

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL
PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY 2017 -2031
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GLOSSARY & ABBREVIATIONS

3G	Third generation (artificial grass pitch)
AGP	Artificial grass pitch
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
CC	Cricket Club
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CFA	County Football Association
CSP	County Sports Partnership
EH	England Hockey
FA	Football Association
FC	Football Club
FE	Further Education
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HC	Hockey Club
HE	Higher Education
JFC	Junior Football Club
ECB	England and Wales Cricket Board
LTA	Lawn Tennis Association
LMS	Last Man Stands
NGB	National Governing Body
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PF	Playing Field
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
PQS	Performance Quality Standard
RFC	Rugby Football Club
RFL	Rugby Football League
RFU	Rugby Football Union
S106	Section 106
TGR	Team Generation Rate
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.
Unsecured Community Use	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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 PPS 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.

3G - third generation pitch. 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 sub base system (of stone base, porous tarmac layer and shock pad) and are accepted by the rugby governing bodies (RFU and RFL).

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This is the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for Thanet District Council and its partners. The PPS builds upon the preceding Assessment Report (Stage C) and provides a framework for future provision and management of sports pitches to serve existing and new communities across the district.
- 1.2. In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, the PPS sets out to assess existing sports pitches, the future need for sports pitches, and opportunities for new provision.
- 1.3. The PPS will run to 2022 (five years based on Sport England recommendations) but should be reviewed on an annual basis to keep it up-to-date and robust. However future demand is taken into account to 2031 (in line with the draft new Local Plan) and should be reviewed in accordance with Stage E of the Sport England PPS guidance (see Part 7).
- 1.4. The PPS has been developed in partnership with a range of agencies including Thanet District Council, Town and Parish Council's, Sport England, national governing bodies of sport including football, cricket, rugby union and hockey and local football, hockey, rugby union, and cricket clubs.
- 1.5. This PPS is based on a supply and demand assessment of playing pitch facilities in accordance with Sport England's PPS Guidance: An Approach to Developing and Delivering a PPS 2013:<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-andguidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>
- 1.6. The development of the PPS has been overseen by a Steering Group made up of representatives from:
- Sport England;
 - England Hockey;
 - Thanet District Council Planning Department;
 - Thanet District Council Parks and Leisure;
 - England and Wales Cricket Board;
 - Football Association; and
 - Rugby Football Union.
- 1.7. It will be important for the Steering Group to continue once the PPS has been adopted; by Thanet District Council. The reasons for this are:
- To implement the PPS recommendations and action plan;
 - Monitor and evaluate the outcomes of the PPS; and
 - Ensure that the PPS is kept up to date.
- 1.8. The PPS is for the whole district not just the Council. However, the Council has a role to play but at the same time the PPS has to be considered in the context of reducing budgets for local authorities and savings that mean a reduction in the resources available for the Council to maintain playing pitches and ancillary facilities.
- 1.10 The aim of the PPS is:
- “to provide an assessment of the “fit for purpose” of the sports pitches and facilities, whilst identifying opportunities for retaining, reducing or removing this provision and prospects for new provision and partnerships. The assessment should identify specific needs and quantitative and/or qualitative deficits or surpluses of sports pitches and facilities in Thanet.’***

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1.11 The PPS will provide the evidence base for the following:

- **The Council's New Local Plan-2031;**
- **Identification of projects for which contributions can be sought as part of new development; and**
- **Funding bids from National Sports bodies like Sport England and the National Governing Bodies (NGB's) of sport, additionally, the PPS will focus on revenue and capital spending in the medium term.**

1.12 Thanet District Council wishes to understand current needs for its playing pitch and playing pitch ancillary facilities portfolio, and future need for provision, driven by increased population, and identification of any gaps in the existing facility network.

1.13 The development of this new PPS will enable Thanet District Council and other local providers to shape their future playing pitch facilities offer; this may comprise of direct Council provision and that undertaken by education, voluntary, community, private sectors and National Governing Bodies'.

1.14 The development of the PPS is an opportunity to set out a strategic vision for future provision of playing pitch facilities, based on robust evidence and a needs assessment.

1.15 The PPS will help to protect playing fields from loss and make sure the right type, and quantity, of new pitches are provided as part of new developments and future growth sites.

1.16 The PPS will underpin the contribution that sport makes to Thanet District Council's Corporate Plan, priority objectives and will also help provide a rationale to enable National Governing Bodies to further invest and deliver their working outcomes as outlined in their Whole Sport Plans. The PPS will also provide evidence to support funding bids from other funders, whilst also supporting requests for S106 developer contributions following building developments subject to viability considerations. Additionally, the strategies will help focus internal revenue and capital spending in the medium term.

POPULATION AND GROWTH

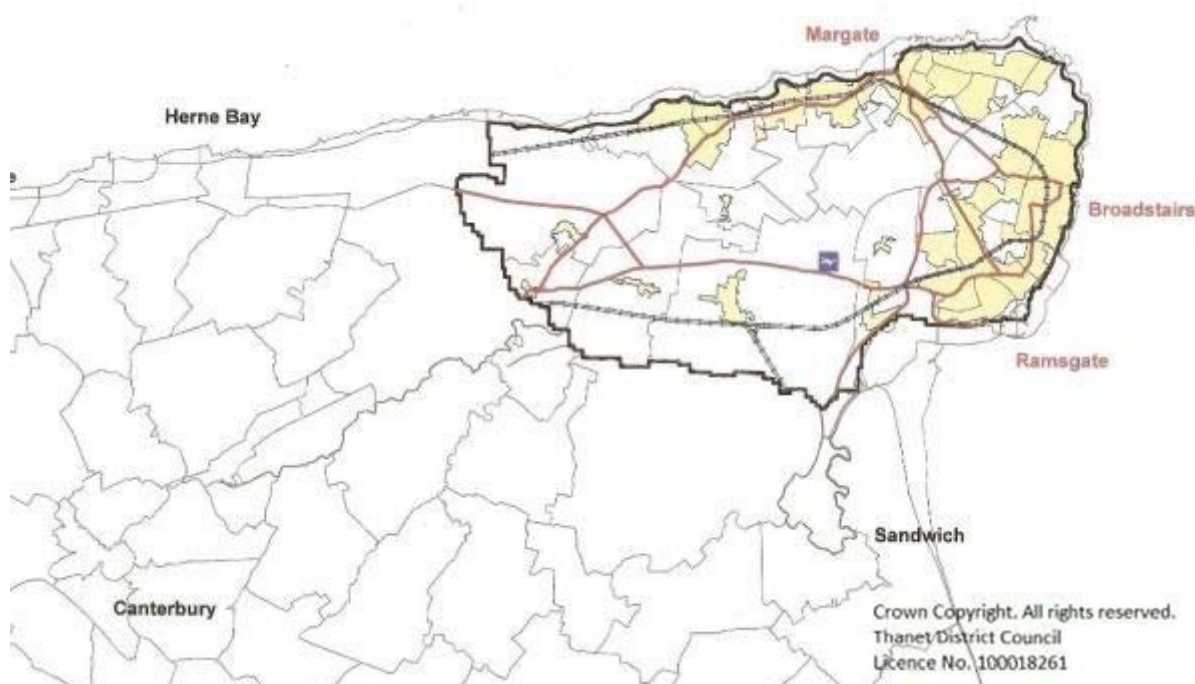
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1.19 The district has an area of 103 square kilometres and a resident population of 140,937 (**Source: ONS 2014 Mid-Year Population**).

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Map 1.1: Map of Thanet



- 1.20 The ONS 2014-based Subnational population projections project a population of 140,937 in 2016 rising to 161,527 in 2031.
- 1.21 Understanding the needs of different pitch sports at a local level enables Thanet District Council to provide appropriately to meet the needs of its communities. It is inevitable that the needs of communities change over time, just as the playing and participative requirements of individual sports change. The demand for these at a local level need to be assessed and modelled to understand what this means in terms of actual pitch provision, otherwise the Council could be providing too much or too little, thinking they are addressing local needs, but in fact they are not.
- 1.22 The very fact that the requirements of sports change is one of the several justifications for undertaking the PPS at a local level and critically for updating this analysis every 5, if not 3 years. However, it must also be understood that the PPS represents a 'snap-shot' in time based upon the anticipated level of growth planned for the district.

PPS HEADLINE FINDINGS

- 1.23 Table 1.1 shows the quantitative findings from the PPS Stage C Assessment Report.

Table: 1.1 Headline Findings Football Grass Pitches, 3G Rubber Crumb pitches, Cricket, Hockey & Rugby Union

SPORT	CURRENT DEMAND SHORTFALL 2017	FUTURE DEMAND SHORTFALL 2031 USING ONS SUB NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS 2016 -2031
FOOTBALL (GRASS PITCHES)	Adult 11 v 11 - Demand is being met for adult match equivalent sessions.	Adult 11 v 11 - Demand can be met from current supply with community use agreements on school sites, use of unused sites and 3 pitches provided from new housing development.
	Junior 11 v 11 – Shortfall 13 match equivalent sessions.	Junior 11 v 11 shortfall of 22 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions
	Junior 9 v 9 - Shortfall 6 match equivalent sessions.	Junior 9 v 9 – Shortfall 14 match equivalent sessions.

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SPORT	CURRENT DEMAND SHORTFALL 2017	FUTURE DEMAND SHORTFALL 2031 USING ONS SUB NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS 2016 -2031
	Mini Soccer 7 v 7 -Demand is being met for mini 7 v 7 matches	Mini Soccer 7 v 7 – Demand can be met from current supply.
	Mini Soccer 5 v 5 - Demand is being met for mini 5 v 5 matches	Mini soccer 5 v 5 – Demand can be met from current supply
FOOTBALL 3G RUBBER CRUMB PITCHES	Shortfall of 2 full size 3 G rubber crumb pitches based upon the FA training model.	Shortfall of 3 full size 3 G rubber crumb pitches based upon the FA training model.
CRICKET	Demand is being met with over play at Broadstairs Cricket Club.	Future demand can be met from current supply. However, there is a need to improve existing cricket facilities in Thanet for use by new residents.
HOCKEY	Current demand is being met.	Future demand can be met from current supply.
RUGBY UNION	Current demand is being met at peak time of play. There is over play when training and matches are included	Future demand is met at peak time of play. There is demand for additional floodlit pitches to meet training needs and improvements to quality of existing pitches.

FOOTBALL HEADLINES

- 1.24 The requirement in 2031 for adult 11 v 11 is 22 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There will be a shortfall of 2 secure community use match equivalent sessions.
- 1.25 Population growth indicates that there is a need for 3 additional match equivalent sessions per week at peak time which equates to 3 adult 11 v 11 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from new housing development funding.
- 1.26 The 3 match equivalent sessions provided by population growth and the 20 current secured match equivalent sessions provide 23 match equivalent sessions. This shows a surplus of 1 adult secured match equivalent sessions in 2031 with 6 unsecured community use match equivalent sessions spare. In total there will be 7 adult match equivalent sessions spare in 2031.
- 1.27 The current shortfall in junior 11 v 11 match sessions is due to overplay of junior 11 v 11 games on adult pitches. There is a need to provide for 28 match equivalent sessions in 2031. Population growth demands 4 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 6 secured community use match equivalent sessions. With the 4 provided from population growth this equals 10 match equivalent sessions. This leaves a shortfall of 18 junior 11 v 11 secured community use match equivalent sessions in 2031.
- 1.28 There is a need to seek formal community use agreements for the 6 current unsecured community use match equivalent sessions and to reconfigure the 7 adult spare match equivalent sessions into junior 11 v 11. This totals 13 match equivalent sessions leaving a shortfall of 5 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions.
- 1.29 There are 4 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions that are currently not in use. These are Birchington Recreation Ground – 2 adult match equivalent sessions, Lymington Recreation Ground – 1 match equivalent session and Warre Recreation Ground - 1 adult match equivalent session. These 4 sites should be considered for reconfiguration to junior 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the shortfall to 1 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent session in 2031. This could be met by use of land adjacent to Garlinge Playing Fields or pitches at the Royal Harbour Academy School.

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- 1.30 Population growth indicates that there is a need for 1 additional 7 v 7 and 1 additional 5 v 5 match equivalent session per week at peak time which equates to 1 7 v 7 and 1 5 v 5 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from new housing development.
- 1.31 There will be sufficient 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions in 2031. If the new 5 v 5 pitch provided by housing is of good quality 6 match equivalent sessions could be played per week. This would meet the shortfall of 4 x 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions in 2031.

