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Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Environment, Health and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel**
will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton on
Thursday 15th October 2026 at 6.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

Tom Shardlow

Chief Executive

To: All Members of the Environment,
Health and Leisure Overview and
Scrutiny Panel

Councillors S. Markham (Chair), B. Pandher (Vice-
Chair), R. Brill, C. Cape, S. Finch, B. Hughes, P.
Smith, C. Watkins, M. Wright and Mr A. Morgan

AGENDA

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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Please also make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

2. APOLOGIES - To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. MINUTES - To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Environment, Health and Leisure OSP held on 18th June 2026 (**Page 7**).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP - To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other interests in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct and of the Party Whip in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 4E, Paragraph 16(b).

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made so that interests that are declared regularly by members can be viewed in a schedule on the Council website ([Councillor Declarations of Interests](#)). Any interest noted in the schedule on the website will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Democratic Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.
2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent).

If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Audit & Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Members of the Public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items if notice has been received.

Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on a particular item and this is strictly timed. The chair will inform all public speakers that: their comments must be limited to addressing issues raised in the agenda item under consideration: and that any departure from the item will not be tolerated.

The chair may interrupt the speaker if they start discussing other matters which are not related to the item, or the speaker uses threatening or inappropriate language towards Councillors or officers and if after a warning issued by the chair, the speaker persists, they will be asked to stop speaking by the chair. The chair will advise the speaker that, having ignored the warning, the speaker's opportunity to speak to the current or other items on the agenda may not be allowed. In this eventuality, the chair has discretion to exclude the speaker from speaking further on the item under consideration or other items of the agenda.

6. QUESTIONS TO CABINET – In accordance with Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.E.8 c) 20 minutes shall be set aside for questions to a member of the Cabinet from the Panel in relation to matters in respect of which the Panel has powers or duties.
7. INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER ONE 2026/27 – a summary report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer, attached. Full Integrated report available on the website only via a link in the report. **(PAGE 13)**.
8. LEISURE CONTRACT UPDATE – EVERYONE ACTIVE– a report of the Leisure and Recreation Management Officer attached **(PAGE 25)**
9. LEISURE STRATEGY – report of the Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture attached **(PAGE 42)**
10. MONITORING OF THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – report of the Parks and Greenspace Manager attached **(PAGE 166)**
11. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CROSS PARTY WORKING GROUP UPDATE

12. FORWARD PLAN – attached for information (**PAGE 180**).
13. WORK PROGRAMME 2026/27 – for approval, attached (**PAGE 190**).
14. ANY OTHER ITEMS which in the opinion of the Chair of the meeting should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances (which must be specified).

THIS PAGE IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Corporate Plan
Building Communities 2025 – 2029
United in Achievement.

Theme 1: Place and Prosperity

Strategic Aims:

1. Regenerate Nuneaton Town Centre; completing the Transforming Nuneaton Programme.
2. Establish an increased number of residential properties within the Town Centres
3. Help local businesses thrive, support new business incubation and reduce the number of vacant units.
4. Continue to promote and enable events across the Borough.
5. Continue to develop and help our markets to thrive.
6. Work with the business community to strengthen business in the whole Borough
7. Deliver a regeneration plan for Bedworth Town Centre.
8. Promote, and support our Town Centre economies.

Theme 2: Housing, Health and Communities

Strategic Aims:

1. Deliver the construction and opening of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH).
2. Focus on awareness and promotion of support services for mental health and wellbeing.
3. Facilitate warm, safe, sustainable and affordable housing.
4. Work with public health colleagues and partners to address community inequalities.
5. Promote active travel across the Borough.
6. Extend the housing home building programme to provide more Council homes.
7. Work with partners to prioritise community safety and empowerment.

Theme 3: Green Spaces and Environment

Strategic Aims:

1. Review the grounds maintenance contract for the Borough.
2. Celebrate the heritage within our green spaces, including museums, George Eliot and local industry.
3. Decarbonise our housing stock and promote the decarbonisation of homes in the private sector.
4. Support our residents to recycle more of their household waste.
5. Promote and develop play area facilities in line with the Parks and Green Space Strategy.
6. Reduce the carbon footprint of the Pingles Leisure Centre by 2026.
7. Establish a Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan by 2026.
8. Work with partners to improve air quality across the Borough.
9. Explore opportunities to promote, protect and enhance biodiversity in the borough.

Theme 4: Your Council

Strategic Aims:

1. Conduct a Local Government Association Peer Review by 2026.
2. Increase the level of resident engagement and consultation.
3. Deliver a refreshed Council change plan to modernise services.
4. Focus on civic pride, celebrating rich heritage and diverse communities.
5. Deliver continued forward financial planning to safeguard the finances of the Council.
6. Set ambitious and challenging budgets, to ensure taxpayers money is respected, and high-quality services are delivered.
7. Deliver a modern organisation with agile and effective structure that meet the needs of residents.
8. Strive for transparency and accountability in all that we do. Increase public scrutiny

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND LEISURE OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

18th June 2026

A meeting of the Environment, Health and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday, 18th June 2026 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Nuneaton.

Present

Councillor S. Markham (Chair)

Councillors: R. Brill, C. Cape, S. Finch, B. Hughes, P. Smith, C. Watkins and M. Wright

Absent: Councillor B. Pandher

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

EHL1 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Leisure OSP meeting held on 26th March 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair.

EHL2 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that the declarations of interest are as set out in the Schedule available to view on the website.

EHL3 Questions to Cabinet

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health Councillor B. Greenwood was in attendance, the following questions were asked and the answers including the written responses after the meeting are shown below.

Question 1: Councillor Hughes asked the following question to Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health:

I have two questions, firstly I have received the Dashboard update from Strategic Director – Kevin Hollis, would the Portfolio Holder confirm in phase 2 of Bedworth Physical Activity Hub if any bats were found in the building and how the contractors are dealing with this?

Secondly question, has asbestos been found in the building and how much has this cost the council?

Councillor B. Greenwood, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health responded as follows:

A visit from the ecological department was made to the building, advised to wait until after breeding season has finished but it has now been checked and signed off that there are no bats.

For the Bedworth Leisure centre, it is the third day of demolition, the building is still half in tact but no asbestos has been found at this point and I am not sure of the costs.

Further written response from the Portfolio Holder received after the meeting:

Thank you for your enquiry, no Bats were found as part of the ecology work undertaken in May for the old Bedworth Leisure Centre. Therefore, the demolition works commenced on Monday 15th June.

Yes, asbestos was found in the old Bedworth Leisure Centre, as expected due to the age and building material used at the time of construction in the 1970's. The contractor (BAM) following the closure of the site undertook full intrusive surveys and assessments as required. Additional costs from the original assumptions in the contract were required. The roof lining material and following grounds works being undertaken; in developing the new car park a single site (at this time) of buried asbestos was uncovered. The costs over and above project assumption have been £23K (to date), which is covered by the project contingency /approved project fund as reported to Cabinet on 4th March 2026.

Councillor P. Smith commented that an investigation should have taken place prior to demolition as part of health and safety checks.

Councillor B. Greenwood replied that she would check on asbestos and costs and get a response back to the panel.

Further written response from the Portfolio Holder received after the meeting:

This was undertaken by the contractor and provided all the necessary reports to meet legislation required.

EHL4 Health and Wellbeing Strategy

A report of the Director of Public Health submitted the annual report to the Panel. Jane Coates (JC) – Head of Inequalities and Public Health Commissioning attended to present the report in conjunction with the Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture.

The following points were raised and summarised below:

- A panel member observed that there needs to be data surrounding the strategy demonstrating what can be delivered and to be used as a benchmark to measure against. JC acknowledged that there does need to be supporting data and the key is to identify projects that data can be sought from. A lot of work is in progress for example Suicide Prevention, a Suicide Surveillance Officer has been recruited to look through death certificates and seek out any patterns and trends that are driven by a particular activity. Similar with childhood obesity it is identifying specific projects where data could be derived from.
- A panel member commented that there have been no improvements to the JNSA, there is still obesity, people in the borough die earlier, higher rates of cancer. Gambling addiction can lead to depression and suicide and yet residents have to travel to outside of the Borough before they can be seen by a health professional. Suicide Services need to be more local. Walks and cycle routes are not promoted on the NBBC website, need money and time spent promoting them. The hospital discharge protocol needs reviewing; people have been discharged to the town hall to help improve discharge

figures. JC acknowledged panel members comments and responded that gambling in April 2026 received £111k to look at gambling related harms and look at prevention opportunities.

- A panel member commented that he agreed with previous comments. In addition, he raised that incentives are needed for school meals to be nutritious as health habits start from a young age. GP practices are oversubscribed and the population is increasing. There is no multi-disciplinary approach to health they are all deviated. JC acknowledged that it is a real challenge and there is not enough funding. The purpose of the board is to bring influence and work together to commission different services.
- A co-opted member commented that the report demonstrated a good approach in trying to address issues and it was positive to see mental health information being included.
- A panel member commented that a strategic approach is positive, but it takes 3-5years to enact. Advocate the use of green spaces and use of the walking routes. Reactivating footpaths in the county are quick wins but there seems to be barriers in getting them accessible. The AD – Recreation and Culture responded that they work closely with Active Travel and look at how accessibility can be improved by identifying strategic responsibilities.
- A panel member highlighted that in the report it states maternity services are difficult to access for some ethnic groups and asked how difficult it was to access these groups? JC advised it can be difficult as often they do not always declare they are pregnant for the impact it may have such as getting accommodation/employment.
- A panel member also asked how the 80% Place Universal Investment funding will be distributed to Nuneaton and Bedworth. The AD – Recreation and Culture advised it will be focused on community engagement and physical activity to improve services over a longer term.
- A panel member commented that cycling is not just a leisure activity but a way of getting from A to B an investment in cycle tracks would be valuable to residents.

RESOLVED that

- a) an update on Active Travel from Warwickshire County Council and an update on cycle/walking routes.
- b) the cycle and walking routes be more publicised to residents.

EHL5 **Integrated Performance Report Quarter 3 and Quarter 4**

A report of the Risk Management and Performance Officer. The Panel were presented with a report which seeks to provide appropriate performance measures, budget information and risk data for service areas within the scope of the Panel. The report has been adapted to reduce the volume of data (as previously reported under the former scrutiny panel arrangements), whilst still providing the Panel with sufficient information to monitor results to address issues arising.

The panel raised the following points:

- Panel members raised concerns that data and trends were presented but in some cases, there are no targets in order to measure performance. The Risk Management and Performance Officer advised that some departments have gone through lean reviews to create efficiencies therefore in those instances targets are not set as the focus is on service improvements.
- The panel members requested data on Passport to Leisure and Leisure Contractor and the Grounds Maintenance Contract. The AD – Recreation and Culture advised that data for these would be coming to OSP, the leisure operator will be attending two meetings and the Ground Maintenance contractor would also attend OSP with more data.
- A panel member queried the combined recycling figure being 37.55% and the waste and incineration is 67.7%. The AD - Environment and Enforcement advised that it is a different type of waste for each figure, there are different waste streams 1) composting 2) waste for incineration 3) recycling, as a council we are responsible for the collection but not the disposal of waste this comes under Warwickshire County Council.
- A panel asked about the soft market testing for grounds maintenance and mapping of borough so when the contract is agreed the council have a map of the grounds owned by NBBC. The AD – Recreation and Culture advised that soft market testing is underway as recommended by the Member Working Party and the mapping is currently being progressed and a new officer has been recruited to help with this.

RESOLVED that

- a) the report be noted; and
- b) the Integrated Performance Reports include targets and numbers (not just percentages) for all service areas that report to Environment, Leisure and Health OSP

EHL6 Museum Update

The Museum Officer presented an update report to the panel on the Museum activities for 2025/26.

The panel raised the following summarised points:

- A panel member raised that in the report there is no detail in respect of expenditure e.g. running costs/staffing etc. The Museum Officer advised that this is not usually detailed in this report and comes under the corporate budget setting process. In respect of income the museum has reduced its opening hours which impacts on income. The museum provides a valuable source of support in the operation of the parks, it is able to give first aid and has public toilets, it also supports the economic development of the town centre and contributes towards footfall.
- A panel member advised that he had recently visited the museum and could see as detailed in the report how the museum is a valuable asset to the community.
- A panel member asked if the registry office was still using office space next to the museum as he had been advised that some residents were having to go Rugby. The Officer advised that yes the registry office is still operational

however it comes under Warwickshire County Council. They pay rent and costs of heating. The tearoom also occupies a part of the building and is operational and leased to a private business holder.

- It was suggested that panel members are invited to the museum to showcase what they do and show past plans of redevelopment that had to be placed on hold.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

EHL7 Kerbside Recycling and Refuse Collection

The Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement presented to the panel the data on kerbside recycling and refuse collection

The following summarised points were raised:

- A panel member had seen in the press empty vape cartridges causing waste vehicle fires and asked if NBBC had experienced this and how much were any costs associated with it and are NBBC engaging with shops who sell them. The AD advised they had not had any vehicle fires and advised that shops have a requirement to provide a take back scheme if the cartridges are a certain size. There is a dedicated webpage on the website for vapes but we will look at promoting it.
- A panel member raised that the recycling centre only accept 2 sheets of asbestos per month, is there any way to review this. The AD advised that this is a WCC function for disposal of waste but will raise this at the next Warwickshire Waste Partnership meeting.
- A panel member raised about increasing the recycling rates and increase awareness about what we can recycle e.g a sticker on bin. The AD advised that a few local trials have been completed but sticker on the bin is an option, will have to take it back.
- A panel member queried food waste collection progress. The AD advised that a small food waste bin will be provided to residents that will be collected weekly. This is a legislative requirement. They are also looking at different ways of getting the message out to residents e.g TikTok. For commercial food waste this came into force a year earlier but as yet there has not been much uptake from businesses nor enforcement from the government for not delivering.
- A panel member asked about how many subscribers for the green bin collection. The AD – Environment and Enforcement advised there is around 20k subscribers each paying £45 per household. WCC do run workshops around home composting.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

EHL8 Forward Plan

The Forward Plan showing the key decisions that will be made in the four months commencing 1st July 2026 was provided to the Panel for information.

The following points were raised:

- A panel member raised a concern that there is a gap in oversight in the allocation of S106 monies and some being used in the regeneration programme and a 23K in Biodiversity fund that hasn't been spent. It was advised that this was discussed in a different OSP but that an officer has

been recruited who will be looking at the allocation of s106 and tracking what is remaining.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be noted.

EHL9 **Work Programme**

The Panel were presented with the updated Work Programme for the municipal year 2026-2027.

RESOLVED that

- a) the work programme be updated to include Lawn Burial Provision and approved;
- b) an update be provided on the progress of the Lawn Burial recommendations approved at Cabinet

EHL10 **Any Other Items**

None

Chair

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Environment, Health and Leisure Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting:	15 th October 2026
Subject:	Integrated Performance Report –First Quarter 2026/27
Portfolio:	Planning, Enforcement and Public Services / Leisure and Health
Responsible Officer:	Assistant Director (Digital and Business Change) / Risk Management and Performance Officer
Corporate Plan – Theme:	Your Council
Corporate Plan – Aim:	Strive for transparency and accountability in all that we do. Increase public scrutiny.
Ward Relevance:	All
Public or Private:	Public
Forward Plan:	Not a key decision

1. Important Note for Panel Members - Additional information

Should panel members require additional information relating to performance **not fully explained by the comments supplied**, the following process is essential for the effectiveness of the meeting (to ensure that all issues can be addressed at the meeting):

- Having reviewed the report, the panel member should either ask for additional information to be provided ahead of the meeting or, if necessary, request that the relevant officer(s) attend the meeting. In either instance, the panel member should contact the Chair at their earliest opportunity
- The Chair will then advise the Committee clerks to make the necessary arrangements

2. Financial Data

Each OSP should review the Forward Plan and where a decision has been made, members of the OSP should consider calling in an item if they have concerns which need discussing at a future OSP meeting. As per the September 2026 forward plan, the following financial reports are due to be considered by Cabinet for 2026/27:

- General Fund Budget Monitoring Q2 (November Cabinet)
- HRA Budget Monitoring Q2 (November Cabinet)
- Capital Monitoring Q2 (November Cabinet)

3. Report Format 2026/27

Summary of the report content:

REPORT ITEM
<u>Appendix A</u> – summary of : • Performance measures within the remit of the panel • Freedom of Information / Environmental Information Requests and trends • Complaints and trends • Strategic Risk Register risks within the remit of the panel • Member Enquiry Forms and trends
<u>Appendix B1</u> - Performance measures charts A link is provided to the performance charts at section 11. <u>Appendices B2</u> - Performance measures summary
<u>Appendix C</u> – Details of the Strategic Risk Register risks within the remit of the Panel Information as at the end of the quarter - the summary and current details of those risks within the remit of the panel. A link to the risks within the remit of the panel is provided at section 11.

4. Update - Fundamental Corporate Review of Performance Arrangements

Senior Leadership Team, Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Public Domain performance reports / dashboards are in place.

External support to embed Microsoft Power BI software is on-going. This will allow the automation of our performance collation processes as much as possible.

Our chosen workflow for feeding data into Power BI is SharePoint but this will need to be rolled out across the authority first. This is scheduled to commence by the end of September 2026.

5. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 (covert surveillance)

An inspection report by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners highlighted the following recommendation:

“The importance of keeping the elected Councillors aware of any activity [or non-activity] under RIPA was appreciated and it was accepted that minimal observation would be incorporated at regular intervals into officer’s reports”

Consequently, Elected Members should be aware that, as at the end of the third and fourth quarters, there have been no surveillance operations.

6. Report Enhancements

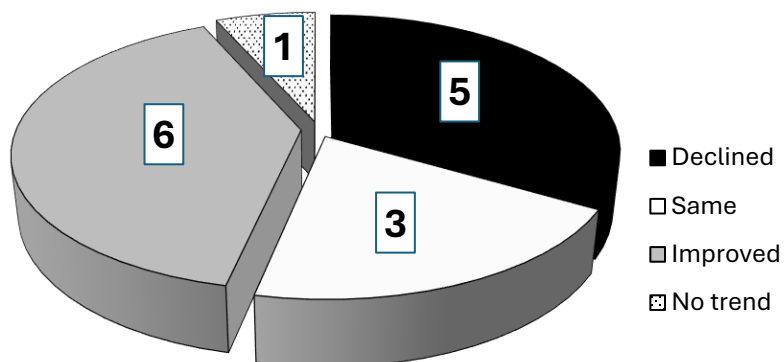
6.1 Following comments received at the last round of scrutiny panel meetings, the following changes to the report have been incorporated for first quarter reporting 2026/27:

- Clarification of the reporting frequency of each measure
- Clarification of whether performance is reported for the quarter only or cumulatively (for the financial year to date)
- Base data is now included where performance is shown as a percentage
- Targets are included where available

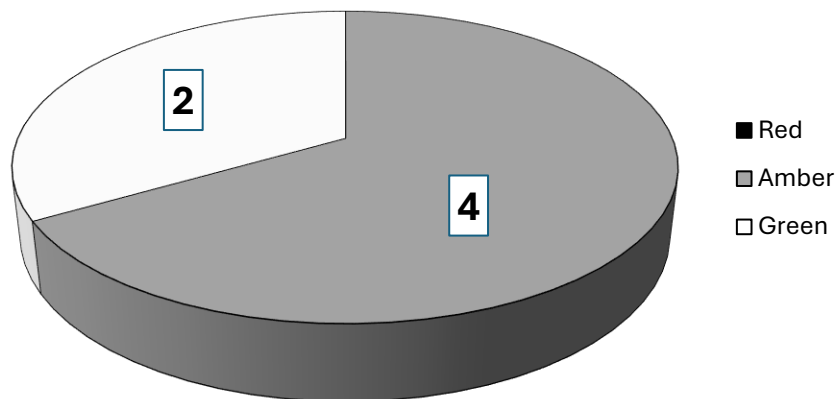
6.2 Benchmarking

Work is also in progress to establish the availability of any appropriate benchmarking data to enhance future reporting.

- 6.3 The Strategic Director – Resources met with all OSP Chairs in September to explore improvement opportunities to strengthen the data provided to support effective scrutiny. An exercise is currently underway to refine reporting arrangements, with the expectation that, by the second cycle of scrutiny meetings in January / February 2027, report formats and accompanying data will fully reflect the requirements and expectations identified by Scrutiny Panel Members.

Performance Measures Summary**Freedom of Information (FOI) / Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) Requests and Complaints Summaries – End of First Quarter**

	Number Received 2026/27 (2025/26)	Completed 2026/27 (2025/26)	Late 2026/27 (2025/26)	Outstanding 2026/27 (2025/26)
FOI / EIR Requests - 20-day target	186 (203)	182 (196)	55 (49)	4 (7)
Complaints -10-day target	337 (358)	334 (351)	43 (47)	3 (7)

Strategic Risk Register Summary**Member Enquiry Forms (MEFs) Summary First Quarter**

Number Received	
2025/26	2026/27
203	339

Subject trends identified in the current quarter:

FOI / EIR - See section 10

Complaints - See section 10

MEFs - See section 10

8. Appendix B2 - Performance Measures Summary First Quarter 2026/27

There are **fifteen** measures within the remit of the panel. **Six** have improved, **five** declined and **three** have stayed the same. **One** has no comparative trend data.

Six have an **improved** trend:

NOTE: FYTD = financial year to date (April – March)

Area / Measure	Frequency / Data Provided	Target 2026/27	Performance 2026/27 (2025/26)
Corporate DG 01 Corporate Plan Monitoring: 73 of 82 actions are green (on target or completed)	Quarterly	Fixed – 80%	89% (73%)
Waste WR 02 Waste recycled (composting) / overall household waste: 2481.36Kg / 13243.80Kg	Monthly / FYTD	Q1 Target: 17% End of Year Target - 13%	18.74% (17.30%)
Waste WS 01 Waste for incineration / overall waste (%): 8345.39Kg / 13243.80Kg	Monthly / FYTD	Q1 Target: 63% End of Year Target - 66%	63.42% 63.01% (60.16%)

Area / Measure	Frequency / Data Provided	Target 2025/26	Performance 2025/26 (2024/25)
Everyone Active EA 02 Year-End Passport to Leisure Memberships (All Sites)	Annual	4,700	4,982 (4,432)
Everyone Active EA 03 Passport to Leisure member usage for all sites	Annual	130,000	132,499 (127,761)
Everyone Active EA 04 Social value savings to NHS	Annual	No Target	£4,422,073 (£2,340,421)

8. Appendix B2 - Performance Measures Summary First Quarter 2026/27

Five have a **declined** trend:

NOTE: FYTD = financial year to date (April – March)

Area / Measure	Frequency / Data Provided	Target 2026/27	Performance 2026/27 (2025/26)	Comments
Waste WR 01 Waste recycled (dry recycling) / overall household waste: 2343.71Kg / 13243.80 Kg	Monthly / FYTD	Q1 Target: 18% End of Year Target - 19%	17.70% (22.50%)	Lower figure for 2026/2027 relates to the inclusion of a percentage rate deduction for contamination which was disputed and excluded in 2025/2026.
Waste WR 03 Combined recycling (dry & composting) / overall waste: 4825.07Kg / 13243.80 Kg	Monthly / FYTD	Q1 Target: 35% End of Year Target - 32%	36.43% (39.79%)	Lower figure for 2026/2027 relates to the inclusion of a percentage rate deduction for contamination which was disputed and excluded in 2025/2026.
Waste WS 03 KG waste per household (overall disposal waste / households)	Monthly / FYTD	Target – 540 Kg	556.43 Kg (501.31 Kg)	Black bin incineration weights have increased as the contamination weight from recycling is now included in the total disposal weight.

NOTE: Individual rounding up to 2 decimal places of WR 01 (dry recycling) = 17.70% (actual 17.697%) + WR 02 (composting) = 18.74% (actual 18.736%) = 36.44% but rounding down of WR 03 (combined recycling) = 36.43% (actual 36.433%).

8. Appendix B2 - Performance Measures Summary First Quarter 2026/27

Declined trend (continued):

Area / Measure	Frequency / Data Provided	Target 2025/26	Performance 2025/26 (2024/25)	Comments
Everyone Active EA 01 Total Leisure Attendance (usage) all sites	Annual	1,100,000	975,349 (1,039,269)	The reduction in attendance is linked to areas at the Pingles centre being closed for essential repairs. The gym reopened on 28/06/25, and the leisure pool opened on 10/12/25.
Museum MUS 01 In-person visits per hour linked to opening hours (year on year comparison of figures)	Annual	Fixed – 29 people per hour	29 (31)	Visits: 25,813, hours open: 898.5. The footfall per hour varies due to weather, school holidays etc. The overall average for the year was brought down by lower than predicted footfall in 3 months: September, November and January. Exhibition spaces were partly closed in September and November to allow the installation of the Craftspace Exhibition. In addition, weather warnings and snow in January also reduced footfall.

8. Appendix B2 - Performance Measures Summary First Quarter 2026/27

Three have stayed the same:

Area / Measure	Frequency / Data Provided	Target 2026/27	Performance 2026/27 (2025/26)
Corporate DG 02 Strategic Risk Register monitoring: <i>23 of 25 are "satisfactorily managed"</i>	Quarterly	Fixed – 80%	92% (92%)
Parks PK 02 Number of scheduled ground maintenance tasks completed by contractor (%): <i>Contractor completed 23,772 tasks of the 24,850 scheduled</i>	Quarterly	90%	95.66% (97.55%)
Waste WS 02 KG waste per resident (all) (overall waste / residents)	Monthly / FYTD	Target – 315 Kg	374.21 Kg (371.82 Kg)

One has no comparative trend data:

Area / Measure	Frequency / Data Provided	Target 2025/26	Performance 2025/26 (2024/25)
Parks PK 01 % of parks and open spaces that do not meet the minimum internal score (based on 'Green Flag' criteria/all parks and open spaces): <i>55/87 sites</i>	Annual	No Target	63.22%

9. Appendix C – EH&L Strategic Risk Register (SRR) First Quarter

There are six strategic risks within the remit of the panel. Four are “net amber” and two are “net green”.

“Net Amber” Risks

R9 - Failure to effectively manage Health, Safety & welfare arrangements to limit the potential for accidents and financial penalties

R20 - Pandemic – service, social and economic implications

R22 - Operation of sub-regional recycling facility in partnership with other authorities and operational costs / realisation of income

R25 - Noncompliance with regulations relating to Freedom of Information, Environmental Information and General Data Protection resulting in penalties applied by the Information Commissioner’s Office

10. Subject Trend Data First Quarter 2026/27

10.1 Freedom of Information (FOI) / Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) Requests (186 in total)

Top 5 Themes Quarter 1:

1. Council Tax, Business Rates & Debt Recovery 26%
2. Financial Transparency & Council Spending 22%
3. Housing, Homelessness & Tenant Services 18%
4. Environmental Information & Sustainability (EIR) 16%
5. Licensing, Planning & Enforcement Activity 13%

Almost half of all FOI requests (48%) related to Council Tax, Business Rates, debt recovery and council spending.

10.2 Complaints (337 in total)

Top 5 Themes Quarter 1

1. Highest - **Property Repairs & Maintenance** (repairs, windows, roofs, damp, mould, fencing, condition of properties)
2. Very High - **Waste, Recycling & Bin Collections** (missed bins, recycling, green waste, bin-related service issues)
3. High - **Parks, Trees & Grounds Maintenance** (grass cutting, trees, vegetation, parks and open spaces)
4. Medium - **Council Tax & Revenues** (billing, recovery, payments, liability and related enquiries)
5. Medium - **Housing & Tenancy Management** (tenancy issues, ASB, estate management, neighbour-related concerns)

10.3 Member Enquiry Forms (339 in total)

Enquiries by Service Area (top 5)

Service Area	Number of Enquiries
Housing	98
Leisure & Culture	55
Waste Management	35
Planning & Building Control	25
Community Safety / Council property	Both 16

Top 5 Themes Quarter 1:

- 1 Housing Needs & Allocations
- 2 Property Repairs & Maintenance
- 3 Environmental & Grounds Maintenance
- 4 Anti-Social Behaviour & Community Safety
- 5 Planning & Development Concerns

11. Please click the following links to access:

[App B1 EH&L Q1 2026-27 Performance Charts](#)

[Appendix C EH&L SRR First Quarter 2026-27](#)

12. Recommendation

The panel is asked to scrutinise the performance information contained in this report and make any recommendations to the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder and/ or Cabinet.

The panel may decide to establish an OSP Review Working Party, proposed, voted and agreed at an OSP itself, to review a specific item/activity. This would be made up of members from the OSP and the OSP would be required to set a clear scope and remit for the review.

STEVE GORE

AGENDA ITEM NO.8

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Environment, Health and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: 15th October 2026

Subject: Leisure Contract - Sport & Leisure Management (SLM) Annual Report

Portfolio: Leisure and Health

Responsible Officer: Leisure and Recreation Contract Management Officer

Corporate Plan – Theme: Housing, Health, and Communities

Corporate Plan – Aim: Work with Public Health colleagues and Partners to address community inequalities

Ward Relevance: All Wards

Public or Private: Public

Amendment to Budget: No Council Tax Related: No

Recommendation to Council/Cabinet/Committee: Yes

Forward Plan: Yes

1. Purpose of report

1.1 Annual report of the Leisure Contractor SLM (Everyone Active) to update and provide performance information for Members on how its work is meeting the corporate aims of the Council and its contract. Including Passport to Leisure update.

2. What is the panel being asked to consider?

2.1. To review and scrutinise the Leisure Contract update.

3. Recommendations

3.1. That the panel review, scrutinise and note the Leisure Contract Update.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Council went to market in March 2024, tendering the opportunity for leisure operators to bid and participate in the procurement process for the new contract. The contract was for a 10-year term with a 5-year extension period.
- 4.2 The award of the contract was assessed against set criteria, as reported and updated to Cabinet on 2nd April 2025. The highest scoring bidder was awarded the contract based on these criteria, in line with the procurement regulations following the completion of the ten-day Standstill Period.
- 4.3 Following the above the Council awarded the Leisure Operator Contract to Sport & Leisure Management (SLM) trading as Everyone Active (EA).
- 4.4 The form of contract used with the contractor was the Sport England approved contract for leisure facility management.
- 4.5 The Contract has a number of agreed key performance indicators that are managed by the Council and the Contractor.

5. Body of report

5.1 The new leisure contract has a set of KPIs and sets clearly the timeframes of reporting on those by EA, every month. There are no hard targets in year 1. Contractually year 1 is used to gather information that will be included in an Annual Development Review at the end of year 1, ready to look at targets for year 2.

The new contract has main KPIs and other information that are reported on: Attendance; Feedback, Social Value, Maintenance; Customer Comments; Programming; Passport to Leisure membership and usage; Staff (new starters and leavers); Membership.

The KPIs from above are Attendance, PTL membership and usage and Social Value. There is a formal meeting every month between NBBC and EA to review the previous months KPIs and relevant information supplied. There are regular catch ups, on a weekly basis.

As no targets are set in year 1 of the new contract, a comparable baseline can be used from the end of year KPIs from the financial year 25/26.

6. Biodiversity Implications

6.1. No direct biodiversity implications have been identified.

7. Appendices

7.1. Please note the following appendices:

- i. Appendix A – Everyone Active Annual Report

8. Background papers

Leisure Procurement Update

Cabinet 26th July 2023 – Agenda Item 9 – Minute Number CB24

Leisure Procurement Update

Cabinet 2nd April 2025 – Agenda item 6 - Minute Number CB112

Leisure Procurement Update

Cabinet 18th June 2025 – Agenda item 9 - Minute Number CB13

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EVERYONE

Nuneaton & Bedworth Leisure Review



**HEALTHIER
PEOPLE**



**STRONGER
COMMUNITIES**



**BRIGHTER
FUTURES**



**ACTIVE
TOGETHER**

Lloyd Barraclough – Area Contract Manager
15th October 2026



Introduction

This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Panel with an update on the leisure management contract over the last 12 months, including progress following the refurbishment and since the start of the new contract.

In this report we cover: →



**Pre and post
refurbishment**



**Usage and
memberships**



You plus



**Customer
feedback**



**Passport
to Leisure**



**Social
Value**



Holiday Activity



Bedworth Physical Activity Hub: Then and Now

Modern spaces. More opportunities. Healthier, happier communities.

More People
Healthier Lives
Stronger Communities

Before

Bedworth Old



Dated facilities



Limited space



Older equipment

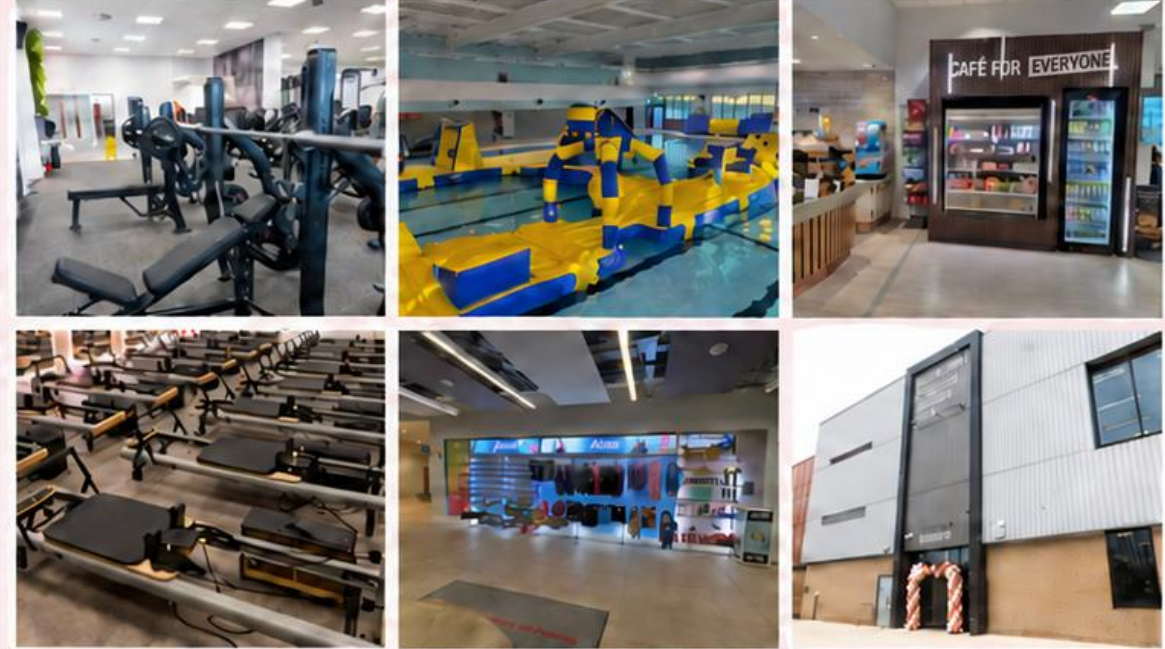


Less choice for members



After

Bedworth New



Modern facilities



More space



State-of-the-art equipment



Greater choice for everyone

Jubilee Sports Centre: Then and Now

Modern spaces. More opportunities. Healthier, happier communities.

