

Playing Pitch Strategy

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What is a Playing Pitch Strategy

‘A Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is an evidence based document that Sport England recommends Councils produce to guide investment, development and improvement in pitch sport facilities and meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework. It can be used to determine planning applications impacting on existing or the need for new sports pitches and guide investment from a range of bodies.’

and/or

‘Provision of a framework that will ensure the provision of outdoor playing pitches meet the local needs of existing and future residents’

‘A strategic framework for the development, maintenance and improvement of both existing and new outdoor sports pitches and ancillary facilities.’

Proposed Outcomes

What do we need to do?

1. Assess the current quantity and quality of pitch provision and changing facilities.
2. Assess demand, capacity and need now and in the future

To:

1. Provide an evidence base to support decision making
2. Develop local standards of provision – quantity and quality
3. Justify developer contributions and help determine planning applications.
4. Prioritise resources and projects
5. Identify opportunities for improving access to facilities
6. Support delivery of other Council Strategies and Services, e.g. ‘Sports Development Strategy.’
7. Support National and Regional Governing body objectives.

Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance

An approach to developing and delivering a playing pitch strategy



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Figure 1: Developing and Delivering a Playing Pitch Strategy – The 10 Step Approach



Scope

Areas in scope:

Guildford Borough Council owned/managed facilities

Parish Council owned/managed facilities

Club/Sports organisation owned/managed facilities

Educational provision (Private and non private)

Areas out of scope

Military provision

Facilities in scope:

Natural playing surfaces

Artificial playing surfaces

Changing facilities



Facilities in scope

Facility (Inc. private & public)	Details	Existing borough provision
Grass facilities	Football pitches (full size, 11vs11, 9vs9 & mini soccer)	115 facilities at 54 sites
	Cricket squares	41 facilities at 31 sites
	Rugby pitches (full size, junior & mini rugby)	27 facilities at 11 sites
	Hockey pitches	2 facilities at 1 site
	Bowling greens	12 facilities at 12 sites
	Lacrosse	0 (only temporary painted grass)
Artificial Pitches	<u>Artificial Grass Pitches 3G (AGP) :</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIFA 1* Approved Full size: 1 FA Approved Full size: 3 Small sided: 9 v 9 or smaller : 3 	12 facilities at 10 sites
	<u>Astro Turf Pitches:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astro Turf – Full size - 4 Astro Turf – 9v9 or smaller - 1 	
Tennis Courts	Full size outdoor courts	61 facilities at 20 sites
Athletics Tracks	Outdoor synthetic permanent tracks	1 facility at 1 site
Changing facilities	Ancillary facilities at sites	207 facilities located at 57 sites (approximately)
TOTAL		475 facilities

Sports in scope



Sport	Guildford Club Data		Player Data
	No. of clubs	No. of teams	No. of players
Athletics	1	10	400
Bowls	12	n/a	360
Cricket	17	101	1379
Football	34	220	
Hockey	2	30	1400
Lacrosse	1	1	
Netball	7	n/a	406
Rugby	3	80	TBC
Tennis	11	n/a	3029
Total	88	442	6614

Benchmarking of local pitch strategies

Borough	Period	Scope & Learning	Contractor	Costs
Waverley	2018 - 2032	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included all outdoor sports, town and parish council sites and private schools. Included non-technical facility assessments. Two waves of local consultation; summer and winter sports. 	Knight, Kavanagh & Page Ltd	£20,000
Surrey Heath	2016 - 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period of strategy should align with the Local Authority's Local Plan. 	Knight, Kavanagh & Page Ltd	£17,600
Spelthorne	2020 - 2035	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy costs do not include technical ground pitch assessments – future need and cost should be considered within business case for strategy. 	Ploszajski Lynch Consulting	£17,220
Woking	2017-2027		Bennet Leisure & Planning	TBC
Runnymede	2015-2030		Ploszajski Lynch Consulting	£15,000

Proposed Governance

Project Board – to project manage delivery of the strategy, agree scope, outcomes and objectives – GBC Director, relevant Officers and Lead Councillors.

Steering group – to drive the strategy’s development and delivery of its actions and recommendations over the plan period. Suggested make up:

- Parks and Countryside
- Leisure Development
- Planning Policy
- National Governing Bodies of Sport /RGB’s e.g. Surrey FA
- Sport England
- Active Surrey County Sport Partnership
- Surrey Sports Park/University
- Guildford Education Partnership

Consultees – local sports clubs, schools, sporting organisations, parish councils

Estimated Timescale – 18 Months

- 1) EAB – July 2019
- 2) Virement for Funding – July 2019
- 3) Establish Project Board – Aug – September 2019
- 4) Procurement of consultants – Aug – November 2019
- 5) Establish Steering Group – Oct – December 2019
- 6) Development of Strategy – Dec 2019 to Sept 2020
- 7) Adoption – December 2020

Resources:

External Consultants required to develop strategy and undertake audits and assessments to ensure delivery in a timely manner and to support the revision of our Sports Strategy in 2020.

Benefits include – neighbouring authority data/national data readily to hand, expertise to deliver quickly, experience of Sport England Methodology

Questions/discussion