3G RUBBER CRUMB HEADLINES

- 1.32 There are 3 x 3G rubber crumb full size pitches across Thanet (Margate FC, Minster Recreation Ground and Hartsdown Academy). Margate FC and Minster Recreation Ground are accredited to the FA 3G pitch register. This means that competitive league games as well as training can take place on these 3G pitches.
- 1.33 There is current demand for 4 3G rubber crumb pitches to meet football training demand and 5 3G rubber crumb pitches to meet football training demand in the future.
- 1.34 Seeking FA registration at Hartsdown would provide 3 registered FA pitches.
- 1.35 The development of a 3G pitch at Jackey Bakers would assist in meeting the shortfall and other Section 106 funding from new developments could fund a second pitch.

CRICKET HEADLINES

- 1.36 The total capacity for cricket pitches across the district is 353 match equivalents per season. The demand is 217 match equivalents per season with a theoretical underplay of 136 match equivalent games per season. Larger cricket clubs' pitches such as Broadstairs Cricket Club are constantly used.
- 1.37 Peak demand is on a Saturday and this needs to be considered as only one game can be played on 1 square. Some clubs have to play at other sites other than their preferred home ground.
- 1.38 Chatham House Grammar School requires a formal community use agreement to protect the use of the cricket facilities for Pegasus Cricket Club, Nelson Cricket Club and Ramsgate Corinthians cricket Club.

HOCKEY HEADLINES

- 1.39 The current and future demand for hockey can be met with the continued use of the water based and AGP hockey pitches at St Lawrence College. There is a need to safeguard usage by Cliftonville Hockey Club with the introduction of a community use agreement between the club and the college.

RUGBY UNION HEADLINES

- 1.40 There is a need to address drainage issues on Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club pitches and a need for the club to have access to two floodlit pitches for training.

THE PPS OBJECTIVES

- 1.41 The PPS Objectives follow the following three principles:

- **PROTECT:** The strategy seeks to make sure that the right amount of playing pitches and ancillary facilities of the right quality are in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision and recognises the benefits of multi pitch sites by:
 - Highlighting sites which have a particular significance for sport and seeks to protect them as a local recreational space through the Development Plan process (see NPPF paragraphs 76 and 77)
 - Securing tenure and access for development minded clubs, through a range of solutions and partnerships.
 - Seeking formal community use agreements with schools where there is a need.
- **ENHANCE:** Key partners such as Thanet District Council, Town and Parish Council's, local schools, Private and Voluntary Sector Sports Clubs, and NGBs must work together to maximise the full potential of playing pitch assets and the long-term sustainability of these assets and recognise that an improvement in quality and ongoing maintenance can have an impact on the capacity of use. The strategy will do this by setting out where improvements to the quality of playing pitches and ancillary facilities are required. The PPS looks at:
 - Improving quality
 - Working in partnership with stakeholders to provide funding
 - Securing developer contributions
- **PROVIDE:** In times of public sector austerity, investment needs to be directed at sites which will provide the best impact and highest increase in participation. It is the policy of Thanet District Council to support projects and sports clubs that are able to; demonstrate sustainable long-term development, increase participation and have achieved the appropriate accreditations e.g. Clubmark and / or Charter Standard providing player and sports development pathways. The strategy looks at:
 - Addressing capacity in junior 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 football by providing secured pitches through community use agreements on existing and new school sites and ensuring new pitches or contributions for new pitches through new housing development.
 - Addressing the need for 3G artificial grass pitches to meet increasing and changing demand for AGP surfaces for both training and competition in football.
 - Looking at the development of Jackey Bakers Sports Ground to ensure continued sustainability as a minimum for cricket and football.
 - Providing the required number and type of pitches on-site, or appropriate provision off-site, to meet the specific needs of residential development proposals.

SPORT ENGLAND NEW DEVELOPMENT CALCULATOR FOR PLAYING PITCHES

- 1.42 The recommendation is to use the Sport England New Development Calculator in the planning process when considering new housing. The Sport England new Development Calculator for new developments should be used to identify future playing pitch requirements. This means that when planning applications come forward for the new Local Plan such as large residential development that the Sport England Development Calculator Tool can be used to identify the cost of contributions required from each development or planning application. This is to ensure that sporting provision is planned at the start of the development and not as it grows.

MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE STRATEGY

- 1.43 It is important that regular monitoring and review occurs through meetings of the Steering Group following sign off by the National Governing Bodies and Sport England and adoption of the Strategy and Action Plan by Thanet District Council.
- 1.44 The Steering Group should be led by Thanet District Council. As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the Steering Group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS to be out of date.

2. THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL PPS INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. Thanet District Council commissioned a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS), which has been developed for grass and all-weather pitches. The PPS will guide future provision and management of sports pitches, to serve existing and new communities across Thanet District.
- 2.2. In line with the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, the PPS sets out to assess existing Playing Pitches, the future need for Playing Pitches, and opportunities for new provision. The key factors for Thanet District Council are:

- **The requirements of the 2012 NPPF and specifically paragraph 73**

'Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreational provision is required'

(Source: NPPF 2012 Paragraph 73)

- **and additionally, paragraph 74 of the NPPF** emphasise that existing open space, sports and recreational facilities and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:
 - An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
 - Any loss would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
 - The development is for alternative recreation or open space facilities, the need for which clearly outweighs the loss.

AIM OF DEVELOPING A PPS

- 2.3. The aim of developing the PPS is to:

'to provide an assessment of the "fit for purpose" of the sports pitches and facilities, whilst identifying opportunities for retaining, reducing or removing this provision and prospects for new provision and partnerships. The assessment should identify specific needs and quantitative and/or qualitative deficits or surpluses of sports pitches and facilities in Thanet District'.

- 2.4. The Strategy will provide evidence to support:

- **The Council's emerging new Local Plan**
- **Identification of projects for which contributions can be sought as part of new development.**
- **Funding bids from National Sports bodies like Sport England and the National Governing Bodies (NGB's) of sport,**
- **Additionally, the Strategy will focus on revenue and capital spending in the medium term.**

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2.5. This work will ensure that a planned approach to sport and physical activity facilities takes place across the district over the medium term, ensuring that the district's community has access to high quality facilities, helping communities improve their health and remain cohesive. It is imperative that where Thanet District Council, Town and Parish Council's provide facilities, they are as efficient and effective as possible due to continuing financial pressures.

STRATEGY SCOPE

2.6. The project scope for the PPS includes:

- **Football;**
- **Rugby Union;**
- **Cricket; and**
- **Hockey.**

2.7. The Strategy addresses facilities provided by the following sectors:

- **Local Authority;**
- **Education, (school based), Higher and Further education; and**
- **Voluntary and private sectors.**

RATIONALE FOR DEVELOPING A PPS STRATEGY

2.8. Thanet District Council wishes to understand both the needs of its playing pitch and playing pitch ancillary facilities portfolio, and future need for provision, driven by increased population, and identification of any gaps in the existing facility network.

2.9. The development of this new PPS will enable Thanet District Council and other local providers to shape their future playing pitch facilities offer; this may comprise direct provision and that undertaken by education, voluntary, community, private sectors and National Governing Bodies.

2.10. The PPS will underpin the contribution that sport makes to the local authority's Corporate Plan and priority objectives. It will also help provide a rationale to enable National Governing Bodies to further invest and deliver their working outcomes as outlined in their various strategic development documents.

2.11. The development of the PPS is an opportunity to set out a strategic Vision for future provision of playing pitch facilities, based on robust evidence and a needs assessment.

2.12. This will guide and inform future investment and partnerships, influence the new Local Plan, future proof and increase participation opportunities to 2031.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PPS

2.13. The detailed requirements of each element of the study are set out below; these reflect the requirements and structure of the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy guidance:

2.14. The strategy has been developed in line with guidance by Sport England (Playing Pitch Guidance, An approach to Developing and Delivering a PPS).

- **Stage A: (Step 1) – of the methodology is to prepare and tailor the approach.**
- **Stage B: (Steps 2 & 3) - Gather supply and demand information and views. Information was gathered on both the supply of pitches and the demand for these pitches, specifically:**
 - Supply
 - Demand
 - Details of potential changes to the future pitch stock, as well as projected and aspirational increases in participation

- **Stage C: (Steps 4, 5 & 6) – Assessing the Supply and Demand Information and Views. The supply and demand information collated has been used to:**
 - Understand the situation at individual sites.
 - Develop the current and projected future pictures of provision.
 - Identify the key findings and issues that need to be addressed.
- **Stage D: Steps 7 & 8 – Developing the recommendations for an action plan and writing and adopting the strategy.**

2.15. This document continues on from the needs assessment (Stage A, B & C) and aims to:

- **Summarise the key strategic findings of the individual sport assessments and sets out the main issues to be addressed in the strategy;**
- **Provides specific proposals for each sport;**
- **Takes into consideration the current and future needs of the individual playing pitch sites; and**
- **Provides a guide to monitoring and reviewing the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS).**

BACKGROUND CONTEXT

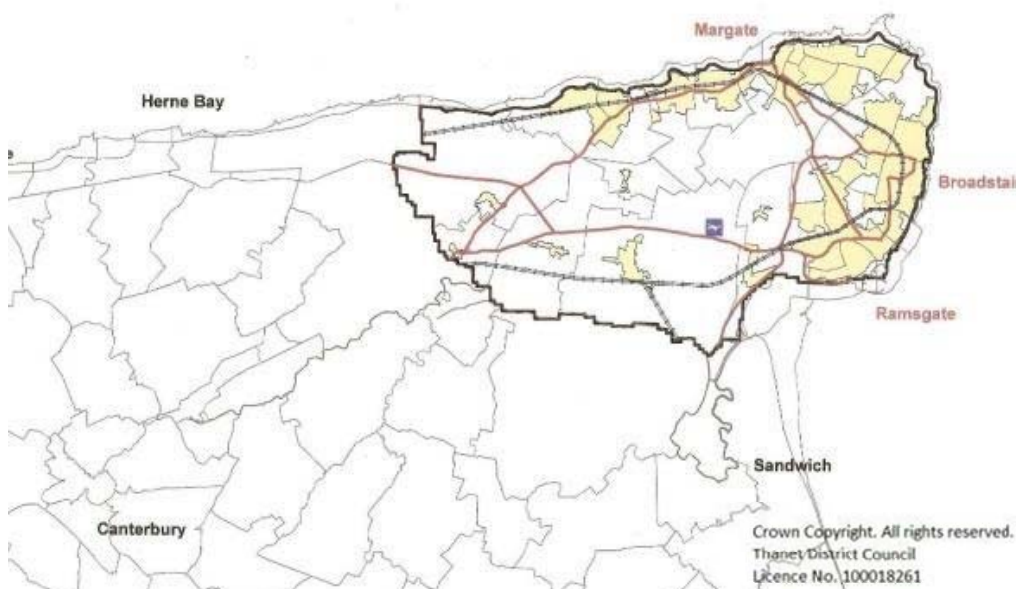
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2.18 The district has an area of 103 square kilometres and a resident population of 140,937 (Source: ONS Sub National Population Projections 2014 Mid-Year).

Map 2.1: Map of Thanet



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- 2.19 Map 2.1 also shows Thanet and its relationship to the rest of Kent. Herne Bay and Canterbury are in Canterbury District Council and Sandwich is in Dover District Council.
- 2.20 The Council is in the process of producing its new Local Plan which will set out the level of housing and other development growth that is needed to come forward by 2031. The evidence base which supports the new Local Plan is suggesting that an additional 17,140 houses will be required (2011 – 2031).
- 2.21 The rising household numbers, coupled with an ageing population, mean that the district will continue to need to provide a mix of housing types and sizes, including specialist forms of housing. This presents a challenge for the new Local Plan, as it will need to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing and a range of housing types to meet identified needs, including those of older people, within both the market and affordable sectors.

OTHER LOCAL FACTORS

- 2.22 The Indices of Deprivation 2015 shows Thanet District Council as the 35th (out of 326) most deprived local authority areas in England and Wales. The 2nd most deprived local authority area in South East England after Hastings and the most deprived local authority area in Kent.
- 2.23 This latest ranking shows that deprivation in Thanet has increased during the 5 years since the 2010 Indices of Deprivation. The 2015 Indices of Deprivation show Thanet falling 14 places since 2010.
- 2.24 Most of Thanet's deprivation is concentrated in the Margate Central, Cliftonville West, Eastcliff, Central Harbour, Newington and Northwood wards.
- 2.25 Margate Central, Cliftonville West, Eastcliff and Central Harbour are amongst the 10% most deprived wards in England and Wales.
- 2.26 70.2% of the district households have access to private transport, with 20.2% of households having access to 2 cars or vans. This suggests that the households in the district are fairly mobile. **(Source Census data 2011)**
- 2.27 The health of people in Thanet 2017 is generally worse than the England average. Thanet is one of the 20% most deprived districts/unitary authorities in England and about 28% (7,200) of children live in low income families. Life expectancy for both men and women is lower than the England average.
- 2.28 In Year 6, 21.4% (300) of children are classified as obese. The rate of alcohol-specific hospital stays among those under 18 is 49. This represents 15 stays per year. Levels of teenage pregnancy, GCSE attainment, breastfeeding initiation and smoking at time of delivery are worse than the England average.
- 2.29 Adult health - The rate of alcohol-related harm hospital stays is 562, better than the average for England. This represents 781 stays per year. The rate of self-harm hospital stays is 202. This represents 266 stays per year. Estimated levels of adult excess weight and physical activity are worse than the England average. Rates of sexually transmitted infections and TB are better than average.
- 2.30 Local priorities in Thanet include reducing early deaths from heart disease, stroke and respiratory disease, reducing alcohol and drug misuse, and improving access to mental health services.

