venue management platform with multiple products and applications to help venues, local authorities and coaches manage their sport. ClubSpark is a tool that is offered for free as part of LTA venue registration and allows administrators to manage all functions at their venue(s), including:

- ✦ Managed website - create and manage a mobile friendly website tailored to LA/club requirements to promote events and activities.
- ✦ Managed coaching – set up coaching lessons and courses online.
- ✦ Membership management - improve membership engagement by making it easier for the venue and for members to pay, renew and keep in touch (includes online payments, direct debits and the monitoring of revenue streams; membership modules can also be used to take season ticket payments for venues operating a non-traditional annual facility fee).
- ✦ Organise payments - set the way payments are taken, whether it's immediate pay and play, or bookable as part of a membership package.
- ✦ Court bookings – reduced administration for managing bookings; give staff, coaches, members and the general public access to book and pay for courts, classes or other resources online.
- ✦ Scheduling - set unique booking and price rules to suit the venue and enable lights to switch on/off automatically when linked to the LTA Premium Gate Access system.
- ✦ Book and pay remotely - customers can make bookings and payments for a venue anytime, anywhere via the real-time booking app.
- ✦ Reporting - ClubSpark allows administrators to view reports highlighting income, court usage, revenue and number of members and season ticket holders; this allows for identification of trends and patterns and evidence to demonstrate participation levels and impact.

In Bradford, five tennis clubs use ClubSpark, Beckfoot & Bingley TC, Heaton TC, Ilkley TC, Riddlesden TC and Salts TC.

There has been an increase in the number of clubs that are looking to implement online booking systems and the gate access technology. This not only offers the ability to increase the amount of court usage at a venue but acts as a key marketing tool locally in the quest to attract more users to a venue.

LTA Play

LTA Play is an aggregator that collects all booking and coaching information via ClubSpark pages and displays it for participants in one easy to view page. It allows players to search for venues close to them and provides booking options, removing the barriers of not knowing where courts are or how to book.

LTA Play provides a helpful customer journey, with a personal profile to review and manage bookings, and helpful reminders. Courts can be set to book for free of charge or at a fee agreed by the provider.

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Smart Access

The LTA has developed two Smart Access gate access systems that work in association with ClubSpark to secure courts and to allow access to booked customers only. Members of the public can book a court online (making payment if required) and receive a four digit access code via email to enter using a courtside keypad. The gate access system then allows entry for the time booked if a correct code is entered. Where implemented, the system has been successful in increasing participation rates, whilst also generating income that helps to improve the financial sustainability of a venue.

Parks tennis

A significant proportion of tennis participation in the UK takes place in a park environment. The park environment is the most common place where new participants will start their tennis journey. For those that don't play, the majority of people who have expressed an interest in playing would see the park environment as their first option for play.

Park players are most dissatisfied with the condition of the courts, the number of courts available and the journey from booking a court to the actual play. Therefore, the LTA in partnership with the government are upgrading over 2500 park courts to enable greater levels of participation within park environments.

The LTA has successfully implemented technology (as mentioned above) that improves the customer journey to court. Where implemented, the system has been successful in increasing participation rates, whilst also generating income that helps to improve the financial sustainability of a venue.

It is looking to significantly increase the number of gate access systems that are installed nationally as part of the Digital Participation Pathway.

Padel is still early in development in parks, however the LTA is keen to see this development and see it as a natural offer alongside multi-sport and tennis provision.

Additional demand

The LTA has a variety of initiatives to attract and retain players, thereby growing court demand. There are different formats that provide opportunities for tennis to be fully inclusive. These are all detailed below.

Barclays Local Tennis League (Parks)³³

Parks local tennis league provides adults with a fun and local competitive opportunity against players of a similar ability. Beginner tennis leagues are being activated around key parks for players who are new to the game.

In Bradford, there is currently no Tennis League that takes place.

Barclays Free Park Tennis

FPT is a requirement offer for LA key sites as part of the Parks Investment but is also encouraged at sites with no capital investment. It provides a weekly community play opportunity for juniors and adults

³³ [Play in a Barclays Local Tennis League | LTA](#)

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Barclays Big Tennis Weekend

The LTA Big Tennis Weekend is an LTA initiative which all registered venues can access. Clubs and venues have the ability to sign up to host open days, which are free of charge, and create a relaxed and welcoming environment for those new to tennis to participate. This in turn can potentially lead to the clubs attracting new members.

The LTA hosts three dedicated weekends a year (in May, July and September) that are the UK's biggest public tennis events. Furthermore, venues are able to run additional events outside these dates and will benefit from their events being promoted on the national LTA campaign website. All clubs running an open day are asked to promote a follow-on offer to all attendees, such as a reduced rate introductory membership or a number of free coaching sessions, to encourage people to continue playing after the event.

No sites in Bradford currently host or are scheduled to host a Big Tennis Weekend with the closest site being located in Kirklees at Wilton Park (Batley).

LTA Youth Programmes

The LTA provides children with the perfect opportunity to learn the fundamentals of tennis at an early age. Designed for children aged between 4-10, mini tennis utilises smaller courts, nets and rackets as well as lower-bouncing tennis balls to develop vital tennis skills and techniques.

The game is split out into five levels, with the LTA stating that each stage has key aims and goals as follows:

- ♦ Blue Stage: Age 4-6 – learn the basics.
- ♦ Red Stage: Age 6-8 – serve, rally and score.
- ♦ Orange Stage: Age 8-9 – develop a rounded game.
- ♦ Green Stage: Age 9-10 – test your skills.
- ♦ Yellow Stage: Age 10+ - take your skills further.

No mini tennis courts have been identified in Bradford.

Latent/unmet demand

Latent demand for tennis nationally is reported to be high by the LTA, which has an insight tool that suggests that 18% of the five million players that pick up a racket each year would play more often if key barriers such as poor promotion of opportunities to get on court, unclear booking journeys (especially those that are 'offline') and low quality facilities were addressed.

Furthermore, the LTA conducted some research to understand how the public feels about tennis and the main barriers to accessing the sport. The research was split into club, community and education sectors, the headline findings of which are below:

- ♦ Around five million people play once per year with the majority of this in parks.
- ♦ 46% of tennis played by those 14 years is on park courts.
- ♦ 80% of those that do not play tennis but would like to see parks as their first option.
- ♦ Barriers preventing use of courts located in parks include the quality of the courts, ease of booking and the number of courts available to play.
- ♦ Demand for tennis amongst those who stopped playing in the last five years is from 14 upwards.

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- Although there is demand for tennis amongst working class individuals, the highest latent demand is from upper middle, middle and lower middle classes.

Further research carried out by the LTA suggests that many more people would play tennis if they knew where courts were located, particularly local authority courts. Its assertion is that better promotion would increase demand.

Responding clubs report that existing membership can be accommodated on the current level of provision available to them and that no potential members are being turned away due to capacity issues. As such, no clubs report any latent or unmet demand, with all four clubs actively trying to recruit new members.

This suggests that the latent demand identified through other methods is for non-club activity, or that other barriers aside from facilities are preventing activity.

Future demand

Of the responding clubs, Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club plans to increase its membership by 200 senior members and 100 junior members. Additionally, Beckfoot & Bingley TC, Ben Rhydding TC and St Peter's TC plan to increase its membership but does not quantify the amount.

Away from club-based demand, it is considered that all remaining future demand will be picked up via the latent/unmet demand noted above and attracted to non-club and particularly Council courts. Therefore, protecting and improving existing facilities will be important in accommodate any future demand.

10.4: Supply and demand analysis

For club-based tennis, the LTA suggests that non-sports lit courts can accommodate a maximum of 40 members, whereas courts with sports lighting can accommodate 60 members. Using this, the table below identifies the capacity balance at all sites currently used by clubs, taking into account current demand.

Table 10.9: Capacity analysis (club courts)

Site ID	Site	Club users	Available for community use?	Current demand (members)	Current capacity (members)	Capacity balance (members)
18	Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club	Beckfoot and Bingley TC	Yes	51	200	149
22	Ben Rhydding Sports Club	Ben Rhydding TC	Yes	16	200	184
128	Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club	Ilkley TC	Yes	3,026	820	2,206
284	St Peter's Tennis Club	St Peter's TC	Yes	164	120	44
294	Riddlesden Tennis Club	Riddlesden TC	Yes	125	120	5

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As seen in the table above, Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club and Ben Rhydding Sports Club have sufficient capacity to accommodate its membership both now and in the future. However, Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, St Peter's Tennis Club and Riddlesden Tennis Club are operating above the recommended capacity. While neither club has identified issues in accommodating its existing membership, consideration should be given to increasing court capacity through the provision of sports lighting. At St Peter's Tennis Club and Riddlesden Tennis Club, the addition of sports lighting would help meet current demand.

Demand figure at Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club should be monitored to ensure demand can continue to be accommodated, particularly following the recent approved planning application for four new padel courts resulting in a re-configuration of the site.

Away from clubs, although no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, precedence should be placed on improving the supply in ways that can meet unmet and latent demand identified at sites such as Menston Park and Oxenhope Sports Association. Additional, currently no Local Authority managed courts are provided with sports lighting, changing this would allow for more utilisation of the courts all-year round.

10.5: Conclusion

In conclusion, where known through consultation, Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club and Ben Rhydding Sports Club have sufficient capacity to facilitate club demand both now and in the future with the clubs also accessing good or standard quality courts. However, Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, St Peter's Tennis Club and Riddlesden Tennis Club are operating above the recommended capacity. While neither club has identified issues in accommodating its existing membership, consideration should be given to increasing court capacity through the provision of sports lighting.

For non-club courts, whilst no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, it cannot be said that supply is sufficient to meet demand due to the amount of unmet and latent demand evidenced both nationally and in the Authority. There is instead a clear need to improve and retain the current supply in ways that can attract and better accommodate more users at sites such as Menston Park and Oxenhope Sports Association. Additional, currently no Local Authority managed courts are provided with sports lighting, changing this would allow for more utilisation of the courts all-year round.

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- ◆ In conclusion, where known through consultation, Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club and Ben Rhydding Sports Club have sufficient capacity to facilitate club demand both now and in the future with the clubs also accessing good or standard quality courts. However, Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, St Peter's Tennis Club and Riddlesden Tennis Club are operating above the recommended capacity.
- ◆ Away from clubs, although no courts are identified as having any capacity issues, precedence should be placed on improving the supply in ways that can meet unmet and latent demand identified at sites such as Menston Park and Oxenhope Sports Association. Additional, currently no Local Authority managed courts are provided with sports lighting, changing this would allow for more utilisation of the courts all-year round.

Supply summary

- ◆ There are 154 tennis courts identified in Bradford across 40 sites with 130 courts available for community use.
- ◆ The largest offering of tennis courts is identified in both the Shipley Analysis Areas, with 52 courts. In contrast, the Bradford South Analysis Area offers the least amount of tennis courts with 12.

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- ▶ Most tennis courts are operated by education providers (77 or 50%), this is followed by 49 (32%) tennis courts operated by sports clubs. The remaining 28 courts (18%) are managed by the Local Authority.
- ▶ Majority of outdoor tennis courts in Bradford have a macadam surface. In addition to the above, of the remaining courts in Bradford, 18 courts have a grass surface (Ben Rhydding Sports Club and Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club), six courts have an artificial surface (Beckfoot Thornton School and Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club) and five courts have a clay surface (Beckfoot and Bingley Tennis Club and Hazelbeck School).
- ▶ In Bradford, 53 of the community available tennis courts are serviced by sports lights, representing just 34% of the provision. It should be noted that no Local Authority courts are provided with sports lighting which reduces the courts usage all year round.
- ▶ Of the 154 courts, 74 courts (48%) are overmarked by netball provision, with all courts located at education sites.
- ▶ Of the courts in Bradford, 96 (62%) are assessed as good quality, 38 (25%) as standard quality and 20 (13%) as poor quality. Of the good quality tennis courts, 91 are available for community use.
- ▶ In Bradford, several courts have been improved as part of the LTA Parks Investment Strategy located at Bowling Park, Cottingley Manor, Haworth Central Park, Lister Park, Myrtle Park, Northcliffe Park, Peel Park, Silsden Park and Temple Rhydding.

Demand summary

- ▶ There are 10 tennis clubs playing within Bradford, of which seven are LTA registered clubs and three are non-LTA registered clubs.
- ▶ Of the five clubs in Bradford which responded to consultation, there is a total of 3,382 members. As a breakdown, this equates to 2,722 senior members and 660 junior members. It should be noted that membership at Ben Rhydding TC has decreased slightly since the previous study.
- ▶ In Bradford, both Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club and St Peter's TC report that demand has increased over recent years. Conversely, both Beckfoot & Bingley TC and Ben Rhydding TC highlights that demand has remained the same over recent years but does highlight plans to increase membership.
- ▶ In Bradford, five tennis clubs use ClubSpark, Beckfoot & Bingley TC, Heaton TC, Ilkley TC, Riddlesden TC and Salts TC.
- ▶ Of the responding clubs, Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club plans to increase its membership by 200 senior members and 100 junior members. Additionally, Beckfoot & Bingley TC, Ben Rhydding TC and St Peter's TC plan to increase its membership but does not quantify the amount.

