

Calderdale Playing Pitch

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1. Introduction

In 2007 Knight, Kavanagh and Page produced a Calderdale Open Space Sport and Recreation Study that included a playing pitch strategy in line with Sport England Guidance.

As this document is now 5 years old it is necessary to review the document and data within it to ensure there is an accurate picture of outdoor sport provision within Calderdale and a new and up to date strategy from which to set clear objectives and actions moving forward. This will bring Calderdale's strategy in line with the industry standard. Sport England consider a Strategy to be up to date if it adheres to the three statements below:

1. The Strategy has been completed or adequately reviewed in the last three years.
2. The data and consultation on which the strategy is based is no more than three years old.
3. A review is planned outside of this three year period but it has been adequately demonstrated that this review timescale is appropriate.

The Strategy has been led by Council Officers from the Safer, Cleaner, Greener and Sports Development Teams and this will allow a direct link and ownership to the actions required as well as allowing for regular monitoring and evaluation in order to keep the document fluid within an ever changing and challenging environment.

For each sport there have been identified clear objectives, recommendations and policy options going forward, however, following consultation with the National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) there is a commitment from both the NGBs and Local Authority for this strategy to lead to more detailed action plans for each sport including collaborative working between the NGBs. Dovetailing into these plans will be the Sport England data on the supply and demand of artificial grass pitch provision within the borough.

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2. Aims and Objectives

Aim

The aim of the study is to produce a robust playing pitch strategy for Calderdale, compliant with recognised best practice, which assesses the current and future need for pitch provision, set standards for the quality, quantity and accessibility of facilities and provides a strategic framework for facility provision.

This Strategy covers the following key outdoor sports within Calderdale:

- Football
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union
- Tennis
- Cricket
- Hockey

Sport England Guidance states that a playing pitch strategy can be developed for all team sports requiring grass pitches for play. Although tennis does not fall within this definition the sport was included in the original strategy and external funding is available which requires robust evidence of need.

Objectives

1. Set out a framework and policy options for providing usable, accessible and sustainable outdoor sport and recreational facilities within the Borough, which also recognises the limited funding available through local government.
2. Seek to ensure that this provision is of an appropriate distribution, quantity and quality (New facilities will only be provided or supported if they contribute to the appropriate distribution of facilities).
3. Work with and through the National Governing Bodies to set clear policy options and recommendations that can set the scene for more detailed action plans.

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3. Context

The development of this Playing Pitch Strategy has come at a time when Calderdale Council and its key partners are looking at strategic priorities overall for the Borough within the context of a challenging financial environment. The overarching partnership strategy for Calderdale is still the **Community Strategy** with its key themes of Economy and enterprise, Environment, Safer and stronger, Healthier Communities, Older people, Children and young people.

As the national and local backdrop has changed, however, the Calderdale Assembly (Calderdale Forward Board Members and representatives from the public sector, business sector, voluntary sector and communities of interest) has been developing a **Health and Well Being Strategy** that will supersede the Community Strategy and it alongside the **Health and Wellbeing Board** for Calderdale. The Health and Well being Strategy has been informed by a variety of needs assessments, including the **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**.

At the time of writing the detail of the Health and Well Being Strategy was still being developed however, the following 6 key priorities came out on top following extensive consultation:

- A place where people have good health
- A place with a balanced and dynamic local economy
- A place where children and young people are ready for life
- A place where fewer children under the age of 5 live in, and are born into, poverty.
- A place where older people live fulfilling and independent lives
- A place where everyone has a sense of pride and belonging based on mutual respect

It is important as these themes develop along with the action plans underneath that the Playing Pitch Strategy is able to demonstrate how it can contribute to achieving these priorities and therefore come from a position of strength when assessed against competing priorities.

The Playing Pitch Strategy will also form part of the evidence base underpinning the Local Development Framework (LDF) enabling it to take account of levels of provision across the district and respond accordingly..

This strategy also comes at a time when **Sport England** are launching there new **strategy for 2012-17** which will see over £1 billion into sport as part of the Olympic legacy package. In 2017 Sport England wants to achieve the following:

- See more people taking on and keeping a sporting habit for life;
- Create more opportunities for young people;

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- Nurture and develop talent;
- Provide the right facilities in the right places;
- Support local authorities and unlock local funding;
- Ensure real opportunities for communities.

Working with and through National Governing Bodies, County Sports Partnership, Local Authorities and other key partners Sport England aim to achieve the following outcomes:

- County Sports Partnerships will be given new resources to create effective links locally between schools and sport in the community;
- All secondary schools who wish to do so will be supported to open up, or keep open, their sports facilities for local community use and at least a third of these will receive additional funding to make this happen;
- At least 150 further education colleges will benefit from a full time sports professional who will act as a College Sport Maker;
- Three quarters of university students aged 18-24 will get the chance to take up a new sport or continue playing a sport they played at school or college;
- A thousand of our most disadvantaged local communities will get a Door Step Club;
- Two thousand young people on the margins of society will be supported by the Dame Kelly Holmes Legacy Trust into sport and gain new life skills;
- Building on the early success of Places People Play, a further £100m will be invested in facilities for the most popular sports;
- A minimum of 30 sports will have enhanced talent pathways to ensure young people and others fulfil their potential.

All of the above means that there will be a variety of opportunities over the next 5 years to improve, develop and open up access to sports facilities. Having this current Playing Pitch Strategy will put us in a strong position to identify Calderdale's priorities for development and work with partners, including Sport England to achieve these over the next 3-5 years.

This Playing Pitch Strategy is also acting as a precursor to a new overall **Strategy for Sport for Calderdale** that is planned to develop over the next 12-18 months. The current Strategy, 'Move It! – A Strategy for Physical Activity in Calderdale' was launched in 2007 and is due to end in 2013.

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Calderdale is, however, in need of a new strategy for sport as the climate has changed significantly since 2007 including the decline of the Calderdale Activity Network that led on the Move It Strategy following the resignation of the Chair and change of some key personnel. A new group is to be established in line with different national a local priorities and this Playing Pitch Strategy will be an excellent starting point for that group.

This new strategy for sport will also take account of the Council's **Leisure Review** that is currently taking place. The Council is looking at a variety of different models of providing leisure and sport services with the Communities Scrutiny Panel having met different organisations to assess various delivery models with an agreement from the January 2012 Scrutiny that it be recommended to Cabinet that the option of a transfer to an existing trust be explored through soft market testing.

Another important context to this document is the **Framework for Community Management of Assets**. In August 2011 Calderdale Council agreed the strategy with a purpose of setting a transparent positive and proactive framework to enable that enables the local authority to support community management of assets, including asset transfer to the third sector to happen and be successful in the long term. The strategy has the following aims and objectives;

1. To strengthen communities in Calderdale by:
 - ensuring more effective use of public assets;
 - using asset transfer to contribute to the ongoing development of high impact, sustainable community organisations
2. To improve and extend access to services within different localities, whether delivered by the Council, other public sector agencies or by the third sector; and
3. To enable local residents to take more responsibility for facilities in their own communities, by
 - Encouraging and supporting more community management of public assets where this is in the best interest of all parties and proposals offer a viable and sustainable alternative compared with other solutions;
 - Improving the existing arrangements for community management of public assets to ensure all communities receive the support they need.

The Council believe that different communities in different areas need different kinds of relationship with them, to help manage the property in the best way. It is important to remember that Asset Transfer is only one in a much wider menu of options for community management of assets.

There is a range of different types of arrangement, which may suit different groups. No one kind of management is better than another; it all depends on the

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circumstances. The framework aims to get communities the right kind of community management for their circumstances. It is not just about transferring assets.

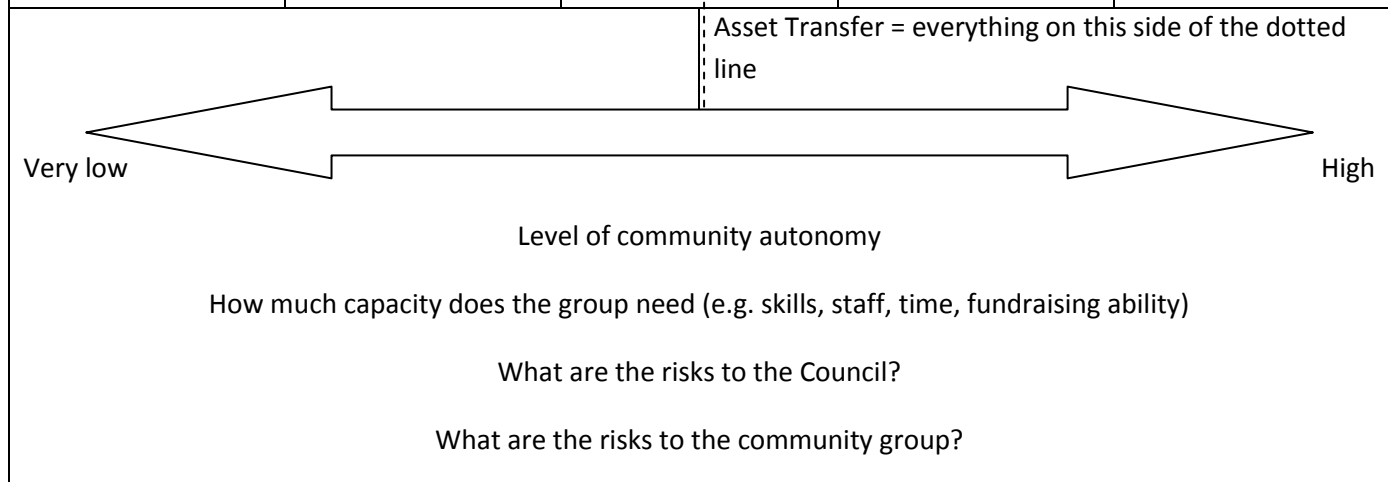
These different kinds of management can be arranged on a line, with hourly hire at one end, and full community ownership at the other. We call this the spectrum of community management. It helps the Council and interested community groups to think about what is involved in each kind of management arrangement.

See diagram of what this means in practice below;

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The Spectrum of Community Management of Assets

Hourly/ daily hire	Licence	Short term lease	Long term lease/Long leasehold interest	Freehold transfer
<p>This is where a community hires part of a building or some land owned by the Council for a specific purpose, for a limited amount of time. They will be consulted as users, but not involved directly in management.</p>	<p>An agreement to use CMBC property, where CMBC retains the right to end the arrangement and use the land/building in some other way</p>	<p>A community group rents space from the Council for anything from a few months to 5-10 years. Sometimes it is for their exclusive use, and sometimes to hire out for other groups. Usually gives responsibility for internal maintenance etc to the community group.</p>	<p>A community group sets up a longer term arrangement, which can be anything from 25 years to 125 years. Usually this is for a whole building, rather than just space in a multi-use building. Most of the responsibility goes to the community group.</p>	<p>The ownership of the property passes entirely to the community group. The Council has no rights or responsibilities over the land or building, although there might be some restrictions on what the community group can do with the asset, especially if they cannot use it any longer.</p>
<p>e.g. A group of work colleagues hire a five-a-side pitch at North Bridge Leisure Centre every Tuesday lunchtime.</p>	<p>e.g. the proposed Calderdale Incredible Edible project, to allow residents to use CMBC land to grow food</p>	<p>e.g. Office space in Harrison House, Halifax, which is used by third sector groups to deliver their services.</p>	<p>e.g. The Elsie Whiteley Innovation Centre in Halifax, run by an independent trust that has a 25 year lease with the Council.</p>	<p>e.g. land used for parking transferred over to a community group based in an adjoining building</p>



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There are clear links between the framework for community management of assets and the playing pitch strategy as when we are looking at recommendations for the future, these different forms of management of the asset should be taken into consideration. The Council are not always the best organisation to manage an asset and this must be considered when looking at development of playing pitches and outdoor sport. Sport England has published a lot of guidance in this area that is sure to progress over the next few years.

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4. Research Methodology

Playing pitch strategy methodology

The assessment and analysis in this report are based on Sport England's (SE) playing pitch strategy methodology, 'Towards A Level Playing Field' (2003). This document outlines specific criteria for assessing the quantity, quality, capacity and accessibility of playing pitches and ancillary facilities. These criteria and the principles of the assessment have also been applied to outdoor sports facilities other than pitches.

'Towards A Level Playing Field' provides clear guidance on the assessment of supply and demand for sports pitches and the types and levels of analysis, which need to be carried out in order for the local authority to plan effectively to meet local needs. These include:

- The playing pitch model (PPM).
- Team generation rates (TGRs).
- Local standards for provision.

Playing Pitch Model (PPM)

The PPM is a temporal supply and demand analysis and is largely used as a numerical, model. There are three main ways in which the model is used:

- To reflect the existing situation using data on existing teams and pitches.
- To test the adequacy of current provision by manipulating the variables in the model.
- To predict future requirements for pitches, by incorporating planned pitches and projected changes in population and participation.

An eight-stage process is outlined to produce the PPM:

- Stage1: Identify teams/team equivalents.
- Stage2: Calculating home games per team per week.
- Stage3: Assessing total home games per week.
- Stage4: Establishing temporal demand for games.
- Stage5: Defining pitches used/required on each day.
- Stage6: Establishing pitches available.
- Stage7: Assessing the findings.
- Stage8: Identifying policy options and solutions.

The 'electronic toolkit', which accompanies 'Towards A Level Playing Field', provides tools for collecting some of the information above.

Identifying teams has been undertaken through consultation with leagues, local authority officers (pitch booking records), as well as with governing bodies and clubs.

'Team equivalents' refers to use of pitches by groups other than those playing formal matches. This includes school games lessons, club and school training sessions, sports development sessions etc. By including these in the 'demand equation' a

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more accurate picture is presented. Information from schools and clubs is collected using the electronic toolkit school and club questionnaires.

Establishing how many pitches are available is largely done through site visits. All local authority playing pitch sites have been visited by local area grounds maintenance managers. All schools in the Borough have also received a postal survey through the electronic school packet along with a follow up call for those who hadn't responded. For some of the key schools who still hadn't responded there was a site visit from the Local Authority. Audit information for private and voluntary sector clubs was gathered through postal surveys:

Team generation rates (TGRs)

TGRs indicate how many people in a specified age group are required to generate one team based on current population and participation. TGRs for each pitch sport and each age group have been calculated.

TGRs can be used with the PPM for modelling purposes, e.g., by looking at population projections, future TGRs can be estimated. If these are entered into the PPM, it is possible to predict whether current supply would meet future demand.

Local standard calculation

The Government believes that open space standards are best set locally. National standards cannot cater for local circumstances, such as differing demographic profiles and the extent of existing built development in an. Within this report local standards or 'local aspirations targets for provision' in hectares per 1,000 population are derived as follows:

Existing provision (within this a recognition of 'poor quality' provision)	+	Additional provision to meet current unmet demand	+	Additional provision to meet future demand	=	Local aspiration target for provision
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Pitch quality information

It should be noted that the club and school questionnaires and the non-technical pitch assessment sheet in the electronic toolkit all have different scales for rating the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities. On this basis, the 'non-technical pitch assessment sheet' has been used to assess all pitches in order that consistent information is presented.

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The pitch assessment sheet is a 'tick box' assessment, which rates various elements of pitch quality with a separate assessment sheet for changing accommodation. This information is scored, converted into a percentage (of the highest score possible) and also into a qualitative rating. The qualitative ratings for pitch quality are:

90% +	An excellent pitch
64-90%	A good pitch
55-64%	An average pitch
30-54%	A below average pitch
Less than 30%	A poor pitch

For ease of analysis this has been reduced to a three-point scale. In this report pitches are rated as:

- An excellent pitch or good pitch = **good quality**.
- An average pitch = **adequate quality**.
- A below average pitch or poor pitch = **poor quality**.

The qualitative ratings for changing accommodation quality are listed as:

90% +	Excellent
60-89%	Good
40-59%	Average
30-39%	Poor
Less than 30%	Very poor

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Consultation

A variety of consultation methods have been used to collate information about leagues, clubs, schools, associations and national/regional governing bodies. They are generally as follows:

Consultee	Method of consultation
Local authority officers	Part of steering group
League/county association representatives	Face to Face interview
Football/cricket/rugby/hockey/tennis/clubs	Postal questionnaire
Schools	Postal questionnaire through electronic packet/telephone interview/site visit
National Governing Bodies	Face to Face interview/ email questionnaire
Local Sport Specific Development Groups	Face to Face consultation
West Yorkshire Sport	Face to Face / Email
Sport England	Telephone / Email / various tools and resources
Calderdale College	Email Questionnaire

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5. Sport Specific Summary

Introduction

The following sections summarise the picture of the main outdoor sports in Calderdale. It provides a quantitative summary of provision and a map showing the distribution of facilities. It provides a summary of the National Governing Body of Sport, what their priorities are and how they determine their priorities.

The National Governing Bodies have been heavily involved in putting these sections together both regionally and locally and the information from the club consultation has all contributed to a thorough evaluation of each sport.

For each sport there are objectives, policy options and recommendations. These will lead to more detailed action plans developed in partnership with the NGBs.

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5.1 Football

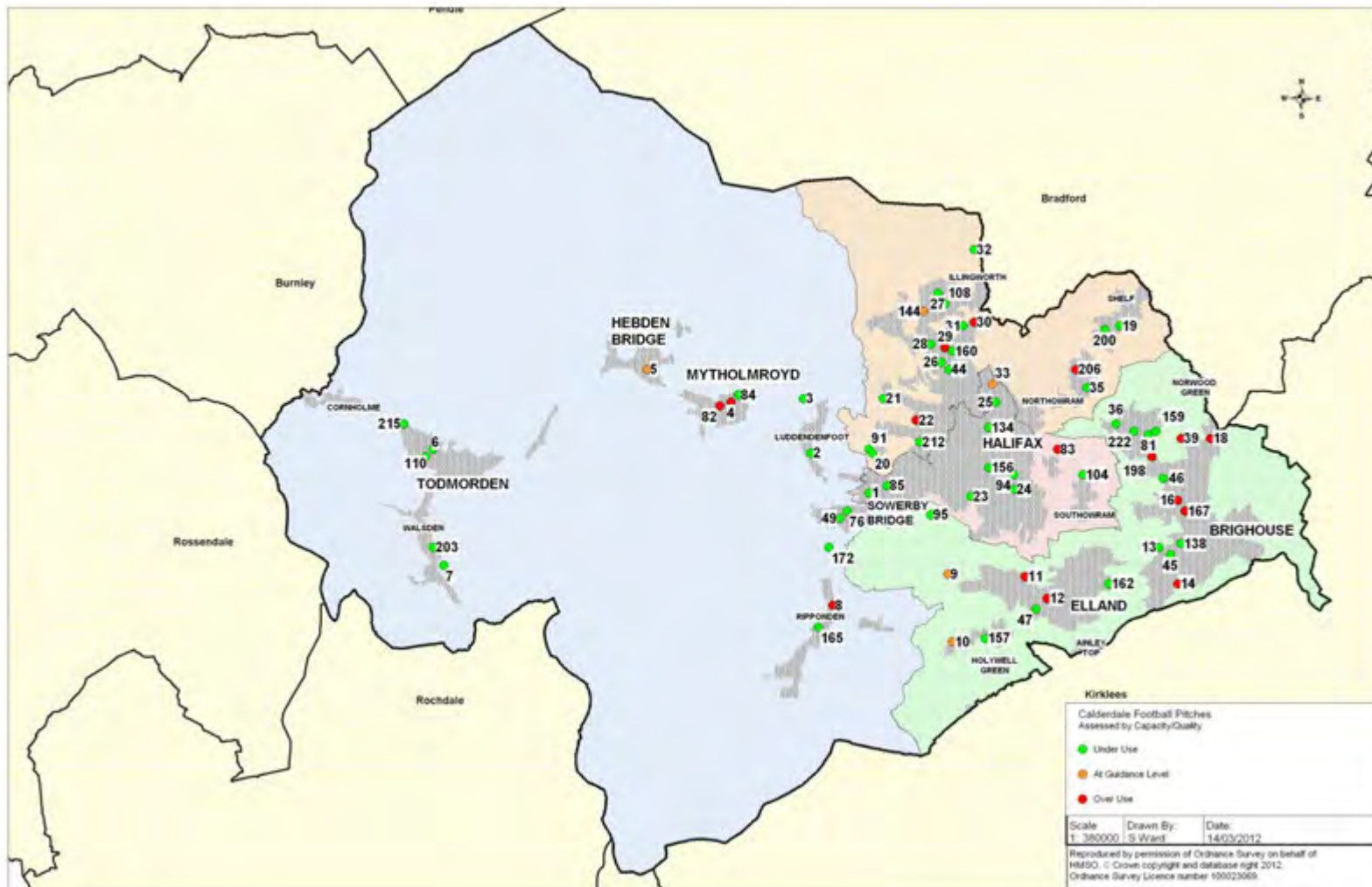
Introduction

Football has the highest participation of any team sport in the country - there are over **129,000** affiliated football teams in England, (11/12). The National Game Strategy is The FA's plan for the development of grassroots football including targets for growth across all formats of football.