More People
Healthier Lives
Stronger Communities

Before

Jubilee Sports Centre (previous facilities)



Dated facilities



Limited space



Older equipment

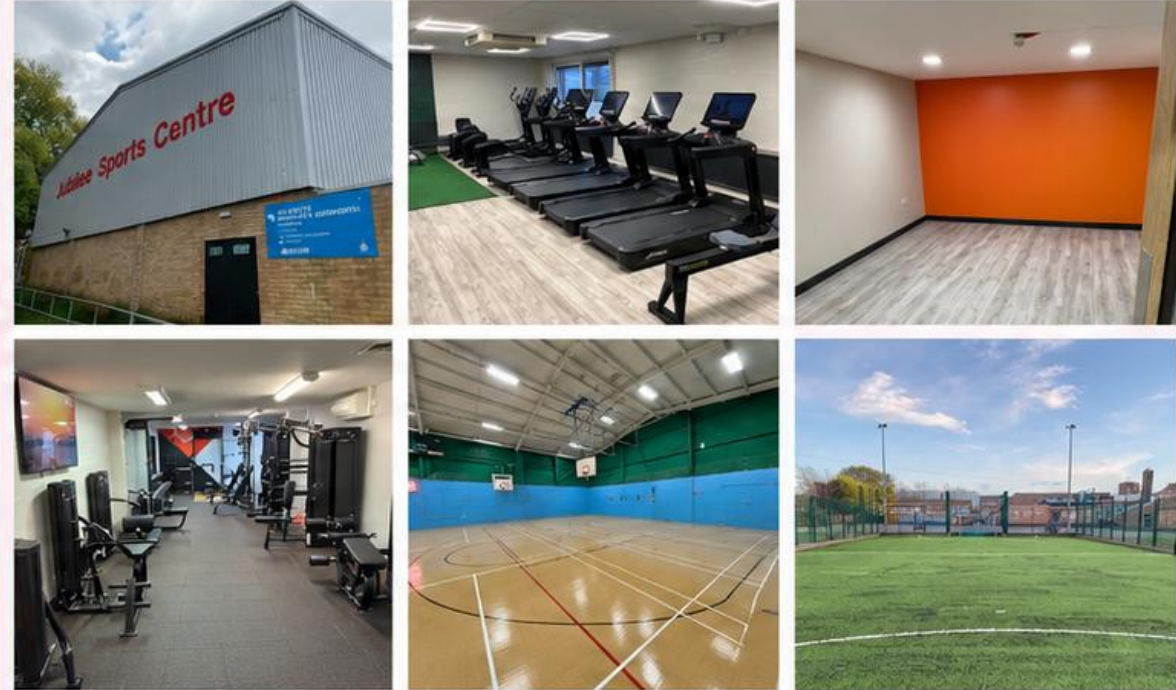


Less choice for members



After

Jubilee Sports Centre (refurbished)



Modern facilities



More space



State-of-the-art equipment



Greater choice for everyone



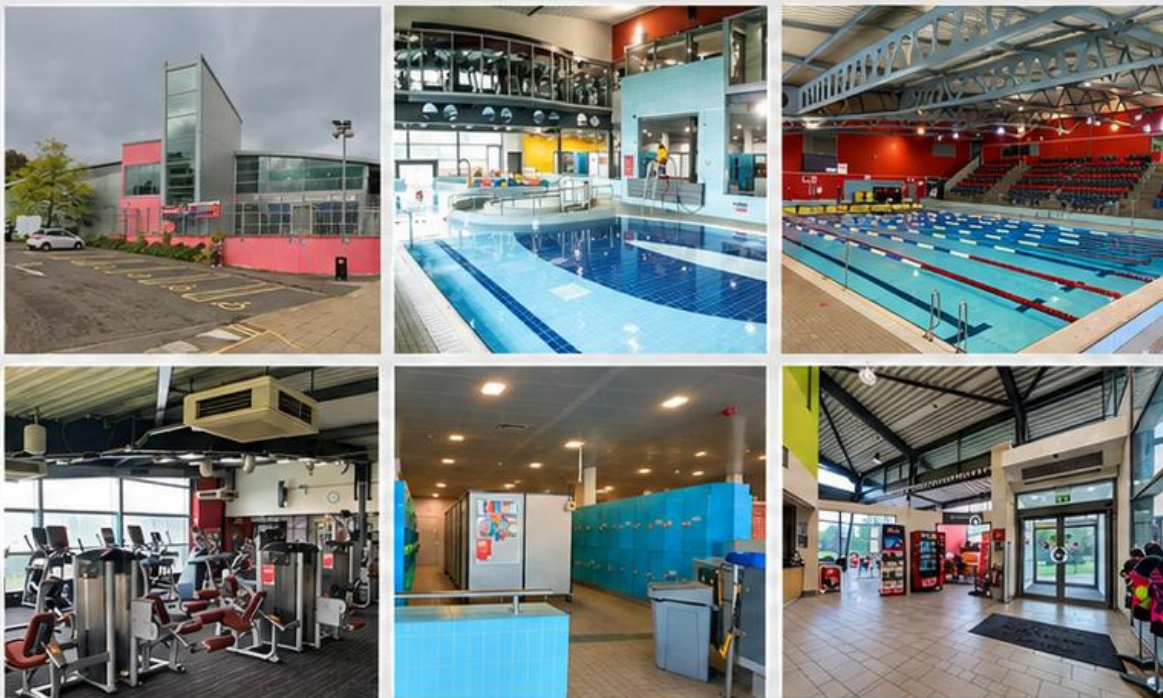
Pingles Leisure Centre: Then and Now

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Before

Pingles Leisure Centre (previous facilities)



Dated facilities



Limited space



Older equipment



Less choice for members

After

Pingles Leisure Centre (refurbished)



Modern facilities



More space



State-of-the-art equipment



Greater choice for everyone

Usage and Membership



Attendance

Centre	2025	2026	Change	% Growth
Bedworth	387,323	415,732	+28,409	+7.3%
Pingles	513,591	531,490	+17,899	+3.5%
Jubilee	101,886	89,763	-12,123	-11.9%
Total	1,002,800	1,036,985	+34,185	+3.4%



+3.4%
increase in visits
across our centres



Fitness Memberships

Centre	2025	2026	Change	% Growth
Bedworth	1,455	2,840	+1,385	+95.2%
Pingles	1,351	2,211	+860	+63.7%
Jubilee	82	134	+52	+63.4%



+56%
increase in fitness memberships
at Bedworth in 2026



Swimming Lessons

Centre	2025	2026	Change	% Growth
Bedworth	2,113	2,235	+122	+5.8%
Pingles	2,496	2,639	+143	+5.7%



+5.3%
increase in swimming lesson
places across our centres



You+ Pillars

Small changes. A healthier, happier you.



SLEEP

Guidance and support for better rest and recovery.

Better sleep. Brighter days.



NUTRITION

Advice to fuel your body the right way.

Eat well. Feel well.



MOVEMENT

Access to gyms, swimming pools and group exercise classes.

Move more. Live more.



RECOVERY

Tools and spaces like hydro beds and theragun treatment.

Recover. Recharge.



BRAIN HEALTH

Mental wellbeing, mood regulation and mindfulness strategies.

A healthier mind.
A stronger you.



SOCIAL WELLNESS

A supportive community to keep you motivated.

Together we're stronger.



+505

'You+' memberships sold across Nuneaton & Bedworth (+5.4% YoY)

Investing in people, for a brighter tomorrow.

*More People
Healthier Lives
Stronger Communities*

EVERYONE ACTIVE

You+

SIX PILLARS. A BRIGHTER YOU.

*Watch.
Learn.
Be inspired.*



WATCH: Discover YOU+ >

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Feedback and Customer Engagement



Member Engagement

Contact us and have your say

CONTACT US

We have multiple ways for you to get through to us, whether that's sending an enquiry, leaving feedback or getting in touch via social media.



SEND US AN ENQUIRY

If you have a general enquiry, question about your membership or something else then use the link.

[GENERAL ENQUIRY](#)



GIVE US SOME FEEDBACK

Let us know how we are doing. We value your feedback, use the link below and complete the feedback form.

[SEND YOUR FEEDBACK](#)



Customer Response

How quickly we respond

Centre	Responded	Closed	Average Response Time
Bedworth	1,684	1,742	19h 24m
Pingles	3,318	3,445	11h 23m
Jubilee	622	634	7h 02m
Total	5,624	5,821	-



14h 18m

average response time across Nuneaton & Bedworth
vs 20h 40m regional average
6h 22m faster than regional average



Google Reviews

What our members say about us

Centre	Google Rating	Number of Reviews
Bedworth	4.1 ★★★★★	405
Pingles	3.9 ★★★★★	587
Jubilee	3.9 ★★★★★	273
Overall	4.0 ★★★★★	1,265



4.0 ★

average Google rating across the centres



11h 23m

Pingles Leisure Centre

received a customer service award for response time to customers and the quality of the response



Passport to Leisure

Performance at 31 August 2026 | Year-on-Year

More People
Healthier Lives
Stronger Communities



LIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS

5,847

▲ **+ 1,467**
vs August 2025

+33.5%
Year-on-year



N&B REACH (with live subscription)

4.56%

▲ **+ 1.16**
percentage points
vs August 2025

+34.1%
Year-on-year



MEMBER USAGE (total visits)

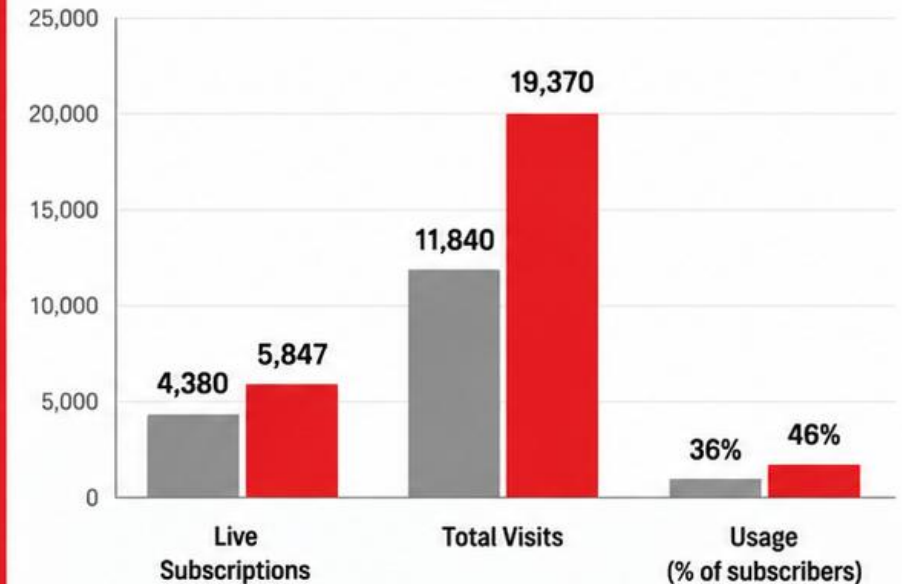
19,370

▲ **+ 7,530**
vs August 2025

+63.6%
Year-on-year

Key Measures – 2025 vs 2026

■ August 2025 ■ August 2026



Key messages for Members



Growth

Live subscriptions increased by 33.5%, from 4,380 to 5,847.



Greater Reach

Scheme penetration increased from 3.40% to 4.56% of N&B residents (+1.16 percentage points).



Higher Engagement

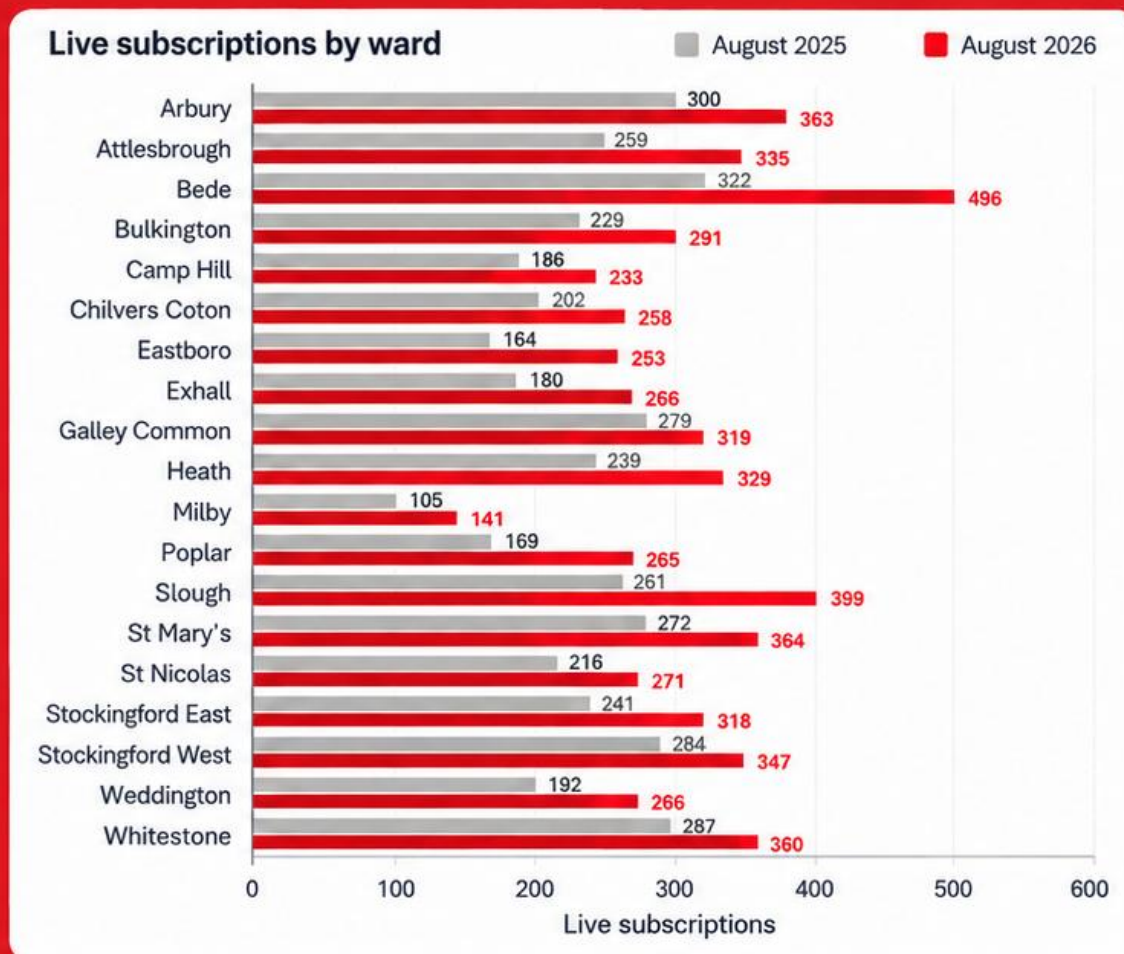
Total visits increased by 63.6%, while the proportion of subscribers using the scheme increased from 36% to 46%.



Live subscriptions by ward | August 2025 vs August 2026

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Ward	August 2025	August 2026	Change
Arbury	300	363	▲ +63
Attlesbrough	259	335	▲ +76
Bede	322	496	▲ +174
Bulkington	229	291	▲ +62
Camp Hill	186	233	▲ +47
Chilvers Coton	202	258	▲ +56
Eastboro	164	258	▲ +89
Exhall	180	266	▲ +86
Galley Common	279	319	▲ +40
Heath	239	329	▲ +90
Milby	105	141	▲ +36
Poplar	169	265	▲ +96
Slough	261	399	▲ +138
St Mary's	272	364	▲ +92
St Nicolas	216	271	▲ +55
Stockingford East	241	318	▲ +77
Stockingford West	284	347	▲ +63
Weddington	192	266	▲ +74
Whitstone	287	360	▲ +73
Total	4,380	5,847	▲ +1,467



Total increase
+1,467
(+33.5% YoY)



19 out of 19
wards saw an
increase in live
subscriptions



Bede
Highest growth
+174
(322 → 496)



**Strong growth
across all areas**

Social Value

Creating Healthier Lives, Stronger Communities

More People
Healthier Lives
Stronger Communities

What is a Social Value Calculator?

A Social Value Calculator helps us put a financial value on the wider benefits that leisure services create for our communities. It looks beyond income and participation numbers and helps demonstrate the value of outcomes such as improved physical and mental health, increased wellbeing, stronger communities and reduced pressure on public services. To summarise, it helps us show the wider return that the council and community receive from investing in leisure.

Key messages



Overall social value

Total social value has increased across the contract, with growth at each centre.



Social value per person

A small overall decrease, with drops at Pingles and Bedworth. Increases at Jubilee and Community Outreach.



Activity levels

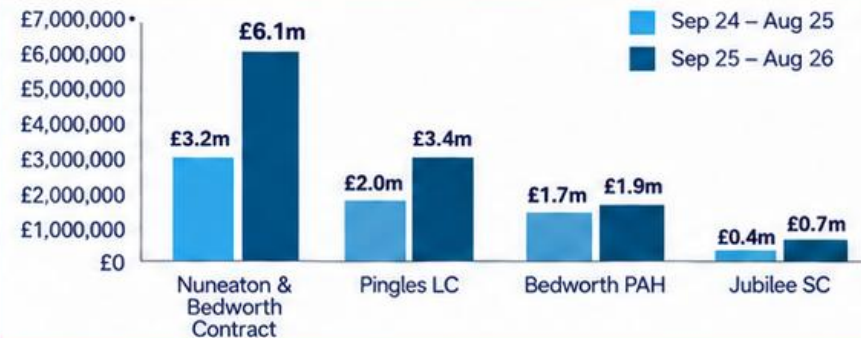
More people are active. "Active" is 150+ minutes per week (3+ visits), "Fairly active" is 30-149 minutes per week (1-2 visits).



Indicators of wellbeing

Physical and mental health value is associated with reduced health-related costs. Increases in Exercise Referral numbers are supporting this.

Total Social Value Generated by Centre



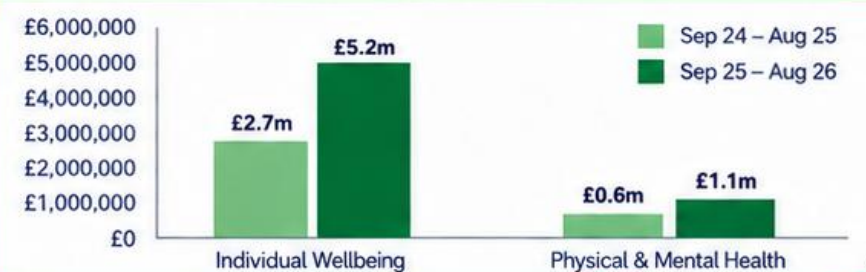
Social Value per Person by Centre



Activity Levels (visits)



Indicators of Wellbeing (Social Value)



Summer Holiday Activities for Young People

NW Active – HAF Camp Provider | Summer 2026

Active
Confident
Connected



TOTAL BOOKINGS
(across 2 N&B camps)

629



Over 50%

of children were new
to this camp



BOOKINGS BY CAMP

292

Jubilee
(over 50% new
attendees)

337

Bedworth



NEW FACES

Lots!

Many attendees
(especially Bedworth)
were new to the facilities
and have since started to use
other products and services
(e.g. swim lessons).



More Active
Young People



Healthier
Happier Lives



Stronger
Communities

What we delivered



Great Feedback

The £2 family Pickleball
session at Bedworth
was very popular!



Supporting Families

We also offered discounted
family sessions after the
camps finished, and will be
continuing this offer during
the next school holiday periods.



What's Next?

- October Half Term
– Bedworth
- Christmas HAF
– Jubilee & Bedworth



*Fun Activities
Brighter Futures*

EVERYONE

A HEALTHIER, HAPPIER YOU

Environment, Health and Leisure OSP – 1st October 2026



everyone **ACTIVE**

Contract Financial Performance

CATEGORY		INCOME % INCREASE FROM AUG 25 – AUG 26	
	Aquatics	↑	2%
	Fitness	↑	98%
	Indoor Sports	↑	25%
	Community	↑	65%
	Food & Bev	↑	24%



Increase of
overall income
by **31%**



Thank You for Listening

Are there any questions?

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Healthier Lives
Stronger Communities*



More Active
Young People



Healthier
Happier Lives



Stronger
Communities



AGENDA ITEM NO.9

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Environment, Health and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: 15th October 2026

Subject: Leisure Strategies

Portfolio: Leisure and Health

Responsible Officer: Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture

Corporate Plan – Theme: Housing, Health, and Communities Cor-

porate Plan – Aim: Work with Public Health colleagues

and Partners to address community inequalities

Ward Relevance: All Wards

Public or Private: Public

Amendment to Budget: No Council Tax Related: No Re-
commendation to Council/Cabinet/Committee: Yes

Forward Plan: Yes

1. Purpose of report

1.1. To provide the Panel with the draft Indoor Sports Facility Strategy (IFS), Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance Report (SOPG) and Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy Stage E refresh for recommendation to Cabinet for adoption.

2. What is the panel being asked to consider?

2.1. To review the updated Strategies and recommend them to Cabinet for Adoption.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. That the panel refer the Indoor Sports Facility Strategy (IFS) to Cabinet for adoption
- 3.2. That the panel refer the Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance Report (SOPG) to Cabinet for adoption
- 3.3. That the panel refer the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy Stage E update to Cabinet for adoption.

4. Background

- 4.1. In 2020 the Council produced a Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance Report (SOPG) and Indoor Sports Facility Strategy (IFS) which both identified the need, vision and commitment at that time.
- 4.2. These required a refresh and in mid-2025 the Council engaged support from specialists to assist with the development of a refreshed 10-year strategy and action plan refreshing the existing SOPG and IFS which will identify a vision for the development of health, sports & leisure across Nuneaton and Bedworth.
- 4.3. The Indoor Facility Strategy (IFS) provides an assessment of the need for indoor sports facilities in the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough, whilst informing and guiding future provision of indoor sports facilities to serve existing and new communities in Nuneaton and Bedworth. A Stage E review of the existing Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS), which focusses on playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities, it was developed at the same time as the IFS. The IFS focusses on facility provision in the context of health and wellbeing, reflecting locally identified needs.
- 4.4. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) has recently adopted the Borough Plan 2025 - 2039, which provides a framework for future development in the Nuneaton and Bedworth up to 2039.
- 4.5. The adopted Borough Plan priorities are implemented through a wide range of Council activities across the Council's service

areas. The IFS reflects this approach. In addition, the IFS will support and contribute to the Warwickshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2026 - 2031. The strategy presents a 5-year plan designed to create a "healthier, fairer Warwickshire" by addressing unjust inequalities in health outcomes. The strategy moves away from a purely clinical focus, adopting the King's Fund population health framework, which recognises that roughly 80% of health is influenced by social, economic, and structural determinants (the "building blocks of health") rather than just healthcare quality.

- 4.6. Sport England guidance suggests that a Playing Pitch Strategy requires a Stage E update (to review delivery and keeping the strategy up-to-date) via a yearly review of the action plan by the steering group. And a comprehensive, wider strategy review and full data update should occur every 3 years to prevent the Playing Pitch Strategy from becoming out of date. Following it being adopted in July 2023, a full comprehensive review has now been undertaken.

5. Body of report

- 5.1. The IFS includes a quantitative, qualitative, accessibility and availability analysis of the following facilities which are owned by the public (including education), private and third sectors:

- Athletics facilities – indoor and outdoor;
- Badminton;
- Basketball;
- Bowls – Indoor;
- Gymnastics facilities;
- Health and fitness facilities i.e. fitness suites and studios;
- Netball – indoor;
- Sports halls (conventional sports halls along with community centres and village halls);
- Swimming pools;
- Tennis – including padel tennis and indoor; and
- Squash.

- 5.2. In addition to the above, the following activities are included in the scope of work:

- Community Centres; and
- Cycle facilities.

- 5.3 The methodology used to develop the IFS includes:

- Review of local strategic planning and policy context
- Review of the borough's demographic profile, neighbourhood areas and population growth to understand the significance and impact of this in specific areas
- Site visits to quality audit all identified sites
- Stakeholder consultation (face to face/online meetings)
- Online surveys to schools and sports clubs (surveys closed for analysis at end September 2025)
- Assessment of built leisure facility supply and demand
- Identification of spatial requirements i.e. the location of need for sports facilities
- Analysis of school and sports club survey feedback
- Feedback from comprehensive stakeholder consultation
- Assessment of all findings and identification of need - current and future built leisure facility provision
- Options for addressing and delivering need – spatial analysis, partnerships etc
- Conclusions and recommendations; and
- Action Plan.

5.4 The Strategy in Appendix A breaks down the outcome of each sport, on availability and provision requirements by 2039.

5.5 The Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance Report (SOPG) focused on the investment and upgrades which have been completed to date across the Borough and any main future investment planned. This report is within Appendix B.

5.6 The Stage E review of the Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy summary of recommendations include:

Objective	Recommendation
OBJECTIVE 1: To protect the existing supply of outdoor sports facilities to meet current and future needs	• Recommendation 1: Ensure all existing outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy, with particular focus on sites at risk of loss or change of use (e.g. football grass pitches and single-site provision sports such as hockey); • Recommendation 2: Secure long-term tenure and community use agreements across all key sites to enable access to

	external funding and support club sustainability; and • Recommendation 3: Protect access to education sites where they form a critical part of the supply network, ensuring formalised agreements are in place where demand exists
OBJECTIVE 2: To enhance outdoor sports provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites	• Recommendation 4: Prioritise improvements to pitch quality across all sports, with a focus on sites currently assessed as poor or basic, recognising that quality is the primary constraint on capacity rather than quantity; • Recommendation 5: Work with facility operators, NGBs and clubs to implement appropriate maintenance regimes, including continued use of PitchPower, ECB support and RFU processes to sustain and improve provision; • Recommendation 6: Secure and maximise external funding opportunities, including Football Foundation, ECB and RFU investment, ensuring that barriers such as tenure are addressed; • Recommendation 7: Improve ancillary provision, particularly changing facilities, to support increased participation in women and girls sport and to enable sites to operate effectively as multi-team hubs.
OBJECTIVE 3: To provide new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so	• Recommendation 8: Focus new provision on areas and formats where demand is increasing, particularly junior and mini football, women and girls sport, and where existing provision is constrained or at risk; • Recommendation 9: Prioritise reconfiguration and optimisation of existing sites (e.g. converting adult football pitches to youth formats, use of non-turf wickets in cricket,

	improved training provision in rugby) before delivering new facilities; • Recommendation 10: Support the delivery of new strategic facilities where required, including 3G AGPs and potential replacement or additional provision (e.g. hockey AGP), ensuring developments are located in areas of greatest demand and supported by appropriate mitigation where existing provision is lost.
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5.7 The Draft Stage E update is located in Appendix C.

6. Biodiversity Implications

6.1. No direct biodiversity implications have been identified.

7. Appendices

7.1. Please note the following appendices:

- i. Appendix A – Draft Indoor Facility Strategy
- ii. Appendix B – Draft Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance Report (SOPG)
- iii. Appendix C – Draft Stage E Update Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy

8. Background papers

8.1. Cabinet Report 26th July 2024 Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) 2023 Agenda Number: 7 Minute Number: CB22

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Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance

A Report by Strategic Leisure Limited



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Glossary of Terms

Abbreviation	Definition
SOPG	Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance
NBBC	Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
NGB	National Governing Body
BPAH	Bedworth Physical Activity Hub
IFS	Indoor Facility Strategy
PPOSS	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
ONS	Office for National Statistics
IMD	Index of Multiple Deprivation
JSNA	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
ICB	Integrated Care Board
CUA	Community Use Agreement

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. To be added after strategy is finalised

2. Introduction and Context

- 2.1. This Strategic Outcomes Planning Guidance (SOPG) report sets out Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council's (NBBC) borough-wide strategic framework for sport, leisure and physical activity provision. The report's key aim is to establish the shared outcomes for sport and physical activity, in partnership with health, education and the community and voluntary sector. Following Sport England's 2021 guidance, it recommends the direction, priorities and approach that NBBC should adopt to ensure these outcomes are achieved.

Figure 1: SOPG Guidance



- 2.2. The SOPG is informed by a wide range of evidence, including local and national strategic policy, demographic and health data, stakeholder consultation and the emerging Indoor Facility Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy Stage E review. This evidence forms the basis of the report and is used to inform the recommended priorities and commitments for NBBC.
- 2.3. NBBC's first SOPG was developed in 2020 alongside a Built Facility Strategy. These captured the needs of the borough in terms of physical activity provision, the challenges facing the Council at the time – high levels of health, social and participation inequalities set against population growth and a need to build a significant number of new homes.
- 2.4. Supported by Sport England to develop the SOPG, one of the first in the UK, NBBC set out its vision to address ageing facility stock, reduce health inequalities and provide increased opportunities for engagement with physical activity.
- 2.5. NBBC has delivered on almost all the strategic outcomes set out in the 2020 SOPG which is an incredible achievement for a small authority. These outcomes have been delivered despite the challenges of changing political administrations, the Covid pandemic, rising capital costs and planned local government re-organisation (LGR).

Strategic Outcomes Delivered.

- 1**



Political and strategic buy-in to the importance of physical activity and the role it can play in the borough in reducing health inequalities.
- 2**



2024-2025
New mountain bike trails Bedworth Memorial Park.
- 3**



2025
A new long-term partnership with Everyone Active through the re-procured leisure management contract.
- 4**



2026
the new Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH).
- 5**



New outdoor active environment around BPAH (to be completed by end 2026).
- 6**



2025/26
Improved gym and fitness provision at Pingles with more investment to follow (2027) into changing rooms etc.
- 7**



Committed capital investment for Jubilee Sports Centre.
- 8**



Work commencing on the planning for the new dryside provision at Top Farm (delivery 2027/28).
- 9**



New partnerships with health.

What next for NBBC?

- 2.6. To ensure the role of physical activity remains at the forefront of strategic planning in the borough, NBBC has decided to refresh its SOPG, Indoor Facility Strategy (IFS) and Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS).
- 2.7. This SOPG is aligned with national strategic planning reports and policy such as Sport England’s refreshed ‘Uniting the Movement’ strategy (2026), the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) ‘Get Active’ strategy and the revised 2026 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Regionally, it reflects the priorities of the Active Partnership, Think Active, and the Warwickshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. At local level the SOPG considers NBBC’s corporate plan ‘Building Communities 2025-2029’ and the Borough Plan Review. Summaries and recommendations for each of these policies are included in Section 3.

Context

- 2.8. Nuneaton and Bedworth is located in the north of Warwickshire and borders Coventry, Rugby and North Warwickshire. Although geographically the smallest area, it has the largest population, with its 141,565 residents (ONS, 2024) based mainly in the two urban areas of Nuneaton and Bedworth.

Figure 2: Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council Area



Local Context: Growth and Inequality

Population, age, deprivation and transport in Nuneaton and Bedworth

Population growth

150,759

projected population by 2039
(ONS)

9,180+

new homes required by the
Borough Plan Review, which
could push population higher

Age profile



Highest share of 0–17s in Warwickshire. Largest working-age group:
29–40 year olds.