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PART 11: PADEL

11.1: Introduction

Padel is one of the fastest growing sports in Great Britain and there has been significant investment in the sport since the LTA became the national governing body in 2019. It is played on an enclosed court that is around a third of a size of a tennis court, in a doubles format and can be played in groups of mixed ages and abilities. The rules are broadly the same as tennis, although you serve under-arm and the walls are used as part of the game with the ball allowed to bounce off them.

The LTA has recently launched an updated LTA Padel Strategy to outline our plans for 2024 – 2029. ([LTA Padel Strategy](#)). The vision and mission align to the tennis strategy, and the focus is on growing the infrastructure, increasing and diversifying the coaching workforce and building on the performance pathway as well as increasing visibility and driving participation.

11.2: Supply

There are currently 12 padel courts located in Bradford across four sites of which one is a temporary outdoor court and the remaining 11 being indoor courts. A further breakdown can be seen in the table below.

Table 11.1: Summary of Padel Provision

Site	Number of padel courts	Indoor or outdoor courts
Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club	1 (temporary court)	Outdoor court
Strike Padel Bradford	5	Indoor courts
Salus Padel	4	Indoor courts
Voltage Padel (Baildon)	2	Indoor courts

There are a couple of educational establishments that report an aspiration for padel tennis courts such as, Bradford College and Hanson Academy. The latter highlights aspiration to install outdoor padel courts onsite which the School has secured the funds with its next phase to go through the planning application process.

There are a number of planning applications for Padel developments across Bradford. A detailed breakdown can be seen below.

Table 11.2: Summary of potential padel developments

Location	Proposal	Number of padel courts	Indoor or outdoor courts	Approval
Half Moon Farm, Harden, BD16 1DE	26/00279/FUL Conversion of agricultural building and creation of additional canopied padel courts outside.	2 indoor courts and 2 canopied outdoor courts	Mixed indoor and outdoor	Granted
Hillam Industrial Estate, off Canal Road, Bradford	26/00955/FUL Conversion of warehouse to padel facility.	6	Indoor	Granted

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Location	Proposal	Number of padel courts	Indoor or outdoor courts	Approval
Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club	25/04725/MAF Expansion of existing tennis offer with padel provision. Including re-configuration of grass tennis courts with new grass tournament courts and three hard standing sports lit tennis courts.	4 (including 2 covered)	Outdoor	Granted
Inspire Bradford Business Park, Newlands Way, Bradford, BD10 0JE	26/00719/FUL Change of use to recreational use as padel courts.	2	Indoor	Granted
Keighley Rugby Union Football Club, BD20 6DT	26/02447/MAF Construction of four padel courts with toilets and associated works.	4	Outdoor	Decision pending
Riva Bingo, Oasby Croft, Bradford, BD4 9RD	26/00270/FUL Proposed partial change of use to an indoor padel court	5	Indoor	Granted
Unit 7 Dudley Hill Business Park, Rook Lane, Bradford, BD4 9BQ (Just Padel)	26/02268/FUL Change of use and conversion of existing industrial unit to an indoor padel tennis facility.	7	Indoor	Decision pending
Unit 8 Beckside Mills Beckside Lane, BD7 2BR (Strike Padel)	26/01534/FUL Expansion of existing padel centre into neighbouring vacant unit.	8	Indoor	Granted

Given padel is a relatively new sport and growing fast, LTA has recently carried out a mapping exercise that sets out the level of provision that could be sustained within a local authority, based on population and demand, with this model identifying that 42 community accessible padel courts could be needed within Bradford. It should be noted that this figure is not a limit but an analysis for community provision based on adult population which can change over the years.

In terms of future supply, the LTA states that a variety of tennis environments can be considered, with padel courts often situated next to or managed by those running existing tennis facilities. To that end, padel court development at parks and leisure centre sites can be particularly beneficial as provision can be tied into other sports facilities and profit from an already established operating model. Furthermore, they can benefit clubs and particularly those that may be otherwise struggling due to the additional revenue that they can provide.

Notwithstanding the above, the LTA also states that it is not encouraging clubs or local authorities to convert existing tennis courts to padel courts, unless a benefit to both tennis and padel can be evidenced. This is to ensure that the provision of traditional courts remains sufficient and the growth of padel is not to the detriment of tennis.

11.3: Demand

As of the end of 2023, 129,000 people reportedly play padel more than once a year in England, which represents a significant increase compared to 2021 data when the number was 15,000. This exemplifies the continued growth of the sport and the need to ensure that such demand is being adequately catered for. One of the LTAs key strategies is to find new ways to grow participation and padel is an innovative format of tennis that is fun, flexible, easy to play and extremely sociable.

11.4: Conclusion

There is currently 12 padel court located in Bradford which are a mixture of indoor and outdoor padel courts across four sites with a minimum of 42 courts identified by the LTA mapping as being needed relative to population. As mentioned above, this figure is not a limit but an analysis for community provision based on adult population which can change over the years. There is a need for provision to provide an opportunity for all members of the community where they are located, to have the opportunity to play the sport.

Given the information collated above, there is an identified need based on population demand amounting to 42 padel courts with 12 courts currently provided. Therefore, the LTA is supportive of plans for new provision to be established. It should be noted that following six successful planning applications (as seen above), there will be an increase of an additional 29 new padel courts of which 10 courts will be outdoor.

Supply and demand summary

- There is currently 12 padel court located in Bradford which are a mixture of indoor and outdoor padel courts across four sites with a minimum of 42 courts identified by the LTA mapping as being needed relative to population. As mentioned above, this figure is not a limit but an analysis for community provision based on adult population which can change over the years. There is a need for provision to provide an opportunity for all members of the community where they are located, to have the opportunity to play the sport.

Supply summary

- There are currently 12 padel courts located in Bradford across four sites of which one is a temporary outdoor court and the remaining 11 being indoor courts.
- There are a couple of educational establishments that report an aspiration for padel tennis courts such as, Bradford College and Hanson Academy. The latter highlights aspiration to install outdoor padel courts onsite which the School has secured the funds with its next phase to go through the planning application process.
- There are a number of planning applications for Padel developments across Bradford with six being recently granted.

Demand summary

- The LTA has recently carried out a mapping exercise that sets out the level of provision that could be sustained within a local authority, based on population and demand, with this identifying a need for 42 courts in Bradford.

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PART 12: NETBALL

12.1: Introduction

England Netball is the governing body with overall responsibility for ensuring the effective governance of the sport.

Whilst often played indoors, there are far more outdoor courts provided and in use by the netball community than there are indoor. Nationally, England Netball reports that a key challenge is that the supply of outdoor netball courts is generally not of a good enough standard for use by the community, whilst accessibility and a lack of sports lighting can also be problematic.

Consultation

There are several key netball clubs in Bradford including Birkenshaw Bells, Shipley Swifts, Yorkshire Roses and Undercliffe Network Club. Of these, only Birkenshaw Bells has responded to consultation requests.

Data regarding unresponsive clubs and the wider netball context has been provided by England Netball.

12.2: Supply

There are 60 netball courts identified in Bradford across 19 sites with 43 courts available for community use. All courts are located at education sites.

Table 12.1: Summary of community available netball courts

Analysis area	Number of courts available for community use	Number of courts unavailable for community use
Bradford East	11	3
Bradford South	14	-
Bradford West	7	8
Keighley Area	3	3
Shipley Area	8	3
Bradford	43	17

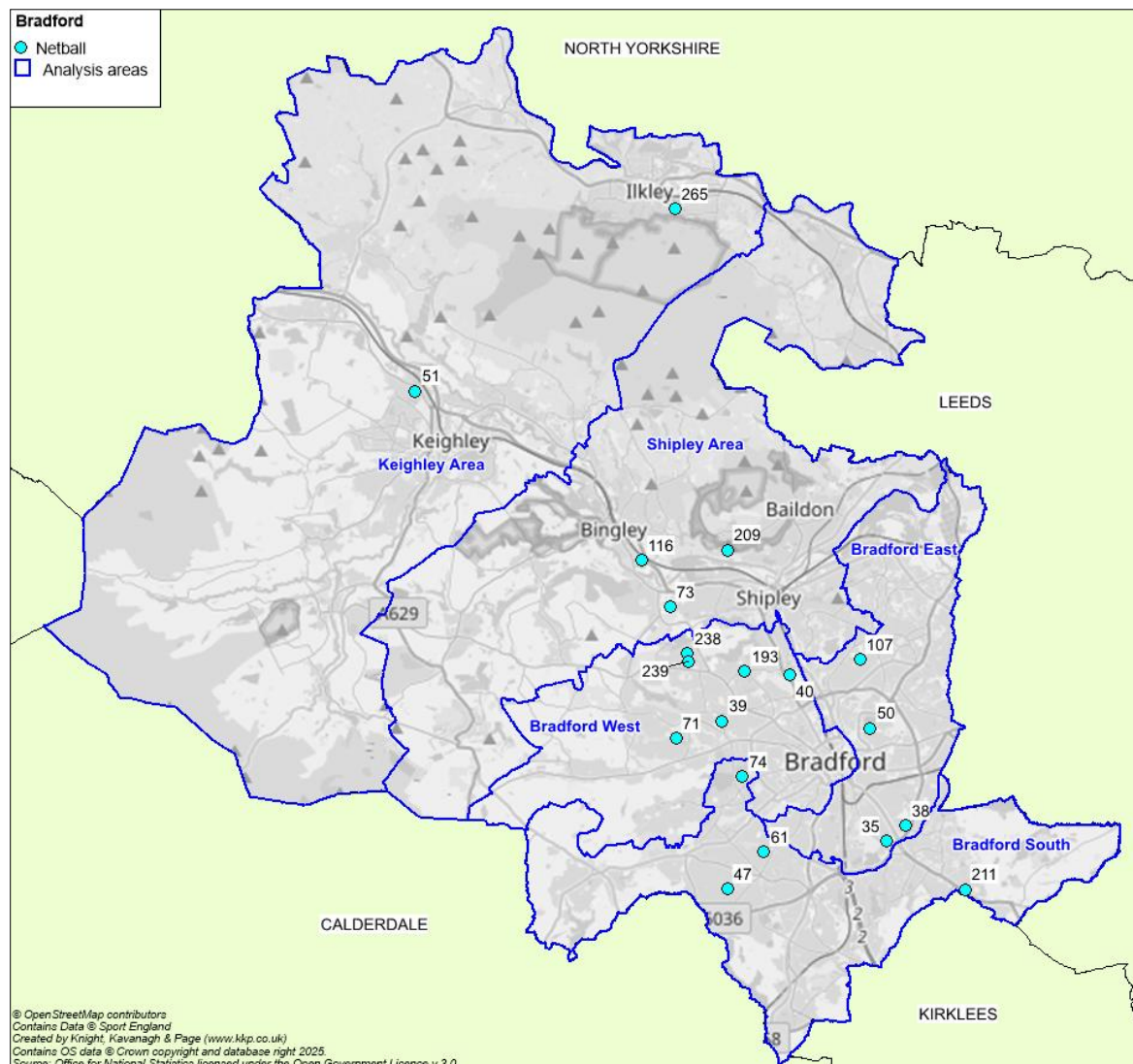
As seen in the table above, most community available courts are in the Bradford South Analysis Area (14 or 33%), whereas the fewest are found in the Keighley Area Analysis Area (three or 7%).

A direct comparison to the previous PPS is not possible as netball was not included within the previous study.

Figure 12.1 overleaf shows the location of the netball courts currently servicing the District. For a key to the map, see Table 12.2.

