



Draft CBC Sports Facilities Strategy

Sport and Leisure

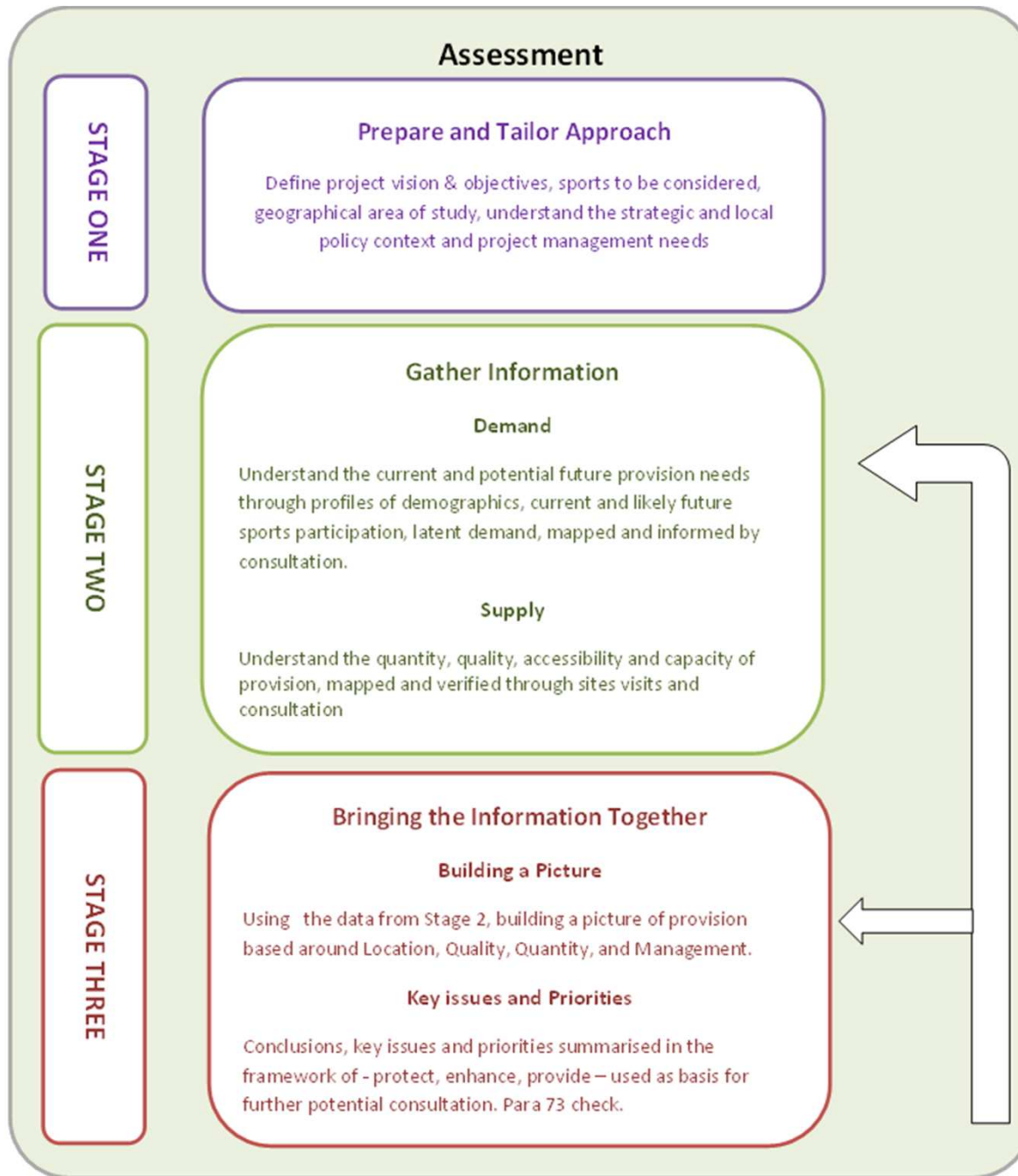
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Context and Approach

- Scope – Indoor provision – *sports halls, swimming pools and outdoor Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP)*
- Will complement the Council's *Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS)*
- Supports Sport England (SE) *Strategic Facilities Funding* to Queens Park Sports Centre
- Building on and bringing together existing work
- Utilising Sport England *Facilities Planning Model (FPM)* and Consultation work
- Using the framework of SE *Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guidance (ANOG)*
- Sport and Physical Activity Strategy the last piece of the jigsaw.....





