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I refer to **Agenda Item 9: Leisure Strategy** on the agenda, and attach **Appendix A – Indoor Facility Strategy 2021 – 2039 – Stage C** which was omitted from the main agenda pack.

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Glossary of Terms

Terms	Explanation
Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (ANOG)	The Sport England guidance on preparing and developing needs assessments for built sports facilities, which provides the evidence to support a Local Plan.
Community Use	A facility has community use if it is open for use by sports clubs/community groups and pay and play use (use by individuals in the community).
Community Use Agreement (CUA)	A CUA is a formal agreement between an education facility and a Local Authority (and sometimes also Sport England) for community use of a sports facility on an education site out of school hours.
Affordable Fitness Facilities	These are fitness facilities which may be in the public, private or voluntary sectors, which offer similar prices as those operated by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council; these facilities are therefore considered to be accessible, and potentially comparatively affordable, providing for at least some of the community, in a way that membership only facilities may not.
Facility Planning Model (FPM)	The FPM is a facility modelling toolkit, developed by Sport England to inform the current and future need for provision of sports halls and swimming pools
Nuneaton and Bedworth, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough or Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	Reference to Nuneaton and Bedworth or Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough, means the entirety of the geographic area for which Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council is responsible.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies and how they are expected to be applied. It covers both plan -making and development management.
Pay and Play	Sports facilities which are available for use by the general public; facilities can be booked by individuals or groups, without membership necessarily being required.
School Lettings	A school open for lettings provides community access but these tend to just be for clubs/groups i.e., pre-organised groups as opposed to individual pay and play use.
Sports Facility Calculator (SFC)	The SFC is a facility modelling toolkit, developed by Sport England to calculate the future need for provision of sports halls, swimming pools and indoor bowls, based on a specified population increase in an identified location.
Strategic Size	Strategic size refers to either a sports hall of minimum 3 badminton courts, or a pool of a minimum 160 sqm. These are definitions used by Sport England in the FPM. Any sports hall less than 3 badminton court size is likely to be excluded from the FPM unless it is on an education site, where, if a main hall provides for community use, the smaller hall will be included in FPM modelling. SLL take account all halls in our supply and demand assessments.
vpwpp	Visits per week in the peak period

1. Stages C Supply and Demand Analysis

Introduction

- 1.1. The Built Facilities Strategy for Nuneaton and Bedworth is presented in two reports: Built Facilities Strategy Stage B Evidence Base 2021-2039 and this report Built Facilities Strategy Stage C - Analysis, Recommendations and Action Plan 2021-2039.
- 1.2. NBBC's overall requirement over the Local Plan Review period (2021 – 2039) is 545 dwellings per year which with a 5% buffer is 9,810.
- 1.3. The evidence base sets out a supply-and-demand assessment of existing facilities, supported by a quantity, quality, accessibility and availability audit. It reflects what already exists, where investment is planned, and the needs and gaps which need to be addressed through to 2039.
- 1.4. Stage C of Sport England's Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance ¹ (ANOG) applies the Stage B evidence base (Appendix A) to define a clear, place-based direction for future investment and planning policy. For Nuneaton and Bedworth, Stage C translates the quantified supply-and-demand findings, accessibility analysis, and consultation feedback into practical priorities for protecting, enhancing, and providing built facility provision across the borough over the Local Plan Review period (2021–2039). This analysis helps to inform a long-term plan for the borough and its physical activity infrastructure, how it can be delivered, and where partners can contribute to this vision. It also provides advice concerning solutions and policy development to address quantitative and qualitative deficiencies and underused/unused provision
- 1.5. This strategy is held by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, but it is intended to support a borough-wide approach and the wider unitary authority which may be formed as a result of Local Government Reorganisation. It should be used by schools, leisure operators, sports clubs, community organisations, private providers and developers to (a) understand demonstrated need, (b) shape new proposals, and (c) test whether future proposals are justified in location and facility type terms (without this strategy “supporting” any single scheme by default).
- 1.6. The key factors in the borough informing this analysis and long-term plan are:
 - Population growth over the Local Plan Review period to 2039
 - Demographic change (including age profile change) and what that implies for facility mix and programming
 - Development of the emerging Local Plan Review including locations and scale of housing sites
 - The age and condition of existing leisure assets, and particularly sports halls and swimming pools
 - The range of existing facilities and uses and what future provision looks like for community use

¹ Sport England Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport/assessing-needs-and-playing-pitch#assessing-needs-and-opportunities-guidance-36840>

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- Health and other inequalities, particularly in the more deprived areas of the borough
 - The role of education (schools and colleges) in current and future provision, including community access and the risk of withdrawal where access is informal
- 1.7. Tackling inequality must be explicitly embedded in all future planning and investment decisions. Prioritising affordable access, travel time, welcoming environments and culturally relevant provision, particularly in underserved communities where inactivity and deprivation are highest.
- 1.8. Nuneaton and Bedworth's population will grow by approximately 9,194 or 6.1% (141,565 – 150,759) by 2039 based on projected housing growth, so there is a particular need to ensure sufficient provision of accessible, quality and affordable facilities – formal and informal, and multi-purpose spaces to meet local need.
- 1.9. More, and better, access to physical activity at local level is important for residents, particularly those who are currently inactive, and those without access to private transport, to participate, and become physically active. Many of these inactive residents will live in the significantly more deprived areas of the borough; therefore, ensuring those who lead challenging lives are able to be more active for health benefits is critical. Linking both informal and formal facility provision, to opportunities for active travel (where feasible), and informal places will help to facilitate more active lifestyles for more people. This is very important to retain and continue to grow existing levels of physical activity in the borough and address the existing health inequalities across the whole area, particularly areas of greatest need.
- 1.10. Appendix B utilises the Sport England Moving Communities Platform Mapping Tool to illustrates the borough's key areas of deprivation and inactivity alongside physical activity and sports facilities (including focus on Pay and Play accessible sports halls and swimming pools), providing a visual aid in the consideration of future provision within the borough.
- 1.11. The potential to utilise community centres, community halls and activity halls more effectively for sport, physical activity and wellbeing provision should be treated as a core part of the borough's facility mix. This is particularly important for older people, those without access to a car, parents/carers with young children, and disabled residents—groups for whom hyper-local, lower-barrier provision can be decisive.
- 1.12. The Stage B assessment identifies some of the activity/community halls; the Stage C analysis promotes their role not only as “complementary space” but as a targeted intervention tool in areas of deficit and inequality.
- 1.13. There is no requirement to develop additional health and fitness provision, as there is currently a surplus of supply both now and when looking ahead to 2039. However, when assessing purely pay and play community access there is likely to be a deficit in supply based on population growth. Therefore, future consideration of provision should prioritise accessible pay-and-play facilities (including those operated by partners such as Everyone Active). A substantial proportion of health and fitness provision is concentrated in and around the main urban area of the borough through budget and private operators, which can limit access for residents living further from the centre without private transport. Community-led leisure providers and locally embedded organisations can also play an important role in providing accessible opportunities, particularly in underserved communities.

