

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY UPDATE PAPER

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This document is an update paper to the Playing Pitch Strategy (2020) for North Lincolnshire. It should be read in conjunction with the full PPS strategy. Amendments in this paper supersede the original strategy.



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Glossary and abbreviations

3G Third Generation (type of artificial surface)

ATP Artificial Turf Pitch

CC Cricket Club

ECB England and Wales Cricket Board

EH England Hockey

FA Football Association

FC Football Club

FF Football Foundation

FTP Football Turf Pitch (artificial surface)

LCB Lincolnshire Cricket Board

NGB National Governing Body

PPS Playing Pitch Strategy

RFU Rugby Football Union

RUFC Rugby Union Football Club

Section One – Introduction

- 1.1 This is a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) update paper for North Lincolnshire. This update should be read alongside the full PPS strategy that was adopted by North Lincolnshire Council in 2020. These reports form part of the Council's technical evidence base for the Local Plan preparation and was developed in accordance with Sport England Guidance.
- 1.2 Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance *An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy* states the PPS should be reviewed, ideally on an annual basis. This also helps to ensure the original supply and demand information is no more than two years old without being reviewed.
- 1.3 The guidance recommends that the review 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 high 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
 - Any new or emerging issues and opportunities'
- 1.4 The 2020 North Lincolnshire PPS focussed on the following sports: Football, Cricket, Hockey and Rugby Union.
- 1.5 To identify any changes since the North Lincolnshire PPS (2020), the National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGB's), larger sports clubs and other key stakeholders were asked to complete a survey. For each sport, NGB's were asked to provide an update on supply and demand and feedback any significant issues or changes for that sport. The findings are summarised below.
- 1.6 This work was undertaken over a period from July 2022 to February 2023.

Section Two – Football Findings

Football Findings – PPS 2020

- 2.1. The PPS (2020) highlighted that broadly supply met demand, however it identified some specific sites with capacity issues.
- 2.2. There was limited capacity for growth in the mini soccer game during the peak period however opportunities existed to move play onto 3G artificial grass pitches (AGP) that will help meet future demand.
- 2.3. Both the PPS (2020) and the Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP) (2019) drew the conclusion that there was a shortfall of full sized 3G AGPs in North Lincolnshire.

- 2.4. In general, grounds maintenance was cited as an issue across North Lincolnshire in terms of knowledge and training, alongside availability of resources. The ability to perform more comprehensive maintenance regimes beyond grass cutting was an issue raised by pitch providers.

Supply Update (2022/23)

- 2.5. The changes to the grass football pitch supply, quality and facilities are detailed below (Table 2.1):

| Site | Sub Area | Comments | Status |
|---|----------|---|---------------------|
| Baysgarth Leisure Centre, DN18 5DT | 7 | Site now in use for club training in summer months to meet growth in demand in the Barton area. Utilisation of pitch for match play may also be considered to meet demand. | New – training only |
| Baysgarth School, DN18 6AE | 7 | Grass pitches now maintained by an external provider. Pitch quality still requires improvement. Large amount of football being played on the grass pitches. Increased usage of 3G AGP pitch. Pressure on a Saturday morning due to multiple clubs/teams using the site. | Update |
| Bottesford Town Football Club, DN17 2TQ | 4 | Over recent years the quality of the pitches has deteriorated predominantly due to chafer bug infestation at both Ontario Road and Sunningdale Park. An application has been successful for funding from the Football Foundation to support the installation of a 3G AGP at Ontario Road plus further work on grass pitch improvements. This will enable the consolidation of all natural and artificial provision on a single site (Ontario Road) to meet demand, negating the need for a second site at Sunningdale Park. | Update |
| Castledyke School Playing Field, DN18 5AW | 7 | This site was not identified in the PPS (2020) but is now being used as a site for training in summer months to meet growth in demand in the Barton area. | New – training only |
| Carrside Playing Field, DN9 1DX | 1 | Long term community use agreement is now in place. Epworth Colts exploring the option to install floodlights and redevelop changing infrastructure now they have security of tenure. | Update |
| Foxhills Sport Ground, DN15 8LJ | 4 | A new artificial surface has been added to the redundant floodlit MUGA, providing a winter training facility to alleviate some pressure on the grass pitches. | Update |
| Frederick Gough School, DN16 3NG | 4 | Good progress through a partnership approach with the school, local residents and council environmental protection to | Update |