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Figure 12.1: Location of netball courts in Bradford



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Table 12.2: Key to map

Site ID	Site name	Postcode	Analysis area	Management	Community use?	No. of courts	Sports lit?	Court type	Court quality
35	Bradford Academy	BD4 7QJ	Bradford East	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Standard
38	Bradford Forster Academy	BD4 8RG	Bradford East	Education	No	3	Yes	Macadam	Poor
39	Bradford Girls Grammar School	BD9 6RB	Bradford West	Education	No	3	No	Macadam	Poor
40	Bradford Grammar School	BD9 4JP	Bradford West	Education	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam	Poor
47	Buttershaw Business & Enterprise College	BD6 3PX	Bradford South	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Good
50	Carlton Bolling College	BD3 0DU	Bradford East	Education	Yes	4	No	Macadam	Standard
51	Carlton Keighley	BD20 6EB	Keighley Area	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Good
61	Co-op Academy Southfield	BD5 9ET	Bradford South	Education	Yes	5	Yes	Macadam	Good
71	Dixon Allerton Academy	BD8 0DH	Bradford West	Education	Yes	2	Yes	Macadam	Good
73	Dixon Cottingley Academy	BD16 1TZ	Shipley Area	Education	No	3	No	Macadam	Poor
74	Dixon Kings Academy	BD7 2AN	Bradford South	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Standard
107	Hanson Academy	BD2 1JP	Bradford East	Education	Yes	4	Yes	Macadam	Poor
116	Hazelbeck School	BD16 1EE	Shipley Area	Education	Yes	4	Yes	Macadam	Standard
116	Hazelbeck School	BD16 1EE	Shipley Area	Education	Yes	1	Yes	Clay	Good
193	St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College (Ardor Campus)	BD9 4BQ	Bradford West	Education	No	2	No	Macadam	Poor
209	Titus Salt School	BD17 5RH	Shipley Area	Education	Yes	3	No	Macadam	Standard
211	Tong Leadership Academy	BD4 6NR	Bradford South	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Good
238	Zara Sports Centre	BD9 6NA	Bradford West	Education	Yes	3	Yes	Macadam	Poor
239	Beckfoot Upper Heaton	BD9 6AL	Bradford West	Education	No	3	No	Macadam	Good
265	Ilkley Grammar School	LS29 8TR	Keighley Area	Education	No	3	No	Macadam	Standard

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Management and security of tenure

As mentioned above, all outdoor netball court sites in Bradford are managed by schools. Due to this fact, security of tenure for netball users is limited with no club known to have secured access via a community use agreement.

Court type

Majority of outdoor netball courts in Bradford have a macadam surface with only one surface being clay located at Hazelbeck School. The estimated lifespan of a macadam court is ten years, depending on levels of use and maintenance levels.

Sports lighting

Outdoor netball courts that are serviced by sports lighting enable all year round evening use, thus allowing outdoor winter netball activity to take place as well as the more common summer netball activity. In Bradford, 39 of the 60 courts (65%) are serviced by sports lights, with these based at Worksop College.

An absence of sports lighting on courts is an issue nationwide, with England Netball's national database identifying that only 1,941 of 5,108 outdoor netball courts are with sports lighting throughout the Country (38%).

Over marking

Netball courts, particularly at school sites, are often overmarked, predominately by tennis courts but also on occasion by basketball and/or football courts. Provision such as this tends to receive higher levels of use which can be detrimental to quality over time, as well as potentially causing capacity issues when there is external netball demand. This is, however, not considering the benefits the dual use can provide for schools from a curriculum perspective.

In Bradford, 54 courts are overmarked with tennis courts with only Hanson Academy and St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College Ardor Campus providing dedicated netball provision.

Quality

The quality of netball courts has been informed through non-technical site assessments and consultation with providers to assign each court a rating of good, standard or poor. Key aspects informing the findings include surface quality, grip underfoot, line marking quality, evenness and evidence of inappropriate use (for the full assessment criteria, please refer to Appendix 2).

Across Bradford, 20 courts (33%) are assessed as good quality, 20 courts (33%) as standard quality and 20 courts (33%) are assessed as poor quality with these courts located at Bradford Forster Academy, Bradford Girls Grammar School, Bradford Grammar School, Dixon Cottingley Academy, Hanson Academy, St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic Ardor Campus. This is summarised further in the table below.

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Table 12.3: Quality of netball courts in Bradford

Analysis area	Good quality	Standard quality	Poor quality
Bradford East	-	7	7
Bradford South	11	3	-
Bradford West	5	-	10
Keighley Area	3	3	-
Shipley Area	1	7	3
Bradford	20	20	20

Outdoor netball courts at schools are often poor quality mainly due to weather damage, lack of funding, aging infrastructure, and low prioritisation of maintenance. Improving these conditions would require significant investment and a shift in priorities, especially to promote accessibility to high-quality facilities for all students.

Additionally, netball courts, particularly at school sites, are often overmarked, predominately by tennis courts but also on occasion by basketball and/or football courts. Provision such as this tends to receive higher levels of use which can be detrimental to quality over time as is the case with some courts in Bradford.

Hanson Academy highlights plans to refurbish its current poor quality courts in summer 2026.

Ancillary facilities

Nationally, ancillary provision is generally considered to be problematic for community netball. Whilst most sites provide changing facilities and/or toilets, they are generally not specific for netball and are often too far away from the courts to be realistically used. Moreover, given that most courts are located at schools, the facilities predominately service sports halls or grass pitches and are therefore not readily available or suited to outdoor netball court users. Access can then also be limited, even at sites that allow for community use as this may entail opening the main school buildings.

In Bradford, the above is likely to relate given that all courts are provided at school sites, albeit this is not currently an issue due to a general lack of external netball usage. Where provision is in use, no issues have been identified through consultation with providers.

12.3: Demand

Demand for outdoor netball activity can come in several forms, such as through formal league activity, commercial leagues and England Netball-led initiatives.

Birkenshaw Bells NC

Birkenshaw Bells Netball Club is a community netball club based in Bradford accommodating 106 junior members which splits across four age groups. It highlights there has been growth in membership numbers, particularly within under 12 and under 14s which now have three teams in each. The senior section also has three teams. The Club caters for all abilities and utilises provision at Tong Leadership Academy mainly the indoor sports hall but occasionally uses the outdoor netball courts (e.g. exam season) and Hope Park which has one indoor court.

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Shipley Swifts NC

Shipley Swifts Netball Club is a competitive club which has a number of senior and junior teams competing in the West Yorkshire County Netball League. The Club host training sessions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at Bradford College (Trinity Green Campus) utilising the indoor sports hall.

Yorkshire Roses NC

Yorkshire Roses Netball Club is an established competitive club operating within the Yorkshire Netball regional structure with the club fielding multiple senior teams. It contributes to the ongoing growth of netball participation and performance opportunities across West Yorkshire. The Club utilises a range of indoor venues for its demand including Bradford College and Parkside Sports Centre.

Undercliffe Network NC – play at Carlton Bolling College

Undercliffe Network Netball Club is a community-focused netball club based in the Bradford area. The club provides opportunities for women and girls to participate in competitive and recreational netball, supporting both player development and long-term participation in the sport. The Club mainly uses the indoor facilities at Carlton Bolling College but occasionally uses the outdoor courts during exam season.

England Netball initiatives

Nationally, England Netball has a variety of initiatives aimed at increasing netball participation for players of all abilities and ages. These include:

- ◀ Back to Netball.
- ◀ Walking Netball.
- ◀ Netball Now.
- ◀ Bee Netball.

Walking Netball sessions are being held at Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre every Monday at 10.30am.

There is currently no Netball Now or Bee Netball presence in Bradford.

Unmet/latent demand

No latent or unmet demand has been identified in Bradford. As such, it is considered that any demand from people not currently playing netball could be accommodated within pre-existing activity.

12.4: Supply and demand analysis

Although majority of usage is on indoor netball courts, there is still a clear need for outdoor courts as seasonal usage is critical to sustaining netball all year round. There are structured leagues, school delivery, and England Netball programmes already in place which rely on outdoor provision. Removing outdoor netball courts from future protection risks undermining a large portion of grassroots delivery, especially among underserved participation groups. Investment is needed to improve poor quality sites (such as Tuxford Academy) to meet existing demand, enable the growth of netball provision, and support future projects currently in development.

12.5: Conclusion

In summary, there is a need to protect the current number of outdoor netball courts within Bradford to sustain current levels of demand. There is also a need to improve and sustain the quality of courts to accommodate current and additional demand.

Netball – supply and demand summary

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Netball – supply summary

- ◆ There are 60 netball courts identified in Bradford across 19 sites with 43 courts available for community use. All courts are located at education sites.
- ◆ Most community available courts are in the Bradford South Analysis Area (14 or 33%), whereas the fewest are found in the Keighley Area Analysis Area (three or 7%).
- ◆ All outdoor netball court sites in Bradford are managed by schools. Due to this fact, security of tenure for netball users is limited with no club known to have secured access via a community use agreement.
- ◆ Majority of outdoor netball courts in Bradford have a macadam surface with only one surface being clay located at Hazelbeck School.
- ◆ In Bradford, 39 of the 60 courts (65%) are serviced by sports lights, with these based at Worksop College.
- ◆ 54 courts are overmarked with tennis courts with only Hanson Academy and St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College Ardor Campus providing dedicated netball provision.
- ◆ Across Bradford, 20 courts (33%) are assessed as good quality, 20 courts (33%) as standard quality and 20 courts (33%) are assessed as poor quality with these courts located at Bradford Forster Academy, Bradford Girls Grammar School, Bradford Grammar School, Dixon Cottingley Academy, Hanson Academy, St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic Ardor Campus.

Netball – demand summary

- ◆ There are several key netball clubs in Bradford including Birkenshaw Bells, Shipley Swifts, Yorkshire Roses and Undercliffe Network Club.
- ◆ Walking Netball sessions are being held at Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre every Monday at 10.30am.
- ◆ There is currently no Netball Now or Bee Netball presence in Bradford.
- ◆ No latent or unmet demand has been identified in Bradford. As such, it is considered that any demand from people not currently playing netball could be accommodated within pre-existing activity.

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PART 13: GOLF

13.1: Introduction

Golf is the fifth largest participation sport in the Country, with around 730,000 members belonging to one of 1,750 affiliated clubs. It is a unique sport in that through the handicapping system it allows players of all abilities, ages and genders to play together on an equitable basis.

Nationally, the sport is governed by England Golf. Its role includes providing competitions for players of all ages and abilities, identifying and developing the most talented golfers, maintaining a uniform system of handicapping, administering and applying the rules, and introducing new golfers via its initiatives such as 'Get into Golf'. The core source of funding for England Golf comes from members of affiliated golf clubs who pay an annual fee to their club, with this collected and returned through county bodies.

England Golf's "The Course Planner" sets out its strategic direction and aims to re-focus priorities, energy, and passion on key areas to help widen golf's appeal, highlighting the sport as more inclusive and accessible than ever. It also utilises "18 Tee Shots to Success" which is designed to best position growth in the game.

Consultation

The section has been informed via consultation with England Golf, which has provided information relating to all facilities and clubs within Bradford.

13.2: Supply

There are three different types of golf facilities recognised by Sport England and governed by England Golf, as defined in the table below. Facilities such as pitch and putt courses and miniature/crazy golf courses are not included as these are not considered to be traditional formats of the game and are not comparable offerings.

Table 13.1: Definitions of golf facilities

Facility type	Description
Standard	A standard par course, with a minimum of 9 holes but normally associated with 18-hole courses; many 9-hole courses have different tee boxes which allow the provision to be played as an 18-hole course. Some courses provide 27 holes, with any two loops of 9-holes played to make up an 18-hole round.
Par 3	Shorter length of holes than a standard course, with no hole longer than Par 3. Most likely to be a 9-hole course although 18-hole offerings do exist. Does not include pitch and putt courses, which are even shorter offerings and are not considered to be a traditional version of the sport.
Driving Range	Includes covered and uncovered driving range bays but not practice areas within golf courses; ranges are based on the hiring of balls, with users not required to retrieve, whereas practice areas are generally for members to use with their own balls (although a growing number have dispensers). Does not include 'entertainment' ranges or virtual offerings, although some driving ranges have expanded to also provide these features.

Within Bradford, there are 20 golf venues that provide facilities conforming with the above definitions, as identified in Table 13.2 below.

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Table 13.2: Golf courses within Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Postcode	Analysis area	Active Place Site ID
242	Baildon Golf Club	BD17 5PP	Shipley Area	1102349
243	Ben Rhydding Golf Club	LS29 8SB	Keighley Area	1102350
244	Bingley St Ives Golf Club	BD16 1AT	Shipley Area	1102351
245	Bracken Ghyll Golf Club	LS29 0SL	Keighley Area	1102352
246	Bradford Moor Golf Club	BD2 4RW	Bradford East	1102353
247	Branshaw Golf Club	BD22 7ES	Keighley Area	1102354
248	Clayton Golf Club	BD14 6JX	Bradford West	1102355
249	Headley Golf Club	BD13 3LX	Bradford West	1102361
250	Hollins Hall Hotel & Country Club	BD17 7QW	Shipley Area	1001057
251	Ilkley Golf Club	LS29 0BE	Keighley Area	1102362
252	Keighley Golf Club	BD20 6DH	Keighley Area	1102363
253	Queensbury Golf Club	BD13 1QF	Bradford South	1102366
254	Shipley Golf Club	BD16 1LX	Shipley Area	1102369
255	South Bradford Golf Club	BD6 1BH	Bradford South	1102372
256	Northcliffe Golf Club	BD18 4LJ	Shipley Area	1102365
257	West Bradford Golf Club	BD9 6NP	Bradford West	1102374
258	East Morton Golf Club	BD20 5RY	Keighley Area	1102357
259	Express Golf Bradford	BD9 6BR	Bradford West	1102368
260	Ghyll Beck Golf Driving Range	BD17 7RJ	Shipley Area	1102358
261	Silsden Golf Driving Range	BD20 0EH	Keighley Area	1102371

Disused provision

In addition to the above there are also two identified disused golf courses within the District, namely; Silsden Golf Club (BD20 0ND) and Riddlesden Golf Club (BD20 5QN) both of which are in the Keighley Area.