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- 1.14. Athletics, gymnastics, racket sports including tennis, Padel, golf, and wheeling should continue to be supported strategically. This will ensure the Built Facilities Strategy maintains and provides for both typical indoor leisure provision and specialist activities that rely on specific facilities.

Vision of the Built Facilities Strategy

- 1.15. As a minimum, NBBC wishes to have good quality, fit for purpose facilities that are attractive to users, well maintained and sustainable. This includes community sport and leisure facilities, places and spaces for swimming, fitness and sports hall sports/activities available for all residents.
- 1.16. NBBC's Corporate Plan 'Building Communities 2025 - 2029'² states that NBBC's Corporate Plan vision is for Nuneaton and Bedworth to reflect the aspirations of the Borough's residents and businesses, aiming to create a place that is prosperous, resilient, and healthy to live, visit, relax, and work in. The plan's overarching theme is "Preparing for the future, respecting our heritage".
- 1.17. Sustainable, high-quality and accessible facility provision is therefore fundamental. The council needs to plan for investment requirements across its own assets and work in partnership with other providers and stakeholders to address priorities identified through the Built Facilities Strategy.

Aims of the Built Facilities Strategy

- 1.18. The aim of providing sufficient high quality, fit for purpose and accessible provision, places and spaces is to:

- Increase the proportion of the population that is physically active; the level of activity undertaken will support efforts to further reduce health inequalities; target investment in areas with lower physical activity rates.
- Reduce inequalities in access to sport and physical activity, aligned with Local Plan and Corporate Strategy commitments.
- Target investment where need is evidenced e.g. as a result of current shortfalls, accessibility gaps, known inequalities and population growth.
- Modernise and futureproof NBBC sports facilities / leisure centres by investing in high quality indoor facilities. This includes redeveloping /refurbishing ageing facilities, ensuring net-zero/low carbon design principles are embedded from the outset.
- Design in flexibility; future facility provision may need to be more multi-purpose in nature, reflecting changing participation trends and opportunities.;

² <https://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/downloads/file/1717/corporate-plan-april-2025-march-2029>

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- Encourage new participants to start taking part in physical activity; increase affordable pay and play facilities.
- Enable opportunities for participation to be provided in a wider range of places and spaces, and particularly at a very local level, e.g. using community centres/halls.
- Facilitate the continued development of healthier lifestyles across Nuneaton and Bedworth's communities.
- Create active environments where the opportunity to be more physically active is an integral part of everyday life including active travel where possible.
- Secure community access to education sites through formal agreements.
- Provide a boroughwide framework that future partners/developers can use to justify, refine or challenge proposals. The focus, where possible for proposals should be based on evidenced need and contribution to inequality reduction.

Principles for Future Provision

1.19. The principles that should guide all future sport and leisure facility development in Nuneaton and Bedworth are:

- Ensure residents in all areas of Nuneaton and Bedworth have pay and play access to good quality, local, accessible and affordable provision, whether it is a formal facility or other informal provision e.g. community halls.
- Prioritise tackling inequality: focus investment and access interventions in underserved communities, especially where low car ownership and higher deprivation create the greatest barriers to participation.
- Ensure environmental sustainability/climate action as a core principle: reduce operational carbon, design for long-term energy resilience, and integrate active travel and "active environments" thinking into facility planning.
- Base investment decisions on all evidence including, quality audits, accessibility analysis, consultation feedback, inequalities data and population growth areas, not on anecdotal consultation alone.

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- Aim to ensure that any new sports facilities on education sites provide a balance of opportunities (through a formal use agreement) for community access – this includes both pay and play and club use.
- Replace / refurbish ageing facilities where new provision is needed; all new and refurbished provision should be designed and developed based on Sport England and (National Governing Body) NGB guidance, and guidance be fully inclusive.
- Invest strategically to ensure economic viability and sustainability of provision, this should include additional health and fitness provision and learner swim facilities as key income generators.

Facility Specific Analysis

1.20. Highlighted below are the key factors and issues that need to be considered in planning for future facility provision.

- **Population Growth** - Nuneaton and Bedworth's population is projected to increase to approximately 150,759 by 2039 (ONS 2022 sub-national population projections). This growth will generate additional demand across all facility types, particularly health and fitness, swimming, sports halls and emerging activities such as padel, athletics and wheeled sports. Strategic planning must ensure that capacity, accessibility and quality of provision keep pace with demographic change, particularly in identified growth areas.
- **Housing Development** - As new residential areas are delivered, Nuneaton and Bedworth will need to ensure good quality, accessible sport and leisure infrastructure is available to meet both existing and future demand. The emerging Nuneaton and Bedworth Local Plan Review housing requirement (around 9,810 additional homes) increases the need for infrastructure growth. This Stage C analysis should therefore be used to:
 - Identify which facility types are most critical to provide based on identified population growth e.g. community swimming and sports hall capacity

There is a clear opportunity to secure investment in formal sports facilities, activity halls and community hubs through developer contributions (Section 106 mechanisms). Future education, health and community infrastructure linked to housing growth should be designed to incorporate flexible sports and activity spaces, maximising shared use and long-term sustainability. Where possible on-site contributions should be collected and invested based on the identified facility priorities (type and location) set out in this Stage C report.

- In some cases, it may be more appropriate for developer contributions to be collected for off-site investment, again based on the identified facility priorities set out in this Stage C report. An example could be several contributions from strategic growth sites into one major facility serving the catchment area of the new facility; this would be appropriate where the opportunity to invest on-site is limited due to site constraints or other factors.

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- **Reduction in Health Inequalities** – more active lifestyles will continue to benefit both individual and community health. There are some significant pockets of deprivation in Nuneaton and Bedworth outlined in the Stage B (Evidence base) report and there are some very specific factors to which the provision of quality, affordable and accessible sports facilities can contribute:
 - Maintenance of active lifestyles;
 - Improved mental health;
 - Reduced levels of cardiovascular disease; and
 - Reductions in levels of obesity
- **Improving Accessibility** - Approximately 22% of Nuneaton and Bedworth residents do not have access to private transport. Facility distribution and investment decisions must therefore prioritise walking, cycling and public transport accessibility. Provision concentrated in the main urban area's risks exacerbating inequality unless balanced through targeted neighbourhood investment. Targeted investment in areas with lower participation rates, with limited private transport is critical to achieving equitable outcomes.
- **Participation Priorities** - Maintaining and growing participation in sport and physical activity remains a core priority. Facilitating more regular activity for the most inactive 34.5% of Nuneaton and Bedworth residents is essential. Facility planning must therefore prioritise accessible pay and play provision, flexible programming and community-focused delivery models that lower barriers to entry.
- **Facility Condition and Investment** - Nuneaton and Bedworth's sports hall and swimming pool facilities are ageing. There will be a future need for investment across the portfolio to modernise infrastructure, address lifecycle issues and ensure facilities remain fit for purpose. Facilities must support long-term participation pathways, from introductory and grassroots activity through to performance. Ensuring facilities remain financially viable and operationally sustainable will protect their contribution to community health outcomes.
- **Securing long-term relationships with facility providers through Community Use Agreements (CUAs)** - CUAs are an important tool for protecting and expanding access to education-based facilities, but their effectiveness depends on delivery capacity, monitoring and enforcement. CUAs should be designed with clear hours of availability, management arrangements and pricing policy, and where possible targeted initially at a smaller number of priority sites that can address evidenced deficits in specific areas. This strategy should therefore support a "priority schools" approach (focusing limited capacity where it can deliver the greatest equity impact).
- **Maintaining and growing participation levels in sport and physical activity to contribute to more active lifestyles** – to maintain and grow levels of participation there is a need for a range of good-quality, fit for purpose community sports facilities
- **Informal Activity embedded in everyday life** - Beyond formal built provision, NBBC and partners should continue to embed physical activity within everyday informal environments. This includes creating places where walking, cycling and informal activity are encouraged and supported through high-quality infrastructure.