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN:

FIVE YEAR CORPORATE PLAN 2015 – 2019

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- **Priority 1: A clean and welcoming environment**

We want to encourage pride in our district by keeping Thanet clean. We are determined frontline services get it right.

This will involve us:

- **Continuing to improve waste and recycling services, reducing waste and increasing recycling.**
- **Keeping streets, parks and open spaces clean for residents and visitors.**
- **Maintaining zero tolerance to encourage positive behaviour to help improve our environment.**

- **Priority 2: Supporting neighbourhoods**

We will work with partner agencies through the Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board to support people to make better lifestyle choices and operationally through our range of services provided directly to residents.

This will involve us:

- **Continuing our commitment to work with the public, private, voluntary and community sector to ensure the best outcomes for Thanet.**
- **Ensuring local residents have access to good quality housing, which meets people's changing needs and aspirations that is safe and affordable.**
- **Continuing to work with partners to improve community safety.**
- **Proactively enabling a collaborative partnership to reduce health inequalities.**

- **Priority 3: Promoting inward investment and job creation**

Our vision is to accelerate growth and achieve greater economic prosperity for our district. We will seek opportunities for inward investment, high quality job creation and work with partners to ensure we have the right skills, infrastructure and plans in place.

This will involve us:

- **Actively seeking inward investment, exploring the potential for using Enterprise Zones; encouraging new and existing businesses which support growth in the local and visitor economy.**
- **Working with partners to make the most of the buildings and land we own. Maximising commercial opportunities for key assets.**
- **Writing a Local Plan which sets planning strategies and policies that support growth of the economy.**
- **Working with education and training providers to develop the skills agenda for the benefit of residents and local businesses.**

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL NEW LOCAL PLAN 2011 - 2031

2.31 Thanet District Council's new Local Plan sets out policies and proposals that will be used to guide decisions and investment on development and regeneration over the period to 2031. It sets out how and where the homes, jobs, community facilities, shops and infrastructure will be delivered, and the types of places and environments Thanet wants to create. It also identifies land to be protected from development, such as open space. Once adopted, the Plan will form the statutory planning framework for determining planning applications and will replace the "saved" policies from the Thanet Local Plan 2006.

2.32 The PPS is covering the same period as the new Local Plan (to 2031), with a caveat in it that it will need to be reviewed within 3-5 years.

2.33 The draft Local Plan currently states:

POLICY GI05 – PROTECTION OF PLAYING FIELDS AND OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES

Built development will not be permitted on playing fields or on land last used as a playing field unless one or more of the following applies:

- 1) It is demonstrated that there is an excess of playing field provision in the area, for current and future uses of both the school and the community;**
- 2) The proposed use is ancillary to the primary use as a playing field and does not affect the quantity or quality of pitches or adversely affect their use;**
- 3) The proposed development is on land incapable of forming a pitch or part of a pitch and does not result in the loss of, or inability to make use of, a pitch;**
- 4) The playing field or fields that would be lost as a consequence of the proposed development would be replaced, prior to the commencement of the development, by a playing field or fields of at least a similar or improved quality and size in a suitable nearby location and subject to equivalent or improved management arrangements;**
- 5) The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor sports facility, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to sport and recreation as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss of the playing field or playing fields**
- 6) The playing field does not make a visual contribution to the amenity of and its loss would not be detrimental to the character of the area**

POLICY GI07 - JACKY BAKERS

Jacky Bakers sports ground will be promoted as the long-term primary sports venue for Thanet. Where fully justified, the council will permit ancillary development to subsidise the sports use.

STRATEGIC HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

2.34 The Draft Thanet Local Plan to 2031 identifies a number of strategic housing allocations these are:

- **Policy SP13 Strategic Housing Sites - Manston Green (sites referenced SS33) Land is allocated for 785 new dwellings. (Planning Permission Granted 2017)**
- **Policy SP14 - Strategic Housing Site at Birchington (comprising sites referenced S515, S498 & S499) Land is allocated for up to 1,600 new dwellings.**
- **Policy SP15 - Strategic Housing Site at Westgate-on-Sea (comprising sites referenced ST1 & ST2) Land to the east and west of Minster Road, Westgate is allocated for up to 2,000 new dwellings.**
- **Policy SP16 Westwood Strategic Housing (comprising sites referenced S511, S553 & S447) Land is allocated for up to 1,450 new dwellings.**
- **Policy SP17 - Land fronting Nash and Haine Roads (site reference S141). Land fronting Nash and Haine Roads is allocated for residential development with a notional capacity of 1,020 new dwellings or such capacity as may be demonstrated appropriate in light of the need to provide a school on site.**
- **Policy SP18 – Land at Manston Court Road/Haine Road – Land is allocated for up to 1,200 dwellings**

NON-STRATEGIC HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

2.35 Non-strategic Housing Allocations within the draft Local Plan to 2031 are:

- **Policy HO2 – Land north and south of Shottendane Road – 550 dwellings;**
- **Policy H03 – Land on west side of Old Haine Road, Ramsgate (comprising site references S535 & S549) Land to the west of Old Haine Road, Ramsgate is allocated for up to 250 new dwellings;**
- **Policy H04- Land fronting Nash Road and Manston Road (site reference S540) Land fronting Nash Road and Manston Road Margate is allocated for up to 250 new dwellings;**
- **Policy H06- Land south of Brooke Avenue Garlinge (site reference S505) Land south of Brooke Avenue Garlinge is allocated for up to 34 new dwellings;**
- **Policy H07 - land at Haine Road and Spratling Street, Ramsgate (site reference SR60) Land is allocated for up to 85 new dwellings;**
- **Policy H08 - Land south of Canterbury Road East, Ramsgate (site reference S415) Land on the south side of Canterbury Road east is allocated for up to 27 new dwellings;**
- **Policy H09 – Land at Melbourne Avenue, Ramsgate (site reference SS22) Land at the former Newington Nursery and Infant School, Melbourne Avenue, Ramsgate is allocated for up to 49 new dwellings;**
- **HO12 – Land at Tothill Street, Minster – 250 dwellings;**
- **HO13 – Land at Manor Road, St Nicholas at Wade – 17 dwellings;**
- **HO14 – Land at Walters Hall Farm, Monkton – 18 dwellings;**
- **HO15 – Land south side of A253, Cliffsend – 40 dwellings;**
- **HO16 – Land north of Cottington Road, Cliffsend – 40 dwellings; and**
- **HO17 – Land South side of Cottington Road, Cliffsend – 30 dwellings.**

2.36 There may also be possibilities to obtain funding from new housing in St Nicholas at Wade and Minster to improve existing playing pitch facilities.

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION STRATEGY 2015 - 2019

2.37 The Vision:

“Our vision is to build active, healthy, safe and successful communities in Thanet through increased participation in sport and active recreation”

2.38 The importance of sport and active recreation as a means to achieve wider, social, health, economic and environmental outcomes for individuals and communities has been increasingly recognised by central government and others over recent years. Growing research and evidence has demonstrated that sport and active recreation has the potential to:

- **Provide positive opportunities and diversionary activities to those young people who may otherwise become disfranchised and reduce anti-social behaviour;**
- **Provide health benefits to those who regularly participate in active lifestyles;**
- **Develop a sense of community and pull together local groups and organisations;**
- **Deliver economic benefits to areas through visitors attracted by high quality sporting events and facilities which raises the profile of local communities;**

- **Improve educational attainment contributing to a reduction in unemployment; and**
- **Provide opportunities for residents to make use of their natural environment by promoting the use of open spaces, coastal routes to improve overall health and well-being.**

2.39 By 2019 we want to see more people in Thanet enjoying the benefits associated with more active lifestyles, with the long-term vision to create and develop an active, motivated and healthier Thanet.

2.40 The following are actions, the Council intends to undertake and the required outcomes.

RAISING THE PROFILE OF SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION

ACTIONS

2.41 The Council will:

- 1. Provide a place for our community sports clubs, schools, colleges, leisure trusts and universities to celebrate local success stories and to ensure programmes are widely promoted through our TDC Sport website, local press and social media;**
- 2. Develop an easy to use online 'Sports Directory' to promote a wide range of internal and external sport and recreational opportunities;**
- 3. Deliver the four annual District Sports Awards events to recognise and reward the impact of our community sports clubs and talented performers;**
- 4. Support the district's talented performers by offering the 'Free Access Schemes' for National and County Level Sportspeople. Increase the number of Thanet residents benefitting from 50 to 80 over the time period;**
- 5. Work with National Governing Bodies of Sport to deliver a minimum of 2 new initiatives each year;**
- 6. Increase the profile of disability sport in Thanet by undertaking a promotional campaign highlighting the activities on offer; and**
- 7. Create 5 fixed marketing points at key venues across the district and one mobile display for partners to promote to different audiences.**

OUTCOMES

2.42 The outcomes will be:

- **Improved communications and information at local, regional and National level;**
- **Improved communication on social media, community hubs, leisure centres and hard to reach areas to promote services;**
- **The delivery of county or national events to inspire residents to engage in sport and active recreation;**
- **An increase in percentage of residents becoming more active as a result of improved communications and signposting; and**
- **Changing communities and social perception through the effective delivery of local activities.**

INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPORT

ACTIONS

2.43 The Council will:

- **Deliver the Sport 4 NRG ‘Doorstep Sport Model’* to increase opportunities for young people in Thanet. Activities delivered right in the heart of communities will see a reduction of anti-social behaviour in the areas delivered. *See Appendix 2;**
- **Promote, provide and deliver a range of coach education courses to up skill our community club coaches. Target working with 100 new or existing coaches over the 4 year period. Specifically target female coaches under the ‘Project 500’ scheme;**
- **Work together with local and national partners to deliver an annual ‘Club & Coaches Forum’ to provide advice and support for our district partners;**
- **Develop a Coastal Activity Programme including both water and beach based activities;**
- **Increase sports volunteering opportunities to help support a broad range of community club opportunities to increase club capacity by relaunching the Sport Matters volunteering programme. Target 20 new volunteers per year;**
- **Support one external bid per year to deliver new sporting activities; and**
- **Facilitate a conference to discuss school: club linkages and help schools deliver their physical activity targets.**

OUTCOMES

2.44 The outcomes will be:

- **An increase on the percentage of children, young people, adults, disabled participants and hard to reach groups engaging in Sport and Active recreation;**
- **A reduction in the percentage of young people at risk of re-offending through the delivery of the Sport 4 NRG project;**
- **An increase in the number of NGB specific and generic coaching courses hosted in Thanet;**
- **An increase year by year on the percentage of residents engaging in sport and active recreation as shown by Active People survey;**
- **An increase in the number of volunteers supporting local clubs, events and Sports employers across Thanet; and**
- **Increase in the levels of external funding coming to Thanet.**

DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

ACTIONS

2.45 The Council will:

- **Deliver the Sport 4 Life programme annually targeting 150 inactive participants with 50% sustaining increased activity after 6 months;**
- **Work with KCC Public Health in promoting the messages around obesity and physical inactivity including influencing the need for increased service provision in Thanet;**
- **Explore expansion of the 'Exercise Referral' scheme used by GPs to offer a variety of settings and activities to access;**
- **Work with local employers to promote and inspire active and healthy workplaces and use effective marketing to target our district workforce. Target 20 Thanet employers to have signed up to the Workplace Health Challenge;**
- **Support local organisations including Your Leisure and Kent Community Health Trust to deliver a range of activity programmes across our facilities including development of a family activity programme; and**
- **Deliver annual event to promote usage of the parks and open spaces in the district as a medium for active recreation.**

OUTCOMES

2.46 The outcomes will be:

- **An increase in the percentage of residents engaging in the exercise referral scheme;**
- **An annual increase in the percentage of leisure centre attendances through affordable memberships accessible to individuals and families;**
- **A reduction in the percentage of Thanet residents deemed to be inactive;**
- **An increase on effective communications across the district to promote healthier lifestyles;**
- **An increase in number of health-related projects delivered or supported across the year to improve health and well-being; and**
- **Targeted interventions to minority groups focusing on different inequalities.**

IMPROVING SPORTS FACILITY PROVISION

ACTIONS

2.47 The Council will:

- Undertake a refresh of the Sports Facilities Improvement Plan to establish priorities for development and improvement and help present the case for additional facilities;
- Implement a playing pitch audit to review the current grass pitch usage;
- Redevelop Jackey Bakers Recreation ground creating a 'sporting hub' to tie in with nearby facilities;
- Lobby for contributions from the private sector to develop 'free access' activity stations in our parks and open spaces;
- Support voluntary sports clubs in undertaking their own facility/grounds management and support clubs with the application of capital funding applications; and
- Develop a 'Sports Facilities Map' accessible online to local, voluntary and national partners.