Silsden Golf Club closed circa 2020 after years of financial difficulties compared with decreasing membership. It is understood that the site is now privately owned with the former clubhouse converted into residential dwellings.

Comparatively, Riddlesden Golf Club wound up operations in 2012 due to gradually declining membership numbers. The site is now owned by the Council and is operating as a Scouting activity centre.

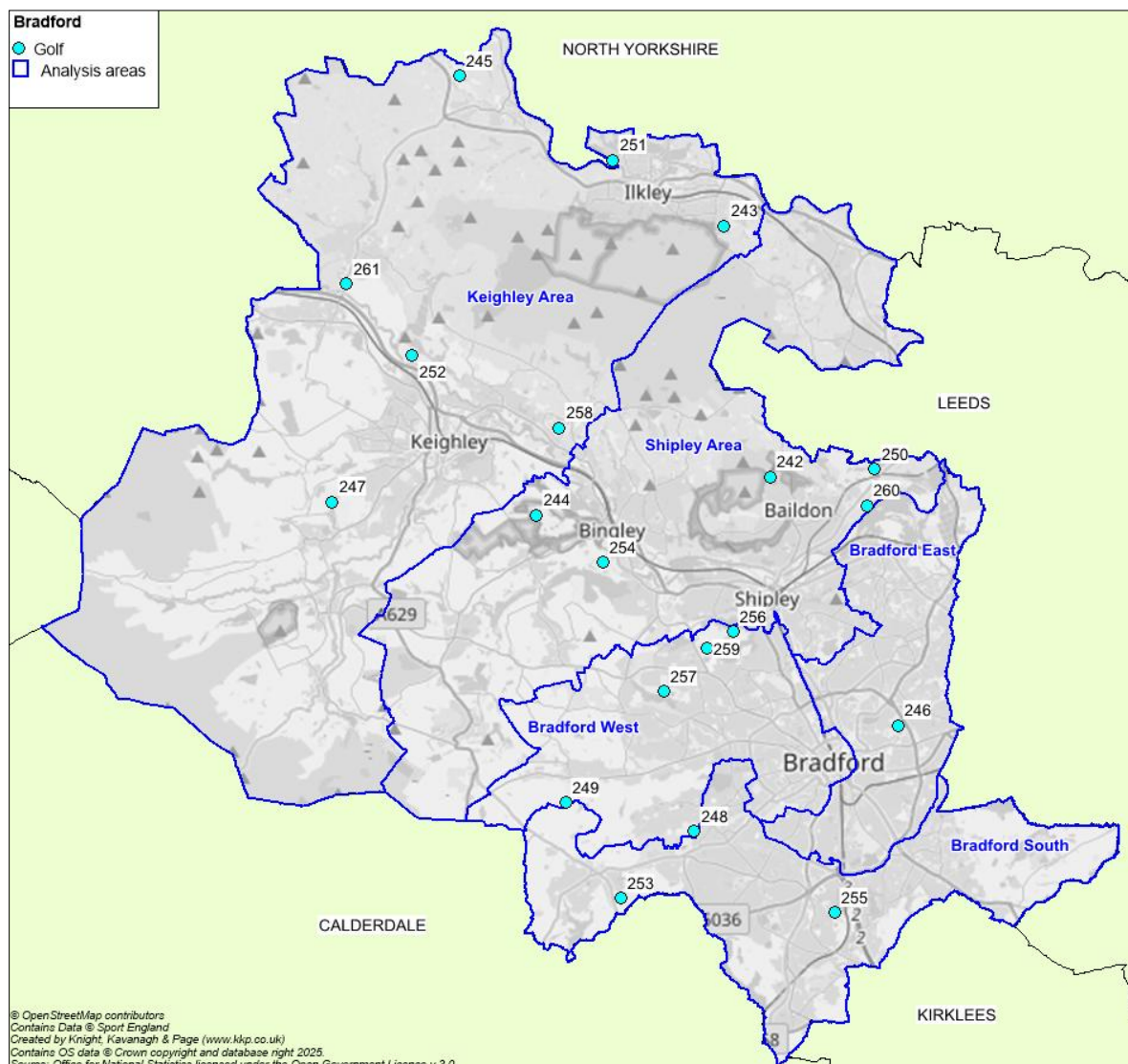
Future developments

There are known ambitions surrounding the potential development of Queensbury Golf Club for housing. In 2019 the Club decided to sell its site due to an aging and decreasing membership. To date it has not sold but indicates, even if a buyer cannot be found, it would not be long term financially viable. There are approximately 60 active members.

In addition to the above, there are also known development aspirations at Express Golf for housing.

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Figure 13.1: Location of golf provision in Bradford



Standard hole golf courses

There are 16 standard hole golf courses in Bradford. The table below outlines each of the course's yardage and slope ratings.

Table 13.3: Summary of standard hole golf courses in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Holes	Par	Yardage ³⁴			Slope rating
242	Baildon Golf Club	18	70	5,982	5,695	5,402	111
243	Ben Rhydding Golf Club	9	33	2,376	2,274	2,288	104
244	Bingley St Ives Golf Club	18	71	6,458	6,289	5,491	130
245	Bracken Ghyll Golf Club	18	69	5,686	5,433	5,169	119
246	Bradford Moor Golf Club	9	35	2,950	2,786	2,508	123
247	Branshaw Golf Club	18	69	5,928	5,677	5,083	124
248	Clayton Golf Club	9	36	3,177	3,055	2,601	122
249	Headley Golf Club	9	33	2,475	2,428	2,365	125

³⁴ White denotes Championship tees, yellow denotes men's tees and red denotes ladies' tees. Figures are based on online research and may vary.

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Site ID	Site name	Holes	Par	Yardage ³⁴			Slope rating
251	Ilkley Golf Club	18	69	6,262	5,953	5,690	119
252	Keighley Golf Club	18	69	6,141	6,003	5,512	118
253	Queensbury Golf Club	9	33	2,504	2,504	2,504	116
254	Shipley Golf Club	18	71	6,220	5,930	5,540	131
255	South Bradford Golf Club	9	35	3,038	2,935	2,690	131
256	Northcliffe Golf Club	18	71	6,113	5,879	5,364	130
257	West Bradford Golf Club	18	69	5,747	5,534	5,352	125
258	East Morton Golf Club	9	36	3,104	3,013	2,717	132

Please note the white-tee par and white-tee slope ratings are used in the respective column (these may differ when compared to yellow and red tees).

Nationally, many 9-hole courses are shorter than the front or back nine of an 18-hole course, primarily to attract and cater for a different userbase. There are seven 9-hole courses in Bradford, which represents a relatively large proportion.

Slope ratings

Slope ratings are new to golf across the World. The intention is for them to allow the handicap system to reflect course difficulty and the difference in difficulty for all players compared to scratch golfers. In effect, this enables each player to have a handicap that will vary from course-to-course, depending on difficulty, as well as a general handicap.

The maximum slope rating is 132, whereas the minimum is 104. The standard difficulty nationally is 113, which means that the courses in Bradford are generally considered more difficult to play with a 123 average slope rating.

Par 3 golf holes

Most commonly, Par 3 provision is used by beginner and casual players, although they are also frequented by more traditional golfers wanting to practice their short game. There is one commercial unaffiliated nine hole Par 3 course located in Bradford at Express Golf (Bradford West). This is 1,803 yards long.

Driving range bays

There are 70 dedicated driving range bays in Bradford across four sites, with facilities in most analysis areas (apart from Bradford East and Bradford South). As seen in the table below, all sites are covered, sports lit and available for public use, however, provision at Hollins Hall Hotel & Country Club is also utilised by members.

Nationally, many driving range providers are updating their facilities with modern technology in a bid to increase demand, such as through the installation of automatic tees or via entertainment systems such as TopTracer and FlightScope. Such provision allows for users to simulate playing on courses across the world and provides ball tracking and statistical feedback. Such technology is currently offered at Express Golf Bradford and Hollins Hall Hotel & Country Club.

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Table 13.4: Summary of driving range bays in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Postcode	Analysis area	Active Place Site ID	Access	Covered / Sports lit? (No.)
250	Hollins Hall Hotel & Country Club ³⁵	BD17 7QW	Shipley Area	1001057	Public and members	Yes (11)
259	Express Golf Bradford	BD9 6BR	Bradford West	1102368	Public	Yes (32)
260	Ghyll Beck Golf Driving Range	BD17 7RJ	Shipley Area	1102358	Public	Yes (17)
261	Silsden Golf Driving Range	BD20 0EH	Keighley Area	1102371	Public	Yes (10)

Management and ownership

There are three main types of ownership and management models of golf facilities in England: members clubs, proprietary clubs, and municipal facilities. Each of these is summarised in the table below.

Table 13.5: Types of ownership and management of golf facilities

Management type	Description
Members	Traditionally owned by members and run by committees. They are likely to hire caterers and green staff. Most members' clubs offer some level of pay and play and encourage golf societies but are mostly focused on membership numbers.
Proprietary	Owned or managed by businesses or individuals, these can include country club type facilities at the high end of the golfing market alongside more localised facilities. Many have clubs operating within them but can also take a much more relaxed attitude to dress and traditions of golf. Pay and play opportunities tend to be a key feature of the business plan.
Municipal	These are generally owned by a local authority, although in a growing number of instances, management has been contracted and externalised to private companies. Due to a lack of financial viability, many have closed across the Country in recent years and many that remain are under threat.

It is recognised that members clubs and visitors to such clubs are normally expected to dress appropriately, have a registered handicap certificate (a certificate issued by the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU)) and be familiar with the rules and etiquette of the game. This is not uncommon at some proprietary clubs, but municipal courses tend to be more relaxed with regard to dress codes and do not require people to have handicaps, making golf much more accessible.

Consequently, municipal courses are, in many instances, seen as entry level facilities, with players using them before having the confidence to move on to a members' or high-end proprietary club (although many people can and do stay attached to a particular course). They also tend to offer a more affordable golfing experience.

³⁵ Affiliated to England Golf

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The business model for members clubs tends to rely heavily on income through membership subscriptions and use of ancillary facilities, rather than from pay and play usage, although attention has somewhat switched at many sites in recent years due to demand falling. The same can be said for some proprietary clubs, although, in general, more emphasis is placed on supplementing regular activity with green fee sales.

Conversely, municipal sites have always been heavily reliant on visitors even though membership packages are normally available (often in the shape of season tickets). On occasion, these can be linked to access to other local authority operated sports facilities, such as leisure centres and swimming pools.

Despite the above generalisations, each golf facility, regardless of management type, will have its own processes in terms of how much focus is placed on membership and pay and play usage, or whether it equally encourages both. There is no correct way to run a site. A club that focuses on members has guaranteed income, but this can often deter more casual players or nomadic golfers through, for example, a lack of peak time availability.

In contrast, a site that depends on visitors can struggle to be viable if there are spells of inclement weather during summer months and can discourage people that want to be part of a club environment. On the other hand, more income can be brought in through regular users compared to what would be the case had they been part of a membership scheme.

As seen below, all sites in Bradford are members clubs, apart from East Morton Golf Club which is a proprietary site. There are no municipal courses. Whilst members clubs are prominent across the area and nationally, such a high proportion would not be expected.

Table 13.6: Summary of ownership/management in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Management type
242	Baildon Golf Club	Members
243	Ben Rhydding Golf Club	Members
244	Bingley St Ives Golf Club	Members
245	Bracken Ghyll Golf Club	Members
246	Bradford Moor Golf Club	Members
247	Branshaw Golf Club	Members
248	Clayton Golf Club	Members
249	Headley Golf Club	Members
251	Ilkley Golf Club	Members
252	Keighley Golf Club	Members
253	Queensbury Golf Club	Members
254	Shipley Golf Club	Members
255	South Bradford Golf Club	Members
256	Northcliffe Golf Club	Members
257	West Bradford Golf Club	Members
258	East Morton Golf Club	Proprietary

In addition to the above, provision at Hollins Hall Hotel & Country Club, Express Golf, Ghyll Beck Golf Driving Range and Silsden Golf Driving Range are all commercially managed sites.

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Pricing

A key issue for the wider golf population is whether golf courses are available to the general population at a price point which is accessible to most residents. Better quality courses tend to cost more to use, whilst 18-hole provision is generally more expensive to access than 9-hole provision.