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1.21. The key issues for future provision of built facilities in Nuneaton and Bedworth are set out in Table 1. The sections that follow detail each core sports facility type and requirements by 2039. These chapters should be used as a decision-support tool for:

- council-led investment planning
- partner-led proposals,
- planning policy/developer contribution negotiations, by testing whether proposals respond to identified deficits, and the principles set out above (including inequality reduction and sustainability),
- the preferred allocations (new sites) being considered which equate to 5,077 dwellings

Table 1: Key Issues, Impacts and Implications by Facility Type

Facility Type	Key Issue	Impact/Implications
Sports Halls	Under supply of sports halls to meet future demand	Current supply will not meet the increased demand due to population increases. Pressure at peak times for sports hall availability will continue to grow and further reduce access for residents to this type of facility provision. A need to provide an additional 6 badminton courts by 2039.
	High reliance on sports halls on education sites	Most of the borough's sports hall provision is located on education sites; although some sites are available to the public, access is restricted to a limited number of hours per day. Community Use Agreements (CUAs) can be utilised to protect some available usage for the community, however increasing access to school sites is not always possible, Nuneaton and Bedworth borough education site sports halls are only accessible to sports clubs or community associations. The consequence of this is that pay and play access to sports halls is limited.
	Age of facilities	Although most of the facilities are of good quality, sports halls have an average age of 29 years. This is improved somewhat through the addition of the newly built Bedworth Physical Activity Hub, built in 2026 The two oldest facilities have been refurbished but 16 and 11 years ago respectively. Similarly for activity halls, the average age of facilities is 51 years. Heavy reliance on an ageing stock of sports and activity halls with limited refurbishment, reduces the long-term sustainability of facilities for community use. Many of the older facilities are outside the ownership and management of the local authority.
	Location and accessibility of existing facilities	Only a small number of Nuneaton and Bedworth borough publicly accessible sports halls are within a 10-minute walking catchment area for residents. As 19.4% of residents do not own a car, a large proportion of the Nuneaton and Bedworth borough population is unable to access sports or activity hall provision, based on their current location. This is likely to increase further as the population of Nuneaton and Bedworth borough grows.

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Facility Type	Key Issue	Impact/Implications
Activity Halls	Lack of facilities at a local community level	More localised small scale activity hall provision would allow for greater 10-minute walk time catchment areas for residents and offer activity hall provision in key areas, that are unable to access the larger sports halls, tackling inactivity on a hyper local level.
Swimming Pools	Lack of capacity in existing swimming pool supply	There is currently a shortfall of available water space in the Borough, which is expected to increase by 2039. By 2039, due to population growth there is anticipated to be a shortfall of 627 sqm, equating to 2 no 6 lane, 25m pools.
	Accessibility of existing swimming pools	Only a small proportion of residents can reach a pay and play swimming pool within a 10 minute walk time. Although all residents can reach provision within a 20 minute drive, 22% of the population do not have access to a car, limiting opportunities to swim for many.
Community Centres	Poor quality facilities	Poor quality facilities are less likely to attract local residents to attend activity sessions and reducing their engagement with physical activity and other events hosted at the community centres. Continued deterioration in quality and lack of engagement, will reduce investment and sustainability of centres, potentially leading to closure.
	Lack of activity delivery space and storage at existing facilities	Community centres provide a valuable venue for sport and physical activity sessions however a review of facility programme, activity space and available storage is required to ensure the facility is suitable for the activity, activity deliverers and participants, to ensure the best possible outcomes.
	Increased demand on existing centres with new housing developments	New housing developments and increases in population increases demand for existing community centres, with residents travelling further to access centres, reducing the availability of centres within local neighbourhoods.
Health and Fitness (14 fitness suites, 995 stations)	Over-supply of fitness stations to meet current and future demand	The existing overall supply of health and fitness provision meets current demand. Increased demand as a result of projected population growth can also be accommodated by existing levels of commercial and local authority provision.
	Lack of 'pay and play' facilities	An analysis of supply and demand based on identified pay and play facilities (total 287 stations) highlights a current shortfall of 213 stations across the borough, increasing to a deficit of 329 stations in 2039. The lack of pay and play fitness provision will need consideration as this type of facility provides an important offer for those who are inactive.
	No methodology for assessing current and future demand for studio space. However, population growth in the borough will increase demand for the range of activities provided in studios e.g. group exercise classes.	Planning obligation monies should be directed towards development of new studio facilities in areas of new residential development.

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Facility Type	Key Issue	Impact/Implications
	Multi-purpose studios are an important element of overall fitness provision alongside fitness suites; increased population with result in more demand for these types of facilities.	
Squash	Protection of existing court facilities, especially those with community pay and play access	Ensuring community accessible provision is available for local residents now and in the future
Athletics	Protection of facilities for use by the community and clubs	Maintaining and sustaining the facility for future use
Bowls	No existing indoor facilities within the borough	Ensure existing outdoor provision is protect and maintain to support demand locally.
Tennis	No existing indoor facilities within the borough	Ensure existing outdoor provision is protect and maintain to support demand locally.
Padel	A sport growing in popularity with existing facilities within the borough	Ensure existing facilities are protected and consider development of new courts to cope with increased demand and provision of facilities which are affordable and accessible to the community
Gymnastics	Lack of fit for purpose facilities	Support trampolining club to develop fit for purpose facilities, where they are currently operating from multipurpose facilities
Cycling	Provision of free to access facilities across the borough	Ensure facilities are protected and maintained to provide free to access physical activity opportunities for borough residents.

1.22. The following sections detail each of the sports facilities assessed, including the requirements by 2039.

Sports Halls and Activity Halls

Stage C – Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.23. Based on the supply and demand analysis discussed in Stage B there is insufficient supply to cater for increased future demand across the borough. Despite this there remains a number of key issues which need to be addressed to ensure the sustainability of existing facilities for the benefit of borough residents. The summary supply and demand analysis for sports halls is set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Identified need for sports hall provision

Facility Type	2026	2039
Sports Halls	12 strategic size sports halls located across the borough. 10 are on education sites, with limited availability for community access. NGB feedback identifies an under-supply of sports halls in the sense of access at suitable times and affordability.	Based on population growth, there is an under-supply of at least 5.5 badminton courts, with the high likelihood of unmet demand from sports clubs.

