

ACTION PLAN UPDATE

January 2019

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Site ID	Site	Sport	Management	Current status (2015 Assessment Report)	Recommended actions	Partners	Hierarchy tier (priority)	Timescales ¹	Cost ²	Aim	Update position (January 2019)
1	Abbeydale Sports and Community Centre	AGP	Community	One standard quality small sized AGP used by all Abbeymead Rovers FC teams and Gloucestershire College for training.	Ensure sufficient access for club training whilst maximising usage at weekends and through commercial lets.	Club FA	Local (low)	L	-	Protect	No change
2	Archdeacon Meadow (King's Schools)	Cricket	School	Three standard quality squares with 10, eight and four wickets respectively. The King's School offsite sporting venue used solely for school sport and therefore unavailable for community use. Spare capacity of 80 matches.	Explore potential for future community use and ascertain current barriers to use. Continue to develop cricket within the school and maximise use through PE and school fixtures.	Council ECB	Local (low)	M	L	Protect Enhance	Planning permission granted for a new full-sized sand-based AGP with flood lights. Constructed and operational.
		Rugby union		Four standard quality pitches which are marked over the cricket outfields. Used heavily by the school for school matches on Saturday, midweek training and curricular PE. Site is subsequently overplayed by 1.5 match sessions per week.	In the short term look to transfer training use from match pitches in order to reduce the level of overplay. In the longer term seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase capacity available.	Council RFU		S-M	L-M		
3	Armscroft Park (Gloucester Old Boys RFC)	Rugby union	Sports Club	Two poor quality council pitches managed by AMEY and used by Gloucester Old Boys RFC. Spare capacity of one match sessions per week available at peak time.	Improve pitch quality and seek options to maximise use to accommodate future demand.	Council RFU	Local (medium)	M	M	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches.
4	Barnwood Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	Good quality flat green which serves 82 members and is therefore overplayed. Club recently received funding to improve surrounding access areas.	Continue to sustain standard of maintenance in order to protect green quality. Consider use of additional suitable greens in order to alleviate some overuse.	Club	Local (low)	L	L	Protect Provide	No change.
5	Barnwood Park Arts College (Coney Hill RFC)	Football	School	One youth 11v11 and two 9v9 pitches, all assessed as poor quality and unavailable for community use. All are overplayed as a result of curriculum use and school fixtures.	Improve pitch quality through an increase in maintenance investment in order to increase capacity available and potential future community use.	Council FA	Key centre (medium)	M	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
		Cricket		Good quality six wicket square cut and used by Arcadians Nine Elms CC. Outfield quality significantly poorer, very undulating and uneven. Sublet from Coney Hill RFC which rents from the school, also providing changing facilities. Capacity for a further seven matches per season.	Look to establish long-term security of tenure for the Club. Alternatively, investigate other potential sites which may offer greater security if required. Improve outfield quality and in the longer term consider adding additional wickets if demand increases.	Council ECB		S-M	M		
		Rugby union		One poor quality senior pitch used by Coney Hill RFC first team. Limited curricular use and school fixtures. Overplayed by 0.5 match sessions per week.	Improve pitch quality in order to increase capacity for school and community use.	Council RFU		M	M		
		Tennis		Six poor quality tarmac courts also overmarked for netball. Not available for community use and not floodlit.	Look to make improvements where possible, including re-lining.	Council LTA		L	L-M		

¹ Timescales: (S) -Short (1-2 years); (M) - Medium (3-5 years); (L) - Long (6+ years)

² (L) -Low - less than £50k; (M) -Medium - £50k-£250k; (H) -High £250k and above

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6	Beaufort Community School	Football	School	Two adult and two youth 11v11 pitches, all assessed as poor quality. Community use by Tuffley Rovers FC adult and youth teams and Barton Rovers FC. All pitches are overplayed through a combination of school use and consistent club use.	Improve pitch quality through an increase in maintenance investment in order to address overplay and build future capacity for community and school use.	Council FA	Key centre (medium)	S-M	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
		Cricket		One good quality non-turf wicket, unavailable for community use.	Explore options for future community use if demand in the Area increases. Consider potential use for informal or midweek cricket if required.	Council ECB		M-L	L		
		Rugby union		One rugby union pitch and two football pitches marked for rugby union until January. Available for community use but currently only used by school. All three pitches overplayed due to a significant amount of school use.	Improve pitch quality to increase capacity available and potential future community use.	Council RFU		M	M		
		Tennis		Three standard quality tarmac courts with floodlighting. Available to hire but currently unused.	Seek options to maximise use to accommodate future community demand for use by clubs or potential for creation of a satellite club.	Council LTA		M	L		
8	Blackbridge Playing Field	Football	County Council/ Council	One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch used by Tuffley Rovers FC. Spare capacity of 0.5 match sessions available at peak time. The site is part of community led proposals, supported by the City and County Councils, to form a sporting hub venue incorporating the existing running track.	Improve pitch quality and maximise use. Determine potential for the creation of a hub venue to serve the south of the City including options for 3G pitch provision and additional grass pitches. Potential site for FA Pitch Improvement Programme.	County Council FA RFU	Hub (high)	M	H	Protect Provide Enhance	<p>Active Gloucestershire, Gloucester City Homes, Gloucestershire County Council and the City Council are working in partnership to take forward the Blackbridge Sport and Community Hub.</p> <p>A needs analysis and outline plan have been prepared and the site is expected to accommodate at least 1 x full size 3G surface, grass pitches and community, health and wellbeing facilities. The site also offers the opportunity for various activities that support informal activity. Development will link with the existing running track.</p> <p>Active Gloucestershire has appointed planning consultants to prepare a detailed masterplan and submit a planning application, expected Summer 2019.</p> <p>A masterplan process is underway and will establish the extent of the site that is required to provide to support the sports and community hub.</p>
9	British Gas Sports Field (Tuffley)	Football	Sports Club	Standard quality adult pitch home to Tuffley Rovers FC. Less than three years tenure remaining on the lease from National Grid. Club recently received in	Support the Club in negotiations to secure long term tenure of the site, either through lease or by purchase of the land. Also help the Club in further development of	Club FA	Local (high)	S-M	M-H	Protect Enhance	Club has now purchased the sports ground and is no longer at risk. Football Stadium Improvement Fund awarded