Summary of Pitches by analysis Area

Analysis area	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini
Halifax Central	23	3	10	30	-	21	-	20
Halifax North and East	16	15	1	13	-	16	4	26
Lower Valley	27	11	8	21	-	81	8	62
Upper Valley	18	9	1	16	1	23	4	15
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Location and capacity of football pitches



Key to map

Ref	Site name	Analysis Area	Rating
1	Cemetery Field	Halifax Central	Green
23	Savile Park	Halifax Central	Green
24	Spring Hall	Halifax Central	Green
33	Grantham Road Rec	Halifax Central	Orange
83	Long Lane Playing Field	Halifax Central	Red
85	Hollins Mill Leisure Park	Halifax Central	Green
94	The Shay	Halifax Central	Orange
95	Milner Royd Playing Field	Halifax Central	Green
104	Withinfields Primary School	Halifax Central	Green
134	Beech Hill Junior and Infant School	Halifax Central	Green
156	Holy Trinity Primary School	Halifax Central	Green
19	Shelf Hall Park	Halifax North and East	Green
20	Warley Recreation Ground	Halifax North and East	Green
21	Roils Head Playing Fields	Halifax North and East	Green
22	Ling Bob Playing Fields	Halifax North and East	Red
25	Shroggs Park	Halifax North and East	Green
26	Four Fields	Halifax North and East	Green
27	Natty Lane Recreation Ground	Halifax North and East	Green
28	Crossleys Sports Ground (Illingworth Sports Ground)	Halifax North and East	Green
29	Moor Lane Recreation Ground	Halifax North and East	Red
30	Holmfield Recreation Ground	Halifax North and East	Red
31	Beechwood Park	Halifax North and East	Green
32	Bradshaw Park	Halifax North and East	Green
35	Northowram Recreation Ground	Halifax North and East	Green
44	The Ridings School	Halifax North and East	Green
91	Halifax Vandals RUFC	Halifax North and East	Green
108	Whitehill Primary School	Halifax North and East	Green
144	Abbey Park Junior, Infant and Nursery School	Halifax North and East	Orange
160	Moorside Community Primary School	Halifax North and East	Green

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Ref	Site name	Analysis Area	Rating
200	Shelf Junior & Infant School	Halifax North and East	
206	Northowram Junior School	Halifax North and East	
212	Halifax High School	Halifax North and East	
9	Greetland Recreation Ground/Goldfields	Lower Valley	
10	Stainland Recreation Ground	Lower Valley	
11	Clayhouse Park	Lower Valley	
12	Hullen Edge Recreation Ground	Lower Valley	
13	Field Lane	Lower Valley	
14	Carr Green Rec	Lower Valley	
16	Lane Head Recreation Ground	Lower Valley	
18	Bailiff Bridge Recreation Ground	Lower Valley	
36	Woodhead Recreation Ground	Lower Valley	
39	Hipperholme and Lightcliffe School	Lower Valley	
45	Rastrick High School	Lower Valley	
46	Brighouse High School	Lower Valley	
47	Brooksbank School	Lower Valley	
81	Brighouse Town FC	Lower Valley	
138	Longroyde Junior School	Lower Valley	
157	Holywell Green Primary School	Lower Valley	
159	Lightcliffe C.E. Primary School	Lower Valley	
162	Old Earth Primary School	Lower Valley	
167	St. Andrews C.E. Junior School	Lower Valley	
198	Broad Oak Park	Lower Valley	
222	Hipperholme Grammar School	Lower Valley	
2	Holmes Park	Upper Valley	
3	Midgley Recreation Ground	Upper Valley	
4	White Lee Recreation Ground	Upper Valley	
5	Calder Holmes Park	Upper Valley	
6	Centre Vale Park	Upper Valley	
7	Scott St/Walsden Rec	Upper Valley	
8	Rippenden Wood Recreation Ground	Upper Valley	
49	Ryburn Valley High School	Upper Valley	

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Ref	Site name	Analysis Area	Rating
76	Sowerby St. Peters	Upper Valley	
82	Brearley Playing Fields	Upper Valley	
84	Stubbings Playing Field	Upper Valley	
110	Ferney Lee Primary School	Upper Valley	
165	Ripponden Junior and Infant School	Upper Valley	
172	Triangle C.E. Primary School	Upper Valley	
203	Bellholme Sports Ground	Upper Valley	
215	Harley Wood Playing Fields	Upper Valley	

Governing Body

The West Riding County Football Association has been the governing body of all Association Football in the County area for over 100 years.

West Riding County FA is all about providing 'Football for All', giving the people in the county, football activities, initiatives and support which they can be proud of. They also provide a host of Adult and Youth County Cup Competitions.

The County covers the old West Riding area and is divided into thirteen District Associations.

There is a Football Development Team that assists and supports the development in all areas of the grassroots game including; League and Club development (FA Charter Standard), Coaching & Education courses, Refereeing, Women's & Girls football, Social Inclusion, Club Welfare, Safeguarding & Equity, Disability football, Funding & facilities, School-Club links.

There is also a Governance Team that assist with enquiries relating to Administration (Affiliation, Regulations, Discipline), County Cup competitions, Communications, Media relations, Sponsor/Partnerships.

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League Summaries

A number of leagues service the clubs/teams playing competitive football in Calderdale, as demonstrated in the table below. This section contains a summary of these leagues and key issues raised during consultation with league secretaries.

Table 2: Football league summary

League	Comments
<p>Calderdale Junior League (Junior football & mini soccer)</p>	<p>The League is the largest of its type in West Yorkshire with 109 teams</p>
<p>The Haslem Sheppard Halifax & District Association Football League (Adult football)</p>	<p>The league comprises of 37 teams. Membership has decreased over the last five years. The majority of teams use local authority owned and managed football pitches. All teams are required to use a site that provides changing facilities.</p>
<p>Bridge Balti Halifax Sunday League (Adult football)</p>	<p>The league comprises of 29 teams. Membership has decreased over the last five years. The majority of teams use local authority owned and managed football pitches. All teams are required to use a site that provides changing facilities.</p>
<p>RCD Huddersfield Junior League (Junior football & mini soccer)</p>	<p>Although based across the authority border in Kirklees, the Huddersfield Junior League currently has 79 teams from Calderdale which is an increase in the past five years.</p>
<p>Blue Square Northern League (Adult football)</p>	<p>This national league sits one tier below football league status. Currently only Halifax Town FC playing at The Shay within Calderdale. There is no fluctuation in size as the League uses a relegation/promotion system. All clubs playing in the League must have their own ground in order to meet the regulations laid out in the League's handbook.</p>

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<i>League</i>	Comments
<p>Pontins Holidays League (Adult football)</p>	<p>The League acts as a reserve division for clubs whose 1st team participate in the Nationwide Conference. Currently there is one team, Halifax Town Reserves (also playing at The Shay), from Calderdale playing in the League.</p> <p>All teams are required to have their own ground with appropriate facilities.</p>
<p>Rochdale Sunday League (Adult football)</p>	<p>Currently there one team from Calderdale playing in the League, Woodhouse.</p>
<p>West Yorkshire League (Adult football)</p>	<p>Currently there are four clubs in Calderdale playing in this league, - Halifax Irish FC, Brighouse Old Boys 1st & reserves, Brighouse Town FC 1st & Reserves, and Ovenden West Riding AFC 1st & Reserves. The West Yorkshire League is the highest level of amateur football played within the area. There is no fluctuation in size as the League uses a relegation/promotion system.</p> <p>All clubs playing in the League must have their own ground in order to meet the regulations laid out in the League's handbook.</p>
<p>Yorkshire Amateur League (Adult football)</p>	<p>Currently there are two clubs, Huddersfield Amateurs FC and Ealandians, from Calderdale playing in the League. All clubs playing in the League must have their own ground in order to meet the regulations laid out in the League's handbook.</p>

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Junior Football - Key Issues for development

Consultation with the junior leagues highlighted one of the pressing issues facing junior football being the **introduction of 9v9 football** at Under 11's, 12's, 13's and possibly 14's. For the season 2012/13 9v9 is optional but it may become mandatory by the 2013/14 season depending on the FA.

9v9 football requires smaller pitches (80 by 50) and smaller goal posts (21 or 18 by 7) with different option depending on quality.

With the current level of junior teams and players, moving to 9v9 would mean an estimated 36 teams playing 18 games per week. In order to service this demand the vision is to have 6 central venues that could accommodate 3 games per weekend (Sunday morning). The quality of these pitches would need to be of a standard that could take 3 games in one day and although changing accommodation isn't essential (the juniors are used to turning changed and leave after the game) if changing was provided it would be gratefully received. Toilets and somewhere to make a hot drink would be required though if possible. Changing does become an issue, however, when considering girls football as this is a key driver in increasing participation on that part of the game, something that the junior leagues are striving to achieve.

There are different models of providing 9v9 pitches, one of them being using blue lines to over mark 11v11 pitches, however, both the Halifax League and the WRCFA would prefer to have separate identified 9v9 pitches.

Consultation identified 6 areas of Calderdale that would work strategically well as central venues to serve the area. These are;

- North Halifax (Deanfield and Whitehill School would good options along with Mason Green)
- Southowram
- Central Halifax
- Upper Valley (possible Mytholmroyd)
- Lower Valley (Greetland / Elland)
- Brighouse (teams tend to play in Huddersfield League but this may bring them back to Calderdale)
- Hipperholme and Lightcliffe school could act as a 7th venue

There are also issues with the provision of **11v11 pitches**. Priority areas for development and improvement are North Halifax which include; Mason Green, Beechwood Park (including Holmeffield Rec), Moor Lane, Natty Lane pitch 2, Shroggs Park and Bradshaw (where Crossley's Ladies play). Todmorden Juniors are a growing club and there may be capacity issues at Centre Vale in the future. Hebden Bridge has always struggled with 11v11 pitches. Halifax Irish Juniors are spread across different venues including the former King Cross Cricket Club, West

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Vale and Park Lane School while Beacon Rangers could potentially develop at Southowram Cricket Club.

There is also an issue with indoor training venues and charges at some of the school pitches.

One further need that came out of consultation was the requirement of a **Calderdale Representative Pitch** which would allow the teams to have a home as the other Local Authorities they travel to do. The pitch could also act as a venue for semi final and final games (approximately 6 finals and 12 semi finals). The Shay would be ideal but there is the acknowledgement of the pitch requirements there and also poor drainage which limits pitch capacity. Natty Lane has been identified as a potential venue, this was echoed when consulting with the Senior Leagues. Ovenden West Riding who currently play there are partners in the Ovenden Sport and Community Arena (OSCA) project and should they move to this development then this would be an ideal venue for representative, semi and final games.

One further issue that consultation threw up that was shared with the senior league was the issue of dog fouling on the pitches. Coaches and volunteers alike were required to check the pitches before every game and remove dog fowl to make the environment safe young the young people.

Key Objectives

- Support junior leagues and teams to identify and develop six 9v9 central venues (in the identified areas) to assist the Football Association's development plans.
- Support clubs within the identified priority areas for improvements to the full size 11v11 pitches.
- Where there is an identified growth in girls football work with the clubs to solve issues around changing provision.
- Where clubs are playing on multiple sites work with these to identify sites where they can be brought together to help sustain the clubs.
- Prioritise support for clubs that either have their own, or have a link with another open age club / team to ensure sustainability in participation.
- Prioritise Natty Lane (should it become surplus) as a venue for representative games and semi final and final games.
- Calderdale MBC to work with the clubs to help enforce the dog control orders.

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Senior Football – Key Issues for development

FC Halifax Town is the one team who play in a national league, the Blue Square Northern League. The team are based at The Shay Stadium. Drainage issue currently restrict the use of the pitch which is not able to be used for training and causes a significant number of matches to be cancelled.

There are currently 42 teams that play in the Saturday League and 35 play in the Sunday League. The trend in recent years for the Saturday League is a decline in teams with recent a drop from the last playing pitch strategy in 2007 from 55 to 35 teams. The Sunday League has remained the same.

Consultation suggests that the quality of the pitches and ancillary facilities is a determining factor in this decline with players moving to five a side where there are better facilities, both pitch and ancillary. Other factors include a reduction in volunteers to run teams, the cost of running a team (pitch lease, kit, insurance and referees). One other reason is a reduction in Under 16 players with a lot of this group going to play outside of Calderdale where there are better facilities. This leads to a gap in the 16-19 age group resulting in a decline in the open age 11v11 game.

In general consultation feedback was that the pitches in Calderdale were of poor quality and the ancillary facilities not much better. Brighthouse Towns Pitch, Natty Lane and Old Earth were considered to be the best pitches although work would still improve them with Shroggs Park also considered good although the changing was extremely poor.

The pitches felt priority for development and that would have the biggest impact were Natty Lane, Luddenden Foot, Shelf (including changing and parking), Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge (Hollins), Mason Green, Beechwood Park and Holmfield.

As with the junior consultation Natty Lane was identified as an ideal venue for final and semi finals an the Halifax League expressed an interest in it being used as this type of venue should it be surplus to the requirements of Ovenden West Riding. It was felt that floodlighting Natty Lane would open up more options to play evening games although there was the appreciation of the proximity of the houses. If the poor drainage issues at The Shay Stadium were resolved then that would be an ideal venue for local cup finals.

Other issues raised through the consultation that the leagues would like resolving were whether the pitches on Saville Park could be cut more as there seemed to be a reduction in recent years. There was a request for the pitches to be marked out more often as the lines faded and sometimes could be seen and whether something could be done about the flag bases as the flags sometimes blow out. There were also issues around teams training on the pitches during the week which is not allowed as part of the lease and as mentioned in the junior league summary the issue of dog fouling is always something the teams regularly complained about.

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Key Objectives

- Work with the clubs and teams to seek inward investment and funding to improve the pitches and ancillary pitches for the identified areas that would have the biggest impact. (Natty Lane, Luddenden Foot, Shelf, Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge, Mason Green, Beechwood Part, Holmefield).
- As with the junior leagues look to use Natty Lane as a venue for representative and semi final and final matches.
- Calderdale MBC to work with the leagues to identify the best maintenance arrangements including cutting and marking the pitches.
- As with the junior leagues Calderdale MBC to work with the clubs / teams to help enforce the dog control orders.

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5.2 Rugby League

Introduction

There is a semi professional team, in Halifax RLFC that plays in the Nation League (tier 2). There are 12 Community Clubs in Calderdale plus a Wheelchair team. Of the 12, 3 play in the National Conference Leagues, Siddal, Ovenden and Elland. Calderdale currently has 5 Clubmark Gold clubs, the 3 above plus Greetland Allrounders and Halifax RFLC, with 3 more working towards.

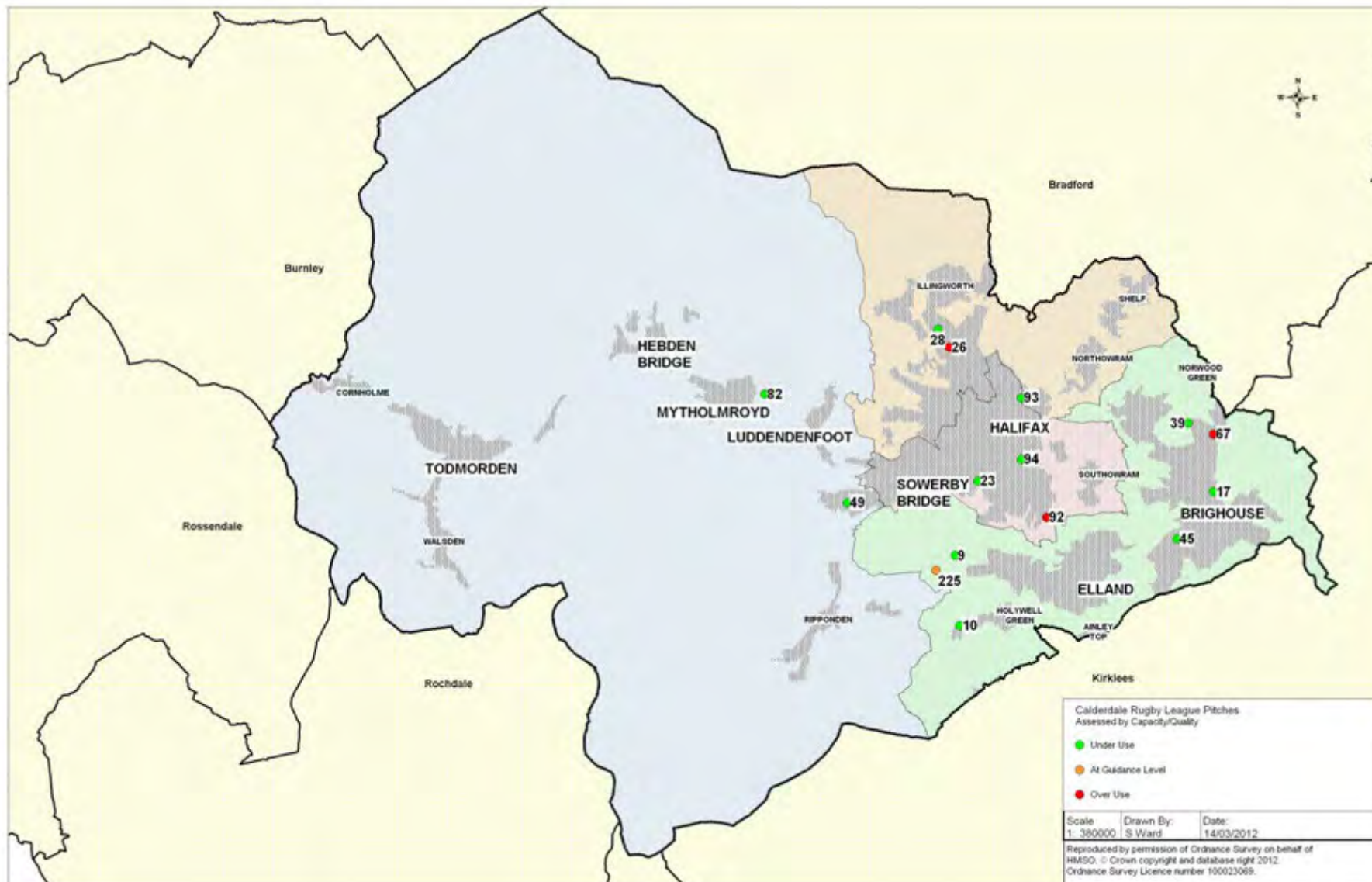
Two clubs currently run female sections, Brighouse & Ovenden.

Summary of pitches available for community use and teams by analysis area

Analysis area	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini rugby
Halifax Central	6	-	-	10	-	14	-	-
Halifax North and East	3	-	-	3	-	7	1	4
Lower Valley	10	1	-	9	1	10	1	2
Upper Valley	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
CALDERDALE	21	2	-	22	1	31	2	6

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Location and Capacity of Rugby League Pitches



Key to Rugby League Map

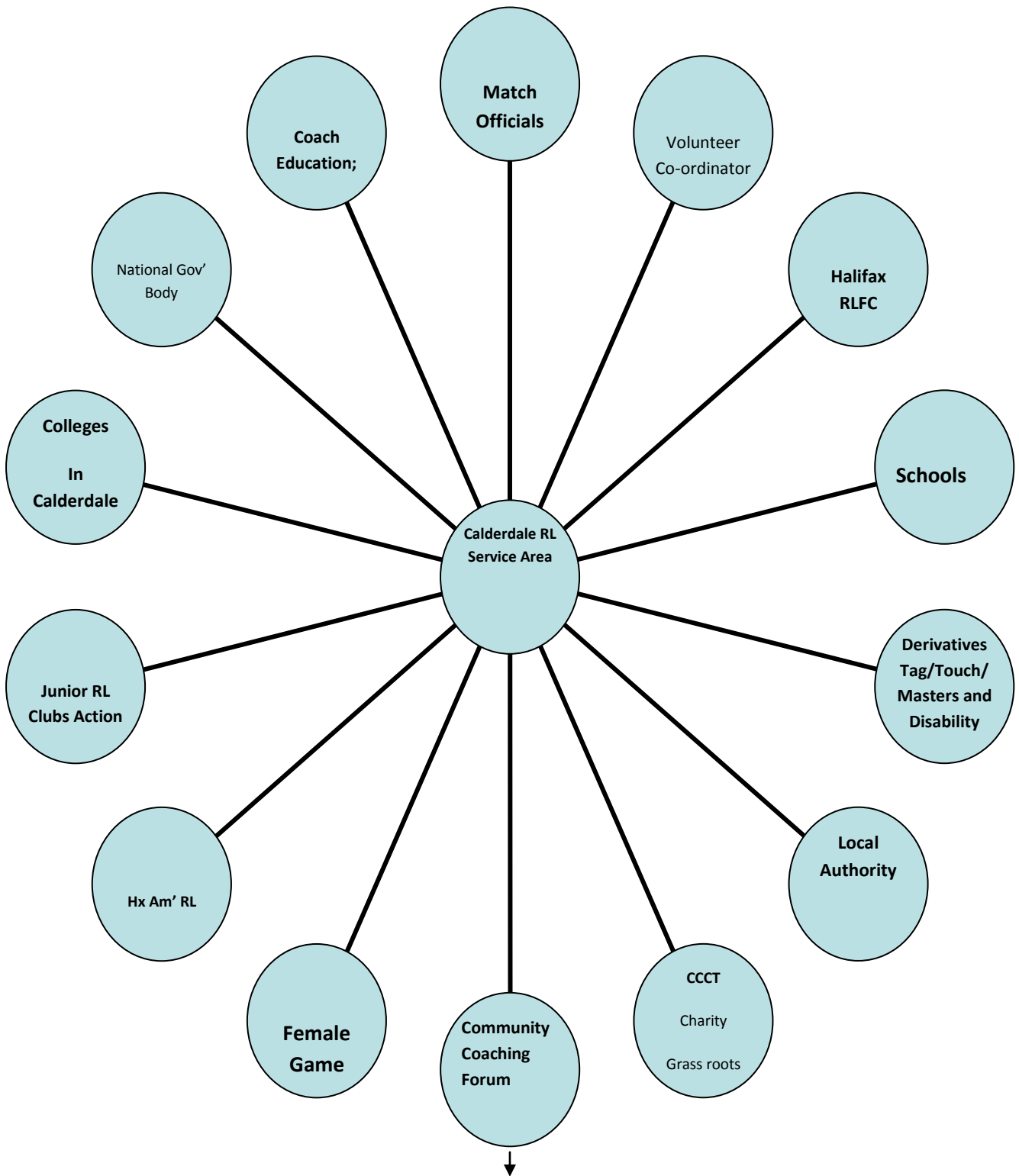
Ref	Site	Analysis Area	Capacity rating
23	Savile Park	Halifax Central	Green
92	Siddal Rugby Club	Halifax Central	Red
93	Ellen Royd Playing Field	Halifax Central	Green
94	The Shay	Halifax Central	Green
26	Four Fields	Halifax North and East	Red
28	Crossleys Sports Ground (Illingworth Sports Ground)	Halifax North and East	Green
9	Greetland Recreation Ground/Goldfields	Lower Valley	Green
10	Stainland Recreation Ground	Lower Valley	Green
17	Wellholme Park	Lower Valley	Green
39	Hipperholme and Lightcliffe School	Lower Valley	Green
45	Rastrick High School	Lower Valley	Green
47	The Brooksbank School	Lower Valley	Green
67	Brighouse Sports Club	Lower Valley	Red
225	Greetland Allrounders	Lower Valley	Orange
82	Brearley Playing Fields	Upper Valley	Green
49	Ryburn Valley High School	Upper Valley	Green

Governing Body

Calderdale RL Service Area sits like all other Service Areas (see National Strategy) as a central forum for cascading and co-ordinating NGB (Rugby Football League) /Government (Sport England) strategy and performance pathways. Aims are to eventually have each group with their own constitution (those in bold have) and for each constituted group to take 'ownership' with developments specific to their needs with self funded projects tailored directly to address needs pertinent to Calderdale.