Table 3: Key Issues, Impacts, and Implications by Facility Type – Sports Halls

Facility Type	Key Issues	Impact/Implications
Sports Halls	Under supply of sports halls to meet future demand	Current supply will not meet the increased demand due to population increases. Pressure at peak times for sports hall availability will continue to grow and further reduce access for residents to this type of facility provision. A need to provide an additional 6 badminton courts by 2039.
	High reliance on sports halls on education sites	Most of the borough's sports hall provision is located on education sites; although some sites are available to the public, access is restricted to a limited number of hours per day. Community Use Agreements (CUAs) can be utilised to protect some available usage for the community, however increasing access to school sites is not always possible, Nuneaton and Bedworth borough education site sports halls are only accessible to sports clubs or community associations. The consequence of this is that pay and play access to sports halls is limited.
	Age of facilities	Although most of the facilities are of good quality, sports halls have an average age of 29 years. This is improved somewhat through the addition of the newly built Bedworth Physical Activity Hub, built in 2026. The two oldest facilities have been refurbished but 16 and 11 years ago respectively.

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Facility Type	Key Issues	Impact/Implications
		Similarly for activity halls, the average age of facilities is 51 years. Heavy reliance on an ageing stock of sports and activity halls with limited refurbishment, reduces the long-term sustainability of facilities for community use. Many of the older facilities are outside the ownership and management of the local authority.
	Location and accessibility of existing facilities	Only a small number of Nuneaton and Bedworth borough publicly accessible sports halls are within a 10-minute walking catchment area for residents. As 19.4% of residents do not own a car, a large proportion of the Nuneaton and Bedworth borough population is unable to access sports or activity hall provision, based on their current location. This is likely to increase further as the population of Nuneaton and Bedworth borough grows.
Activity Halls	Lack of facilities at a local community level	More localised small scale activity hall provision would allow for greater 10-minute walk time catchment areas for residents and offer activity hall provision in key areas, that are unable to access the larger sports halls, tackling inactivity on a hyper local level.

- 1.24. Given the current supply meets the demand for sports halls, consideration should be given to the implementation of formal Community Use Agreements (CUAs) for sports halls on education sites, to protect community access. Agreements should consider including pay and play community access alongside sports club/community association use, which is what most education-based sports halls currently provide.
- 1.25. School are often wary about opening up facilities to the wider public due to concerns around safeguarding and access. Decisions around Community Use Agreements would need to be considered by Nottinghamshire County Council and the Academy Trusts, which may impact the scale at which facilities can be made accessible for community use.
- 1.26. Refurbishment of local authority sites such as the aging Jubilee Sports Centre will be key in ensuring the sustainability of pay and play community access sports hall provision. Ongoing maintenance and planning of new facilities such as Bedworth Physical Activity Hub or smaller localised facilities will ensure long-term sustainability of local community accessible activity halls.
- 1.27. Accessibility of new provision will be key to ensuring use of facilities by local residents to support the tackling known health and well-being inequalities. Consideration should be given to provision of additional multi-activity hall space, to increase the number of facilities within 10-minute walking catchment areas outside the Nuneaton and Bedworth area. Small-scale activity halls (new or refurbished) in the heart of local communities, supplemented by effective community engagement will ensure access for local residents who may face barriers accessing larger sports hall provision.

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Table 4: Summary of Facility Investment Priorities

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Sports Halls	Additional sports hall provision to meet current and future demand	New housing developments
	Investment as required in ageing sports hall facilities	Jubilee Sports Centre
	Establish CUAs for any new sports halls developed on education sites	Across the borough
	Explore the potential to include pay and play usage at existing education sports halls	Across the borough
Activity Halls	Refurbishment of poorest quality activity halls	Alec Wilson Centre Khair in the Community Nuneaton Club for Young People
	Newly developed locally accessible activity halls to meet expected increase in demand	Based on new housing allocation and public/community consultation, where housing developments are proposed and provision is currently limited.

Community Centres

Stage C – Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.28. Based on the supply and demand analysis discussed in Stage B there a significant number of community centres located across the borough. Whilst there is no methodology for assessing the demand for community centres based on population growth, the centres provide a key resource within local communities. Despite this there remains a number of key issues which need to be addressed to ensure the sustainability of existing facilities for the benefit of borough residents. The summary supply and demand analysis for sports halls is set out in Table 2.

Table 5: Key Issues, Impacts, and Implications by Facility Type – Community centres

Facility Type	Key Issues	Impact/Implications
Community Centres	Poor quality facilities	Poor quality facilities are less likely to attract local residents to attend activity sessions and reducing their engagement with physical activity and other events hosted at the community centres. Continued deterioration in quality and lack of engagement, will reduce investment and sustainability of centres, potentially leading to closure.

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Facility Type	Key Issues	Impact/Implications
	Lack of activity delivery space and storage at existing facilities	Community centres provide a valuable venue for sport and physical activity sessions however a review of facility programme, activity space and available storage is required to ensure the facility is suitable for the activity, activity deliverers and participants, to ensure the best possible outcomes.
	Increased demand on existing centres with new housing developments	New housing developments and increases in population increases demand for existing community centres, with residents travelling further to access centres, reducing the availability of centres within local neighbourhoods.

Table 6: Summary of Facility Investment Priorities

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Community Centres	Upgrading of existing facilities to improve quality	All Saints Parish Hall, Khair in the Community and St James Hall
	Review of community centre activity programming, activity space size and storage availability	Boroughwide
	New community centres to meet increased demand and provide residents access to centres within their local neighbourhood	New housing development sites

Swimming Pools

Stage C – Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.29. Based on the supply and demand analysis discussed in Stage B there is insufficient supply to cater for current and increased future demand across the Nuneaton and Bedworth.
- 1.30. Despite this there remains a number of key issues which need to be addressed to ensure the sustainability of existing facilities for the benefit of borough residents.

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Table 7: Identified need for Swimming Pool provision

Facility Type	2026	2039
Swimming Pools	There is a current deficit of 518 sqm of water space, based on Swim England Methodology. ³	Due to population growth the under-supply of water space is expected to increase to 627 sqm.

Table 8: Key Issues, Impacts, and Implications by Facility Type

Facility Type	Key Issues	Impact/Implications
Swimming Pools	Accessibility of swimming pool provision	Although all Nuneaton and Bedworth residents have access to swimming pool provision with a 20 minute drive time, only a small proportion can access publicly available water space within a 10 minute walk. 22% of residents do not have access to a car, significantly limiting their ability to access swimming provision.
	Availability of swimming pool provision	Based on the Swim England's methodology, there is a current shortfall of 518 sqm of water space, rising to 627 sqm by 2039. This is the equivalent of 2x 6 lane 25m pools. Although the current stock of swimming pools offers modern and well managed facilities, there is a requirement to develop additional water space to meet the needs of the population both now and by 2039.

Table 9: Summary of Facility Investment Priorities

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Swimming Pools	Provide - 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.	Associated with new housing developments.