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	Rovers AFC)			excess of £43,000 from Sport England Protecting Playing Fields to help towards securing future tenure.	the site and progression towards Step 5 football.						towards new spectators area.
10	Caer Glow Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	Good quality flat green also used by Co-op BC. Club has in excess of 50 members and the green is likely to be overplayed taking into contention additional use from Co-op BC.	Continue to sustain standard of maintenance in order to protect green quality. Consider use of additional suitable greens in order to alleviate some overuse.	Club	Local (low)	M	L	Protect	No change.
11	Clock Tower Park	Football	Council	Standard quality adult pitch used by Abbeymead Rovers FC U13s teams. 0.5 match sessions available at peak time.	Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality. Could accommodate usage from overplayed sites.	Council FA	Local (low)	M	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
		Tennis		Two poor quality tarmac courts without floodlighting. No recorded use beyond likely casual play. Metal nets render the site unsuitable for club use.	Look to make improvements to quality where possible, including resurfacing and re-lining. Ensure accessibility for social play and maximise use through community participation events where possible.	Council LTA		M	L		
12	Coney Hill Park	Football	Council	Poor quality adult pitch used by three single adult teams including some training. Changing facilities provided at Coney Hill RFC. Overplayed by 1.5 match sessions.	In the short term transfer training from match pitches in order to alleviate overplay. In the longer term improve pitch quality or seek options to relocate pitch on another site and retain this site as strategic reserve.	Council FA	Local/ Reserve (medium)	S-M	L-M	Enhance	Priority level changed from low to medium to reflect the need for basic maintenance to improve quality. Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches.
13	Coney Hill RFC	Rugby union	Sports Club	Two poor quality senior pitches, one used for both senior and junior matches and subsequently overplayed by 4.5 match sessions. The other pitch is unused other than to accommodate matches for infrequent club teams such as Vets and therefore has 0.5 match sessions available at peak time.	Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality to help address overplay. Make greater use of the unused pitch onsite in order to distribute play. Seek options for floodlighting. Support the club in determining potential for asset transfer or negotiation of a longer term lease.	Club RFU Council County Council	Local (medium)	S	L	Protect Enhance	Priority level reduced from high to medium to reflect the clubs position. Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to second team pitch.
14	Crypt School	Football	School	Three good quality pitches unavailable for community use, of adult, youth 11v11 and 9v9 sizes. Adult pitch overplayed by one match session and both youth pitches to capacity due to curricular use and school fixtures.	Retain for school use and ensure maintenance is sufficient enough to maintain quality.	Council FA	Local (medium)	L	L	Protect Enhance	Opportunities being considered alongside the Blackbridge Sports and Community Hub proposal.
		Cricket		Good quality square with five wickets, used by four school teams and AIW CC midweek and at weekends. Overplayed by 25 matches per season. Poor pavilion and changing facilities.	Work to improve pavilion facilities to provide changing provision which adheres to league requirements. Consider additional wickets to address overplay.	Council ECB		M	H		
		Rugby union		Three poor quality senior pitches unavailable for community use to protect quality given substantial school use.	Improve pitch quality and seek options to establish community use in the future. Potential partnership could be established with local club.	Council RFU		M	M		
		Tennis		Two standard quality tarmac courts, unavailable for community use due to the lack of floodlighting.	Continue to develop tennis and maximise use by the school. If demand increases, seek options for floodlighting and establish community use.	Council LTA		L	M		
15	Debenham's Sports Field	Football	University	Site recently purchased by University of Gloucestershire, previously including one cricket square and overmarked adult	Continue to work with the University to establish best options for provision of pitches. Good quality cricket pitch to be re	University FA ECB	-	S-M	H	Provide	Some playing field lost to support the delivery of the expansion of the University sports facilities and
		Cricket									