Deprivation

91st

of 296 local authorities on the
IMD; a third of residents live in
England's 30% most deprived
areas

8.3%

of areas in the most deprived
10% nationally, over 3× the
Warwickshire average of 2.5%

Transport

15.4%

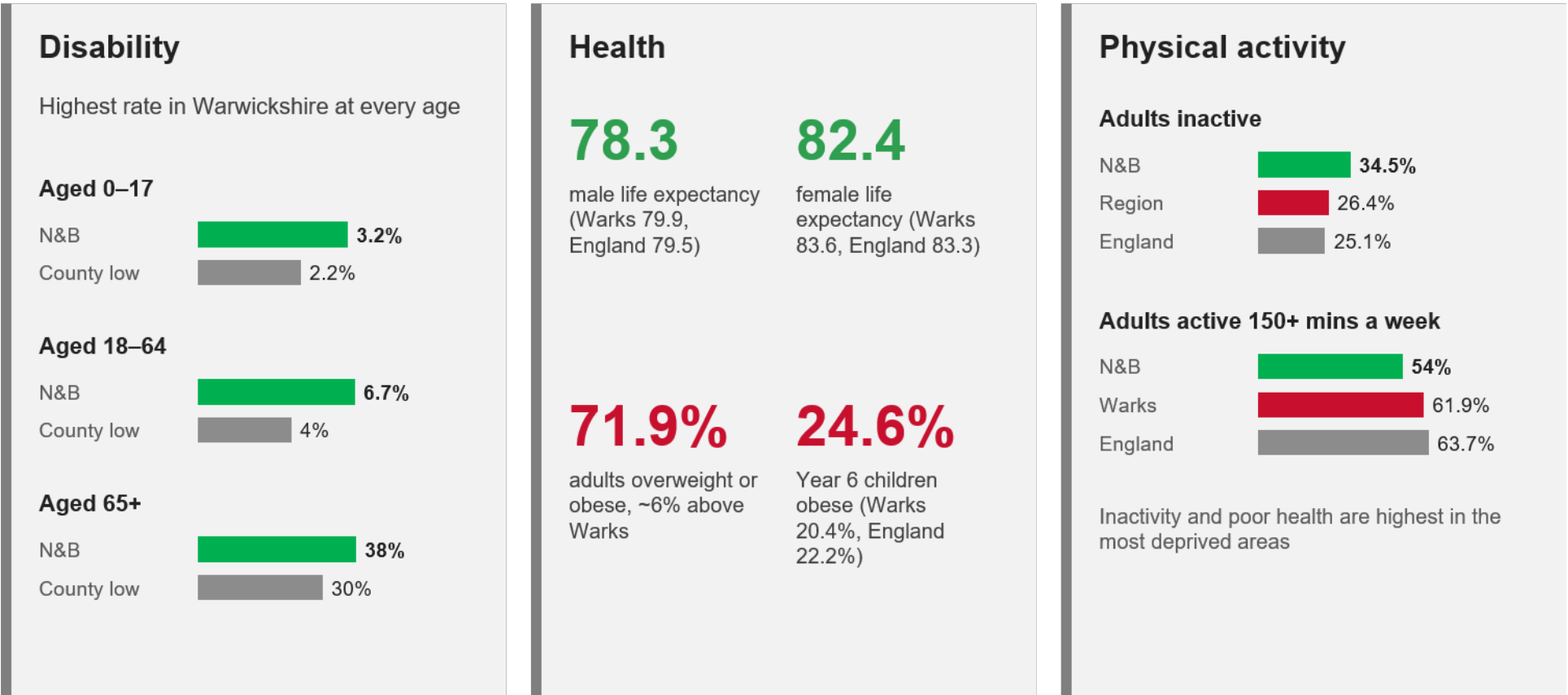
of residents at high risk of
transport-related social exclusion
(177th of 361)

30%

of Nuneaton Central households
have no car, the highest in the
county

Local Context: Health and Activity

Disability, health outcomes and activity levels compared with Warwickshire and England



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- 2.9. To mitigate against this picture of inactivity and to try to reduce health inequalities, the Council have recently provided major investment into the Borough's leisure assets, with the delivery of the new Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH) in 2026, the refurbishment and extension of facilities at Pingles Leisure Centre (planned for 2026/27) and facility improvements at Jubilee Sports Centre (planned for 2027).
- 2.10. In July 2026, the Government confirmed its decision, under Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), to replace Warwickshire County Council and the district and borough councils in its area with two new unitary authorities. Under this decision, the Nuneaton and Bedworth area would join the areas currently covered by North Warwickshire Borough Council and Rugby Borough Council to form a new North Warwickshire unitary authority, as shown in the adjacent map. A shadow authority was due to be established in May 2027, with the new council taking on its full responsibilities in April 2028.
- 2.11. In September 2026, following legal challenges brought by several local authorities, the Government paused implementation of LGR pending a review. Although devolution is expected to continue there is currently no further confirmed timetable or structure for this.



3. Our Shared Local Outcomes

NBBC’s Vision and Shared Local Strategic Outcomes

"Nuneaton and Bedworth will be a place that is prosperous, resilient, and healthy to live, visit, relax, and work in."

3.1. Nuneaton and Bedworth's Corporate Plan responds to a borough where adult inactivity, obesity and childhood obesity are all above the Warwickshire and national averages, and where these health inequalities are located in the borough's most deprived neighbourhoods. Physical activity improves physical and mental health, strengthens communities and helps to address the inequalities that impact people's lives. Sport, physical activity and wellbeing are therefore a priority identified in the Council's Corporate Plan 'Building Communities 2025-2029'. The borough's shared outcomes are:



To increase levels of physical activity among residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth, particularly those who are currently inactive;



To reduce health inequalities across the borough, targeting support towards the communities experiencing the greatest deprivation and poorest health outcomes



To improve mental health and wellbeing through participation in sport and physical activity



Prioritising community safety, empowerment, and the promotion of active travel



To invest in good-quality, well-located and financially sustainable sport and leisure provision, including Pingles Leisure Centre and Top Farm

3.2. Delivering these outcomes will be guided by the following key strategic priorities:

Facilities



Protecting, providing and enhancing indoor and outdoor facilities that support physical activity opportunities for all residents, informed by the recommendations of the Indoor Facility Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy;

Investment



Directing future investment towards the facilities and programmes that will have the greatest impact on activity levels and health outcomes, including at Pingles Leisure Centre and Top Farm; and

Addressing participation barriers



Adopting a targeted, place-based approach that improves access to sport and physical activity in the communities where inactivity and health inequalities are highest, working in partnership with Think Active, Everyone Active and other local partners.

- 3.3. Although this SOPG and council strategy is largely focussed on NBBC's built leisure assets, Think Active's #WeThinkActive Strategy 2025–2026 sets out a wider borough-level approach to physical activity. Formal indoor and outdoor facilities are often seen as the main spaces in which people engage in sport and physical activity, but it is vital to recognise the importance of more informal and casual opportunities to be active. This SOPG should be viewed alongside the Playing Pitch Strategy and Indoor Facility Strategy, and in consideration of wide range of formal and informal leisure opportunities available across the borough, from schools and community centres to open spaces, parks and cycling routes.
- 3.4. The ability to cater for all resident's needs, especially those who are currently inactive, requires collaboration and partnership working across a range of public, private and community sectors and the utilisation of both formal and informal provision.



The Contribution of Sport, Physical Activity and Wellbeing

- 3.5. Sport and physical activity are vital in NBBC's ability to achieve the targets set out in its Building Communities 2025-2029 strategy and can have a significant impact on the life experiences of Nuneaton and Bedworth residents.

Increasing Levels of Physical Activity in Those Who Are Currently Inactive

- 3.6. Regular physical activity directly reduces the risk of obesity, cardiovascular disease and poor mental health, all of which are major issues in Nuneaton and Bedworth and where rates are all higher than the local and national averages. Increasing activity levels among the borough's least active residents is therefore necessary to improve the local population's health.
- 3.7. Sport England's Get Active strategy targets over 2.5 million more active adults and over 1 million more active children nationally by 2030, with key aims to reduce disparities in participation among older adults, women, disabled people and ethnic minority groups. Local demographic data indicates that there is higher than average inactivity in the borough for women, over 55's and disabled people, suggesting a link between national and local trends.

Reducing Health Inequalities in Areas of Deprivation

- 3.8. Physical activity has the most significant health impact in areas of deprivation, due to statistically higher rates of inactivity, obesity and long-term conditions. This suggests that targeted investment and improvement in physical activity provision in these areas may be more successful in reducing health inequalities than a standard, borough-wide approach would.
- 3.9. In Nuneaton and Bedworth, areas with the highest deprivation (Central Nuneaton, Central and West Bedworth and the south-west of the borough) are also those with some of the highest levels of physical inactivity and poorest health outcomes. Therefore, focussing facility investment and outreach programmes in these communities may have a significant impact on reducing health inequalities.
- 3.10. This targeted approach is supported by the Warwickshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2026–2031, which suggests that approximately 80% of health outcomes are influenced by social, economic and environmental factors rather than healthcare alone. Sport England's Uniting the Movement strategy suggests that investment should be weighted towards places, communities and groups experiencing the greatest inequalities, as this is where the most significant impact can be achieved. Nationally, if inactivity rates were reduced for those experiencing 2 or more inequalities, 4 million more adults would be classed as active and approximately £15.6 billion of social value would be generated¹.

¹ <https://www.sportengland.org/blogs/new-step-tackling-inequalities>



Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing

- 3.11. NHS England's 10-Year Health Plan, 'Fit for the Future' (2025–2035)², states that physical activity "is good for physical and mental health and has a measurable positive impact on relieving NHS pressures, worth an estimated £10.5 billion in savings a year". The strategy also suggests that if investment in physical activity is designed in partnership with local people, inactivity rates often decrease by an additional 2.5%.
- 3.12. Warwickshire North Place Partnership has also identified mental health and wellbeing as one of its three priorities, due to a high level of anxiety and common mental health disorders in the area.

Community Safety and the Promotion of Active Travel

- 3.13. Connecting Communities is a key strand of Sport England's Uniting the Movement strategy, due to the importance of sport and physical activity in bringing people together and making communities better places to live. Safe, appropriate and well thought out open and green spaces, with good active travel links, also provide a wide range of opportunities for informal physical activity, whilst contributing to a greater sense of community.

Investment in Leisure Provision

- 3.14. Sport England's Future of Public Sector Leisure (2022) sets out the case for provision that is place-based, financially sustainable and aligned to the needs of the local community. This also reflects the investment decision making at both Pingles Leisure Centre and the proposed new facility at Top Farm.
- 3.15. However, this place-based approach is not just focussed on facility development but should also consider community outreach and targeted programming in areas where intervention is most required such as central Nuneaton, central and west Bedworth, and the south-west of the borough. Delivery in partnership with Think Active and Everyone Active (SLM) is vital in building community relationships and trust.

Partnership Working

- 3.16. Within Nuneaton and Bedworth, there are a number of key partners that work alongside NBBC to deliver high quality sport, physical activity and wellbeing services and opportunities. A summary of the work of these partners together with their associated policies and strategies are as follows:

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-year-health-plan-for-england-fit-for-the-future/fit-for-the-future-10-year-health-plan-for-england-executive-summary>
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Think Active

- 3.17. Think Active is NBBC's Active Partnership, funded by Sport England to tackle inequalities in physical activity across the borough. It works closely with NBBC and other local partners to help deliver the Council's outcomes, bringing funding, expertise and an established local network to support delivery.
- 3.18. Its current #WeThinkActive Strategy focuses on getting children and young people active, supporting local health and care services, and helping communities access safe, welcoming places to be active

Everyone Active (SLM)

- 3.19. Everyone Active operates NBBC's leisure facilities, including BPAH, Pingles Leisure Centre and Jubilee Sports Centre, and will operate any new facility developed at Top Farm.
- 3.20. As part of its operating contract with NBBC, Everyone Active employ a Health, Activity and Wellbeing team, who deliver a comprehensive community outreach programme aimed at increasing physical activity levels of local residents, both inside and outside leisure facilities. The team deliver outreach sessions in schools, learn-to-ride classes, health walks and taster sessions in community venues as well as signposting residents to further community activity. This outreach programme is specifically targeted in areas of deprivation and major health inequalities and focusses on providing support to those facing the greatest barriers to participation, including ethnic minority groups, women and girls, and people with disabilities.
- 3.21. Everyone Active also facilitate NBBC's exercise referral programme and offer prevention and rehabilitation support through condition-specific classes and sessions.

Public Health

- 3.22. Warwickshire County Council's Public Health team leads the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), which provides the evidence base identifying deprivation, mental health, healthy weight, smoking and alcohol/drug use issues and helps to the Warwickshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2026–2031.
- 3.23. Using this information and data, the Warwickshire North Place Partnership, which covers Nuneaton and Bedworth, has identified deprivation, the cost of living, and mental health and wellbeing, among its specific local priorities to be addressed through investment, outreach and programming.
- 3.24. There is also Integrated Care Board (ICB), who is the NHS body responsible for commissioning health and care services in Nuneaton and Bedworth and the wider Warwickshire area.

Schools and Other Education Establishments

- 3.25. Schools provide both indoor and outdoor sports facilities, that could provide additional opportunities for community physical activity, outside of the NBBC's leisure centres. Although schools are often better placed within communities and therefore reduce transport issues for residents, usage is dependent on schools providing access outside of curriculum hours and agreeing to community use agreements.
- 3.26. Schools also deliver a range of physical activity initiatives and participation in school games competitions, which contribute towards meeting the shared outcome to reduce childhood physical inactivity.

Voluntary and Community Sector

- 3.27. Local sports clubs and National Governing Bodies deliver grassroots participation for all age and demographic groups across the borough and play a key role in reaching communities that Council-led, facility-based provision often cannot.
- 3.28. The borough's sports club provision is extensive and covers football, cricket, tennis, bowls, rugby union, netball, badminton, volleyball and cycling amongst others. Based on those clubs that responded to consultation, membership across the sector has grown strongly, with 89% of consulted clubs reporting an increase in playing members over the past five years and 78% expecting further growth.
- 3.29. Community groups also play a vital role in the delivery of physical activity opportunities. Community centres across the borough, provide a wide range of informal, casual sessions and classes, often reaching residents that would not otherwise engage in formal club-based sport or have the confidence to access a leisure centre setting.
- 3.30. To ensure that the SOPG outcomes and recommendations are aligned to plans and strategies that NBBC are committed to delivering, a review of all relevant local and national strategic documents has been undertaken. These focus on the national and sub-regional context, setting out the wider aims for sport and physical activity across England and Coventry and Warwickshire, as well as the local context, covering NBBC's own borough-specific priorities. A full strategic context is provided in Appendix 1.

National Context

- 3.31. The Sport England 'Uniting the Movement' (2021)³, is a 10-year strategy which focussed five big issues relevant following Covid. This has now been refreshed (2025/26) with the following priorities:

³ Source: Uniting the Movement Sport England 2021
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3.32. Following a review of the first five years of the Uniting the Movement Strategy (2021), Sport England has identified new target audiences and objectives as the focus for the strategy moving forward. The priority audiences include:

Priority Audiences

Children and young people in low-affluence households Prioritise enjoyment and belonging More and better opportunities to realise their potential Equitable opportunities in school and college	People in places within the top 25% greatest need Improve system conditions to tackle inactivity and inequality Inclusive, safe, accessible and affordable opportunities System leadership and asset-based community development skills	Adults with/at risk of long-term health conditions from lower socio-economic groups Motivation and perceived capacity to be active Collaborate with health and social care Equip workforce to provide safe, personalised experiences
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3.33. The objectives which will be worked towards over the next 5 years of the strategy include ⁴:

Strategic Objectives: **Next 5 Years**

Workforce skills, diversity and experience	Address ageing/at-risk infrastructure	Improving data, insight and digital enablement
		
A shared future vision	Transform public leisure into 'active wellbeing' service	Strengthen sector use of data and insight
Improve workforce experiences now	Improve club and community facilities	Adopt modern digital tools to improve decisions
System-wide diversity and inclusion commitments	Unlock diverse funding sources	
Sector-wide approach to developing skills		

⁴ [Uniting the Movement | Sport England](#)



- 3.34. The DCMS 'Get Active' strategy (2023)⁵ focusses on addressing health inequalities and adopting a targeted place based approach for those individuals and communities that need extra support. The policy aims to get 2.5 million more adults and 1 million more children active by 2030 by:
- Addressing participation disparities;
 - Investing in grassroots community facilities;
 - Leveraging data-driven preventative health measures;
 - Ensuring the sector is inclusive, safe and welcoming for all.
- 3.35. Sport England's report on the Future of Public Sector Leisure Services 2022⁶, refers to an Active Wellbeing service as being built on 4 inter-related foundations:
- **Alignment of leisure, physical health, mental health and social care**
 - Co-location – with refurbished or new leisure centres providing community hubs that combine traditional leisure services with other health and social services and facilities.
 - Consolidation of the sector's role as deliverer of preventative activity.
 - Social prescribing and supporting local health and care priorities.
 - **Strong Sector Leadership**
 - Addressing the fragmented nature of the leisure sector.
 - Building strong working relationships with multiple stakeholders.
 - **Provision that is place-based**
 - Ensuring that health and wellbeing services are at the heart of local communities and that the facilities and services provided contribute to fulfilling the needs of those communities.
 - Ensuring that provision is aligned to the needs of the people that live in the immediate surrounding communities.
 - **Provision that is carbon neutral**
 - Estimates suggest that leisure assets currently account for between 10% and 40% of a local authority's direct carbon emissions depending on the age, size, facility mix (pools require greater energy to heat) and number of assets and therefore investment in and improvements to England's leisure estate have the potential to make a notable contribution to the achievement of local and national targets.

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/get-active-a-strategy-for-the-future-of-sport-and-physical-activity>

⁶ Source: Sport England [Future of public sector leisure.pdf](#) 2022
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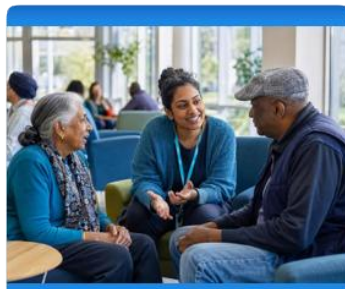
Local Context

- 3.36. NBBC's Corporate Plan, 'Building Communities 2025-2029'⁷, states that the Council's vision is for a 'place that is prosperous, resilient, and health to live, visit, relax and work in'. Based on 4 strategic priorities of place and prosperity; housing, health and communities; green spaces and environment; and your council; the plan makes a number of commitments related to sport, physical activity and wellbeing:

Building Communities 2025–2029: Sport, Activity and Wellbeing Commitments



Focus on awareness and promotion of support services for mental health and wellbeing;



Work with Public Health colleagues to address community inequalities;



Promote active travel across the borough;



Promote and develop play area facilities in line with the parks and green space strategy; and



Reduce the carbon footprint of Pingles Leisure Centre by 2026.

⁷ <https://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/downloads/file/1717/corporate-plan-april-2025-march-2029>
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- 3.37. Linked to the Place and Prosperity priority, the 'Transforming Nuneaton'⁸ strategy sets out a 10–15 year vision to create a prosperous Nuneaton town centre, where people choose to live, do business, shop and visit. The strategy also commits to developing "a thriving cultural and leisure offer" alongside improved transport links supporting active journeys between the town centre, employment and leisure destinations.
- 3.38. 'Believe in Bedworth'⁹, is a 10-year, £20 million plan focused on three goals: Thriving Places, Stronger Communities and Taking Back Control. A key part of the plan is to create more opportunities for families and young people to come together to take part in a range of activities in a new spaces, whilst addressing crime and antisocial behaviour, supporting local business and improving public services.
- 3.39. A key delivery partner for NBBC is Think Active, the Active Partnership for Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. Think Active brings together partners to dictate physical activity agenda, increase activity levels and reduce inequalities and prioritise investment towards the most deprived neighbourhoods and identified key demographic groups. Think Active has six priorities: Active Places (safe, welcoming places to be active), Active Societies (inspiring participation and removing barriers), Children and Young People (creating conditions for young people to be active), Active Health (embedding activity within health and social care), Place Partnerships (ensuring physical activity is included in local policy) and Safeguarding (participant welfare and safety).
- 3.40. The Warwickshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2026–2031¹⁰, is a five-year plan for a "healthier, fairer Warwickshire" built on 6 key principles:
- Prioritising prevention;
 - Addressing health inequalities;
 - Focussing on the building blocks of good health;
 - Taking a place-based approach;
 - Working together to drive change; and
 - Involving local people.
- 3.41. The strategy identifies that Nuneaton and Bedworth has 19 of Warwickshire's 22 most deprived neighbourhoods, and targets deprivation, cost of living, mental health and wellbeing, healthy weight and healthy eating as its priorities for the borough.

⁸ <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/transforming-nuneaton-1>

⁹ <https://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

¹⁰ <https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=48472>

4. Our Place Insight

- 4.1. Nuneaton and Bedworth is home to a wide range of both formal and informal provision, including indoor leisure facilities, community centres, specialist facilities, grass pitches and artificial surfaces, as well as parks and open spaces. All facility types are highly important in providing physical activity opportunities and each may serve a specific purpose or cater for a particular demographic.
- 4.2. This section summarises the borough's existing infrastructure and provides insight from both the Indoor Facility Strategy (IFS) and the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS). These strategies provide a robust assessment of the quality, quantity, accessibility and availability of indoor and outdoor facilities within the borough and make accurate recommendations for future investment and development.

Consultation

- 4.3. This SOPG, as well as the IFS and PPOSS is informed by and relies on consultation with key stakeholders, community groups, schools, sports clubs, National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and neighbouring authorities.
- 4.4. A number of common themes are apparent through this consultation. Facility availability issues, rather than a lack of demand, is identified as the primary constraint on participation. There is generally high satisfaction with quality but many reports of clubs and community groups operating at full capacity or being unable to access facilities due to availability of provision at peak times. Cost, transport and wider accessibility barriers also limit participation in specific communities, particularly for disabled residents and those in the borough's most deprived neighbourhoods. The school survey and stakeholder feedback identify a significant opportunity to increase capacity through formal community use agreements, particularly at education sites where facilities sit unused for much of the week.
- 4.5. A summary of consultation responses is below and complete responses are included in appendices 4 – 8.

Neighbouring Authorities

- 4.6. Consultation with NBBC's neighbouring authorities; North Warwickshire, Coventry, Hinckley and Bosworth, and Rugby Borough Councils, identified significant housing growth close to the Nuneaton and Bedworth border, which implications for imported demand on the borough's facilities.
- **North Warwickshire Borough Council**
 - Developing a new leisure centre with swimming pool provision in Atherstone, however is progressing several housing sites near the border which could result in residents travelling into Nuneaton and Bedworth to access leisure facilities.
 - **Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council**
 - Planning significant housing close to the border with Nuneaton and Bedworth, which will potentially increase imported demand into Nuneaton facilities.
 - **Coventry City Council**
 - Delivering approximately 5,000 dwellings in its north-west, alongside investment in swimming pools and sports halls at several education sites.
 - **Rugby Borough Council**
 - No significant facility developments planned but is progressing housing sites near Bedworth, which could increase demand at BPAH given its proximity. Rugby's most recent IFS also identified a need for additional swimming provision to cater for growth in population.

National Governing Bodies

- 4.7. NGBs were consulted on their key clubs, priorities and facility needs in the borough. Common themes emerged around facility availability, quality and long-term security, alongside strong club growth in several sports.

National Governing Body Consultation



Badminton England

Court availability is a significant constraint on club growth, with no affiliated clubs currently based in Bedworth and only two in Nuneaton. The NGB called for more community use agreements with schools to address this.



British Cycling

The borough shows strong grassroots and youth cycling activity, particularly through BMX delivery at Nuneaton BMX Club, and the NGB suggested further investment in pump tracks and Learn to Ride spaces linked to leisure centres.



England Athletics

Pingles Stadium, a TrackMark-accredited track, is home to Nuneaton Harriers, whose membership has grown by 21.5% over the past year.

The NGB's priority is to retain TrackMark accreditation through a reassessment due in 2026 and to secure the revenue needed to sustain the facility and support potential future investment.



England Boxing

The borough's five clubs are focused primarily on strengthening governance – including safeguarding, constitutions and defibrillator provision – as a route to unlocking further funding, rather than on facility development.



England Netball

The borough's leading clubs, including Synergy and Griff and Coton, are dependent on Jubilee Centre and local school sites. Facility cost and availability are the key constraints, and the NGB's priority is to improve access to netball for residents in underserved communities.

National Governing Body Consultation

English Indoor Bowls Association



There is no purpose-built indoor bowls facility in the borough, with the nearest affiliated clubs between 23 and 33 minutes' drive away. On current membership levels, the NGB considers existing external provision sufficient to meet demand, though it would explore a four-rink facility in the borough if funding allowed.

Pickleball England



The borough is behind the national growth curve for the sport, with no confirmed local clubs currently active. The NGB identified an opportunity to establish provision within existing multi-purpose indoor spaces, such as dual-marked tennis or badminton courts.

Swim England



Analysis identified a current water provision deficit of 65m² against the recommended 12m² per 1,000 population, based on the borough's two public pools at Bedworth and Pingles Leisure Centres. Future provision should maximise open community access and incorporate versatile water space, such as movable floor or boom systems.

Volleyball England



A shortage of venues meeting competition standards was identified, particularly around court run-off space and post protection. Nuneaton Volleyball Club, the only affiliated club in the borough, has grown from 200 to over 300 members since January 2025, but faces substantial unmet demand for sports hall time across several school sites where equipment is ageing, and has expressed strong interest in operating its own purpose-built, multi-sport facility.

Key Stakeholder Consultation

- 4.8. Consultation with local stakeholders, including Warwickshire County Council's Community Partnerships teams, community centre operators, Sky Blues in the Community, and Activity Alliance, identified recurring issues around facility suitability, funding and accessibility, particularly in the borough's most deprived neighbourhoods.
- 4.9. Community centres are heavily used but often not fit for purpose, with limited storage impacting the delivery of some activities. Several centres are struggling financially and are reliant on grant funding or inconsistent hire income, with no consistent sustainable revenue. Transport and cost were repeatedly identified as barriers to accessing larger leisure centres, and it was also suggested that many residents in deprived communities do not see mainstream facilities as 'for them'. Stakeholders also identified specific accessibility issues at Pingles Leisure, including limited family changing provision and a lack of a hoist for disabled swimmers.
- 4.10. Activity Alliance stated that national and Warwickshire-level evidence on disability access, suggests that disabled people remain twice as likely to be inactive as non-disabled people, that accessibility often stops at minimum compliance levels, and that provision is too frequently designed for disabled people rather than co-produced with them. There is a requirement to include more flexible programming rather than segregated sessions, clearer more consistently applied concession pricing, and better transitions from exercise referral into ongoing inclusive activity.
- 4.11. Several stakeholders identified specific local opportunities, including potential partnerships between Stockingford Community Centre and a proposed new Nuneaton FC ground, and additional capacity for sport and physical activity at the CHESS Centre, which currently hosts no sporting use despite identifying opportunities with deprived families.

Education Survey

- 4.12. Community accessible, education owned provision is concentrated in a small number of sites, with only Nicholas Chamberlaine School offering a broad range of community accessible facilities, including a dance studio, fitness suite, tennis courts and a sports hall. Responding schools suggest that the quality of their facilities is generally of a good standard, suggesting that availability and capacity, rather than condition, are the main constraints on community use. Only three of the nine schools who responded to the survey currently offer any form of community access, and where they do, it is restricted to mid-week evenings. Changing room and other ancillary provision for community users is very limited, and pricing is inconsistent and often expensive; ranging from £30 to over £50 per hour. 43% of schools indicated they would not consider future community use, due to staffing and capacity issues.

Sports Club Survey

- 4.13. All responding sports clubs identified significant demand for membership and facilities, however many suggested access to appropriate provision was becoming more challenging. All clubs also identified that membership had grown over the past 5 years and over 85% expect this growth to continue. However, 71% states that they were already at capacity and could not continue to grow due to capacity restraints.
- 4.14. Facility quality and availability were the biggest issues, with 57% of clubs stating that their existing facilities do not meet their needs. 43% rated facility quality as poor, but the most frequently raised issues were a lack of availability and cost. Clubs are also heavily reliant on volunteers, with 169 volunteer coaches recorded against only 25 paid coaches across the responding clubs. Other issues raised by clubs include perceptions of ineffective investment, a lack of artificial surfaces to facilitate winter training and match play, insecure tenure arrangements, and a desire from clubs such as Nuneaton Volleyball Club and The Trampoline Academy, in operating their own purpose-built, multi-sport facilities.

Existing Asset Infrastructure

4.15. NBBC owns 3 leisure facilities, all of which are operated under a long-term partnership contract by Everyone Active:

Pingles Leisure Centre

Facilities on site and recent investment



WATER

Main pool, leisure pool and lido

25m × 8-lane main pool plus leisure pool and lido



DRY SIDE

Sports hall

On-site sports hall provision



FITNESS

Fitness suite and studios

Gym and studio facilities, recently extended

RECENTLY
REFURBISHED

Leisure and lido pools refurbished, with extended gym and studio facilities

Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH)

A brand new facility for Bedworth



WATER

Main pool and learner pool

25m × 8-lane main pool plus 13m × 7m learner pool



DRY SIDE

Sports hall

On-site sports hall provision



FITNESS

Fitness suite and studios

Group exercise studios and a dedicated reformer Pilates studio

OPENED
MARCH 2026

Brand new facility on the site of the former Bedworth Leisure Centre

Jubilee Sports Centre

Facilities on site and recent investment



DRY SIDE

Sports hall

Recently refurbished



FITNESS

Fitness suite

Recently refurbished



COMMUNITY

Community room

Available on site

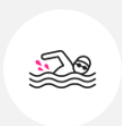
**RECENTLY
REFURBISHED**

Fitness suite and sports hall recently refurbished

- 4.16. In addition to NBBC owned facilities, the IFS identifies a total of 82 facilities on 47 sites, across education, commercial, private, local authority and community organisation ownership. The headline findings by facility are:

Indoor Facility Overview

Supply, quality and community access across pools, sports halls and fitness



WATER Swimming Pools

594 sqm

current water-space shortfall, rising to 704 sqm by 2039

- 7 pools across 4 sites: Pingles, BPAH, Nuffield Health and Exhall Grange Specialist School
- 4 are strategic size (160 sqm+); quality is excellent, with an average age of 15 years
- Only 5 of 7 offer pay-and-play: Nuffield Health is membership-only and Exhall Grange is school use only

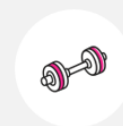


DRY SIDE Sports & Activity Halls

5.5 courts

badminton court deficit expected by 2039, with peak-time undersupply

- 12 strategic-size halls (46 badminton courts) plus 15 smaller activity halls
- 10 of 12 halls are on education sites; only Etone Sports Centre and The Nuneaton Academy offer pay-and-play, evenings and weekends only
- Quality ranges from poor to excellent; most activity halls are 30+ years old and unrefurbished



FITNESS Health & Fitness

14 fitness suites

across 14 sites, plus 15 studios

- Commercial operators provide 49% of stations; NBBC's three Everyone Active sites provide 26%
- Borough-wide surplus today, narrowing as demand rises to 2039
- Counting only pay-and-play stations, there is a borough-wide deficit

- 4.17. Facilities in the borough are of different ages and quality. The NBBC owned facilities offer modern or recently refurbished facilities, with Pingles Leisure Centre leisure pool, lido, gym and studios refurbished in late 2025; Jubilee Sports Centre gym extended and refurbished in 2025; and a brand new state-of-the-art facility delivered at BPAH. However, the wider facility supply is significantly older. Most activity halls have not been refurbished in over 30 years, and a significant proportion of sports halls sit on education sites built between the 1960s and 1990s, several which have not been invested in since.
- 4.18. All 3 Council-owned facilities can be accessed within a 20 minute drive time from any part of the borough, meaning that all Nuneaton and Bedworth residents have access to affordable swimming, sports hall and health and fitness provision. However, only small proportion of residents fall within a 10-minute walk-time catchment of the three sites, reflecting their concentration in the main urban areas of Nuneaton and Bedworth rather than an even spread across the borough.
- 4.19. The borough's central urban areas benefit from several established walking and cycle routes providing good links between towns and villages and offering a sustainable mode of travel to facilities. However, as approximately 20% of residents do not have access to a car, accessing NBBC facilities and appropriate physical activity opportunities, is challenging for a large proportion of the population. Walking, cycling and public transport are the only routes to these facilities for many, but 19.4% of the population have a disability that limits them (Census, 2021), meaning that active travel is not always an option.
- 4.20. Education, private and voluntary sector sites make up the majority of the borough's facilities, but they are often either not available to the community or access to them limited. This is a particular issue for sports halls, where 10 of the 12 strategic-size sports halls sit on education sites with restricted or no community access. Providing adequate levels of provision to meet all current and future demand is dependent on securing formal community use agreements at these sites.
- 4.21. All authority-maintained primary schools in England are required as part of the national curriculum to ensure all children can swim 25m by the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6), making reliable access to a well located, good quality pool a necessity. This highlights the importance of addressing the borough's identified 594 sq.m current shortfall in swimming water space.
- 4.22. The IFS also assessed a number of other facility types. There is a deficit of squash, indoor tennis and padel, with the LTA identifying the borough as a priority location for the development of indoor tennis facilities. There are two highly-rated gymnastic facilities, both of which have very strong membership bases. Pingles Stadium provides a high-quality athletics track, which is able to cater for local, regional, national and international events. Although there is no formal methodology to assess the capacity, England Athletics identify the facility as strategically important. There are also a range of cycling facilities, consisting of pump tracks, mountain bike trails and BMX race track, as well as a network of active travel bike routes connecting the borough.
- 4.23. The PPOSS assesses the borough's outdoor sports facilities. It identifies a current shortfall of 3.5 full-size 3G artificial grass pitches, projected to rise to 3.75 by 2038, alongside spare capacity in most grass pitch formats. However, overall grass pitch spare capacity, is not reflective of localised shortfalls in areas such as Weddington and St Nicolas, Camp Hill and Galley Common, and Arbury and Stockingford.

- 4.24. There is a shortfall of rugby union training capacity driven by a lack of floodlit grass pitches and a cricket shortfall at club sites that is expected to worsen by 2038. Hockey supply and demand is balanced, and outdoor tennis, netball and bowls currently have sufficient capacity provided existing facilities are protected and maintained.
- 4.25. A complete assessment of indoor and outdoor sport and recreation provision is included in the 2026 PPOSS and IFS.
- 4.26. The NBBC Open Space and Green Infrastructure Strategy (2021)¹¹ sets out the borough's wider informal offer of parks, allotments, children's play facilities and a network of walking and cycling routes. It aims to protect and improve the existing network of parks, address gaps in play and green space provision, and better connect communities through walking and cycling routes as the borough grows. The strategy links this directly to health and activity, alongside wider benefits such as flood protection, stronger communities and more attractive places to live. This informal provision matters as much as built facilities: the IFS notes that open spaces, parks and community halls offer an accessible, low-barrier route into activity for residents who are older, have no access to a car, or find formal facilities harder to reach, which is directly relevant given the correlation between deprivation, poor transport access and inactivity.
- 4.27. A summary of both IFS and PPOSS are illustrated below followed by Tables 1 and 2 which outline the recommendations in more details.