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| | | work together to pilot extended opening hours, with the ultimate aim to be able to facilitate opening hours in line with the original business plan (which were reduced to mitigate resident concerns). Extended opening is working well, and no complaints received, enabling a greater level of community use. | |
| John Leggott Sixth Form College, DN17 1DS | 4 | Site being used as the home ground for 780 football club. An application for funding by the Football Foundation has been successful for a new full sized 3G AGP on site, that will be compatible for rugby training to alleviate capacity issues at Scunthorpe RFC. | Update |
| New Generation Park, DN17 3BS | 2 | Site now being used as the home ground for Keadby Juniors FC. | New |
| Oasis Academy Parkwood, DN17 1SS | 4 | Site now being used as a home ground for Westcliff Warriors Junior FC. | New |
| The Phil Grundy Sports and Community Centre | 6 | There remains a community ambition to develop a FTP at the site. If this is achieved, local supply and spare capacity will be achieved through moving the junior game to the FTP, increasing spare capacity to 3.5 match equivalent sessions (MES) per week in the peak period to allow further growth and achieve balanced play on the site overall. | Update |
| West Butterwick Village Hall, DN17 3LD | 1 | Site now being used as the home ground for Black Beauty FC (also known as West Butterwick Recreation Ground). | New |
| West Common Lane Playing Field, DN17 1DS | 4 | Decision to cease formal playing pitches and consolidate the council provision for the locality at Co-op Sports Ground. Site remains protected for the purposes of playing pitches if unmet demand results in the need to bring the site back into operation. | Update |
| Wroot Playing Fields, DN9 2BT | 1 | Site now being used as the home ground for Cross Keys FC. | New |

Table 2.1 Changes in grass football pitch supply across North Lincolnshire, by sub area

Demand Update (2022/2023)

| Age group | 2020 | 2022 | Diff. |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Football Adult Men 11v11 (19-45yrs) | 58 | 67 | +9 |
| Football Adult Women 11v11 (19-45yrs) | 4 | 5 | +1 |
| Football Youth Men 11v11 (16-18yrs) | 10 | 12 | +2 |
| Football Youth Women 11v11 (16-18yrs) | 0 | 2 | +2 |
| Football Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs) | 58 | 67 | +9 |
| Football Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs) | 6 | 4 | -2 |
| Football Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs) | 42 | 42 | 0 |
| Football Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs) | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Football Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs) | 43 | 44 | +1 |
| Football Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs) | 32 | 41 | +9 |
| Pan Disability | 0 | 5 | +5 |
| Totals | 256 | 292 | 36 |

Table 2.2 Affiliated Team Numbers by age group for the 2019/2020 and 2021/2022 season

- 2.6. Figures from Lincs FA (see Table 2.2) show that there has been an increase in demand. Lincs FA confirmed that “grassroots football continues to grow post pandemic”.

Sports Specific Considerations - Football

- 2.7. Pitch quality remains an issue with a distinct need for improvements at Bottesford Football Club, Co-op Sports Ground, Broughton, Winterton Playing Field, Brigg Recreation Ground and Foxhill Sports Ground.
- 2.8. North Lincolnshire Council have now applied to the FA to join their Pitch Power Programme. Professional pitch inspections are due to take place imminently that will develop a robust action plan for improvements. To support the application £15k investment from North Lincolnshire Council has been provided to secure a GPS line marker, providing new capacity in the team to implement the action plan. Four operatives are scheduled to undertake Fine Turf Management training.