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				football pitch. Disused and untended to for last two years.	provided to meet shortfalls in quality in the City. Provision of 3G pitch at Plock Court satisfies re provision of grass football.						business schools. Loss to be mitigated elsewhere.
17	Dowty Sport & Social Club	Football	Sports Club	Six good quality adult pitches used mostly by FC Lakeside amongst other teams. One mini 5v5 and one two 7v7 pitches all of good quality with no recorded play from Gloucester teams. All pitches show available match sessions however anecdotal evidence suggests they are played to capacity by additional clubs from neighbouring authorities.	Support use of the site for Gloucester based teams and residents given close proximity to the City.	Sports Club FA LTA	Key centre (medium)	L	L	Protect	Outside of the City Council's area. No change.
		Bowls		One good quality flat green which serves circa 51 members. Likely capacity for some additional play.							
		Tennis		Two good quality courts without floodlighting used by Dowty TC.							
19	Elmbridge Park (Windfall Way Open Space)	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch played to capacity by Gloucester Elmleaze FC and Abbeymead Rovers youth.	Improve pitch quality or seek options to relocate pitch on another site and retain this site as strategic reserve.	Council FA	Local/ Reserve (low)	S-M	L-M	Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitch. Repair to goalmouth areas. Pitch enlarged to meet GNSL standards and new football posts installed.
20	Sandyleaze Open Space (Elmbridge Playing Field) (Old Richians RFC)	Football	Sports Club	Poor quality adult pitch played to capacity by Old Richians FC.	Improve pitch quality through an increase in maintenance investment in order to build strategic reserve/future capacity.	Club FA	Key centre (medium)	M	L	Protect Enhance	Club received Natwest Rugby Force funding. Maintenance and improvement works undertaken.
		Rugby union		Two poor quality senior pitches used by Old Richians RFC for senior and junior matches and weekend training. Overplayed by 3.25 match sessions given added use by Sir Thomas Rich's School for Saturday morning fixtures. One mini pitch with spare capacity as much mini play takes place on the neighbouring school pitches.	Make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase capacity available. In the short term look to transfer training use from match pitches in order to reduce the level of overplay. Consider the mini pitch to be converted into a floodlit training area.	Club RFU		S-M	L-M		
21	Gala Wilton Football Club	Football	Sports Club	One poor quality adult pitch overplayed by 0.5 match sessions. Lease on the site has expired and the Club hopes to negotiate a long term lease with the Council for both the pitch and clubhouse building. The Club has desires to install floodlighting in order to meet Step 6 criteria and has planning permission to do so.	Although the grant can only be applied for when promotion is gained, support the Club in negotiating a long term lease on the site so that it may in the future apply for grant funding for floodlighting. Seek to improve pitch quality through greater maintenance to eliminate overplay.	Council Club FA	Local (medium)	S	M	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to second pitch.
22	Glevum Way Park	Football	Council	One standard quality adult pitch with one match session available at peak time. One mini 7v7 pitch with no spare capacity at peak time and two mini 5v5 pitches which are currently unused. Site used by Abbeymead Rovers FC junior and girls sections.	Improve pitch quality and seek to make greater use of available capacity and unused pitches to address current shortfalls – potential to convert to youth/adult pitch.	Council FA	Local (high)	S	L-M	Protect Provide	Priority increased from medium to 'high' to reflect high level of usage by juniors and senior teams and the need to improve quality. Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitch.
23	Bishop's College (Old Centralians RFC)	Football	County Council Aspire	Two good quality pitches used by teams playing both Saturday and Sunday. 0.5 match sessions available at peak time.	Multi NGB approach to be taken regarding intentions for potential future development of the site, including impacts on the adjacent Plock Court which operates synergistically alongside Bishop's College,	Aspire University Council FA	Key centre (medium)	S-M	M-H	Protect Enhance	Planning permission granted for the redevelopment of the schools buildings for residential development. A small amount of existing playing field land will be
		Cricket		One non-turf wicket of poor quality and not suitable for use.							

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		Rugby union		Two poor quality senior pitches, one of which is floodlit and also used throughout the summer by Gloucestershire Warriors RLFC. Used by Old Centralians RFC for matches and by other clubs for floodlit training. Intended location for proposed 3G developments.	as well as the associated development of Debenhams Sports Field. Ensure no loss of provision for any resident sport and agree upon optimal pitch configuration should development go ahead.	ECB RFU RFL					lost to development but the existing two grass pitches will be retained.
24	Gloucester Academy (Old Centralians RFC)	Football	School	Standard quality adult pitch used by the school and a number of community adult teams. Overplayed by 1.5 match sessions taking into account all use.	Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to reduce level of overplay. Site for FA Pitch Improvement Programme.	Council FA	Key centre (high)	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide	No change.
		Cricket		Standard quality square with five wickets, as well as one non-turf wicket. Outfield area is too small and therefore not suitable for senior cricket. Currently only used by junior school teams.	Continue to develop cricket at the school and link with local clubs. Determine the potential for community use by junior club teams where suitable and if demand exists in the future.	Council ECB		L	L		
		Rugby union		One poor quality senior pitch used by both the school and by Old Centralians RFC. The Club plays in the national leagues and is frustrated that the pitch is usually in unplayable condition from November and February. Club and school are keen to convert the pitch to a World Reg 22 AGP.	Investigate potential for installation of a functioning drainage system. Coupled with that improve maintenance, particularly to enable greater drainage of water. Explore longer term aspirations of a World Rugby compliant 3G AGP should there be no other viable drainage solution.	Council Club RFU		S	M		
		Tennis		Three poor quality tarmac courts with floodlighting though unavailable for community use.	Look to make improvements to quality where possible, including resurfacing/re-lining and investigate potential future demand for community use.	Council LTA		L	M		
25	Gloucester All Blues RFC (Alney Island)	Rugby union	Sports Club	Council owned site with no long term lease. Two poor quality senior pitches which for several years were unusable due to flooding from the nearby river. Training on pitches using mobile floodlights. Club to return to play here for 2015/16 season though pitches are overplayed by 1.5 match sessions. Unused mini pitch also marked as the Club tries to begin a junior section.	Support the Club in starting and developing a junior section and further growth. Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to reduce level of overplay. Look to transfer training use from match pitches to alleviate overplay and upgrade floodlighting as appropriate.	Club RFU Council	Local (medium)	M	M-H	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches.
26	Gloucester City Bowling Club	Bowls	Sports Club	Two good quality flat greens, one of which is an artificial surface shared with Gloucester Spa BC which is also onsite. Clubhouse is also shared between the two clubs.	Continue to sustain standard of maintenance in order to protect green quality. Maintain inter-club relationship to ensure the site remains a high activity area for bowls.	Clubs	Local (medium)	L	L	Protect	No change.
27	Gloucester Park	Football	Sports Club	Good quality adult pitch marked onto the cricket outfield, used by Tredworth Tigers FC adult team. Spare capacity of 2.5 match sessions, of which 0.5 are available at peak time.	Uphold standards of maintenance to ensure pitch quality remains good, whilst managing use between football and cricket seasons to avoid fixture clashes.	Club FA	Key centre (low)	L	L	Protect	Cricket club received support to purchase reconditioned equipment to maintain and improve the wicket.
		Cricket		Standard quality square with 10 wickets, played to capacity by Gloucester City Winget CC, therefore no capacity for additional play. Lack of car parking provision.	Sustain and further improve quality of maintenance in order to ensure square quality is able to sustain play up to capacity. In the longer term, seek to resolve issues regarding lack of parking space and access to off road parking onsite.	Club ECB		M	M		