OUTCOMES

2.48 The outcomes will be:

- Redeveloping key flagship sites to reduce Council costs and improve current facilities;
- An increase in the percentage of satisfaction levels for council owned facilities;
- Clear vision for what is needed in the district and who can play a role in providing; and
- An increase in capital funding to the district to improve council owned and local club facilities

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

2.49 Sport England's Active People Survey (APS) 10 (2015/16) based on a survey of 500 people across the District highlights that of those aged 16+ in Thanet, 28.9% participates once a week in sport; this is lower than, South East (38.3%) and England (36.1%) and is lower than 2014/15 (29.2%) but higher than 2013/14 (21.5%). Prior to 2013/14 previous levels of participation in Thanet were averaging 30%. This means that currently 2015/16 participation data shows that circa 70% of Thanet residents over 16, do not take part in any sporting activity.

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Table 2.1: Adult (16+) Participation in Sport (at least once a week), by year

YEAR	THANET	SOUTH EAST	ENGLAND
2005/06	30.2 %	37.1 %	34.6 %
2007/08	35.6 %	39.0 %	36.6 %
2008/09	25.5 %	37.9 %	36.5 %
2009/10	32.7 %	37.9 %	36.2 %
2010/11	30.5 %	36.8 %	35.6 %
2011/12	32.5 %	38.4 %	36.9 %
2012/13	31.1 %	38.1 %	36.6 %
2013/14	21.5 %	37.6 %	36.1 %
2014/15	29.2 %	37.7 %	35.8 %
2015/16	28.9 %	38.3 %	36.1 %

Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Adult (16+) participation in sport (at least once a week) by year, one session per week (at least 4 sessions of at least moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes in the previous 28 days). Time period(s): 2005/06, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

2.50 Other key participation performance indicators are shown below in table 2.2.

Table 2.2: Active People Survey Key Performance Indicators

INDICATOR	THANET				SOUTH EAST				ENGLAND			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
KPI3 - CLUB MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS	25.2 %	19.9 %	21.7 %	20.7 %	24.3 %	24.2 %	23.7 %	24.5 %	21.0 %	21.6 %	21.8 %	22.2 %
KPI4 - RECEIVED TUITION OR COACHING IN LAST 12 MONTHS	14.8 %	10.1 %	*	10.8 %	18.1 %	19.0 %	18.0 %	18.3 %	15.8 %	16.4 %	15.6 %	15.6 %
KPI5 - TOOK PART IN ORGANISED COMPETITION IN LAST 12 MONTHS	12.8 %	*	*	11.6 %	14.2 %	15.0 %	14.7 %	15.6 %	11.2 %	13.3 %	13.3 %	13.3 %
KPI6 - VERY/FAIRLY SATISFIED WITH LOCAL SPORTS PROVISION	59.4 %	54.4 %	55.0 %	60.8 %	63.7 %	63.8 %	63.6 %	64.6 %	60.3 %	61.6 %	61.8 %	62.1 %

Source: Active People Survey. Measure: Key Performance Indicators 3,4,5,6. Time Period(s): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

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- 2.51 The table above shows that club membership in the last 4 weeks is lower in Thanet in 2015/2016 (20.7%) than in 2014/2015 (21.7%) and is lower than the South East (24.5%) but higher than England (22.2%).
- 2.52 Those that have received coaching in the last 12 months (10.8%) is lower than that of England (15.6%) and the South East (18.3%).
- 2.53 Those that have taken part in organised competition in Thanet 2015/2016 (11.6%) is lower than the South East (15.6%) and England (13.3%).
- 2.54 The Very/Fairly satisfied with local sports provision in Thanet is 60.8% in 2015/2016 higher than the previous year 55% and is lower than the South East (64.6%) and England (62.1%).
- 2.55 APS 10 also identifies that:

- **In terms of Latent Demand, 49% of all those aged 16+ want to do more sport.**

SPORT ENGLAND MARKET SEGMENTATION

- 2.56 Sport England has developed nineteen sporting segments to provide a better understanding of people's attitudes to sport, their motivations and barriers. The key data sources were Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) 'Taking Part' survey and Active People. Further data was added from Experian Mosaic databases. Population data is used for people aged 18 and over.
- 2.57 Segmentation provides information on who participates in sport and what they want in terms of sport and active recreation provision. In total there are nineteen segments.
- 2.58 The Market Segmentation analysis for the district identifies that the dominant segments are Tim, Philip, Alison, Roger and Joy.

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Table 2.3: Market Segmentation Summary – Dominant Segments Thanet District Council

MARKET SEGMENT AND NUMBER	SEGMENT NAME	DESCRIPTION	TOP PARTICIPATION SPORTS NATIONALLY	THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL	
				NUMBER	RATE
FRANK (18)	Twilight Year Gents			6,700	6.5%
PHILIP (1)	Comfortable Mid-Life Males	Mid-life professional, sporty males with older children and more time for themselves	Philip's sporting activity levels are above the national average. Philip's top sports are cycling (16%), keep fit / gym (15%), swimming (12%), football (9%), and golf (8%)	8,700	8.4 %
ROGER & JOY (13)	Early Retirement Couples.			10,000	9.6%
ELISE & ARNOLD (19)	Retirement Home Singles			11,800	11.4%

Source: Sport England, 2010, Measure: Sport Market Segmentation

- 2.59 The market segments with the highest participation rates and which are most likely to play pitch sports are aged from 16 – 34 (segments 1-7 in the scale). Philip who is one of the four dominant market segments in Thanet is in this age group. This suggests that a proportion of the population will be keen to play outdoor sports.

3. PPS KEY FINDINGS

FOOTBALL SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.1. There are 55 adult 11 v 11 football teams in Thanet. There are 26 adult pitches providing 26 match equivalent sessions at peak time. 20 of these pitches are in secured community use. The actual spare capacity of adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions across Thanet at peak time of play is 4 match equivalent sessions in the peak period.
- 3.2. There are 3 sites that are not currently in use: Birchington Recreation Ground, Lymington Recreation Ground and Warre Recreation Ground. These three sites can provide 4 adult 11 v 11 pitches.
- 3.3. There is overplay of adult 11 v 11 pitches by junior 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 teams. This overplay is recorded in the adult supply and demand for match equivalent sessions.
- 3.4. There are currently 37 junior 11 v 11 boys and 5 junior 11 v 11 girls' teams across Thanet. There are 35 teams that play at peak time on a Sunday morning these teams demand 17.5 match equivalent sessions per week at the peak time. However, there is demand on adult pitches by junior teams and this demand equates to 3.5 junior match equivalent sessions played on adult 11 v 11 pitches per week.
- 3.5. There are 25 junior 9 v 9 teams and 2 junior 9 v 9 girl's teams. Peak time of play is a Saturday morning and demands 12.5 match equivalent sessions. There are currently 19 available match equivalent sessions in community use across 3 secured community use sites and 6 unsecured sites in Thanet. There are 6 x 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions overlapped on adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions.
- 3.6. There are 24 mini 7 v 7 teams demanding 12 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play and there are 19 available match equivalent sessions in community use across secured and unsecured sites in Thanet providing capacity for 76 match equivalent sessions per week.
- 3.7. There are 22 5 v 5 mini soccer teams across Thanet that demand 11 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play and there are currently 3 secured use pitches providing capacity for 10 match equivalent sessions.

IS THERE ENOUGH ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION CURRENTLY AND IN THE FUTURE?

- 3.8. There currently is an oversupply of adult pitches and an under supply of junior 11 v 11 and junior 9 v 9 pitches.
- 3.9. The requirement currently for adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions is 16 at peak time of play. There are 26 match equivalent sessions available. There are 6 match equivalent sessions provided at unsecured community use sites and 20 match equivalent sessions provided at secure community use sites. This provides spare capacity of 4 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play when using secured community use sites.
- 3.10. The requirement in 2031 for adult 11 v 11 is 22 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There will be a shortfall of 2 secure community use match equivalent session.
- 3.11. The requirement currently for junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions is 18 per week (17.5 rounded up). There are 11 match equivalent sessions available. There are 3 unsecured community use sites providing 5 match equivalent sessions and 6 match equivalent sessions are available at secured community use sites. This provides a shortfall of 12 secured community use match equivalent sessions.

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- 3.12. The requirement in 2031 for junior 11 v 11 is 28 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions. There will be a shortfall of 22 secure community use match equivalent sessions.
- 3.13. The requirement currently for junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions is 13 per week (12.5 rounded up). There are 15 match equivalent sessions available. There are 6 unsecured community use sites providing 8 match equivalent sessions and 7 match equivalent sessions are available at secured community use sites. This provides a shortfall of 8 secured community use match equivalent sessions.
- 3.14. The requirement in 2031 for junior 9 v 9 is 20 junior 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions. There will be a shortfall of 14 secure community use match equivalent sessions.
- 3.15. The requirement currently for mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions is 13 per week (12.5 rounded up). There are 6 match equivalent sessions available in secured community use with capacity for 22 match equivalent sessions. There are sufficient mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions in secured community use.
- 3.16. The requirement in 2031 for mini soccer 7 v 7 is 15 mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions. There will be sufficient mini soccer 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions in secure community use.
- 3.17. The requirement currently for mini soccer 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions is 11 per week. There are 3 match equivalent sessions available in secured community use with capacity for 10 match equivalent sessions. There is a shortfall of 1 match equivalent session.
- 3.18. The requirement in 2031 for mini soccer 5 v 5 is 14 match equivalent sessions. There will be a shortfall of 4 match equivalent sessions in secure community use.

PROVISION OF ADULT 11 v 11 FOOTBALL IN THE FUTURE TO 2031

- 3.19. The requirement in 2031 for adult 11 v 11 is 22 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There will be a shortfall of 2 secure community use match equivalent sessions.
- 3.20. Population growth indicates that there is a need for 3 additional match equivalent sessions per week at peak time which equates to 3 adult 11 v 11 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from new housing development through developer contributions.
- 3.21. The 3 match equivalent sessions provided by population growth and the 20 current secured match equivalent sessions provide 23 match equivalent sessions. This shows a surplus of 1 adult secured match equivalent sessions in 2031 with 6 unsecured community use match equivalent sessions spare. In total there will be 7 adult match equivalent sessions spare in 2031.

PROVISION OF JUNIOR 11 v 11 FOOTBALL IN THE FUTURE TO 2031

- 3.22. The requirement in 2031 for junior 11 v 11 is 28 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There will be a shortfall of 22 secure community use match equivalent session.
- 3.23. Population growth indicates that there is a need for 4 additional match equivalent sessions per week at peak time which equates to 4 junior 11 v 11 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from new housing development through developer contributions.
- 3.24. The 4 match equivalent sessions provided by population growth and the 6 current secured match equivalent sessions provide 10 match equivalent sessions. This shows a shortfall of 18 junior 11 v 11 secured match equivalent sessions in 2031.
- 3.25. There is a need to seek formal community use agreements for 6 current unsecured community use match equivalents and to reconfigure the 7 adult spare match equivalent sessions into junior 11 v 11. This totals 13 match equivalent sessions leaving a shortfall of 5 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions.

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3.26. There are 4 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions that are currently not in use. These are Birchington Recreation Ground – 2 adult match equivalent sessions, Lymington Recreation Ground – 1 match equivalent session and Warre Recreation Ground - 1 adult match equivalent session. These 4 sites should be considered for reconfiguration to junior 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the shortfall to 1 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent session in 2031.

PROVISION OF JUNIOR 9 v 9, MINI SOCCER 7 v 7 AND 5 v 5 FOOTBALL IN THE FUTURE TO 2031

3.27. There are 20 x 9 v 9, 15 x 7 v 7 and 14 x 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions required by 2031.