Strategic Context

- **Chesterfield Borough Core Strategy (2013)** –sets out the priorities for the future development of the Borough up to 2031. These include a targeted growth strategy proposing 7,600 additional dwellings in the borough.
- **Chesterfield Borough Council Corporate Plan - 2012-2015** –includes a vision of *'putting our communities first'*
- **Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy – 2012 – 2015** – the strategy seeks to reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing across all stages of life by working in partnership with communities.
- **Active Derbyshire Plan – 2013 – 2016** – strategy has been developed through the Active Derbyshire Partnership which is the strategic lead for physical activity in Derbyshire. The vision is to make Derbyshire one of the most active counties in the country by 2020.
- **Beyond 2012: A Plan for Sport and Active Recreation in Derbyshire 2012 – 2015** – the plan provides the strategic framework for sport and active recreation in Derbyshire.



Strategic Context



- **Derbyshire Built Facility Strategy 2012-2017** – the Strategy was developed by the County Sports Partnership. The intention to refurbish or re-build Queens Park Sports Centre was included and considered to meet future sports hall and swimming pool needs.
- Nationally Sport England Strategy advocates ‘**a sporting habit for life**’ the focus on increasing participation, links to Chesterfield Borough Councils vision of “**Putting our Communities First**” and our priorities.
- Ensure that a wide range of good quality and quantity of facilities are available to all members of the community, in particular aiming for positive health impacts by engaging people who require focussed support such as those who are inactive, suffering from mental health, are at risk of being isolated or have similar serious challenges in their lives.
- Physical access arrangements must comply with Sport England design and access standards and encouraging participation through community based delivery."
- The need to develop a fit for purpose sustainable network of facilities. To achieve this across the borough is therefore central to the strategy.



Demographic and Participation Analysis



- Participation in sport and physical activity in Chesterfield borough is increasing and is now generally in line with regional and national averages.
- The proposed growth in population and housing numbers will mean the demand for facilities will increase and the need to build in headroom in terms of future facility provision is evident, particularly in terms of swimming provision.
- Swimming is the most popular activity in Chesterfield as it is in the Region and England wide. Future proofing any developments will therefore be important, particularly in terms of Queens Park Sports Centre.
- Whilst the population is rising it is also ageing, which will impact on scale and nature of participation.
- Gym, fitness and conditioning are also high in participation levels which can take place in a sports hall, community hall or ancillary hall and are amongst the most popular activities in Chesterfield.





Demographic and Participation Analysis



- Five of the top seven SE market segments in population numbers are above 46 years of age. Segments in these age groups have lower than national average rates of sports and physical activity participation and their reasons for participating are for recreational, social activity and with a strong personal health motivation.
- There is a close relationship with the areas of highest sports participation having the lower levels of obesity. This is in the South West of the borough. This is also where the cluster of sports provision is located, including Queens Park Sports Centre. Sport and physical activity and facility provision would therefore appear to impact positively on the health agenda.
- There will be a need to match future facility provision and strategy to future demographic and participation profiles
- Alongside formal sports provision, the need for flexible activity spaces to meet more informal activity and health related programmes will need to be an important element of future provision





Once a week sport participation (1x30), APS6 (2011/2012): LA Chesterfield District


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Catchment area:
Chesterfield District