Nationally, over the past few years, many facilities have altered their pricing structures to allow for discounts following a previous decline in golf membership. England Golf has positively encouraged this as its view is that clubs are more likely to experience growth when flexible packages are available. For instance, some now offer five and/or six-day memberships (whereby members can access the course on specific days but not on one or both weekend days), whilst others provide discounts that are no longer limited solely to junior players (e.g. discounts for those aged 18-21 and 21-30 or for those aged 65 and over). In the past, it was common for clubs to have membership waiting lists, but this has become rarer. That being said, a rise in demand following the Covid-19 pandemic has tested this and resulted in capacity pressures, with a third of clubs now thought to have waiting times before new members can join.

England Golf reports that the average cost of a full adult membership across the Country is currently £1,071. Throughout Bradford, the average membership price is £969, which is 10% lower than the national average. However, this likely a consequence of there being so many 9-hole golf courses, rather than access being generally cheaper. Membership costs are above the national average at six sites.

Table 13.7: Pricing structures at golf facilities within Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Green fee weekday	Green fee weekend	Seven day membership
242	Baildon Golf Club	£15	£25	£799
243	Ben Rhydding Golf Club	£17.50	£27.50	£725
244	Bingley St Ives Golf Club	£30	£35	£1,335
245	Bracken Ghyll Golf Club	£30	£30	£1,120
246	Bradford Moor Golf Club	£28	£28	£720
247	Branshaw Golf Club	£30	£35	£895
248	Clayton Golf Club	£20	£20	£600
249	Headley Golf Club	£15	£15	£299
251	Ilkley Golf Club	£95	£110	£1,752
252	Keighley Golf Club	£40	£40	£1,270
253	Queensbury Golf Club	£22	£22	£649
254	Shipley Golf Club	£50	£50	£1,320
255	South Bradford Golf Club	£25	£30	£780
256	Northcliffe Golf Club	£50	£50	£1,320
257	West Bradford Golf Club	£22	£25	£950
258	East Morton Golf Club	£18	£18	£460
259	Express Golf Bradford	£12	£12	_36

The table below shows the cost of the driving ranges located at Ghyll Beck Golf Driving Range and Silsden Golf Driving Range.

³⁶ Memberships are currently unavailable.

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Table 13.8: Prices of driving ranges in Bradford

Site ID	Site name	Basket of ball (circa 50 ball)	Club hire available?
260	Ghyll Beck Golf Driving Range	£3.90	Yes
261	Silsden Golf Driving Range	£3	Yes

Quality

Judging the condition of golf facilities can be difficult, with there being no official national or county golf facility rankings to inform quality aspects and with it often being relative to the provision on offer and the price point for access. Generally, the better course quality and supporting infrastructure is, the higher joining/membership and green fees are likely to be. Some sites gain status through hosting county, national and international golf events and some tend to feature in ranking articles put together by golf magazines. However, quality can also be subjective and can be dependent on, amongst other aspects, golfer preference and ability.

In terms of golf course quality in Bradford, it is relatively good across the sites, with no significant issues identified. Most importantly, it is generally aligned to the price points for access, with the better quality courses being the most expensive and the worst quality courses being the cheapest.

Ancillary facilities across the golf course venues are also generally of a good quality and include a variety of amenities. Golf clubs often need such revenue sources to operate effectively and the provision of a good quality, well equipped clubhouse is a key opportunity to provide a secondary income stream. This emanates from a variety of sources including bar and catering income from members and visitors as well as venue hire for special occasions including weddings, christenings and funerals.

From a golfing perspective, given the current emphasis on increasing levels of female and junior golf membership across the Country, it is also imperative that ancillary provision can adequately cater for all types of members e.g. by providing gender specific changing facilities.

13.3: Demand

The following section examines current demand for golf in Bradford as well as recent trends and potential future demand. Nationally, there has been a recent growth in golf demand, particularly following Covid-19 where the sport benefitted from being one of the first activities allowed to take place. Prior to this, participation in golf had generally been in decline, although the reduction had been levelling off. Priority is now on trying to retain the increases that have been experienced, with early signs suggesting that this is achievable.

Membership

Individual club membership is unavailable as it is not disclosed by England Golf. However, the current average membership across Bradford equates to 394 (in 2025). Historical data provided by England Golf also indicates a steady increase in golf participation since 2015, when average membership was 305.

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England Golf suggests that the average membership of a golf club nationally is 407, which is based on a central national handicap platform. Although this is slightly higher than the figure in Bradford, it is relatively closely aligned. It should be noted that, to ensure consistency, England Golf equates all membership to 18-hole equivalents (so for 9-hole courses, membership figures have been doubled).

Pay and play

Whilst pay and play usage has generally increased across England in recent years, usage figures at the sites within Bradford are not known as it is not something that is tracked by England Golf.

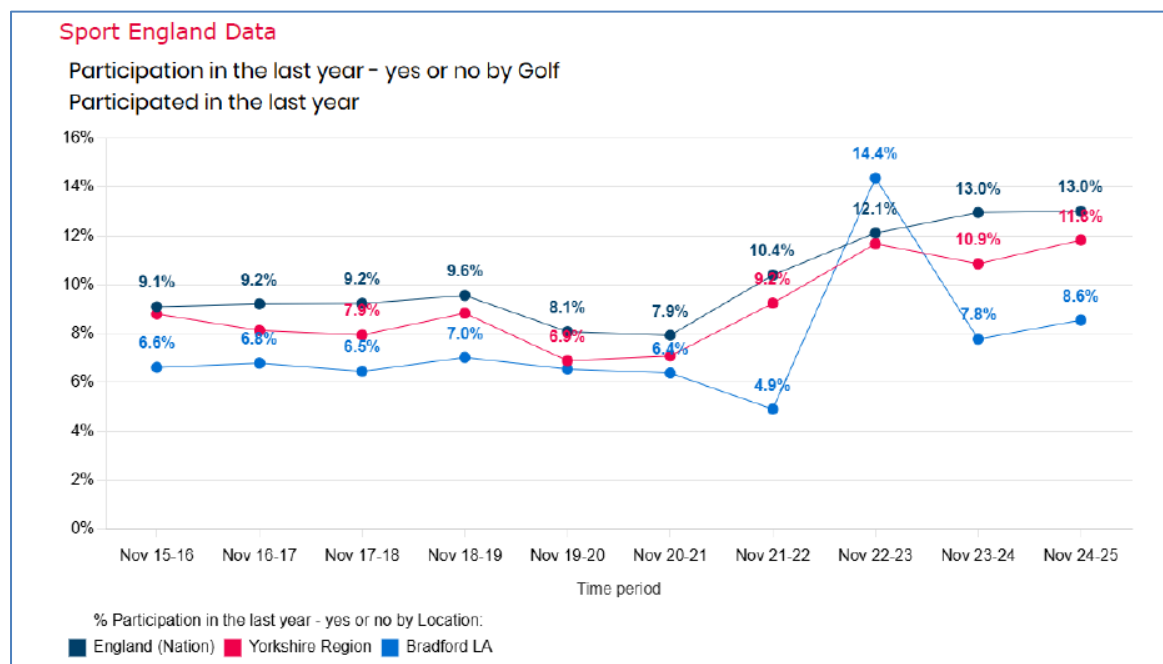
Notwithstanding the above, all clubs in Bradford provide green fee access and pay and play is also available at the driving ranges. Such usage would be expected to be highest at sites such as Express Golf and Morton Golf Club given the operational structures in place and the types of facilities provided. It will be less common at 'higher end' facilities such as Ilkley Golf Club, where emphasis is very much on membership access.

Overall demand

According to Sport England data, golf participation nationally is at its highest level since data collection began in 2015. Between 2023 and 2024 there has been an increase of nearly 1%, with circa 6.1 million people participating in the sport during that 12-month period.

In Bradford, it's evident that the popularity of golf is marginally below the national and regional averages. The current rate is also slightly lower than in 2022, although this conflict with membership growth.

Figure 13.2: Sport England participation data



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Relative demand

Nationally, England Golf utilises a figure of 3.5 million people that are considered to be regular golfers, with this defined as those that have played on a standard-length course at least twice within the last 12 months. Using this, it is able to indicate how much demand exists per facility within a catchment area before then comparing this to a national benchmark.

Within the formula, it calculates the participation number in an area by establishing what proportion of the population is likely to be golfers, which can then be used to determine the number of participants per facility. This can then be compared to the national rate, with an index created for comparison purposes. Using 100 as the average, anything below this suggests that an area has either low demand or a high facility count, whereas anything above provides evidence that an area has high demand and/or a low level of provision.

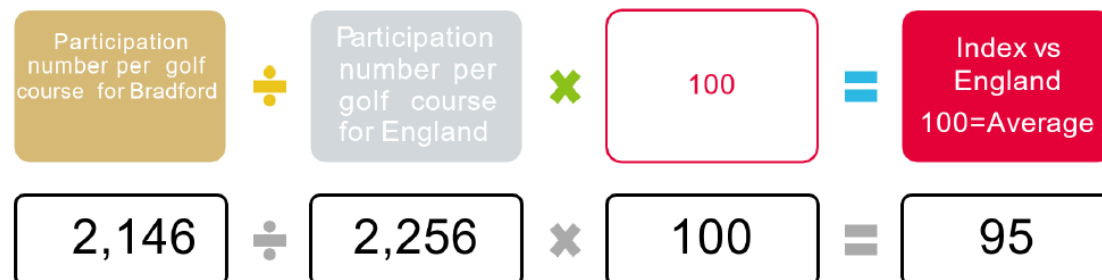
The calculations for the catchment area for the Bradford area can be seen via the image below, as provided by England Golf.

Figure 13.3: Regular golfer demand index calculations for Bradford

Diagram 1 – Regular Golfer Demand Index Calculation



Diagram 2 – Regular Golfer Demand Index Calculation for Bradford Authority



As shown, the index rating for the catchment area (95) is minimally below the national benchmark (100). This indicates the authority provides enough facilities to meet the demand of those in the authority who play golf regularly.

Exported/imported demand

Displaced demand for golf is relatively common, with golfers not tending to adhere to local authority boundaries, and site selection more likely to reflect individual preferences in terms of access costs, quality and playability as well as social aspects. In Bradford, whilst levels are not known, it is considered that there will be a relatively high amount of imported demand given the quantity of facilities on offer and the number provided in close proximity to neighbouring authorities. This is particularly the case in relation to the 9-hole courses, the Par 3 course and the driving ranges given that some local authorities are without such facilities.

Aligned to the above, less exported demand is likely to be experienced. This is because most golfer types can be accommodated within Bradford, giving residents less reason to find facilities outside of the Authority.

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Unmet demand

Unmet demand is existing demand that is not getting access to golf facilities. This could be reflected via a waiting list at a club, although it is likely that people on a waiting list are still playing golf elsewhere, either via membership of another club or through pay and play access. There is no identified unmet demand in Bradford, with no waiting lists found and with no other issues evidenced. This is likely a consequence of the number of facilities in place and the level of variety offered.

Latent demand

Latent demand is demand for golf that is not currently being realised. This could be for numerous reasons, such as time constraints, financial reasons and a lack of suitable, available provision.

Whilst the reasoning for the latent demand is unknown and is likely to be varied, the data does show relatively high demand which would significantly increase membership and/or pay and play usage across facilities if realised. England Golf is supportive of clubs that proactively target new audiences in an attempt to tap into such demand i.e. through developing a variety of golfing offers, coaching programmes and a range of membership options.

In addition, England Golf has a mapping tool that enables an assessment of potential demand within a 20-minute drive time of each golf facility, with the population broken down into nine golfing segments. These segments are defined to help provide an indication as to what type of golfing offer each would be most likely to access. They are:

- ◀ Relaxed members.
- ◀ Older traditionalists.
- ◀ Younger traditionalists.
- ◀ Younger fanatics.
- ◀ Younger actives.
- ◀ Late enthusiasts.
- ◀ Occasional time pressed.
- ◀ Social couples.
- ◀ Casual fun.

For Bradford, demand from each of the segments is relatively evenly split across the nine segments; the highest demand is from “Younger traditionalists” (8,982 people), whilst the lowest is from “Casual fun” (7,121 people).

Future demand

England Golf has an aim to increase membership of clubs nationally; however, after reaching its previous target, it no longer has a fixed goal in terms of growth. Nationally, many clubs, especially the most established ones, will be happy to retain current demand levels, whilst others will be open to growing and some considerably so. In that regard, England Golf reports that many providers are proactively targeting new audiences through coaching programmes and a wider range of membership and playing options.

13.4: Supply and demand analysis

With nine 18-hole courses, seven 9-hole courses, a dedicated Par 3 course (Express Golf) and four separate driving ranges (totalling 70 bays), Bradford is seemingly well placed to meet demand for golf. There is a high quantity of facilities and a good variety on offer that can cater for most golfer type. The provision is also well dispersed across the different sub areas, meaning it is considered generally accessible to all residents.