- 2.9. The PPS (2020) and LFFP (2019) highlighted a shortfall in pitch space in North Lincolnshire on artificial playing surfaces. Since 2020 substantive work has been undertaken to address the shortfall in AGP provision. Applications to the Football Foundation been successful by John Leggott College and Bottesford Town FC to enable the delivery of new full-sized 3G AGP facilities at each site. The Football Foundation has supported the refurbishment of the artificial grass surface at Foxhills Sports Ground. North Lincolnshire Council is investing in a replacement general recreation surface at Winterton Synthetic Pitch.
- 2.10. The development of a full-sized FTP pitch at Bottesford Town FC and a grass pitch improvement programme will allow the club to consolidate all their match play and training at their home ground (Ontario Road, Scunthorpe). This will remove the demand for the supply of pitches at Sunningdale Park, a site previously identified for grass improvement works and the development of changing infrastructure.
- 2.11. Lincs FA will also be working with the Football Foundation, local partners, and the local authority through the rejuvenation of the LFFP steering groups from August onwards to increase our investment and pipeline of projects. This will be reflected in a refreshed LFFP for North Lincolnshire.
- 2.12. There has been a significant rise in demand in the Barton area (sub-area 7) that is putting pressure on existing sites. Demand for both grass and 3G AGP pitches has grown at Baysgarth School where pressure exists on weekend mornings for match play. The grass pitch quality remains at a standard level. It would be worth investigating signing up to the FA's "Pitch Power" to help improvements. Pressure also exists at the Pasture Road site for both match play and training. Drainage requires action to support matches during winter. Work to bring football clubs together to agree a strategic action plan for the area is planned.

Football Summary and Conclusions

- 2.13. Demand has increased since the PPS (2020). Broadly speaking this demand is still being met and several pitches not previously in use are now being utilised. It remains important to protect a sufficient supply of football pitches of a suitable quality to facilitate football and community use. This supply should continue to be monitored to make sure it meets demand and ensure the list of sites suitable for protection and disposal (if they meet criteria set out in paragraph 97 of the NPPF or any Sport England Exception Criteria) is up to date.
- 2.14. Since 2020 the supply of artificial grass pitch provision in North Lincolnshire has increased. The current demand indicates that North Lincolnshire still has a requirement for three additional (refurbished, converted or new) AGP's to meet the FA's ambition for every affiliated team to have the opportunity to train once a week on an artificial floodlit 3G surface. This requirement is supported by the LFFP and the work to refresh its priorities. The LFFP supports the three 3G AGP pitches are distributed in Sub Area 4 (Scunthorpe), Sub Area 5 (Brigg) and Sub Area 7 (Barton).
- 2.15. Consideration should also be given to the need in the near future to replace the 3G AGP surfaces at Appleby Frodingham Works Athletic Club, St Lawrence Academy and Frederick Gough School.

- 2.16. Any project should be progressed and considered based on a broad programme of use and business plan, identifying the users, football/community outcomes, and potential impact on other artificial facilities (for example displacement/transfer of users between pitches)
- 2.17. Pitch quality is an issue and further work needs to be done to encourage more pitch suppliers to register on the FA Pitch Improvement Programme.
- 2.18. The recommendations from 2020 remain valid and should be retained, except for Recommendation Four (10.13) (PPS 2020). It has been amended in line with the most current supply and demand data whereby the recommendation in this update paper (see 2.14) supersedes that in the PPS 2020.

Section Three - Rugby Union Findings

Rugby Union Findings– PPS 2020

- 3.1 The PPS (2020) highlighted that the supply of rugby union pitches in North Lincolnshire did not meet demand.
- 3.2 North Lincolnshire has two rugby union clubs. Barton and District RFC run a single adult male team in comparison to Scunthorpe RFC that run 20 teams offering progression from mini/midi through to junior and seniors.
- 3.3 Although demand was met in Barton significant issues existed at the two sites used as home grounds by Scunthorpe RFC. The recent growth of the women and girl's section had increased demand for both match play and training. Drainage and maintenance were also having an impact on carrying capacity across all sites.