3.28. Population growth indicates that there is a need for 2 additional 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions per week at peak time which equates to 2 junior 9 v 9 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from new housing development through developer contributions.

3.29. The 2 match equivalent sessions provided by population growth and the 7 current secured match equivalent sessions provide 9 match equivalent sessions. This shows a shortfall of 11 junior 9 v 9 secured match equivalent sessions in 2031.

3.30. There is a need to seek formal community use agreements for 8 current 9 v 9 unsecured community use match equivalent sessions. This will leave a shortfall of 3 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions, which could be provided for on 3G rubber crumb pitches.

3.31. Population growth indicates that there is a need for 1 additional 7 v 7 and 1 additional 5 v 5 match equivalent session per week at peak time which equates to 1 7 v 7 and 1 5 v 5 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from new housing development through developer contributions.

3.32. There will be sufficient 7 v 7. If the new pitch provided by housing is of good quality 6 match equivalent sessions could be played per week. This would meet the shortfall of 4 x 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions in 2031.

3.33. In conclusion there are sufficient adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions in 2031, there is a need to reconfigure adult 11 v 11 pitches to provide for junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions and to put in place community use agreements with schools to safeguard and secure community use of junior 11 v 11 pitches in 2031. There is also a need to identify an additional junior 11 v 11 pitch. There will be a shortfall of 3 junior 9 v 9 pitches in 2031 which can be met by using 3G rubber crumb pitches. There will be sufficient supply of 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 pitches to meet match equivalent demand in 2031.

3G RUBBER CRUMB PITCHES

3.34. The 3G pitches across the district are identified in the table 3.1 below.

Table 3.1: 3G pitches across the District

SITE NAME	PITCH TYPE (3G; SAND BASED; SAND FILLED; WATER BASED)	SIZE	SECURITY OF COMMUNITY USE	AGE OF SURFACE	PITCH SCORE	FLOODLIGHTING	FA PITCH REGISTER
HARTSDOWN ACADEMY	3G	100m x 60m	Unsecured	2-5 years	81 - Good	Yes	-
HARTSDOWN PARK	3G	8 x 30m x 20m	Secured	5-10 years	68 - Standard	Yes	-
HARTSDOWN PARK MARGATE FC	3G	Full Size	Secured	new	Good	Yes	Yes
KING GEORGE V PARK – FA REGISTERED FULL SIZE	3G	80m x 50m	Secured	2-5 years	70 - Standard	Yes	Yes

3.35. The audit of teams has identified 171 teams within the district (2016). The Football Association has identified that for a full size 3G rubber crumb pitch to be sustainable, there are 42 teams required. On this basis, the district requires 4 x 3G rubber crumb full size pitches.

3.36. When considering latent demand and future population growth the team total becomes 204 and this requires 5 x 3G full size rubber crumb pitches in the future.

3.37. There are 3 full size 3G rubber crumb pitches with floodlights. 2 of these currently have FA registration status. One is Margate FC and Minster Recreation Ground both with FA registration. The third is at Hartsdown Academy with no FA registration.

3.38. All School 3G rubber crumb pitches must be registered with the FA if they are to be used for any affiliated match games. If not registered the pitch can only be used for training purposes. This includes school affiliated matches.

3.39. The FA model has been used to identify all formats of football moving to 3G pitches. Table 3.2 below shows the FA 3G pitch model.

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Table 3.2: FA 3G pitch model

Format	No Teams per time (x)	No matches at PEAK TIME (y)= x/2	3G units per match (z)	Total units required formats (A)=(y)*(z)	3G pitches required B= (A)/64
5v5 (EG)	25	13	4	52	1
5v5	22	11	4	44	1
7v7	24	12	8	96	2
9v9	27	13.5	10	135	2
11v11(Y)	42	21	32	672	11
11v11(A)	55	27.5	32	880	14

3.40. To provide all formats with 3G rubber crumb would require 30 x 3G rubber crumb pitches. If 50% of 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 played on 3G rubber crumb competitively this would require 3 x 3G rubber crumb pitches.

IS PROVISION ACCESSIBLE AND OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED?

3.41. The site assessments carried out determine the 'Carrying Capacity' of a football pitch. This capacity determines the number of matches a pitch can take per week without having a detrimental effect on the quality. A pitch receives a score identified through the assessment that determines the quality as 'good', 'standard' or 'poor'. The effect this has on carrying capacity for adult pitches is as follows:

- **Poor = 1 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Standard = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Good = 3 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**

3.42. For Youth Football 11 v 11 and 9 v 9 pitches, carrying capacity is affected differently due to the difference in nature and length of play. The effect of the quality scores on these pitches is as follows:

- **Poor = 1 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Standard = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Good = 4 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**

3.43. For Mini soccer 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 pitches, the quality score affects carrying capacity as follows:

- **Poor = 2 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Standard = 4 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**
- **Good = 6 match equivalent carrying capacity per week**

3.44. The quality of pitches across the district is assessed below. There is 1 grass football pitch site audited as a good quality pitch this is shown in table 3.3 below.

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Table 3.3: District wide ‘Good’ Quality Football Pitches

PITCH PROVISION – SITE	PITCH QUALITY RATING
Southwood Stadium	Good

3.45. Southwood Stadium is home to Ramsgate FC and is the only quality rated ‘Good’ pitch across Thanet.

3.46. Table 3.4 below identifies 19 football sites audited as ‘Standard’ quality.

Table 3.4 District wide ‘Standard’ Quality Football Pitches

PROVISION – SITE	PITCH QUALITY RATING
Bell Meadow St Nicholas at Wade	Standard
Monkton Recreation Ground	Standard
King George V Minster	Standard
Northdown Park - Margate	Standard
Garlinge Recreation Ground	Standard
St Georges C of E Broadstairs	Standard
Dumpton Park Broadstairs	Standard
St Luke’s Football Ground	Standard
Hartdown Academy	Standard
Dane Court Grammar School	Standard
Dane Park	Standard
Manston Sports Stadium	Standard
King Ethelbert School	Standard
Ursuline College	Standard
Dame Janet Primary School	Standard
Tivoli Park	Standard
Newington County Primary School	Standard
Palm Bay Primary School	Standard
Upton Junior School	Standard

3.47. Table 3.5 shows the ‘poor’ quality football pitches across the district. There are 3 sites with poor quality pitches.

Table 3.5: District wide ‘Poor’ Quality Football Pitches

PITCH PROVISION – SITE	PITCH RATING
Jackey Bakers	Poor
Royal Harbour Academy upper Stirling Way	Poor
Drapers Mills Primary Academy	Poor

3.48. Poor natural drainage and compaction of the ground are issues at several of the grass football pitch sites and these are rated as ‘Poor’ quality.

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3.49. Kent FA are happy to look at new sites for the Pitch Improvement Plan when the Local Football Facility Plans are developed. Priority site for the future is:

- **Jackey Bakers.**

3.50. It is important that fit for purpose ancillary provision (changing and social facilities) are provided. There are a number of sites where new changing rooms or improvements are required. The identified sites are:

- **Jackey Bakers:** The clubhouse servicing the pitches is of poor condition and needs rebuilding to allow better provision for the numerous pitches on the site, if this was done it would look to become the central hub of sport in Thanet.
- **St Luke's** – clubhouse is in need of refurbishment.
- **Hugin Vikings** - Has a 25 year lease now down to 19 years – have planning permission for a new clubhouse, they have dug out the foundations but have a funding gap to carry out the full build.

CRICKET SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.51. In the 2017 season, 10 cricket squares provided 111 grass cricket pitches and 3 non-turf cricket pitches were identified as maintained and available for community cricket at 9 playing field sites providing secured and unsecured community use.
- 3.52. There are 7 sites that provide secure community use – 1 is leased to Margate Cricket Club by a local farmer, 1 is leased to Broadstairs Cricket Club by Thanet District Council (99 year lease) and Westgate Cricket Club leased by Kent County Council Education with 10 years remaining of a 25 year lease.
- 3.53. 2 are in Parish Council ownership, 2 are owned by Thanet District Council and 3 sites are in Education ownership and provide unsecured community use. Wellesley House School is not available for use.
- 3.54. There used to be 2 squares at Northdown Park. This has been reduced to 1 square.
- 3.55. There are 10 cricket clubs using cricket facilities across the district. There used to be 11, however, St Nicholas at Wade, has returned to play cricket at Herne, Canterbury City Council and renamed themselves Herne Cricket Club. The remaining 10 cricket clubs have 20 adult and 9 junior teams.
- 3.56. Three cricket clubs have a junior section - Nelson Cricket Club 2 junior teams, Broadstairs Cricket Club 4 junior teams and Margate Cricket Club 3 junior teams.
- 3.57. Chatham House Grammar School is an unsecured community use site that is home to 3 clubs. These clubs are Pegasus, Nelson and Ramsgate Corinthian's. Nelson and Ramsgate Corinthians also play at Jackey Bakers and Nelson also use King George V Park Minster.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND

- 3.58. Overall across the district there is capacity for 353 match equivalents per season and demand is 217 match equivalents. With a theoretical underplay of 136 match equivalent games per season across the district.
- 3.59. There is a need to safeguard community use at Chatham House Grammar School with a formal community use agreement.

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- 3.60. Although the cricket pitches at Broadstairs, Westgate on Sea and Margate Cricket Club are either 'good' quality. Jackey Bakers is the only 'Poor' quality rated site in the district. The remainder are all 'standard' quality.
- 3.61. **Bell Meadow Sports Recreation Ground:** Has a poorly maintained outfield. The outfield is maintained through the Parish Council, who cut the pitch once every 2 weeks, which is not adequate for what is required for the club, this meaning often when playing games, the outfield is too long making it hard to play games. The current maintenance equipment at the ground is not fit for purpose and needs replacing. There is an unused cricket net in poor condition.
- 3.62. **Chatham House Grammar School** The cricket pitch is of standard condition, with average nets. The school is seeking to improve the nets and ancillary facility. The site is currently let out to two local clubs, and the school are keen to increase community use if possible.
- 3.63. **Broadstairs Cricket Club the Pavilion Park Avenue:** The pitch is in good condition, although the nets and non-turf pitch are of poor quality and in need of refurbishment/replacement. There is a need to improve the aged maintenance equipment.
- 3.64. **Hawtreys Field:** Westgate on Sea Cricket club lease the cricket facilities from KCC Education. There is a new built pavilion as the previous pavilion burnt down. The club require an electronic scoreboard and new covers. There is also a need to start discussions with regards to renewing the lease which has 10 years to run.
- 3.65. **Jackey Bakers Recreation Ground:** There are two cricket squares, which are of a poor quality as are the very large ancillary facilities. The clubhouse has been a target for vandalism for a number of years. The pitches themselves get limited use throughout the season.
- 3.66. **King George V Park:** A town council owned site that requires improved maintenance regimes, there is a drain cover in the outfield. The clubhouse was built in 1985, which is of average condition and has a bar which isn't utilised. The clubhouse is also used as a nursery. The club are not interested in nets or a non-turf pitch due to issues of possible vandalism. They would however, be keen to look at replacing the square.
- 3.67. **Northdown Park:** This site is Thanet District Council owned and rented out for use through 'Your Leisure', which poses a problem to Northdown Cricket Club as they see the pitches as being of poor quality. The club has stated that there is a cancellation policy meaning if the club cannot find a Saturday match by Wednesday they have to cancel, or the full fee has to be paid. The Club also voiced concerns over the maintenance of the pitches, with the autumn maintenance regime not occurring for the last few years. The poor quality of the pitches has led to some teams not being willing to travel to Northdown.
- 3.68. There are no cricket nets that make club practice a challenge. The club also considers that any nets provided would be immediately vandalised.
- 3.69. **Tivoli Meadow Margate Cricket Club:** The site is leased out from a local farmer. The current ancillary facility struggles to host the current demand and the club are looking to either expand the existing ancillary facility or move the clubhouse (to where the car park is currently located). The current nets are in poor condition, and it is the club's top priority to get these replaced

FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.70. Population growth and Club development - The projected club development growth of 1 adult men's and 2 junior boys team will add to current demand as will the 1 adult and 1 junior team from population growth.
- 3.71. The future game requirements for latent demand per season equate to 25 games and future population growth requirements equate to 19 games. The total additional games per season would be 44 games.
- 3.72. Theoretically this can be met from the theoretical underplay of 136 match equivalent sessions. The club development can be catered for from within existing supply with some funding for improvements at existing sites.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND

- 3.73. There will be sufficient accessible and secured community use if a community use agreement can be put in place at Chatham House Grammar School. Funding can improve some facilities, particularly Jackey Bakers and if developer contributions can be used to improve existing facilities.