Participation estimates 2011-12
Quartile classification*

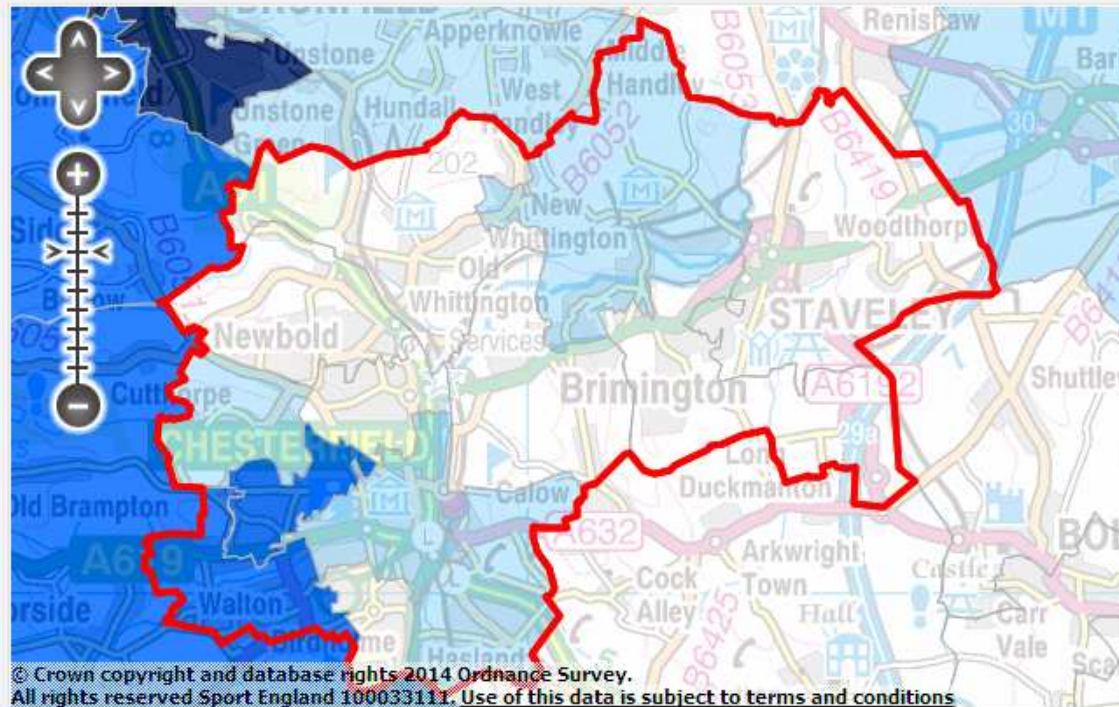
-  24.9% - 37.8% (low)
-  37.9% - 42.2% (low-middle)
-  42.3% - 46.7% (middle-high)
-  46.8% - 69.3% (high)

 Catchment area


 Middle Super Output Areas

The sports participation indicator measures the number of people participating in at least 30 minutes of sport at moderate intensity at least once a week.

It does not include recreational walking or infrequent recreational cycling but does include cycling if done at least once a week at moderate intensity and for at least 30 minutes. It also includes more intense/strenuous walking activities such as power walking, hill



 Map

 Tabular data



Swimming Pools

- The new Queens Park Sports Centre development is fully supported by the FPM and the level of provision proposed will address the issues of quantity,
- The existing Queens Park Sports Centre has reached the end of its useful life.
- There will need to be a co-ordinated approach to programming to ensure the pool stock is accessible to meet the needs of a wide mix of swimming activities .
- Based on the FPM supply and demand analysis there is no immediate need to develop new / additional pool provision over and above the new Queens Park Sports Centre. Capacity could be increased by considering the feasibility of other options such as developing a learner pool type environment at the Healthy Living Centre.
- In the longer term the Council must maintain a watching brief on the level of unmet demand for swimming through a review framework linked with similar requirements identified in the PPS.



Swimming Consultation naa

- Overall the proposed new pool at Queens' Park Annexe was widely supported.
- Local surveys undertaken as part of the new Queens Park Sports Centre development and consultation with clubs and the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) (support this view.
- The scale of provision proposed will help to address the current and future waterspace needs in Chesterfield.
- The ASA and clubs support the new Queens Park Sports Centre commenting that it will provide greater swimming space and a more versatile swimming area, which will enable the club to expand and grow.
- The closure of Brookfield will provide a challenge in ensuring all waterspace users can be accommodated across the remaining borough pool stock.
- Swim Chesterfield which is being developed as the umbrella body for all swimming interests across the borough is committed to developing a co-ordinated approach to swimming in the borough.
- Capacity needs could be mitigated by addressing some challenges at the Healthy Living Centre and improving use of water space and the environment for teaching.