Supply Update (2022/2023)

- 3.4 The changes to the grass rugby union pitch supply, quality and facilities are detailed below (Table 3.1):

| Site | Sub Area | Comments | Status |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---|--------|
| Heslam Park | 4 | Scunthorpe RFC are looking into upgrading changing facilities to increase capacity and have completed the installation of 200 lux floodlights on the main pitch. The main pitch has also been completely fenced to help with footfall and to improve maintenance. | Update |
| Barrow and District Playing Field | 7 | Pitch drainage installed January 2022; this will help capacity going forwards. | Update |

Table 3.1 Changes in grass rugby union pitch supply across North Lincolnshire, by sub area

Demand Update (2022/2023)

| Age Group | 2020 | 2022 | Diff. |
|-----------|------|------|-------|
|-----------|------|------|-------|

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Rugby Union Senior Men (19-45yrs) | 7 | 5 | -2 |
| Rugby Union Senior Women (19-45yrs) | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rugby Union Youth Boys (13-18yrs) | 5 | 6 | +1 |
| Rugby Union Youth Girls (13-18yrs) | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Rugby Union Mini/Midi Mixed (7-12yrs) | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Totals | 22 | 21 | -1 |

Table 3.2 Affiliated Team Numbers by age group for the 2019/2020 and 2021/2022 season

- 3.5 The number of teams has reduced by one team. However, the RFU has reported that the club are seeing increased overall participant numbers particularly in the women and girl's game. In 2022 the RFU changed the age banding with youth rugby that is now from ages 12 to 18 years. In the future this will allow for an additional team in this age bracket.

Sports Specific Considerations - Rugby Union

- 3.6 Scunthorpe RFC have increased their women and girl's numbers and continue to do so; they currently have an overall site capacity rating of -3 (match equivalent sessions) which means they are currently over played. With current growth rate, post pandemic increases and a Rugby World Cup (Women's) 2025 in England this will provide further future demand.
- 3.7 RFU now have a partnership with Game Management Association. Scunthorpe RFC have had a Pitch Advisor visit and report produced (30th March 2022). This technical assessment found that two pitches were of a basic quality and only one (main pitch) was of an advanced quality rating. The RFU suggest that the actions around improving maintenance to ensure pitches are all to a 'good' standard is still an important part of this strategy.
- 3.8 Currently North Lincolnshire does not have a 3G World Rugby 22 compliant pitch. The PPS (2020) identified a need for a mid-week flood lit training facility in the Scunthorpe area to help alleviate overplaying at Scunthorpe RFC. The approved new 3G AGP at John Leggott College includes a rugby shock pad that will contribute to meeting this need.

Rugby Union Summary and Conclusions

- 3.9 Demand in relation to participation has increased since the PPS (2020). It remains important to protect a sufficient supply of pitches of a suitable quality to facilitate rugby and community use.
- 3.10 Supporting clubs to improve maintenance to ensure better pitch quality that is of a good standard remains important.
- 3.11 The recommendations from 2020 remain valid and should be retained, along with noting the specific issues mentioned above.

Section Four – Cricket Findings

Cricket Findings – PPS 2020

- 4.1 The PPS (2020) highlighted that the supply of cricket pitches in North Lincolnshire met the demand with spare capacity available to meet future growth.
- 4.2 Clubs cited ground maintenance as an issue in terms of knowledge, equipment, and the revenue cost. The PPS (2020) recommended support for clubs to improve the quality of pitches through improved maintenance regimes that meet with ECB guidance.

Supply Update (2022/2023)

- 4.3 The changes to the grass cricket pitch supply, quality and facilities are detailed below (Table 4.1):

| Site | Sub Area | Comments | Status |
|---|----------|---|---------|
| The Phil Grundy Sports and Community Centre | 6 | The site is being overplayed for cricket. Chafer grub infestation showing signs of returning. Extra pitch provision will be required in the future to meet demand. Development of a women's soft ball section is driving the need to improve the changing room infrastructure. Work is in its early stages to address this. | Update |
| Outcasts Cricket Club | 2 | Engagement with ECB county pitch advisor and substantial renovations have been undertaken to the cricket square to improve the playing surface. | Update |
| Barton Town Cricket Club/Baysgarth School | 7 | Grant funding received by the club to install a new non turf pitch at Baysgarth School. Work starting early 2023. It will be used as a satellite site for the cricket club to help meet demand. | Update |
| Normanby Park Sport and Activity Club | 5 | £10k grant received by the club to update their social spaces. | Updates |