¹¹ <https://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/downloads/file/704/open-space-and-green-infrastructure-spd-2021-introduction>
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Summary of Indoor Facility Strategy (IFS) Recommendations

Nine facility priorities for Nuneaton and Bedworth, planning to 2039

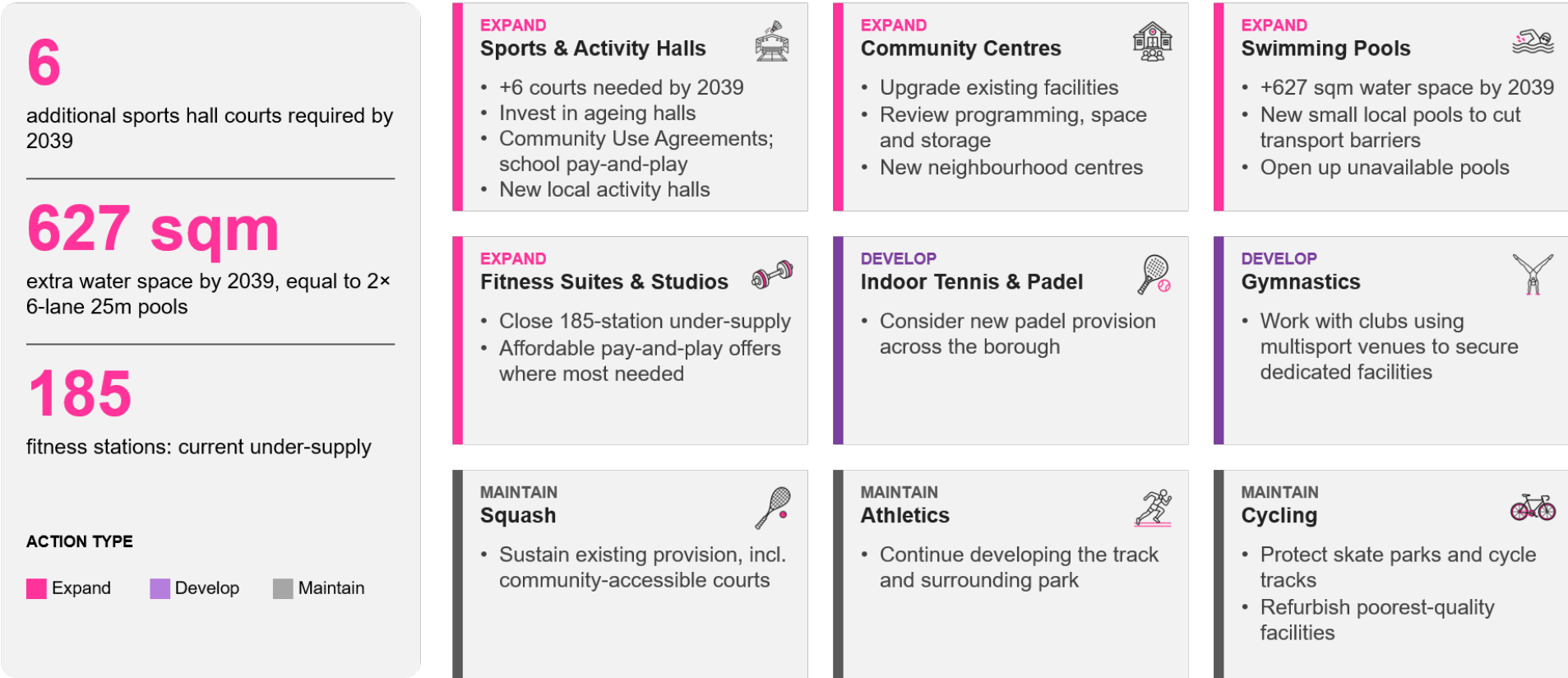


Table 1: IFS Recommendations

Built Facility Strategy Recommendations	
Sports Halls and Activity Halls	• Development of additional sports hall provision to meet current and future demand . 6 additional courts will be required by 2039. • Investment as required in ageing sports hall facilities • Establish Community Use Agreements (CUAs) for any new sports halls developed on education sites • Explore the potential to include pay and play usage at existing education sports halls (through Warwickshire County Council and Academy Trusts, where possible) • Introduction of newly developed locally accessible activity halls to meet expected increase in demand
Community Centres	• Upgrading of existing facilities to improve quality • Review of community centre activity programming, activity space size and storage availability • New community centres to meet increased demand and provide residents access to centres within their local neighbourhood
Swimming Pools	• Additional new local small pool developments to better serve specific communities across Nuneaton and Bedworth. This would provide swimming opportunities on a local level and thus reducing barriers to access through lack of transport. • An additional 627 sqm of water space will be required by 2039, equivalent to 2x 6 lane 25m pools. • Enhanced community accessibility of currently unavailable swimming pools
Fitness Suites and Studios	• Additional pay and play accessible fitness suites (existing under-supply of 185 fitness stations) and studios to provide affordable and accessible offers within the communities where they are most needed
Squash	• Maintain and sustain existing provision, including community accessible courts
Indoor Tennis and Padel	• Consider potential for new padel provision to be developed across the borough, to provide new physical activity and sport provision for residents
Gymnastics	• Work with clubs utilising multisport venues to secure dedicated facilities within the borough
Athletics	• Ongoing development of track and surrounding park area to be maintained in the future
Cycling	• Protection and maintenance of existing skate parks and cycle tracks for future use. • Refurbishment of poorest quality facilities to ensure future provision

Summary of Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) Recommendations

Eight outdoor sport priorities for Nuneaton and Bedworth pitches and courts

Late 2026

Bedworth Physical Activity Hub 9v9 3G pitch expected to open

3 + 1

new football and rugby union pitches planned at Higham Lane North

30

match sessions per season from a good six-wicket cricket square

MAIN FOCUS

Develop Improve Protect

DEVELOP 3G Pitches



- Deliver Bedworth Hub 9v9 3G pitch (late 2026)
- Keep college full-size 3G as a priority project
- Test new proposals against football and hockey demand

IMPROVE Grass Football



- Pitch quality is the main limit on capacity
- Invest in hub sites, e.g. Johnson Road, Heckley Fields
- Rebalance for junior, mini and women and girls' growth

PROTECT Cricket



- Protect squares and secure tenure
- Improve squares rated standard or poor
- Junior squares or non-turf wickets to ease overplay

IMPROVE Rugby Union



- Secure tenure for all clubs
- Make the most of existing pitches for mini/midi growth
- Add lighting, e.g. Bedworth RUFC, Nuneaton RFC

PROTECT Hockey



- Retain sand-dressed pitches for hockey
- Community use agreements and sinking funds
- No 3G conversion without agreed mitigation

PROTECT Outdoor Tennis



- Protect courts and secure tenure
- Explore floodlights for evening capacity
- Assess padel in future reviews

PROTECT Netball



- Protect courts and improve quality
- Refurbish Bulkington Recreation Ground court
- Explore floodlights at Higham Lane North

PROTECT Outdoor Bowls



- Protect all greens
- Review green quality with grounds staff
- Support club development and growth

Table 2: PPOSS Recommendations

Built Facility Strategy Recommendations	
3G Artificial Grass Pitches	• Maintain the North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College full-size 3G AGP as a priority pipeline project; continue engagement with the Football Foundation and confirm a funding/delivery programme (NBBC, Football Foundation, College). • Support delivery of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub 9v9 3G AGP through to opening (anticipated late 2026), ensuring a clear community access arrangement, an appropriate operating model, and a planned pitch replacement fund/forecast are in place prior to opening (NBBC, Football Foundation, Operator). • Ensure any future AGP proposals (including the Vale View/Nuneaton Town FC 3G concept - see Football Grass update) are assessed against current and future demand across football and hockey, in consultation with the Football Foundation, England Hockey and Birmingham County FA, to avoid oversupply or undersupply of a given surface type. • Continue to monitor AGP provision as part of future Stage E reviews, given the pace of change since 2023.
Grass Football	• Protect existing quantity of pitches (unless replacement provision is agreed upon and provided 'In accordance with paragraph 104 of the NPPF and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy'), particularly in areas of identified or emerging shortfall such as Weddington and St Nicolas, Arbury and Stockingford, and Camp Hill and Galley Common. • Provide security of tenure for clubs using unsecured sites through community use agreements, where possible. • Where pitches are overplayed and/or assessed as potential for quality improvements, prioritise investment and review maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain use and improve quality to a 'good' standard. Work with Birmingham County FA and The Football Foundation to ensure sites are prioritised based on current and future demand. Pitch quality remains the primary constraint on capacity. NBBC should continue to target poor and basic quality sites, including George Eliot School, Weddington Sports JFC and Higham Lane School, and maximise uptake of PitchPower and GPMF funding. Addressing tenure constraints, such as at Gala Field/Pingles, will be important to unlock external investment. Improving pitch quality provides the most efficient way of increasing capacity. • Work to accommodate future demand as well as unmet and latent demand at sites which are not operating at capacity, to ensure future demand can be accommodated, improve grass pitches shown above including PitchPower sites to alleviate any future demand being unfulfilled. Based on current site-level evidence, this includes sites such as Attleborough Recreation Ground and Nuneaton Academy where current club use falls below the site's marked-out pitch capacity. • Ensure all teams are playing on the pitches of the correct size and, where possible, explore reconfiguration of spare adult pitches to accommodate youth 11v11 teams. This should be explored by NBBC as part of pitch improvements. With growth in junior and mini football, provision should be rebalanced accordingly.

Built Facility Strategy Recommendations

- This includes reconfiguring adult pitches where appropriate to accommodate 9v9 and 7v7 formats and prioritising the delivery of junior 9v9 pitches and mini 5v5 provision where future shortfalls are identified. New developments should incorporate flexible, multi-format layouts rather than focusing solely on adult provision.
- **Improve ancillary facilities** where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer, particularly for women and girls. This should be considered at Paul's Land, Sandon Park, Heckley Fields, King Edward VI Playing Fields, Vale View, Haunchwood Recreation Ground and Nuneaton Borough FC. Continue to monitor this as part of Stage E of the PPOSS and work with NBBC, Football Foundation and Birmingham County FA to ensure improvements are in the most appropriate locations.
 - **Strengthen key hub sites** – Investment should be focused on a network of strategic hub sites capable of accommodating multiple teams and formats. Sites such as Johnson Road Recreation Ground, Heckley Fields, King Edward VI Playing Field and potentially Vale View should be prioritised. These sites should offer high-quality pitches, sufficient ancillary provision and the ability to support a range of formats.
 - **Manage short-term displacement** - Temporary loss of provision, such as at Sandon Park, should be actively managed. This includes identifying alternative sites, working closely with clubs to minimise disruption, and ensuring that affected pitches are reinstated to an appropriate standard following works.
 - **Support growth in women and girls' football** - Provision should respond to continued growth in women and girls' football. This includes ensuring appropriate access to facilities, suitable ancillary provision and programming that supports participation. Investment should align with national governing body priorities and funding opportunities.
 - **Ensure that any large housing developments** are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
 - Where a development is of a size to justify on-site football provision, **focus on the development of multi-pitch sites** that reduce existing and future shortfalls created by the development, with accompanying clubhouse provision included given that single pitch sites without appropriate ancillary facilities can be unsustainable.
 - Grass pitch developments at Higham Lane North School Site will include grass pitches (3 football and 1 rugby union) with formal community use agreements in place to address future shortfalls. Pitch quality and the scope of the community use agreement (including whether it covers all grass pitches or hard courts only) should be confirmed with the Academy Trust prior to these pitches being relied upon to address future shortfalls.
 - If large multi-sport sites are developed/improved, these should be **used as central venues for junior football**. Ensure teams utilising overplayed pitches can move to sites with spare capacity, reconfigured appropriately.

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	• Where shortfall become present, consider the strategic reverse of disused/lapsed sites, all options are stated within Stage C Needs Assessment and the Action Plan, such as: Anderton Road in Bedworth North and West, Craft Centre in Abbey and Wembrook, Stubbs in Camp Hill and Galley Common. Note that Attleborough Recreation Ground has since been brought back into marked-out use (see site update above) and should therefore be treated as active supply rather than a disused/lapsed reserve site. • NBBC should continue to monitor participation trends, particularly growth in junior and female football, and update the action plan accordingly. This will ensure that provision remains aligned to demand and that emerging pressures are identified early. The increase in demand for junior football puts more emphasis on the need for additional 3G AGPs and central venues across the borough. As no 3G AGP has been developed since the original PPOSS, and there has been a significant increase in junior demand, shortfalls in pitch provision have increased. 3G AGP developments and the new pitches at Higham Lane North present an opportunity for central venues for junior football moving forward.
Cricket	• Protect existing quantity of cricket squares, including the protection from development that may prejudice the use of a cricket square such as residential development near a cricket outfield (ball strike issues). This includes gaining security of tenure on sites without long-term agreements in place. Responsibility of WCCB, Sports Club, Facility Owners. • Through the Warwickshire County Cricket Board (WCCB), ECB and Ground Maintenance Association support can be given to clubs supporting grounds staff to review quality issues on squares to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and poor, and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of WCCB, ECB, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate. • Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of squares, this may include providing additional squares on the outfield for junior cricket including Nuneaton Cricket Club, Ambleside and Bedworth Cricket Club. Responsibility of WCCB, ECB, NBBC and Sports Club where appropriate. Feasibility is dependent on landowner/club agreement and the availability of funding through WCCB/ECB grant programmes; this should be tested with each club as part of action plan delivery. • Explore options of alleviating overplay at sites identified, consider non-turf wickets or smaller squares for junior cricket, particularly on sites with significant junior play, as per point 3. Responsibility of Sports Clubs, WCCB, ECB. This refers to Nuneaton Cricket Club, Ambleside and Bedworth Cricket Club (as identified above); achievability will depend on club appetite for non-turf wickets/smaller squares and funding availability. • Seek new or refurbishment of training facilities at clubs where required e.g. Paul's Land, Bulkington CC, Newdigate Recreation Ground (NBBC, Sports Club and WCCB) • Explore options of refurbishment of ancillary facilities where provision is assessed as poor quality. Ensure all facilities wherever possible can be improved to cater for women and girls' cricket as it continues to grow e.g. Paul's Land, Bulkington CC, Newdigate Recreation Ground (NBBC, Sports Club and WCCB)

Built Facility Strategy Recommendations	
	• Ensure that any large housing developments provide for cricket and need is assessed by use of Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool. Ensure that new facilities are provided through either on site developments or if required off-site improvements to existing cricket facilities. Responsibility of NBBC. • Where a proposed development is of a size to justify on-site cricket provision, ensure that any proposals for new squares are in locations to attract adequate demand. A six-wicket square of 'good' quality will provide 30 match equivalent sessions per season (WCCB and NBBC)
Rugby Union	• Secure tenure for all clubs that do not have long-term agreements in place (RFU, NBBC) • Continue to work with all rugby union clubs to support the growth of teams through development plans and population growth, with a particular focus on mini/midi and girls' rugby, reflecting the observed increase in participation in these formats. (RFU, NBBC) • Clubs should continue to undertake official pitch assessments and implement recommended maintenance regimes to sustain pitch quality and capacity, particularly where usage is increasing at youth level (RFU, Clubs). • Given no change in overall supply, the priority should be to maximise the use of existing pitches. This includes improving pitch quality and ensuring effective programming to accommodate increased mini/midi and junior demand before considering new provision (NBBC, RFU, Clubs). • Where feasible, develop fixed sports lighting solutions to rugby pitches to provide additional opportunities for training and fixtures to take place (NBBC, RFU, Clubs). Refer to RFU floodlighting regulations for appropriate league requirements. This includes Bedworth RUFC/Nicholas Chamberlain School and Nuneaton RFC. • If pitch lighting solutions are not feasible, where space allows, provide off-pitch sports lighting solutions to training areas on all community available sites to relieve overplay on current pitches. Mobile sports lighting solutions should be considered where there are construction and/or/planning implications (RFU, Clubs) • Consider developing further World Rugby Compliant AGPs to reduce overplay on sites, this needs to be done in consideration with Football Foundation and Birmingham County FA to ensure all pitches are sustainable (NBBC, RFU, Sport England, FF, BCFA).
Hockey	• Protect and retain the net number of sand-dressed AGP pitches as hockey suitable AGP, responsibility of Education, the facility operator, EH, all relevant NGBS and FF, overseen by NBBC. • Ensure there are sufficient sand dressed AGPs across NBBC to cope with current and future hockey demand (Operator and NBBC) • Ensure all AGPs have security of tenure/community use agreements in place to maintain continued hockey use (EH, NBBC)

Built Facility Strategy Recommendations

	- Where possible, provide sufficient ancillary facilities on all sites to allow clubs to have a base including suitable changing facilities for all participants, particularly women and girls (EH). Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability of the pitches (EH and facility operator). - Where a sand-dressed AGP is converted to 3G AGP, this should be with the approval of all parties including England Hockey, Football Foundation, Birmingham County FA and Sport England. First and foremost, mitigation must be in place to cope with all current and future demand of hockey. - In line with Sports England guidance, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council would usually require a planning application where any playing pitch surface is being changed from one type to another, such as sand based to 3G as this would constitute an engineering operation. (There are some exceptions to this, but the advice would always be to check with the Local Planning Authority first.) This is to enable consideration of potential issues including those relating to surface drainage, noise, lighting, and to allow consultation to take place with Sport England to ensure that any impact on sports provision is assessed.
Outdoor Tennis	Protect existing quantity of tennis courts. This includes gaining security of tenure on sites without long-term agreements in place. Responsibility of NBBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners. Support grounds staff to review quality issues on courts to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of, LTA, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of courts. Responsibility of LTA, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate. - Ensure that any large housing developments provide for tennis and need is assessed by use of Sport England's ANOG Guidance. - Where developments would benefit from floodlights on site to provide additional evening capacity, work with facility owners to determine the viability of these investments. Consideration should be given to Nicholas Chamberlain School as part of the multisport nature of the site, and Higham Lane North School, both linked with long-term security of tenure for multisport. - NBBC and partners (LTA) should consider padel as part of future full reviews of this Strategy, including a proper assessment of supply, demand and latent demand once further participation data is available locally
Netball	Protect existing quantity of netball courts. Responsibility of NBBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners. Support grounds staff to review quality issues on courts to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of, England Netball, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.

Built Facility Strategy Recommendations	
	• Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of courts, working with facility owners/managers to provide both indoor and outdoor netball. Responsibility of England Netball, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate. • Work with Sports Club and England Netball to refurbish Bulkington Recreation Ground Netball Court • Where developments would benefit from floodlights on site to provide additional evening capacity, work with facility owners to determine the viability of these investments including Higham Lane North School
Outdoor Bowls	• Protect existing quantity of all facilities. Responsibility of NBBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners. • Support grounds staff to review quality issues on greens to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of Bowls bodies, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate. • Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of greens. Responsibility of Bowls bodies, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate. • Work with clubs to support development and growth of the sport.

Summary - What does all this mean?

- 4.28. The evidence outlined above, drawn from national, regional and local strategies, the IFS and PPOSS, robust data sources and comprehensive consultation, presents a consistent set of key issues that NBBC and its partners should respond to.
- 4.29. Although Inactivity, health inequalities and transport-related exclusion are major issues for the borough, deprivation is concentrated in specific communities located in central Nuneaton, central and west Bedworth and the south-west of the borough. Future investment and decision making should consider this and aim to reduce this geographical disparity.
- 4.30. The borough's facility stock varies significantly in age and condition. Recent investment in new facilities and in refurbishment of existing facilities (BPAH and the upgraded gym and pool areas at Pingles Leisure Centre) has had a positive impact on the quality of Council owned provision. However, other facilities such as Jubilee Sports Centre, are ageing and require further maintenance and investment. This divide is also evident in the wider facility supply, where school, community and voluntary sector sites differ considerably in quality and many require investment. If investment does not take place this quality gap, will continue to increase.

- 4.31. The main shortfalls in provision relate to swimming pools, pay-and-play fitness provision, outdoor football and 3G pitch capacity. The under supply of water space, if not addressed, has the potential to impact the delivery of statutory national curriculum requirements for children to swim by the end of Key Stage 2.
- 4.32. Accessibility of facilities, particularly those that are Council-owned, remains a barrier for some residents who are unable to cycle or walk to their nearest facility. Approximately 20% residents lack access to a car (up to 30% in some areas), and existing NBBC facilities are not always accessible by walking, cycling or public transport. Only a small proportion of the population can currently reach appropriate swimming, fitness or sports hall facilities within a 10-minute walk. However, all facilities are within a 20-minute drive time off all areas of Nuneaton and Bedworth.
- 4.33. This accessibility gap is most acute in the north of the borough. None of the borough's strategic housing allocation sites currently sit within a 10-minute walk catchment of a pay and play accessible swimming pool, sports hall or gym. This is a particular issue at Top Farm which is the largest strategic housing site, expected to deliver around 1,700 new dwellings for 3,900 additional residents. Without new facilities located to cater for this growth, accessibility issues in the north of the borough will be worsened.
- 4.34. Community centres play a valuable role in the borough's informal and hyper-local delivery of physical activity, but consultation suggests that many are not fit for purpose and financially unsustainable. Many residents in deprived areas do not see more formal leisure facilities as 'for them', suggesting that if community centre facilities and programming are not improved or safeguarded, physical inactivity could increase.
- 4.35. Consultation and data analysis also identifies that disabled residents remain significantly less active than non-disabled residents. 19.4% of Nuneaton and Bedworth residents live with a disability suggesting that a significant proportion of the population experience some barriers to participation. Consultation and stakeholder engagement highlight inconsistent concession pricing and a lack of inclusive mainstream programming as key obstacles.
- 4.36. Findings also suggest that there is a significant level of existing facility capacity that is currently not utilised. Many school facilities, particularly sports halls are unavailable to the community (equivalent to 7 badminton courts) while sports clubs are facing growing demand for membership which is being constrained by lack of access to appropriate facilities. If community use agreements were put in place and tenure secured for sports clubs on school sites, additional opportunities for physical activity would be created, without the need for significant investment.

5. Interventions

- 5.1. Based on the evidence base outlined in this SOPG, NBBC should aim to prioritise investment where the need is greatest; central Nuneaton, central and west Bedworth and the south west of the borough where deprivation, inactivity and poor health outcomes are most concentrated; as well as the identified growth area of Top Farm in the north of the borough, which is currently underserved by indoor and outdoor facilities and where current and future residents will have limited access to physical activity provision nearby.
- 5.2. In addition to this, the Council and its education partners should aim to open up facilities on school sites wherever possible to increase access to provision that is already in place and central and easily accessible to the communities that need it the most.

Investment Since 2020

- 5.3. NBBC's previous SOPG, undertaken in 2020, committed to 3 major facility investments: a new physical activity hub in Bedworth, a preferred new-build replacement for Pingles Leisure Centre, and an activity hub at Top Farm.
- 5.4. BPAH has now been delivered, opening in spring 2026 with a new main and learner pools, fitness suite, sports hall, studios and reformer Pilates studio, as well as range of outdoor facilities such as off-road cycle tracks. Still to be delivered are upgrades to the skate park and the 9v9 3G AGP, which are due to be completed in early 2027.
- 5.5. Instead of a new build facility Pingles Leisure Centre has undergone significant refurbishment, providing a 130 station gym, upgraded leisure pool and lido and new studio space. The Council also aspires, as part of its climate change and sustainability action plan, to reduce the site's carbon footprint.
- 5.6. Jubilee Sports Centre has also been refurbished, with an extended and re-equipped gym. However, the site and its other facilities, including sports hall, remain ageing and in need of investment.

Future Facility Investment

- 5.7. Top Farm is the borough's most significant unmet commitment from the previous SOPG, and a has been identified again as a priority in the IFS, PPOSS and this SOPG.
- 5.8. As the largest of the borough's strategic housing allocations, Top Farm will deliver 1,700 new homes on the northern edge of Nuneaton. Outline planning permission was granted by NBBC in November 2022 for the housing, alongside a primary and secondary school, a mixed-use district centre, and extensive open space and green infrastructure.



- 5.9. Section 106 contributions of £25m were agreed to support the development, including funding for schools and infrastructure improvements. The first phase of housing and the new Higham Lane North Academy secondary school opened in September 2025, with the remainder of the housing to be delivered in phases across the wider site.
- 5.10. A new Top Farm Leisure Centre is planned on the site, to be developed in partnership with Everyone Active. It is designed as a single-storey, dry-side facility, sitting alongside the secondary school as part of the Council's longstanding ambition for a shared "physical activity and health hub" for the growing Weddington community.
- 5.11. Proposed indoor facilities include a sports hall, two studios, a fitness suite, changing accommodation, a café, and reception/membership/retail space. Outdoor facilities comprise a full-size sand-based hockey AGP with floodlighting and spectator areas, and a 151-space car park with cycle parking and EV charging.
- 5.12. The scheme is still at an early stage, with completion targeted for late 2029. However, the IFS and PPOSS identify a number of deficiencies in current provision that the proposed facilities at Top Farm would help to address, particularly for residents in the north of the borough.
- 5.13. Regarding outdoor sport, the 2026 PPOSS Stage E review identifies a single hockey club reliant on a single sand-based AGP at Etone Sports Centre. The strategy notes that this pitch is nearing the end of its lifespan, with declining quality now a significant issue that is prompting the club to consider relocating outside the borough. The accompanying action plan identifies Top Farm as a potential location for new sand-based provision, highlighting its importance in enabling Nuneaton Hockey Club to remain within the borough.
- 5.14. The IFS highlights that the majority of existing sports halls are located on education sites without formal community use agreements, restricting access largely to evenings and weekends. The 2019 Facilities Planning Model supported new sports hall provision at Top Farm, alongside investment in Bedworth and Pingles. Continued partnership working with schools is a priority to try and open up access to existing sports hall provision.
- 5.15. Although the IFS identifies a borough-wide surplus of fitness stations (320, projected to reduce to 204 by 2039), only 26% of existing stations are provided through Council-owned, pay-as-you-go facilities. 49% are provided by commercial operators and the remainder through education sites, neither of which offer the same affordable, accessible provision as Council-operated sites. Additional fitness suite and studio provision at Top Farm would extend an affordable, pay-and-play fitness offer into the north of the borough, improving accessibility and opportunities for the local community.

Non-Facility Interventions

- 5.16. Although investment into new and existing physical facilities is important, programme of service-based interventions such as programming, outreach, pricing and access policy, and partnership-delivered activity will also be effective in increasing opportunities for physical activity and reducing health inequalities.

Programming

- 5.17. Community centre activity programming should be reviewed to ensure that users of the facilities have the opportunity to access high quality activities that are appropriate to their needs. Consultation identified sites such as CHESS Centre and Stockingford Community Centre, that have spare capacity and a desire for expanded youth and family programming that is not currently being realised. Alongside this, NBBC and its education partners should continue to push for Community Use Agreements and pay-and-play access at education sites, to increase community utilisation of school sports halls and swimming pools that currently sits largely unused outside school hours.

Community Outreach

- 5.18. As set out earlier in this report, Everyone Active's Health, Activity and Wellbeing team delivers a comprehensive community outreach programme as part of its operating contract with NBBC. This includes an exercise referral programme that has grown to around 150 direct debit members since launching two years ago, and initiatives such as the Camp Hill outreach pilot and the Good Boost water-based therapy sessions at Bedworth, which is currently running at full capacity. Although cost and transport remain the principal barriers to take-up, the programme has the potential to provide significant improvements to physical activity opportunities for residents of the most deprived communities and those who are least likely to access formal leisure centre facilities.

Pricing and Access Policy

- 5.19. The Council's Passport to Leisure scheme was identified by stakeholders as a genuinely valuable concession offer, but its benefit is limited in areas where transport access to larger leisure centres is poor or too costly, and awareness among eligible residents was described as inconsistent. The Activity Alliance similarly flagged unclear or inconsistently applied concession policies as a barrier for disabled residents, alongside digital-only booking systems that can exclude those without reliable online access. The school survey identified a comparable inconsistency in community hire pricing, with charges for community use of sports halls ranging from around £35 per hour to £50 or more depending on the school, and a lack of clarity over pricing at several sites.

Partnerships

- 5.20. A number of partner-led programmes and facilities already extend the borough's physical activity offer beyond NBBC's own facilities. Sky Blues in the Community delivers a PCN-funded programme of free sessions such as seated exercise, circuit classes and walking football, to around 800 participants referred through GPs, social prescribers and self-referral, using community centres and school sites across the borough. WCC Community Partnerships has a similar programme, supporting residents and community groups to set up new activity opportunities and linking them to Think Active, the borough's Active Partnership. Other current and potential partners that could work alongside NBBC in the delivery of sport and physical activity are:

Key Delivery Partners



Everyone Active



Sky Blues in the Community



Primary Care Networks, Public Health and Integrated Care Boards



Warwickshire County Council



Think Active



Schools and Academy Trusts



National Governing Bodies



Warwickshire & Solihull Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA)



Activity Alliance

Recommendations

5.21. The findings of this SOPG point to the following recommendations:

Recommendations

1 Recommendation 1



Prioritise new facility investment at Top Farm to address the current lack of sports facility provision in the north of the borough and cater for the new community.

2 Recommendation 2



Complete delivery of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub 3G pitch and skate park facilities, in line with the Corporate Plan commitment.

3 Recommendation 3



Continue investment in Pingles Leisure Centre, building on the recent fitness suite extension, and progress decarbonisation of the site.

4 Recommendation 4



Commission a borough-wide review of community centre programming and pursue Community Use Agreements and pay-and-play access at education sites.

5 Recommendation 5



Expand the Health, Activity and Wellbeing team's outreach model, including the exercise referral pathway, into the areas of highest need, informed by learnings from the Camp Hill pilot.

6 Recommendation 6



Undertake a joint review of concessionary access and community hire pricing with the leisure operator and schools, to ensure consistency and transparency.

7 Recommendation 7



Formalise relationships with key partner organisations, including but not limited to Sky Blues in the Community, WCAVA, Think Active, NGBs, community centres and sports clubs. Expand sport development capacity within the borough wherever possible.

6. Commitments

- 6.1. Given the significant investment already made in physical activity provision by NBBC and partners since 2020, and the fact that work is already in progress with Everyone Active on the new dryside facilities at Top Farm, the commitments moving forward relate predominantly to a way of working, as opposed to major capital investment.
- 6.2. Partnership working with health, education, the borough's leisure operator, planning, sports club, NGBs, community organisations and neighbouring local authorities remains a key priority to deliver aligned to our shared strategic outcomes. This will ensure provision (facilities and services) is planned and aligned to wider corporate objectives, plus reflects national and local priorities to reduce health inequalities and increase opportunities to be physically active on a regular basis.
- 6.3. Our priorities, commitments and resource requirements are set out below:

Delivery and Management of Interventions

- 6.4. Delivery of the interventions and recommendations set out above should be phased across the short term (1–5 years), medium term (5–10 years) and long term (10+ years).
- 6.5. In the short term, the priority is to complete the NBBC's current commitments; 3G pitch and skate park at BPAH and the Pingles Leisure Centre improvements and decarbonisation works. It should also be a priority to deliver the non-facility interventions that are not reliant on capital funding such as a review of programming, community use agreements, pay-and-play access at school sites and the expansion of the Health, Activity and Wellbeing team's outreach model. The formalisation of partnerships should also be considered in the short term.
- 6.6. Medium and longer-term delivery should focus on new facility investment at Top Farm, to align with the development of housing and schools on site.
- 6.7. NBBC should establish a steering group of key stakeholders, including Everyone Active, Think Active, Warwickshire County Council, schools and NHS/ICB partners to oversee the delivery of this strategy and its recommendation. The strategy and its progress should be regularly monitored, reviewed and refreshed.
- 6.8. Day-to-day management should sit with NBBC's Planning and Leisure officers, working with Everyone Active and Think Active as key delivery partners.

Key Performance Indicators

- 6.9. Progress against this SOPG's recommended interventions should be tracked based on an agreed set of key performance indicators. It is suggested these are:

Key Performance Indicators

Participation and Inactivity



- Percentage of NBBC residents meeting the recommended 30 minutes of activity, five times a week, benchmarked against current national and Warwickshire data;
- Number of active exercise referral members tracked against the current 60% take-up rate and current average retention length (approximately 15 months borough-wide); and
- Levels of inactivity among target groups – ethnic minorities, women and girls, and disabled residents.

Facility Usage



- Utilisation rates at Bedworth Physical Activity Hub, Pingles Leisure Centre and Jubilee Sports Centre;
- Community/pay-and-play use of education sports halls and pools secured through Community Use Agreements; and
- Proportion of sports clubs reporting facilities as being at full capacity (baseline: 71.4% via the sports club survey), tracked as capacity constraints are addressed.

Community



- Number of participants engaged through targeted outreach and partnership programmes, including the Health, Activity and Wellbeing team's community sessions and the Camp Hill pilot, and Sky Blues in the Community's PCN-funded sessions;
- Uptake of the Passport to Leisure concession scheme, monitored by deprivation area, to test whether awareness is improving and accessibility issues reducing;
- Delivery of activity in the borough's most deprived and underserved communities, including Camp Hill and the area around Top Farm.