In general terms the Calderdale Community Coaching Trust (CCCT) deliver Community, Positive Social Outcome, Health and 'Grass Roots' developments using a sport as its vehicle aimed at increased physical activity participation levels, where the others concentrate on specific skills enhancement allied to talent development pathways and competition development.

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Service Areas

Service Areas are the hub of Rugby league activity in Calderdale, with it running the Player performance Pathways, Coaching pathways and Match Official pathways & implementing the RFL's Community Strategy. We work alongside the NGB, Calderdale Community Coaching Trust (CCCT), CMBC and WYS to assist all Community Clubs within Calderdale to achieve the aims and targets within the sport.

The Calderdale Service Area is managed by a steering group at which all RL agencies in the area are represented. (Diagram attached to document).

There are 3 full time employees within the structure, the SA Coordinator, the CCCT project manager and 1 full time Community RL Coach all funded in partnership by the RFL and the CCCT.

League Summaries

League	Comments
National League (Adult and Youth Rugby)	<p>The Cooperative National League competition makes up the second, third tiers of the 'first class' domestic club game beneath the elite Super League.</p> <p>The National Leagues is made up of eleven teams, and the National league 1 is made up of 12 which play matches both at home and away in a league format. The competition climaxes with a 6-team play-off series to determine the champions. There are also promotion and relegation play-offs.</p> <p>The League plays summer only and National League Conference will now also play in the Summer months</p> <p>Calderdale has four clubs participating at National League Level, the highest being Halifax RLFC currently playing in National League One. Siddal ARLFC, Elland ARLFC and Ovenden ARLFC currently playing in the National Conference League. All 3 community Clubs 2nd teams also play in a Summer competition</p> <p><i>All clubs participating in the League are required to meet ground criteria set out by the Rugby Football League (RFL).</i></p>
Pennine League (Adult Rugby)	Currently there are 15 teams from Calderdale playing in the League
Yorkshire Youth League (Junior Rugby)	The Yorkshire Youth League forms part of and is overseen by the Yorkshire Youth Rugby League

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	Association. It provides competitive rugby league for juniors up to and including U18. Currently there are 12 teams from Calderdale participating in the League.
West Riding Junior League	Currently there are 30 teams from Calderdale playing in the League.

The RFL are currently offering the opportunity for Community Clubs to play in the Summer months instead of the Winter months in an attempt to improve the overall sport in teams of skill levels, improved playing conditions and a better all round experience for players, parents and volunteers alike. There is now a structure in place for teams and clubs to choose which season which they prefer to play in with the Pennine league intending to stay as a winter league and a new men's summer league forming for those clubs who intend to move their season.

Club Summary

Rugby Club	League	Playing Site & Details	Training Facilities	Position of Lease	Teams	Club Mark Status
Halifax RLFC	National Cooperative League	Shay	Calderdale College & Shay	Lease ground & Stadium from CMBC	Semi pro U23s & u18s	Club Mark Gold
Brighouse Rangers	Pennine league	Brighouse Sports Club. Good facility with 2 pitches and shared facility with Cricket & Bowling	1 floodlit pitch & 1 floodlit area	Owned by Brighouse Sports Club	2 open age, 9 junior & 3 female	Working Towards
Boothtown Terriers	Pennine league	Council pitch at Ellen Royd. Good level pitch but poor changing facilities	1 floodlit area	30 years commencing 2007	1 open age	No junior section
Calderdale College	College u19s Yorkshire 3			Own Site	1 u19s	Not Applicable
Elland	National Conference	Play and based at Greetland Community	1 Floodlit area	Seasonal let (may lease in future)	2 open age & 2 junior	Club Mark Gold

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		centre. Enclosed pitch and shared facility.				
Halifax Irish	Pennine league	Play at Savile Park with poor changing facilities.		Seasonal let	2 open age	No Junior Section
King Cross Park	Pennine league	Play at Calderdale College.	Calderdale College & Spring Hall	Tbc – play at college, train at spring hall?	2 open age & 6 junior	Working Towards
Illingworth	Pennine league	Play at Mason Green Problems with crime in area with 3 break ins in 1 month.	1 floodlit area	Holding over on expired lease	2 open age, 1 junior	Working Towards
Greetland Allrounders	Pennine league	Play at Spring Rock grounds which club owns. Changing facilities need updating.	1 floodlit pitch & 1 floodlit area	Own Site?	2 open age and 11 junior	Club Mark Gold
Whitehall Warriors	Pennine league	Play at Hipperholme & Lightcliffe School, suitable for 1 club team.		Seasonal Let from Hipperholme & Lightcliffe School	1 open age	No Junior Section
Stainland Stags	Pennine league	Play at Rec in Stainland with own clubhouse. Suitable for a 1 team club	1 floodlit area	Seasonal let	1 open age	Working Towards
Siddal	National Conference	Play at Chevinedge. New purpose built clubhouse. Need more than 2 fields to accomadate all teams.	1 floodlit pitch, Calderdale College & park Lane School	50 year lease commencing 1995	3 open age & 9 junior	Club Mark Gold
Ovenden	National Conference	Play at Four Fields, High crime area has brought	1 floodlit area	40 year lease (currently draft)	3 open age, 4 junior & 4	Club Mark Gold

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		problems for club. Plans for new clubhouse in early stages (OSCA)			female	
Halifax Tag Wheelchair Team	W/C super league		Calderdale College & NBLC	North Bridge Leisure Centre/Calderdale College Block Booking	1 open age	Working Towards

It is the clear intention of the RFL that they are to prioritise resources to the clubs that are committed to development. The main method to assess that and support the clubs is through Club Mark. The following is a summary of the clubs that have achieved Club Mark along with any developmental needs.

CLUBMARK CLUBS.

Halifax RLFC.

Semi professional club, Halifax has recently achieved Clubmark Gold status, although plans are being made to re-jig the process for Professional cubs. The status is at present an operational rule within the RFL The club is based at the Shay Stadium. Poor drainage of the pitch currently restricts its use and training and U23 games take place at other venues

Siddal ARLFC.

Siddal's achievement in achieving Clubmark Gold shows the development and drive of the club to prove to its members that it has all the foundations to be one of the more successful amateur clubs in the county in recent years, reaching the play off finals in 3 of the last 4 years. The junior section is going from strength the strength with teams playing at every level. The female section has folded but have plans to re start in the near future with links to its local High School.

In 2006 the club built a new clubhouse with monies from the sale of their existing club house along with funding from Sport England and the RFL. They are exploring asset transfer with the Council.

Ovenden ARLFC.

Ovenden have been Calderdale's longest service Clubmark Club but has been through the mill recently, but the club is now looking up and growing at a good rate with 3 new junior teams starting within the last 12 months and 1 open age teams

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forming. With the possibility of a new facility at Ovenden, things are poised to improve within North Halifax as far as RL is concerned. Ovenden RLFC have joined forces with other sport and community groups in the area to form Ovenden Sport and Community Arena (OSCA).

The Arena development will seek to provide the following facilities:

- 1 floodlit 3G pitch
- 1 floodlit natural pitch
- 1 natural pitch
- 1 multi activity games area
- 5 practice/small game pitches – junior football and rugby
- 2 spectator areas with shelters
- Hospitality corporate function room / seminars / clubhouse
- 2 arena changing rooms
- 6 changing rooms / physio room / officials
- Office stores and grounds storage

The OSCA Foundation has carried out consultation with local people, organisations and businesses. The main conclusions show that the Foundation's priorities were met with all the respondents from Calderdale businesses, organisations and local individuals who completed the survey agreeing with the proposals. Furthermore 91% of those completing the feedback forms at the public consultation also agreed with the proposals.

In August 2011 Calderdale Council agreed to transfer the asset of Four Fields to OSCA to assist them in drawing down funding that has already resulted in over £100k being drawn down. Calderdale will continue to support OSCA to develop facilities in North Halifax.

Elland ARLFC

Elland are the newest teams within Calderdale to join the Nation Conference League after being one of the most successful Pennine League Club for the past few years. With a strong committee, the club is working on improving the junior section with links to local junior and high schools.

Calderdale Council are in negotiations with the club along with other clubs who use the site at Greetland Recreation Ground in respect of a 25 year lease.

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Greetland Allrounders

Greetland's achievement in achieving Clubmark Gold in a feat in its self. Perched on top on a high above Halifax, the club has more than doubles its teams over the last 3 years, with new committee members and volunteers working alongside existing members. Greetland are the only Pennine League team in Calderdale who have been given this Sport England accreditation. The female section is also going from strength the strength and are regular hosts of the cross Pennine festivals for girls.

Summary of Non Club Marked Clubs

Of the non club marked clubs Stainland Stags have aspirations to lease their current pitch from CMBC on a 25 year lease and to source funding to develop a MUGA on the derelict tennis courts.

Halifax Irish raised issues around affordable training facilities and want to explore owning their own ground in order to increase their members. There is the potential for a bigger project with the rest of the Halifax Irish teams in football as well as the social element.

Summary of Objectives / Recommendations and Policy Options

- Prioritise support for those clubs that have achieved club mark.
- Encourage multi sport facility development.
- Continue to support OSCA to develop facilities in North Halifax.
- Supporting clubs with their change to summer rugby.
- Support clubs with access to dark night training facilities.

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5.3 Rugby Union

Introduction

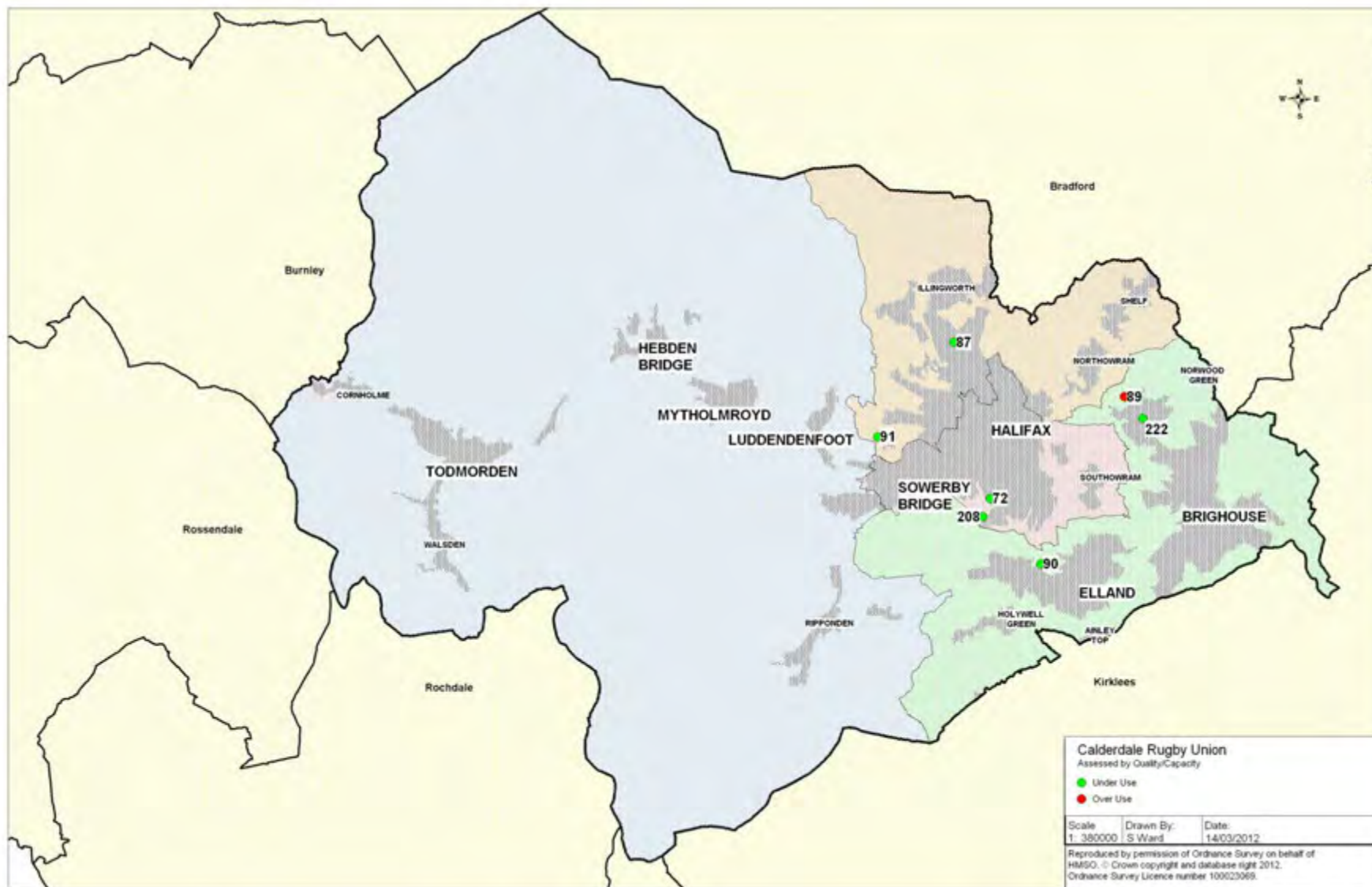
CMBC has no current requirements to cater for rugby union clubs. The majority of rugby union clubs play around the Halifax area.

There are six Rugby Union clubs in Calderdale ranging from Level 6 to Level 9 in RFU playing structure. Old Crossleyans and Old Brodleians are the most successful in terms of playing structure. However, in terms of membership and teams, Old Brodleians and Old Rishworthians provide full age grade sections.

Summary of pitches available for community use and teams by analysis area

Analysis area	No. of available pitches			No. of teams				
	Senior	Junior	Mini	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls	Mini rugby
Halifax Central	5	-	-	5	-	2	-	6
Halifax North and East	5	2	-	6	1	1	-	2
Lower Valley	6	0	-	7	-	9	1	5
Upper Valley	0	0	-	0	-	-	-	-
CALDERDALE	16	2	-	18	1	12	1	13

Location and Capacity of Rugby Union Pitches



Key to Rugby Union Map

Ref	Site name	Analysis Area	Capacity rating
72	Old Crossleians Cricket and Squash Club	Halifax Central	High
208	Old Rishworthians	Halifax Central	Medium
87	Halifax Rugby Club (Ovenden Park)	Halifax North and East	High
91	Halifax Vandals RUFC	Halifax North and East	High
89	Old Brodleians Rugby Club	Lower Valley	Low
90	Heath Rugby Club	Lower Valley	High
222	Hipperholme Grammar School	Lower Valley	High

Rugby Football Union & Yorkshire Rugby Football Union Ltd (YRFU)

All the Calderdale Rugby Union Football Clubs are voting members of YRFU and England RFU. Both of which are responsible for Community Rugby support and local delivery development programmes which run parallel with the Clubs.

Each Club in Calderdale has representation via West Yorkshire Age Grade Rugby, West Yorkshire Senior Committee & West Yorkshire Player Development. All of which lead to representation via the YRFU then directly to the RFU. West is one of the 5 districts within Yorkshire which also include South, East, North & Central (Leeds, Wakefield).

West Age Grade administers all rugby from U6-24 with safeguarding being a major component. West Senior has representations within Yorkshire Facilities and Competitions and West Player Development feeds into Yorkshire county team's representation and player development.

The above Community Committees are underpinned by the RFU professional staff within Calderdale. This consists of Community Rugby Coaches, Rugby Development Officer, Regional Rugby Development Manager and other specialised Rugby staff in Women's & Girls, Funding & Facilities, Volunteering, Refereeing & Coaching.

The RFU staff are supported by 5 National Managers in Club Development, Game Development, Education Development, Rugby Growth & Local Rugby Delivery, all the with the common goal of *"Strengthen our Clubs and growing the game in the communities around them"* with the following 6 key drivers:

- Retaining and Developing Current Players
- Recruiting New Players
- Retaining & Recruiting high quality Coaches, Volunteers & Referees
- Integration with Local Community

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- Effective and Efficient Management and Governance
- Effective and Efficient Facilities

Playing Summary

Rugby club	League	Site	Teams
Halifax	Level 9, Yorkshire League 4	Ovenden Park	3 senior, 1 ladies, 4 Mini/Junior
Halifax Vandals	Level 8, Yorkshire League 3	Warley Recreation Ground	3 senior
Heath	Level 7, Yorkshire League 1	North Dean, Stainland Lions Running Club	3 senior, 2 Junior
Old Brodlians	Level 6, North One East League	Woodhead Park Netball Team	4 senior, 12 Mini/Junior
Old Crossleyans	Level 6, North One East League	Old Crossleyans Cricket and Squash Club, Broomfield	3 senior sides
Old Rishworthians	Level 8, Yorkshire League 3	Copley Lane	2 senior, 12 Mini/Junior

Club Summary

Halifax RUFC

Halifax RUFC is the oldest established rugby club in Calderdale. It plays its home fixtures at Ovenden Park in Halifax. Calderdale MBC owns the site, however, the Club manages it.

The Club took the brave step by returning to a “grass roots rugby club” and re-establish themselves back in the Yorkshire leagues after the financial obligations could not be continued in playing national divisional rugby in 2010. The Club provides two senior rugby pitches (one Floodlit) and one junior pitch, in which the Club have worked hard to provide training lights. It fields two senior teams and one ladies team.

Both consultation and site assessment revealed that the pitches and ancillary facilities are in need of development and the site suffers from major vandalism problems. The pitches must be inspected prior to each match to ensure it is free from

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glass, bricks and other dangerous items. The Club is developing the Mini/Junior ranks and now successfully runs Under 6's & 7's with an Under 16's and a new Academy side. This has been established with school club links and active club members within schools. The Club has aspirations to introduce girl's rugby as well as growing the Mini/Junior ranks.

The facilities are currently under review with both the RFU and Calderdale MBC.

Actions currently being undertaken include:

- retain existing activity (improve quality of existing facilities) – repair roof for example
- future targeted growth throughout the club (increase capacity of facilities) – create additional changing rooms

Halifax Vandals RUFC

The Club is based at Warley and boasts a new Clubhouse that is purpose built to meet the demands of a growing and progressive Rugby Club. Currently Halifax Vandals RUFC has 2 senior sides with Vets that play on occasions.

The Club has recently invested with RFU support, training lights and look to develop Rugby Union for age grade players with the local development team. This has been started by hosting school festivals but more willing volunteers and coaches need to be sourced for this to be sustainable.

The Club is currently undertaking RFU Club accreditation Status (Club Mark) and are targeting senior player recruitment links with educational partnerships. The Club highlights the growing utility costs in providing playing opportunities to its members and is currently investigating options to elevate these.

Heath RUFC

The Club has aspirations to develop its site further to accommodate more junior teams than the current two junior sides. It successfully applied for and obtained funding from the RFU Community Club Development Programme for some pitch improvements. The pitches lie on a flood plain and the Club regularly has to find additional training venues, so as not to increase the wear and tear of the pitches. The Club in 2011 received the RFU's highest Club Development accolade in being awarded *Whole Club Development Award*. This has spurred the Club to look at the current club provisions and discussions have started with major clubhouse redevelopment taking part. Both consultation and site assessment revealed that the changing accommodation are in inadequate condition and need redevelopment.