³ Methodology

Population ÷ 1000 = P

P x 12(m²) = Target Water Space

Water provision = Public Water Space - Target Water Space

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Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
	Provide – Enhanced community accessibility of currently unavailable swimming pools	Exhall Grange School

Health and Fitness and Studios

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- 1.31. Current and future supply of fitness suites and stations is sufficient to meet the current and future population demand in Nuneaton and Bedworth. The current and future focus is on community accessible 'pay and play' provision and how well this serves the Nuneaton and Bedworth population in providing affordable and accessible health and fitness facilities within the borough.

Table 10: Identified need for health and fitness provision

Facility Type	2026	2039
Fitness Suites	995	616 (204 over supply)

Table 11: Key Issues, Impacts, and Implications by Facility Type

Facility Type	Key Issues	Impact/Implications
Health and Fitness Facilities	Over-supply of fitness stations to meet current and future demand	The existing overall supply of health and fitness provision meets current demand. Increased demand as a result of projected population growth can also be accommodated by existing levels of commercial and local authority provision.
	Lack of 'pay and play' facilities	An analysis of supply and demand based on identified pay and play facilities (total 287 stations) highlights a current shortfall of 213 stations across the borough, increasing to a deficit of 329 stations in 2039. The lack of pay and play fitness provision will need consideration as this type of facility provides an important offer for those who are inactive.
	No methodology for assessing current and future demand for studio space. However, population growth in the borough will increase demand for the range of activities provided in studios e.g. group exercise classes. Multi-purpose studios are an important element of overall fitness provision alongside fitness suites; increased population with result in more demand for these types of facilities.	Planning obligation monies should be directed towards development of new studio facilities in areas of new residential development.

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- 1.32. Population growth will increase overall demand for health and fitness facilities. Commercial sector gyms provide the highest percentage of health and fitness provision in the borough. Therefore, it is important, moving forward, in an area of high inactivity levels, to ensure there is sufficient pay and play access to affordable gyms and studios.

Table 12: Summary of Facility Investment Priorities

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Health and fitness	Additional pay and play accessible fitness suites and studios to provide affordable and accessible offers within the communities where it is most needed.	New housing developments

Squash

Stage C – Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.33. Based on NGB guidance there is currently a theoretical deficit of 6 squash courts, which increases to 7 courts based on 2039 population projections. Whilst this appears reasonable i.e. more people will increase demand for provision, in reality, in Nuneaton and Bedworth the situation is that:
- There are limited squash courts in the area, with just two sites with one requiring registered membership to access
 - No engagement from local squash clubs and no response from the NGB on affiliated clubs in the area
- 1.34. For these reasons, the Stage B assessment highlights there is a lack of squash court provision in the borough. It is however very difficult to make that recommendation given there is no evident significant demand for squash in the borough. England Squash offers participation engagement programmes but based on the lack of accessible courts in the area, delivery of such programmes is currently limited
- 1.35. Unless there is a significant increase in demand for squash in the borough, in reality there is no identified need for additional squash court provision.

Tennis – Indoor and Padel

Stage C – Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.36. The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) identify a lack of indoor facilities in Nuneaton and Bedworth, as set out in their Facility Strategy for the region and based on population growth predictions for 2039.

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- 1.37. The Stage B assessment highlights there is a lack of indoor tennis court provision in the borough and that the LTA methodology suggesting the borough could support 11 indoor courts, increasing to 12 based on population increases to 2039. It is however very difficult to make that recommendation given there is only one key existing outdoor tennis club and several outdoor courts in the borough.
- 1.38. Padel provision is currently limited to one commercial offer located south of Bedworth. Padel is a sport growing in popularity and can provide an accessible physical activity offer. Additional Padel provision could provide a physical activity opportunity for local residents; further padel court development could, therefore, be considered across the borough.

Gymnastics

Stage C – Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.39. The identified need for future gymnastics provision is summarised in Table 13.

Table 13: Identified need for athletics provision

Facility Type	2026	2039
Gymnastics Centres	Focus on increasing dedicated facility provision, supporting sustainable expansion, improving inclusivity and accessibility, enabling capacity for all disciplines, especially in underserved communities	Based on high waiting lists at affiliated clubs, British Gymnastics identifies the need, in line with national trends, for increased access to permanent high quality dedicated facilities to allow clubs to grow in a sustainable manner

- 1.40. One Nuneaton and Bedworth borough-based trampolining club do not have their own dedicated facilities and are operating from facilities which are not fully fit for purpose. British Gymnastics' priority would be for clubs to utilise available funding to secure and safeguard dedicated gymnastics space, over the development of new clubs and facilities.

Athletics

Stage C - Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.41. The identified need for future athletics provision is summarised in Table 14.

Table 14: Identified need for athletics provision

Facility Type	2026	2039
Athletics Tracks	England Athletics Priorities: Protect the outdoor track at Pingles Stadium	England Athletics Priorities: Support the long-term viability of the facility, ensuring it remains available for athletics and running clubs to access and that the Trackmark accreditation is maintained following expiry in June 2026.

- 1.42. The main priority is to support the long term sustainability of the track for community and club use. Sustaining the tracks quality and availability for club use, to maintain and build participation numbers across the borough.

Bowls – Indoor

Stage C – Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.43. The England Indoor Bowls Association (EIBA) do not identify a need for additional indoor bowling rinks based on population growth to 2039, due to the available centres within the bordering areas. The situation in Nuneaton and Bedworth is as follows:
- There are no existing indoor bowls rinks in the borough
 - Demand is low based on the average age of bowls participants, projected to reside in the borough in 2039.
- 1.44. For these reasons, the Stage B assessment highlights there is a lack of indoor bowls rink provision in the borough and that EIBA would like to see more rink provision. It is however very difficult to make that recommendation given there are limited numbers of clubs and no evident significant demand for bowls in the borough.

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- 1.45. Due to the lack of indoor facilities, it is however, important to ensure outdoor bowling greens are maintained and protected to facilitate bowls activity in the future.

Cycling

Stage C – Supply and Demand Analysis

- 1.46. Skate Park and Cycle tracks across the borough offer free and accessible physical activity opportunities for local residents. Existing provision should be maintained and protected to ensure sustainability of facilities for the future. In some cases, short-term refurbishment is required to sustain and improve the quality of facilities for the local community, both now and into the future. The poorest quality facility in need of refurbishment is Stockingford Recreation Ground BMX Pump Track.

Priorities across the Borough

- 1.47. Based on the supply and demand analysis summarised in Table 1, the following facility needs are identified. These developments/improvements should be phased between now and 2039:

Sports Halls

- Additional sports hall provision to meet current and future demand
- Investment as required in ageing sports hall facilities
- Establish CUAs for any new sports halls developed on education sites
- Explore the potential to include pay and play usage at existing education sports halls
- Refurbishment of poorest quality activity halls
- Newly developed locally accessible activity halls to meet expected increase in demand

Community Centres

- Upgrading of existing facilities to improve quality, including: All Saints Parish Hall, Khair in the Community and St James Hall
- Assessment of feasibility and development of existing facilities to better manage activities facilitated
- New community centres to meet increased demand and provide residents access to centres within their local neighbourhood

Swimming Pools

- The development of additional swimming pools, with a focus on providing small pools, in a number of locations across the Borough that cater for a local community and removes accessibility barriers for those with limited access to transport. The location of any additional development should be based on strategic housing locations.
- Improving public access to Exhall Grange School swimming pool through a formal community use agreement if possible.