Table 4.1 Changes in grass cricket pitch supply across North Lincolnshire, by sub area

Demand Update (2022/2023)

| Age Group | 2020 | 2022 | Diff. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cricket Open Age Mens (18-55 years) | 29 | 32 | +3 |
| Cricket Open Age Women's (18-55 years) | 0 | 2 | +2 |
| Cricket Junior (Boys, Mixed and Girls) (7-18yrs) | 31 | 31 | 0 |
| Totals | 60 | 65 | +5 |

Table 4.2 Affiliated Team Numbers by age group for the 2019 and 2022 season

- 4.4 The overall demand shown in team numbers (see Fig 4.2) has increased since 2020. There has been growth in both the men's and women's adult game. Lincolnshire Cricket also reported that four clubs have further women's or girl's teams in development. In the future this could equate to an additional two adult women's teams and three junior girl's teams.

Sports Specific Considerations - Cricket

- 4.5 Lincolnshire Cricket reported they had seen large growth in Women's Cricket as well as All Stars Cricket (5-8 years old) and Dynamos Cricket (8-11 years old). These are increasing participation in the game and demand for pitch space but are not always reflected in the number of affiliated teams at this point.
- 4.6 There are also plans to introduce a new Girls Soft Ball Cricket Offer in Summer 2022 with at least two clubs in North Lincolnshire taking part in this pilot scheme.
- 4.7 Demand is not meeting supply at Broughton Town Cricket Club and Barton Town Cricket Club. Broughton Town Cricket Club reported they will need extra provision in the future to meet growing demand. Installation of a non turf wicket at Baysgarth School will support Barton Town Cricket Club to meet this demand.

Cricket Summary and Conclusions

- 4.8 It remains important to protect a sufficient supply of pitches of a suitable quality to facilitate cricket and community use. These should be monitored to make sure adequacy of pitches to meet the growing demand of clubs and ensure that the list set out in the strategy is up to date.
- 4.9 Supporting clubs to improve maintenance to ensure better pitch quality remains important. The area now has two county pitch advisors to help meet this need.
- 4.10 The recommendations from 2020 remain valid and should be retained, along with noting the specific issues mentioned above.

Section Five – Hockey Findings

Hockey Findings – PPS 2020

- 5.1 The PPS (2020) highlighted that the demand for hockey was being met by the supply.

Supply Update (2022/2023)

- 5.2 The changes to the hockey pitch supply, quality and facilities are detailed below (Table 5.1):

| Site | Sub Area | Comments | Status |
|-------------------------|----------|---|--------|
| Brigg Recreation Ground | 5 | The maintenance regime has improved. Work is being undertaken between North Lincolnshire Council and the pitch contractor to tackle creases in the surface. The surface has been re-stretched and extra sand recently laid by the contractor to weigh down the pitch. | Update |

Table 5.1 Changes in hockey pitch supply across North Lincolnshire, by sub area

Demand Update (2022/2023)

| Age Group | 2020 | 2022 | Diff. |
|-----------|------|------|-------|
|-----------|------|------|-------|

| | | | 2022-2023 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Senior Men (16-55 years) | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Senior Women (16-55 years) | 7 | 6 | -1 |
| Junior Boys (11-15 years) | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Junior Girls (11-15 years) | 2 | 3 | +1 |
| Totals | 16 | 16 | 0 |

Table 5.2 Affiliated Team Numbers by age group for the 2019/2020 and 2021/2022 season

- 5.3 The team numbers have been confirmed by England Hockey but may be subject to change once their affiliation data becomes available.
- 5.4 The overall demand shown in team numbers (see Fig 5.2) has remained the same since the PPS (2020).
- 5.5 Brigg Hockey club are a large men, ladies and junior club playing out of Brigg Recreation Ground with 68 fixtures held there in the 2021/2022 season.
- 5.6 Appleby Frodingham, Epworth and Barton Ladies Hockey teams are all based at Appleby Frodingham Works Athletic Club.