HOCKEY KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.74. There is currently 1 secured use hockey AGP in Thanet at Jackey Bakers. The AGP is 'poor' in quality and unusable and has been for some time.
- 3.75. St Lawrence College has a sand based and water based AGP that is available for community use, but this is unsecured community use. Both AGP's are in good condition. The water based pitch is less than 2 years old.
- 3.76. Cliftonville Hockey Club is the only hockey club in Thanet. The club fields 7 teams. There are 2 men's teams and 3 women's teams and 2 junior teams.
- 3.77. The club has a requirement for 3 match slots on a Saturday and 1 on a Sunday at St Lawrence College. There are 40 training slots available and 5.5 are currently used by the Club at the College.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND?

- 3.78. The use of St Lawrence College is not a secure community use.
- 3.79. In planning for the future, opportunities should be pursued to deliver community hockey clubs with secure access to playing, training and ancillary facilities for longer than a single season. If possible, the secure access for Cliftonville Hockey Club will be a site able to accommodate all the club's activities in one location - i.e. either double pitch sites, or two single pitch sites in close proximity, with good quality ancillary facilities.

ACCESSIBLE OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED

- 3.80. It is important that ancillary and pitch facilities are fit for purpose. The current 2 pitches at St Lawrence College are in good condition.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.81. The future growth in demand is likely to be driven primarily by the growth plans of Cliftonville Hockey Club (as new youth age group squads graduate to senior play).

- 3.82. Since 2012 Hockey has seen a 65% increase of U16 players taking up hockey within the club environment. The increase across all age groups is expected to continue especially with the success of Rio Olympics and a home Women's World Cup during the summer of 2018. . Unlike some sports, hockey can only be played competitively on sand or water based Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs). Water based AGPs are not common and only found at elite sites, whereas sand based/sand dressed AGPs can be found on secondary school site, leisure centres and higher education establishments.
- 3.83. There is a need for sink funds to be in place to refurbish carpets. In addition, it is important that the existing AGPs for hockey are protected in the Local Plan and that any change of use to 3G is first discussed with Sport England and England Hockey before any decisions are made.
- 3.84. Sport England consider that planning permission is required for a change of surface on artificial pitches and are currently seeking legal advice on this matter.
- 3.85. Due to the impact on hockey, it is appropriate to ensure that sufficient sand based AGPs are retained for the playing development of hockey within the local authority administrative area. To that end, a change of an Artificial Grass Pitch's surface or carpet may require a planning application, and as part of it the applicants will have to show that there is sufficient AGP provision available for hockey in the locality if the surface is changed. Otherwise planning permission will not be granted. Advice from Sport England and England Hockey should be sought prior to any planning application being submitted
- 3.86. Cliftonville Hockey club has stated they intend to grow their junior section by 1 junior boys' team and 1 junior girls' team. There are no teams forecast from population growth.
- 3.87. The demand for training and match slots can be met from the existing 2 AGPs at St Lawrence College.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND

- 3.88. The current accessible supply of hockey facilities in the district is sufficient to meet future demand. However, this will require a formal community use agreement with St Lawrence College. England Hockey are happy to accept the action to consider converting the AGP at Jackey Baker to 3G on the condition that, at the time of such consideration, hockey participation and demand figures are revisited to ensure that hockey provision remains adequate, and security at St Lawrence College is confirmed to protect current and future hockey demand.

RUGBY SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CURRENT SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR PROVISION

- 3.89. The audit of rugby pitches across the district identifies that there is one site with 2 adult rugby pitches and 1 junior rugby pitch providing community use at St Peter's Recreation Ground. The site is owned by Thanet District Council and leased to Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club.
- 3.90. In addition to the above there are 9 school sites providing 4 adult rugby pitches and 11 junior/mini rugby pitches.
- 3.91. Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club – St Peter's Recreation Ground has 4 men's teams, 5 junior boy's U17 – U13 teams, 2 junior girl's teams U13 and U14 and 6 mini teams.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET CURRENT DEMAND

- 3.92. Security of access to the St Peter's rugby ground in the district is good. The club has secured community access. The club has a 25 year lease and own the clubhouse at the ground. The clubhouse has recently been improved with a new balcony and renovating 1 set of changing rooms. The second set of changing room renovation is currently being discussed.
- 3.93. Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club 1st XV, 2nd XV, 3rd XV and 4th XV men's teams train on a Tuesday and Thursday evening. The girl's U13 and 14 teams train on Sunday afternoons. Juniors U17 – U13 train Sunday mornings and the minis train Sunday mornings.
- 3.94. Demand for training and match equivalents is 10 match and training equivalent sessions and capacity is 4.5 match equivalent sessions. There is currently overplay of 3.5 match equivalent sessions per week.
- 3.95. The club has sufficient pitches at peak match times on a Saturday, but the pitches are over used for training. The rugby club would benefit from additional floodlights on a second pitch.

ACCESSIBLE SUFFICIENT QUALITY AND APPROPRIATELY MAINTAINED

- 3.96. There is a need to continue to improve the changing and ancillary facilities and provide floodlighting on a second pitch to enable and meet training requirements.

ACCESSIBLE AND SECURED COMMUNITY USE PROVISION TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND

- 3.97. There is spare capacity currently at peak times but not for training match equivalents.
- 3.98. The club has expressed latent demand for an additional adult team. Population growth requires an additional 1 junior boys' team and 1 mini/midi teams. At peak times this would be met by the current supply. Training needs would increase in the future by 1.25 additional match/training equivalent session.
- 3.99. The forecast increase in teams resulting from population growth and the club's own development plans will place further demand on the existing grass pitch supply, most of which is already used at or near its playing capacity particularly for training.

WHAT IS THE OVERALL QUALITY LEVEL?

- 3.100. Future investment in quality enhancement is required to sustain and grow the club based in the district. Improved drainage, floodlights a minimum of 2 pitches and improving further the changing facilities in the clubhouse are required.

4. STRATEGY FRAMEWORK AND ACTION PLAN FOR ENABLING FUTURE DELIVERY OF PLAYING PITCH PROVISION

4.1. The PPS and Action Plan has been developed from research and analysis of playing pitch provision and usage within the district and this is provided in Appendix 1 Stage C Thanet District Council Playing Pitch Analysis and Assessment.

4.2. This section sets out a strategy to enable the delivery of Football, Cricket, Hockey, and Rugby Union. The PPS provides a framework for delivery with partners and sets out aspirations and provides a priority list for when funding becomes available.

4.3. The identified outputs for the PPS are:

- **Provide a framework to support medium and long term facilities planning for the delivery of sports and leisure in the District;**
- **A clear needs analysis for developers regarding future sports and recreation facility needs in the District;**
- **A robust framework to assist the allocation of developer contributions for sports and recreation provision in the District; and**
- **To identify priority sports for the area based on National Governing Bodies targets and local community needs.**

4.4. The PPS framework and action plan focusses on the 4 points above and these points are addressed throughout the Priority Sports Specific Actions and Individual site Action Plans.

4.5. The strategy framework focuses on the following three principles:

- **Protect:** The strategy seeks to make sure that the right amount of playing pitches and ancillary facilities of the right quality are in the right place. It promotes the protection of existing provision and recognises the benefits of multi pitch sites by:
 - Highlighting sites which have a particular significance for sport and seek to designate them as a local recreational space through the Development Plan process (see NPPF paragraphs 76 and 77)
 - Negotiate security of tenure for clubs at sites that are leased.
- **Enhance:** Key partners such as Thanet District Council, Town and Parish Council's, local schools, Private and Voluntary Sector Sports Clubs, and NGBs must work together to maximise the full potential of playing pitch assets and the long-term sustainability of these assets and recognise that an improvement in quality and ongoing maintenance can have an impact on the capacity of use. The strategy will do this by:
 - Improving the quality of the playing surface by providing improved maintenance and as a last resort drainage, by undertaking and supporting improvements and enhancement at sites that do not meet required quality standards, supporting clubs that require improved facilities in order to play at a higher standard, ensuring that pitches have a period of rest and recovery where appropriate.
 - Provision of enhanced ancillary facilities where they are required – floodlighting and changing
 - Ensure that clubs have access to sufficient training facilities
 - Identification of sites for further development

- **Provide:** In times of public sector austerity, investment needs to be directed at sites which will provide the best impact and highest increase in participation. It is the policy of Thanet District Council to support projects and sports clubs that are able to demonstrate sustainable long term development, increase participation and support those clubs that have achieved the appropriate accreditations e.g. Clubmark and or Charter Standard and provide player and sports development pathways. The strategy looks at:
 - Addressing capacity in junior and mini football by designating under played adult football pitches to junior and mini sites to ensure that all teams are playing on pitches of the right size.
 - Addressing the need for artificial grass pitches to meet increasing and changing demand for AGP surfaces for both training and competition in football, hockey and rugby and other pitch sports.
 - Providing the required number and type of pitches on-site, or appropriate provision off-site, to meet the specific needs of residential development proposals.

PRIORITY SPORT SPECIFIC ACTIONS

- 4.6. All existing playing field land is protected by the new Local Plan for the District 2011 – 2031, Sport England policies and the NPPF. These playing fields are protected to deliver current and future needs.
- 4.7. As a priority for all partners on the Steering Group there is a need for Thanet District Council, Parish Council's, Football Association, Kent Football, England Hockey, ECB and Kent Cricket, Rugby Football Union and Sport England to work together to provide a local investment plan to ensure the successful implementation of this PPS.
- 4.8. The Football, Cricket, Rugby and Hockey individual Sport Specific actions are shown in the table below.
- 4.9. The action plans are given a priority:
 - **Priority 1.** Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the PPS);
 - **Priority 2.** Delivered within 6 years; and
 - **Priority 3.** No specific date – In many instances the action is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not necessarily an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.

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Table 4.1: Individual Sport Specific Action Plans

OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
FOOTBALL						
PROTECT	Football 1.	All football pitches across the district should be protected in the Local Plan unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields across the district.	1	Thanet District Council	High
PROTECT	Football 2.	Ensure formal Community Use Agreements are in place with Education establishments providing football pitches and 3G rubber crumb pitches for community use.	All schools and colleges used by football clubs.	1	Thanet District Council / NGBs / Schools / Academies / Colleges and Higher Education	High
PROTECT	Football 3.	Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long-term future of the club.	All relevant clubs	1	Thanet District Council/ Parish and Town Council's Owners / Tenants.	Medium
ENHANCE	Football 4.	Increase the quality and playing capacity of pitches at priority sites and those that are classified as 'Poor' in the assessment for junior 11 V 11, junior 9 v 9 and mini soccer	Priority Sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jackey Bakers	1	Thanet District Council / Kent FA	High
ENHANCE	Football 5.	Improve the standard of non-playing pitch facilities including access and car parking and the quality of changing rooms to provide segregated changing for male and females where feasible.	Priority Sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jackey Bakers – Changing rooms need to be replaced,• St Luke's – clubhouse needs refurbishing.• Hugin Vikings – require funding to complete clubhouse build.	2	Football clubs, Thanet District Council, FA and Kent FA, Parish and Town Council's	High

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OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
ENHANCE	Football 6.	Consider the re-designation of some adult pitches to junior 11 v 11.	Adult pitch reconfiguration to junior 11 v 11 at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dane Park • Hartsdown Academy • St Georges School 	1 - 3	FA, Kent FA, Site Owners	Low
ENHANCE	Football 7.	Work with junior football clubs that meet the Councils and NGBs priorities and support clubs to achieve Charter Standard accreditation as a minimum kite mark for the Council to provide future support and funding and support those clubs that wish to achieve community or development club standards.	Clubs where appropriate	1	Thanet District Council, Clubs and Kent FA, Parish and Town Council's	Low
ENHANCE	Football 8.	Support junior clubs to develop with the management and improvement of facilities and ensure security of tenure of playing facilities for junior clubs either through leasing or community asset transfers so clubs can become sustainable in the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackey Bakers 	1	Thanet District, Kent FA. FA	Low
PROVIDE	Football 9.	Support the development of a minimum of 1 x 3G rubber crumb pitches (artificial grass pitches) and a maximum of 2 x 3G rubber crumb pitches (artificial grass pitches). Seek to have Hartsdown 3G pitch FA registered.	<p>There are 3 x 3G rubber crumb full size pitches across Thanet (Margate FC, Minster Recreation Ground and Hartsdown Academy). Margate FC and Minster Recreation Ground are accredited to the FA 3G pitch register.</p> <p>This means that competitive league games as well as training can take place on these 3G pitches.</p>	1 – 3	Thanet District Council, FA, Kent FA,	High