The above is also the case given the various operational structures in place, with some facilities offering a high price point and others offering a low price point, and with some prioritising membership and others focusing on pay and play usage. This further suggests that all types of golfers can be collectively catered for, although the lack of a municipal course is noticeable.

13.5: Conclusion

Based on the evidence collated, there is a sufficient level of golf supply within Bradford and potentially an oversupply in relation to certain provision. However, this is not for all facility types, with a specific need to protect entry level provision such as the Par 3 course and driving ranges. This is because they are catering for a specific need that is not well replicated by alternative facilities.

As there are multiple options for standard hole course (nine 18-hole courses and seven 9-hole courses), there is potential evidence to support the potential rationalisation of specific sites. However, this would need to be done on a case by case basis. It is supported by membership being slightly below the national average and England Golf's Relative Demand model identifying a below average facility index.

Supply and demand summary

- With nine 18-hole courses, seven nine-hole courses, a dedicated Par 3 course (Express Golf Bradford) and four separate driving ranges (total of 70 bays), Bradford is well placed to meet demand. Provision is also dispersed across the different sub areas, meaning it is considered generally accessible.

Supply summary

- Within Bradford, there are 20 golf venues that provide facilities.
- In addition, there are also two identified disused golf courses, namely Silsden Golf Club (BD20 0ND) and Riddlesden Golf Club (BD20 5QN) both of which are in the Keighley Area.
- Silsden Golf Club closed circa 2020 after years of financial difficulties compared with decreasing membership. It is understood that the site is now privately owned with the former clubhouse converted into residential dwellings.
- Comparatively, Riddlesden Golf Club wound up operations in 2012 due to gradually declining membership numbers. The site is now owned by the Council and is operating as a Scouting activity centre.
- There are known ambitions surrounding the potential development of Queensbury Golf Club and Express Golf for housing.
- There are 16 standard hole courses currently provided (nine 18-hole and seven 9-hole) in addition to a Par 3 course (at Express Golf).
- There are 70 dedicated driving range bays across four sites.
- Most sites are members only, apart from East Morton Golf Club which is a proprietary venue (there are no municipal courses).
- Membership costs are below the national average, although this is a consequence of there being several 9-hole courses (six 18-hole sites sit above the average).

Demand summary

- Average current membership across Bradford equates to 394, which is slightly below the national average (407).

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- ▶ Historical data provided by England Golf indicates a steady increase in golf participation in Bradford since 2015, when the average membership was 309.
- ▶ Whilst pay and play usage is unknown, it would be expected to be highest at sites such as Express Golf and Morton Golf Club due to the facilities provided and the operational structures in place.
- ▶ The Relative Demand index rating for Bradford (95) is slightly below the national benchmark (100), with this indicated that the authority provides enough facilities to meet the demand of those in the authority who play golf regularly.
- ▶ High levels of imported demand are exported due to the quantity of facilities on offer, with this also leading to there being no identified unmet demand.

APPENDIX 1: SPORTING CONTEXT

The following section outlines a series of national, regional and local policies pertaining to the study and which will have an important influence on the Strategy.

National context

The provision of high quality and accessible community outdoor sports facilities at a local level is a key requirement for achieving the targets set out by the Government and Sport England. It is vital that this strategy is cognisant of and works towards these targets in addition to local priorities and plans.

Department of Media Culture and Sport Get Active: A Strategy for the Future of Sport and Physical Activity (2023)

The Government published its new strategy for sport in August 2023. The 2015 government sport strategy, Sporting Future: A New Strategy for a More Active Nation, was a fundamental re-framing of sport and physical activity in the UK. It set out five outcomes delivered by sport and physical activity:

- ◀ Physical wellbeing.
- ◀ Mental wellbeing.
- ◀ Individual development.
- ◀ Social and community development.
- ◀ Sustainable economic development.

This new strategy builds on the foundations of Sporting Future and retains these five outcomes at its core. In order to measure its success in producing outputs which accord with these aims it has also adopted a series of three core priorities, with seven indicators to achieve these priorities as follows:

- ◀ **Being unapologetically ambitious in making the nation more active**
 - ◀ Ensuring everyone is focused on increasing physical activity, meaning fewer inactive children, and narrowing the gap on inactivity where groups are not being reached, with visible progress across the country by 2030
 - ◀ Focusing on evidence, data and metrics
 - ◀ Setting the future direction for facilities and spaces where people can be active
- ◀ **Making sport and physical activity more inclusive and welcoming for all that everyone can have confidence that there is a place for them in sport**
 - ◀ Helping the sector to be welcoming to all
 - ◀ Improving how issues and concerns are dealt within the sector
- ◀ **Moving towards a more sustainable sector that is more financially resilient and robust**
 - ◀ Supporting the sector to access additional, alternative forms of investment
 - ◀ Working towards a more environmentally sustainable sector

Delivering against these priorities will help create a more active nation and a more sustainable sport sector. These aims are complementary; greater participation, stronger governance and confidence in the sector will help to drive investment, which in turn helps to attract new audiences. The vision is to make sport and physical activity accessible, resilient, fun and fair, for now and the years to come – for the benefit of individuals and the country.

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Sport England Uniting the Movement: Our 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport (2021-2031)

Sport and physical activity makes people happier and healthier, and movement is the lens through which we can make that happen. It does the same thing for our communities, with life-changing, sustainable benefits that have huge economic and social value. That's why Sport England wants sport and physical activity to be recognised as essential to help overcome these national challenges.

The Strategy recognises the need to invest in sport and physical activity through NGBs, other sports bodies and local sports clubs, organisations and community groups to increase engagement for different groups as part of our core purpose. It states that there is now a need to go further in promoting movement in general as the means to unlock sport and activity for some people.

Tackling inequalities

There are deep-rooted inequalities in sport and physical activity, which means that there are people who feel excluded from being active because the right options and opportunities aren't there. These inequalities are at the very core of the Uniting the Movement.

Sport England plans on having a laser focus on tackling inequalities in all that it does, because providing opportunities to people and communities that have traditionally been left behind, and helping to remove the barriers to activity is vitally important.

National Planning Policy Framework (2026)

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out planning policies for England. It details how these changes are expected to be applied to the planning system. It also provides a framework for local people and their councils to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

The NPPF's Promoting Healthy Communities policies recognise the important role that open space, sports facilities and recreational opportunities play in supporting physical activity, improving health and wellbeing, strengthening community cohesion and enhancing quality of life.

In particular, Policy HC7 (Development affecting existing recreational land and facilities) states development proposals should not result in the loss of existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, other formal and informal play space and allotments, unless:

- ◆ A - An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- ◆ B - The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality, in a location which offers comparable or improved accessibility for the community it serves; or
- ◆ C - The development is for public service infrastructure, and the resulting loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and/or quality; or
- ◆ D - The development is for alternative open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

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The NPPF also supports the designation and protection of Local Green Spaces where they are demonstrably special to local communities, including where they have recreational or sporting value. Policy HC8 (Development affecting Local Green Space) provides protection for existing open space, sports and recreational land and facilities, including playing fields. It states that Development proposals for land which has been designated as Local Green Space should be determined in a manner consistent with the relevant national decision-making policies for land in the Green Belt, excluding provisions relating to grey belt and previously developed land.

In addition, Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications that affect, or may prejudice, the use of sports facilities. It requires an up-to-date PPOSS to assist in assessing planning applications against its Playing Fields Policy. Sport England will object to development proposals affecting playing field provision (and associated ancillary facilities) unless at least one of its five policy exceptions is satisfied.

The FA National Football Facilities Strategy (2018-28)

The Football Association's (FA) National Football Facilities Strategy (NFFS) provides a strategic framework that sets out key priorities and targets for the national game (i.e., football) over a ten-year period.

The Strategy sets out shared aims and objectives it aims to deliver on in conjunction with The Premier League, Sport England and the Government, to be delivered with support of the Football Foundation.

These stakeholders have clearly identified the aspirations for football to contribute directly to nationally important social and health priorities. Alongside this, the strategy is clear that traditional, affiliated football remains an important priority and a core component of the game, whilst recognising and supporting the more informal environments used for the community and recreational game.

Its vision is: *"Within 10 years we aim to deliver great football facilities, wherever they are needed"*

£1.3 billion has been spent by football and Government since 2000 to enhance existing football facilities and build new ones. However, more is needed if football and Government's shared objectives for participation, individual well-being and community cohesion are to be achieved. Nationally, direct investment will be increased – initially to £69 million per annum from football and Government (a 15% increase on recent years).

The NFFS investment priorities can be broadly grouped into six areas, recognising the need to grow the game, support existing players and better understand the different football environments:

- ◆ **Improve 20,000 Natural Turf pitches**, with a focus on addressing drop off due to a poor playing experience;
- ◆ **Deliver 1,000 3G AGP 'equivalents'** (mix of full size and small sided provision, including MUGAs - small sided facilities are likely to have a key role in smaller / rural communities and encouraging multi-sport offers), enhancing the quality of playing experience and supporting a sustainable approach to grass roots provision;
- ◆ **Deliver 1,000 changing pavilions/clubhouses**, linked to multi-pitch or hub sites, supporting growth (particularly in women and girls' football), sustainability and providing a facility infrastructure to underpin investment in coaching, officials and football development;

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- ◆ **Support access to flexible indoor spaces**, including equipment and court markings, to support growth in futsal, walking football and to support the education and skills outcomes, exploiting opportunities for football to positively impact on personal and social outcomes for young people in particular;
- ◆ **Refurbish existing stock** to maintain current provision, recognising the need to address historic under-investment and issues with refurbishment of existing facilities;
- ◆ **Support testing of technology and innovation**, building on customer insight to deliver hubs for innovation, testing and development of the game.

Local Football Facility plans

To support in delivery of the NFFS, The FA has commissioned a national project. Over the next two years to 2020, a Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) will be produced for every local authority across England. Each plan will be unique to its area as well as being diverse in its representation, including currently underrepresented communities.

Identifying strategic priorities for football facilities across the formal, recreational and informal game, LFFPs will establish a ten-year vision for football facilities that aims to transform the playing pitch stock in a sustainable way. They will identify key projects to be delivered and act as an investment portfolio for projects that require funding. As such, around 90% of all will be identified via LFFPs. LFFPs will guide the allocation of 90% of national football investment (The FA, Premier League and DCMS) and forge stronger partnerships with local stakeholders to develop key sites. This, together with local match-funding will deliver over one billion pounds of investment into football facilities over the next 10-years.

It is important to recognise that a LFFP is an investment portfolio of priority projects for potential investment - it is not a detailed supply and demand analysis of all pitch provision in a local area. Therefore, it cannot be used as a replacement for a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) and it will not be accepted as an evidence base for site change of use or disposal.

A LFFP will; however, build on available/existing local evidence and strategic plans and may adopt relevant actions from a PPS and/or complement these with additional investment priorities.

The FA: A Thriving Grassroots Game (2024-28)

This new strategy aims to enhance participation, improve facilities and create a more inclusive and enjoyable environment for players, coaches, volunteers and officials.

The strategy focuses on five main areas:

1. **Improving Playing Choice and Opportunity**
Creating diverse and flexible playing options to cater to all individuals.
 2. **Delivering Equal Opportunities for Women and Girls**
Ensuring every woman and girl has access to football in a safe and enjoyable setting.
 3. **Building and Improving Facilities**
Increasing the quality and quantity of grassroots football pitches and facilities.
 4. **Tackling Poor Behaviour**
Reducing incidents of poor behaviour and discrimination, promoting positive conduct.
 5. **Developing a Valued Network of Volunteers, Coaches, and Referees**
Growing and supporting the grassroots workforce to sustain the game's future.
- To achieve these priorities, the FA has identified three key drivers:
- ◆ **Supporting Thriving Community Clubs**
Assisting clubs to grow sustainably and provide excellent football experiences.

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◀ **Connecting and Serving Participants**

Enhancing digital services to offer personalized and accessible opportunities.

◀ **Progressing the Game's Governance**

Implementing high governance standards to serve all football participants effectively.

These initiatives are developed in collaboration with County FAs to ensure local needs are met.

The FA's strategy aims to transform grassroots football by addressing key challenges, investing in facilities, and promoting inclusivity and positive behaviour.

The FA: Inspiring Positive Change Through Football (2024-28)³⁷

The FA launched its new Strategy which aims to 'take English football forward, with clear focus on the biggest opportunities and challenges that need to be addressed'.

To achieve this, eight key strategic priorities are identified which include four 'Game Changer' objectives and four 'Drivers' objectives as detailed below. The strategy also outlines how The FA's plans to achieve these objectives.