Health and Fitness

- Small increase in affordable fitness provision (80-120 fitness stations). This could include expanding gym provision at larger sites or through the development of new Leisure Local facilities associated with new housing development sites
- Retaining existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports halls, swimming pools, and fitness stations as a minimum.

Gymnastics

- Potential for a club-led development of dedicated trampolining facilities for clubs currently utilising multi-purpose facilities

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Tennis and Padel

- Consider LTA provision for indoor courts
- Consider development of padel courts as a new offer for local residents

Cycling

- Upgrade identified BMX Track – specific reference to the poorest quality facility at Stockingford Recreation Ground

Summary of Investment Considerations

Capital Investment

- 1.48. It is clear from the strategy analysis that there is a need for some capital investment in Nuneaton and Bedworth, to address future needs. Whilst some of this investment relates to additional facility provision such as possible new Leisure Local facilities, other investment will be needed for the refurbishment of existing facilities.
- 1.49. To protect the current accessible supply of education-based sports halls in Nuneaton and Bedworth from the risk of loss of access for sports clubs and community groups, it is recommended that the Council seeks to secure community use agreements (CUAs) in negotiation with the schools' governing bodies.
- 1.50. Typically, CUAs can be negotiated when a school requires either a planning consent (e.g. for extension to its facilities) or external funding support towards the capital cost of refurbishing or extending school sports facilities. In these circumstances, a CUA can be negotiated as a condition of the grant or the planning consent. As a borough this is harder than a unitary but Local Government Reorganisation may bring new opportunities.

Partnership Working with Education Sites

- 1.51. It is also clear that delivery of the levels of investment required will only result from a local and national partnership approach. The development of improved sports facilities, and physical activity environments, will facilitate increased participation, which in turn will benefit individual and community health. The challenge is that the greatest health benefit will be gained by encouraging the inactive, to become active.
- 1.52. To deliver the identified strategy needs, and the key outcome of increased participation to address health inequalities, plus meet demands from increased population, there is an opportunity for some changes in approach to delivery. The development of new/replacement facilities, increasing and optimising the available capacity in existing education facilities, provides a mechanism to deliver these outcomes.

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- 1.53. The key issue to address initially is that of future partnership with education sites, to retain community access for clubs and groups as a minimum, and where possible agree Community Use Agreements (CUAs) which provide balanced access for the community on a pay and play basis. Increasing capacity to offer and deliver increased participative opportunities, particularly for those who are currently inactive, could contribute significantly to a reduction in health inequalities in the borough.
- 1.54. Retaining and improving the quality of provision in the borough is important to ensure that participation levels are retained and wherever possible increased. The provision of good quality, local community facilities, accessible and affordable to meet identified need, is key to facilitating participation growth, and contributing to a reduction in the health inequalities in the borough. This reflects Public Health and NBBC's health and well-being priorities, to create an environment where there are opportunities for physical activity, encourage healthy choices to be made, support a good quality of life and respond and advocate support and intervention the communities that need it.
- 1.55. Based on the quality audits and assessments, and the supply and demand analysis, the priorities for future investment in facility provision are:

Housing Growth in Nuneaton and Bedworth

- 1.56. The Borough Plan Review was adopted in December 2025 and established a requirement for 545 dwellings per annum until 2039, creating a total need of 9,810 homes during the Borough Plan period. This includes housing completions in the plan period, housing allocations, existing sites with full and outline planning permission, prior notification/approvals, strategic and non-strategic housing allocations, with an allowance for windfall developments. This significant housing growth in and around Nuneaton and Bedworth will increase demand for a range of community facilities and services, including physical activity and sports provision.
- 1.57. Based on the addition of 9,810 homes across the borough and the average household size of 2.3 residents there will be an estimated 22,563 additional people living in Nuneaton and Bedworth by 2039.
- 1.58. Utilising this figure and the Sport England Sports Facility Calculator (SFC)⁴ the increased demand on the local area's facilities in the form of visits per week during the peak period can be calculated for sports halls and swimming pools, as illustrated in Table 15.

Table 15: Swimming pool and Sports hall visits per week in the peak period prediction for 2039

Facility	Visits per week in the peak period
Swimming Pools	1,510
Sports Halls	1,645

⁴ <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport/sports-facility-calculator>
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- 1.59. The per weekly visits outline in Table 15 are in addition to the visits from existing residents within the borough. The SFC uses the demand calculation to generate a figure for the increase in supply that is needed to cater for the additional demand. For Nuneaton and Bedworth the additional 22,563 residents require the supply of an additional 5 lanes or one whole swimming pool and 6 badminton courts, equating to one and a half sports halls.