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		Bowls		Good quality flat green used by Gloucester Spa BC. Clubhouse is also shared between the two clubs.	Continue to sustain standard of maintenance in order to protect green quality. Maintain inter-club relationship to ensure the site remains a high activity area for bowls.	Clubs		L	L		
29	Gordon League RFC	Rugby union	Sports Club	Two poor quality senior pitches used by senior club teams and Gloucestershire College for matches. One match session available at senior peak time. One further poor quality senior pitch with floodlighting used for all training, overplayed by 2.5 match sessions per week.	Address pitch quality and surface issues including suspected broken drain underneath Pitch Two. Work to improve quality of maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase capacity available to accommodate the establishment and growth of planned junior section.	Club RFU	Local (high)	S-M	M	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches.
30	Hempsted Recreation Ground	Football	Council	Poor quality adult pitch used by Trinity & Quedgeley United FC. Spare capacity of 0.5 match sessions available at peak time.	Improve pitch quality through an increase in maintenance investment and seek to make greater use of available capacity and unused pitches to address current shortfalls – potential to convert to youth pitch.	Council FA	Local (medium)	M	L	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches. Priority increased from low to medium.
31	Heron Park	Football	Council	Poor quality adult pitch used by Abbeymead Rovers FC mens, womens and youth 11v11 teams. Overplayed by 2.5 match sessions.	In the shorter term transfer play to sites with spare capacity and in the longer term improve quality through an increase in maintenance investment in order to address overplay.	Council FA	Local (medium)	S	L	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches.
33	High School For Girls (Spartans RFC)	Rugby union	School	One poor quality senior pitch used little by the school other than for athletics in summer. Community use by Spartans RFC senior and junior sections for matches and training. Overplayed by one match session per week.	Explore options to create a floodlit training area in order to accommodate training and reduce overplay on the match pitch.	Council RFU	Local (medium)	M	M	Protect Enhance	No change.
		Tennis		Six standard quality tarmac courts currently only used by the school. Plans for the installation of a key fob entry system to increase community use in conjunction with Oxstalls Sports Park. Recently been awarded LTA funding to help install.	Work to increase community use and establish the site with a focus on social and unorganised tennis in the area.	Council Aspire LTA		M	L		
34	Holmleigh Park	Football	Council	Two poor quality adult pitches currently unused and therefore have two match sessions available at peak time. One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch used by Tuffley Rovers FC and overplayed by 0.5 match sessions per week.	Improve pitch quality through an increase in maintenance investment and maximise use to help address shortfalls.	Council FA	Local (medium)	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches.
35	Hucclecote Playing Field (Hucclecote RFC)	Cricket	Sports Club	Poor quality square with eight wickets, with the outfield overlapping the rugby union pitch. Used by Gloucester Harelquins CC which sub-lets from the rugby club and has no subsequent confirmed security of tenure. Spare capacity for an additional 26 matches per season.	Work to establish security of tenure for the cricket club beyond the next three years. Seek to improve square quality through better maintenance and sufficient access to equipment and specialist knowledge.	ECB Council	Key centre (high)	S	L-M	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches. Priority level increased from medium to high to reflect high and increasing levels of participation. New junior rugby area to be implemented through adjacent housing development.
		Rugby union		One poor quality senior pitch and three poor quality mini pitches used by Hucclecote RFC. Senior pitch is overplayed by 0.5 sessions per week due to senior and junior matches, whilst mini	Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase capacity available.	RFU Council		S	L-M		