Strategic Swim Priorities naa

- **SP1.** Develop the Queens Park Centre as an 8-lane 25m pool and 16.5 x 7m learner pool with movable floor
- **SP2.** Adopt a co-ordinated approach to programming to ensure the pool stock is available to meet the needs of all swimming disciplines
- **SP3.** Protect all remaining swimming pool provision up to 2028
- **SP4.** Seek to develop increased pool capacity at the Healthy Living Centre through innovative use of existing space and \or explore the feasibility of providing a learner pool
- **SP5.** Monitor the future needs up to 2028 to evaluate if the provision additional swimming pools are required over the life of the Strategy



Sports Halls

- The new Queens Park Sports Centre development is fully supported by the FPM and the level of provision proposed will compliment the network of school and education sports halls, providing a quality 8-court facility.
- Queens Park Sports Centre and the school based sports hall network provide good access to sports halls for residents.
- The school sport hall network is new and modern and of good quality.
- There is no case at present, based on the FPM analysis to develop new / additional sports hall provision over and above the new Queens Park Sports Centre.
- The level of provision is good and there is generally good access however a number of schools are at full-capacity. There is therefore a need to protect all halls and seek to open up access to those schools which currently provide limited use. School commissioning arrangements provide a good model for delivering coordinated community use and could be extended to support other schools.
- Alongside the formal sports hall network there is a good network of community halls. These are vital to provide local opportunities, particularly in the daytime, in line with the health agenda and the participation profile of the borough.



Consultation

- The proposed new sports hall at Queens' Park Sports Centre is supported by all consultees. It will provide high-quality, flexible *pay and play* access to sit alongside the schools.
- Commissioned services have opened up schools and are starting to work on a co-ordinated basis across the borough.
- Health funding and programmes will be targeted at local community based activities.
- Gaining affordable access to facilities in local community settings will be critical to delivery.
- Opening up the school and community network is an important priority to deliver locally targeted activities and programmes and help drive the health, sport and physical activity agenda.
- Daytime access to sports halls is limited due to some reliance on school provision. Accessible community halls and assets alongside Queens Park Sports Centre are important.
- Opportunities exist to create community hubs around pitches and indoor community provision



Strategic Hall Priorities



- **SH1.** Develop the new Queens Park Sports Centre as an 8 court sports hall facility
- **SH2.** Protect all sustainable sports hall provision in the borough up to 2028 and seek to open up those schools with current limited use
- **SH3.** Seek to maximise the opportunities for local sport and physical activity opportunities through the existing community centres and other assets in the borough.
- **SH.4** Ensure planned development in the borough has regard to opportunities to support and influence future community hall and similar sustainable asset provision.



Artificial Grass Pitches



- The existing stock of AGPs is at capacity
- There is a poor balance between the different types of surface given the shift to 3g usage.
- There is a need to consider supplementing the existing AGP stock through either a small AGP, an additional 3g AGP and the replacement of the carpet at St Marys RC High School

Strategic AGP Priorities (PPS link).

- **AGP1** Seek to support a new 3g pitch as a focus for football. In terms of access a gap exists in the east. Netherthorpe School have expressed interest in developing a 3g
- **AGP2.** Support investment in existing or additional AGPs including refurbishment of St Mary's AGP.



AGP3. Protect all AGP provision up to 2028



Strategic Factors for Success

- Delivering new QPSC meets needs and evidence for Sports Halls and Swimming Pools (FPM)
- Monitoring future needs for increased water space and maximising current stock access and use is critical
- Consider feasibility of creating additional or more accessible water space at HLC, or supporting other similar options that arise.
- Working with partners to improve access to School Sports Hall sites and protect them
- Consider and support options for management, coordination and delivery of School Sports Halls and Community Hall services consistently with partners across the borough
- Ensuring quality and quantity of indoor facilities is maintained
- Access needs must ensure disability is fully addressed
- Being proactive in supporting and influencing investment in sustainable community based infrastructure
- Developing a community based Sport and Physical Activity Strategy to drive both participation and health in the borough



Draft Policy Recommendations

- ❑ To accept for formal adoption by Council, the proposed Strategy for protection, enhancement and future development of Swimming Pools, Sports Halls and AGP provision in the borough.
- ❑ To approve the proposed strategy Action Plan for the protection, enhancement and future development of Swimming Pools, Sports Halls and AGP provision in the borough.
- ❑ To agree the Strategy inclusion in the Playing Pitch Strategy framework steering group to undertake programmed reviews and make necessary minor changes to meet statutory and local Planning requirements. Additional resource may be required to support a robust review process.
- ❑ To agree that future reports be provided to Members where any requirement for significant changes that impact on corporate priorities, affordability, and Planning need may be identified.
- ❑ To approve that Sport England methodology is adopted in relation to both implementation and monitoring of the Strategy to ensure Planning matters are suitably compliant and officers effectively manage quality, affordability, and also manage associated risk to the lowest possible level.