Sports Specific Considerations - Hockey

- 5.7 To support the long-term sustainability and growth of hockey in North Lincolnshire it is recommended that play remains at the two hub sites; Appleby Frodingham Works Athletic Club and Brigg Recreation Ground.
- 5.8 Together the three clubs playing at Appleby Frodingham Works Athletic Club are supporting the sustainability of the site and growth in the future. They are also gaining mutual benefit from working together at this hub.

Hockey Summary and Conclusions

- 5.9 The level of overall demand for hockey across North Lincolnshire has not significantly changed between 2020 and 2022.
- 5.10 Efforts should be made to retain all hockey play at the two hub sites: Appleby Frodingham Works Athletic Club and Brigg Recreation Ground to support their long-term sustainability and the growth of hockey in North Lincolnshire.
- 5.11 The recommendations from 2020 remain valid and should be retained, along with noting the specific issues mentioned above.

Section Six - Additional Considerations

- 6.1 Football, hockey and cricket, along with the other sports outside the consideration of this PPS (including tennis and bowls), are using the same site of Brumby Hall (Appleby Works Athletic Club). Both hockey and cricket report the need for improvements at the site in particular to the changing infrastructure, an enhancement included in the full PPS (2020) site action plan. The sports should consider working together with the operator to pursue this development.
- 6.2 Other artificial grass pitch (AGP) provision is provided on sand dressed surfaces at Melior Community Academy and Winterton Synthetic Pitch. Neither site is protected for hockey use as play is concentrated at the two hockey hub sites. Melior Community Academy does provide a winter training facility for some football teams.
- 6.3 Winterton Synthetic Pitch is currently closed as the pitch is end of life. The hockey team have moved to Appleby Frodingham Works Athletic Club and all football training for Winterton teams is being held at other sites. North Lincolnshire Council are investing in a replacement second generation pitch to reinstate this supply. There was no business case to install a 3G AGP surface.

Local Plan and Projected Housing Growth

- 6.4 The new Local Plan is estimated to be submitted to Government in October 2022 for an Examination in Public to be set to consider the soundness of the plan.
- 6.5 The projected housing growth figures included in the PPS (2020) have now been amended. The Local Plan may now seek to deliver 396 rather than 441 homes per annum over the period of 2020 to 2038. This equates to 7128 homes in total rather than then 8384 originally forecast. Table 6.1 shows this projected housing growth by main area.

| Area | Settlement | Current number of dwellings | Potential Dwelling Capacity 2020/2038 | Per Annum |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Scunthorpe and Bottesford | Scunthorpe & Bottesford Urban Area | 35583 | 3758 | 209 |
| Principal Towns | Barton upon Humber | 5343 | 583 | 33 |
| | Brigg | 3245 | 1045 | 58 |
| Large service centres | Epworth | 1937 | 57 | 3 |
| | Hibaldstow | | 77 | 4 |
| | Ulceby | | 131 | 7 |
| | Kirton in Lindsey | 1509 | 371 | 21 |
| | Winterton | 2109 | 290 | 16 |
| | Broughton | 2071 | 100 | 6 |
| | Crowle | 1807 | 169 | 9 |
| | Messingham | 1576 | 32 | 2 |
| | Barnetby le Wold | 744 | 75 | 4 |
| | Goxhill | 863 | 115 | 6 |

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|--------------------------|--------------------|------|-----|----|
| | Haxey | 823 | 75 | 4 |
| | Barrow upon Humber | 1245 | 178 | 10 |
| Larger rural settlements | Various | n/a | 72 | 4 |

Table 6.1 - Draft proposed housing growth by main areas for North Lincolnshire up to 2038

- 6.6 The proposed housing growth figures include the 2,150 new homes planned as part of the Lincolnshire Lakes project, reduced from 3,000 in the PPS (2020). The remainder of the Lincolnshire Lakes will be delivered beyond the Local Plan period of 2038.
- 6.7 The Lincolnshire Lakes residential development includes the proposed building of new schools. It is anticipated that these sites will include pitch provision secured for community use. There is also a need to consider using developer contributions for existing pitch sites where additional capacity is required as opposed to creating provision on the new housing developments.
- 6.8 The impact of this growth on the population of the local authority area is described below in Table 6.2, firstly for the five-year period of this Playing Pitch Strategy. This has been amended from the PPS (2020) to reflect the adjusted housing projections.