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				pitches have 2.25 matches capacity, none of which are available at peak time.								
36	King George V Playing Fields (Hucclecote RFC)	Football	Council	Four poor quality mini 7v7 pitches, also used for both 5v5 and youth 9v9 matches but Hucclecote YFC junior section. No spare capacity available at peak time.	Seek additional pitch capacity in order to reduce current use of overmarked pitches. Work towards improving maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase future capacity available. Potential site for FA Pitch Improvement Programme.	Council FA	Key centre (high)	M	M	Protect Enhance	Priority level increased from medium to high to reflect the fact the site is a multi-sports hub with all pitch types in need of improvement. Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to all pitches exc. cricket wicket.	
		Cricket		Standard quality ten wicket square used as a secondary location by Ullenwood Bharat CC to accommodate imported demand from its third and fourth senior teams. Spare capacity for an additional 31 matches per year.	Determine intentions for continued use of the site by imported teams given the new ground developments the Club is undertaking outside of Gloucester. Improve quality and seek to maximise use of spare capacity for future demand.			Council ECB	S-M			M
		Rugby union		One poor quality senior pitch used by Hucclecote RFC mini and junior teams as a secondary venue for matches and training most weeks. Subsequently overplayed by one match session per week. Club would like to relocate all use back to the main club site.	Support movement of play onto new junior pitch which will run adjacent to Hucclecote Playing Field, whilst retaining use of this site to accommodate play as required. Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase capacity available.			Council RFU	S			L
37	Kingsway Manor Farm	Football	Council	One poor quality adult pitch currently unused and therefore available at peak time.	Improve quality and maximise use. Alternatively if low value site re provide pitches/investment in capacity at a hub site and retain as a reserve site.	Council FA	Local/ Reserve (low)	M	M	Enhance Provide	No change.	
38	Lobleys Drive Open Space	Football	Council	Two mini 7v7 pitches and one youth 9v9 pitch all of poor quality, used by Abbeymead Rovers FC junior section. No capacity available for additional 7v7 play, whilst the 9v9 pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match sessions per week.	Improve pitch quality through an increase in maintenance investment, both for use and to reduce level of overplay and build future capacity.	Council FA	Local (medium)	M	L	Protect Enhance	No change.	
39	Longlevens Recreation Ground (Longlevens RFC & Dowty RFC)	Football	Council/ Sports Club	Two poor quality adult pitches used mainly by Longlevens FC adult and youth 11v11 teams. Overplayed by 1.5 match sessions. Unmet demand for 0.5 adult match sessions. One poor quality youth 9v9 pitch played to capacity, also used in part for rugby union training.	Improve quality through an increase in maintenance investment in order to better pitch quality for use, to reduce level of overplay and to accommodate unmet demand. Site for FA Pitch Improvement Programme.	Council Club FA	Key centre (high)	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide	Various maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches. New goalposts installed.	
		Rugby union	Council/ Sports Club	Two poor quality senior pitches used for matches by Longlevens RFC senior and junior teams. Also used by Dowty RFC. Overplayed by three match sessions per week.	Improve pitch quality/maintenance in order to address overplay. Explore options for access to dedicated floodlit training area to alleviate use of match pitches.			Council Club RFU	S			M
40	Matson Park (Matson RFC)	Rugby union	Sports Club	Two poor quality senior pitches used by Matson RFC senior and junior sections for both matches and training. Overplayed by five match sessions.	Improve quality and transfer training use from match pitches in order to address overplay.	Council RFU Club	Local (medium)	M	M	Protect Enhance	Club received Natwest Rugby Force funding. Maintenance and improvement works undertaken.	
41	Meadow Park (Gloucester City FC)	Football	Sports Club	Step 2 ground which has been unusable since being flooded in 2007. Gloucester City FC currently displaced to Cheltenham and remains keen to work towards a solution to return to the City in the future.	Support the Club in applications for grant funding which would allow development of a site to allow it to return to Gloucester.	FA Club	Key centre (high)	M-L	H	Provide Enhance	Planning permission granted for the development of a new football stadium for Gloucester City FC. The Council is supporting the club's return to Meadow Park with	

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											£100,000 of funding to facilitate the move.
42	Memorial Ground (Old Cryptians RFC & Widden Old Boys RFC)	Rugby union	Sports Club	Four poor quality pitches, two of which are used by Old Cryptians RFC and two by Widden Old Boys RFC, each with separate lease agreements. All four pitches are overplayed, particularly the fully and partially floodlit pitches which are overplayed by three and six match sessions respectively, largely due to training use in excess of match play.	Transfer training use from match pitches and improve quality/maintenance in order to address overplay and build future capacity. Look at options to upgrade floodlit where possible. Support Widden Old Boys RFC in plans to improve ancillary facilities and repair the existing roof.	RFU Sports Club	Local (high)	S-M	M	Protect Enhance	Club received Natwest Rugby Force funding. Maintenance and improvement works undertaken. Planning permission granted to raise the Widden Old Boys pitches.
43	Murray Hall	Football	Council	Mini 7v7 pitch assessed as poor quality. Currently unused and therefore is available at peak time.	Improve quality through an increase in maintenance investment and maximise usage to address shortfalls by establishing a resident club.	Council FA	Local (low)	M	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
44	Oxstalls Sports Park	AGP	Council Aspire	One standard sand dressed pitch with floodlights, resurfaced in 2012. Used intensively by Gloucester City HC for matches and training as well by Cleevillians HC. Much competition with football training demand.	Priority hockey site and should have long term protection of this AGP for hockey. Seek to increase capacity available for midweek hockey training whilst working closely with Gloucester University re proposed 3G developments to ascertain potential effects and transfer of midweek football demand from this pitch. Ensure sinking fund is in place for further future re carpeting.	Council Aspire EH FA University	Key centre (high)	M	L	Protect Enhance	2 x full sized 3G surfaces now constructed and operational September / November 2017. 12 x squash court sports hall constructed and operational.
		Tennis		Four good quality clay courts with floodlighting. Key tennis focus site within the City, also providing indoor provision. Also used by Gloucester College students.	Continue to maintain court quality and provide outdoor provision onsite, maximising use of floodlights alongside indoor facilities throughout the autumn and winter seasons. Link in with wider plans for outdoor provision at school satellite venues.			Aspire Council LTA	L		
45	Parry Road Playing Fields	Football	Council	Standard quality adult pitch, currently unused and therefore available at peak time. To be re-marked for 2015/16 season as two youth football pitches for new club Heart of Gloucester FC consisting of one 7v7 and one 5v5 pitch.	Support further club growth as appropriate. Improve quality/maintenance and support establishment and development of the new resident club.	Council FA	Local (medium)	S	L	Protect Enhance Provide	No change.
46	Plock Court	Football	Council Aspire	Four poor quality adult pitches primarily used by teams from the Gloucester & District Sunday Football League. 0.5 match sessions available at peak time. Also one unused youth 9v9 pitch available at peak time. Changing provision is insufficient and is restricting the growth of the league.	Improve pitch quality and maximise usage of all pitches. Consider reconfiguration of adult pitches to address mini/youth shortfalls. Linked to maximising use, explore options for funding to improve/increase the size/availability of changing facilities in order to maximise pitches available to Sunday league teams and help facilitate growth. Site for FA Pitch Improvement Programme.	Aspire Council FA University	Hub (high)	S-M	H	Protect Enhance Provide	Maintenance and improvements works undertaken to some pitches. New formats of sports pitches marked out to accommodate demand. New football and rugby posts installed. Further grass pitch improvements planned, as well as a new cricket wicket, as a consequent of the University's development at Oxstalls.
		Cricket		Standard quality square with 10 wickets, currently unused in the absence of demand. Marked and maintained as a reserve facility. Previously had six squares which are able to be reinstated should demand for cricket increase.	Improve quality and maximise use. Establish a club currently playing elsewhere with no security of tenure to use this site should there be an increase in quality, particularly the provision of suitable ancillary and changing facilities. Potential investment from loss of cricket at			Aspire Council ECB University	S-M		