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OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
			<p>There is current demand for 4 3G rubber crumb pitches to meet football training demand and 5 3G rubber crumb pitches to meet football training demand in the future.</p> <p>Seeking FA registration at Hartsdown would provide 3 registered FA pitches.</p> <p>The development of a 3G pitch at Jackey Bakers would assist in meeting the shortfall and other Section 106 funding from new developments could fund a second pitch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackey Bakers 			
PROVIDE	Football 10.	Provide a solution to meet current, identified latent demand and future demand to 2031.	<p>Meeting Current, Latent and Future Demand 2031 – Adult Teams 2031</p> <p>The requirement in 2031 for adult 11 v 11 is 22 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There will be a shortfall of 2 secure community use match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>Population growth indicates that there is a need for 3 additional match equivalent sessions per week at peak time which equates to 3 adult 11 v 11 pitches by 2031.</p>	1 - 3	Thanet District Council, Parish and Town Councils, Kent FA, FA	High

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OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
			This provision should come from new housing development through developer contributions.			
			<p>The 3 match equivalent sessions provided by population growth and the 20 current secured match equivalent sessions provide 23 match equivalent sessions. This shows a surplus of 1 adult secured match equivalent sessions in 2031 with 6 unsecured community use match equivalent sessions spare. In total there will be 7 adult match equivalent sessions spare in 2031.</p> <p>Meeting Current, Latent and Future Demand Junior 11 v 11 Teams - 2031</p> <p>The requirement in 2031 for junior 11 v 11 is 28 match equivalent sessions at peak time of play. There will be a shortfall of 22 secure community use match equivalent session.</p> <p>Population growth indicates that there is a need for 4 additional match equivalent sessions per week at peak time which equates to 4 junior 11 v 11 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from developer contributions.</p>			

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OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
			<p>The 4 match equivalent sessions provided by population growth and the 6 current secured match equivalent sessions provide 10 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>This shows a shortfall of 18 junior 11 v 11 secured match equivalent sessions in 2031.</p> <p>There is a need to seek formal community use agreements for the 6 current unsecured community use match equivalents and to reconfigure the 7 adult spare match equivalent sessions into junior 11 v 11. This totals 13 match equivalent sessions leaving a shortfall of 5 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>There are 4 adult 11 v 11 match equivalent sessions that are currently not in use. These are Birchington Recreation Ground – 2 adult match equivalent sessions, Lymington Recreation Ground – 1 match equivalent session and Warre Recreation Ground - 1 adult match equivalent session. These 4 sites should be considered for reconfiguration to junior 11 v 11 pitches. This would reduce the shortfall to 1 junior 11 v 11 match equivalent session in 2031.</p>			

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OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
			<p>Land is available at adjacent to Garlinge Playing Fields and pitches may be available at the Royal Harbour Academy Site.</p> <p>Meeting Current, Latent and Future Demand Junior 9 v 9, 7 v 7 and 5 v 5 Teams 2031.</p> <p>There are 20 x 9 v 9, 15 x 7 v 7 and 14 x 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions required by 2031.</p> <p>Population growth indicates that there is a need for 2 additional 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions per week at peak time which equates to 2 junior 9 v 9 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from new housing development.</p> <p>The 2 match equivalent sessions provided by population growth and the 7 current secured match equivalent sessions provide 9 match equivalent sessions.</p> <p>This shows a shortfall of 11 junior 9 v 9 secured match equivalent sessions in 2031.</p> <p>There is a need to seek formal community use agreements for 8 current 9 v 9 unsecured community use match equivalent sessions.</p>			

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			<p>This will leave a shortfall of 3 9 v 9 match equivalent sessions, which could be provided for on 3G rubber crumb pitches.</p> <p>Population growth to 2031 indicates that there is a need for 1 additional 7 v 7 and 1 additional 5 v 5 match equivalent session per week at peak time which equates to 1 7 v 7 and 1 5 v 5 pitches by 2031. This provision should come from new housing development.</p> <p>There will be sufficient 7 v 7 match equivalent sessions in 2031. If the new 5 v 5 pitch provided by new housing is of good quality 6 match equivalent sessions could be played per week.</p> <p>This would meet the shortfall of 4 x 5 v 5 match equivalent sessions in 2031.</p>			
PROVIDE	Football 11.	Provide off site payments to enhance football facilities across the district for use by residents of new developments.	Use Sport England's new Development Calculator for each new development to obtain developer contributions.	1 - 3	Thanet District Council and other Stakeholders.	

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CRICKET						
PROTECT	Cricket 1.	All cricket pitches across the district should be protected in the Local Plan unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields across the district.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
PROTECT	Cricket 2.	Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long term future of the club.	<p>Ensure Formal Community Use Agreement is in place for secure use of Chatham House Grammar School Cricket Facilities.</p> <p>Hawtreys Field: Westgate on Sea Cricket Club need to start discussions with regards to renewing the lease which has 10 years to run.</p>	1	Thanet District Council / Owners / Tenants.	Low
ENHANCE	Cricket 3.	<p>Work in partnership with the ECB and Kent Community Cricket to support clubs and schools in improving the quality of pitches, and in accessing funding through the ECB Grant Aid and Pitch Advisory Scheme.</p> <p>Any improvements undertaken should seek to ensure that facilities are in line with ECB standards as well as meeting specifications for the local leagues</p>	<p>Jackey Bakers Recreation Ground: There are two cricket squares, which are of a poor quality and the quality needs raising to a minimum of 'standard'.</p> <p>King George V Park: A parish council owned site that requires improved maintenance regimes, there is a drain cover in the outfield. The club would however, be keen to look at replacing the square.</p> <p>Northdown Park: This site is Thanet District Council owned and rented out for use through 'Your Leisure', the pitches are seen as being of poor quality and there is a need for an improved maintenance regime.</p>	1	Thanet District Council, ECB and Kent Cricket Board.	High

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ENHANCE	Cricket 4.	Ensure that ancillary facilities meet club needs and requirements to ensure sustainability of use.	<p>Bell Meadow Sports Recreation Ground: Maintenance machinery is not adequate to meet maintenance requirements, there is a need to replace cricket net that's in a poor condition.</p> <p>Chatham House Grammar School: The school is seeking to improve the nets and ancillary facility.</p> <p>Broadstairs Cricket Club the Pavilion Park Avenue: The nets and non-turf pitch are of poor quality and in need of refurbishment/replacement. There is a need to improve the aged maintenance equipment.</p> <p>Hawtreys Field: Westgate on Sea Cricket Club require an electronic scoreboard and new covers. There is a need to start discussions with regards to renewing the lease which has 10 years to run.</p> <p>Jackey Bakers Recreation Ground: The clubhouse has been a target for vandalism for a number of years and needs replacing.</p> <p>Northdown: need for nets to be provided.</p>	1	Thanet District Council, ECB, Kent Cricket, Site Owners and Clubs	High

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OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
			Tivoli Meadow Margate Cricket Club: The current ancillary facility struggles to host the current demand and the club are looking to either expand the existing ancillary facility or move the clubhouse (to where the car park is currently located). The current nets are in poor condition, and it is the club's top priority to get these replaced.			
PROVIDE	Cricket 5.	Provide off site development payments to enhance cricket facilities across the district for use by residents of new developments.	Use Sport England's new Development Calculator for each new development to obtain developer contributions.	1 – 3	Thanet District Council and other Stakeholders	
RUGBY						
PROTECT	Rugby 1.	All Rugby pitches in the district should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields and remain of potential value,	1	Thanet District Council	Low
ENHANCE	Rugby 2	Improve the quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing rugby pitches to meet current and future needs of clubs. Particular emphasis on improving maintenance and installing drainage and access to floodlit training facilities.	Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club require improved drainage, a minimum of 2 floodlit pitches and improvements to changing facilities.	1 - 3	Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club, RFU	High
ENHANCE	Rugby 3.	Support the improvement of all ancillary facilities to the required NGB standard.	Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club require improvements to changing facilities.	1	Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club, RFU	Medium

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PROVIDE	Rugby 4.	Provide a solution for under and oversupply in the future to 2031.	There is a need to improve pitch drainage and ensure floodlighting to 2 pitches. A 3G pitch provided for at Jackey Bakers should also be World Rugby 22 Compliant.	1 - 3	Thanet District Council, Thanet Wanderers Rugby Club, RFU	High
PROVIDE	Rugby 5.	Provide off site payments to enhance rugby facilities across the district for residents of new developments.	Use Sport England's new Development Calculator for each new development to obtain developer contributions.	1 – 3	Thanet District Council and other Stakeholders.	
HOCKEY						
PROTECT	Hockey 1.	All hockey suitable sand-based AGPs in the district are required to be protected.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as hockey AGPs and remain of potential value	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Change of use of existing hockey artificial turf pitches to 3G rubber crumb pitches should be discussed and agreed with Thanet District Council, the Football Association, England Hockey and the Rugby Football Union.		1	Thanet District Council, FA, England Hockey, RFU	Low
PROTECT	Hockey 2.	It is important to ensure that those AGPs used for hockey and provide community use have prioritised peak time match slots and training slots for hockey use.	Clubs and St Lawrence schools. Formal Community use agreement should be put in place to safeguard Cliftonville Hockey Clubs continued use of the St Lawrence College AGP facilities.	1	Cliftonville Hockey Club / England Hockey / St Lawrence College	High
ENHANCE	Hockey 3.	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing sand-based AGPs. Particular emphasis on ensuring sink funds are in place for sand based AGPs.	St Lawrence College AGP carpet repairs/replacement sink fund in place.	1	St Lawrence College	Medium

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OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES / CLUBS / ACTIONS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
FTP 3G / AGP						
PROTECT	FTP 3G / AGP 1.	Protect all existing FTP 3G and AGPs currently in use for hockey and football	All existing pitches	1	Thanet District Council	Low
PROTECT	AGP 2	Ensure that there remain sufficient sand based/dressed facilities to fulfil hockey need at both the current time and in the future by retaining sand based facilities that are strategically important for hockey.	St Lawrence College put in place formal community use agreement	1	St Lawrence College	Low
ENHANCE	FTP 3G / AGP 3.	Ensure that the quality of AGPs is sufficient and that a sinking fund is in place for the refurbishment of existing facilities.	All 3G and AGPs across Thanet District Council	1	St Lawrence College	Medium
PROVIDE	FTP 3G / AGP 4.	Provide minimum of 4 or maximum of 5 3G rubber crumb pitches at:	<p>Ensure all sites new pitches are assessed and placed on the FA Register for 3G Pitches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margate FC • Hartsdown Academy • King George V Minster Recreation Ground • Jackey Bakers (2 x 3G pitches) <p>Consider rugby compliant World 22 3G pitch as 1 of the 2 3G pitches at Jackey Bakers. Ensure new sites can accommodate floodlights, changing, toilets, car parking and shelters.</p>	1 - 3	Thanet District Council, FA, RFU and England Hockey. Schools and clubs	High

GENERAL ACTIONS

- 4.10. The tables below identify the general Planning Policy recommendations, PPS Development recommendations and the general actions which are followed by the site by site action plans.
- 4.11. The actions are given priorities and relevant potential delivery partners are highlighted. By being highlighted as a potential delivery partner, partners are not obligated to fund or facilitate the action, but they should be involved in the project. The action plans are given a priority:
- **Priority 1. Delivered against or to be worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the PPS);**
 - **Priority 2. Delivered within 6 years; and**
 - **Priority 3. No specific date – In many instances the action is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not necessarily an action the Council or the PPS Steering Group have control over.**

COSTS

- 4.12. The strategic actions have also been ranked as low, medium or high based on cost. The brackets in which these sits are:
- **(L) -Low - less than £50k;**
 - **(M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; and**
 - **(H) -High £250k and above.**
- 4.13. These are based on Sport England's estimated facility costs Quarter 2 2016.

FUNDING PLAN

- 4.14. In addition to using the planning system to lever in contributions through 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 a number of projects.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 4.15. It is important that the PPS Steering group keep this strategy alive. This will be achieved by:
- **Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions;**
 - **Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock; and**
 - **Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends.**
- 4.16. The on-going monitoring of the PPS will be led by Thanet District Council and will be linked to the PPS Steering Group. The PPS will be updated every 3 – 5 years to fit in with Planning Policy reviews.
- 4.17. Sport England recommends that a process should be put in place to ensure regular monitoring of how the recommendations and action plan are being delivered. This monitoring should be led by the local authority and supported by all members of, and reported back to, the steering group.
- 4.18. Understanding and learning lessons from how the PPS has been applied should also form a key component of monitoring its delivery. This should form an on-going role of the steering group.