Actions currently being undertaken include:

- Pitch Improvements
- Changing/ Club Infrastructure (fire exit, lift, septic tank)
- Netball area (Inspired Facilities)
- Fencing and Car Park

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Old Brodleians RUFC

This large club provides a wide range of senior men's and junior teams with the biggest playing numbers in all of Calderdale and one of the largest playing sections within Yorkshire. Its home ground, Woodhead Park, Hipperholme accommodates three senior pitches and a clubhouse, all owned by the Club. The pitches are in adequate condition but struggle to meet the demand of a growing Club. The Club is in need of either additional pitches or improved quality pitches to withstand such heavy use. Additional pitches currently are being used with the support of local educational establishments for junior rugby but more pitch infrastructures is required to meet the demand.

The Club is keen to improve and further develop its facilities to a better standard. The changing accommodation is in poor condition and requires updating. It has written a development plan covering all aspects from facility development and is a RFU Club Accredited Club and has invested time and effort into support Rugby within several schools in close proximity to the Club.

Actions currently being undertaken include:

- RFU groundmatch grant for pitch works
- Storage area and additional changing provisions
- Car Park improvements

Old Crossleyans RUFC

Even though the Club only currently provides two senior teams, it still struggles to accommodate all its teams throughout the winter months. This includes its main home ground at Old Crossleyans Cricket and Squash Club, Broomfields where pitches are overplayed It also has to use a pitch on Kensington Road (100 yards away).

The Club leases the facilities at its home ground and maintains the facilities. The pitches are in adequate condition. The changing accommodation is in poor condition and becomes over crowded at peak times and is unsuitable for women/junior use.

The Club is keen to see the development of a junior section given its close working with Crossley Heath School. The development of more pitches on the site is possible, however the Club would have to buy the land first and it is not in a position to do so. The Club has taken the proactive step to have a Junior Club Development Officer that is working closely with Crossley Heath School to provide playing opportunities to Junior Rugby Players.

Recently the Club accepted funding for parameter fencing and updating the kitchen facilities which are first steps in their major requirements to retain and recruit more senior rugby union players within Calderdale.

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Old Rishworthians RUFC

Old Rishworthians Rugby Union Club is one of the leading lights in age grade rugby within Yorkshire. Sound Development Planning over 7 years has now grown the mini/junior teams from 2 teams in 2006 to 12 in 2012. This has resulted in Development Awards recognised by the Governing Body (RFU) in 2012. This has been developed via hard work and a common purpose within the Club committees and extended rugby community.

Its home ground on Copley Lane accommodates two senior rugby pitches. The pitches are in adequate condition. However, they are overplayed. This is due to increasing number of junior matches being played across the pitches. In order to address this issue the Club has obtained additional pitches in close proximity to Copley Lane with partnership of British Waterways.

The Club supports RFU recruitment programmes in Leisure Rugby and recent additional changing facilities have alleviated changing issues but only as a temporary measure.

Actions currently being undertaken include:

- Club to manage risk around ambulance access to site
- Club to submit RFU Ground match application
- Club to consider application to Inspired Facilities Fund for community/social facilities.
- Club to consider its strategic approach to facility development

Summary of Objectives / Recommendations and Policy Options

- Improve quality of existing facilities at Halifax RUFC and increase number of changing rooms in order to increase participation throughout the club.
- Improve the pitch and changing/ club house (fire exit, lift, septic tank) at Heath RUFC. Also improve the car park and fencing and explore a netball area.
- Should Old Crossleyans RUFC develop junior and / or women's teams then both pitch improvements and increase / improvement of existing changing and showers should be implemented.
- Old Brodleians has a large junior section which requires extra capacity. Should surrounding land become available a further pitch needs to be developed. A bigger storage area and additional changing provisions car park improvements also need developing.
- Pitch improvements and / or additional pitches should they be available are required for Old Rishworthians since their large junior section leads to the overplaying of their current two pitches.

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5.4 Cricket

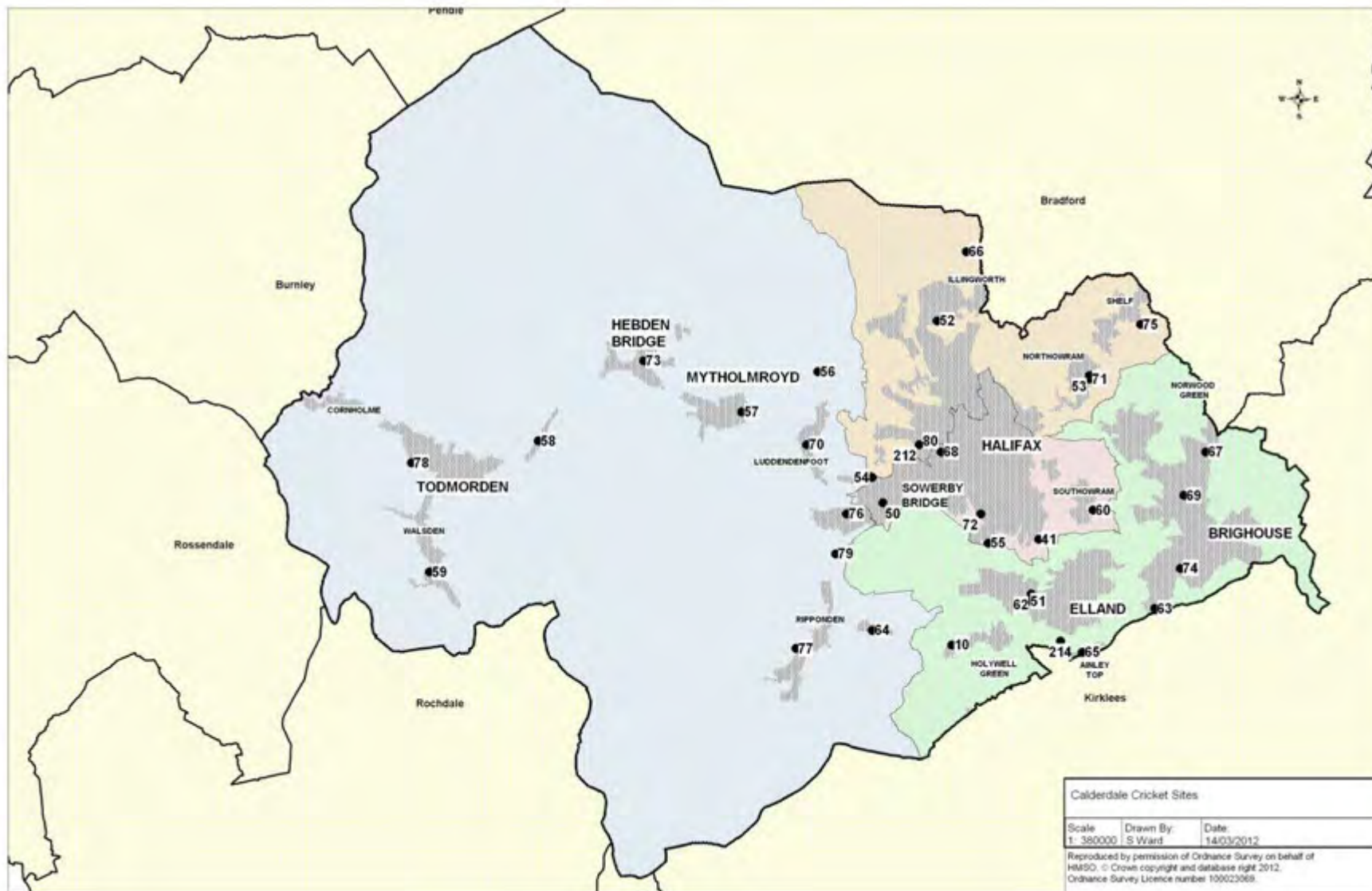
Introduction

There is a thriving Halifax Cricket League with three main divisions and a further three divisions for second teams. The majority of clubs play on private grounds. Many clubs from the old parks league have managed to be relocated to private sites (many renting from local land owners). The Halifax League is a relatively high standard and maintains strict ground criteria for league entry. It attracts teams from the neighbouring authorities of Bradford and Huddersfield.

Most clubs in Calderdale now have junior sections. Where there is not currently one in place, the proactive approach of the league & development group strive to assist with development of junior sections.

Analysis area	No. of pitches		No. of teams			
	Senior	Junior	Senior men's	Senior women's	Junior boys	Junior girls
Halifax Central	5	-	12	-	14	3
Halifax North and East	7	-	18	-	19	-
Lower Valley	9	-	21	-	23	-
Upper Valley	12	-	34	-	37	-
CALDERDALE	33		85		93	3

Map showing location of cricket pitches



Key to Map

Ref	Site name	Analysis Area
41	Park Lane High School	Halifax Central
50	Sowerby Bridge Cricket Club (West End CC)	Halifax Central
55	Copley Cricket Club	Halifax Central
60	Southowram Cricket Club	Halifax Central
68	The Ramsdens (Old King Cross Cricket Club)	Halifax Central
72	Old Crossleians Cricket and Squash Club	Halifax Central
52	The Ainleys (Illingworth St Mary's Cricket Club)	Halifax North and East
53	Westercroft Lane (Northowram Cricket Club)	Halifax North and East
66	Bradshaw Cricket Club	Halifax North and East
71	Northowram Hedge Top	Halifax North and East
75	Shelf Cricket Club	Halifax North and East
80	Warley Cricket Club	Halifax North and East
212	Halifax High School	Halifax North and East
10	Stainland Recreation Ground	Lower Valley
51	Elland Cricket Club and Athletic Club	Lower Valley
62	Greetland Cricket Club	Lower Valley
63	New Hey Rd (Badger Hill Cricket Club)	Lower Valley
65	Outlane Cricket Club	Lower Valley
67	Brighouse Sports Club	Lower Valley
74	Rastrick Cricket Club	Lower Valley
214	Blackley Cricket Club	Lower Valley
54	Sowerby Bridge Church Institute Cricket Club	Upper Valley
56	Booth Cricket Club	Upper Valley
57	Mytholmroyd Cricket Club	Upper Valley
58	Bridgeholme Cricket Club	Upper Valley
59	Walsden Cricket and Bowling Club	Upper Valley
64	Barkisland Cricket Club	Upper Valley
70	Luddendenfoot Cricket Club	Upper Valley
73	Old Town Cricket Club	Upper Valley
76	Sowerby St. Peters	Upper Valley
77	Stones Cricket Club	Upper Valley
78	Todmorden Cricket Club	Upper Valley
79	Triangle Cricket Club	Upper Valley

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Governing Body

Cricket in Calderdale is organised and administered through the Yorkshire Cricket Board (YCB). Following the publication of the second England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Whole Sport Plan (2009), the YCB has compiled and recently updated a county development plan. This includes an identification process for funding priorities, alongside a facilities strategy based upon a comprehensive club survey.

As part of a Government and Sport England initiative and in preparation for its Whole Sport Plan, ECB had asked county boards to identify a number of cricket clubs, which they would like to closely work with and support. These clubs are known as 'focus clubs'. The YCB, through the cricket development managers and local cricket development groups, initially identified 45 clubs in 2004. The current figure stands at 90, of which 30 are West Yorkshire based.

The designation of focus club status enables easier access to 1:1 support and funding streams. In Calderdale these are:

- ❑ Illingworth St Marys CC.
- ❑ Copley CC.
- ❑ Warley
- ❑ Rastrick
- ❑ Blackley CC.

YCB development initiatives

The YCB has been actively involved with the development of cricket in Calderdale, with the work undertaken in the district being recognised nationally as a model of good practice in terms of partnerships developed and ongoing outcomes achieved. However it should be noted here that this has only been made possible by the tremendous commitment and devotion of the volunteer workforce at club and league level, and the support of the schools' partnerships (as they were until 2011) and the local authority.

The Calderdale Cricket Development Group, organised & run by the league & key club personnel, supported by the YCB Cricket Development Manager, and representatives from both schools and local authorities, is at the centre of the majority of excellent work undertaken. Regularly attended by 15-20 clubs, in recent years significant achievements include:

- Employment of a full time Cricket & Multi-Skills coach
- 16 clubs with signed school/club agreements
- 4 clubs involved in the Cricket Foundation 'Chance 2 Shine' project
- Club coaches delivering sessions in over 30 schools
- Record numbers of schools entering YCB competitions at Year 4, 5 & 6
- 9 clubs host primary school festivals on an annual basis
- Level 1 and level 2 coaching courses organised & run locally, subsidised by the CSP

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- Investment in facilities totalling over £1.1m
- Over 15 clubs adopting a school, offering coaching, festival and a new U9s league
- 4 women's teams, underpinned by 2-3 girls teams
- Teacher training to over 50 members of school staff
- National recognition at the prestigious NatWest Cricket Force event
- National recognition at the C2S National Schools Day
- England Women players coaching in schools

The financial investment within Calderdale, aside from the aforementioned facility investment, is around £160k (coaching, resources, equipment, training)

Club Summary

Augustinians

Augustinians Cricket Club are moving from a ground outside Calderdale into Calderdale at the beginning of the 2013 Season. We are in the process of engaging to form links with the local Junior and Secondary schools and involving the local Community

Augustinians Cricket Club will be playing at Woodhouse Fields from the 2013 Season. We are in the process of securing a 35 year Lease on the Calderdale Council Owned Ground at Woodhouse Gardens.

Currently Augustinians fields Three Senior Teams, and use to field 4 Junior teams but currently have one Junior team competing in the Halifax Cricket League.

At present the Club has aspirations to increase its memberships with a wish to introduce further junior teams **and looking forward in including a Womens team.** The Club wishes to develop a pavilion, and practice facilities for **Juniors.** We in the process of seeking funds/grants to develop a playing pitch.

Barkisland (Clubmark)

Barkisland CC based at Scammonden Road Barkisland. Currently running 3 senior teams and 5 junior teams from u9s to u17s. Future plans include the installation of a new 2 lane practice facility and improvements to the changing rooms and clubhouse. Plans are in place to introduce Girls teams once facilities have been improved.

Blackley CC (ECB focus club & Clubmark)

Blackley Cricket Club plays at Lindley Road, Blackley. The field is secured on a long-term lease from Blackley Baptist Church. The club fields three seniors and five junior teams all competing in the Halifax Cricket League, together with a Ladies Team playing in the North Womens Premier League Division 2.

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The Club has no aspirations to increase its playing membership in the near future as it currently has in excess of 100 juniors and 40 senior players registered, although anyone approaching the club will be more than welcome in accordance with our commitment to the ECB 'One Game Pledge'. The club currently has 10 active ECB accredited coaches. Blackley continues to develop its site, and has recently installed an electronic scoreboard. It is currently refurbishing the changing rooms and cricket nets in readiness for 2012. Plans to extend the clubhouse to further accommodate local community groups, possibly via Sport England IF application

Booth CC (Clubmark)

Booth Cricket Club plays on Deanhouse Lane in Luddenden to the West of Halifax. The ground is owned and maintained by the Club. Over the past 8 years the club have prioritised the improvement of the playing surface. Significant investment has been made in a new drainage scheme, reseeding of much of the outfield has been completed, measures to eradicate moss growth are ongoing. Permanent net facilities have been provided, work has been carried out to repair the retaining walls around the ground. The changing rooms have been enlarged during the last close season, and work has begun to provide an electronic scoreboard. All this improvement effort is necessary to support the increasing number of matches taking place on the ground. Booth currently fields three senior teams and four junior teams all competing in the Halifax League. (an under 9 team has been introduced for the 2012 season) Other than a grant from Community Foundation for nets all the work has been done by volunteers and funded directly by the club.

The Club has no aspirations to increase its membership in the near future. However, it wishes to continue its development of the site, which will include improvements to the practice facilities and clubhouse.

Bridgeholme CC

We now have a new club house built in 2012, we have built our own single lane nets, and are replacing an earth banking to the river Calder with a wall, this will widen our ground and protect against direct flooding. We will still get flooded every time the river rises but it will be by waters backing up and so not bring heavy debris with it. Our ground has improved year on year and although it is small it is regularly complimented for its upkeep.

Our main concern at the moment is that we believe we require netting along the roadside as we are so close to this busy trunk road. We still do not have a junior team but have over the last few seasons had an arrangement with Todmorden C.C. to give 2 places to their juniors every week. Our club has very strong local ties and is the base for our area residents association.

Copley CC (ECB Focus Club & Clubmark)

Copley Cricket Club plays on Copley Lane to the south of Halifax. The ground is owned and maintained by the Club. It fields three senior and six junior teams (U9/

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U11/ U13/ U14 /U15 / U17) in the Halifax Cricket League. For 2012 the Club will also become the home of South Halifax Girls which will field three teams in the Heavy Woollen Girls Cricket League. The Club has three outside practice nets which were erected in 2006.

The Club is undergoing a major redevelopment of its Pavilion facilities for the start of the 2012 season and, with an increasing number of school and community partnerships, a significant increase in membership, footfall and facility usage is envisaged in the medium term.

In terms of the playing surface a plan is now required to improve the quality of the outfield as certain drainage issues have caused undulations and hollows to develop over time. A plan to level large parts of the outfield will be formulated in the medium term with the aim of producing a surface that is flat and smooth.

Greetland CC

Greetland Cricket Club plays on Saddleworth Road in Greetland to the south of Halifax. The ground is owned and maintained by the Club. Further to the cricket facilities there is also a bowling green on site. It fields two seniors and one Sunday team in the Halifax League. Both consultation and site assessment revealed that the pitch is good quality and the ancillary facilities are adequate quality.

The Club has introducing a new sightscreen and score box, while improving both the changing rooms. It is also keen to develop links with local schools in order to boost its membership.

Its main development concerns are practice areas away from square and repairing beck walls to stop any encroachment on playing areas, together with improving ground maintenance equipment.

Illingworth St Mary's CC (ECB Focus Club & Clubmark)

Illingworth St. Mary's CC plays at the Ainleys in Illingworth in North Halifax. The club owns and maintains its own ground. It fields 3 senior teams, two competing in the Airedale and Wharfedale Senior Cricket League and a 3rd XI in the Halifax Sunday League together with 4 junior teams from U11 to U17 and a fifth at U9 level playing occasional friendly fixtures. The club would like to start a girls team. Both consultation and site assessment revealed that the pitch and ancillary facilities are of good quality although the pavilion needs remedial works with re-furbishment required to the roof and structure, re-wiring and an updated heating system. Up-graded practice facilities are also required.

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The changing facilities have been updated in recent years along with disabled access and an up-graded scoreboard and the club has plans to up-grade the pavilion as required together with ballstop/security fencing and improved car-parking.

Lightcliffe CC (Clubmark)

Lightcliffe Cricket Club plays on Wakefield Road in Lightcliffe. The ground is owned and maintained by the Club. It fields three senior mens' teams and one women's team. Two mens' teams compete in the Bradford League, while the third plays in the Halifax League. The women's team plays in the North Regional League. U17, U15, U13, U11 and u9 teams all compete in the Bradford League.

The Club has plans to expand its membership and is considering a fourth senior men's team and would like to develop girls' cricket. Key facilities developments include an electronic scoreboard, planned for 2012, a two lane non turf net facility (2/3 of funding already secured) and a small extension to the pavilion. Both consultation and site assessment revealed that the pitch and ancillary facilities are in very good condition.

Luddendenfoot

Luddendenfoot CC plays at High Lee Green HX2 6LB

Our ground is leased from a local farmer currently 7 years.

We have 2 senior teams and 4 junior teams.

We are looking to improve our clubhouse and our practice facilities.

We are also in negotiations with our landowner to try and increase the size of our ground.

Northowram Fields CC (Clubmark)

NFCC plays on Westercroft Lane, Northowram. The ground and facilities are owned by the club. It fields three seniors and eight junior teams, the 1st & 2nd teams play in the Central Yorkshire Cricket League and the 3rd team play in the Halifax League. The junior teams play a mixture of Bradford Junior League and Halifax Junior League cricket; we have more than 1 team at the same age group to meet the demand from juniors.

The Club is always looking to increase its membership as we have an "open door" policy and welcome anyone along to be a member. The Club wishes to develop its training and coaching facilities and requires more land/space to do this. We would also like create more parking space for members and visiting guests, we are a multi sport club and as such are looking to develop more land for other sports to be played in addition to developing the cricket specific requirements.

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Old Crossleyans

Old Crossleyans CC play their home games on the grounds of the Old Crossleyans club at Standeven House on Broomfield Avenue. We have three adult and three junior teams, all competing in the Halifax Cricket League.

The Club are looking to crease its adult playing numbers as well as planning to start an under 9 and under 15 team going forward. The club are also looking to improve practice and playing facilities, whilst also looking to invest in new ground equipment. The club are also in the process of getting ClubMark accreditation.

Rastrick (Clubmark)

Rastrick Cricket Club plays on a Ground off Clough Lane in Rastrick . The ground and club house is owned by the club. It fields five senior teams and five junior teams competing in the Halifax and Drakes League. Both consultation and site assessment revealed that the pitch is in good condition. Although the changing accommodation is in good condition, the flat roof is in need of general repair

It has aspirations to increase membership with the introduction of a professional coach in 2012 to aid it's 6 current volunteer coaches, this in conjunction with local high schools and young people from it's local deprived area should become a community club. It also has facility development aspirations including a two lane practice net and the provision of an all weather cricket wicket, no funding as yet has been allocated to this club

Shelf CC

Shelf Cricket Club plays behind the Shoulder of Mutton on Carr House Lane in Shelf. The ground is owned by Enterprise Inns and we have 4 years left on our current 25 year lease.