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		Rugby union			Debenhams Sports Field could help to facilitate this.						
				No pitches currently marked but the site previously had one junior pitch which is able to be marked again should there be future demand.	Explore potential demand amongst clubs in the area and determine whether reinstating this pitch could address shortfalls at club sites in the locality.	Aspire Council RFU		S-M	L-M		
47	Randwick Park	Football	Council	Poor quality adult pitch currently unused, therefore available at peak time. Standard quality mini 7v7 pitch used by Tuffley Rovers FC with no spare capacity available at peak time.	Improve pitch quality through an increase in maintenance investment and maximise use.	Council FA	Local (medium)	M	L	Protect Enhance	Playing field reconfigured to provide 2 x 9 v 9 pitches - the 11 a-side pitch has been removed. Used by Tuffley Rovers FC.
		Tennis		One poor quality tarmac court without floodlighting. No recorded club use though it is likely that the court is used occasionally for social and non-organised tennis.	Seek to improve court quality and ensure access for continued irregular use by local residents.	Council LTA		L	L-M		Priority level increased from low to medium to reflect the need to improve poor pitch quality given continued high levels of use.
48	Ribston Hall High School	Football	School	Two poor quality adult pitches used by Tredworth Tigers FC U13s. Overplayed by 1.5 match sessions when taking into consideration weekly school use.	Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase capacity available.	Council FA	Local (low)	M	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
		AGP		Small sized sand dressed AGP mainly used by all girls school for hockey practice but lacking floodlights. Also marked as four tennis courts for use in the summer.	Determine scope for installing floodlighting and whether the site has further potential to be used to accommodate football and hockey training demand in the evenings.	Council FA EH		M	L-M		
		Tennis		Three tarmac courts of standard quality without floodlighting, currently unused other than by the school.	Continue to develop school tennis and try to make improvements to court quality where possible.	Council LTA		L	L		
49	Riverside Sports & Leisure Club	Tennis	Commercial	Four good quality tarmac courts with floodlighting. Used by Riverside TC which has two teams.	Continue to provide good quality floodlit facilities for club members and ensure access to sufficient court time for matches and coaching.	Sports Club LTA	Local (low)	L	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
50	Saw Mills End Playing Field	Football	Sports Club	Standard quality adult pitch used by Longlevens FC 1 st and Ladies teams. Spare capacity of 0.5 match sessions available at peak time. Site currently meets required Step 6 standard but floodlighting does not comply with Step 5 specifications, limiting the team progressing to the next tier of the pyramid structure.	Support the Club in development of facilities to the required Step 5 standard, particularly floodlighting, enabling the Club to achieve promotion in practice.	Club FA	Local (medium)	M	L-M	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitch. Football Foundation 'Football Stadia Improvement Fund' awarded towards improving floodlights.
51	Saintbridge Recreation Ground	Rugby union	Council	Poor quality senior pitch currently not cut or lined ready for play due to a lack of demand.	Explore potential demand amongst clubs in the area and determine whether reinstating this pitch could address shortfalls at club sites in the locality. Quality would need to be improved if demand exists.	Council RFU	Local (medium)	S	M	Provide	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitch. Pitch now used by Saintbridge Football Club. 11 v 11 pitch marked out and goal posts installed by club.
52	Severn Vale School	Football	School	One adult pitch and one youth 11v11 pitch, both of poor quality and unavailable for community use due to school concerns regarding security and access to the rear	Work with the school to address concerns regarding community use and potential to make pitch accessible for future use. Seek to improve pitch quality through increased	Council FA	Key centre (high)	S	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide	No change.

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				of the building. Each pitch overlaid by two match sessions when taking into consideration weekly school use.	level and standard of maintenance. Site for FA Pitch Improvement Programme.						
		Cricket		One good quality non-turf wicket, used only by the school and not made available for community use.	Work with the school to address concerns regarding community use and potential to make pitch accessible for future use.	Council ECB		L	L		
		Rugby union		Poor quality senior pitch unavailable for community use due to school concerns regarding security and access to the rear of the building.	Work with the school to address concerns regarding community use and potential to make pitch accessible for future use.	Council RFU		S	L-M		
		AGP		Standard quality sand filled surface well in excess of 10 years old and requiring replacement. No hockey use and instead used significantly for football by both school and community clubs.	Improve pitch quality. England Hockey to identify priority for this AGP to be retained as sand for hockey use. If to be retained as sand surface ensure hockey can be accommodated as a priority. Decision to be reached by FA and EH in the context of Citywide Strategy for 3G pitches.	Council FA EH		M	H		
		Tennis		Six poor quality tarmac courts used infrequently for pay and play beyond school use. Managed by Quedgeley Community Trust.	Continue to work with Oxstalls Sports Park towards plans for key fob entry system and to increase court usage through creation of a satellite club onsite.	Council Trust Aspire LTA		L	L		
53	Sir Thomas Rich's Sports Centre (Old Richians RFC)	Football	School	One standard quality adult football pitch which overlaps the cricket outfield, not made available for community use. Two further adult pitches are used dually for both football and rugby union. All three pitches are at capacity when considering weekly school use and fixtures.	Retain for school use. Manage dual use pitches carefully so not to negatively impact on pitch quality.	Council FA	Key centre (medium)	L	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
		Cricket		Good quality five wicket square used by school teams and played to capacity. Previously had community use but now unavailable due to issues regarding proximity of changing and pavilion facilities to the playing area as per league regulations.	Explore potential future use given good quality pitch.	Council ECB		S-M	M		
		Rugby union		Four poor quality senior pitches, two of which are also used for football. Heavily used by 17 school teams for training and matches. Two far pitches are also used by Old Richians RFC junior section and are overlaid by eight match sessions, whilst the two remaining pitches are overlaid by six match sessions.	Look to transfer training use from match pitches in order to reduce the level of overplay. Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase capacity available.	Council RFU		S-M	M		
		Bowls		One good quality green used by Sir Thomas Rich's BC. Likely that capacity is available for further use.	Continue to ensure required standard of maintenance and continued green quality.	Club		L	L		
		Tennis		Seven poor quality tarmac courts overmarked for netball use. School would like resurface due to poor quality. No current community use.	Determine potential to resurface courts and make available for community use. Support the school in search of funding opportunities if required.	Council LTA		M	M		
54	St Peters	Football	School	Poor quality youth 9v9 pitch not made	Improve pitch quality through an increase	Council	Key	M	L	Protect	New ¾ size 3G pitch constructed