| Number of proposed new dwellings per annum | Total number of new dwellings over 5 year period | Number of people per dwelling | Impact of growth on population size |
|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 396 per annum | 1,980 | 2.36 | 4,673 |

Table 6.2 - Impact of new housing on population size over five-year period

- 6.9 The Sport England Playing Pitch Calculator has been used to assess the impact of this projected population growth on the demand for pitches in the peak period. Table 6.3 shows this impact and the resulting number of pitches that will be required to meet this growth in population.

| Sport | Increased demand in the peak period of match equivalent sessions | Increased demand for pitches (number of pitches required) |
|----------------|--|---|
| Adult Football | 0.78 | 0-1 pitches |
| Youth | 1.56 | 1-2 pitches |
| Mini Soccer | 1.14 | 1-2 pitches |
| Rugby Union | 0.22 | 0-1 pitches |
| Hockey | 0.22 | 0-1 pitches |
| Cricket | 15.82 (per season) | 0-1 pitches |
| AGP (3G) | 7.72 | 0-1 pitches |

Table 6.3 - Impact of housing growth on demand for sports pitches to 2025

- 6.10 The proposed housing projections are for a period of 18 years and forecast growth until 2038. Table 6.4 forecasts the impact of growth on population size over this longer period. Again, this has been amended from the PPS (2020) to reflect the new projected housing growth figures.

- 6.11 The Playing Pitch Calculator has been used to assess the impact of this population growth on pitch requirements (see Table 6.5).

| Number of proposed new dwellings per annum | Total number of new dwellings over 18 year period | Number of people per dwelling | Impact of growth on population size |
|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 396 per annum | 7,128 | 2.36 | 16,822 |

Table 6.4 - Impact of new housing on population size over period of housing projections to 2038

| Sport | Increased demand in the peak period (AGP per week) | Number of pitches |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
| Adult Football | 2.83 | 2-3 pitches |
| Youth | 5.62 | 5-6 pitches |
| Mini Soccer | 4.12 | 4-5 pitches |
| Rugby Union | 0.80 | 0-1 pitch |
| Hockey | 0.78 | 0-1 pitch |
| Cricket | 56.95 (per season) | 1-2 pitches |
| AGP (3G) | 27.80 | 0-1 pitches |

Table 6.5- Impact of housing growth on demand for sports pitches to 2038

- 6.12 The Playing Pitch Calculator (Sport England) has been used to consider the new projected housing growth figures, associated population changes and subsequent increased demand for sport. Shown in the tables 6.3 and 6.5, it still projecting the same number of pitches, forecast in the PPS (2020), will be required to meet this future demand.
- 6.13 The Playing Pitch Calculator suggests that the planned new developments will have an impact on the pitch requirements in North Lincolnshire both in the short and long term. While this is indicative only at this point it is essential that this continues to be considered.
- 6.14 Strategic Recommendation Three from the PPS 2020 remains valid. New large scale housing development should consider the demand created by a proposed development. Developers are expected to make an appropriate contribution towards necessary improvements or additional provision for community services and facilities arising from their development proposals.

Section Seven – Conclusion Update Paper

- 7.1 This document is an update paper to the Playing Pitch Strategy (2020) for North Lincolnshire. Any amendments in this paper now supersede the original PPS 2020.
- 7.2 The recommendations identified in the PPS 2020 remain valid, with the exception of Recommendation Four (SR4) (10.13) that is superseded by this paper (reference 2.14).

- 7.2 The analysis shows that there has been a growth in demand across the sports of football, cricket and rugby union since 2020. Progress against the recommendations and specific issues identified in the strategy and this paper will enable this demand to be met.
- 7.4 The strategy should continue to be monitored to make sure the adequacy of the pitches to meet the growing demand, and ensure the list set out in the strategy is up to date.