Game Changers:

- ◀ Win tournaments
 - ◀ Develop pathways
 - ◀ Support elite players
 - ◀ Enhance environments
 - ◀ Collaborate and influence
- ◀ A game free from discrimination
 - ◀ Boost representation
 - ◀ Drive more inclusion
 - ◀ Tackle discrimination
- ◀ Equal opportunities for women & girls
 - ◀ Increase school participation
 - ◀ Increase club participation
 - ◀ Enhance women's competitions
 - ◀ Support female coaches and referees
- ◀ Transform the pitch landscape
 - ◀ Sustain and grow high-quality grass pitches
 - ◀ Deliver new 3G pitches
 - ◀ Support inclusivity accessibility and environmental sustainability of facilities
- ◀ Drivers:
- ◀ Thriving community clubs
 - ◀ Develop club opportunities
 - ◀ Support the current and future generation of club leaders
 - ◀ Equip clubs to add long-term value to local communities
- ◀ World-class FA cups
 - ◀ Broaden commercial appeal
 - ◀ Evolve the Adobe Women's FA Cup format
- ◀ Participant led
 - ◀ Place participants at the centre of decision making
 - ◀ Create flexible models to meet participants needs
 - ◀ Provide digital tools to improve experiences
- ◀ Progressive governance
 - ◀ Support integration of women's and girls' football

³⁷ [FA Strategy 2024-2028: The Football Association](#)

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- ◀ Support governance of the NLS
- ◀ Support our County Football Associations (CFAs)

The FA: Reaching Higher (2024-28)³⁸

The FA's 2020-2024 strategy, 'Inspiring Positive Change', coincided with record growth across the sport, with more women and girls playing, coaching, officiating and supporting the flourishing professional game than ever before.

This strategy aims to build on the success achieved to date and strives to continue working to unlock the full potential of the women's and girls' game. The strategy outlines four strategic priorities as seen below.

1. **Build and Protect the Uniqueness of the Women's Game:** Continue to honour the history of women's football and recognise those who have contributed towards making it so unique, whilst ensuring the distinct qualities and unique culture of the women's game are valued and protected.
2. **Win a Major Tournament:** Continue to be world-leaders both on and off the pitch, developing players and building an inclusive talent pathway system to make football more equal and accessible at every level of the game, ensuring the England pathway and teams represent society.
3. **Build Robust, High-Quality Competition:** Create compelling competition structures and support clubs to develop to the appropriate level within the game, while enabling people to grow and develop within The FA's competition structures.
4. **Deliver Equal Opportunities for Women and Girls to Play:** Sustain growth in schools whilst tackling inequalities. Continue to grow the number of female teams and deliver vibrant league offers whilst extending and enhancing the sessional football offer. The ambition is for 90% of schools to deliver equal access for girls to play football in key stages two and three.

There are five golden threads which weave through each of the four strategic priorities and across all levels of the women's and girls' game, which will be instrumental for delivering the next phase of growth by 2028:

1. **Female Health and Wellbeing:** Develop the game to support women and girls with their health and wellbeing needs, providing them with environments in which they can thrive.
2. **Safeguarding:** Support the evolution of an ever-safer culture across the women's and girls' game.
3. **Refereeing:** Grow and nurture a new generation of referees who are representative of our society.
4. **Coaching:** Support and develop brilliant coaches capable of unleashing every player's potential in a safe and inclusive game.
5. **Diversity and Inclusion:** Ensure the game is more reflective of our society.

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Inspiring Generations (2020-2024)

The England and Wales Cricket Board unveiled a new strategic plan in 2019. The strategic plan aims to connect communities and improve lives by inspiring people to discover and share their passion for cricket

³⁸ [The FA Womens & Girls Football Strategy 2024-28](#)

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The plan sets out six important priorities and activities, these are:

◀ **Grow and nurture the core**

- ◀ Create an infrastructure investment fund for First Class County Clubs (FCCs)
- ◀ Introduce a new Community Investment Funding for FCCs and County Cricket Boards (CCBs)
- ◀ Invest in club facilities
- ◀ Develop the role of National Counties Cricket
- ◀ Further invest in County Competitions

◀ **Inspire through elite teams**

- ◀ Increase investment in the county talent pathway
- ◀ Incentivise the counties to develop England Players
- ◀ Drive the performance system through technology and innovation
- ◀ Create heroes and connect them with a new generation of fans

◀ **Make cricket accessible**

- ◀ Broaden crickets appeal through the New Competition
- ◀ Create a new digital community for cricket
- ◀ Install non-traditional playing facilities in urban areas
- ◀ Continue to deliver South Asian Action Plans
- ◀ Launch a new participation product, linked to the New Competition

Engage children and young people

- ◀ Double cricket participation in primary schools
- ◀ Deliver a compelling and coordinated recreational playing offer from age five upwards
- ◀ Develop our safeguarding to promote safe spaces for children and young people

◀ **Transform women's and girls' cricket**

- ◀ Grow the base through participation and facilities investment
- ◀ Launch centres of excellence and a new elite domestic structure
- ◀ Invest in girls' county age group cricket
- ◀ Deliver a girls' secondary school programme

◀ **Support our communities**

- ◀ Double the number of volunteers in the game
- ◀ Create a game-wide approach to Trust and Foundations through the cricket network
- ◀ Develop a new wave of officials and community coaches
- ◀ Increase participation in disability cricket

Inspiring Generations – Cricket's Game-wide Strategy (2025 – 28)^[1]

In October 2024 the ECB released its new strategy Inspiring Generations – Cricket's Game-wide Strategy (2025 – 28). Cricket in England and Wales has seen transformative growth since the publication of its previous strategy Inspiring Generation (2020-24). Its new strategy represents an evolution of its plans, however, many of its previous themes are still relevant. Its main purpose is to say 'Cricket is a game for me' through its vision:

- ◀ To become the most inclusive team sport
- ◀ To grow and unite the game
- ◀ Lead the game through global transformation

It aims to obtain this vision through six key objectives

- ◀ Make cricket diverse, inclusive and accessible
- ◀ Transform Women's and Girl's cricket
- ◀ Connect communities through play

^[1]<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2024/10/22/19a925d7-3c92-4a36-8e7b-f49cb470377f/ECB-Inspiring-Generations-2025-2028.pdf>

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- ◀ Inspire through winning England teams
- ◀ Support a thriving and sustainable men's and women's professional game
- ◀ Win the battle for attention

Underpinning these six ambitions are a series of enablers that cut-across multiple areas of the game, alongside Cricket's Core Values.

The Rugby Football Union Strategy 2021 Onwards

Through the strategy, the RFU aims to enrich lives, introduce more people to rugby union and develop the sport for future generations. The goal is to achieve this by strengthening and uniting rugby union in England and producing consistently winning England teams. Eight key strategic priorities are identified with all investment decisions aligned to these. The strategy also outlines the RFU's core activities which form the backbone of its business operations and services to the game.

The priorities include four 'Game Objectives' and four 'Driving Objectives' as detailed below.

Game Objectives:

- ◀ Enjoyment – enable positive player experiences on and off the field
- ◀ Winning England – create the best possible high-performance system for England Rugby
- ◀ Welfare – enhance player welfare to protect and support the wellbeing of players
- ◀ Flourishing rugby communities – support clubs to sustain and grow themselves and to reflect society

Driving Objectives:

- ◀ Diversity & Inclusion – drive rugby union in England to reflect the diversity of society
- ◀ Understand – build a deep understanding of players, volunteers and fans to shape the future of the game
- ◀ Connect – connect with and grow the rugby community and create exceptional experiences
- ◀ Commercial and operational excellence – ensure a sustainable and efficient business model delivered by an inspired workforce

England Hockey Strategy (2023 – 2028)

England Hockey's Facilities Strategy can be found [here](#).

Aiming to make hockey more noticeable, relevant, and accessible to all, England Hockey have launched their new strategy 'Creating a Future for Our Game Together' on 3rd October. The new strategy is a continued effort to re-engage with the current hockey community and to reach out to potential newcomers to introduce them to hockey.

Underpinning the strategy and of importance to the hockey community are four values, "collaborate inclusively, care for people and places, play with spirit win with grace and resilient in everything we do".

The strategy is the culmination of two years consultation with various stakeholders across the sport and larger sporting sector. Hockey will be guided by five key objectives over the next five years.

1. Lead Positive Change: to create and champion positive change within the community by broadening and widening the engagement of the sport and making it more ethnically and culturally diverse.

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2. **Meaningful Growth:** to make sure that our sport thrives and grows into the future, we want to nurture a love of hockey within a more diverse group of young players and communities to reflect society.
3. **Drive Visible Impact:** to produce and release high-quality, engaging content that shares the love of the game, captures the passion, builds a deep connection and amplifies the voices of the hockey community with new and existing participants.
4. **Responsible Leadership:** to provide forward thinking, compassionate and inclusive leadership. Leadership that fosters trust within physically and psychologically safe environments and which puts players, the community and sustainability at heart of every decision.
5. **Inspirational International Success:** inspirational club and national teams delivering podium success in Europe and on the world stage, underpinned by a thriving talent system and domestic game.

The strategy aligns with Sport England's 'Uniting the movement' strategy and UK Sport's Powering Success, Inspiring Impact' strategic plan.

Rugby Football League – National Community Facilities Strategy (2024 – 2030)

The RFL has developed a new National Facilities Strategy which will guide investment into the game from 2024 through to 2030. The proposed investment package aligned to the Strategy will not only transform facilities, but also bolster the sport's social impact, reinforcing its position as a vital part of the nation's sporting and social fabric.

The four focus areas of the Strategy are:

- ◆ **Security of Tenure** – allowing clubs to plan for the long-term
- ◆ **Accessible and Inclusive Facilities** – providing suitable facilities for all and creating safe spaces for the wider community
- ◆ **Adequate and Appropriate Pitch Provision**– investment both in playing surfaces, and in upskilling a volunteer workforce to maintain them
- ◆ **Sustainability**– both environmental and financial

The Strategy will deliver on the four focus areas by delivering against a set of five recommendations which are set within the Strategy and are detailed below. These recommendations reflect the wider strategic aspirations across the sport and are for the RFL to work to deliver.

◆ **Focus Community Clubs**

- ◆ Ensure the RFL has sufficient capacity and resource to deliver the recommendations identified within this Strategy to support its community clubs.
- ◆ Ensure all community clubs have the knowledge and resource to provide good quality grass pitches.
- ◆ Supporting clubs to have good quality changing and social facilities which can support the scale of need at each club. These must be inclusive for all participants and benefit target user groups such as women and girls' participants.
- ◆ Ensure clubs can accommodate a sustainable operational programme for clubhouses to ensure the longevity of provision.
- ◆ Work with clubs and key partners to increase the number of clubs with secured tenure of their club facilities.
- ◆ Develop a dedicated funding programme which is specifically aimed at supporting clubs to gain security of tenure at their respective site.
- ◆ Highlight success stories and best practices from community clubs to inspire others and showcase the positive impact of these efforts.

◆ **Deliver positive social and environmental impact**

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- ◀ Support clubs through training and advice on how to promote facilities for non-rugby league purposes.
- ◀ Work with Active Partnerships across England to enable higher usage and activation of rugby league assets for non-rugby league activity.
- ◀ Prioritise clubs for wellbeing hubs which may offer the widest social benefit (relative to local need) – particularly those in high deprivation areas.
- ◀ Use the activation of club facilities as a prerequisite to capital funding for club house improvements / new development.
- ◀ Collaborative working with sports partners and key agencies.
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 - ◀ Ensure continued working with Sport England and National Governing Bodies of other sports to capitalise on shared investment opportunities.
 - ◀ Work with the Football Foundation to maximise Multi-Sport funding opportunities – utilising the framework provided in this Strategy as the baseline of shared investment.
 - ◀ Work closely with Active Partnerships in areas with high club densities to establish opportunities for pitch access via the Open School Facilities programme.
- ◀ **Technological solutions**
 - ◀ Ensure the RFL gathers greater levels of information from clubs via affiliation. To include (e.g.) security of tenure information and an integrated self-assessment audit of community facilities.
 - ◀ Continue expanding the use and application of PitchPower so all clubs can self-assess provision and support clubs to make positive contributions to improving the quality of grass pitches.
 - ◀ Promote technological solutions which progress clubs into being more sustainable, energy efficient and ensure their long-term viability as community assets.
 - ◀ Create a platform or resource hub where clubs can access information on funding opportunities, facility management, and sustainable operational practices.
- ◀ **Working with Charitable Community Organisations and Wheelchair Rugby League**
 - ◀ Develop an investment package to support the operational delivery of professional club foundation led wheelchair activity focusing on storage and logistical solutions.
 - ◀ Prioritise capital investment into community club sites which also accommodate professional club foundations as tenants for community Rugby League activity.
 - ◀ Begin work on the feasibility of developing a national wheelchair centre which includes exploring partnership opportunities with other sports to maximise multisport value and return on investment.
 - ◀ Consult with professional club foundations, where possible, to understand the need for 3G access and work to ascertain sufficient access hours during peak times of need.