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	Roman Catholic High School			available for community use in order to protect surface quality for school use. Overplayed by two match sessions when considering school usage.	in maintenance investment and maximise use. Potential site for FA Pitch Improvement Programme.	FA	centre (medium)			Enhance	and operational. Existing sand-based surface replaced.
		Rugby union		Three poor quality senior pitches not made available for community use in order to protect surface quality for school use and occasional Saturday morning fixtures.	Improve quality and retain for school use.	Council RFU		M	L-M		
		AGP		Standard quality sand dressed pitch with floodlighting in need of surface replacement. West Bromwich Albion FC hires the pitch and has exclusive access on Mondays and Wednesdays for its academy teams, which leaves little capacity otherwise. Also used by Gloucester City HC as an alternate venue.	Improve pitch quality. England Hockey to identify priority for this AGP to be retained as sand for hockey use. If to be retained as sand surface ensure hockey can be accommodated as a priority. Decision to be reached by FA and EH in the context of Citywide Strategy for 3G pitches.	Council FA EH		S	L		
		Tennis		Two areas with two and five poor quality tarmac courts respectively, regularly used as playground areas. Used by St Peter's Junior TC which reports unmet demand and a lack of access to good quality surfaces.	Determine potential to resurface courts and to increase community use and enable club growth. Support the school in search of funding opportunities if required.	Council LTA		S-M	M		
56	The Lannett	Football	Council	One senior and one mini rugby union pitch both of poor quality. Currently unused since previous club Tredworth RFC folded. Council has plans to mark as football pitches for Tuffley Rovers FC for 2015/16 season.	No current local demand for rugby pitch. Improve quality and retain as football pitch going forward to meet demand identified. Re-evaluate potential as a dual sport site reinstating a rugby union pitch should a club register interest.	Council FA	Local (medium)	S	L	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches. Playing field reconfigured to provide 2 x 11 v 11 football pitches. Priority increased from low to medium to reflect the fact that Tuffley Rovers Youth FC have a number of youth teams that use the two 11aside pitches.
57	The Oaks	Football	Council	Two poor quality mini 7v7 pitches used by Abbeymead Rovers FC U9s. No capacity for further use at peak time.	Seek to make improvements to maintenance in order to better pitch quality, both for use and to increase capacity future capacity.	Council FA	Local (medium)	M	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
59	Tuffley Park	Football	Council	Two adult, one youth 9v9 and one mini 7v7 pitch, all assessed as standard quality. Well used, mainly by Gloucester City Ladies FC junior section. Available capacity of 1.5 adult match sessions and each on 7v7 and 9v9 pitches.	Maximise usage to address shortfalls whilst seeking to increase pitch quality through improved maintenance in order to further add to potential capacity.	Council FA	Key centre (high)	M	L	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to all pitches exc. cricket wicket. Priority level increased from medium to high to reflect possible link to the Blackbridge Sports hub.
		Cricket		Two standard quality squares, each with 12 wickets. Used mainly by Gloucester City Winget CC as a secondary site as well as some midweek play. Spare site capacity for an additional 90 matches per season.	Determine the requirement for two pitches onsite given demand in the area and current level of available capacity. Maximise use of available capacity through development of cricket and increase in demand.	Council ECB		S	L		
		Bowls		Good quality green used by Winget BC. Membership of circa 33 and therefore capacity for additional play. The ancillary	Support the Club in ensuring it retains the required knowledge base and resources including equipment to continue to	Council Club		L	L		