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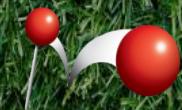
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Glossary

Abbreviation	
3G	Third generation (artificial grass pitch)
AGP	Artificial grass pitch
CC	Cricket Club
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CFA	County Football Association
CSP	County Sports Partnership
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FF	Football Foundation
FE	Further Education
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HC	Hockey Club
HE	Higher Education
JFC	Junior Football Club
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
LFFP	Local Football Facilities Plan
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
MES	Match Equivalent Sessions
MEPS	Match Equivalents Per Season
NGB	National Governing Body
NTP	Non-Turf Pitch
ONS	Office of National Statistics

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Abbreviation	
PF	Playing Field
PPOSS	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFC	Rugby Football Club
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106
TGR	Team Generation Rate
WR22 – World Rugby Compliant AGP	A 3G AGP suitable for both rugby codes

Definitions on terms

Secured Community Use :For pitches that are available to the community the degree of certainty that this availability will continue needs to be recorded (i.e. how secure is the availability to the community?). Unless local information suggests otherwise it can be assumed that the availability of all pitches in Local Authority, town and parish council and sports club ownership will be secure.

- **A formal community use agreement**
- **A leasing or management agreement requiring pitches to be available to the community/a community club**
- **A formal policy for community use adopted by the owner and or educational establishment**
- **Written confirmation from the owner and or educational establishment**

Unsecured Community Use: Mainly educational sites where the following should be in place to ensure certainty of secured community use: if not in place, then the site provides unsecured community use.

Match Equivalent Sessions: 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.

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Note on definitions of artificial pitch surfaces.

Sport England has produced guidance on “Selecting the Right Artificial Surface for Hockey, Football, Rugby League and Rugby Union” This guidance should be followed when selecting an artificial surface. The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.sportengland.org/media/4275/selecting-the-right-artificial-surface-rev2-2010.pdf>

Throughout the PPOSS the following abbreviations are used to describe specific types of playing pitch facility that has an artificial surface rather than natural grass.

NTP or non-turf pitch refers to an artificial turf sports surface designed specifically for cricket.

Third generation pitch (3G) - This pitch type comprises blades of polypropylene of 40mm to 65mm in length (i.e. short pile or long pile) supported by a thin base layer of sand and by an infill of rubber crumb. The 3G playing surface is laid on various types of stone base with or without a porous macadam layer and shock pad. FTPs are suitable for football to a high level of competition.

AGP - stands for an England Hockey recognised artificial pitch which is either sand based/dressed or water playing surface

World Rugby Regulation 22 IRB Compliant stands for a long pile FTP 3G with an engineered subbase system (of stone base, porous tarmac layer and shock pad) and are accepted by the rugby governing bodies (RFU).

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.24 This Stage E Review updates the 2023 Nuneaton and Bedworth Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS), monitoring changes in supply, demand, quality and delivery across all sports covered by the Strategy since adoption. It does not represent a full Stage A-D reassessment.
- 1.25 Football (grass) has seen the most significant change in demand: adult men's 11v11 participation has declined by 21%, while youth, junior and mini football (particularly girls') have grown substantially (up to +267% for junior girls' 9v9), creating new shortfalls in youth 11v11, junior 9v9 and mini 5v5 formats that were not present in 2023. Football AGP delivery has not yet changed since the adoption of the original PPOSS, however Bedworth Physical Activity Hub 3G has an anticipated opening date of late 2026. The North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College AGP is still undelivered. Both will have a significantly positive impact on junior football supply within the borough, helping to address shortfalls.
- 1.26 Cricket and Hockey supply and demand remain broadly stable since 2023, though Nuneaton Cricket Club's new women's section is placing additional pressure on existing square capacity, and the sand-dressed AGP at Etone Sports Centre is approaching the end of its surface lifecycle. There is the potential to develop an additional sand-dressed pitch at the newly developed Higham Lane North School site, however this will need to be monitored across 2027. There is only the demand for one sand-dressed pitch in the borough.
- 1.27 Rugby Union has seen modest overall team growth (+4 teams), concentrated in mini/midi and emerging girls' rugby, which contributes to a training shortfall projected to increase from 0.5 MES in 2023 to 8 MES by 2038.
- 1.28 Tennis, Netball and Bowls show limited change to core supply, with the main development being new hard-court provision (tennis/netball/basketball) at the newly opened Higham Lane North Academy. Padel has emerged as a wholly new consideration since the 2023 PPOSS, with one commercial venue now open (Core Padel Nuneaton) and a Council-led scheme in development (Grayson Place/Te Amo Padel), reflecting exceptionally rapid national growth in the sport.
- 1.29 Across all sports, pitch and court quality, rather than quantity, remains the primary constraint on capacity, and tenure/funding barriers continue to limit access to external investment. The recommendations in this review update the 2023 PPOSS accordingly; a summary is provided in the Summary of Recommendations and Action Plan sections.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 This is the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy (PPOSS) Stage E Review for Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) and its key delivery partners.

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- 2.2 The purpose of this review is to consider the extent to which circumstances have evolved since the adoption of the Borough's Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan, including changes in participation, facility provision, and project delivery. It also reflects on progress made against the agreed action plan and highlights whether any of these changes affect the strategic direction established through the Strategy.
- 2.3 The original evidence base underpinning the Strategy was developed through a comprehensive assessment of playing pitch provision across the Borough. Developed in accordance with Sport England guidance and under the direction of a steering group led by the Council and including National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), the assessment established a robust understanding of the relationship between the supply of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities and the demand generated by local clubs, leagues, schools, and community users.
- 2.4 The intention of the PPOSS was therefore to provide a clear, evidence-led framework to inform planning decisions, investment priorities, and the long-term protection and enhancement of playing pitch provision across Nuneaton and Bedworth. The guidance highlights that regular monitoring is essential to maintaining the robustness of the evidence base. Without periodic review, it becomes increasingly difficult to demonstrate that the evidence base remains sufficiently robust to support planning decisions and investment priorities.
- 2.5 This Stage E Review provides an update on key developments since the Strategy was adopted in 2023. It identifies changes in participation trends, club demand, and facility provision, alongside updates relating to the quality and accessibility of existing sites. Stage E plays a critical role in ensuring the Strategy remains current and responsive to local change. However, this review does not constitute a full reassessment of playing pitch capacity or demand modelling. Instead, it focuses on monitoring change and ensuring that the Strategy continues to provide a credible and relevant evidence base.
- 2.6 In addition to reviewing changes in supply and demand, the Stage E process also considers progress against the Action Plan, implementation of recommendations, changes to strategic priorities, delivery of investment projects, planning decisions, policy updates and whether the original evidence base remains sufficiently robust to support planning decisions.
- 2.7 It builds upon the Stage A – D stages (Appendix A) and considers:
- Identifies any changes in the supply of playing pitches and associated facilities across the Borough
 - Highlights notable changes in demand, including club growth and participation trends
 - Records progress made in delivering the actions set out within the PPOSS Action Plan
 - Considers these changes within the overall strategic position within the PPOSS
- 2.8 In line with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance (2013), this Stage E review has also had regard to: continued compliance with development plan policy and paragraph 104 of the National Planning Policy Framework; whether pitch quality data (e.g. PitchPower and Non-Turf Wicket assessments) remains current; and whether the evidence base remains sufficiently robust to be relied upon for the remainder of the current Local Plan period or whether elements of Stage A–D should be refreshed.

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2.9 The PPOSS covers the following playing pitches (grass and artificial) and outdoor pitch sports:

- Football pitches;
- Rugby Union pitches;
- Cricket pitches;
- Hockey – artificial grass pitches;
- Netball courts;
- Tennis courts;
- Bowling Greens;

2.10 The PPOSS Stage E has been developed in partnership with a range of organisations, all the below have been given the opportunity to contribute into the Stage E process:

- Sport England;
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council;
- England and Wales Cricket Board;
- Warwickshire County Cricket Board;
- England Hockey;
- Football Foundation;
- Birmingham County FA;
- Rugby Football Union;
- Bowls England;
- England Netball
- Lawn Tennis Association

2.11 There is a need to continue the key partnerships between the Borough Council, National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), Sport England, schools, further education providers, community clubs and private landowners to maintain and improve playing pitch provision. In the latter instances, the potential for the Council to take a strategic lead is more limited. This document will provide clarity about the way forward and allow key organisations to focus on the key issues that they can directly influence and achieve.

2.12 The aim of the PPOSS was, and in 2026 still is:

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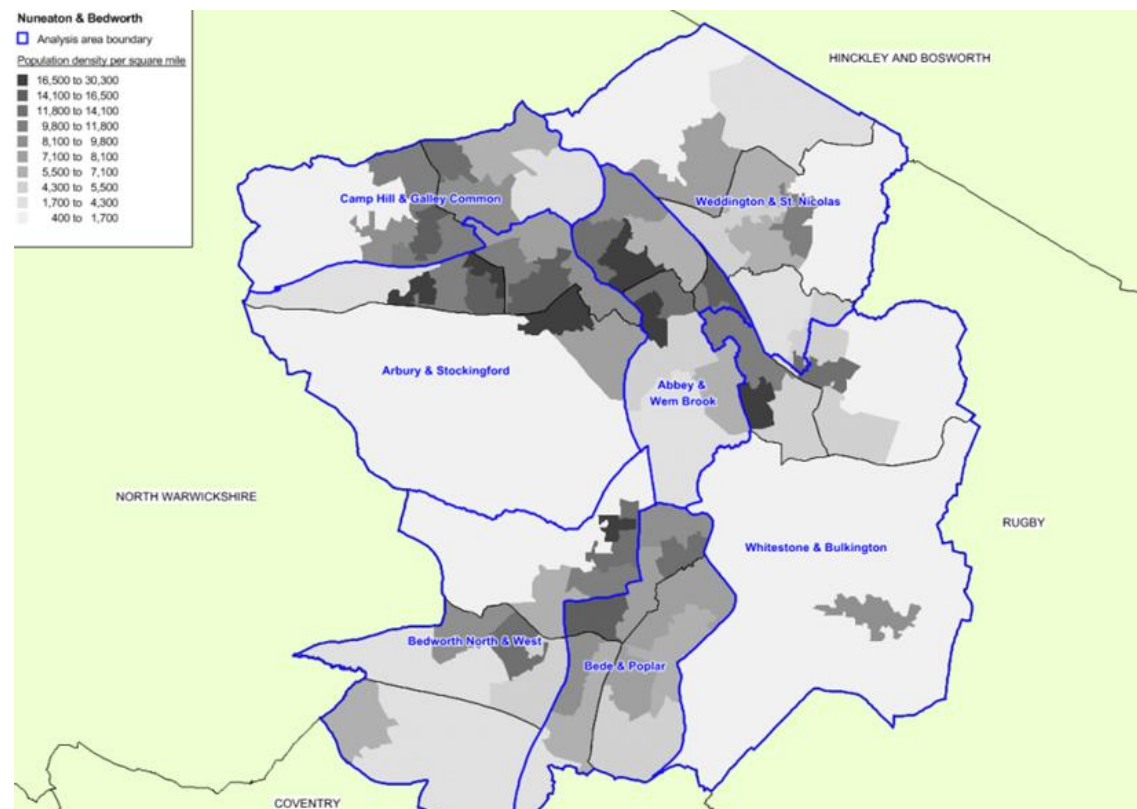
The strategy will look to guide the delivery of outdoor sports facilities and open spaces across Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC). While being led by NBBC, it is intended to be delivered in partnership by all key partners and stakeholders.”

3. Study Area

- 3.1. The study area is the whole of the NBBC Local Authority Boundary. Further to this, analysis areas have been created to allow for a more localised assessment of provision and examination of playing pitch supply and demand. These sub areas have been agreed by the Steering Group and make up the sub areas shown within figure 1 below.

Sub Areas

Figure 1: Map of sub areas within NBBC

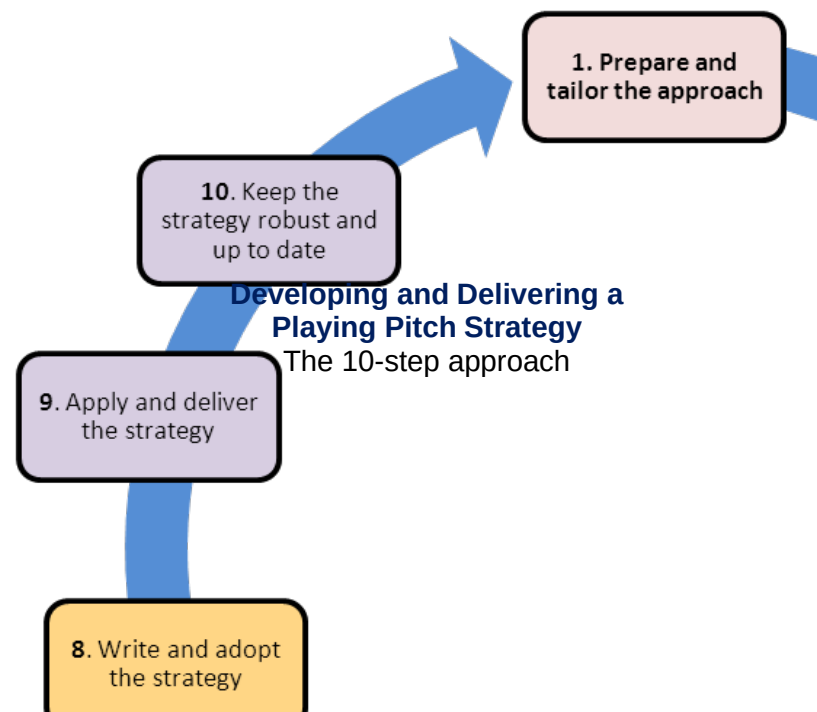


4. Approach

4.24 The approach to PPOSS projects comprises of 10 steps (See Figure 1) which are grouped into the following five stages:

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

Figure 2: The 10 steps to delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy



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- 4.25 For other sports - netball, tennis, athletics and bowls, a similar approach is adopted to assess need, following current Sport England guidance: 'Assessing Needs & Opportunities Guide for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities' (ANOG) published by Sport England in July 2014:
<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/assessing-needs-and-opportunities-guidance/>
- 4.26 The PPOSS is for the borough. However, the Council has a lead role to play in understanding and planning for future demand, including highlighting the need to secure investment. The PPOSS must consider the context of reducing budgets for local authorities that could, for example, result in a reduction of resources available to maintain playing pitches and ancillary facilities.
- 4.27 “Any playing field site or sport facility that is not included in this PPOSS is purely an accidental omission. The lack of inclusion should not be considered that the sport facility is surplus and any planning application that would result in the loss or prejudice the use of an omitted site should be considered against paragraph 104 of the NPPF.”

5. Context

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Revised August 2026

- 5.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England. A comprehensively revised version was published on 17 August 2026 (replacing the previous December 2024 version), restructuring the Framework around distinct plan-making and decision-making policies - including, for the first time, the National Development Management Policies (NDMPs) - each given a systematic policy code rather than running purely on sequential paragraph numbers. The NPPF continues to require that planning policies be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision, and it sets out the government's vision for achieving healthy, inclusive and safe places.

Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of places and make sufficient provision for:

- homes (including affordable housing), employment, retail, leisure and other commercial development.
- infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat).
- community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure); and
- conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes and green infrastructure, and planning measures to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.

- 5.2 Chapter 16 of the revised Framework, "Promoting healthy communities," now sets out the policies for provision and protection of sport and recreation facilities, principally at **Policy HC7** (safeguarding existing open space, sport and recreational land and facilities), which corresponds to the former paragraphs 103 and 104. This safeguarding duty is also referenced directly within the presumption in favour of sustainable development at **Policy S4(2)(a)(ii)**, which identifies substantial adverse impact on HC7-protected land as grounds for withholding that presumption.
- 5.3 In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, the PPOSS assesses existing outdoor sports provision including pitches and infrastructure along with the future need for such provision (irrespective of whether it is in public, private, MoD, or educational ownership and regardless of the nature and level of use).

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- 5.4 In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, the PPOSS assesses existing outdoor sports provision including pitches and infrastructure along with the future need for such provision (irrespective of whether it is in public, private, or educational ownership and regardless of the nature and level of use).
- 5.5 The future picture of provision has been assessed based on potential changes in supply (both committed and planned projects within the Borough and its catchment area), forecast changes in the resident population informed by the targets for new housing in NBBC's adopted Local Plan, national trends in participation and the development aspirations of the clubs based in the area. There is currently a review of the Borough Plan, which was initially adopted on 10 December 2025, covering the period to 2039. It establishes a requirement of 545 dwellings per annum and Policy D5 sets out the strategic and [non-strategic housing allocations](#). The new Borough Plan will be adopted in Spring 2028.
- 5.6 Supporting this document is the 2026 strategic context (Appendix 1), comprising relevant national, regional and borough-level strategies. These documents provide an essential policy and evidence framework that must be considered in the preparation of this report, the Built Facilities Strategy update, and the updated 2026 SOPG.

Sport Specific Updates

The following section provides sport specific updates reflecting any key changes since the original assessment was completed. These updates draw on consultation with NBBC, Sport England and National Governing Bodies, and consider whether there have been any changes to facility provision, demand, or participation that may influence the strategic position for each sport.

6. Football AGP Stage E Update

Executive Summary AGP

- 6.1. This document provides a targeted Stage E (“Deliver the strategy and keep it robust and up to date”) refresh for the football section of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council’s PPOSS.
- 6.2. Table 1 highlights the quantitative headline shortfalls for football pitches across NBBC. The qualitative findings and site-specific findings are identified in the relevant sections of the PPOSS.

Table 1: Headline Findings the NBBC Shortfalls in Demand Football Grass Pitches, 3G AGP

Sport	Current demand 2023		Future Demand 2038	
	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision
Football 3G AGPs	Abbey and Wem Brook	1.59	Abbey and Wem Brook	1.72
	Arbury and Stockingford,	-0.66	Arbury and Stockingford,	-0.63
	Bedworth North and West	0.68	Bedworth North and West	0.68
	Bede and Poplar	-0.26	Bede and Poplar	0.16
	Camp Hill and Galley Common,	0.05	Camp Hill and Galley Common,	0.05
	Weddington and St Nicolas	1.67	Weddington and St Nicolas	1.83
	Whitestone and Bulkington	0.47	Whitestone and Bulkington	0.49
	NBBC Total	3.5 (rounded up) full size 3G AGPs	NBBC Total	3.75 (rounded down) full size 3G AGPs

Current Supply

- 6.3. There are currently two 11v11 3G AGPs across NBBC; Nuneaton Academy, with significant community use outside of curriculum hours, and The Oval, with all day community access but limited peak time use by other community clubs due to high demand for Bedworth United FC.

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- 6.4. The other 3G AGPs are a dual-use facilities with no community access during the day and limited community usage from 5pm and at weekends, the usage of these pitches is stated in the PPOSS Needs Assessment.
- 6.5. None of the 3G AGPs are WRC22 compliant, so all usage is by football clubs. In addition, Etone Sports Centre (sand-dressed AGP) has significant peak time football and hockey usage with education use during the day.

Table 2: 3G AGPs in NBBC

Site Name	Sub Area	Availability	Security of Use	Surface Type	FA 3G Pitch Register	Size (M)	Age of Surface	Floodlit	Pitch Rating
Jubilee Sports Centre/St Thomas Moore	Arbury and Stockingford	Available	Unsecured	3G	No	40 x 20	10-15 years	Yes	Standard
Nuneaton Academy	Arbury and Stockingford	Available	Unsecured	3G	Yes	100 x 60	10-15 years	Yes	Standard
Oakwood Secondary School	Abbey and Wem brook	Unavailable	N/A	3G	No	30 x 18	10-15 years	No	Standard
St Michael's CofE Academy	Bede and Poplar	Available	Unsecured	3G	No	30 x 22	5-10 years	Yes	Standard
Wem brook Primary School	Abbey and Wem brook	Available	Secured	3G	No	40 x 20	10-15 years	Yes	Standard
The Oval - Bedworth FC	Bede and Poplar	Available	Secured	3G	Yes	105 x 70	10-15 years	Yes	Standard

Supply Changes

- 6.6. Since adoption of the PPOSS, there have been no new completions of football 3G AGP provision recorded in the 2025 Action Plan updates, beyond the two pipeline items already identified within the strategy. The proposed full-size 3G AGP at North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College has not been developed and grass pitches remain on site, however there is ongoing engagement with the Football Foundation.

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- 6.7. The 9v9 3G scheme associated with Bedworth Physical Activity Hub is therefore the only football AGP project to be treated as progressing through delivery, with the sub-base reported as installed and an opening anticipated in late 2026. In line with Football Foundation good practice for long-term sustainability, any new 3G delivery should be accompanied by clear community access arrangements, an appropriate operating model and a planned pitch replacement fund/forecast to ensure the facility remains sustainable across the surface lifecycle.
- 6.8. The table below compares the Stage D baseline position (previous wording/assumed trajectory) with the evidence in the 2025 Update.

Table 3: Stage E update AGP Provision

Item	2023 position	2026 change	Next Steps
Full-size 3G AGP at North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College	Stage D identifies a planned 11v11 3G option in the north of the borough, with development assumed feasible where planning permission exists.	Not yet delivered. The 2026 Update indicates the 3G AGP is not yet constructed and grass pitches remain, albeit engagement with Football Foundation is ongoing.	Maintain as a priority pipeline project pending confirmed programme, funding, and delivery route.
Bedworth Physical Activity Hub 9v9 3G AGP	Stage D identifies a planned 9v9 3G at Miners Welfare Park (planning permission referenced in Stage D baseline).	Sub-base installed and full pitch opening October 2026 as part of a wider development.	Late 2026 opening anticipated as part of wider BPAH delivery programme

AGP Recommendations

- Maintain the North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College full-size 3G AGP as a priority pipeline project; continue engagement with the Football Foundation and confirm a funding/delivery programme (NBBC, Football Foundation, College).
- Support delivery of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub 9v9 3G AGP through to opening (anticipated late 2026), ensuring a clear community access arrangement, an appropriate operating model, and a planned pitch replacement fund/forecast are in place prior to opening (NBBC, Football Foundation, Operator).
- Ensure any future AGP proposals (including the Vale View/Nuneaton Town FC 3G concept - see Football Grass update) are assessed against current and future demand across football and hockey, in consultation with the Football Foundation, England Hockey and Birmingham County FA, to avoid oversupply or undersupply of a given surface type.
- Continue to monitor AGP provision as part of future Stage E reviews, given the pace of change since 2023.

7. Football Grass Stage E Update

Executive Summary Football

- 7.1. The 2023 position shows that NBBC generally has sufficient grass pitch provision across most formats, with overall spare capacity in adult (10.5 MES), mini 7v7 (6 MES), mini 5v5 (2 MES) and marginal spare capacity in youth 11v11 (0.5 MES) and junior 9v9 (1 MES). However, this headline position masks localised shortfalls, particularly in areas such as Weddington and St Nicolas, Camp Hill and Galley Common, and Arbury and Stockingford, where adult and youth demand is already exceeding supply. This indicates that while the borough is broadly balanced, pressure is concentrated in specific sub-areas and on certain pitch types.
- 7.2. By 2038, future population growth and participation trends significantly reduce this spare capacity and create new shortfalls. Adult spare capacity reduces to just 2.5 MES, youth 11v11 moves into a shortfall (1 MES), and junior 9v9 sees a more notable deficit (3 MES). Mini 5v5 also shifts from spare capacity to a shortfall position (-2 MES), while mini 7v7 remains the only format with a relatively comfortable surplus. Overall, the trajectory is clear: demand growth will erode existing capacity and exacerbate existing geographic imbalances, reinforcing the need to protect existing provision, improve pitch quality, and deliver new or reconfigured facilities in key pressure areas.

Table 4: NBBC PPOSS 2023 Football Position

	Current demand 2023		Future Demand 2038	
Sport	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision
Football Grass Pitches (Adult 11 v 11)	Abbey and Wem Brook	No shortfall in provision (3.5)	Abbey and Wem Brook	No shortfall in provision (1)
	Arbury and Stockingford	1 MES	Arbury and Stockingford	3.5 MES
	Bede and Poplar	No shortfall in provision (3)	Bede and Poplar	No shortfall in provision (2)
	Bedworth North and West	No shortfall in provision (2.5)	Bedworth North and West	No shortfall in provision (1.5 MES)
	Camp Hill and Galley Common	1.5 MES	Camp Hill and Galley Common	1.5 MES
	Weddington and St Nicolas	4 MES	Weddington and St Nicolas	4.5 MES
	Whitestone and Bulkington.	No shortfall in provision (8)	Whitestone and Bulkington.	No shortfall in provision (7)
	NBBC Total	10.5 MES Spare Capacity	NBBC Total	2.5 MES Spare capacity
	Abbey and Wem Brook	1 MES	Abbey and Wem Brook	2 MES

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	Current demand 2023		Future Demand 2038	
Sport	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision
Football Grass Pitches (Youth 11v11)	Arbury and Stockingford	No shortfall in provision (4)	Arbury and Stockingford	No shortfall in provision (3)
	Bede and Poplar	0.5 MES	Bede and Poplar	Balanced supply and demand
	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand	Bedworth North and West	No shortfall in provision (1)
	Camp Hill and Galley Common	1 MES	Camp Hill and Galley Common	1 MES
	Weddington and St Nicolas	1 MES	Weddington and St Nicolas	2 MES
	Whitestone and Bulkington.	Balanced supply and demand	Whitestone and Bulkington.	Balanced supply and demand
	NBBC Total	0.5 MES Spare capacity	NBBC Total	Future shortfall 1 MES
Football Grass Pitches (Junior 9v9)	Abbey and Wem Brook	Balanced supply and demand	Abbey and Wem Brook	0.5 MES
	Arbury and Stockingford	Balanced supply and demand	Arbury and Stockingford	Balanced supply and demand
	Bede and Poplar	1.5 MES	Bede and Poplar	2.5 MES
	Bedworth North and West	No shortfall in provision (1)	Bedworth North and West	No shortfall in provision (1)
	Camp Hill and Galley Common	Balanced supply and demand	Camp Hill and Galley Common	Balanced supply and demand
	Weddington and St Nicolas	No shortfall in provision (1)	Weddington and St Nicolas	Balanced supply and demand
	Whitestone and Bulkington.	No shortfall in provision (0.5)	Whitestone and Bulkington.	-0.5 MES
	NBBC Total	1 MES Spare capacity	NBBC Total	Future shortfall 3 MES
Football Grass Pitches (Mini 7v7)	Abbey and Wem Brook	No shortfall in provision (1)	Abbey and Wem Brook	No shortfall in provision (1)
	Arbury and Stockingford	Balanced supply and demand	Arbury and Stockingford	Balanced supply and demand
	Bede and Poplar	0.5 MES	Bede and Poplar	2.5 MES
	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand
	Camp Hill and Galley Common	Balanced supply and demand	Camp Hill and Galley Common	Balanced supply and demand
	Weddington and St Nicolas	Balanced supply and demand	Weddington and St Nicolas	Balanced supply and demand

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Sport	Current demand 2023		Future Demand 2038	
	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision
Football Grass Pitches (Mini 5v5)	Whitestone and Bulkington.	No shortfall in provision (5.5)	Whitestone and Bulkington.	No shortfall in provision (5.5)
	NBBC Total	6 MES Spare capacity	NBBC Total	4 MES Spare capacity
	Abbey and Wem Brook	Balanced supply and demand	Abbey and Wem Brook	1 MES
	Arbury and Stockingford	Balanced supply and demand	Arbury and Stockingford	Balanced supply and demand
	Bede and Poplar	No shortfall in provision (1)	Bede and Poplar	1 MES
	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand
	Camp Hill and Galley Common	Balanced supply and demand	Camp Hill and Galley Common	Balanced supply and demand
	Weddington and St Nicolas	No shortfall in provision (1)	Weddington and St Nicolas	Balanced supply and demand
	Whitestone and Bulkington.	Balanced supply and demand	Whitestone and Bulkington.	Balanced supply and demand
	NBBC Total	2 MES Spare capacity	NBBC Total	Future shortfall -2

Stage E Update Grass Football

- 7.3. Football has the largest number of recorded updates since the publication of the 2023 PPOSS. Most relate to PitchPower sites, consistent with Football Foundation's positioning of PitchPower as a free pitch inspection tool that generates expert review and tailored maintenance/funding recommendations (via the Grounds Management Association).
- 7.4. The football changes for Stage E have been identified as:

Table 5: NBBC PPOSS Update Since 2023

Site	Sub Area	2023 PPOSS	Summary of 2025 Update	Impact on NBBC Football
Ambleside Road	Bede and Poplar	Adult 11v11 – disused (unmarked) pitch	Proposed housing development; mitigation discussions (Heckley Fields)	Loss of pitch; potentially increases pressure in the future unless mitigation delivered although not currently in use.

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Site	Sub Area	2023 PPOSS	Summary of 2025 Update	Impact on NBBC Football
Ambleside Sports Club	Weddington and St Nicolas	1 x adult 11v11 (good), 1 x mini 7v7 (good) and good ancillary provision	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS 4 pitches rated good–advanced	No impact on supply or demand
Attleborough Recreation Ground	Whitestone and Bulkington	Adult 11v11 – disused (unmarked) pitch	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS 2 pitches rated basic – one 7v7 and one 5v5	Positively impacts supply
Bermuda Phoenix Centre	Arbury and Stockingford	1 x adult 11v11 (standard)	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS Pitch rated basic	No impact on supply or demand
Blackberry Lane Recreation Ground	Bedworth North and West	Currently unused site. Bulkington Poppies FC proposing use as home ground (11v11/9v9) under self-management. 11v11 pitch to be reinstated with maintenance works, with a future additional 9v9 pitch. Medium-term plans include club licence and pavilion/changing development.	Poor pitches but planned reinstatement and club-led development	Positively impacts supply
Collycroft Recreation Ground	Bedworth North and West	Junior 9v9 – ad hoc use	Potential development site; uncertain future	Loss of pitch as land is a consideration for housing/retail. mitigation earmarked for onsite and/or off-site provision. No specific development proposal has currently been identified for this site; the reference to housing/retail reflects a precautionary land-use consideration rather than a confirmed scheme.
Gala Field / Pingles	Abbey and Wembrook	2 x adult 11v11 (standard)	Poor pitches; Legal agreements relating to lease/security of tenure are currently progressing. The Council has	Quality worsened when compared with the previous PPOSS resulting in reduced capacity. however, Improvement

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Site	Sub Area	2023 PPOSS	Summary of 2025 Update	Impact on NBBC Football
			also provided a letter of commitment in support of Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund applications.	potential expected subject to completion of legal/security of tenure arrangements and associated funding approvals
George Eliot School	Abbey and Wembrook	2 x adult 11v11 (standard), 1 x youth 11v11 (standard), 1 x mini 7v7 (standard) with standard ancillary provision	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS 7 poor-quality pitches	No impact on supply or demand. Potential for improvement
Greenmoor Recreation Ground	Arbury and Stockingford	2 x adult 11v11 (poor)	Reconfigured to maximise 11v11; mixed quality – currently two 11v11 and one 7v7 on site	No impact on supply or demand.
Heckley Fields	Bedworth North and West	Adult 11v11 – no current club use; pitches marked out. Standard ancillary provision. Mitigation site for loss of Miner's Welfare Park (MWP) pitch, with an additional 11v11 pitch reinstated (two total). Maintenance works ongoing to meet league standards. Pavilion at capacity; feasibility work underway to expand changing provision. Long-term aspiration as a multi-sport hub.	Mitigation pitch delivered; hub ambition but funding gap for changing	Key mitigation site; capacity dependent on ancillary investment
Higham Lane School	Weddington and St Nicolas	2 x adult 11v11 (standard), 2 x youth 11v11 (standard), 1 x junior 9v9 (standard) with standard ancillary provision	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS Mix of basic and poor pitches. Currently layout includes two additional 7v7 pitches	Quality worsened when compared with the previous PPOSS resulting in reduced capacity.
Johnson Road Recreation Ground	Bede and Poplar	1 x adult 11v11 (good), 1 x youth 11v11 (good), 1 x junior 9v9 (good), 1 x mini 7v7 (good), 1 x mini 5v5 (standard) with standard ancillary provision. Football Foundation Pitch Improvement Plan in place	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS are all classed as 'Good'.	No significant impact on pitch supply or demand, although enhancement of ancillary facilities remains important to supporting long-term site quality and user experience

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Site	Sub Area	2023 PPOSS	Summary of 2025 Update	Impact on NBBC Football
Keresley Newland Primary Academy	Bedworth North and West	1 x mini 7v7 (standard) with standard ancillary provision	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS 2 basic pitches	Change of pitch configuration but no significant impact on supply or demand.
King Edward VI Playing Field	Abbey and Wembrook	1 x youth 11v11 (standard) and 1 x junior 9v9 (standard) with poor ancillary provision. PitchPower improvement plan in place	High-quality (good–advanced) provision	Good quality site. No significant impact on supply or demand.
Marston Lane (Adult & Youth)	Bede and Poplar	Adult 11v11 – disused (unmarked) pitch	Future loss linked to cemetery use (delayed)	Loss of pitch; potentially increases pressure in the future unless mitigation delivered although not currently in use.
Newdigate Recreation Ground	Bedworth North and West	1 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS of one advanced adult 11v11 and one standard junior 11v11.	Change of pitch configuration and improvement in quality since the 2023 POSS.
North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College	Weddington and St Nicolas	1 x adult 11v11 (good) full size pitches, 1 x junior 9 v 9 (standard) pitch and 1 x good ancillary facility. Consider 3G AGP development for use of the college and community clubs during the evening and weekend.	3G project progressing; decision likely 2027	See 3G AGP section. If developed, will impact grass pitches on site.
Nuneaton Academy	Arbury Stockingford and	1 x adult 11v11 full size pitch. Significant PE usage on this site, Secure community use	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS 1 poor, 5 basic pitches. These consist of one adult and two 7v7 and 2 5v5 pitches. Only one pitch is used by the community, all others only education use.	Change of pitch configuration but no significant impact on supply or demand. One pitch used by the community. Only one adult team currently uses the site, indicating that the majority of marked-out pitches are not presently available for regular community use.