The club runs 2 senior teams and 2 junior teams all competing in the Halifax League. We also have a senior team in the Bradford evening league.

It has aspirations to increase its membership by creating a multi sports/community complex similar to that of Northowram Fields to encourage sport and culture within the surrounding area of Shelf. Shelf Junior Football Club is already committed to the above project as we aim to introduce football and other sports onto the site.

It also has facility development aspirations to build a new changing facility (planning as been passed) to replace the dilapidated port cabin facilities.

There is also spare capacity to develop waste land above the cricket ground into two junior football pitches with parking facilities.

The club is in currently in discussion with Enterprise Inns to purchase the site and seek funding through the football foundation and the Protected Playing Field fund.

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Southowram CC (Clubmark)

Southowram Cricket Club plays on Ashday Lane in Southowram to the south east of Halifax. The Club owns ground having purchased it from Marshalls PLC in 2010. It fields three senior and four junior teams in the Halifax League. The clubhouse has been recently extended to provide better kitchen facilities, an improved cellar and umpires' changing facilities.

Although the club receives excellent assessment from the Halifax League, the ground has suffered from considerable movement due to the facility being built on a former landfill site and plans are in place to remedy this.

Sowerby Bridge Church Institute (Clubmark)

SBCI cc play just off Blackwall Lane, Friendly, Sowerby Bridge and the ground is held in trust for as long as sport, mainly cricket, is played on it. The club fields 3 senior teams and 4 junior sides who all compete in the Halifax league. The club continues to pursue the creation of a regular U9 side and needs to make further improvements to the current vehicular access, seating and the clubhouse. These improvements will allow not only the new team to be accommodated but also to offer the hosting of league finals in addition to the current hosting of representative junior fixtures.

Sowerby St Peters

Sowerby St Peter's CC plays at St Peter's Avenue, Sowerby. The club has a long term lease from a local land owner but maintains the ground independantly.

It fields three senior and four junior teams competing in the Halifax Cricket League. Both the pitch and ancillary facilities are good quality.

In addition the club has close links with Ryburn Valley High School.

The club has no plans to expand its membership but has aspirations to improve practice and disabled access.

Stones CC

Stones Cricket Club plays at Swift Cross, Ripponden Old Lane, high above the village of Ripponden. We own our ground and the club has been in existence since 1884. We currently operate 3 senior teams and 5 junior teams from Under 9's through to Under 17's all playing in their respective divisions within the Halifax Cricket League.

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The club membership continues to grow and we continually upgrade our facilities. We are fundraising to enable us, within the next 3 to 4 years, to upgrade the scoreboard and equipment store, purchase a second hand 3.5 ton roller, install a sliding sight screen and refurbish the outdoor nets.

Todmorden

Todmorden Cricket Club have been members of the Lancashire Cricket League for over 100 years and in 2012 we are celebrating our 175th Anniversary.

Our ground is picturesquely situated on Burnley Road about 500 yards from the centre of Todmorden and it is completely owned and maintained to an exceptionally high standard by the Membership.

We currently field three senior teams and five junior teams and are always actively seeking to enhance our Membership, especially for Junior Players. Professional coaching is available to all players throughout the season.

Warley CC (Focus club & Clubmark)

Warley Cricket Club play at Paradise Lane in the heart of Warley village, Halifax. The ground is on a 5 year rolling lease from the ground owner, Mr Graham Allen. We field 3 senior sides and 4 junior teams, all competing in the Halifax Cricket League. The club is involved in 11 schools via C2S.

After having a pitch report conducted by an ECB IOG advisor, work has been undertaken on the square and outfield to remedy areas identified in the report.

The club has aspirations to develop the dressing room area and in an ideal world would like the opportunity to purchase the ground from its current owner.

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5.5 Tennis

Introduction

On the face of things tennis seems to be well catered for in Calderdale with 75 courts. However there is feeling, certainly through the Calderdale Tennis Partnership that some of the smaller groups are struggling with poor quality courts and the LTA believe that the advertising and promotion could be a lot better as well as the number of registered clubs in the area.

Site visits were carried out at Local Authority Sites and the privates clubs were carried out through postal surveys. The Calderdale Community Tennis Partnership (CTTP) was consulted along with further consultation with the Secretary and NGB.

Location	Number of courts	Details of opening hours	Condition
Bradshaw Park	2	Open - A charge when bowling club is open	Poor
Calder Holmes Park	2	Open – no charge	Poor
Centre Vale Park	3	Open – no charge	Poor
Crow Wood Park	2	Open – no charge	Good
Holmfield Recreation Ground	2	Open - A charge when bowling club is open	Poor
Millfold Recreation Ground	2	Open – no charge	Good
Mixenden Urban Park	3	Open – no charge	Poor
Northowram Recreation Ground	2	Open - A charge when bowling club is open	Poor
Shelf Hall Park	2	Open - A charge when bowling club is open	Poor
Shroggs Park		Open – no charge	Poor
Spring Hall	5	Closed	Closed
Stainland Recreation Ground	1	Closed	Poor
Wellholme Park	4	Open when bowling club is open	Good

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There is one Club Mark Club in Calderdale which is:

- Queens Tennis Club

The Lawn Tennis Association registered clubs in Calderdale are:

- Queens Tennis Club
- Rastrick Tennis Club
- Todmorden Tennis Club
- Park Tennis Club
- Park Tennis Club
- Sowerby Tennis Club
- Mytholmroyd Tennis Club

The LTA are keen to drive this number up for a variety of reasons but especially due to public liability insurance.

There are also a number of non-registered clubs that are part of the Calderdale Tennis Partnership:

Regular attendees

- Elland Tennis Club

Occasional attendees

- Akroydon Tennis Club
- Cragg Vale Tennis Club
- Wellholme Tennis Club

It is the ambition of the LTA to move the clubs up into the top group so that they are Club Marked, Registered with the LTA and an active part of the Calderdale Tennis Partnership. In terms of prioritising clubs for development the LTA, with the Council's support would look to the clubs in the top bracket first as they are the clubs that will have engaged with the LTA and local authority, be involved in the LTA programmes and have clear development plans to help tennis grow, sustain and excel participation.

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Calderdale Community Tennis Partnership (CCTP)

Consultation with this group took place at the Jan 2012 meeting. The group is still well attended by the clubs mentioned above, school sport reps and development officers all working and leading on increasing tennis participation.

There was a clear sense that several small clubs in Calderdale were struggling with poor quality courts and special mention was given to the following clubs; Akroydon, Cragg Vale, Mytholmroyd and Park.

In terms of where the group thought the biggest impact for Tennis development would come from there was clear consensus that the area of central Halifax and Todmorden (incorporating Hebden Bridge) were priorities. The loss of courts at Spring Hall created a gap in Halifax as Queens Tennis Club wasn't suitable to everyone and it was felt there was latent demand in the Todmorden area.

Governing body

Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association (YLTA)

Yorkshire LTA is responsible for the delivery of the LTA's national plan at a local level, the main focus of this being increasing Participation in all places to play – Clubs, Parks, Community Sites & Schools. Our support to grow participation is centred around:

- 1) Places
- 2) People
- 3) Programmes
- 4) Promotion

Places

Although there is a strong Tennis network across the Calderdale area (facilitated primarily by the Calderdale Community Tennis Partnership – CCTP) there are concerns that Calderdale clubs are struggling to be self-sustainable and may be reliant on funding for future facility maintenance and/or expansion and our Park Sites are equally under maintained and in need of significant investment as a comparison to some other Local Authorities

People

The Calderdale area would benefit from having more Level 2/3 coaches to support potential programmes across smaller clubs and also to develop new programmes in some of the Park sites.

Programme

There is very much a 'team focus' to a lot of programmes in the Calderdale Clubs. Club Programmes should provide a balanced opportunity to its members for competition / social / technical improvement / fitness and health.

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Promotion

Tennis for existing players in Calderdale is well communicated through the League structure and Club Network. The attraction of new players to the game and places is less clear.

Club Summary

Akroydon Tennis Club

There are approximately 20 adult members & 0 juniors at this club. Of these 20, 14 are men and 6 are women. Membership has remained static over the last 5 years. They run 2 men's teams and 1 ladies teams in the Calderdale LTL. There is no great aspiration to develop but they would like to go back to playing at Spring Hall if the tennis courts were resurfaced. Presently they use courts at Crossley Heath School and at Rastrick Tennis Club for their matches. They described the state of the courts they use as 'satisfactory'. Problems facing the club is the lack of facilities they regard as their own, vandalism, and youths occupying the courts they have booked at Crossley Heath being reluctant to vacate them in order to play. They had previously used Wellesley Park tennis courts and they had the same problems there.

Cragg Vale Tennis Club

Cragg Vale Tennis Club occupies a rare piece of flat land and therefore offers the community the chance to participate in various sporting activities which require a court – ie tennis, badminton, football, hockey, netball, basketball. The men's and ladies second teams play at Calderdale High School and on a few occasions they have hired Todmorden, Mytholmroyd and Sowerby. The average membership is 60.

The club currently have 6 key aspirations that they are seeking funding for:

1. Replace existing dilapidated Clubhouse
2. Resurface at least one of the two tarmac courts to provide safe and consistent playing surface
3. Improve/replace ineffective perimeter fencing
4. Provide improved access to the club
5. Increase membership by improving facilities
6. Attract wider community use (including 3 schools) for both sports and social events thereby improving revenue stream

They believe that improved facilities would ensure the retention of the current membership and attract more members by providing a safer, more attractive and modern environment in which they could enjoy playing tennis.

In conjunction with new facilities, the club intends to outsource the services of a qualified tennis coach based at Queens Sports club in Halifax to ensure its members have the opportunity to improve their game.

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The Tennis Club already hosts sports lessons by Cragg Vale Junior and Infants School during the summer months. All 3 junior schools in Cragg Vale (approximately 100 children in all) have shown an interest in using the courts as an enhancement to their current sports facilities. None of the schools in Cragg Vale have a dedicated sport pitch and with no playing fields in Cragg Vale the tennis courts would make an ideal all year round facility in which the children of our community can benefit. They intend one of the courts to have multi line surface so that it can be used for football, netball, hockey and basketball as well as tennis and other games.

The club has recently undergone a drive to attract younger members and families, and have succeeded in increasing our membership. "New blood" has also been voted on to the committee which has provided renewed enthusiasm and stamina for achieving the club's goals. The new committee aim to ensure the club succeeds and remains viable and safe for the next generations within Cragg Vale to use. Since the new committee was elected the membership has increased by 25% over the last 2 years and the club hope with the transformation to increase our membership pool by 50% of 2010 numbers.

Elland Tennis Club

The tennis club is a section within Elland Cricket, Athletics and Bowls Club. The facility accommodates two floodlit, synthetic courts. The courts are in good condition. The home site also accommodates a tennis pavilion with toilets, changing facilities and showers. However, the club also uses Brooksbank School courts to accommodate all teams. It reports current demand for an additional two courts. There is sufficient space to enable this at the site.

Mytholmroyd Tennis Club

Mytholmroyd Tennis Club leases its facility from a local church (St Michael's Church) however security of tenure is uncertain as the lease has not been renewed and rent is paid on a year to year basis. There are two macadam courts and consultation revealed that the courts are in adequate condition but will need resurfacing in two to three years time.

Park Tennis Club

Park Tennis Club plays on Bute Avenue, Brighouse. It provides two shale tennis courts and consultation revealed that the courts are in poor condition. They are 40 years old and in need of resurfacing. There is space on site for a third court which the club believes would be useful in future for its growing membership. Membership is currently at 100 but if it increases to 150 then another court would be required to fit in with LTA guidelines. The clubs hands, however, seem to be tied with issues of security of tenure which seems to have been an ongoing issue that they can't see being resolved, certainly in the short term. The club also uses the courts at

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Hipperholme and Lightcliffe High School and report issues with the quality of the courts and their alignment which means playing into the sun during the evening.

Queens Tennis Club

Queens Tennis Club is based in Halifax and makes up part of the wider Queens Sports Club. It is the only club that is Club Marked and provides six synthetic carpet courts, of which four are floodlight. It also provides two indoor courts. Consultation revealed the courts are in good condition although some are getting worn. There are other facilities as part of the wider that are listed below:

- 2 Indoor Tennis Courts
- 6 x All Weather Floodlit Tennis Courts
- 5 Squash Courts (1 Glass Backed)
- Gymnasium (fully equipped and professionally staffed at all times)
- Saunas (located in each changing room)
- Personal Training
- Physiotherapy
- Licensed Bar
- Club Sports Shop
- Conference & Meeting Facilities
- Catering Facilities

Junior tennis at Queens is a big part of the club programme. They have their junior teams at Red Level (aged 6), Orange Level (aged 8) and Green (aged 9).

Members compete annually for various trophies – men's, ladies doubles, mixed doubles, men's and ladies U.25s, Over 45's and other competitions.

Rastrick Tennis Club

Rastrick Tennis Club is based near Brighouse and has been established for over 40 years. It provides a variety of memberships including; adult, senior (over 60), student, family, junior (12-18) and mini tennis family. It has four macadam courts and 1 indoor court and consultation revealed that the courts are in a good condition.

The club would like to increase membership, refurbish their facilities and increase community use. The club would also like to see an improvement in facilities in parks and schools.

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Sowerby Tennis Club

The club plays at Sowerby Tennis and Bowling Club in Sowerby Bridge. The site accommodates two courts, one bowling green and a pavilion; however it also uses courts at Ryburn Valley High School. The Courts were resurfaced three years ago with some money from the sale of land and an LTA interest free loan. The club would like access to floodlit courts for winter training

Todmorden Tennis Club

Todmorden Tennis Club, based off Hallroyd Road in Todmorden, provides two unlit shale courts. Consultation revealed the overall site to be in adequate condition although the quality of the courts is poor. There is no car parking on site.

The club has been looking for some time to relocate to another facility and has identified Centre Vale Park courts as ideal. They have entered into discussions with the local authority, LTA and groundwork to assess possibilities and although all parties are on board there needs to be further discussions around security of tenure; leases and asset transfer etc as funding would be required to improve to courts and increase the number from three to four.

The club would be willing to put money in from the sale of the land of their current courts but this is subject to planning permission. The project could also be part of a bigger project and funding bid to include a skate park. The Skate park group and Friend of Group are in favour of the project.

Ryburn Tennis Club

Ryburn is a club which exists merely to play in the Calderdale LTL. It has 1 team involving 8 members, all of whom are adults. Membership remains static. It plays its home matches on the park courts at Mill Fold Recreation Ground, Ripponden. They report that the court surface is starting to break up, giving a poor bounce and they can be slippery when damp. The net, netting and court markings are all satisfactory. The courts are run by the bowling club. The club has no plans to expand.

Soyland Town Tennis Club

Soyland is a club which exists merely to play in the Calderdale LTL. It has 1 team involving 8 members, all of whom are adults and plays at Mill Fold Recreation Ground, Ripponden on alternate weeks to Ryburn Tennis Club.

Wellholme Tennis Club

The club play on the council owned courts at Wellhome Park and also use the courts at Brighouse High School. They have 30 adult members and 15 juniors. The club would like to increase its membership but cite lack of local facilities as a problem.

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Summary of Objectives / Recommendations and Policy Options

- Prioritise support for clubs that are club marked, licensed and part of the Calderdale Community Tennis Partnership.
- Support the improvement of tennis facilities in the Todmorden area with Todmorden Tennis Club. Explore the potential to relocate the club to Centre Vale Park and improve the facilities there along with lease arrangements.
- Improve tennis provision within the Halifax area, focussing on general public provision linked to a Tennis Club/s (Akroydon would be on beneficiary).
- Support clubs and facility development within national guidelines for a club to be self-sustainable; 200 members per indoor court, 70 members per floodlit court, 50 members per outdoor court.
- All opportunities to play advertised on LTA find a court / AllPlay / Calderdale Council website.

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5.6 Hockey

Introduction

Governing Body

England Hockey Board is the National Governing Body (NGB) for hockey in England. It is also the nominated country (NC) for Great Britain Hockey.

England Hockey governs all hockey in this country from grass roots to the elite end of the sport.

The England Hockey Board sets the strategic direction for the sport and for the NGB using input from many areas including its own permanent staff, the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC), the standing committees and working groups and through interaction with the many volunteers who work for hockey.

EHB's strategic objective is to maintain existing and introduce hockey to more secondary schools and facilities to enable schools to offer hockey on the curriculum and facilities are key to this.

Governance of the game is devolved at a regional and local level to Regional and County Associations. There are six Regional Associations – East, Midlands, North, South, West and the Combined Services who represent the three single service Associations. Counties affiliate to their respective Region. These bodies bring clubs together at a local level and ensure that information is cascaded up and down through the game. They are also responsible for implementing the Disciplinary Code of England Hockey.

The Regional Associations are represented on the Regional Consultative Committee which supports the work of the Board to ensure it is operating in line with the agreed Memorandum & Articles of England Hockey and follows best practice in terms of the financial management of the company's affairs.

The Development Team (which includes national staff for young people, umpiring, and coaching, together with the 12 strong regional network) co-ordinates the transfer of knowledge of best practice throughout the sport. The sharing of ideas with other National Governing Bodies also takes place.

On a county basis the Yorkshire Hockey Association governs the sport which is affiliated to the North Hockey Association and England Hockey Board.

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League Summaries

The following is a summary of the current leagues in Yorkshire;

- 11 Men's divisions
- 11 Ladies' divisions
- 1 Development league (badgers)
- Leagues for:
 - U10 Boys
 - U12 Boys
 - U14 Boys
 - U16 Boys
 - U10 Girls
 - U12 Girls
 - U14 Girls
 - U16 Girls
- Schools league

Club Summary

Halifax Hockey Club

There is only one club now playing in Halifax following the closure of King Cross Hockey Club last year and that is Halifax Hockey Club. Halifax Hockey Club is the oldest hockey Club in Yorkshire being founded in 1891.

In September 2007 it moved to a new purpose built facility at Park Lane High School Siddal. It now has a purpose built Clubhouse, 2 Astro Turf Pitches and a large indoor sports hall for Indoor Hockey.

Halifax HC are a focus club who do good work with juniors with a junior academy as well as having established men's and women's teams and they are expected to grow in the next few years.

Other Hockey Provision

Halifax High School has a pitch that is used by the school and many of these children transfer into club activity at Halifax HC.

Ryburn Valley High School is used extensively for hockey and is used for a local school league but it has recently been out of action due to its condition.

Sowerby Bridge has an undersized hockey suitable (training) AGP.

Rastrick is also used for the local school hockey league but is very worn and in need of replacement and the NGB would push for a hockey suitable surface.

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Summary of Objectives / Recommendations and Policy Options

- Where a school want a multi use surface for football and hockey, they should be encouraged to opt for the 40mm 3G pile length so that both sports can be played.
- Where hockey has a particular interest in a site and there is the potential for growth we should be pushing for sand based or sand dressed.
- Prioritise Rastrick and Ryburn as areas for hockey facility development.

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6 Education Provision

6.1 Introduction

The provision of pitches at schools and colleges can make an important contribution to the overall stock of playing pitches within a particular catchment area. It is therefore important to have accurate information about the number, type, quality and availability of pitches within the education sector in Calderdale.

Legislation within the Schools Standards and Framework Act (SSFA) 1998 was introduced by the Government requiring all schools to seek approval from the Secretary of State for Education and Employment (Education and Skills since July 2001) for the sale of their playing fields. Section 77 of the SSFA seeks to protect school playing fields against disposal or change of use by requiring the prior consent of the Secretary of State before disposal or change of use may take place.

The Department for Education and Skills produced guidance on section 77 of the SSFA entitled 'The Protection of School Playing Fields and Land for City Academies'. The guidance aims to strengthen the existing measures for protecting school playing fields. In particular, the guidance intends to support the development and improvement of sporting and play provision for the benefit of schools and their local communities, and to provide wider access to these facilities. Applications for disposal or change of use of playing fields not only have to take account of existing community use but the potential use of the facilities for the local community.

As part of a new five-year youth and community strategy, every secondary school across England is to host a community sports club and £10m is earmarked for opening up school facilities to wider public use. County sports partnerships will receive more resources to establish effective links between schools and sports in the community and support national governing bodies.

6.2 Calderdale College (Higher Education Centre)

Location: Francis Street, Halifax

Facilities: New sports facilities have recently been developed. These include a full size ATP, one football pitch, one rugby pitch and a MUGA.

Community use: A community use programme is currently being developed. Halifax RLFC use the site as a training base.

Development plans: None

Other information: Calderdale College has four Sport Development Centres: Men's Football, Men's Rugby League, Women's Football & Women's Netball.

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6.3 Secondary school summary

Calder High School

Location: Midgley Road, Mytholmroyd

Number of pupils: 1381

Facilities: On site - a generic grass field for football, athletics and rounders, a recently developed artificial sports pitch marked for three tennis courts and one football pitch, two hard surface tennis courts.

Brearley Playing Fields – 10/15 minutes walk from the school. Three senior and one junior pitch, two rugby pitches. This site is regularly flooded from the adjacent river and is unplayable for much of the winter months

Community use: The courts are used by Mytholmroyd Tennis Club and Cragg Vale Tennis Club. The onsite pitch is used once a year for a local football competition but otherwise has no capacity. The pitches at Brearley Fields are available when ground conditions are suitable.