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				facilities are rated as unacceptable and as such the Club is exploring funding options for a new clubhouse.	maintain the green to the same standard. Support the Club, where possible, to apply for funding for a new/improved clubhouse.						
60	University Of Gloucestershire (Oxstalls Campus)	AGP	University	Standard quality sand filled pitch with floodlighting. Owned by University of Gloucestershire. In excess of 10 years old and therefore requires resurfacing. Mainly used by student teams for training and BUCS hockey matches on Wednesday afternoons with no further capacity available. Plans for this pitch to be lost within current plans for development of the site to accommodate the University's Business School.	If this AGP is lost this will reduce provision in the City to three sand AGPs suitable for hockey. This will also create displacement of hockey teams which will need to be re accommodated. Loss of the pitch and displacement of teams would need to be fully mitigated by an improvement in pitch quality elsewhere and secured hockey access at an alternative site.	Council University FA EH RFU	Key centre (high)	S-M	H	-	See Oxstalls Sports Park.
61	Walls Sports And Social Club	Football	Sports Club	Two standard quality adult pitches, one overmarked by a youth 9v9 pitch and the other by mini 7v7 and 5v5 pitches. Used by several clubs, mainly Gloucester City FC junior section. Each pitch is overplayed by 0.5 match sessions per week due to intensified play from overmarked pitches.	Investigate potential to transfer some play to alternative pitches in order to reduce overplay. Also seek to better pitch quality through improved maintenance in order to help alleviate the level of overplay.	Sports Club FA	Local (low)	M	L	Protect Enhance	No change.
62	Waterwells Sports Centre	Football	Town Council	Two adult pitches, one youth 9v9 and one youth 7v7, all of which are poor quality and overplayed. The pitches drain poorly and the Club requires relevant equipment to spike the surface. Club aspiration for floodlighting.	Improve pitch quality/maintenance and link to establishing an equipment bank. In the longer term explore funding options for floodlighting when the Club gains promotion to a Step 6 league.	Town Council Club FA	Local (medium)	S-M	M	Protect Enhance	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to pitches funded / undertaken by club and town council.
		AGP		Small sized sand filled pitch operated by Quedgeley Town Council. Used by Quedgeley Wanderers FC for training.	Ensure sufficient access for club training and existing unmet demand should further teams be created. Maximise commercial use from small sided social football use and other community groups.	Town Council Club FA		L	L		
65	Kingsholm Square Lawn Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	Two standard quality grass courts cut and marked by the Club which is limited to local community use.	Support the Club as required to improve court quality.	Club LTA	Local (low)	L	L-M	Protect Enhance	No change.
66	Gloucester Wotton Lawn Tennis Club	Tennis	Sports Club	Two grass and three tarmac courts all of standard quality, none of which are floodlit. The Club reports demand for a further two hard courts because the lack of floodlighting greatly affects ability to host home fixtures at the beginning of the season.	Explore opportunities for access to additional courts and/or potential to install floodlighting in order to increase winter court capacity.	LTA Club	Local (medium)	S-M	M	Protect Provide	No change.
69	EDF Energy	Bowls	Private	One good quality green owned and operated by the industry sports club. Not available for community use.	Continue to sustain green quality to accommodate current membership through required maintenance procedures	Industry	Local (low)	L	L	Protect	No change.
		Tennis		Two standard quality tarmac courts without floodlighting. Private industry sports club and therefore unavailable for wider community use.	Continue to maintain court quality and provide sporting provision for industry employees.	Industry LTA		L	L		
71	Abbeylea	Football	Council	Two youth 9v9 and two mini 5v5 pitches,	Retain spare capacity in order to help	Council	Local	L	L	Protect	No change.

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	d Primary School			all of which are standard quality. Used by Abbeymead Rovers FC junior section. 1.5 match sessions available for youth 9v9 at peak time, with a further 0.5 sessions available for mini 5v5.	sustain/improve pitch quality.	FA	(low)				
72	Longlevens Infant School	Football	Council	Youth 9v9, mini 7v7 and mini 5v5 pitches all assessed as standard quality. Used by Longlevens Infants FC. All show spare capacity but only one match session for youth 9v9 play is available at peak time.	Retain spare capacity in order to help sustain/improve pitch quality.	Council FA	Local (low)	L	L	Protect	No change.
73	The Oval	Tennis	Council	Four poor quality tarmac courts without floodlighting. No recorded community use though it is likely that these courts are used infrequently for non-organised tennis.	Seek to improve court quality and ensure access for continued irregular use by local residents.	Council LTA	Local (medium)	M-L	M	Protect Enhance	No change.
74	Kingsway Sports Field (Hardwicke & Quedgeley Harlequins RFC)	Football	Council	Poor quality adult football pitch currently unused and therefore available at peak time.	Improve quality and maximise use. Alternatively if low value site re provide pitches/investment in capacity at a hub site and retain as a reserve site.	Council FA	Key centre (medium)	S	L-M	Protect Enhance Provide	Maintenance and improvement works undertaken to rugby pitch, two football pitches and the cricket outfield. Cricket nets installed on site. Quedgeley Town Council has implemented its own pitch improvement programme for this site. GCB confirm the square is now of 'high quality'. Cricket club has received funding from GCB for a new pitch-side shelter.
		Cricket		Standard quality square with 10 wickets, used by Hardwicke & Quedgeley CC. Available capacity for a further 29 matches per season.	Improve quality and maximise use to accommodate future demand.	Council ECB		M	M		
		Rugby union		Poor quality senior pitch used by Hardwicke & Quedgeley Harlequins for matches. Spare capacity of 0.5 match sessions available at senior peak time, or one match session at junior peak time.	In the short term retain spare capacity in order to sustain quality and in the longer term improve pitch quality/maintenance and maximise use.	Council RFU		S-M	L-M		
75	Innsworth Lane Sports Ground	Football	Sports Club	Site previously damaged by flooding and at the time of assessment was unused. However, has recently become operational again by Longlevens FC junior section. Changing facilities have since been restored, with room to mark youth 9v9 pitch upon further pitch remedial work.	Support the Club in sustaining quality through required standard of maintenance.	Council FA Club	Local (medium)	M	M	Provide	Various maintenance and improvement works undertaken.
76	Bircher Avenue / Hucclecote RFC	Rugby / MUGA									Provision delivered through adjacent new development.
77	Gloucester Civil Service Club	Football Cricket Rugby union Bowls Tennis	Private	Multi sport site previously managed by the Civil Service Sports Council (CSSC), sold to Redrow Homes in 2010 and left to become disused.	Should planning permission be submitted for change of use seek like for like mitigation for loss of sports facilities.	Council FA ECB RFU LTA	-	L	H	Provide	Planning permission granted for residential development January 2019. Mitigation to be provided for loss of pitches and facilities.
78	Land at Winnycroft Farm	TBC									Outline planning permission granted for residential development, including open space and new playing fields.
80	Land at Leven Close, Longlevens	TBC									Open space secured through planning permission for new residential development.

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