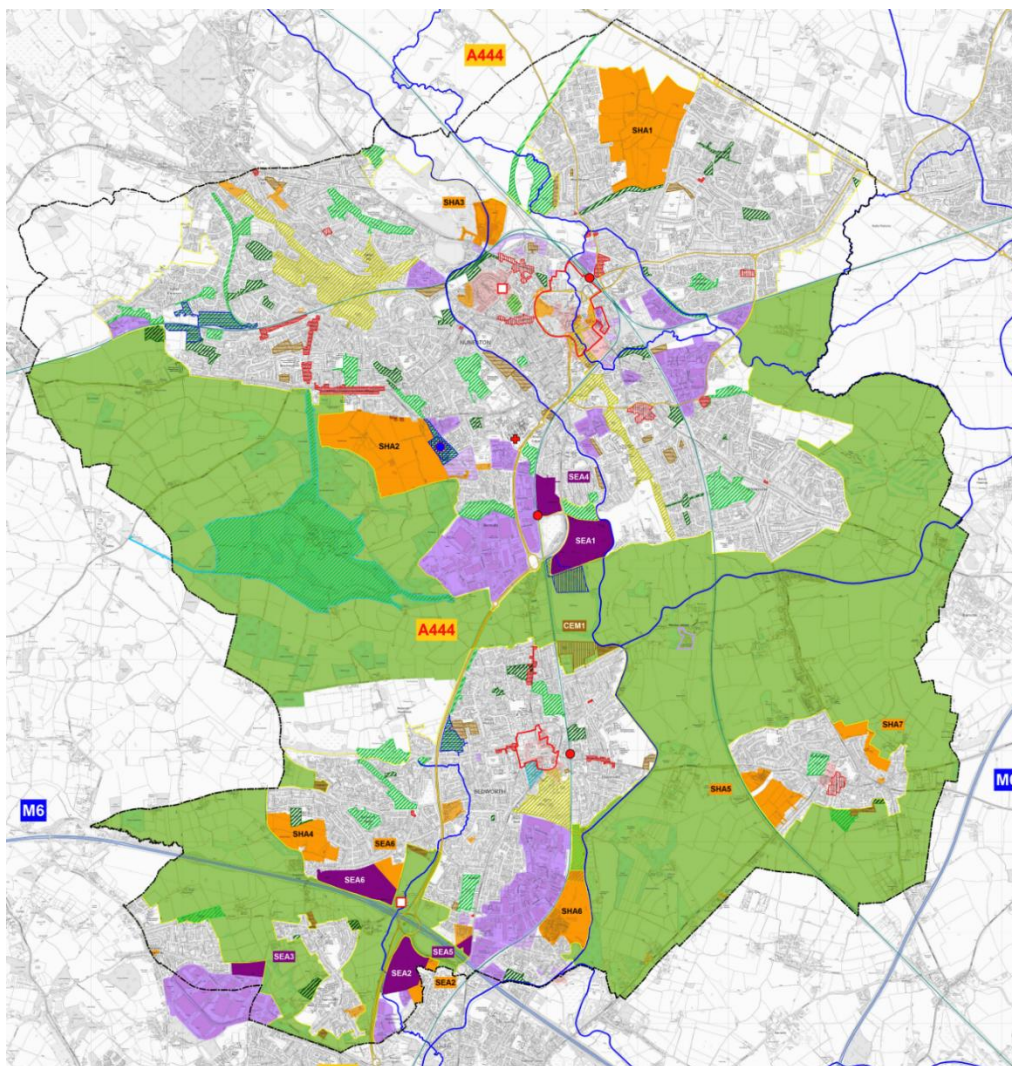
Demand Based on Housing Developments

- 1.60. The Borough Plan Review outlines 9 strategic residential housing sites. In total, these sites will contribute 5,024 dwellings between 2025 and 2039. Non-strategic allocations for housing land will provide a further 674 dwellings, however due to the small number of allocations on each site, the demand for indoor sports facilities created will not significant enough impact on this report. Therefore, the analysis below will only consider strategic housing allocation sites.
- 1.61. Map 1 shows the locations of strategic housing sites (orange) in the Borough and Table 16 provides an overview of the number of dwellings and approximate population by site.

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Map 1: Strategic Housing Allocations in Nuneaton and Bedworth



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Table 16: Strategic Housing Sites

Strategic Housing Allocation	Site Name	Approximate Number of Dwellings	Approximate Population (2.3 people per dwelling)
SHA1	Top Farm	1,700	3910
SHA2	Arbury	1,525	3508
SHA3	Tuttle Hill	350	805
SHA4	Hospital Lane	445	1024
SHA5	West of Bulkington	375	863
SHA6	Hawkesbury Golf Course (remaining land)	176	405
SHA7	East of Bulkington	230	529
Adjacent to the employment allocation (SEA6)	Bowling Green Lane	150	345
Adjacent to the employment allocation (SEA2)	Wilsons Lane	73	168
TOTAL STRATEGIC ALLOCATIONS		5024	11,555

- 1.62. The development of new housing provides an opportunity for NBBC to secure s106 contributions from developers, and particularly the larger housing sites. S106 contributions can be used to contribute towards the cost of community infrastructure needed to meet existing demand and that generated by new homes in an area. Sport and physical activity facilities are part of this community infrastructure.

Table 17: Indoor Facility Requirements and Developer Contributions from Strategic Housing Sites

Strategic Housing Allocation	Swimming Pools		Sports Halls		Total SFC Identified Cost Contributions
	Demand (Lanes)	SFC Identified Cost Contributions	Demand (Courts)	SFC Identified Cost Contributions	
SHA1 - Top Farm	0.81	£919,851	0.97	£720,189	£1,640,040
SHA2 - Arbury	0.73	£825,278	0.87	£646,144	£1,471,422
SHA3 - Tuttle Hill	0.17	£189,381	0.2	£148,274	£337,655
SHA4 - Hospital Lane	0.21	£240,902	0.25	£188,612	£429,514
SHA5 - West of Bulkington	0.18	£203,026	0.21	£158,957	£361,983
SHA6 - Hawkesbury Golf Course	0.08	£95,279	0.1	£74,598	£169,877

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Strategic Housing Allocation	Swimming Pools		Sports Halls		Total SFC Identified Cost Contributions
	Demand (Lanes)	SFC Identified Cost Contributions	Demand (Courts)	SFC Identified Cost Contributions	
SHA7 - East of Bulkington	0.11	£124,450	0.13	£97,437	£221,887
SEA6 - Bowling Green Lane	0.07	£81,163	0.09	£63,546	£144,709
SEA - Wilsons Lane	0.03	£39,523	0.04	£30,944	£70,467
TOTAL	2.39	£2,718,853	2.86	£2,128,701	£4,847,554

- 1.63. Using the Sports Facility Calculator (SFC), Table 17 identifies the swimming pool and sports hall demand that will be generated by each of the strategic housing development sites in Nuneaton and Bedworth. It also assigns suggested cost contributions required of housing developers to allow for the creation of additional facilities to cater for this demand.
- 1.64. Strategic housing sites in the Borough will create demand for an additional 2.39 lanes in swimming pools and 2.86 new courts in sports halls and the SFC suggests that a total of £4,847,554 should be sort from developer contributions. However, no one site will generate enough demand to warrant its own specific new facility, therefore off-site contributions should be made to facilitate new provision in the highest area of need.
- 1.65. As there is an identified shortfall of water space in the Borough, the additional need from Table 17 cannot be met by the current stock of swimming pools, meaning further development is required. This should be located in areas of highest need in terms of accessibility. As highlighted earlier, only a small proportion of the population can access swimming pools within a 10 minute walk, and none of the strategic housing sites are within this catchment area. Due to the size of the housing developments and the impact they will have on existing swimming pools, new development should be prioritised at Top Farm (SHA1) or Arbury (SHA2).
- 1.66. Similarly to swimming pools, as there is an identified shortfall of sports hall space in the Borough, the additional need from Table 17 cannot be met by the current stock of sports halls, meaning further development is required. This should be located in areas of highest need in terms of accessibility. Due to the size of the housing developments and the impact they will have on existing swimming pools, new development should be prioritised at Top Farm (SHA1) or Arbury (SHA2).

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Summary of Facility Investment Priorities

Table 18: Summary of Facility Investment Priorities

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Sports Halls	Additional sports hall provision to meet current and future demand	New housing developments
	Investment as required in ageing sports hall facilities	Jubilee Sports Centre
	Establish CUAs for any new sports halls developed on education sites	Across the borough
	Explore the potential to include pay and play usage at existing education sports halls	Across the borough
Activity Halls	Refurbishment of poorest quality activity halls	Alec Wilson Centre Khair in the Community Nuneaton Club for Young People
	Newly developed locally accessible activity halls to meet expected increase in demand	Based on new housing allocation and public/community consultation, where housing developments are proposed and provision is currently limited.
Swimming Pools	Development of additional swimming pool provision	Linked to new housing development with priority sites of either Top Farm or Arbury.
	Development of community use agreement at Exhall Grange School	Exhall Grange School
Community Centres	Upgrading of existing facilities to improve quality	All Saints Parish Hall, Khair in the Community and St James Hall
	Review of community centre activity programming, activity space size and storage availability	Boroughwide
	New community centres to meet increased demand and provide residents access to centres within their local neighbourhood	New housing development sites
Health and Fitness	Additional pay and play accessible fitness suites and studios to provide affordable and accessible offers within the communities where it is most needed.	New housing developments
Cycling Facilities	Refurbishment of poorest quality facilities to sustain provision for the future	Stockingford Recreation Ground BMX Track

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- 1.67. Other future facility provision, linked particularly to long term population growth and housing development, is the development of new and improved walking, jogging and cycling routes/connectivity, to encourage active travel, and provide an environment in which physical activity can be easily integrated into daily life.