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Site	Sub Area		2023 PPOSS	Summary of 2025 Update	Impact on NBBC Football
Nuneaton Town FC	Whitestone Bulkington	and	1 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch and 1 x poor ancillary facility	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS Basic pitch	Currently the site is only used by Nuneaton Rugby Club. There is no football taking place on the site. Nuneaton Town FC is currently based at Bedworth United (The oval 3G AGP) with several sites being considered for their future.
Paul's Land	Whitestone Bulkington	and	5 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	£15k secured for pitch improvement	Positive; potential to increase supply
Paul's Land Pavilion	Whitestone Bulkington	and	1 poor quality pavilion and changing provision	The pavilion at Paul's Land is currently closed due to safety concerns, with the Council reviewing longer-term options for improvement, refurbishment or replacement of the ancillary provision at the site	Although pitch improvements are positive, the current loss of ancillary accommodation limits the overall functionality and capacity of the site until a long-term solution is identified
Sandon Park	Weddington and St Nicolas	and St	1x adult 11v11 (standard) full size pitch, 2 x youth 11v11 (standard), 1 x mini 7 v 7(standard), 1 x mini 5v5 (standard) pitch and 1x standard ancillary facility. PitchPower in place on site to improve grass pitches.	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS Good pitches but risk of temporary loss (Severn Trent works); changing stalled	Short-term supply risk and displacement pressure
St Nicolas CofE Academy	Weddington and St Nicolas	and St	1 x mini 7v7 (standard) with standard ancillary provision. Potential WR22-compliant 3G development	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS 2 basic pitches	Change of pitch configuration and reduction in quality, but no significant impact on supply or demand.
Stockingford Allotments	Arbury Stockingford	and	1 x adult 11v11 (good). PitchPower improvement plan in place	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS 1 advanced pitch	No impact on supply or demand
The Pingles Stadium	Abbey and Wembrook		1 x adult 11v11 (standard) with good ancillary provision	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS Poor pitch quality – reduction in quality since 2023 PPOSS.	Reduction in quality since 2023 PPOSS.

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Site	Sub Area	2023 PPOSS	Summary of 2025 Update	Impact on NBBC Football
Vale View	Arbury and Stockingford	2 x adult 11v11 (poor) with poor ancillary provision	Proposed Nuneaton Town FC site (3G + facilities); loss of 2 grass pitches	Strategic opportunity but short-term loss risk and delivery dependency
Weddington Sports JFC	Weddington and St Nicolas	2 x junior 9v9 (standard), 2 x youth 11v11 (standard), 1 x mini 7v7 (standard). PitchPower improvement plan in place	PitchPower in place since publication of PPOSS Mix of basic and poor pitches	Constrains capacity at key club site; priority for improvement

7.5. To provide more detail on the sites with significant changes/developments:

- **Miner's Welfare Park (Bedworth Physical Activity Hub):** the loss of one poor quality grass 11v11 pitch, with agreed mitigation at Heckley Fields - ancillary provision improvements. This site will also have a 9v9 3G AGP on the site, opening late 2026 (see AGP section).
- **Sandon Park:** risk of short-term loss of use due to Severn Trent works (early 2026 indicated), with a requirement to manage displacement and restoration; and a changing-room project noted as stalled pending further survey/planning steps.
- **Vale View / Nuneaton Town FC:** an emerging, phased development concept (3G AGP with modular changing first; spectator/clubhouse elements later), explicitly noting the potential loss of two grass pitches and the need for long-term tenure to satisfy external funders.
- **North Warwickshire and Leicestershire College (3G AGP):** programme clarification indicating surveys underway and an application timetable likely Autumn 2026 with an early 2027 decision.
- **Higham Lane North Academy (CV11 6YN):** open in 2026, which will include 3 grass football and 1 grass rugby union pitch, plus MUGA/netball courts (outdoor, with no sports lighting). The school opened in September 2025; hard-court provision (four tennis/netball/basketball courts) is now constructed and being brought forward for community hire via the School Space booking platform, although the grass playing fields remain unavailable for hire and are expected to become available from September 2026, subject to a formal community use agreement and final planning approval. As the site was not present within the 2023 PPOSS baseline, this represents wholly new provision rather than a change to an existing site.
- **Development/mitigation considerations:** Ambleside Road (potential pitch loss to housing and on-site/off-site replacement provision meeting NPPF paragraph 104 requirements), Marston Lane (cemetery mitigation leading to future pitch loss and delayed timescale), Collycroft (possible development site; retention discussion stalled), and Heckley Fields (mitigation pitch installed; feasibility done for changing; funding gap beyond

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Note: Development proposals affecting existing playing pitch sites should be supported by appropriate on-site or off-site replacement provision that maintains, or enhances, the quantity, quality, accessibility and community use of facilities in accordance with Paragraph 104 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Financial contributions alone should not be regarded as adequate mitigation unless they directly facilitate the delivery of equivalent or better replacement provision. Any replacement facilities should be delivered in a suitable location and be available at the appropriate time to ensure there is no net loss of playing pitch provision. This principle applies across all sports where a shortfall is identified because of development, not solely the sport(s) currently marked out or in active use on the site at the time of the application.

- **Tenure/funding pathway barrier:** Gala Field/Pingles records a club interest in the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF) but an inability to progress due to lease/tenure issues - GPMF explicitly requires suitable security of tenure.
- **Ancillary provision progress:** Johnson Road - Proposals for a new modular ancillary building did not progress through the planning process. Current focus has therefore shifted towards improvement and refurbishment of the existing ancillary provision at the site., supporting the enhance the site where pitches are already performing well.

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- 7.6.
- Since the publication of the 2023 PPOSS, a number of changes to the football pitch provision and supporting infrastructure have occurred across the Borough. These include the reinstatement of previously unused pitches, improvements to pitch quality through the Football Foundation's PitchPower programme, the progression of several strategic investment projects, alongside a small number of sites where future development proposals may result in the loss of existing provision. Collectively, these changes have strengthened the overall quality and resilience of the football network.
- 7.7.
- The most significant positive changes relate to the reinstatement of pitches at Blackberry Lane Recreation Ground and Heckley Fields, the progression of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub development, ongoing PitchPower improvements across numerous sites and investment into grass pitch maintenance. These projects have increased the quality and potential capacity of several key football venues and once fully delivered, will improve the Borough's ability to accommodate future demand.
- 7.8.
- However, there are also potential losses at Ambleside Road, Collycroft Recreation Ground and Marston Lane, subject to development proposals. This will require appropriate replacement provision in accordance with national planning policy. In addition, temporary or ongoing constraints relating to ancillary provision at sites such as Paul's Land Pavilion, Heckley Fields and Sandon Park currently limit the operational capacity of otherwise important football venues.
- 7.9.
- Overall, whilst the Stage E review identifies a net positive direction of travel in terms of quality improvements and planned investment, the strategic importance of protecting existing grass pitch provision and delivering replacement facilities where required remains unchanged.

Stage E Demand Update

- 7.10.
- The 2023 PPOSS demonstrated the following demand for football across each of the age groups:

Table 6: NBBC PPOSS Demand Update Since 2023

Format	2023	2026	Percentage Change	Comparison to 2023 latent demand
Adult 11v11	56 male	44	-21%	The original PPOSS identified latent demand for additional adult men's teams; however, participation has declined since 2023.
Women's 11v11	2 teams	2	0%	Additional women's teams have not yet happened, but participation has maintained.
Youth Male 11v11	29 teams (U18–U13 male only)	46	59%	Significant growth reflects the latent demand identified by

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				clubs.
Youth Women's 11v11	3 teams	7	133%	Growth has significantly exceeded the aspirations identified within the original PPOSS.
Junior 9v9 Boys	14 teams	41	193%	Participation growth has substantially exceeded the latent demand identified in 2023.
Junior 9v9 Girls	3 teams	11	267%	Girls' football has grown well beyond original expectations.
Mini 7v7	53 teams	47	-11%	Some latent demand has instead transferred into younger 5v5 age groups and girls' football.
Mini 5v5	16 teams	41	156%	Growth has significantly outperformed the original latent demand identified by clubs.

- 7.11. Since the publication of the 2023 PPOSS, football participation has continued to evolve across the Borough, with the most significant growth occurring within youth and mini football. Adult men's teams have reduced by 21%, while women's adult football has remained stable. In contrast, youth football has experienced substantial growth, with male youth 11v11 teams increasing by 59% and female youth 11v11 teams by 133%. The strongest increases have been recorded in the younger age groups, where junior 9v9 boys' teams have almost tripled (193%), junior girls' 9v9 teams have increased by 267%, and mini 5v5 teams have grown by 156%.
- 7.12. Although mini 7v7 football has reduced slightly (11%), the overall trend demonstrates a significant shift towards greater youth participation, particularly amongst girls' football. This reinforces the importance of protecting and enhancing youth pitch provision, ensuring sufficient junior and mini pitch capacity, and continuing to provide appropriate ancillary facilities to support sustained participation growth.
- 7.13. Where latent demand for additional teams was identified within the 2023 PPOSS, Table 6 shows this has, in most formats, since been exceeded, most notably in youth, junior and mini football with the exception of adult men's football, where participation has declined rather than the identified latent demand converting into new teams. Table 7 sets out how these demand changes have, in turn, altered the borough-wide pitch capacity position by format.
- 7.14. Based on the updated affiliation data available, Table 7 demonstrates the impact on pitch provision:

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Table 7: NBBC PPOSS Pitch Impact Update Since 2023

Pitch Format	Impact of Stage E Updates
Adult 11v11	Greater borough-wide spare capacity , reflecting the 21% reduction in adult men's teams. Whilst some pressures remain due to site-specific constraints and potential pitch losses, the overall strategic position has improved since 2023.
Youth 11v11	A borough-wide shortfall , replacing the marginal spare capacity identified in 2023. Growth of 59% in male/mixed teams and 133% in girls' teams has significantly increased demand on existing provision. This pitch usage is likely to be on additional capacity of adult 11v11 pitches
Junior 9v9	A significant borough-wide shortfall . Participation has increased substantially, with boys'/mixed teams growing by 193% and girls' teams by 267%. The limited increase in pitch provision is insufficient to accommodate this level of demand. A key way to address this, given the lack of available land for more grass would be to ensure that 3G pitches, when developed are adequate size to fulfil two 9v9 pitches, rather than one.
Mini 7v7	Continued borough-wide spare capacity , reflecting the 11% reduction in team numbers alongside the addition of further 7v7 provision at Blackberry Lane and Gala Field/Pingles. Localised pressures may remain, but the overall position remains positive.
Mini 5v5	A borough-wide shortfall , replacing the spare capacity identified in 2023. A 156% increase in team numbers has significantly increased demand, with the additional 5v5 provision at Blackberry Lane providing only partial mitigation.

Stage E Recommendations

- 7.16. The Stage E review confirms that the majority of the recommendations contained within the adopted PPOSS remain appropriate and continue to address the principal football infrastructure needs across the Borough. However, changes in participation, facility provision and project delivery have altered the relative priority of several recommendations. Significant growth in youth, junior and girls' football has increased the importance of protecting and enhancing youth and mini football provision, whilst the reduction in adult men's football has reduced pressure on adult 11v11 grass pitches at a borough-wide level. The recommendations below therefore update the original PPOSS to reflect the latest evidence.
- 7.17. This directly draws on the demand and supply changes identified above (Tables 6–8) to determine whether each original recommendation remains valid, requires updating, or is no longer relevant.

1. Protect existing quantity of pitches (unless replacement provision is agreed upon and provided 'In accordance with paragraph 104 of the NPPF and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy'), particularly in areas of identified or emerging shortfall such as Weddington and St Nicolas, Arbury and Stockingford, and Camp Hill and Galley Common.
2. Provide security of tenure for clubs using unsecured sites through community use agreements, where possible.
3. Where pitches are overplayed and/or assessed as potential for quality improvements, prioritise investment and review maintenance regimes to ensure it is of an appropriate standard to sustain use and improve quality to a 'good' standard. Work with Birmingham County FA and The Football Foundation to ensure sites are prioritised based on current and future demand. Pitch quality remains the primary constraint on capacity. NBBC should continue to target poor and basic quality sites, including George Eliot School, Weddington Sports JFC and Higham Lane School, and maximise uptake of PitchPower and GPMF funding. Addressing tenure constraints, such as at Gala Field/Pingles, will be important to unlock external investment. Improving pitch quality provides the most efficient way of increasing capacity.
4. Work to accommodate future demand as well as unmet and latent demand at sites which are not operating at capacity, to ensure future demand can be accommodated, improve grass pitches shown above including PitchPower sites to alleviate any future demand being unfulfilled. Based on current site-level evidence, this includes sites such as Attleborough Recreation Ground and Nuneaton Academy where current club use falls below the site's marked-out pitch capacity.
5. Ensure all teams are playing on the pitches of the correct size and, where possible, explore reconfiguration of spare adult pitches to accommodate youth 11v11 teams. This should be explored by NBBC as part of pitch improvements. With growth in junior and mini football, provision should be rebalanced accordingly. This includes reconfiguring adult pitches where appropriate to accommodate 9v9 and 7v7 formats and prioritising the

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delivery of junior 9v9 pitches and mini 5v5 provision where future shortfalls are identified. New developments should incorporate flexible, multi-format layouts rather than focusing solely on adult provision.

6. Improve ancillary facilities where there is a demand to do so and where it can benefit the wider footballing offer, particularly for women and girls. This should be considered at Paul's Land, Sandon Park, Heckley Fields, King Edward VI Playing Fields, Vale View, Haunchwood Recreation Ground and Nuneaton Borough FC. Continue to monitor this as part of Stage E of the PPOSS and work with NBBC, Football Foundation and Birmingham County FA to ensure improvements are in the most appropriate locations.
7. Strengthen key hub sites – Investment should be focused on a network of strategic hub sites capable of accommodating multiple teams and formats. Sites such as Johnson Road Recreation Ground, Heckley Fields, King Edward VI Playing Field and potentially Vale View should be prioritised. These sites should offer high-quality pitches, sufficient ancillary provision and the ability to support a range of formats.
8. Manage short-term displacement - Temporary loss of provision, such as at Sandon Park, should be actively managed. This includes identifying alternative sites, working closely with clubs to minimise disruption, and ensuring that affected pitches are reinstated to an appropriate standard following works.
9. Support growth in women and girls' football - Provision should respond to continued growth in women and girls' football. This includes ensuring appropriate access to facilities, suitable ancillary provision and programming that supports participation. Investment should align with national governing body priorities and funding opportunities.
10. Ensure that any large housing developments are provided for and assess the need for new pitch provision through master planning on an individual basis.
11. Where a development is of a size to justify on-site football provision, focus on the development of multi-pitch sites that reduce existing and future shortfalls created by the development, with accompanying clubhouse provision included given that single pitch sites without appropriate ancillary facilities can be unsustainable.
12. Grass pitch developments at Higham Lane North School Site will include grass pitches (3 football and 1 rugby union) with formal community use agreements in place to address future shortfalls. Pitch quality and the scope of the community use agreement (including whether it covers all grass pitches or hard courts only) should be confirmed with the Academy Trust prior to these pitches being relied upon to address future shortfalls.
13. If large multi-sport sites are developed/improved, these should be used as central venues for junior football. Ensure teams utilising overplayed pitches can move to sites with spare capacity, reconfigured appropriately.

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14. Where shortfall become present, consider the strategic reverse of disused/lapsed sites, all options are stated within Stage C Needs Assessment and the Action Plan, such as: Anderton Road in Bedworth North and West, Craft Centre in Abbey and Wembrook, Stubbs in Camp Hill and Galley Common. *Note that Attleborough Recreation Ground has since been brought back into marked-out use (see site update above) and should therefore be treated as active supply rather than a disused/lapsed reserve site.*
15. NBBC should continue to monitor participation trends, particularly growth in junior and female football, and update the action plan accordingly. This will ensure that provision remains aligned to demand and that emerging pressures are identified early. The increase in demand for junior football puts more emphasis on the need for additional 3G AGPs and central venues across the borough. As no 3G AGP has been developed since the original PPOSS, and there has been a significant increase in junior demand, shortfalls in pitch provision have increased. 3G AGP developments and the new pitches at Higham Lane North present an opportunity for central venues for junior football moving forward.

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8. Cricket Stage E Update

- 8.1. As shown in Table 6, in 2023 there was a shortfall of 30 match equivalents per season (MPS) for cricket across the study area. Although there are four sub areas with spare capacity, due to the heavy cricket in Bede and Poplar (Bedworth Cricket Club) and Weddington and St Nicholas (Nuneaton Cricket Club), there is an overall deficit which is likely to exacerbate when factoring in future growth of clubs and population growth.

Table 7: Headline Findings NBBC PPOSS 2023 Cricket Pitches

Sport	Current demand 2023		Future Demand 2038	
	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision (Match equivalents per season) MEPS	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision (Match equivalents per season) MEPS
Cricket	Abbey and Wem Brook	No provision	Abbey and Wem Brook	No provision
	Arbury and Stockingford	No shortfall in provision (34)	Arbury and Stockingford	No shortfall in provision (24)
	Bede and Poplar	65 MEPS	Bede and Poplar	93 MEPS
	Bedworth North and West	No shortfall in provision (10)	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand
	Camp Hill and Galley Common	No shortfall in provision (22)	Camp Hill and Galley Common	No shortfall in provision (22)
	Weddington and St Nicolas	1 MEPS	Weddington and St Nicolas	47 MEPS
	Whitestone and Bulkington.	No shortfall in provision (30)	Whitestone and Bulkington.	No shortfall in provision (4)
	NBBC Total	Shortfall of 30 MEPS	NBBC Total	Shortfall of 90 MEPS

- 8.2. The Stage E review identifies only minor changes in both supply and demand since the adoption of the previous PPOSS, with the overall strategic position remaining largely consistent. The existing network of cricket provision across the Borough continues to broadly meet current levels of demand, with no fundamental shift in the balance of provision required at this stage.

Supply

- 8.3. Since the publication of the 2023 PPOSS, there have been no material changes to cricket pitch provision across the Borough. The quantity, distribution and configuration of cricket pitches remain consistent with the previous assessment, with no new sites brought forward and no loss of existing provision identified. As such, the overall supply position is unchanged.

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- 8.4. While no additional provision has been delivered, this also means that the existing network continues to perform the same role in accommodating demand. The focus therefore remains on maintaining pitch quality and ensuring that existing sites can sustain current and future usage levels, rather than responding to any structural change in supply.

Demand

- 8.5. Nuneaton Cricket Club remains one of the Borough's main cricket venues and continues to operate from two good-quality squares with good ancillary facilities, accommodating a significant proportion of adult and junior cricket across the district. Since the adoption of the 2023 PPOSS, the club has successfully established a women's cricket offer, demonstrated continued participation growth whilst maintained a high level of use across the existing facility. Although this additional demand places further pressure on the site, there have been no material changes to the club's overall capacity or available provision since 2023. The original PPOSS identified opportunities to alleviate overplay through the potential development of an additional square and greater use of the outfield for junior cricket. These opportunities remain valid and continue to represent the most appropriate long-term approach to increasing site capacity should demand continue to grow.
- 8.6. The women's development league plays on a Thursday evening and often on the second square with spare capacity. There is currently no confirmed overplay at Nuneaton Cricket Club; the second square retains spare capacity, which is currently accommodating the new women's cricket offer, although continued growth will place further pressure on this capacity over time.
- 8.7. At Nuneaton Cricket Club, the establishment of a women's cricket offer has been highly successful, with strong early participation and evidence of sustained demand. This reflects national trends in the growth of women and girls' cricket and represents a notable shift in the composition of demand locally, albeit from a relatively low base.

Implications

- 8.8. These changes collectively indicate a modest increase in demand, particularly linked to women's participation, alongside incremental improvements in supply. However, the scale of change is not sufficient to materially alter the overall findings of the 2023 PPOSS. The focus therefore remains on maintaining pitch quality, supporting clubs to accommodate growth, and ensuring that facilities are flexible enough to respond to evolving participation trends.
- 8.9.

Cricket Recommendations

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1. Protect existing quantity of cricket squares, including the protection from development that may prejudice the use of a cricket square such as residential development near a cricket outfield (ball strike issues). This includes gaining security of tenure on sites without long-term agreements in place. Responsibility of WCCB, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
2. Through the Warwickshire County Cricket Board (WCCB), ECB and Ground Maintenance Association support can be given to clubs supporting grounds staff to review quality issues on squares to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and poor, and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of WCCB, ECB, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
3. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of squares, this may include providing additional squares on the outfield for junior cricket including Nuneaton Cricket Club, Ambleside and Bedworth Cricket Club. Responsibility of WCCB, ECB, NBBC and Sports Club where appropriate. Feasibility is dependent on landowner/club agreement and the availability of funding through WCCB/ECB grant programmes; this should be tested with each club as part of action plan delivery.
4. Explore options of alleviating overplay at sites identified, consider non-turf wickets or smaller squares for junior cricket, particularly on sites with significant junior play, as per point 3. Responsibility of Sports Clubs, WCCB, ECB. This refers to Nuneaton Cricket Club, Ambleside and Bedworth Cricket Club (as identified above); achievability will depend on club appetite for non-turf wickets/smaller squares and funding availability.
5. Seek new or refurbishment of training facilities at clubs where required e.g. Paul's Land, Bulkington CC, Newdigate Recreation Ground (NBBC, Sports Club and WCCB)
6. Explore options of refurbishment of ancillary facilities where provision is assessed as poor quality. Ensure all facilities wherever possible can be improved to cater for women and girls' cricket as it continues to grow e.g. Paul's Land, Bulkington CC, Newdigate Recreation Ground (NBBC, Sports Club and WCCB)
7. Ensure that any large housing developments provide for cricket and need is assessed by use of Sport England's Playing Pitch Calculator Tool. Ensure that new facilities are provided through either on site developments or if required off-site improvements to existing cricket facilities. Responsibility of NBBC.
8. Where a proposed development is of a size to justify on-site cricket provision, ensure that any proposals for new squares are in locations to attract adequate demand. A six-wicket square of 'good' quality will provide 30 match equivalent sessions per season (WCCB and NBBC)

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9. Rugby Union Stage E Update

- 9.1. As shown in Table 8, there is currently an overall shortfall of 0.5 MES pitches across the study area for Rugby Union training, although there is spare capacity in some sub-areas. The shortfalls are in Weddington and St Nicolas and Bede and Poplar. This is mainly due to lack of floodlights on grass pitches so training cannot take place. By 2038, there is expected to be 8 MES shortfall due to future demand and growth.
- 9.2. There is spare capacity of Rugby Union pitches for fixtures of 5 MES, however there will be a shortfall of 5 MES when factoring in future growth.

Table 8: Headline Findings the NBBC 2023 Demand Rugby Union Grass Pitches

Sport	Current demand 2023		Future Demand 2038	
	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision
Rugby Union Pitches (training)	Abbey and Wem Brook	No provision	Abbey and Wem Brook	No provision
	Arbury and Stockingford	1 MES	Arbury and Stockingford	1 MES
	Bede and Poplar	1 MES	Bede and Poplar	4.5 MES
	Bedworth North and West	No shortfall in provision (1.5)	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand
	Camp Hill and Galley Common	No provision	Camp Hill and Galley Common	No provision
	Weddington and St Nicolas	Balanced supply and demand	Weddington and St Nicolas	2.5 MES
	Whitestone and Bulkington.	Balanced supply and demand	Whitestone and Bulkington.	Balanced supply and demand
	NBBC Total	Shortfall of 0.5 MES	NBBC Total	Shortfall of 8 MES
Rugby Union Pitches (fixtures)	Abbey and Wem Brook	No provision	Abbey and Wem Brook	No provision
	Arbury and Stockingford	Balanced supply and demand	Arbury and Stockingford	No shortfall in provision (1)
	Bede and Poplar	No shortfall in provision (1)	Bede and Poplar	3.5 MES
	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand	Bedworth North and West	Balanced supply and demand
	Camp Hill and Galley Common	No provision	Camp Hill and Galley Common	No provision
	Weddington and St Nicolas	No shortfall in provision (3)	Weddington and St Nicolas	2.5 MES

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Sport	Current demand 2023		Future Demand 2038	
	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision
	Whitestone and Bulkington.	No shortfall in provision (1)	Whitestone and Bulkington.	Balanced supply and demand
	NBBC Total	5 MES Spare Capacity	NBBC Total	Shortfall of 5 MES

Supply

- 9.3. Since the publication of the 2023 PPOSS, there have been no material changes to rugby union pitch provision across the Borough. The quantity, distribution and configuration of rugby union pitches remain consistent with the previous assessment, with no new sites brought forward and no loss of existing provision identified. As such, the overall supply position is unchanged.
- 9.4. While no additional provision has been delivered, this also means that the existing network continues to perform the same role in accommodating demand. The focus therefore remains on maintaining pitch quality and ensuring that existing sites can sustain current and future usage levels, rather than responding to any structural change in supply.

Demand

- 9.5. The overall increase in rugby participation is modest (+4 teams), but the demand has shifted since the adoption of the 2023 PPOSS. This growth contributes directly to the future shortfalls set out in Table 8 (an increase from a 0.5 MES training shortfall in 2023 to a projected 8 MES shortfall by 2038, and a shift from 5 MES spare fixture capacity to a 5 MES fixture shortfall), reinforcing the need for the lighting and capacity actions set out below.
- Growth is being driven by mini/midi rugby (+5 teams)
 - There is emerging growth in girls' rugby (+3 teams from a zero base)
 - Adult provision remains static
 - Some redistribution of junior teams between clubs, rather than uniform growth

Table 9: Changes in Rugby Union Demand since PPOSS 2023 Grass Pitches

Team	2022-23	2025-26	Change
Adult Male	10	10	0
Adult Women	2	2	0

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Team	2022-23	2025-26	Change
Junior boys'	12	11	-1
Junior girls'	0	3	+3
Mini/Midi	13	18	+5
Total	37	34	+7

9.6. In relation to specific clubs;

Table 10: Changes in Rugby Union Demand since PPOSS 2023 Grass Pitches – club specific

Team	2022-23	2025-26	Change
Bedworth RUFC	11	11	0
Coventry Welsh RFC	4	3	-1
Manor Park RFC	2	2	0
Nuneaton Old Edwardians RFC	7	11	4
Nuneaton RFC	15	16	1

9.7. Overall, the number of rugby teams has increased from 37 to 44, with growth driven primarily by mini/midi participation and the emergence of junior girls' teams. Adult provision has remained static, while junior boys' teams have slightly declined by 1 team since the 2023 PPOSS.

9.8. At a club level, growth is concentrated at a small number of sites, particularly Nuneaton Old Edwardians RFC, which has seen significant expansion in mini/midi teams. This is played on land on the site, utilising spare grass areas and overspill from the cricket squares. Nuneaton RFC has also experienced modest growth, while Bedworth RUFC has maintained overall numbers but shifted towards girls' provision. Coventry Welsh RFC has seen a slight decline, and Manor Park RFC remains unchanged, highlighting uneven development across clubs.

Rugby Union Developments for Bedworth Rugby Club / Nicholas Chamberlain School

9.9. Further progress is also being made in relation to Bedworth Rugby Club and the long-term development of provision at Nicholas Chamberlain School. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council has already received approximately £1.2m of Section 106 funding to support the development of a new clubhouse facility at the site, with ongoing work between the Council and the Rugby Club regarding the release and delivery of the funding package.

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- 9.10. In addition, separate investment is progressing in relation to new floodlighting infrastructure to improve training capacity and overall pitch usage throughout the year. Collectively, these projects have the potential to significantly enhance the quality, sustainability and capacity of rugby provision within the Borough. An example of this is Manor Park who has developed sports lighting on their pitch for training since the publication of the 2023 PPOSS.

Rugby Union Recommendations

1. Secure tenure for all clubs that do not have long-term agreements in place (RFU, NBBC)
2. Continue to work with all rugby union clubs to support the growth of teams through development plans and population growth, with a particular focus on mini/midi and girls' rugby, reflecting the observed increase in participation in these formats. (RFU, NBBC)
3. Clubs should continue to undertake official pitch assessments and implement recommended maintenance regimes to sustain pitch quality and capacity, particularly where usage is increasing at youth level (RFU, Clubs).
4. Given no change in overall supply, the priority should be to maximise the use of existing pitches. This includes improving pitch quality and ensuring effective programming to accommodate increased mini/midi and junior demand before considering new provision (NBBC, RFU, Clubs).
5. Where feasible, develop fixed sports lighting solutions to rugby pitches to provide additional opportunities for training and fixtures to take place (NBBC, RFU, Clubs). Refer to RFU floodlighting regulations for appropriate league requirements. This includes Bedworth RUFC/Nicholas Chamberlain School and Nuneaton RFC.
6. If pitch lighting solutions are not feasible, where space allows, provide off-pitch sports lighting solutions to training areas on all community available sites to relieve overplay on current pitches. Mobile sports lighting solutions should be considered where there are construction and/or/planning implications (RFU, Clubs)
7. Consider developing further World Rugby Compliant AGPs to reduce overplay on sites, this needs to be done in consideration with Football Foundation and Birmingham County FA to ensure all pitches are sustainable (NBBC, RFU, Sport England, FF, BCFA).

10. Hockey Stage E Update

- 10.1. There has been no change in either supply or demand since the publication of the 2023 PPOSS. Hockey in NBBC remains characterised by a single-club, single-pitch model, with provision concentrated on one sand-dressed AGP located at Etone Sports Centre. However, the quality of the existing surface has declined since the previous assessment, and this now represents the most significant issue impacting hockey within the Borough. As a result, whilst the overall strategic position remains unchanged, the need to address pitch quality and long-term sustainability has become more pressing.

Table 11: Headline Findings from the NBBC 2023 PPOSS - Sand-dressed AGP – Hockey

Sport	Current demand 2023		Future Demand 2038	
	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision	Analysis Sub Area	Shortfall in Provision
Hockey AGP	Study Area	Balanced supply and demand	Study Area	Balanced supply and demand

Supply

- 10.2. The Borough continues to operate with a single sand-dressed AGP suitable for hockey, meaning there has been no quantitative change in supply. However, the declining condition of the surface is reducing its effectiveness and usability, particularly for competitive hockey. Without intervention, this may impact the ability of the site to meet current and future demand. There remains a reliance on a single facility, which presents an inherent risk in terms of resilience and continuity of provision. There is some football use on the sand-dressed AGP in the Borough. If clubs move onto developed 3G AGPs, these pitches must continue to be sustainable.
- 10.3. There is the potential to develop a new sand-dressed AGP as part of the Higham Lane North Academy site, although this has not yet been developed. As there is only a requirement for one hockey-suitable AGP within NBBC, the provision of a second pitch would not be necessary from a quantitative perspective. However, if delivered, it may present an alternative option for Nuneaton Hockey Club, who may choose to relocate to the most appropriate site based on pitch quality, location and security of tenure. At present, there are no plans for the club to move from Etone Sports Centre, although the existing surface is approaching the end of its lifecycle and is likely to require resurfacing within the next two years.
- 10.4. Any potential relocation should only be considered where long-term security of tenure (20+ years) can be guaranteed, alongside sufficient access to peak-time and training slots to meet the club’s needs. Consideration should also be given to the accessibility of the site for members, including travel distances for training and fixtures, as well as the ability to provide appropriate ancillary and social facilities to support club sustainability.

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Demand

10.5. Demand for hockey remains stable, with no evidence of significant growth or decline in participation since the previous study. The existing club continues to operate within the capacity of the current facility, although the declining pitch quality may begin to constrain activity over time. The Borough therefore remains a one-pitch, one-club area, with needs broadly consistent with those identified in 2023. Nuneaton Hockey Club comprises 9 teams and 149 members, with capacity broadly balanced at peak times (0 MES spare capacity for adult hockey and 1 MES spare capacity for junior hockey) and no identified latent demand.

Hockey Recommendations

1. Protect and retain the net number of sand-dressed AGP pitches as hockey suitable AGP, responsibility of Education, the facility operator, EH, all relevant NGBS and FF, overseen by NBBC.
2. Ensure there are sufficient sand dressed AGPs across NBBC to cope with current and future hockey demand (Operator and NBBC)
3. Ensure all AGPs have security of tenure/community use agreements in place to maintain continued hockey use (EH, NBBC)
4. Where possible, provide sufficient ancillary facilities on all sites to allow clubs to have a base including suitable changing facilities for all participants, particularly women and girls (EH).
5. Ensure a sinking fund is in place for long-term sustainability of the pitches (EH and facility operator).
6. Where a sand-dressed AGP is converted to 3G AGP, this should be with the approval of all parties including England Hockey, Football Foundation, Birmingham County FA and Sport England. First and foremost, mitigation must be in place to cope with all current and future demand of hockey.
7. In line with Sports England guidance, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council would usually require a planning application where any playing pitch surface is being changed from one type to another, such as sand based to 3G as this would constitute an engineering operation. (There are some exceptions to this, but the advice would always be to check with the Local Planning Authority first.) This is to enable consideration of potential issues including those relating to surface drainage, noise, lighting, and to allow consultation to take place with Sport England to ensure that any impact on sports provision is assessed.