Development Plans: None

Crossley Heath School

Location: Savile Park, Halifax.

Number of pupils: 1064

Facilities: Onsite - One multi use games area with a synthetic carpet, three tennis courts. A new sports hall was constructed in 2010.

Community use: The changing facilities in the new sports hall are used by teams playing on Savile Park at the weekend. The tennis courts are used by Ackroyd Tennis Club and are left open for free use by the community.

Development Plans: None

Other information: The School utilises the 14 sports pitches on Savile Park, which is owned and managed by CMBC. The School accesses the site throughout the day for PE lessons, and for school matches/fixtures, for this use it pays a hire charge to CMBC.

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Halifax High School

Location: Gibbet Street, Halifax

Number of pupils: 794

Facilities: Cricket pitch and nets, STP, sand based and floodlit, one senior football pitch (also over marked for other sports such as athletics). Three tennis courts over marked with three netball courts.

Community use: The sports facilities are managed for community use by the facilities management company's sister company Inter Leisure.

Development Plans: None

Other information: Relocated to its present site in 205 as part of a PFI scheme.

Todmorden High School

Location: Ewood Lane, Todmorden

Number of pupils: 736

Facilities: One senior football pitch. There is also a multi use games area.

Community Use: Used for training by Todmorden Sports Centre JFC and Jack's House Football club

Development Plans: The fabric of the school is in poor condition and the school is one of Calderdale's priorities for rebuilding when funding is available

Other information: The school is adjacent to Centre Vale Park and Todmorden Sports Centre. The football pitch is reported by school staff to require some drainage work.

Hipperholme and Lightcliffe High School (Sports College)

Location: Stoney Lane, Lightcliffe

Number of pupils: 1,450

Provision: Two senior and one junior football pitch, one senior rugby pitch, one sand based artificial turf pitch, two tennis courts.

Community use: Yes

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Development plans: None

Other information: Sports college

Brooksbank School

Location: Victoria Road, Elland

Number of pupils: 1,600

Provision: School Site, two senior and one junior football pitches.

Hammerstones Playing Fields, one senior and one junior football pitch and one junior rugby pitch. Two MUGAs

Community use: Due to drainage issues only one junior and one senior pitch are available

Development Plans: The school have ambitions to develop Hammerstones Playing Fields and have been liaising with the Local Authority along with the Football Foundation and British Cycling. Initial aspiration were to improve pitch conditions, add ancillary facilities and an off road cycle track.

Other information: Sports College

Brighouse High School

Location: Finkel Street, Brighouse

Number of pupils: 1,375

Provision: Two senior and three junior football pitches, one junior rugby pitch, one hockey pitch and one generic grass field. There is a hard court area with five tennis and three netball courts over marked

Community use: Two senior and one junior football pitch, all rated as good, are used regularly. The other pitches are not suitable for formal matches but are sometimes used for training when the ground is firm enough

Development Plans: The school are looking at all weather pitches with floodlighting, levelling and improving drainage. Also improvements to changing facilities

Trinity Academy

Location: Holmfield, North Halifax.

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The school is currently being rebuild and re-open in its new building and facilities for the 2012/13 school year.

Facilities in the new school: 2 Senior football pitches, 1 all weather pitch (football and hockey), 1 cricket pitch

The North Halifax Grammar School

Location: Moorbottom Lane, Illingworth, Halifax

Number of pupils: 1,142

Facilities: These are shared with Trinity Academy ?

Park Lane Learning Trust

Location: Park Lane, Exley

Number of pupils: 461 pupils

Facilities: Two synthetic turf pitches, cricket ground with pavilion

Community use: Yes Halifax Hockey Club uses the synthetic turf pitches. Elland Allstars football club use the site for training

Development plans: None

Other information: The school was rebuilt in 2005 as part of a PFI scheme

Ryburn Valley High School

Location: St Peter's Avenue, Sowerby Bridge

Number of pupils: 1,438

Provision: One junior and two senior football pitches and one junior rugby pitch. All are rated as good. There is also a synthetic turf pitch.

Community use: The senior foot ball pitch has regular community use, the artificial turf pitch is open 6.00 – 7.00 daily.

Development Plans: None

Other information: The school was rebuilt in 2005 as part of a PFI scheme.

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Sowerby Bridge High School

Location: Albert Road, Sowerby Bridge

Number of pupils: 1,005

Provision: One junior and one senior football pitch, one junior rugby pitch. One artificial turf pitch and tarmac tennis courts.

Community use: None

Development Plans: None

Other information: The school was rebuilt in 2005 as part of a PFI scheme.

Rastrick High School

Location: Field Top Road, Rastrick

Number of pupils: 1422

Facilities: Two senior football, one rugby league pitch and a synthetic turf pitch. All are rated as good.

Community use: All facilities are available for community use

Development plans;

Rishworth School

Location: Oldham Road, Rishworth

Number of pupils: 493

Facilities: Four senior rugby pitches in winter and then converts to four senior football pitches in summer. The pitches are of a high quality and in good condition. There are also two tennis courts.

Community use: There is currently no community use of the pitches due to school weekend fixtures. However, there is some ad hoc use by Ryburn FC.

Development plans:

Other information: This is a co-educational independent school accommodates both day and boarding pupils from 3 through to 18 years old.

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Hipperholme Grammar School

Location: Bramley Lane, Hipperholme, Halifax

Number of pupils: Approximately 300

Facilities: Three senior football pitches and two senior rugby union pitches all in good condition .

Community use: All facilities are available. The playing fields are shared with Old Brodlians RUFC, which uses the playing field for additional pitch space to its own home ground. The Club also shares maintenance and up-keep of the pitches.

Other information: This is an independent school

Primary school summary

Questionnaires were distributed to all primary, junior and infant school in order to assess quality and quantity of outdoor sports facilities. 14 schools have pitches with regular use by clubs, 8 other schools have pitches with potential for community use.

Objectives, Recommendations and Policy Options

- Work with Schools to open there sports facilities for local community clubs in line with the new Youth Sport Strategy.
- Establish links between the clubs and schools, focussing on the facility requirements of clubs as identified in this strategy.
- Ensure that new provision within schools meets the needs identified in this strategy

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7. Artificial Grass Pitch Provision in Calderdale

2011 Profile Report

This section and the accompanying maps present data from Sport England's National Facilities Audit Dataset as of January 2011 and been provided by Sport England..

The FPM modelling and dataset builds in a number of assumptions regarding the supply and demand of provision. It is therefore recommended that the information contained within this paper should form part of a wider assessment of provision at the local level.

Purpose of Report

The purposes of the profile report is to provide an overview of Artificial Grass pitches (AGP) in Calderdale Council's area and assessment of the Facilities Planning Model outputs derived from the National Facilities Audit dataset for 2011, which includes data for supply, demand, supply/demand balance, satisfied demand, unmet demand; used capacity and relative share. This will also highlight any issues in adjoining local authority areas which may affect facility provision in Calderdale.

The study looks at full size (11 aside) pitches only, for example at 100m x 55m in size and above.

The Study Area

The study area for this analysis is the Calderdale Council area. The data for Calderdale will also be compared to the data for the local authority Office of National Statistics (ONS) comparator authorities to Calderdale which are Kirklees and Tameside in the North West which are Calderdale's ONS comparable neighbours.

The Calderdale data will also be compared with, where relevant, with Yorkshire Region and England national averages.

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7.1 Supply of Artificial Grass Pitches

Table 1 - Supply	ENGLAND TOTAL	YORKSHIRE REGION	Calderdale	Kirklees	Tameside
Number of pitches	1657	134	6	6	3
Number of pitch sites	1511	125	5	6	3
Supply of total pitches in pitches	1657	134	6	6	3
Supply of publicly available pitch space in pitches (scaled with hrs avail in pp)	1329.4	112.83	5.7	4.76	2.93
Supply of total pitch space in VPWPP	983754	83494	4215	3519	2170
Pitches per 10,000	0.32	0.25	0.29	0.15	0.14

Commentary on Supply of AGP

There are 6 AGPs in Calderdale and these are on 5 different sites. The majority, 5 in total, of these pitches are sand filled (suitable for hockey and football training) and 1 is third generation long pile turf (suitable for football, possibly rugby disciplines but not hockey). There no water based pitches (required for top regional and national league hockey). All AGPs are floodlit and full size.

The sand filled pitches are:

- Halifax High at Wellesley Park
- Park Lane High, 2 pitches
- Rastrick High School sports centre
- Ryburn Valley High School

The third generation pitch is:

- Hipperholme and Lightcliffe Community sports centre

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All sites are in public ownership and operation. There are no sites excluded because they are in private use.

The recently constructed and opened 3G pitch at Calderdale College excluded because at the time of the data capture, it was a planned facility only. A further two projects planned but not yet started, 1. Holy Trinity High School (short pile 3G surface) and 2. Ovenden ARLFC (3G with enhanced shock pad).

When compared to its ONS comparator authorities Calderdale is on a par with Kirklees in terms of number of AGPs and both have double that of Tameside. Based on a standard of pitches per 10,000 population, Calderdale has 0.29 pitches per 10,000 people, whereas Kirklees has 0.15 and Tameside has 0.14. However Calderdale is above the Yorkshire average but below the England provision.

All but one of the pitches in Calderdale are full size with dimensions capable of accommodating a 100 metres x 60 metres pitch. Halifax High's pitch is only 55m x 100m. All pitches are flood lit. The 6 pitches provide a total supply of 4215 visits in the weekly peak period, significantly more than Kirklees with the same number of pitches and Tameside with less pitches.

The supply of publicly available pitch space in pitches scaled with hours available in the peak period in Calderdale is 5.7, close to the actual supply of 6.

The age range of the pitches is between 1989 – 2006. The Hipperholme and Lightcliffe pitch was constructed in 1989 but the pitch surface resurfaced in 2007. No other pitches are listed as being resurfaced, meaning Rastrick High School's pitch constructed in 1998 is now 14 years old and in need for replacement. Sport England recommends that AGPs have a ten year life span.

All pitches are located within or close to the urban areas of Calderdale. There are no pitches in the more rural parts the district.

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7.2 Demand for Artificial Grass Pitches

Commentary on demand for AGP in Calderdale

The total demand generated for AGP provision from the resident population of Calderdale of 204,601 people totals 4608 visits per week in the peak period, which equates to a demand for 6.23 pitches.

As with sports halls and swimming pools, demand is also influenced by accessibility and the mobility of local residents. Car ownership or accessibility by local residents shows that 23.1% of the Calderdale population do not have access to a car. When compared to the comparable authorities Kirklees has 21.5%, and Tameside has 24.3%. The nature of these figures is important in terms of assessing residents' access to AGP provision within an area and is used in the assessment of satisfied and unmet demand along with used capacity and relative share - set out in sections 4 to 7 of this report.

7.3 Supply / Demand Balance

Commentary Supply/Demand Balance

The supply and demand balance section of the report only provides a 'global' view of provision – it compares AGP demand generated **within Calderdale** with the supply of AGP's **within Calderdale** and therefore represents an assumption that ALL the demand for pitches in Calderdale is met by ALL the supply of pitches in Calderdale. In short, supply and demand balance is NOT based on where the pitches are located and their catchment area and if this extends into other authorities. Or, if the catchment areas of pitches in neighbouring authorities extends into Calderdale. Most importantly supply and demand balance does not take into account the propensity/reasons for residents using facilities outside their own District. These are covered in the more detailed modelling set out in satisfied demand, unmet demand and relative share.

The reason for presenting the supply and demand balance is because some local authorities like to see how THEIR total supply of AGP's compares with THEIR total demand for AGP's. Supply and demand balance presents this somewhat crude comparison of supply and demand.

In Calderdale the total supply of pitches, scaled to take account of the variable hours for public use across the six sites is 5.6 pitches. Whilst the total demand for pitches from Calderdale residents equates to 6.23 pitches. So total demand for pitches exceeds the total supply available for public use by 0.53 pitches.

Although Calderdale has a total of 6 pitches, it should be noted that the supply considers the hours of availability. Therefore those sites with Halifax High offering just 27 hours a week of community use, this equates to a supply of 715 visits per week in the peak period. When compared to a facility that is available for 91 hours a week which provides a supply of 2,220 visits per week in the peak period.

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None of Calderdale's comparator authorities have a surplus of pitches based on this data. Both Kirklees and Tameside have more significant deficits in pitch stock compared to Calderdale when assessed this way, Kirklees has a deficit of around 9 pitches and Tameside nearly 4 pitches.

7.4 Satisfied Demand - demand from Calderdale residents currently being met by supply

Commentary Satisfied Demand

Satisfied demand represents the proportion of total demand that is met by the capacity at the AGP's from residents who live within the driving, walking or public transport catchment area of a pitch.

The facilities planning model calculates that 68.6% of the total demand for AGP's in Calderdale is satisfied, which equates to 3163 visits per week in the weekly peak period.

When breaking down the satisfied demand into transport modes, 85.7% of this satisfied demand is met by local residents travelling by car, 12.9% on foot and 1.5% by public transport.

Not all of the Calderdale's demand is met at the 6 pitches, it is however that 83.2% of the total satisfied demand at these sites, known as retained demand. This is high in comparison to Kirklees and Tameside, 55% and 38% respectively. Demand for AGP's from Calderdale residents which is exported represents 18.8%, this equates to 530 visits per week in the peak period.

7.5 Unmet Demand - demand from Calderdale residents not currently being met

Commentary Unmet Demand

Unmet demand for AGP's is demand which cannot be met because:

- there is too much demand for any particular pitch within its catchment area or;
- the demand is located outside the catchment area of any pitch site and it is then classified as unmet demand.

Unmet demand for AGP's in Calderdale is 1445 visits per week in the weekly peak period, or put another way 31.4% of total demand for pitches. This equates to 1.95 pitches.

The majority of Calderdale's unmet demand is due to local of capacity, this represents 89.1% of the unmet demand. Only 10.9% of the unmet demand is due to the facilities being located outside of the catchment area for the pitches.

The Unmet Demand map sets out the out the location and scale of unmet demand in one kilometre grid squares and is expressed in units of between 0.00. – 0. 61 of a full size AGPs. That is the amount of a pitch being generated by the people living in each kilometre square. Some of the map is

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blank of shows a demand of zero pitches. This will be the rural areas of Calderdale where the population is so low that any demand is not registered by the model.

The highest value of unmet demand is the light green squares in and around Halifax and the immediate north east of the town has a value of 0.08 of a full size AGP. This is in and around Halifax High's sand based pitch and it would appear there also is a club in this location with 1-5 teams.

The map on aggregated unmet demand illustrates the level of total demand from that grid square and it's CATCHMENT (the figures in each grid square should not be added together as this would result in duplication), and any hotspots can be identified. The map shows that there are high levels of aggregate unmet demand in the east towards to boarder with Bradford and Kirklees and this is concentrated along the boundary to the south east of the district along the M62 corridor. One square, right on the boundary of Calderdale and Barnsley shows an aggregated unmet demand of 16.22 pitches.

Aggregated unmet demand maps are useful in showing the best location to site a new pitch in order to serve the most demand. In the case of Calderdale, the majority of aggregate unmet demand is to the east and south east of the authority. This is because the area is served by the M62, making it more accessible in the 20 minute drive time, and also shows the demand exported by the residents of Kirklees and Bradford.

The level of unmet demand in the comparable authorities varies. In Kirklees has much as 49.4% of demand is unmet and Tameside has 18.7%. Calderdale's unmet demand of 31.4% compares well to the Yorkshire wide figure of 35.2%, although lower than the England figure of 24.5%.

7.6 Used Capacity - How well used are the facilities. Commentary Used Capacity

Used capacity is a measure of usage and throughput at AGPs and estimates how well used or how full facilities are.

The total number of visits to AGPs in Calderdale is 4215 and this compares with a total capacity visits and so 100% of the total pitch capacity at peak times is being used. There all pitches are open to the community for a very good proportion of peak period hours. The comparator authorities pitches are also both being used at 100% capacity, because they have a shortage of pitches.

The model lists all pitches as having 100% of their capacity used in the peak period for community use. Hours available to the community vary from 36 hours a week (Hipperholme & Lightcliffe) to 56 hours a week(Park Lane).

Visits by road are again the dominant group which matches the trend across the two comparator authorities as well as Yorkshire and England. However we know from table 2 that car ownership is lower in Calderdale than the

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England and Kirklees figure which indicates that the population is less mobile.

Calderdale imports a more visits to AGPs than the comparator authorities and the Yorkshire figure. However Kirklees and Tameside both retain more visits as a percentage of capacity used, possibly because they have better located pitches in relation to their boundaries.

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7.7 Personal/Relative Share - equity share of facilities

- Note – this helps to show which areas have a better or worse share of facility provision. It takes into account the size and availability of facilities as well as travel modes. It helps to establish whether residents within a particular area have less or more share of provision than other areas when compared against a national average figure which is set at 100.

Commentary Personal/ Relative Share

In addition to the supply and demand assessment above, the FPM also analyses the relative share of AGP's – i.e. it takes into account the size and availability of facilities and travel mode, and helps to establish whether residents in one area have a greater or lesser share of provision than other areas, when compared against a national average (100). A simple analogy is to consider AGP provision as a cake, its size being proportional to the facility's catchment and its slices divided among the users within the catchment.

Calderdale has a relative share of 98 which shows that Calderdale residents are worse off than the national average in their access to pitches. This is not the highest figure when looking at the comparator authorities, of which Kirklees has a massive -38. The Yorkshire is large again at -19.

Had figures been in the positive it would indicate that an authority has a relative share with more access to AGPs than the national average. This indicates the extent to which supply of AGPs would exceed demand.

Summary

There are 6 AGPs in Calderdale and these are on 5 different sites. The majority, 5 in total, of these pitches are sand filled (suitable for hockey and football training) and 1 is third generation long pile turf (suitable for football, possibly rugby disciplines but not hockey). There are no water based pitches (required for top regional and national league hockey). All AGPs are floodlit and full size.

The 6 pitches provide a total supply of 4215 visits in the weekly peak period.

Based on a standard of pitches per 10,000 population, Calderdale has 0.29 pitches per 10,000 people, whereas Kirklees has 0.15 and Tameside has 0.14. However Calderdale is above the Yorkshire average but below the England provision.

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The supply of publicly available pitch space in pitches scaled with hours available in the peak period in Calderdale is 5.7. Whilst the total demand for pitches from Calderdale residents equates 6.23 to pitches. Across the whole district total demand for pitches exceeds the total supply available for public use by 0.53 pitches, or half a pitch.

The total demand generated for AGP provision from the resident population of Calderdale is 204,601 people totals 4608 visits per week in the peak period, which equates to a demand for 6.23 pitches.

The facilities planning model calculates that 68.6% of the total demand for AGPs in Calderdale is satisfied, which equates to 3163 visits per week in the weekly peak period.

Most people travel to AGPs by car: 85.7% of this satisfied demand is met by local residents travelling by car, 12.9% on foot and 1.5% by public transport.

Unmet demand for AGPs in Calderdale is 1445 visits per week in the weekly peak period, or put another way 31.4% of total demand for pitches. This equates to 1.95 pitches.

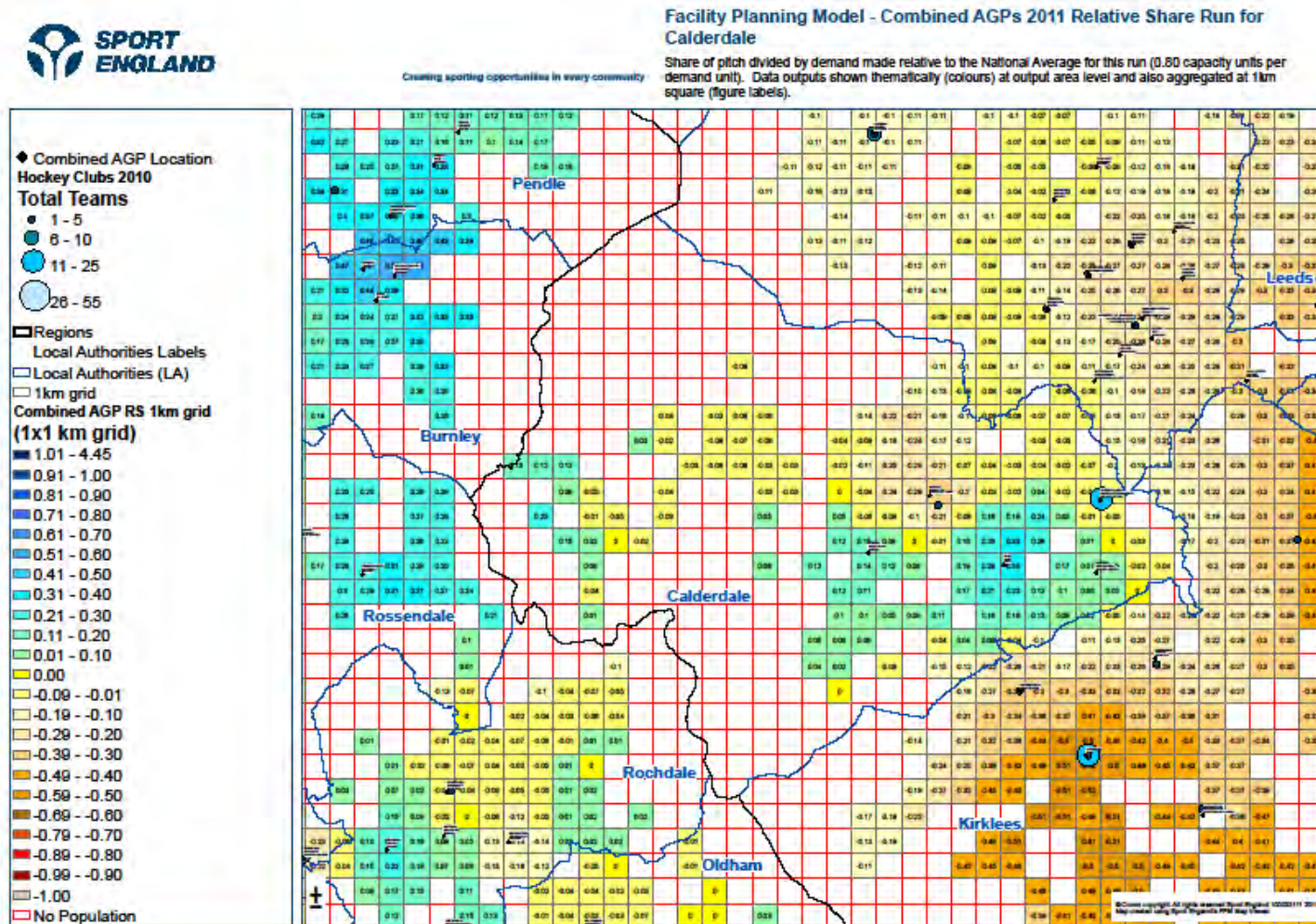
The majority of Calderdale's unmet demand is due to lack local of capacity, this represents 89% of the unmet demand. But only 10.9% of the unmet demand is due to the facilities being located outside of the catchment area for the pitches.