2. Stage D – Recommendations and Action Plan

- 2.1. Based on the assessment set out in Section 5 the following recommendations are made for both the overall future approach to provision and the specific types of provision needed in the future.
- 2.2. It is important to note that although the BFS is compliant with Sport England guidance and provides a robust assessment of need for Nuneaton and Bedworth it is a mechanism for supporting not ensuring delivery.
- 2.3. The BFS identifies the overall need in the borough and recommends where and how this should be addressed i.e. type and scale of provision. However, it is not an instruction to provide. Rather, its findings are designed to inform the delivery of the Local Plan and other additional infrastructure requirements, demonstrate need, assist in determining planning applications, and secure resources to deliver where necessary.
- 2.4. It is important to use the BFS as a planning tool and for identifying potential methods for meeting the needs of Nuneaton and Bedworth borough residents. Where it is decided that additional facility development is required, further feasibility work should be undertaken to ensure that the right provision is delivered in the correct location. As the BFS does not include costing of individual schemes, nor identifies how much could be raised from s106 etc, it is important that any feasibility work also identifies capital costs and potential funding sources, as well as engaging all necessary partners and stakeholders.

Overall Recommendations

Recommendation 1 (R1)

The existing levels of community accessible (including pay and play) sports hall, swimming pool and fitness provision in the borough are retained as a minimum, but these need not necessarily be the same facilities as at present.

(PROTECT)

Recommendation 2 (R2)

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) and all its partners identify the level of capital funding required to address the identified investment needs for sports facilities, and investigate all available sources for capital funding, on a partnership basis. To support this process, it is recommended to involve Think Active (Active Partnership). Priorities for investment are set out in Recommendation 7.

(PROVIDE)

Recommendation 3 (R3)

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and its partners e.g. Sport England, Think Active and NGBs, etc prioritise investment in the development of high-quality, inclusive community sports facilities/spaces. Increasing available capacity and therefore opportunities to take part in regular physical activity, in the local community, and particularly in the most deprived areas, will contribute to improved health and wellbeing, increased participation and better community cohesion. Recommendations 2 and 3 are long-term strategic recommendations; Recommendation 7 sets out the specific investment priorities.

(PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)

Recommendation 4 (R4)

Where appropriate, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and its partners seek to secure developer contributions from strategic developments that could contribute towards the development/refurbishment of facilities strategically supported through the BFS Framework, additional and safe walking, running, and cycling routes, and where possible to open up other informal, multipurpose places and spaces where people can be active.

(PROVIDE AND PROTECT)

Recommendation 5 (R5)

Work towards there being access to all types of built leisure provision within a 20-minute journey on public/private transport, for all areas of the borough.

Recommendation 6 (R6)

There should be on-going and annual monitoring of this Strategy through its implementation, but as a minimum, progress should be reviewed and refreshed every five years. On-going monitoring should include partnership working with neighbouring local authorities to keep aware of facility changes and developments.

(PROTECT)

Recommendation 7 (R7)

Consideration of Facilities Planning Model or similar model once available to formally assess the increase in demand on current and future supply.

Recommendations for specific facility types by 2039

Recommendation 8a – 8e Sports Halls and Activity Halls

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Sports Halls	Recommendation 8a (R8a) Development of additional sports hall provision to meet current and future demand (PROVIDE)	New housing developments
	Recommendation 8b (R8b) Investment as required in ageing sports hall facilities (PROVIDE)	Jubilee Sports Centre
	Recommendation 8c (R8c) Establish CUAs for any new sports halls developed on education sites (PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)	Across the borough
	Recommendation 8d (R8d) Explore the potential to include pay and play usage at existing education sports halls (PROVIDE AND ENHANCE)	Across the borough
Activity Halls	Recommendation 8e (R8e) Introduction of newly developed locally accessible activity halls to meet expected increase in demand (PROVIDE)	Based on new housing allocation and public/community consultation, outside the main urban area of Nuneaton and Bedworth borough

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Recommendation 9a-9c – Community Centres

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Community Centres	Recommendation 9a (R9a) Upgrading of existing facilities to improve quality (PROTECT AND ENHANCE)	All Saints Parish Hall, Khair in the Community and St James Hall
	Recommendation 9b (R9b) Review of community centre activity programming, activity space size and storage availability (ENHANCE)	Boroughwide
	Recommendation 9c (R9c) New community centres to meet increased demand and provide residents access to centres within their local neighbourhood (PROVIDE)	New housing development sites

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Recommendation 10a-10c Swimming Pools

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Swimming Pools	Recommendation 10a (R10a) 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. (PROVIDE)	Associated with new housing developments.
	Recommendation 10b (R10b) Enhanced community accessibility of currently unavailable swimming pools (PROVIDE)	Exhall Grange School

Recommendation 11 – Fitness Suites and Studios

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Health and fitness	Recommendation 11 (R11) Additional pay and play accessible fitness suites and studios to provide affordable and accessible offers within the communities where it is most needed. (PROVIDE)	New housing developments

Recommendation 12 - Squash

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Squash	Recommendation 12 (R12) Maintain and sustain existing provision, including community accessible courts (PROTECT)	Etone Sports Centre

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Recommendation 13 – Indoor Tennis & Padel

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Indoor Tennis and Play	Recommendation 13 (R13) Consider potential for new padel provision to be developed across the borough, to provide new physical activity and sport provision for residents. (PROVIDE)	Borough wide

Recommendation 14 – Gymnastics

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Gymnastics	Recommendation 14 (R14) Work with the club utilising a multisport venue to secure dedicated facilities within the borough. (ENHANCE)	The Trampoline Academy

Recommendation 15 – Athletics

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Athletics	Recommendation 15 (R15) Ongoing maintenance of track for community and club usage (PROTECT AND ENHANCE)	Pingles Stadium

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Recommendation 16a -16b – Cycling

Facility Type	Priority for Future Provision	Location
Cycling	Recommendation 16a (R16a) Protection and maintenance of existing skate parks and cycle tracks for future use. (PROTECT)	Nuneaton BMX Track Stockingford Recreation Ground BMX Pump Track Bedworth Physical Activity Hub – Learn to Ride, Skate/Wheels Park, BMX Pump Track, Mountain Bike Trails
	Recommendation 16b (R16b) Refurbishment of poorest quality facilities to ensure future provision. (ENHANCE AND PROTECT)	Stockingford Recreation Ground BMX Pump Track

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