11. Tennis Stage E Update

Table 12: Tennis Overview

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There is good coverage of tennis courts throughout the study area although only one formal tennis club within the borough. there are 26 outdoor courts across eight sites in NBBC, 50% are good quality, 50% are standard quality, and there are no poor-quality courts in the borough. Membership data from the 2023 PPOSS baseline shows Nuneaton Lawn Tennis Club (the Borough's only formal tennis club) had 235 members, equivalent to 0.22% of NBBC's population aged 16+ and 11.2% of the estimated 2,093 people playing tennis at least twice every 28 days. Membership had doubled over the preceding five years, with a further 35 members anticipated within three years of the 2023 assessment (270 members by 2026). The club reported excellent facilities with no capacity constraints, drawing members travelling over 20 minutes in some cases due to the quality of provision, though noted a lack of external local authority/governing body funding support. See the Padel Stage E Update below for detail on padel provision, planning applications and national context relevant to this Strategy. Higham Lane North Academy (Upper Farm Drive, Weddington) has also been constructed with four additional outdoor hard courts (tennis/netball/basketball), which are being brought forward for community hire via School Space. As the courts have only recently opened, membership and usage data are not yet available, although consultation has revealed no tennis is currently played on the site. All sites are available to the community although three sites are in schools and access is therefore limited. There is currently spare capacity at all sites although Nuneaton LTC is currently working at 78% utilisation rate.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	There is currently spare capacity on both club and community sites. However, Pingles Leisure Centre and Bulkington Recreation Ground also have netball on these courts during the evening, which reduces the spare capacity on site.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	Sites were rated as good quality (50%) and standard quality (50%). Generally, the maintenance of the courts is adequate and rated as good at Pingles LC, Miners Welfare Park, and Nuneaton LTC

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Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	If participation continues to grow in line with the population the playing population will increase by 6.09%. In contrast, there are no known changes to supply in the future. This means that club sites are estimated to be operating at 78% of capacity and public courts at 83% of capacity in the future.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	Given the projected increases in demand, there will likely still be capacity on community available tennis courts across the borough. Nuneaton LTC may reach 90% utilisation rate on their courts, through latent demand and population increase, however, the club state there is currently spare capacity on their site. Stage E summary: No material change to core tennis supply has been identified since 2023 other than the new hard courts at Higham Lane North Academy (see above); Nuneaton LTC remains the Borough's only affiliated club and reports no quality or capacity issues. Given the rapid growth of padel nationally (see below), NBBC and the LTA should monitor whether this is affecting casual/recreational tennis demand locally.

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Padel is not currently formally provided for within NBBC's playing pitch/outdoor sport supply but has seen exceptionally rapid national growth: UK participation more than doubled in 2025 to around 860,000 players, and court numbers rose from 870 to over 1,550 nationally over the same period, with the LTA investing over £6m in new courts and targeting 1,300+ dedicated LTA-linked courts by the end of 2026. An estimated 8 million people nationally have expressed an interest in trying the sport, indicating significant latent demand.

Core Padel Nuneaton (Century Park, Ballin Road, off Tuttle Hill, CV10 9GA): a privately operated indoor padel venue comprising 8 courts (7 doubles and 1 singles), plus gym and studio space, opened on 18 July 2026. Delivered via planning application (reference 041406) for change of use of former industrial/distribution units (Units 1-5 and 9-11, Century Park) to a padel centre. This is a commercial, pay-and-play facility rather than a community-use/NGB-secured site, so falls outside the standard security-of-tenure framework applied elsewhere in this Strategy, but represents a significant new source of padel supply in the Borough.

Grayson Place, Nuneaton town centre ("Te Amo Padel"): a Council-led regeneration scheme (part of the wider Grayson Place development, alongside a Hampton by Hilton hotel, food hall and Digital Skills Innovation Centre) which will include both indoor and outdoor padel courts, including a dedicated "championship" outdoor court reported to be the first of its kind in the country. NBBC exchanged contracts with the operator in March 2026. Indoor fit-out does not require planning permission, but a separate planning application is required for the outdoor courts; a confirmed reference number and decision date, and a confirmed public opening date, have not been identified from publicly available sources at the time of this review.

Implications for the Strategy: two padel facilities are now progressing in Nuneaton (one open, one under development), which is a material change since the 2023 PPOSS (which did not consider padel). Given the scale of national growth and local delivery, NBBC and partners (LTA) should consider padel as part of future full reviews of this Strategy, including a proper assessment of supply, demand and latent demand once further participation data is available locally. The Grayson Place outdoor courts, once secured, should also be added to the Council's own asset/community-use records given its town-centre, Council-led nature.

Tennis Recommendations

1. Protect existing quantity of tennis courts. This includes gaining security of tenure on sites without long-term agreements in place. Responsibility of NBBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
2. Support grounds staff to review quality issues on courts to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of, LTA, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
3. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of courts. Responsibility of LTA, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.

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4. Ensure that any large housing developments provide for tennis and need is assessed by use of Sport England's ANOG Guidance.
5. Where developments would benefit from floodlights on site to provide additional evening capacity, work with facility owners to determine the viability of these investments. Consideration should be given to Nicholas Chamberlain School as part of the multisport nature of the site, and Higham Lane North School, both linked with long-term security of tenure for multisport.
6. NBBC and partners (LTA) should consider padel as part of future full reviews of this Strategy, including a proper assessment of supply, demand and latent demand once further participation data is available locally

12. Netball Stage E Update

Table 13: Netball Overview

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There are 19 outdoor netball courts across 8 sites in the Study Area. Five of these courts, located on two sites (Heckley Fields and Nicholas Chamberlain School) are not floodlit, all other courts are floodlit. The majority of sites are on local-authority-owned with the remainder split between education and sports clubs. All facilities are available to the community. Higham Lane North Academy has also been constructed with four additional outdoor netball courts (multi-marked with tennis/basketball), increasing the Borough's outdoor netball court supply from 19 to 21 across nine sites; these are newly opened and not yet in active club/community use. In terms of team numbers, netball clubs known to use outdoor courts in the Borough (as at the 2023 PPOSS) included Bulkington Netball/Cherry Bombs (Totally Netball League, 8 teams/56 players), Griff and Coton Netball Club (4 senior teams plus a junior section) and Synergy Netball Club (3 senior teams plus junior sessions). Of the 19 outdoor courts, 12 are of good quality, 4 are in standard condition, with 3 poor courts present in NBBC, located at Heckley Fields and Bulkington Rec Ground. There are 5 clubs, a total membership of 163, 17 senior teams and 11 junior teams. Formal demand is split between number of sites both local authority, education and sports club owned. The 2023 PPOSS consultation recorded the following club-by-club position: Ambleside NC (57 members; 7 senior/4 junior teams; home venue Ambleside Sports Club) - the largest club in the area, aspiring to grow by a further 10 players; Bulkington Sports NC (35 members; 2 senior teams; Pingles Leisure Centre), with no growth aspiration beyond maintaining current numbers; Synergy NC (32 members; 4 senior/4 junior teams; Pingles Leisure Centre/Nuneaton Academy), which stated the most significant growth aspiration of the clubs consulted (up to 200 players); Griff and Coton NC (27 members; 3 senior/3 junior teams; Griff and Coton Sports Club), aspiring to grow by around 20 players; and Cherry Bombs NC (12 members; 1 senior team; Pingles Leisure Centre). Note that the separately referenced Totally Netball League at Pingles Leisure Centre (8 teams/56 players) is a competitive league format rather than a single club and includes participation from Bulkington Sports NC and Cherry Bombs NC players among others.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	There is currently spare capacity for netball in the Study Area, with all sites being secure. Clubs aspire to grow, and, in all cases, this can happen due to the facilities available. The bigger challenge for netball is indoor court availability, stated in the NBBC Indoor Facilities Strategy (2021). The indoor court supply will increase due to a new physical activity hub at in Bedworth will open in 2024 providing additional indoor netball opportunities.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	Only one of the courts in the Study Area was rated as poor quality, located at Heckley Fields. There are good quality courts throughout the study area, the two most recently developed/refurbished are located at Pingles Leisure Centre, Nuneaton and Miners Welfare Park, Bedworth, this includes a county standard netball court with electronic code access. Consultations with the clubs did not reveal any urgent quality issues with the courts.

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Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	Three clubs have specific growth priorities, Synergy, Griff and Coton and Ambleside and there are no issues that could inhibit future development of the clubs. Future demand is projected to increase by 6.9% (3 hours) through population growth and a further 5 hours through club growth aspirations. There are sufficient facilities and availability on these sites to support this growth.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	Demand is due to increase by 12% in total which means that all good quality, secured sites are likely to form an increasingly important role in the future. There is spare capacity on sites currently, and this will provide for future growth. There is also spare capacity on these sites for different formats of the sport i.e. walking netball. The demand is likely to be catered for through both the current outdoor courts and new indoor netball facilities. Stage E summary: Supply has increased marginally since 2023 with the addition of four further outdoor courts at Higham Lane North Academy (see above). Quality issues remain limited to Heckley Fields and Bulkington Recreation Ground, both of which already feature in the recommendations below.

Netball Recommendations

1. Protect existing quantity of netball courts. Responsibility of NBBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
2. Support grounds staff to review quality issues on courts to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of, England Netball, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
3. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of courts, working with facility owners/managers to provide both indoor and outdoor netball. Responsibility of England Netball, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
4. Work with Sports Club and England Netball to refurbish Bulkington Recreation Ground Netball Court
5. Where developments would benefit from floodlights on site to provide additional evening capacity, work with facility owners to determine the viability of these investments including Higham Lane North School

13. Bowls Stage E Update

Table 14: Bowls Overview

Key Question	Analysis
What are the main characteristics of the current supply and demand for provision?	There are currently 12 sites across NBBC. Two of these facilities are Flat Green Bowls facilities (Nuneaton and Ambleside) with 2 greens and a total of 12 rinks. There are 10 crown green bowls sites, with 15 greens. There are 2 flat green clubs in the Study Area with a total membership of 122 players. There are 9 crown green bowls clubs, with a total membership of 568 players. Post-pandemic England Bowls has since its biggest increase in members for over ten years. It is imperative that there are sufficient good quality facilities to cope with demand.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet current demand?	All sites within the study area have security of tenure. The facilities are all owned by sports clubs or the local authority. All clubs express they have capacity to take on more members, indicating there is spare capacity for new users across the study area. Although the larger clubs may express, they have capacity to take on more members, this could impact the satisfaction of the current membership base.
Is the provision that is accessible of sufficient quality and appropriately maintained?	Of the flat green available sites, both were rated as good quality. Maintenance is thought to be generally of good level despite most of the clubs relying on volunteers. On the Crown Green Sites, the quality ranges from standard, on 5 facilities and good on 4 facilities. No facilities in the study area were classed as poor although Miners Welfare Park was stated as poor through the club consultation, this facility has since been improved.
What are the main characteristics of the future supply and demand for provision?	Future population projections indicate a potential for 43 additional players over the course of the local plan period. There are no changes expected to the current supply in the area. Due to pandemic recovery effect within Bowls, England Bowls has already seen a growth of 100+ members for these clubs in the first 6 months of 2023, this has since slowed down.
Is there enough accessible and secured community use provision to meet future demand?	A potential increase in player numbers would still provide adequate provision of secured sites. This means that although the future demand is likely to be higher than currently, there will still be sufficient flat green and crown green bowls facilities to cope with future demand. Mitigation for the loss of Smarts Road would also support additional members within NBBC.

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- 13.1. No material change to bowls supply has been identified since 2023 - the Borough's 2 flat green and 9 crown green clubs and their facilities remain as previously assessed, and no new sites or losses have been reported through this review. The 2023 position (122 flat green members, 568 crown green members, and the post-pandemic growth trend). The status of mitigation for the loss of Smart's Road has not been re-confirmed as part of this review.

Bowls Recommendations

1. Protect existing quantity of all facilities. Responsibility of NBBC, Sports Club, Facility Owners.
2. Support grounds staff to review quality issues on greens to ensure appropriate quality is achieved at sites assessed as standard and sustained at sites assessed as good. Responsibility of Bowls bodies, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
3. Ensure club future demand can be accommodated on existing supply of greens. Responsibility of Bowls bodies, NBBC and Sports Clubs where appropriate.
4. Work with clubs to support development and growth of the sport.

14. Summary of Recommendations

Table 15: Summary of Recommendations

Objective	Recommendation
OBJECTIVE 1: To protect the existing supply of outdoor sports facilities to meet current and future needs	- Recommendation 1: Ensure all existing outdoor sports facilities are protected through the implementation of local planning policy, with particular focus on sites at risk of loss or change of use (e.g. football grass pitches and single-site provision sports such as hockey); - Recommendation 2: Secure long-term tenure and community use agreements across all key sites to enable access to external funding and support club sustainability; and - Recommendation 3: Protect access to education sites where they form a critical part of the supply network, ensuring formalised agreements are in place where demand exists
OBJECTIVE 2: To enhance outdoor sports provision and ancillary facilities through improving quality and management of sites	- Recommendation 4: Prioritise improvements to pitch quality across all sports, with a focus on sites currently assessed as poor or basic, recognising that quality is the primary constraint on capacity rather than quantity; - Recommendation 5: Work with facility operators, NGBs and clubs to implement appropriate maintenance regimes, including continued use of PitchPower, ECB support and RFU processes to sustain and improve provision; - Recommendation 6: Secure and maximise external funding opportunities, including Football Foundation, ECB and RFU investment, ensuring that barriers such as tenure are addressed; - Recommendation 7: Improve ancillary provision, particularly changing facilities, to support increased participation in women and girls sport and to enable sites to operate effectively as multi-team hubs.
OBJECTIVE 3: To provide new outdoor sports facilities where there is current or future demand to do so	- Recommendation 8: Focus new provision on areas and formats where demand is increasing, particularly junior and mini football, women and girls sport, and where existing provision is constrained or at risk; - Recommendation 9: Prioritise reconfiguration and optimisation of existing sites (e.g. converting adult football pitches to youth formats, use of non-turf wickets in cricket, improved training provision in rugby) before delivering new facilities; - Recommendation 10: Support the delivery of new strategic facilities where required, including 3G AGPs and potential replacement or additional provision (e.g. hockey AGP), ensuring developments are located in areas of greatest demand and supported by appropriate mitigation where existing provision is lost.

15. Action Plan

- 15.1. The Sport Specific Action Plan below provide individual sport recommendations and individual site recommendations by geographic area and reflect the outcomes of the scenarios and identified quantitative and quality improvements identified in Section 3 and in Section 4 of this report.
- 15.2. The Sport Specific and Individual Site Action Plans are given timescales to deliver:

1. Short Term Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the PPOSS);	2. Medium Term. Delivered within 6 years; and	3. Long Term. No specific date – In many instances the action is an aspiration and is general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with and is not an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.
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- 15.3. The strategic actions within Appendix F and G have also been ranked as low, medium, or high based on cost. These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs. The range in which these sit is:

4. (L) - Low - less than £50k	5. (M) - Medium - £50k-£250k	6. (H) - High £250k and above
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- 15.4. In addition to using the planning system to lever in developer contributions, it is recognised that external partner funding will need to be sought to deliver much of the action plan. Although seeking developer contributions in applicable situations and other local funding/community schemes could go some way towards meeting deficiencies and/or improving provision, other potential/match sources of funding should be investigated e.g. look to apply for grants and work with NGBs and Sport England to seek partnership funding for several projects.
- 15.5. it is important that the PPOSS Steering Group keep this strategy alive. This will be achieved by:
- 15.6. Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions;
- 15.7. Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch provision; and
- 15.8. Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends.

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Table 16: Action Plan
Where a specific action or date is now known (for example, Higham Lane North Academy pitches becoming available from September 2026, or the Miner's Welfare Park 3G AGP opening in late 2026), the Timescales column below should be read alongside the site-specific 2025 Update column, which sets out the actual, current position rather than the generic Short/Medium/Long-term band originally assigned in 2023.

Site ID	Postcode	Site Name	Sport	Security of Use	Surface	Management	Status	Timescales	Cost	2025 Update
75	CV12 8RS	Ambleside road	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Adult 11v11 - Disused (unmarked) pitch	Short	L	WCC Land, potential for loss on this site. Monitor potential impacts of proposed development sites at Ambleside Road and secure appropriate mitigation where required
7	CV11 6AT	Ambleside Sports Club	Outdoor Tennis	Secure	Tarmac	Sports Club	2x asphalt courts. Football and netball use also present. Floodlit. No nets at time of visit. Standard quality	Medium	L	
21	CV11 6AT	Ambleside Sports Club	Netball	Secure	Macadam	Sports Club	1x Purpose built netball site, with team dugouts and seating. 2x macadam netball/tennis courts – floodlit	Medium	L	
42	CV11 6AT	Ambleside Sports Club	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x adult 11 v 11(good) full size pitches, 1 x mini 7v7 (good) pitch and 1 x good ancillary facilities	September 2026	M	4 Pitches on site are good to advanced - PitchPower completed November 25
115	CV11 6AT	Ambleside Sports Club	Cricket	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 square, 11 wicket, good quality site. Good ancillary facilities, used by several teams.	Medium	L	
30	CV11 6AT	Ambleside Sports Club (flat green)	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 x green of good quality with 6 jacks. Good ancillary facilities	Medium	L	
76	CV12 0HA	Anderton Road pitch	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Youth 11 v 11 - Disused (unmarked) pitch	Medium	L	
77	CV11 4LF	Attleborough Recreation Ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Adult 11v11 - Disused (unmarked) pitch	Medium	L	Last PitchPower was completed November 24 - 2 pitches were basic
32	CV11 4RD	Attleborough Sports Club	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	Two greens of good quality with 6 jacks with good ancillary facilities	Medium	L	Whilst technically in Wem Brook ward, this site is in the Whitestone and Bulkington PPS sub area
118	CV11 4RD	Attleborough Sports Club	Cricket	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 square, 10 wicket, good quality site. Good ancillary facilities, used by several teams.	Short	H	Whilst technically in Wem Brook ward, this site is in the Whitestone and Bulkington PPS sub area
91	CV12 8JT	Bedworth Physical Activity Hub / Miner's Welfare Park	AGP	Secure	3G AGP	Local Authority	1 x 9v9 floodlit pitch – opening late 2026	Medium	H	Support delivery and opening of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub 9v9 3G AGP in late 2026not
24	CV10 7HU	Bermuda Phoenix Centre	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Community Organisation/ Sports Club	1 bowling green having four jacks with standard rated green and ancillary. Machinery and storage needs bringing up to date. .	Medium	L	
63	CV10 7HU	Bermuda Phoenix Centre	Football	Secure	Grass	Trust	1 x adult 11 v 11. Standard quality	Short	M	PitchPower completed September 2025 - 1 basic pitch
85	CV7 9HP	Blackberry lane recreation ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Currently unused, Bulkington Poppies FC want to use this as their home ground (11v 11/9 v 9) and base for the club on a self-management agreement.11v11 pitch will be reinstated with preseason pitch maintenance for the new season. Addition of an additional 9v9 pitch to follow. Medium Term plan for site with Poppies FC taking over the Pitch Licence for site, will see the development of a club house with changing provision added to the site.	Medium	L	Last PitchPower was completed June 2023 - 3 poor pitches

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9	CV12 9LT	Bulkington Rec Ground	Outdoor Tennis	Secure	Macadam	Local Authority	Large multi-sport site with indoor sports and football, cricket, MUGA and netball. 2 x standard courts. Clubhouse on site and bowling specific.	Medium	L	
22	CV12 9LT	Bulkington Rec Ground	Netball	Secure	Tarmac	Sports Club	1 x floodlit netball court, poor standard, available to the community	Short	M	
119	CV12 9LT	Bulkington Rec Ground	Cricket	Secure	Grass, Non-turf Wicket	Sports Club	1 square, 7 wicket site on Local Authority owned land, used by Bulkington CC, standard ancillary facilities, non-turf wicket also on site, used for training and junior cricket	Medium	L	
95	CV12 9LT	Bulkington Recreation Ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	2 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch, 1 x junior 9v9 (poor) pitch and 1 x good ancillary facility	Medium	L	
33	CV12 9JB	Bulkington Sports and Social Club / Recreation Ground	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x good standard green and ancillary facilities and machinery storage needs bringing up to date	Medium	L	
96	CV12 9JA	Camp Farm	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch, 1 x mini 7v7 (standard) pitch. There are a small number of sites across the study area that have spare capacity for mini 7v7 pitch provision, particularly in Whitestone and Bulkington due to spare capacity at Camp farm (3.5 MES).	Medium	H	
51	CV10 9QA	Camp Hill Primary School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x youth 11v11 (standard) pitch, junior 9 v 9 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	Medium	L	
97	CV11 4SE	Chetwynd Junior School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x youth 11 v 11 (standard) pitch , 1 junior 9v9 (standard), 1 mini 5v5 (standard) pitch	Medium	L	
86	CV12 8AP	Collycroft recreation ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Junior 9v9 - ad-hoc club use	Short	M	This site is still identified as a possible development site for housing or supermarket. Proposals are looking at retaining the football pitch on the site (site with no changing). Monitor potential impacts of proposed development and secure appropriate mitigation where required In line with the approach set out elsewhere in this Strategy, any loss of pitch provision at this site should be secured through equivalent or better replacement provision rather than financial mitigation alone.
15	CV6 6AY	Coventry Welsh	Rugby Union	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	High quality site, with good ancillary facilities. Floodlit pitch on site, which is used for training and fixtures. Standard quality clubhouse.	Medium	L	
78	CV11 4LU	Craft centre	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Adult 11v11 - Disused (unmarked) pitch	Medium	L	
65	CV10 8ER	Croft Junior School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x junior 11v11 (standard), 1 x mini 7v7 (standard) quality - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
79	CV10 9DA	Elizabeth centre (closed)	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Youth 11 v 11 – Closed	Medium	L	
43	CV11 6AD	Etone College Sports Field	Football	Secure	Grass	Education	1 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) full size pitches, 3 x youth 11 v 11 (standard), 2 x mini 7 v 7 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	Medium	L	

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35	CV11 6AD	Etone Sports Centre	AGP	Secure	Sand Dressed	Education / Leisure Operator	1 full 11 v 11 floodlit sand dressed pitch. Standard quality, bordering on poor quality. This will need to be resurfaced in the short/medium term. Used for football training 9 hours per week. Spare capacity on the site for additional football and hockey.	Withing 2 years	H	Etone College 3G is in a poor state, the standard of surface is impacting Nuneaton Hockey Club who are looking at locations out of Borough now to accommodate need (Etone Academy is owned by WCC and NBBC who used to manage site on their behalf have handed the facilities back to Academy / WCC)
102	CV11 4NF	Gala Field / Pingles	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	2 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch	Medium	L	Last PitchPower November 2024 - 2 poor pitches. Club still interested in GPMF but issue a lease on the grass pitches which has prevented this being able to be completed. Continue progressing legal/security of tenure arrangements at Gala Field / Pingles to enable access to Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding. Support delivery of pitch quality improvements at Gala Field / Pingles through Football Foundation and PitchPower processes
101	CV11 4QP	George Eliot School / Raveloe Drive	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	2 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch, 1 x youth 11 v 11 (standard) , 1 mini 7v7 (standard) with ancillary facilities of standard quality.	Medium	L	Last PitchPower November 23 - 7 poor pitches
68	CV12 0HP	Goodyers End Primary School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 5v5 (standard) pitch - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
57	CV10 7EL	Greenmoor Recreation Ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local authority	2 x adult 11 v 11, poor quality	Medium	M	Nuneaton Borough JFC who has a licence to operate site from NBBC have Removed 9v9 and 7v7 and put in an 11v11 to maximise the demand at the site. Last PitchPower March 25 - 3 pitches (2 basic & 1 poor)
17	CV10 7JQ	Griff and Coton Sports and Social Club	Netball	Secure	Tarmac	Sports Club	Good quality tarmac netball court with floodlights, facility owned and managed by the sport club. Multi-sport site with good club house but standard ancillary facilities.	Short	M	
26	CV10 7JQ	Griff and Coton Sports and Social Club	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	Two greens with 6 jacks floodlit but in poor condition. Equipment needs replacement. Standard ancillary facility	Medium	L	
59	CV10 7JQ	Griff and Coton Sports and Social Club	Football	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 x adult 11v11, 2 x youth 11v11. Multisport pitch site. Consider pitch improvements alongside other sports on the site e.g. rugby union	Medium	M	
109	CV10 7JQ	Griff and Coton Sports and Social Club	Cricket	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 square, 11 wicket, good quality site. Standard ancillary facilities, used by several teams.	Medium	L	
10	CV10 7JQ	Griff and Cotton Sports and Social Club	Rugby Union	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	One standard quality senior rugby union pitch without floodlights. Standard quality pitch with average drainage and maintenance. Asked for support from RFU.The club is also looking to install electrics to the pitch to help us to install flood lighting for training / evening games when required to further playing development	Medium	M	
52	CV10 8LX	Haunchwood Recreation Ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x adult 11 v 11 full size pitches (poor quality) and 1 x poor ancillary facility	Medium	L	
34	CV10 9NH	Haunchwood Sports Bowls Club	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	2 x good standard green and ancillary facilities with 12 jacks.	Medium	L	

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20	CV7 9GQ	Heckley Fields	Netball	Secure	Tarmac	Community Organisation/ Sports Club	Poor surface, signs of anti-social behaviour and unofficial use. Courts and changing facilities need to be refurbished. No evidence of formal netball on this site.	Short	M	
87	CV7 9GQ	Heckley Fields	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Adult 11v11 - no identified club use / pitches marked out, 1 x standard ancillary facility. Mitigation of loss of Miner's Welfare Park (MWP) pitch, additional 11v11 grass pitch to be brought back into use (two in total), season maintenance works taking place to ensure suitable for league standards. Club house on site is already at capacity, working with Boxing Club who manage the pavilion for NBBC to look at development plans for the Pavilion to increase the number of changing rooms and facilities onsite. Long term plan to have as multi-sport hub site.	July 2026	L	Pitch installed as per mitigation for loss of MWP pitch. However the changing developments ongoing, feasibility study completed. Sourcing of funds is a challenge outside of the S106 funds collected so working with clubs on delivery (Boxing Club who manage existing building)
111	CV7 9EX	Heckley Fields Rec Ground	Cricket	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 square, 6 wicket site, standard quality, used by Bedworth CC with no current ancillary facilities although this is currently in development through mitigation of football pitch loss from another site	Medium	L	
8	CV10 0BJ	Higham Lane School	Outdoor Tennis	Unsecure	Tarmac	Education	3 x macadam courts available for community use and standard quality.	Medium	L	
44	CV10 0BJ	Higham Lane School	Football	Secure	Grass	Education	2 x adult 11v11 (standard) full size pitches, 2 x youth 11 v 11 (standard) , 1 x junior 9v9 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility.	Short	H	PitchPower last complete August 24 - 4 basic and 3 poor.
114	CV10 0BJ	Higham Lane School	Cricket	Secure	Grass, Non-turf Wicket	Education	1 square, 7 wicket site on education land, used by Ambleside CC as a second pitch, no ancillary facilities	Medium	L	
88	CV12 9BH	Johnson Road Recreation Ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x adult 11 v 11(good), 1 x youth 11 v 11(good), 1 x junior 9v9(good), 1 x mini 7v7 (good), 1 x mini 5v5 (standard) pitch and 1 standard ancillary facility. Football Foundation Pitch Improvement Plan in place	Short	M	Pitchpower complete October 25 - 3 advanced & 1 good. Review and improve existing ancillary provision at Johnson Road Recreation Ground following potential of modular building proposals
36	CV10 7EZ	Jubilee Sports Centre/St Thomas Moore Catholic School	AGP	Unsecure	3G AGP	Education	1 x mini floodlit 5 v 5 3Gpitch. Standard quality.	Medium	L	
90	CV7 8JZ	Keresley Newland Primary Academy	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 7v7 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	Medium	L	Pitchpower completed June 25 - 2 basic
89	CV7 8NG	Keresley Recreation Ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	2 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	Medium	L	

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103	CV11 4BE	King Edward VI Playing Field	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x youth 11v11 (standard) pitch, junior 9 v 9 (standard) pitch with poor quality ancillary facilities. PitchPower in place on site to improve grass pitches.	Short	H	PitchPower complete December 23 - 2 good & 4 advanced
56	CV11 5SS	Macintyre's Discovery Academy	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x adult 11 v 11, 1 x junior 9v9 (standard) pitch - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	This site is still identified as the long term cemetery mitigation site, and therefore this would see the loss of grass pitches and mitigated required elsewhere. The timescale on delivery of this has been delayed. Monitor long-term future of Marston Lane pitches and secure mitigation if pitches are permanently lost
80	CV12 8DR	Marston lane	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Adult 11v11 - Disused (unmarked) pitch	Short	M	
81	CV12 8DR	Marston lane	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Youth 11v11 - Disused (unmarked) pitch	Short	M	
55	CV10 7BQ	Middlemarch School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	2 adult 11v11 (standard) quality, 1 x mini 7v7, 1 x midi 5 v 5 - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
45	CV11 6JS	Milby Primary School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	2 x adult 11v11 (standard) full size pitches, 1 x mini 7 v 7 (standard), 1 x mini 5v5 (standard)	Medium	L	
6	CV12 8JT	Miners Welfare Park	Outdoor Tennis	Secure	Macadam	Local Authority	Brand new courts 2022 of good standard. 3 floodlit courts, overlapped with netball. Available for community use.	Medium	L	
27	CV12 8JT	Miners Welfare Park	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Community Organisation/ Sports Club	1 x standard green and ancillary facility. Negotiating with NBBC to enter into a self-management agreement of the bowling facility.	Medium	L	
112	CV12 8JT	Miners Welfare Park (Bedworth CC)	Cricket	Secure	Grass, Non-turf Wicket	Sports Club	1 square, 14 wicket site, good quality with good ancillary facilities. Several areas of the outfield used for junior and women and girls' cricket. The club are hoping to develop the number of teams including developing women and girls' cricket	Medium	L	
19	CV12 8JT	Miners Welfare Park/Bedworth Sports Club	Netball	Secure	Macadam	Sports Club	3x new courts, all floodlit, available to the community. 1x county standard and 2x casual training courts, located next to three brand new three tennis courts.	Medium	L	
71	CV12 0HA	Newdigate Primary School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x midi 7v7 (standard) pitch - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
113	CV12 0JP	Newdigate Rec Ground	Cricket	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 square, 10 wicket site, standard quality	Medium	L	
28	CV12 0JP	Newdigate Rec Ground	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 x green of standard quality with 6 jacks. Standard ancillary facility.	Medium	L	
70	CV12 0JP	Newdigate Rec Ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	Medium	M	PitchPower completed October 25 - 3 basic
4	CV12 9EA	Nicholas Chamberlain School	Outdoor Tennis	Unsecure	Tarmac	Education	Large school. No clubhouse. Assumed changing rooms in school. Poor markings. Tennis and netball markings, used for both for community use and education. Standard quality	Medium	L	

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11	CV12 9EA	Nicholas Chamberlain School	Rugby Union	Unsecure	Grass	Education	Pitches used by school during the day and club at weekends for friendly junior and mini rugby but plans in place for redevelopment. No spare capacity on site.	Short	H	Progress delivery of new Bedworth Rugby Club clubhouse at Nicholas Chamberlain School utilising S106 funding, alongside separate floodlighting investment to improve training capacity and year-round usage.
93	CV12 9EA	Nicholas Chamberlain School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	2 x adult 11v 11 (good), 2 x youth 11v11 (good), 2 x mini 5v5 (good) pitch and 1 x good ancillary facility. Over five hours PE use per pitch on these sites. Discussed development of grass pitch reconfiguration for Bedworth RFC. pitches used significantly by the school, Bedworth RUFC and football clubs based around this area. Rugby has a formal community use agreement on site. Work with football community clubs as part of PitchPower improvements for football.	Short	M	
46	CV11 6BH	North Warwickshire and Leicestershire College	Football	Secure	Grass	Education	1 x adult 11v11 (good) full size pitches, 1 x junior 9 v 9 (standard) pitch and 1 x good ancillary facility. Consider 3G AGP development for use of the college and community clubs during the evening and weekend. In principle, this is in the Football Foundation system / 3G Framework. Although provisionally this is planned for development in 2023, at the time of writing this document, no building has commenced, and the college are in the process of selling a piece of land to fund the pitch	Late 2026/Early 2027	H	College now progressing with Football Foundation in relation to funding application for 3G pitch and changing room improvements. Initial surveys undertaken and submission likely to be Autumn 2026 for funding decision early 2027. Continue engagement with the Football Foundation regarding the proposed 11v11 3G AGP at North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College.
5	CV10 7PD	Nuneaton Academy	Outdoor Tennis	Unsecure	Tarmac	Education	4 x courts with tarmac surface. Standard quality court. Available for community use.	Medium	L	
18	CV10 7PD	Nuneaton Academy	Netball	Unsecure	Tarmac	Education	3 outdoor court, floodlit, netball venue used by Synergy Netball Club. Site has significant PE and extra-curricular use and an indoor court. Standard ancillary facilities	Medium	L	
37	CV10 7PD	Nuneaton Academy	AGP	Unsecure	3G AGP	Education	1 X full 11 v 11 floodlit pitch. Good quality.	Medium	L	
83	CV10 7PD	Nuneaton Academy	Football	Secure	Grass	Education	1 x adult 11v11 full size pitch. Significant PE usage on this site, Secure community use	Medium	L	PitchPower completed September 25 - Sports Centre has 6 pitches - 1 poor & 5 basic
98	CV11 6RR	Nuneaton Borough FC	Football	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch and 1 x poor ancillary facility	Medium	M	PitchPower last completed March 22 - basic pitch
23	CV11 6AX	Nuneaton Bowling Club (flat green)	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	One bowling green having six jacks rated good and good condition ancillary facilities	Medium	L	