Given this data and report has not taken into account the very recent development of the Calderdale College's 3G pitch and the planned facilities at Holy Trinity High School (short pile 3G surface) and Ovenden ARLFC (3G with enhanced shock pad) these may help resolve the deficits shown in the unmet demand and the supply demand balance. However Sport England would emphasise that this analysis is only the starting point for more detailed discussion with the sport governing bodies.

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10. Maps

Map 1. Unmet Demand



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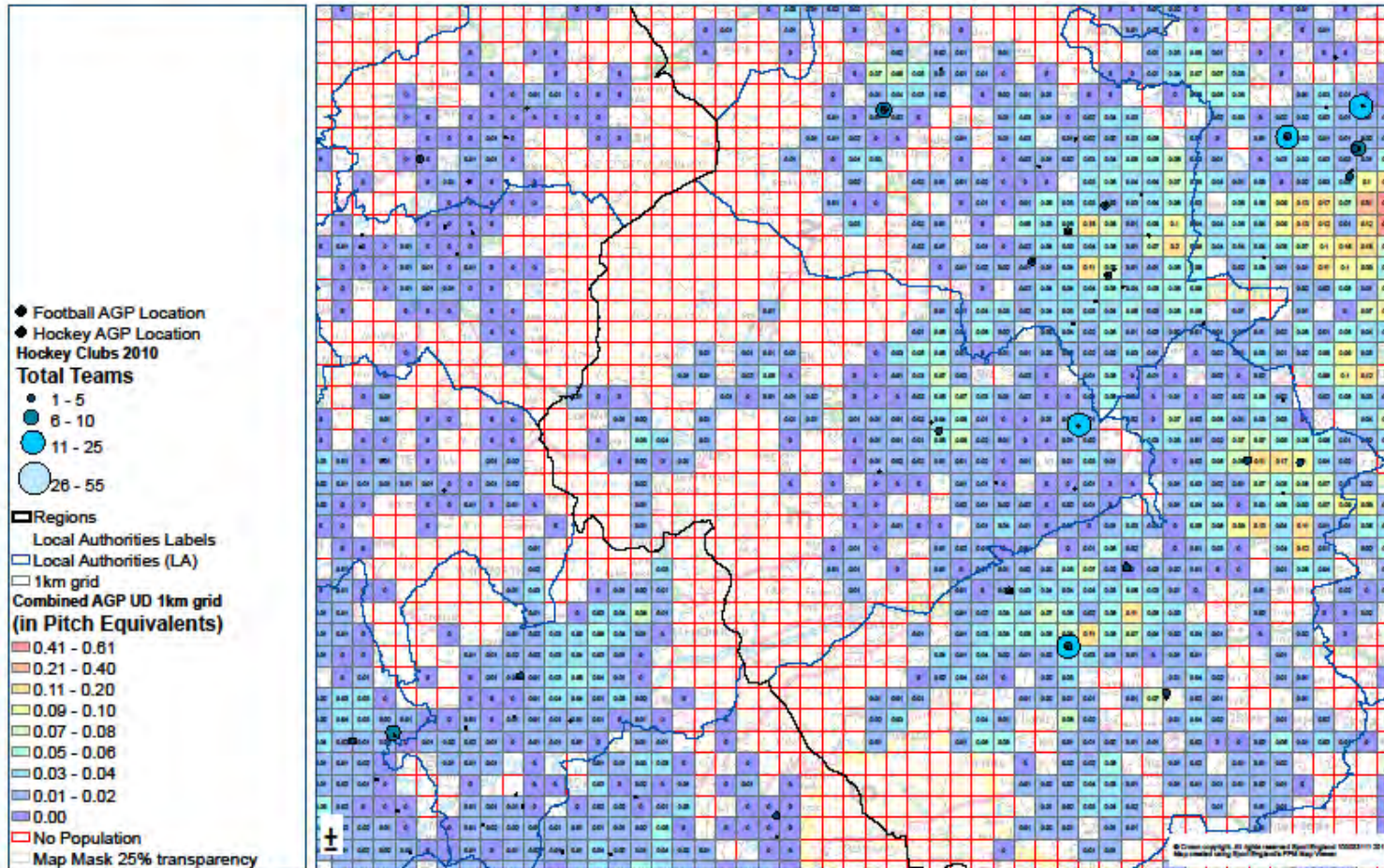
Map 2. Aggregated Unmet Demand



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Facility Planning Model - Combined AGPs 2011 Unmet Demand Run for Calderdale

Unmet Demand shown thematically (colours) at output area level and also aggregated at 1km square grid (figure labels). UD at output area level expressed as visits per week in the peak period (vpwpp). UD at 1km square grid level expressed as pitch equivalent (740 vpwpp = 1 pitch).



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Map 3. Personal/Relative Share

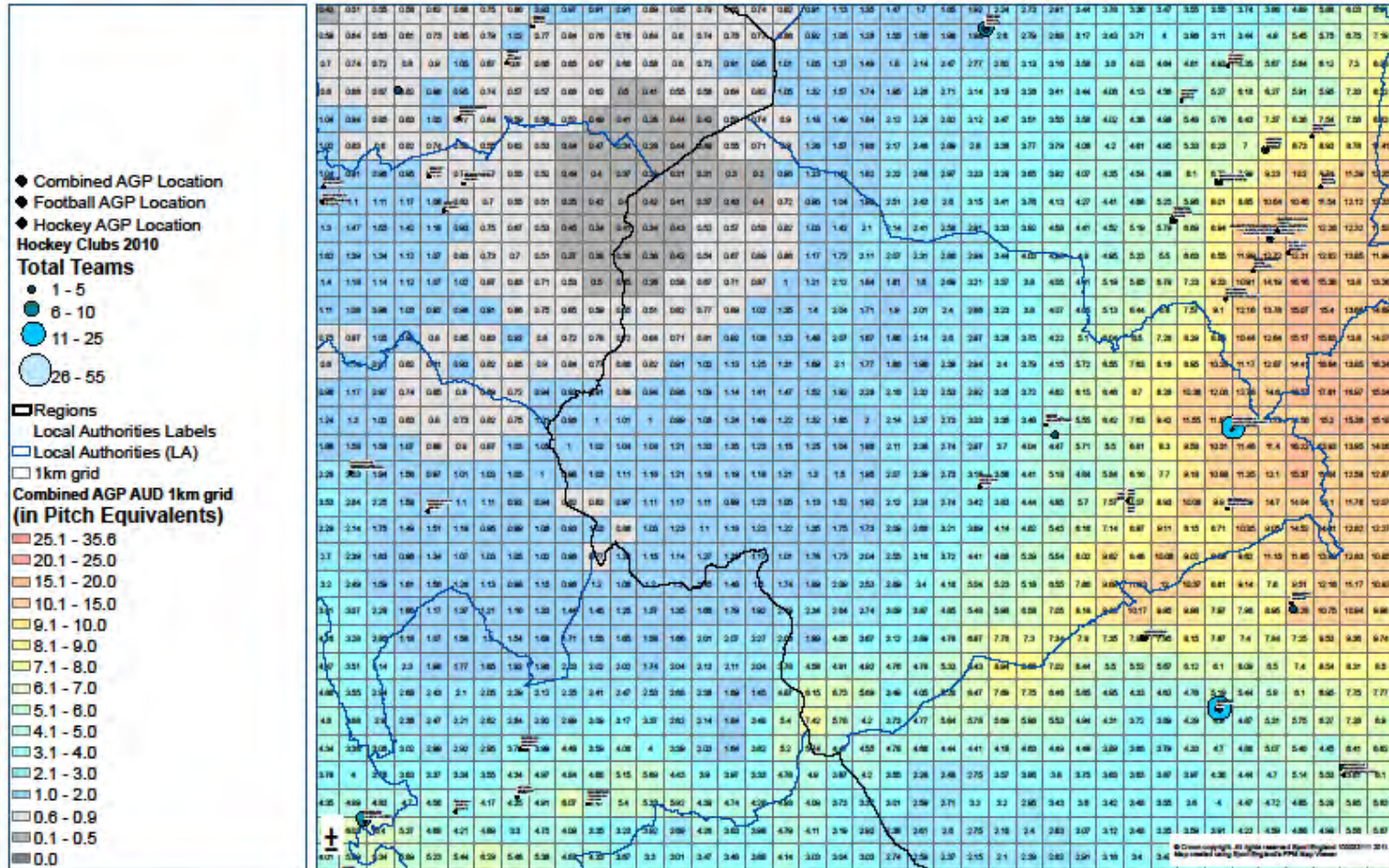
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7.11 Objectives, Recommendations and Policy Options

- Further analysis is required of the AGP data in order to assess where the greatest need for AGP facilities is in order that our supply can meet that demand.
- An action plan and priority list will be established that will complement the sport specific plans.

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8 Area Based Assessment Analysis

8.1 Introduction

This following section provides a summary of pitch and non-pitch provision in Calderdale. Provision was identified through a variety of means including Council records, league handbooks and interviews with key stakeholders and site visits. They illustrate pitch provision under the following tables:

- Type and total number of pitches.
- Pitches that are either used or are available for community use, including primary schools, secondary schools and colleges.
- Pitches that are available for community use with pitch sport comments including temporal demand analysis.
- Pitches that have no community use, including non-community use school comments.
- Key sites.

The tables within this part of the report provide an area-by-area analysis of the use and an assessment of the quality of the majority of pitch sites within Calderdale. There are separate pitch sport tables for football, rugby, cricket and hockey for each analysis area. The structure is as follows:

- Halifax Central analysis area.
- Halifax North and East analysis area.
- Lower Valley analysis area.
- Upper Valley analysis area.

The columns entitled matches refer to temporal demand or when the teams play. A figure of 1.0 for instance would be representative of two teams using that pitch on a home and away basis (every other week). This means that that pitch is receiving one game at that time every week.

These ratings will assist with the identification of sites for improvement/development, rationalisation etc. In doing so the qualitative rating of the site also needs to be taken into consideration (see below).

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Each pitch site that has been identified as offering community use is included and the following details are provided where available:

- Location.
- Number and type of pitches.
- Provision of ancillary facilities.
- Usage including when games are played (temporal demand).
- Qualitative information from pitch managers and users.

Each pitch, whether football, cricket, rugby or hockey, has been given a quality grading. This was calculated taking into account Sport England visual assessment¹ (see appendix for example) and comments from site users and managers. The following scale is used:

- Good.
- Acceptable.
- Poor.

The column entitled 'matches per week' is split into three sections – play, capacity and rating.

¹ From the Electronic Toolkit accompanying 'Towards A Level Playing Field'

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Football and rugby

Play refers to temporal demand or when the teams play. A figure of 1.0 in this column for instance would be representative of two teams using that pitch on a home and away basis (every other week). This means that that pitch is receiving one game at that time every week. This is taken from the 2004/05 season.

Calculation of *capacity* is based on the qualitative ratings. Taking into consideration SE guidelines¹ on capacity the following was concluded:

- If a pitch is rated as 'good' its capacity is specified as two matches per week.
- If a pitch is rated as 'acceptable' its capacity is specified as one match per week.
- If a pitch is rated as 'poor' its capacity is specified as one match every other week.

School pitches have been issued with a different capacity rating. This is due to the fact that school pitches generally have more usage because of curricular and extra curricular school based use and therefore generally have higher levels of maintenance. School pitches have thus been identified to have the following capacity ratings:

- If a pitch is rated as 'good' its capacity is specified as four matches per week.
- If a pitch is rated as 'acceptable' its capacity is specified as two matches per week.
- If a pitch is rated as 'poor' its capacity is specified as one match per week.

A colour coded *rating* is then given by comparing the above information:

- Red - the pitch is being used over capacity.
- Amber - the pitch is played to capacity.
- Green - the pitch is being used under capacity.

¹ Sport England – 'Towards A Level Playing Field'

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This is followed by commentary relating the capacity rating to specific site/pitch issues. Where it is indicated that the level of provision is 'sufficient', this indicates that none of the pitches in the area (for the particular sports), are rated as poor quality and/or played 'over capacity', neither has any latent demand been identified by users. This is not to say that improvements to sites are not required. Conversely, where an insufficient level of provision has been identified this is because one or more sites/pitches have been rated as poor quality and/or are being over-played and/or latent demand has been expressed.

Following consultation with league secretaries it is noted that in Calderdale U15, U16 and U17 teams play on senior sized football pitches. The capacity rating does not take into account this type of play i.e. juniors playing on senior pitches. Where a large number of junior/mini teams are playing on a site, particularly if they are playing on senior pitches this often results in pitches being overplayed on the capacity rating. Many pitches are able to withstand more matches being played on by junior/mini teams than senior teams. Wherever this occurs comment is made next to the capacity rating.

Provisos

There are a number of provisos that need to be taken into account with regards to the following analysis tables as there may be some discrepancies between the SE visual rating and the consultation comments:

- Schools may have been rated as poor via the SE rating and acceptable/good through consultation. This may arise as the SE quality assessment increases rating if there is changing accommodation available. A number of the schools however have no changing accommodation available for community use.
- There may be some user information missing from some of the sites. This is because, although questionnaires were sent out to all users, some did not respond.

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8.2 Halifax Central analysis area – sport by sport analysis

Football

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Consultation Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
1	Cemetery Field	LA	Yes		1								-	1.0		No changing facilities
23	Savile Park	LA	Yes	14			1			6			21.0	42.0		Events and informal use limit capacity
24	Spring Hall	LA	Yes			1							-	0.5		Sloping pitch
33	Grantham Road Rec	LA	Yes	1									2.0	2.0		New MUGA planned which will be used for training
83	Long Lane Playing Field	Private	Yes	1									3.5	2.0		
85	Hollins Mill Leisure Park	Private	Yes	2									1.0	4.0		
94	The Shay	LA	Yes	1									2.0	2.0		Shared with Halifax RLFC. Drainage issues restricts its use.
95	Milner Royd Playing Field	LA	Yes			1							-	0.5		No changing facilities
104	Withinfields Primary School	LA	Yes							2			-	8.0		
134	Beech Hill Junior and Infant School	LA	Yes					1					-	2.0		
156	Holy Trinity Primary School	LA	Yes						1		2		-	3.0		

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Rugby League

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
23	Savile Park	LA	Yes	2						0.5	4.0		
92	Siddal Rugby Club	Private	Yes	2						5.5	4.0		
93	Ellen Royd Playing Field	0	Yes		1					0.5	1.0		
94	The Shay	LA	Yes	1						2.0	2.0		Shared with FC Halifax Town. Drainage issues restricts its use.

Rugby Union

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
72	Old Crossleians Cricket and Squash Club	Club	Yes	2	1							1.5	5.0			
208	Old Rishworthians	Private	Yes	2								5.0	4.0			

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Cricket

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches					Comments
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Other	
41	Park Lane High School	LA	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	-	
50	Sowerby Bridge Cricket Club (West End CC)	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	2.5	
55	Copley Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	1.5	-	3.0	
60	Southowram Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	1.5	
68	The Ramsdens (Old King Cross Cricket Club)	Club	Yes	1		-	-	-	-	-	
72	Old Crossleians Cricket and Squash Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	1.0	

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8.3 Halifax North and East analysis area – sport by sport analysis

Football

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments	
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating		
19	Shelf Hall Park	LA	Yes	1							1			1.0	3.0		
20	Warley Recreation Ground	LA	Yes			1								-	0.5		No changing facilities
21	Roils Head Playing Fields	LA	Yes	4										-	8.0		Changing facilities closed waiting repair. Location of pitches is very exposed to the weather
22	Ling Bob Playing Fields	LA	Yes					2						3.5	2.0		No changing facilities
25	Shroggs Park	LA	Yes	1			1							1.5	4.0		
26	Four Fields	LA	Yes						1					-	0.5		Asset transferred to OSCA
27	Natty Lane Recreation Ground	LA	Yes	2										2.5	4.0		
28	Crossleys Sports Ground (Illingworth Sports and Social Club)	LA	Yes	1			2							4.0	6.0		Site leased to Illingworth RLFC
29	Moor Lane Recreation Ground	LA	Yes					1						1.5	1.0		
30	Holmfield Recreation Ground	LA	Yes			1								1.5	0.5		

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Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
31	Beechwood Park	LA	Yes		1			1				1	1.0	2.5		
32	Bradshaw Park	LA	Yes					1					-	1.0		
35	Northowram Recreation Ground	LA	Yes	1									1.0	2.0		
44	The Ridings School	LA	Yes		1								-	2.0		School closed. Pitch not in use
91	Halifax Vandals RUFC	Private	Yes		1								-	1.0		
108	Whitehill Primary School	LA	Yes				2						0.5	8.0		
144	Abbey Park Junior, Infant and Nursery School	LA	Yes					1					2.0	2.0		
160	Moorside Community Primary School	LA	Yes				1						0.5	4.0		
200	Shelf Junior & Infant School	LA	Yes					1					-	2.0		
206	Northowram Junior School	LA	Yes						1				5.0	1.0		
212	Halifax High School	LA	Yes		1								-	2.0		

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Rugby League

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
26	Four Fields	LA	Yes	2						4.5	4.0		Asset transferred to OSCA. Pitch improvements planned.
28	Crossleys Sports Ground (Illingworth Sports abd Social Club)	LA	Yes	1						1.0	2.0		

Rugby Union

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
87	Halifax Rugby Club (Ovenden Park)	LA	Yes	2					1				3.5	4.5		
91	Halifax Vandals RUFC	Private	Yes	3			1						1.5	8.0		

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Cricket

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches					Comments
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Other	
52	The Ainleys (Illingworth St Mary's Cricket Club)	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	1.0	-	1.5	
53	Westercroft Lane (Northowram Cricket Club)	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	1.0	
66	Bradshaw Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	2.0	
71	Northowram Hedge Top	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	3.0	
75	Shelf Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	0.5	
80	Warley Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	2.0	
212	Halifax High School	LA	Yes	1		-	-	-	-	-	

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8.4 Lower Valley analysis area – sport by sport analysis

Football

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
9	Greetland Recreation Ground/Goldfields	LA	Yes	4			1			3			16.0	16.0		
10	Stainland Recreation Ground	LA	Yes		1								1.0	1.0		
11	Clayhouse Park	LA	Yes						1				1.0	0.5		
12	Hullen Edge Recreation Ground	LA	Yes		2								4.0	2.0		
13	Field Lane	LA	Yes			2							-	1.0		
14	Carr Green Rec	LA	Yes		1								2.0	1.0		
16	Lane Head Recreation Ground	LA	Yes			2							1.5	1.0		
18	Bailiff Bridge Recreation Ground	LA	Yes			2							4.0	1.0		Site leased to Clifton Rangers. Pitch improvement work planned.
36	Woodhead Recreation Ground	LA	Yes								1		-	0.5		
39	Hipperholme and Lightcliffe School	LA	Yes	2			1						15.5	12.0		
45	Rastrick High School	LA	Yes	2									-	8.0		
46	Brighouse High School	LA	Yes	2			1						-	12.0		
47	Brooksbank School	LA	Yes		1		1						0.5	6.0		
81	Brighouse Town FC	Club	Yes	1						3			2.0	8.0		

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Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Com m Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
138	Longroyde Junior School	LA	Yes					1					-	2.0		
157	Holywell Green Primary School	LA	Yes						2				-	2.0		
159	Lightcliffe C.E. Primary School	LA	Yes				1						-	4.0		
162	Old Earth Primary School	LA	Yes		1								-	2.0		
167	St. Andrews C.E. Junior School	LA	Yes				1						5.0	4.0		
198	Broad Oak Park	Private	Yes	1			1			1			10.0	6.0		
222	Hipperholme Grammar School	Private	Yes	3									-	12.0		

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Rugby League

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
9	Greetland Recreation Ground/Goldfields	LA	Yes	2			1			2.0	6.0		
10	Stainland Recreation Ground	LA	Yes		1					0.5	1.0		
17	Wellholme Park	LA	Yes		1					-	1.0		
39	Hipperholme and Lightcliffe School	LA	Yes	1						-	4.0		
45	Rastrick High School	LA	Yes	1						-	4.0		
67	Brighouse Sports Club	Club	Yes	2						4.5	4.0		
225	Greetland Allrounders	0	Yes	2						4.0	4.0		

Rugby Union

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
89	Old Brodleians Rugby Club	Private	Yes	2									5.0	4.0		
90	Heath Rugby Club	Private	Yes	2									1.5	4.0		
222	Hipperholme Grammar School	Private	Yes	2									1.0	8.0		

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Cricket

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches					Comments
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Other	
10	Stainland Recreation Ground	LA	Yes	1		-	0.5	-	-	-	
51	Elland Cricket Club and Athletic Club	Club	Yes	1		-	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	
62	Greetland Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	0.5	
63	New Hey Rd (Badger Hill Cricket Club)	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	-	
65	Outlane Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	2.0	-	0.5	2.5	
67	Brighouse Sports Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	1.0	
69	Lightcliffe Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		0.5	1.0	1.5	-	1.0	
74	Rastrick Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	1.5	-	-	
214	Blackley Cricket Club	Private	Yes	1		-	-	0.5	-	2.0	

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8.5 Upper Valley analysis area – sport by sport analysis

Football

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
2	Holmes Park	LA	Yes	1									0.5	2.0		Fenced pitch. Very poor changing rooms.
3	Midgley Recreation Ground	LA	Yes	1			1						3.5	4.0		
4	White Lee Recreation Ground	LA	Yes	1									3.0	2.0		
5	Calder Holmes Park	LA	Yes	1									2.0	2.0		
6	Centre Vale Park	LA	Yes	3			2						6.0	10.0		
7	Scott St/Walsden Rec	LA	Yes	1									1.0	2.0		
8	Ripponden Wood Recreation Ground	LA	Yes		1		1						5.0	3.0		Asset transfer request
49	Ryburn Valley High School	LA	Yes	2			1						-	12.0		
76	Sowerby St. Peters	Club	Yes								1		-	0.5		
82	Brearley Playing Fields	LA	Yes			3			1				5.0	2.0		Flooding issues
84	Stubbing Playing Field	LA	Yes			1							-	0.5		Asset transfer request
110	Ferney Lee Primary School	LA	Yes				1						-	4.0		
165	Ripponden Primary School	LA	Yes				1						-	4.0		

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Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Mini			Matches per week			Comments
				G	A	P	G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating	
172	Triangle C.E. Primary School	LA	Yes				1						-	4.0		
203	Bellholme Sports Ground	Trust	Yes	2									2.5	4.0		
215	Harley Wood Playing Fields	LA	Yes		1								-	1.0		Poor drainage, not used.