- 4.19. As a guide, if no review and subsequent update has been carried out within three years of the PPS being signed off by the Steering Group, then Sport England and the NGBs would consider the PPS and the information on which it is based to be out of date as per Sport England's Playing Pitch Guidance.
- 4.20. Once the PPS is complete the role of the steering group should evolve so that it:
- **Acts as a focal point for promoting the value and importance of the PPS and playing pitch provision in the area;**
 - **Monitors, evaluates and reviews progress with the delivery of the recommendations and action plan;**
 - **Shares lessons learnt from how the PPS has been used and how it has been applied to a variety of circumstances;**
 - **Ensures the PPS is used effectively to input into any new opportunities to secure improved provision and influence relevant programmed and initiatives;**
 - **Maintains links between all relevant parties with an interest in playing pitch provision in the area; and**
 - **Reviews the need to update the PPS along with the supply and demand information and assessment work on which it is based. Further to review the group should either:**
 - 1.** Provide a short annual progress and update paper;
 - 2.** Provide a partial review focussing on particular sport, pitch type and/or sub area; or
 - 3.** Lead a full review and update of the PPS document (including the supply and demand information and assessment details).
- 4.21. The steering group should meet at relevant points throughout the year to ensure that this role is progressed. This could be at six months and a year on from when the steering group signed off the PPS and/or arranged to tie in with the different seasons of the sports and any meetings with the NGBs.
- 4.22. Ideally the PPS could be reviewed on an annual basis from the date it is formally signed off by the Steering Group. The Steering Group including the NGBs will update the demand and supply information. This will help to maintain the momentum and commitment that would have been built up when developing the PPS. Taking into account the time to develop the PPS this should also help to ensure that the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.
- 4.23. An annual review should not be regarded as a particularly resource intensive task. However, it should highlight:
- **How the delivery of the recommendations and action plan has progressed, and any changes required to the priority afforded to each action (e.g. the priority of some may increase following the delivery of others);**
 - **How the PPS has been applied and the lessons learnt;**
 - **Any changes to particularly important sites and/or clubs in the area (e.g. the most used or highest quality sites for a particular sport) and other supply and demand information, what this may mean for the overall assessment work and the key findings and issues;**
 - **Any development of a specific sport or particular format of a sport or recent information e.g. the FA modelling for 3G pitch requirements; and**
 - **Any new or emerging issues and opportunities.**
- 4.24. There is further information in Section E of Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy guidance.
- 4.25. The table below provides general Planning Policy recommendations and PPS Development recommendations.

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Table 4.2: General Recommendations

GENERAL PLANNING & PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	ACTION
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANNING TO BE ADDRESSED THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS	<p>Agree the following Actions for the Local Plan. Appropriate Allocations for playing fields should be set out within the new Local Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policies within the new Local Plan, should be in accordance with the NPPF, which seeks to protect playing pitches unless the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss. • Planning consent should include appropriate conditions and/or be subject to developer contributions. Sport England's New Development Calculator for New Developments should be used to identify new need from a development and will guide on development, maintenance and sink fund costs. • Where new pitches are provided changing rooms should be located on site as a minimum for adult use including provision for women and girls or as a minimum, toilet facilities should be provided for junior and mini football use including toilets for women and girls. • Where schools or higher education establishments seek planning permission for outdoor playing pitches and/or artificial grass pitches the planning conditions must stipulate a formal community use agreement is put in place with the School and the Local Authority to provide for community use of the facility.
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS PPS DEVELOPMENT	<p>Thanet District Council will work in partnership with the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Association Regional Investment and Facilities manager Kent Football Association; • England and Wales Cricket Board Facilities and Investment Manager and Kent Community Cricket; • Rugby Football Union Investment and Facilities Manager; • England Hockey Relationship Manager for Kent / England Hockey Facilities Relationship Manager; and • Sport England.

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	<p>Short Term Action by December 2018</p> <p>Thanet District Council will continue working with the PPS Steering Group. The Steering Group will monitor and review the PPS and site action plans on a six-monthly basis.</p> <p>Short Term Action December 2018 - Long Term December 2021:</p> <p>The action plan from the PPS should be implemented by Thanet District Council with the assistance of the Steering Group.</p> <p>It is important that the PPS Steering group keep the PPS alive. This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together to seek Investment appropriate to deliver the PPS in Partnership; • Monitoring the delivery of the recommendations and actions; • Providing up to date annual supply and demand for pitch stock; and • Addressing changing trends and formats for the different pitch sports as they develop and monitoring participation of these changes and trends. <p>The on-going monitoring of the PPS will be led by Thanet District Council and will be linked to the PPS Steering Group. The PPS will be updated every 3-5 years.</p>

INDIVIDUAL SITE ACTION PLANS

4.26. The following provides information on individual sites.

Table 4.3: Individual Site Action Plans

SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
BELL MEADOW, ST NICHOLAS AT WADE	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	Thanet District Council	Low
FOOTBALL AND CRICKET	ENHANCE	Requires improvements to outfield for cricket through improved maintenance regimes.	1	Kent cricket and Parish Council	Low
	PROVIDE	Requires new appropriate maintenance machinery.	3	Parish Council	Low
MONKTON RECREATION GROUND	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	Thanet District Council	Low
FOOTBALL	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
KING GEORGE V MINSTER (MINSTER RECREATION GROUND)	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan unless an alternative site is provided providing better or improved quality.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
3G 80m x 50m floodlit FA Registered Football and Cricket	ENHANCE	Requires improved maintenance regimes, there is a drain cover in the outfield. Need to look at replacing the square.	3	Parish Council	Low
	PROVIDE	Continue FA 3G pitch registration and ensure sink fund is in place to maintain/replace 3G pitch.	1 – 3	Parish Council/ FA / Kent FA	Low

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SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
NORTHDOWN PARK MARGATE FOOTBALL AND CRICKET	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Cricket pitches are seen as being of poor quality and there is a need for an improved maintenance regime.	2 - 3	Thanet District Council and its Leisure Operator/ EWCB/ Kent Cricket.	Low
	PROVIDE	Need to provide cricket nets (vandal Proof).	2 - 3	Thanet District Council and its Leisure Operator/ EWCB/ Kent Cricket.	Low
CHATHAM HOUSE GRAMMAR SCHOOL CRICKET RUGBY SAND DRESSED AGP 80M X 60M	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Chatham House Grammar School / Cricket Clubs / Kent Cricket	
	ENHANCE	School wishes to improve its ancillary facilities and cricket nets.	1 - 3	Chatham House Grammar School	Medium
	PROVIDE				
DANE COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND CRICKET	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Clubs / School / Kent FA	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

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HAWTREYS FIELD WESTGATE ON SEA CRICKET	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		There is a need to start discussions with regards to renewing the lease which has 10 years to run.	1	Margate Cricket Club	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Club require an electronic scoreboard and new covers. There is a need to start discussions with regards to renewing the lease which has 10 years to run.	3	Margate Cricket Club / EWCB / Kent Cricket	Low
JACKEY BAKERS FOOTBALL AND CRICKET SAND DRESSED AGP	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan, unless alternative facilities are provided - providing better or improved quality. Revisit hockey demand should conversion of a sand-based pitch to 3G be considered	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Improve quality of football pitches to a 'standard' quality. There are two cricket squares, which are of a poor quality and the quality needs raising to a minimum of 'standard'.	1 - 3	Thanet District Council/ FA / Kent FA/ Sport England/ Kent Cricket / EWCB/ Local Football Club Trust.	Low

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SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
	PROVIDE	Continue discussions with Kent FA and local football clubs on providing a local community trust to seek funding and management of the site in the future. This site has the opportunity to be an outdoor sports hub providing football, cricket and maximum of 2 3G rubber crumb pitches with 1 3G pitch meeting World 22 Rugby Compliant regulations. Replace clubhouse with modern facilities.	1 - 3	Thanet District Council/ FA / Kent FA/ Sport England/ Kent Cricket / EWCB/ Local Football Club Trust.	High
THE PAVILION PARK AVENUE BROADSTAIRS	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
CRICKET	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The nets and non-turf pitch are of poor quality and in need of refurbishment/replacement. There is a need to improve the aged maintenance equipment.	1 - 3	Broadstairs Cricket Club/ EWCB/ Kent Cricket	Low
TIVOLI MEADOW	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
CRICKET	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	The current ancillary facility struggles to host the current demand and the club are looking to either expand the existing ancillary facility or move the clubhouse (to where the car park is currently located). The current nets are in poor condition, and it is the club's top priority to get these replaced.	2 - 3	Margate Cricket Club / EWCB/ Kent Cricket	High

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ST LAWRENCE COLLEGE AGP WATER BASED AGP SAND BASED FOOTBALL RUGBY	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Cliftonville Hockey Club require a formal community use agreement with the school.	1	Cliftonville Hockey Club / England Hockey / St Lawrence College.	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
HARTSDOWN ACADEMY RUGBY 3G FULL SIZE FLOODLIT FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA	
	ENHANCE	Registration of the 3G pitch on the FA 3G pitch register would assist with meeting number of full size 3G pitch requirements across Thanet.	1	Kent FA / Hartsdown Academy	Low
	PROVIDE				
ST GEORGES C OF E SCHOOL RUGBY FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site will need to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Consider reconfiguration of football pitches to junior 11 v 11.	2 - 3	School / Kent FA	

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THE ROYAL HARBOUR ACADEMY (LOWER SITE) RUGBY FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site will need to be protected as a playing pitch field site in the Local Plan	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Could possibly provide additional community use junior 11 v 11 football pitches	1 - 3	Thanet District Council / Kent FA	Low
URSULINE COLLEGE PLAYING FIELDS RUGBY FOOTBALL 3G	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
GARLINGE RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site within the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	Extension of this site should be discussed with the adjacent Garlinge Primary School	2	Thanet District Council / Garlinge Primary School / Kent FA	Low
	PROVIDE				

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SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
DUMPTON PARK BROADSTAIRS FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site within the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Hugin Vikings has a 25 year lease now down to 19 years – have planning permission for a new clubhouse, they have dug out the foundations but have a funding gap to carry out the full build.	3	Hugin Vikings FC/ Kent FA.	High
ST LUKE'S FOOTBALL GROUND FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	High
	ENHANCE		1		
	PROVIDE	The clubhouse requires refurbishment	1	Kent FA	High
SOUTHWOOD STADIUM FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan. Unless better quality provision can be provided elsewhere.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
HARTSDOWN PARK 3G 8 x 30M x 20M 3G FULL SIZE FLOODLIT FA REGISTERED	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Margate FC to maintain FA 3G pitch registration	3	Margate FC	Low

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DANE PARK FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	Consider reconfiguration of football pitches to junior 11 v 11.	2 - 3	Thanet District Council	High
ROYAL HARBOUR ACADEMY UPPER FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football clubs / Kent FA	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
MANSTON SPORTS STADIUM FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
KING ETHELBERT SCHOOL FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

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BIRCHINGTON RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	This site could be brought back into use for junior 11 v 11 football	3	Thanet District Council / Kent FA	High
LYMINGTON RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	This site could be brought back into use for junior 11 v 11 football	3	Thanet District Council/ Kent FA	Low
WARRE RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs to be protected as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE	This site could be brought back into se for a junior 11 v 11 pitch	3	Thanet District Council / Kent FA	Low
DAME JANET PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA School	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

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SITE NAME / OWNERSHIP	STRATEGY	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
TIVOLI PARK FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
DRAPERS MILLS PRIMARY ACADEMY FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA / School	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
PALM BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA / School	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				

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UPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA / School	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
NEWINGTON COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
		Ensure formal Community Use Agreement is in place to secure continued use of sports facilities by local clubs.	1	Football Clubs / Kent FA / School	
	ENHANCE				
	PROVIDE				
ST PETER'S RECREATION GROUND RUGBY	PROTECT	This site needs protecting as a playing field site in the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council	Low
	ENHANCE	There is a need to improve pitch drainage and ensure floodlighting to 2 pitches.	2	Thanet Wanders Rugby Club / RFU / Thanet District Council	Medium
		Need to enhance second set of changing rooms.			
	PROVIDE				

SCHOOL SITES WITH NO COMMUNITY USE BUT NEED PLAYING PITCHES PROTECTED				
Wellesley School Birchington County C of E Primary School The Charles Dickens School Christchurch C of E Junior School Cliftonville Primary School Garlinge Primary School Monkton C of E School Saint Gregory's RC Primary School St Lawrence C of E Aided Junior Academy St Nicholas at Wade Primary School North Down Primary School Ramsgate Holy Trinity C of E Primary School	PROTECT	These sites need to be protected as playing field sites within the Local Plan.	1	Thanet District Council