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116	CV10 0AN	Nuneaton Cricket Club	Cricket	Secure	Grass, Non-turf Wicket	Sports Club	2 square, 18 wicket, good quality site. Good ancillary facilities, used by several teams. The club are hoping to develop the number of teams including developing women and girls' cricket	Medium	M	
1	CV11 4QE	Nuneaton Lawn Tennis Club	Outdoor Tennis	Secure	Macadam	Sports Club	2x Astro courts. 3x asphalt courts, located in the Abbey and Wembrook sub-area of NBBC. Good quality courts. " Very high quality surfaces. Floodlit. Good netting and fencing throughout. Good quality clubhouse and ancillary facilities including showers. Easy access and parking	Medium	L	
12	CV11 6AX	Nuneaton Old Edwardians	Rugby Union	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	Senior and mini Pitches - excellent surfaces, markings and floodlights. Excellent site with good ancillary facilities, access and parking.	Medium	L	
13	CV11 6RR	Nuneaton RFC	Rugby Union	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	Large site, 3x senior pitches, 2x junior pitches. Poor ancillary facilities, 1 pitch floodlit (training pitch). Poor access to the site	Medium	M	
107	CV11 4QH	Oakwood Junior School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 7v7 pitch, standard quality.	Medium	L	
38	CV11 4QH	Oakwood Secondary School	AGP	Unsecure	3G AGP	Education	1 x mini 5 v 5 pitch. Standard quality	Medium	L	
54	CV10 8NL	Park Lane Primary School and Nursery	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 7v7 (standard) pitch	Medium	L	
72	CV10 8NL	Park Lane Primary School and Nursery	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 5v5 (standard) pitch - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
99	CV11 6QA	Paul's Land	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	5 x adult 11 v 11 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	Early 2027	M	NBBC have £15k funding to improve playing surface at this site for spend before March 2026 (UKSPF funding). PitchPower last completed July 22 - good pitch. Progress long-term ancillary improvement options at Paul's Land following closure of pavilion due to safety concerns
117	CV11 6QA	Paul's Land	Cricket	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Multisport site, poor ancillary facilities, consideration should be given to investment in the pitch quality and ancillary facilities for several sports including cricket and football.	Early 2027	H	NBBC have £15k funding to improve playing surface at this site for spend before March 2026 (UKSPF funding)
3	CV11 4LX	Pingles Leisure Centre	Outdoor Tennis	Secure	Macadam	Charity/Trust	Tennis and netball markings. Good quality court. EA managed facility - bookings through Pingles LC.	Medium	L	
16	CV11 4LX	Pingles Leisure Centre	Netball	Secure	Tarmac	Charity/Trust	Tennis and netball markings. Good quality surface. EA managed facility - bookings/changing through Pingles LC.	Medium	L	
104	CV11 5LR	Queen's CofE Academy Playing Fields	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x adult (standard), 1 x youth 11v11 (standard), 1 x mini 7v7 (standard) with standard ancillary facilities.	Medium	L	
69	CV12 8HG	Race Lays Junior School	Football	Secure	Grass	Education	1 x youth 11 v 11 (standard) pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility	Medium	L	

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47	CV10 0EL	Sandon Park	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1x adult 11v11 (standard) full size pitch, 2 x youth 11v11 (standard), 1 x mini 7 v 7(standard), 1 x mini 5v5 (standard) pitch and 1x standard ancillary facility. In the event of a 3G AGP being developed at North Warwickshire and Leicestershire College through the sale of grass pitches on site for housing, there is the requirement to mitigate the loss of these grass pitches through improving the grass pitches at Sandon Park, likely to cost approximately £100,000. PitchPower in place on site to improve grass pitches.	Late 2026	M	Last PitchPower completed April 2024 - 4 good & 1 basic. Information received from club on 08/1225 in relation to potential Severn Trent works to be undertaken that are going to impact on grass pitches and result in loss of use to site. Discussions to take place with the Football Foundation due to existing grant on site. Concern over displacement of club and ensuring pitches are restored as required. Changing room project stalled due to additional survey works required as part of planning process. Work will only impact some of the land and football clubs are anticipated to still be able to play football on this site. Where there is impact, alternative arrangements have been made at Ambleside Road.
53	CV10 0JX	St Anne's Catholic Academy	Football	Secure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 7v7 (standard) pitch	Medium	L	
73	CV10 0JX	St Anne's Catholic Primary School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 7v7 (standard) pitch - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
66	CV12 8JN	St Francis Catholic Primary School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 7v7 - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
100	CV12 9PF	St James CofE Academy	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x junior 11 x 11 (standard) pitch, 2 x mini pitch (standard) and 1 x standard ancillary facility	Medium	L	
39	CV12 9DA	St Michael's CofE Academy	AGP	Unsecure	3G AGP	Education	1 x mini 7 v 7 floodlit pitch. Standard quality.	Medium	L	
94	CV12 9DA	St Michael's CofE Academy	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 youth 11 v 11 (standard) and mini 5v5 (standard) pitch and 1 x good ancillary facility. Significant PE and community use.	Medium	L	
67	CV12 9DA	St Michael's CofE Academy	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x youth 11v11 (standard) pitch and 2 x mini 7v7 (standard) pitch - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
48	CV11 6HJ	St Nicolas CofE Academy	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini (standard) 7 v 7 pitch and 1 x standard ancillary facility. Discussed development of 3G pitch on this site to be WR22 compliant and used significantly by the school, Bedworth RUFC and football clubs based around this area. Early planning discussions and no formal application undertaken at time of study.	Medium	L	Last PitchPower completed October 25 - 2 7vs7 pitches rated basic
14	CV10 7EX	St Thomas Moore Catholic School and Sixth Form	Rugby Union	Unsecure	Grass	Education	One senior rugby union pitch with significant curricular and some extra-curricular usage. No spare capacity on site. No current community use.	Medium	L	
62	CV10 7EX	St Thomas Moore Catholic School and Sixth Form	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x adult 11v11	Medium	L	
108	CV10 7EX	St Thomas Moore Catholic School and Sixth Form	Cricket	Unsecure	Non-turf Wicket	Education	1 non-turf wicket used only for education use but available to the community	Medium	L	

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58	CV10 8JH	Stockingford Academy	Football	Secure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 7v7 - significant PE usage on this site, Secure for community use. Standard quality	Medium	L	
25	CV10 8LT	Stockingford Allotment Association	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	2 x floodlit good greens with 6 jacks. Seeking funding to update club/ participation programmes. Good ancillary facilities	Medium	L	
61	CV10 8LT	Stockingford Allotment Association	Football	Secure	Grass	Community Organisation/ Sports Club	1 x adult 11v11, good quality pitch on site. PitchPower in place on site to improve grass pitches.	Medium	M	Last PitchPower completed March 21 - 1 Advanced pitch
110	CV10 8LT	Stockingford Allotment Association	Cricket	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 square, 10 wicket, good quality site. Good ancillary facilities, used by a number of teams.	Medium	L	
60	CV10 8JX	Stockingford Recreation Ground	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x adult 11v11, standard quality	Medium	L	
82	CV10 9DJ	Stubbs	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Adult 11v11 - Disused (unmarked) pitch	Medium	L	
41	CV12 8NN	The Oval - Bedworth FC	AGP	Secure	3G AGP	Sports Club	1 x Full 11v11 floodlit pitch (good). good condition ancillary facilities	Medium	L	Current home to Bedworth United and Nuneaton Town FC
105	CV11 4LX	The Pingles Stadium	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x adult 11 v 11 (good) pitch with good standard ancillary facilities.	Medium	L	Last PitchPower completed June 23 - 1 poor pitch
84	CV11 5HE	Tomkinson road	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	Adult 11v11 - Disused (unmarked) pitch	Medium	L	
92	CV11 6BD	Higham Lane North School	Multisport	Secure	Multisurface	TBC	Work with Warwickshire County Council, NBBC and relevant bodies to develop appropriate AGPs and grass pitches on site when a new school is developed. The developments should be based on the needs assessment within the PPOSS to alleviate shortfalls of grass pitches. Consider marking pitches to alleviate shortfalls with a focus on junior sports	Late 2027	H	NBBC still plan to develop a AGP with focus on Hockey at site (dates TBC. Ensure a formal community use agreement is in place for the grass pitches and consider hosting central junior fixtures from this site once pitches are in place.
64	CV10 8AL	Vale View	Football	Secure	Grass	Local Authority	1 x adult 11 v 11. Poor quality pitch on site with poor ancillary facilities	2027	M	Nuneaton Town FC have identified this site working with NBBC for its new home – subject to further investigation works. This would look to remove 2 x grass pitches and replace with NTFC need to secure a long-term lease to meet external funders requirements in seeking funds and appreciate that they will need to develop any such site via a phased approach over several years. installing the floodlit 3G pitch and a modular changing facility for community use and first team training in phase 1.The addition of modular spectator standing and seating along with abasic clubhouse would follow in phase 2, allowing first team football to be played on site (https://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/666/cabinet)
74	CV10 0DR	Weddington Primary School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	1 x mini 9v9 (standard) pitch - unavailable for community use	Medium	L	
31	CV10 0ER	Weddington Social Club	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	Two greens of good quality with 6 jacks. Well maintained and host county games; face financial issues. Good ancillary facilities	Medium	L	
49	CV10 0AL	Weddington Sports JFC	Football	Secure	Grass	Education	2 x junior 9v9 (standard) pitches, 2 x youth (standard) 11 x 11, 1 x mini 7 v 7 (standard). PitchPower in	Medium	L	Last PitchPower completed Jan 22 - 2 basic & 3 poor

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Site ID	Postcode	Site Name	Sport	Security of Use	Surface	Management	Status	Timescales	Cost	2025 Update
							place on site to improve grass pitches.			
40	CV11 4LU	Wembrook Primary School	AGP	Secure	3G AGP	Sports Club	1 x mini 7 v 7 pitch. Standard/Good quality.	Medium	L	
106	CV11 4LU	Wembrook Primary School	Football	Unsecure	Grass	Education	2 x mini 7v7 (standard) pitches	Medium	L	
29	CV10 0HW	Windmill Sports and Social Club	Bowling	Secure	Grass	Sports Club	1 x green of standard quality with 6 jacks. Standard ancillary facility	Medium	L	
120	CV10 9GA	Century Park (Core Padel Nuneaton)	Padel	Unsecure (commercial/private, pay-and-play)	Indoor - synthetic/artificial	Private Operator	New indoor padel centre: 8 courts (7 doubles, 1 singles), plus gym/studio. Opened 18 July 2026. Delivered via planning application 041406 (change of use of former industrial units, Units 1-5 & 9-11, Century Park, Ballin Road). Not a community-use/NGB-secured facility; falls outside standard security-of-tenure framework.	Short	N/A (private investment)	New site identified through Stage E review (2026); not present in 2023 PPOSS baseline as padel was not assessed at that time.
121	CV11 (town centre - to be confirmed)	Grayson Place (Te Amo Padel)	Padel	To be confirmed (Council-led scheme; community/public access anticipated)	Indoor and outdoor (surface tbc)	Local Authority (NBBC) / Operator	Council-led town centre regeneration scheme (Grayson Place) to include indoor and outdoor padel courts, including a 'championship' outdoor court. Contracts exchanged with operator (Te Amo Padel) March 2026. Indoor fit-out does not require planning permission; a separate planning application is required for the outdoor courts. Confirmed planning reference, decision date and opening date not identified from publicly available sources.	Short-Medium	N/A (Council capital scheme)	New site identified through Stage E review (2026); status/planning reference/opening date to be confirmed directly with NBBC's planning and regeneration teams.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Environment, Health and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: 15th October 2026

Subject: Monitoring of the Grounds Maintenance Contract

Portfolio: Leisure and Health

Responsible Officer: Parks & Greenspace Manager

Corporate Plan – Theme: Green Spaces & Environment

Corporate Plan – Aim: Review & Refresh the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the Borough

Ward Relevance: All

Public or Private: Public

Forward Plan: N/A

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To provide the Panel with information on the performance of the Ground's Maintenance Contract for the period October 2025 to September 2026.

2. What is the panel being asked to consider?

- 2.1. The Members of the Panel are asked to consider the information in this report relating to the management of the ground's maintenance contract and the update presentation, provided by our Grounds Maintenance Contractor – Glendale Countryside Ltd.
- 2.2. The Panel can examine the information presented and question overall performance by the contractor.

- 2.3. Questions relating to individual cases should in the first instance be made in line with our corporate process for the submission of all Parks & Greenspace and Cemeteries related enquires, on the DASH/Firmstep system. Members will receive an automated email containing their reference number and once investigated, you will be contacted by the relevant officer to advise of what shall be done.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. That the contents of this report are noted.

4. Background

- 4.1. The current grounds maintenance contract was awarded in November 2019 for an initial 5-year period with options to extend in increments to a maximum of ten years. This year is the second of the current two-year extension, with a further two-year extension already agreed between the Council & our contractor.

5. Body of report

- 5.1. Weather patterns since the last report have once again been above the average for both rainfall & temperature over the winter period, followed by a warm, dry spring. The summer period this year was recorded as the warmest on record for the UK. (Refer to table below)

Met Office Rainfall Weather Data (England)

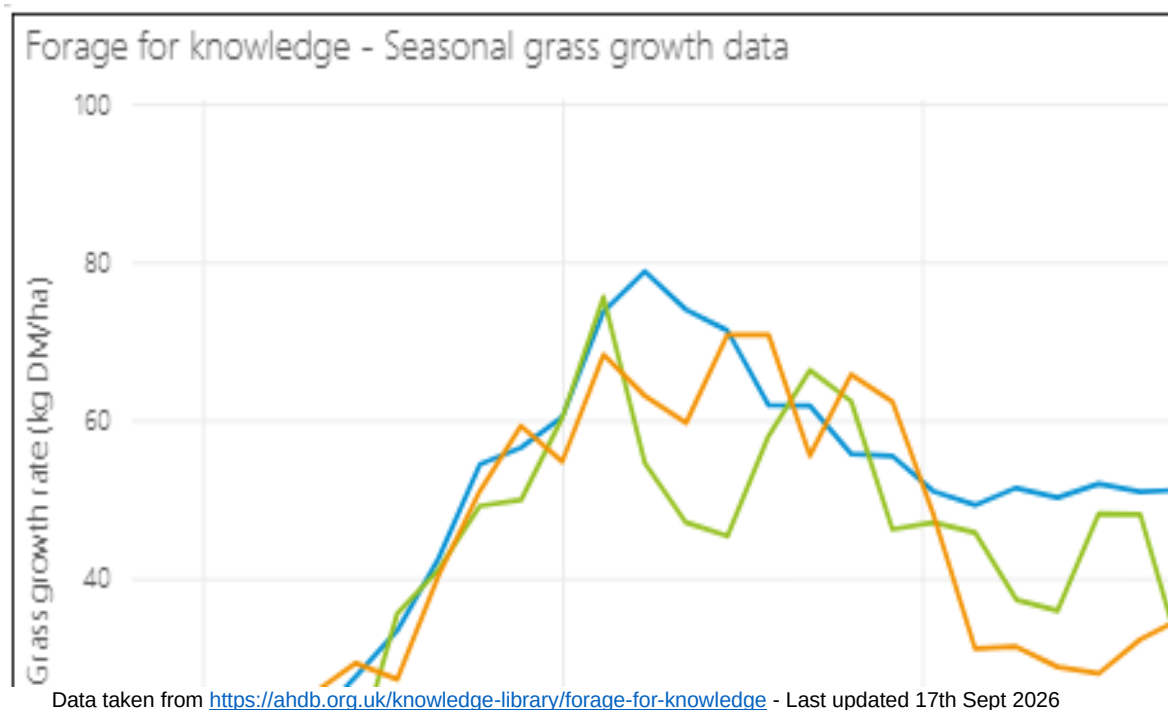
Nov '23	120%	Nov '24	82%	Nov '25	149%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Dec '23	158%	Dec '24	89%	Dec '25	114%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Jan '24	102%	Jan '25	112%	Jan '26	150%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Feb '24	196%	Feb '25	79%	Feb '26	170%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Mar '24	162%	Mar '25	25%	Mar '26	83%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Apr '24	152%	Apr '25	50%	Apr '26	38%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
May '24	147%	May '25	57%	May '26	74%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.

Jun '24	52%	Jun '25	80%	Jun '26	104%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Jul '24	119%	Jul '25	89%	Jul '26	10%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Aug '24	62%	Aug '25	42%	Aug '26	78%	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Sept '24	195%	Sept '25	149%	Sept '26	t.b.c.	of 1991 - 2020 Average.
Oct '24	101%	Oct '25	90%	Oct '26	t.b.c.	of 1991 - 2020 Average.

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- 5.2. This has brought challenges to the delivery of the ground's maintenance contract. The spraying programme earlier in spring this year was impacted by weather conditions, our sports pitch preparation & end of season maintenance has also been impacted & notably during the summer the watering our bedding displays, which have again been particularly good this year, both throughout the town centres & our destination parks, such as Riversley, Miners Welfare Park. Earlier cutting of our wildflower meadow areas to reduce the potential risk of fire & cracking of the ground in both grass & paved/hard surfaced areas has also been experienced.

- 5.3. The graph below, whilst relating to agricultural forage growth, illustrates the effects of our changing climate on growth rates, with an earlier, above average spike in growth during March this year, further minor spikes during May & June, followed by a longer period of below average growth through much of the summer and then a further spike during September. This has been reflected in the changes to our schedules with an earlier grass cut now programmed into March rather than April & a final cut in Nov.



- 5.4. This year (Oct – Sept) has seen over eighty thousand tasks scheduled as part of the delivery of cyclical grounds maintenance services as well as significant ad-hoc works to address local issues and to support the delivery of projects. The table below illustrates the workflows throughout the last twelve months.

2025/26 Time Period	Tasks Scheduled	Tasks Completed	Tasks In Progress	Tasks Not Required	Tasks Not Started	Tasks Suspended	Tasks Unable to Complete
Oct to Dec	17,348	17,151	0	150	1	1	45
	100.0%	98.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Jan to Mar	15,871	15,595	0	128	0	0	148
	100.0%	98.3%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
April to June	24,850	24,406	3	279	4	2	156
	100.0%	98.2%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
July to Sept*	25,996	19,432	29	471	5888	0	176
	100.0%	74.7%	0.1%	1.8%	22.6%	0.0%	0.7%
Totals	84,065	76,584	32	1,028	5,893	3	525
	100.0%	91.1%	0.0%	1.2%	7.0%	0.0%	0.6%

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- 5.5. The Grounds Maintenance Team experienced several long-term absences earlier in the year, alongside a more recent restructure & recruitment programme which was completed in August. This provides for an additional ground's maintenance monitoring officer and administrative support, allowing for better resilience & more effective monitoring of the contractor's performance moving forwards.
- 5.6. To quantify this & provide further KPI's to those referenced at 5.4, we have also refreshed our performance monitoring regime. Formal joint monitoring will be undertaken each month, alongside our contractor on a sample of sites selected from the following expanded categories, taken from the adopted Parks & Greenspace Strategy. 2 Destination parks, 5 community parks, 4 local parks, 8 housing sites, 2 incidental/other land, 3 Cemeteries & 1 Closed Churchyard.
- 5.7. Whilst we currently only have data for August available, this will form an integral part of subsequent reports on grounds maintenance performance. Where previously the minimum performance target was 65% for informal sites & 75% for

formal sites, this has now been standardised with the minimum performance threshold of 75% across all areas.

Monitoring Summary (August 2026)		
Date		01/09/2026
Sheet number	Location	Percentage Score
1	HECKLEY	88
2	MINERS WELFARE	89
3	COV ROAD CEM	88
4	JOHNSON ROAD	75
5	MARSTON LANE CEM	88
6	ALEC WILSON REC	75
7	GEM GARDENS	78
8	STOCKINGFORD REC	71
9	TOMKINSON REC	67
10	GREENMOOR REC	63
11	ATTLEBOROUGH REC	88
12	MARSTON PLAY AREA	75
13	SORRELL ROAD	88
14	ALDERMAN GEE HALL	86
15	ALYWNNE FREEMAN	75
16	ARTHUR ALFORD	86
17	CATHERINE WARD HALL	67
18	JOHN HAYNES COURT	67
19	LEONARD PERKINS	83
20	OAKHAM CRESCENT	83
21	ELWY CIRCLE	80
22	SCHOOL LANE FLATS	75
23	THE SANDPITS	83
24	PAULS LAND	89
25	THORNHILL POND	83
Mean Score		79

- 5.8. The following tables provide a summary of the service areas Grounds Maintenance enquiries for the previous twelve months. The CRM/Firm-Step interface also includes customer feedback & the member reporting facility, where existing reporting systems are not appropriate. It is intended to produce similar data sets for these areas in the future. This has allowed our customer services team to refer relevant grounds maintenance inquiries straight to our contractor, who are then able to action/respond to the customer directly, (Refer to tables below.) This is linked to the 'Glendale Local' micro-site, ([Glendale Local - Nuneaton & Bedworth - Glendale](#)

[Live](#)) which allows members of the public to view up-coming maintenance tasks in their area.

Issue by Month

Asset	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26	Grand Total
bins / litter / fly tipping	9	10	1	18	13	31	13	21	18	19	20	29	202
damage to park features	9	14	12	13	9	19	20	22	27	25	27	29	226
grass	13	10	10	4	1	3	13	24	35	98	50	28	289
hedge / shrub / vegetation	68	53	19	22	14	27	16	24	52	138	165	96	694
other	45	48	27	23	33	45	45	43	29	51	80	70	539
play areas / equipment	6	5	0	0	0	2	1	1	9	8	3	6	41
trees	71	48	37	21	30	29	50	56	67	114	88	105	716
weeds	18	12	6	4	2	3	6	19	25	65	59	35	254
Grand Total	239	200	112	105	102	159	164	210	262	518	492	398	2961

Service Area by Month

Service Area	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26	Grand Total
Corporate Property/Assets & Street Services	0	1	0	2	2	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	18
Glendale	60	45	19	24	12	26	20	43	45	146	145	84	669
Housing	14	18	13	11	8	24	22	21	26	37	39	40	273
Parks	128	114	56	52	46	79	87	108	159	238	209	191	1467
Waste Management	3	2	3	4	8	6	1	3	4	4	2	5	45
WCC	34	20	21	12	26	20	31	33	27	92	96	77	489
Grand Total	239	200	112	105	102	159	164	210	262	518	492	398	2961

Issue by Area

Service Area	bins / litter / fly tipping	damage to park features	grass	hedge / shrub / vegetation	other	play areas / equipment	trees	weeds	Grand Total
Corporate Property/Assets & Street Services	0	13	0	0	5	0	0	0	18
Glendale	86	4	170	276	36	0	5	92	669
Housing	4	8	14	74	51	0	96	26	273
Parks	87	183	88	233	357	41	414	64	1467
Waste Management	21	1	2	2	16	0	0	3	45
WCC	4	17	15	209	74	0	201	69	489
Grand Total	202	226	289	694	539	41	716	254	2961

Average No. of days to complete Grounds Maintenance Enquiry cases

	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26
Glendale	9	11	10	7	7	5	5	6	3	3	7	13
Housing	6	14	4	8	8	5	5	5	3	12	8	8
Parks	12	11	12	9	9	8	9	10	9	10	9	13

**¹ Tree works are subject to a separate contract to that for grounds maintenance operations.*

**² Cemeteries enquiries were reallocated directly to the Cemeteries Office from August 2020.*

All data correct @ 23rdⁱ Sept 2026.

- 5.9 It should be noted that although some enquiries are eventually identified as being the responsibility of other service areas or entities, they must first be triaged by the Parks & Greenspace Team to identify the relevant party. This can be particularly time consuming when the potential land/asset owner is unclear & searches must be made or we are required to undertake enabling or rectification works on behalf of other service areas.
- 5.9. This data can also now be analysed to identify emerging trends and facilitate the development of action plans as required. Working with the Portfolio Holder and the NBBC (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council) Communications team, the Parks and Greenspace team are being proactive in updating the public concerning future scheduled works, via both the website & short video/social media footage.
- 5.10. Officers have continued to work closely with the grounds maintenance contractor to address issues relating to service delivery, to ensure that areas are maintained to specification. This has focused particularly on areas relating to 'back-up' mowing operations such as strimming to fences, wall-lines & obstacles, shrub bed, informal tree/shrub areas & hedge maintenance, both within our parks but also on our housing areas, carparks & town centres.
- 5.11. Cleansing operations saw 816 tonnes of material (Litter bins, dog bins & General Waste; such as soil, roots, hardcore, tarmac and brash, and Green Waste; Grass, leaves, shrubs pruning's etc.) removed from our parks & open spaces during 2025. 445 tonnes have been removed so far this calendar year to July, with increasing levels of fly-tipping being a recurring concern. This is being addressed in conjunction with our colleagues in waste management alongside their enforcement team.
- 5.12. It is intended to continue with the programme of 'regenerative pruning' later this year (year 3) as identified within the contract & accompanying Grounds Maintenance Guide. The table below details the scheduled programme, which is arranged on a ward basis, to ensure that all areas are addressed & typically runs alongside the winter shrub bed maintenance between November & March.

Year	Wards	Qty	Unit
1	Camphill	4,160	Sq.m
1	Chilvers Coton	15,421	Sq.m
1	Exhall	5,361	Sq.m
1	Stockingford East	5,931	Sq.m
2	Bede	11,578	Sq.m
2	Heath	1,231	Sq.m
2	Poplar	9,813	Sq.m
2	Slough	5,958	Sq.m
3	Milby	2,028	Sq.m
3	St. Marys	13,688	Sq.m
3	Stockingford West	5,728	Sq.m
3	Weddington	5,180	Sq.m
3	Whitestone	3,014	Sq.m
4	Arbury	5,498	Sq.m
4	Attleborough	7,321	Sq.m
4	Bulkington	2,603	Sq.m
4	Eastboro	777	Sq.m
4	Galley Common	7,612	Sq.m
4	St. Nicolas	6,440	Sq.m

Total/Target	119,342	Sq.m
25% per Annum	29,836	Sq.m

5.13. The ongoing change of emphasis from individual sites/cases to a more strategic approach, looking at operational frequencies and key areas of concern has been improved by the addition of further monitoring personnel as previously reported. This ensures our Parks & Greenspace assets are managed holistically and the contractor's management

systems & processes are monitored, to measure service delivery.

6. Appendices

6.1. Please note there are no appendices attached to this report.

7. Background papers

7.1. Please note there are no background papers attached to this report.

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FORWARD PLAN SHOWING THE KEY DECISIONS THAT WILL BE MADE IN THE 4 MONTHS BEGINNING 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 AND EXEMPT INFORMATION DECISIONS THAT ARE TO BE MADE DURING NOVEMBER, 2026.

The table below shows the likely date the listed key decisions will be made and by whom and also lists the subject of decisions to be made under Exempt Information rules. Please contact the officer mentioned in the seventh column if you wish to know:-

- ◆ the groups or organisations whom the decision maker will consult before making the decision;
- ◆ how such consultation will be undertaken;
- ◆ what documents the decision maker will consider in making that decision; or
- ◆ how, and by when, you can make any representations about the proposed decision.

Items highlighted in **yellow** are new or amended items for this publication.

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31/07/26	Pride in Place Impact Fund – Projects Update	Cabinet	No		October 2026	Jonathan White ☎02476 376549	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development	Business, Regen & Planning
07/08/26	Food Waste Update	Cabinet	No		October 2026	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Env, Health & Leisure
30/03/26	Contract Variation – Civica CX (Housing)	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Housing	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm

29/05/26	Abbey Theatre – Lease	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Jonathan White ☎02476 376549	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development	Business, Regen & Planning
31/07/26	Great Crested Newt District Licence Scheme	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Louise Hryniw ☎02476 376310	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Business, Regen & Planning
29/05/26	Leisure Strategies	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Katie Memetovi c-Bye ☎02476 376147	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Leisure & Health	Env, Health & Leisure
04/02/26	Planning Fees	Cabinet/ Council	No		November 2026	Louise Hryniw ☎02476 376310	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Business, Regen & Planning
16/03/26	Street Naming and Numbering Fees	Cabinet/ Council	No		November 2026	Louise Hryniw ☎02476 376310	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Business, Regen & Planning
30/06/26	Grayson Place Estate Management	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Jonathan White ☎02476 376549	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development	Business, Regen & Planning

30/09/26	Corporate Asset Considerations – Eaton House	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Lynn Joy ☎02476 376880	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Housing	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
30/09/26	Agile Working Policy	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Tom Shardlow ☎02476 376004	Tom Shardlow ☎02476 376004	Resources & Internal Affairs	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
28/08/26	Air Quality Guidance	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Louise Hryniw ☎02476 376310	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Business, Regen & Planning Env, Health & Safety
29/05/26	Warwickshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Louise Hryniw ☎02476 376310	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Business, Regen & Planning
30/06/26	Fire Safety Strategy	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Lynn Joy ☎02476 376880	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Housing	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
27/11/25	Draft Budget 2027/28	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm

24/12/25	General Fund Budget Monitoring Q2	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
24/12/25	Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring Q2	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
24/12/25	Capital Monitoring Q2	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
28/08/26	Repairs and Maintenance Policy	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Lynn Joy ☎02476 376275	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Housing	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
30/09/26	CCTV provision for development sites	Cabinet	No		November 2026	Jonathan White ☎02476 376549	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development	Business, Regen & Planning
30/09/26	Long Term Empty Homes and Second Home Levy Report	Cabinet and Council	No		December 2026	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm

30/09/26	Medium-Term Financial Strategy	Cabinet	No		December 2026	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
24/04/26	Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme to Banded Scheme (inc Consultation results)	Cabinet and Council	No		December 2026	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
28/08/26	Infrastructure Funding Statement	Cabinet	No		December 2026	Louise Hryniw ☎02476 376310	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Business, Regen & Planning
30/06/26	Culture Update	Cabinet	No		December 2026	Katie Memetovic-Bye ☎02476 376147	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Leisure & Health	Env, Health & Leisure
28/08/26	Nuneaton Town Football Club - Update	Cabinet	No		January 2027	Katie Memetovic-Bye ☎02476 376147	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Leisure & Health	Env, Health & Leisure
27/02/26	General Fund Budget 2027/28	Cabinet and Council	No		February 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm

27/02/26	Housing Revenue Account Budget 2027/28	Cabinet and Council	No		February 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
27/02/26	Treasury Strategy 2027/28	Council	No		February 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
27/02/26	Capital Budget 2027/28	Cabinet and Council	No		February 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
27/02/26	Local Council Tax Support Scheme	Cabinet and Council	No		February 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
29/05/26	Local Plan – Proposed Content and Evidence Consultation	Cabinet	No		July 2027	Louise Hryniw ☎02476 376310	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Business, Regen & Planning
31/07/26	General Fund Revenue Outturn 2026/27	Cabinet	No		July 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm

31/07/26	HRA Revenue Outturn 2026/27	Cabinet	No		July 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
31/07/26	Capital Outturn 2026/27	Cabinet	No		July 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
31/07/26	Collection Fund 2026/27	Cabinet	No		July 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
31/07/26	Treasury Annual Report 2026/27	Council	No		July 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
30/09/26	General Fund Budget Monitoring Q1	Cabinet	No		September 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm
30/09/26	Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring Q1	Cabinet	No		September 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resources & Comm

30/09/26	Capital Monitoring Q1	Cabinet	No		September 2027	Liam Brown ☎02476 376275	Victoria Summerfield ☎02476 376002	Finance	Housing & Corp Resource s &Comm
29/05/26	Local Plan – Draft Local Plan	Cabinet	No		March 2028	Louise Hryniw ☎02476 376310	Kevin Hollis ☎02476 376143	Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	Business, Regen & Planning

Cabinet – Exempt Items

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24/04/26	Regeneration Projects Update	Cabinet	Yes	The report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information)	November 2026	Jonathan White ☎02476 376549	Dawn Dawson ☎02476 376408	Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development	Business, Regen & Planning

Individual Cabinet Member Decisions

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	None							

Officer Decisions									
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The Cabinet Members are:

Leader - Councillor G. Finch

Enabling Services and Communities (Deputy Leader)	-	Councillor M. Bannister
Finance	-	Councillor P. Gilbert
Planning, Enforcement & Public Services	-	Councillor S. Coates-Jarman
Town Centre Regeneration and Business Development	-	Councillor J. Groves
Housing	-	Councillor J. Bartlett
Leisure & Health	-	Councillor B. Greenwood

Observer:		
Leader of the Main Opposition Group	-	Councillor B. Hughes

Dated: 30th September 2026

Signed: Councillor G. Finch

Environment, Health and Leisure OSP – Work Programme 2026/27

Meeting dates: 18th June 2026, 15th October 2026, 4th February 2027

Date Added	Lead Officer	Title	Description	Scrutiny/ Overview	Proposed Committee Date	Include in 2026/27 Work Programme	On Agenda 2025/26 or Briefing Note
	Steve Gore	Integrated Performance Report	Quarterly Benchmarking Report		15 th October 2026 4 th February 2027		
	David Truslove	Monitoring the Ground Maintenance Contract	Performance report on the Glendale contract for grounds maintenance.	Performance Monitoring	15 th October 2026		
	David Truslove	Parks and Greenspace Strategy	Monitoring of the Action plan inc Allotments within the Parks and Greenspace Strategy	All member briefing	4 th February 2027		
	Gurmukh Bains	SLM Annual Report	Annual report of SLM to update and provide performance information for Members on how its work is meeting the corporate aims of the Council and its contract. Including Passport to Leisure update		15 th October 2026 4 th February 2027		
	Kevin Hollis / Alastair Blunkett	Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility	Update on the progress of the facility		4 th February 2027		
	Chris Bain/ Shabina Khalifa	Healthwatch	The concerns and priorities for Healthwatch	Overview	4 th February 2027		
	GEH/Samant ha Young/ Sophie Gilke/ Salmah Mahmood	George Eliot Hospital	Update presentation from the GEH on the current services, funding situation and challenges, including mortality rates in relation to coronary heart disease.	Overview	4 th February 2027		

	Abu Malek	Gambling	Impact on Health/Mental Health	Overview	As/if required.		
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