LTA – Tennis Opened Up 2024-2026

The LTA's vision for 2024-2026, is Tennis Opened Up. Its mission is to transform communities through tennis, by making it by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming, enjoyable and inspiring. The objectives of the LTA are:

- Put tennis at the heart of communities.
- Grow and diversity our audience of fans and players.
- Attract and engage the tennis workforce for the next generation.
- Be one of the most respected nations in the world for player development.
- Secure a sustainable future for tennis in Britain.

These objectives will be delivered through six strategies: Invest, Grow, Engage, Perform, Diversity and Lead. The LTA will implement a facilities strategy with a focus on parks, covered courts, Community Indoor Tennis Centres and Padel.

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England Athletics Strategic Plan – Athletics & Running: for everyone, forever – 2017 and beyond

This plan sets out England Athletics' mission, vision and strategic priorities that will direct how they work as an organisation during the coming years: what they do and how they will do it.

Vision: Make athletics and running the most inclusive and popular sport in England, led by a network of progressive clubs and organisations and supported by a sustainable, respected and trusted governing body.

For England Athletics to achieve this vision, they will focus on three values:

- Pride – taking pride in their work and demonstrating to athletes that they recognise the importance of their role in bettering athletics.
- Integrity – demonstrate integrity to earn respect and to build effective partnerships.
- Inclusivity – promote inclusivity in all their actions.

Mission: To grow opportunities for everyone to experience athletics and running, to enable them to reach their full potential.

In order to achieve their mission, England Athletics will have three strategic priorities.

1. To expand the capacity of the sport by supporting and developing its volunteers and other workforce. The target is to achieve a 6% increase every year of licensed leaders, coaches and officials.
2. To sustain and increase participation and performance levels in our sport. To achieve this, England Athletics' current targets are to increase the number of club registered athletes from (149,000 to 172,000), engage 135,000 people through the RunTogether programme and to increase athlete performance levels across all events and disciplines by 1% every year.
3. To influence participation in the wider athletics market. Their target here is to increase the number of regular athletes or runners by at least one million.

England Athletics Facility Strategy (2018 – 2025)

The purpose of this document is to set out our long term vision for athletics facilities in England. Facilities form a vital component of the overall England Athletics strategy.

The development, protection and enhancement of facilities will support our strategic plan and help England Athletics contribute to the delivery of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Get Active: A Strategy for the Future of Sport and Physical Activity (2023) and Sport England Uniting the Movement: Our 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport (2021-2031). Appropriate facilities help to attract and inspire new participants and provide the foundation and focus for a significant proportion of the England Athletics family.

The England Athletics Strategic Plan notes that the sport increasingly needs to become financially sustainable and that a business-like and innovative approach is a vital component of its future success. Facilities are fundamental, but they are also expensive to create and to maintain. The sport therefore faces a significant challenge to develop, improve and maintain facilities, most of which are currently operated and funded by third parties.

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This strategy sets out a challenge to all those involved with the delivery of the sport to be innovative and business like in the operation and development of facilities at a time of financial challenge, as it aims “To create an innovative and inspiring network of sustainable athletic facilities, with the capacity to meet both current and future demand across England”.

England athletics strategy plan 2021 – 2032: Athletics and runners at the heart – creating opportunities, enhancing experiences and powering potential.

This strategy ensures a robust and clearly defined future direction for the sport which places athletics and runners at the heart of everything we will do over the 12 year period to 2032.

England Athletics overarching purpose and visions are:

Purpose: ‘To inspire more athletics and runners of all abilities and backgrounds to fulfil their potential and to have a lifelong love for the sport.’

Vision: ‘For athletics to become an inclusive sport where everyone belongs and can flourish.’

At the heart of this plan, and the focal point for everything England Athletics do, are the people and communities involved in athletics across the following five areas:

1. Clubs, Club Leaders and facilities
2. Competition
3. Coaches and officials
4. Participation: young people and running
5. Talented athletes

Each has its own unique challenges and opportunities, yet also the opportunity to positively influence the success and growth of the other areas.

There are four key supporting activities that will be essential in enabling us to deliver the strategic priorities and ultimately achieve goals:

- ✦ Provide strong leadership that builds trust and respect by creating an open and positive culture.
- ✦ Embrace technology and reduce our environmental impact by putting digital first and encouraging innovation and creativity.
- ✦ Ensure greater engagement through sharing of high-quality insight, information and content.
- ✦ Develop commercial minds to maximise funding opportunities and diversify income.

England Golf Course Planner – Strategic Direction (2021-2025)

England Golf has always had a mission to lead, support, inspire and deliver for its community of golfers, golf clubs and counties. To help enable this, its Course Planner forms the core of its strategy, with 18 guiding principles established that are designed to best position growth in the game:

- ✦ Strengthen governance in all aspects of the sport
- ✦ Deliver safeguarding throughout the golfing community
- ✦ Utilise data and technology to enhance decision making
- ✦ Drive equality and equity in everything it does
- ✦ Support golf clubs with member recruitment and retention

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- ◀ Connect and engage with all golfers
- ◀ Inspire and educate golf's network of volunteers
- ◀ Increase golf's influence
- ◀ Advocate and inform on all elements of sustainability
- ◀ Drive diversity at all levels of golf
- ◀ Create more opportunities for junior and young adults
- ◀ Promote the health and wellbeing of golf
- ◀ Inspire more women and girls to play golf
- ◀ Develop greater access for disabled people
- ◀ Enthuse all golfers through relatable role models
- ◀ Communicate a positive perception change for golf
- ◀ Deliver an excellent talent development pathway
- ◀ Host best-in-class competitions for all golfers

<https://www.englandgolf.org/englandgolfstrategy/>

British Crown Green Bowling Association

Please note there is no current facility guidance provided by British Crown Green Bowling Association responsible for crown green bowls in England.

<http://bcgba.org.uk/index.html>

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APPENDIX 2: NON TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT SHEETS

Grass football pitch non-technical assessment

Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Football									
Please complete one form per pitch									
Site reference:				Site Name:					
6 figure grid reference				Pitch ID(s):					
Number of football pitches on site:				Pitch size:	(Adult 11v11, Youth 11v11, 9v9, 7v7 Mini, 5v5, 7v7)				
Availability				Are any other pitches marked out over this pitch?					
				If yes, please indicate what pitches are overmarked? (i.e. one youth pitch is overmarked on a adult pitch) in Pitch Issues					
Weather at time of visit & date of visit									
Pitch Issues:									
Assessment Criteria (please rank each of the following aspects for each pitch with an 'X' in the coloured box to the right of the chosen answer)									
Element (Gathered via a non technical site assessment)	Rating						Guidance notes	Comments	
Playing surface									
Grass Cover	Good >80%		Adequate 60-80%		Poor <60%		Advice is to walk through the middle of the pitch		
Does the pitch meet The FA minimum size?	Yes - as per the FA recommended size		Within FA recommended guidelines		No		See size chart below for recommended dimensions		
Slope of pitch (gradient and cross fall)	Flat		Moderate		Severe				
Length of grass	Good		Too long		Too short		Good 30mm-50mm, Too long 51mm plus, Too short 29mm less		
Evenness of pitch	Good		Adequate		Poor				
Problem Areas: Evidence of dog fouling/glass/litter/vehicle tracks	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots				
Problem Areas: Evidence of unofficial use/damage to the surface	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots				
Problem Areas: Evidence of poor drainage	No evidence of standing water or poor drainage		Some evidence of poor drainage		Yes, poor drainage				
Maintenance programme (information from maintenance schedule/grounds team/club survey)								Section total	
Grass cutting	Yes, as required		Yes, but not frequent enough		No				
Seeded	Yes, as required		Not known		No				
Aerated (per year)	Three or more times		Once/ twice		No				
Sand dressed	Within the last 12 months		Within the last 2 years		No				
Fertilised	Within the last 12 months		Within the last 2 years		No				
Weed killed	Within the last 12 months		Within the last 2 years		No				
								Section total	
NB If none of this information is provided you should assume that only the grass is being cut and the rest of the maintenance items should be marked with the lowest score option.									
PITCH SCORE				0.0%	RATING	Poor			

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Grass rugby pitch non-technical assessment

Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Rugby Union									
Please complete one form per pitch									
Site reference					Site Name				
6 figure grid reference					Pitch ID(s)				
Date of assessment					Pitch size	(Senior, Mini/Midi)			
Number of pitches on site					Are any other pitches marked out over this pitch?				
Availability					If yes, please indicate what pitches are overmarked? (i.e. one mini/ midi pitch is overmarked on a senior pitch) in Pitch Issues				
Community Use - used, Community Use - unused, No Community Use, Available but Unused									
Weather at time of visit									
General comments/observations									
Assessment Criteria (please rank each of the following aspects for each pitch with an 'X' in the coloured box to the right of the chosen answer)									
Qualitative information (gathered on site)	Rating					Guidance notes	Comments		
Grass Coverage	Good			Adequate		Poor			>90% = good. <80% = poor
Size of pitch	Acceptable (between recommended minimum and maximum sizes)			Flag for further investigation (below recommended minimum size)		Unacceptable (above maximum size)			Maximum size = width 70m, goal line to goal line 100m, in goal area 22m, run offs 5m where practical. Recommended minimum size = width 68m, goal line to goal line 94m, in goal area 6m, run offs 5m where practical.
Length of grass	Too Long			Good		Too short			Too long = >75mm. Too short = <50mm
Problem Areas: Evidence of glass/litter/vehicle tracks/dog fouling	None			Yes - some		Yes lots			
GOALPOSTS									
Are goalposts installed?	Yes			No					
Is there any obvious danger on posts?	Yes			No					
Are the posts stable in the ground?	Yes			No					
Is the crossbar fixed securely?	Yes			No					
Is there evidence of rust on the posts?	Yes			No					
ANCILLARY									
Is the pitch floodlit?	Yes			No					
Is there changing accommodation for the pitch?	Yes			No					
Is an appropriate level of car parking available?	Yes			No					
Pitch maintenance (information gathered via club survey/ pitch provider consultation) - refer to the guidance notes below									
Aerated (per year)	three or more times			twice		once		never	
Sand dressed (per year)	three or more times			twice		once		never	
Fertilised (per year)	three or more times			twice		once		never	
Weed killed (per year)	three or more times			twice		once		never	
Chain harrowed	every week			fortnightly		monthly		never	
Pitch Maintenance Score									
Drainage	Natural (inadequate) SCORE D0			Natural (adequate) SCORE D1		Pipe drained SCORE D2		Pipe and slit drained SCORE D3	
									Natural (adequate) = 3 or less training/match cancellations per season Natural (inadequate) = 4 or more training match cancellations per season *Based on a pipe drained system at 5m centres that has been installed in the previous eight years **Based on a slit drained system at 1m centres completed in the previous five years.

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Artificial grass pitches non-technical assessment (including third generation turf pitches)

Non Technical Visual Quality Assessment - Artificial grass pitches									
Site reference			Site Name						
6 figure grid reference			Pitch ID						
Number of AGPs on site			Pitch size	Full (i.e., 100m x 60m)				Half (i.e., 60m x 40m)	
Availability									
Community Use - used, Community Use - unused, No Community Use, Available but Unused									
Type of pitch	Long Pile 3G (65mm with shock pad)		Medium Pile 3G (55-60mm)		Short Pile 3G (40mm)		Water based		
Assessment Criteria (please rank each of the following aspects for each pitch with an 'X' in the coloured box to the right of the chosen answer)									
Element	Rating						Guidance notes	Site comments	
Age of Surface	less than 2 years		2-5 years		5-10 years		over 10 years		
Evidence of moss/lichen (all surfaces)	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots				
Loose gravel (macadam surface)	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots				
Holes or rips in surface (macadam, art. grass or polymeric surfaces)	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots				
Grip underfoot	Good		Adequate		Poor				
Line markings - quality	Good		Adequate		Poor				
Problem Areas: Evidence of Glass/ stones/ litter	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots				
Problem Areas: Evidence of inappropriate use	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots				
Problem Areas: Evidence of damage to surface	None		Yes - some		Yes - lots		If no evidence, assume none.		
Access for disabled players. i.e.: ramps onto courts, width of gates	Good		Adequate		Poor				
Condition of posts/ nets/ goals	Good		Adequate		Poor				
Surrounding fencing	Good		Adequate		Poor				
Adequate safety margins (w here appropriate)	Yes - fully		No- but adequate		No - not adequate				
Is the AGP floodlit?	Yes		No						
Is the AGP left open at all times?	Yes		No						
Are there dug outs?	Yes		No						
Are there youth shelters/spectator seating around AGP?	Yes		No						
Is there changing accommodation for the AGP?	Yes		No						
Maximum score	93	Scoring:	Poor	<=50	Total Score	0			
			Standard	51-79	Potential Rating	Poor			
			Good	80+					