Rugby League

KKP ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Senior			Junior			Matches per week			Comments		
				G	A	P	G	A	P	play	cap	rating			
49	Ryburn Valley High School	LA	Yes				1					-	4.0		
82	Brearely Playing Fields	LA	Yes		2							-	2.0		Flooding issues

Ruby Union

There is no rugby union provision in the Upper Valley area

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Cricket

Ref	Site name	Site Owner	Comm Use	Pitches		Matches					Comments
				SCr	JCr	Sat am	Sat pm	Sun am	Sun pm	Other	
54	Sowerby Bridge Church Institute Cricket Club	Trust	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	2.5	
56	Booth Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	2.0	
57	Mytholmroyd Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	1.0	
58	Bridgeholme Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	-	
59	Walsden Cricket and Bowling Club	Trust	Yes	1		2.0	1.5	-	-	-	
64	Barkisland Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		0.5	1.0	0.5	-	2.0	
70	Luddendenfoot Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	-	-	2.0	
73	Old Town Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	1.0	
76	Sowerby St. Peters	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	1.5	
77	Stones Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	0.5	
78	Todmorden Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		2.5	1.5	-	-	-	
79	Triangle Cricket Club	Club	Yes	1		-	1.0	0.5	-	1.5	

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9 SHORTFALL, ADEQUACY AND REQUIREMENT

9.1 Introduction

This section carries out various analyses on the information outlined in the previous sections. The analysis follows the guidelines in Sport England's 'Towards A Level Playing Field' and includes:

- Adequacy and latent demand.
- Current demand (team generation rates (TGRs))
- Future demand (population growth).
- Pattern of play (temporal supply and demand analysis (SE Playing Pitch Model)).
- Qualitative local standards.

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9.1.1 Identified adequacy and latent demand

In analysing the adequacy of current provision, latent demand should be considered. This is demand that cannot be expressed because of lack of access to pitches or other ancillary facilities. Factors to take into account when assessing latent demand are outlined below:

Factors	Influences
Current frustrated demand	<p>Poor facilities was one of the main issues raised by football league secretaries and is a particular issue in trying to increase women and girls participation. The migration of older youth teams to play in neighboring leagues is also said to be due to poor facilities in Calderdale.</p> <p>Displacement (i.e. teams displaced from their preferred home ground) as identified through the sports club questionnaire:</p> <p>Triangle FC – Lease Milner Royd but have stopped playing there as no changing facilities.</p> <p>Crossley Juniors – Not enough capacity at Illingworth Sports and Social Club.</p>
Influence of sports development initiatives	Sport England's Strategy 2012-17 includes initiatives to open schools facilities for community use, investment in facilities and doorstep clubs for disadvantaged communities.
Quality of pitches/changing	Poor quality facilities identified through questionnaires/site visits (as detailed in the main body of this report) may restrict new players from being attracted to sport or result in poor retention levels.
London Olympics 2012	The London Olympics has led to a number of initiatives to try and capture the increased public interest in sport to increase participation
Pricing	Increases in pitch charges have made memberships unaffordable for some teams.
Sport in schools	If the profile of school sport is increased it may impact upon after-school clubs, inter school matches and more young people playing teams sports beyond school hours and schools years.

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Factors	Influences
Impact of mini sports	The new 9 v9 initiative to encourage progression from small sided to the 11 sided is expected to increase participation in football
Lifestyle changes and other activities competing for leisure time	The effect of these other competing demands may be to reduce overall demand for formal pitch sports. For example, small sided soccer may lead to fewer teams playing on Sunday mornings. Or on the other hand, people who start playing indoor small sided football for fun or to get fit may be encouraged to move to the 11 aside game.

9.1.2 Team generation rates (TGRs)

TGRs indicate how many people in a specified age group are currently required to generate one team. They are derived by dividing the appropriate population age band in a given area by the number of teams in that area in that age band. The TGR for each sport and age group has been calculated and used in modelling current adequacy and future demand. TGRs have been calculated for each analysis area in Calderdale. This is shown within sections 9.2 to 9.6.

The TGRs for each sport (football, rugby union, rugby league, cricket and hockey) in Calderdale are shown overleaf and are compared to the national average based on Sport England database of Playing Pitch Strategy information as at March 2012. The TGRs from Leeds have also been used as a comparison. This is based on Office of National Statistics (ONS) classification of similar authorities to Calderdale.

Where appropriate the current TGRs will be applied to the estimated 2019 population figures in order to predicted team growth (see section 6.1.3). In some instances, based on the conclusions drawn, aspirational TGRs will be set and applied to the 2019 population figures to provide the estimated team increase.

Football team generation rates

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TEAMS	Senior (16-45) Men's	Senior (16-45) Women's	Junior (10-15) Boys	Junior (10-15) Girls	Mini-soccer (6-9) Mixed
	80	1	141	16	123
	16-45 Men	16-45 Women	10-15 Boys	10-15 Girls	6-9 Mixed
	38,780	36,920	7,820	7,280	9,450
	TGRs	1:485	1:36,920	1:55	1:455
POPULATION 2001 Census					
NATIONAL AVERAGE	1:452	1:19,647	1:195	1:4,038	1:431
LEEDS	1:460	1:31,112	1:124	1:1,818	1:390

Calderdale has a slightly low TGR in comparison to many other local authorities in regards to senior mens and womens football. Since the last strategy the number of senior mens teams has fallen, In contrast the junior and mini games are thriving with high TGRs.

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Rugby league team generation rates

	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
TEAMS	22	1	31	2	4
POPULATION 2001 Census	18-45 Men	18-45 Women	13-17 Boys	16-17 Girls	8-12 Mixed
	35,188	36,777	6,255	2,283	12,000
TGRs	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
	1:1,641	1:36,920	1:214	1:3,120	1:3,000
NATIONAL AVERAGE	1:5,078	47,625	1:657	1:5,077	1:677
LEEDS	1:5,568	1:72,554	1:775	-	1:633

For rugby league, Calderdale has high team generation rates in both senior and junior participation compared with Leeds. In particular junior boys has a high TGR indicating relatively low latent demand. However mini rugby is much stronger in Leeds and indicates an area of development for Calderdale.

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Rugby union team generation rates

	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
TEAMS	18	1	13	-	13
POPULATION 2001 Census	18-45 Men	18-45 Women	13-17 Boys	16-17 Girls	8-12 Mixed
	35,188	36,777	6,255	2,283	12,000
	Senior (18-45) Men's	Senior (18-45) Women's	Junior (13-17) Boys	Junior (16-17) Girls	Mini-rugby (8-12) Mixed
TGRs	1:2,006	1:36,920	1:511	-	1:923
NATIONAL AVERAGE	1:7,032	1:43,770	1:2,105	1:19,524	1:2,639
LEEDS	1:2,729	1:14,510	1:1,213	-	1:956

Calderdale has relatively high senior team generation rates for rugby union in comparison with the national average, particularly for junior boys. Mini rugby has strengthened since the last strategy and now matches Leeds well above the national average

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Cricket team generation rates

	Senior (18-55) Men's	Senior (18-55) Women's	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
TEAMS	85	-	93	3
	18-55 Men	18-55 Women	11-17 Boys	11-17 Girls
POPULATION 2001 Census	50,290	51,770	9,250	8,680
	Senior (18-55) Men's	Senior (18-55) Women's	Junior (11-17) Boys	Junior (11-17) Girls
TGRs	1:592	-	1:99	1:2,893
NATIONAL AVERAGE	1:1,415	1:72,518	1:1,481	1:21,052
LEEDS	1:1,070	1:47,177	-	-

The relatively large number of cricket teams within Calderdale means that the team generation rates are above those for both Leeds and the national average. There has been an increase in junior boys teams since the last strategy. The complete lack of ladies teams in the area suggests that there is potentially high level of latent demand.

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9.1.4 Pattern of play

The temporal demand for games is the proportion of matches that are played each day at particular times, e.g., by looking at the temporal demand it can be identified that Sunday morning is the peak time for senior football matches in Calderdale. The supply and demand analysis compares the demand at various peak times with the number of pitches available for use. It has only been used to analyse the issues for football in Calderdale, as the issues surrounding provision for the other sports are relatively straightforward. The Playing Pitch Model (PPM) is used for this numerical analysis. The model is used to:

- Reflect the existing situation, using information on existing teams and pitches.
- Predict future requirements for pitches, by incorporating planned pitches and projected changes in population and participation.

Current Demand

	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 6		Stage 7 (S6- S5)											
	Nr of teams		Ratio		(S1 x S2)		Audit		Shortfall or surplus											
	Adult teams (senior)	Junior teams (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Nr of pitches (senior)	Nr of pitches (junior)	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week 1 Tuesday (senior)	Mid Week 1 Tuesday (junior)	Mid Week 2 Thursday (senior)	Mid Week 2 Thursday (junior)
Football																				
Total	81	157	0.5	0.5	41	79	84	38	84.0	59.7	38.0	38.0	84.0	68.6	-34.2	38.0	83.2	31.7	84.0	38.0

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

Stage 6

Stage 7 (S6- S5)

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	Nr of teams		Ratio	(S1 x S2)		Audit		Shortfall or surplus								
	Teams	Team equivalents		Games per week	Games per week	Equivalent games per week	Nr of mini pitches	Nr of pitches (adult equiv)	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week 1	Mid Week 2		
Mini soccer																
Total	123	4.39	0.5	61.5	2.2	20	5	20.0	20.0	-41.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0

Despite a large surplus of senior football pitches there are shortfalls in junior and mini football. This would suggest that junior teams are currently using adult pitches. The high surplus of senior pitches could also be accounted for by the number single pitch sites without changing accommodation that are therefore underused.

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	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 6		Stage 7 (S6- S5)											
	Nr of teams		Ratio		(S1 x S2)		Audit		Shortfall or surplus											
Rugby League	Adult teams (senior)	Junior teams (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Nr of pitches (senior)	Nr of pitches (junior)	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week 1 Tuesday (senior)	Mid Week 1 Tuesday (junior)	Mid Week 2 Thursday (senior)	Mid Week 2 Thursday (junior)
Total	23	33	0.5	0.5	12	16.5	21	2	21.0	11.6	0	0	21.0	20.0	-12.5	0	20.0	0	21.0	0

Despite a surplus of senior rugby league pitches there is a shortfall of junior rugby pitches. It is acceptable that some junior rugby is played on or across senior sized pitches. The over supply of senior pitches will go someway towards meeting the shortfall of junior pitches.

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	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3 (S1 x S2)		Stage 6		Stage 7 (S6- S5)											
	Nr of teams		Ratio				Audit		Shortfall or surplus											
Rugby Union	Adult teams (senior)	Junior teams (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Nr of pitches (senior)	Nr of pitches (junior)	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)	Mid Week 1 Tuesday (senior)	Mid Week 1 Tuesday (junior)	Mid Week 2 Thursday (senior)	Mid Week 2 Thursday (junior)
Total	19	12	0.5	0.5	9.5	6	16	2	15.9	7.0	2.0	2.0	16.0	15.5	-3.0	1.0	16.0	2.0	16.0	2.0

Despite a surplus of senior rugby union pitches there are shortfalls in junior and mini rugby. It is acceptable that some mini rugby is marked with cones rather than having a formal pitch or that some is played over junior/senior pitches, particularly given the surplus of senior pitches.

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	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 6		Stage 7 (S6- S5)							
	Nr of teams		Ratio		(S1 x S2)		Audit		Shortfall or surplus							
	Adult teams (senior)	Junior teams (junior)	Games per week(senior)	Games per week(junior)	Games per week(senior)	Games per week(junior)	Nr of pitches		Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)
Cricket																
Total	85	93	0.7	0.7	60	65.1	33		-10.4	33	27.8	33	19.3	31.8	27.8	33

There appears to be a shortfall of pitches at peak time (Saturday)

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Future Demand

The model below takes into account the additional number of teams generated by the estimated population growth by 2019 taken from the 2008-based Subnational Population Projections taken across 5 year age bands.

Football Future Year	Predicted teams			Stage 1 Nr of teams		Stage 2 Ratio		Stage 3 (S1 x S2)		Stage 6 Audit		Stage 7 (S6- S5) Shortfall or surplus							
	Nr of teams calculated from TGR (adult + junior)	Growth factor	New number of teams	Adult teams (senior)	Junior teams (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Nr of pitches (senior)	Nr of pitches (junior)	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)
Total	243.9	10%	268.3	96.6	171.7	0.5	1	48.3	85.8	84	38	84.0	55.0	38.0	38.0	84.0	65.7	41.0	38.0
	Assume			36%	64%														
				adult	junior														

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Mini Soccer Future Year	teams Nr of teams calculated from TGR	Growth factor	Nr of teams		Ratio Games per week	(S1 x S2)		Audit		Shortfall or surplus							
			New number of mini teams	New team equivalents		Games per week	Equivalent Games per week	Nr of mini pitches	Nr of pitches (adult equiv)	Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday AM	Sunday PM	Mid Week 1	Mid Week 2		
Total	126.0	10%	138.6	5.0	0.5	69.3	2.5	20	5	20.0	20.0	49.3	20.0	20.0	20.0		

Cricket Future Year	Nr of teams calculated from TGR	Growth factor	New number of teams	Stage 1 Nr of teams		Stage 2 Ratio		Stage 3 (S1 x S2)		Stage 6 Audit		Stage 7 (S6- S5) Shortfall or surplus							
				Adult teams	Junior teams	Games per week(senior)	Games per week(junior)	Games per week(senior)	Games per week(junior)	Nr of pitches		Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)
Total	185.5	10%	204.01	102.0	102.0	0.7	1	71.4	71.4	33		-19.1	33.0	27.3	33.0	16.6	31.6	27.3	33.0
	Assume			50%	50%														

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		adult junr		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 6		Stage 7 (S6- S5)							
Rugby Union Future Year	Nr of teams calculated from TGR	Growth factor	New number of teams	Nr of teams		Ratio		(S1 x S2)		Audit		Shortfall or surplus							
				Adult teams (senior)	Junior teams (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Nr of pitches (senior)	Nr of pitches (junior)	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)
Total	32.8	10%	36.1	20.9	15.1	0.5	1	10.46	7.57	16	2	15.9	6.1	2.0	2.0	16.0	15.5	-4.3	0.7

				Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 6		Stage 7 (S6- S5)							
Rugby League Future Year	Nr of teams calculated from TGR	Growth factor	New number of teams	Nr of teams		Ratio		(S1 x S2)		Audit		Shortfall or surplus							
				Adult teams (senior)	Junior teams (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Games per week (senior)	Games per week (junior)	Nr of pitches (senior)	Nr of pitches (junior)	Saturday AM (senior)	Saturday PM (senior)	Saturday AM (junior)	Saturday PM (junior)	Sunday AM (senior)	Sunday PM (senior)	Sunday AM (junior)	Sunday PM (junior)
Total	57.4	10%	63.1	36.6	26.5	0.5	1	18.3	13.3	21	2	21.0	6.0	0.4	2.0	21.0	19.4	-9.7	2.0

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There is no significant change in pitch supply for example from surpluses to shortfalls or vice versa across any of the sports. Where there were already shortfalls, these will only increase further.

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9.1.5 Qualitative Local Standard

Local standards for outdoor sports provision are usually based on a number of hectares per 1,000 population. **Fields in Trust (formerly known as the National Playing Fields Association)** outlines 1.21 hectares of formal outdoor sports pitches as an aspiration for provision. Local authorities can then use this figure as a benchmark.

However, taking this analysis a step further to identify within the pitch stock, adequate and inadequate provision and levels of latent demand in the area, makes the standard significantly more representative of the local situation. By factoring in this information a 'qualitative local standard' can be derived. That is to say a local standard, which takes into account local qualitative information.

The qualitative local standard is calculated by adding the hectarage of pitch stock available for community use to the identified shortfall/surplus of pitches (latent demand).

	No. of available pitches			Latent demand
	Senior	Junior	Mini	
Football	84	38	20	6 Junior 9v9, 1 Junior Beacon Rangers
Rugby League	21	2	-	-
Rugby Union	16	2	-	1 pitch Old Crocs, Old Brods, Rishworthians
Cricket	33	-	-	1 extra pitch Augustinians cc

	Ha. of available pitches			Total	Latent demand
	Senior	Junior	Mini		
Football	75.3312	27.4968	4.026	106.854	3.123
Rugby League	24.553	1.632	-	26.1852	-
Rugby Union	18.707	1.632	-	20.3392	3.508
Cricket	49.5	-	-	49.5	1.5
Ha/1000 population				0.984	0.039

Pitch space available for community use (ha per 1000)	0.984
Required additions (ha per 1000)	0.039
Local Standard (ha per 1000)	1.023

The data can be further analysed to provide area local standards.

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10 Summary of Objectives / Recommendations and Policy Options

Introduction

Throughout the document different objective, recommendations and policy options have been identified. Here they are put together. As stated earlier in the document this is the start and not the end of the process for improving the provision of outdoor sports facilities and these options will form the basis of more detailed and SMART action plans.

The NGBs have shown a willingness to work together to share resources where possible to maximise the benefits to the community and these options will help shape and direct those negotiations and more specific plans.

Football

Rugby League

- Prioritise support for those clubs that have achieved club mark.
- Encourage multi sport facility development.
- Continue to support OSCA to develop facilities in North Halifax.
- Supporting clubs with their change to summer rugby.
- Support clubs with access to dark night training facilities.

Rugby Union

- Improve quality of existing facilities at Halifax RUFC and increase number of changing rooms in order to increase participation throughout the club.
- Improve the pitch and changing/ club house (fire exit, lift, septic tank) at Heath RUFC. Also improve the car park and fencing and explore a netball area.
- Should Old Crossleyans RUFC develop junior and / or women's teams then both pitch improvements and increase / improvement of existing changing and showers should be implemented.
- As Old Brodleians has such a big junior section extra capacity needs to be looked at for a further pitch should surrounding land become available. A bigger storage area and additional changing provisions car park improvements also need developing.

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- Pitch improvements and / or additional pitches should they be available are required for Old Rishworthians as their big junior section leads to the overplaying of their current two pitches.

Tennis

- Prioritise support for clubs that are club marked, licensed and part of the Calderdale Community Tennis Partnership.
- Support the improvement of tennis facilities in the Todmorden area with Todmorden Tennis Club. Explore the potential to relocate the club to Centre Vale Park and improve the facilities there along with lease arrangements.
- Improve tennis provision within the Halifax area, focussing on general public provision linked to a Tennis Club/s.
- Support clubs and facility development within national guidelines for a club to be self-sustainable; 200 members per indoor court, 70 members per floodlit court, 50 members per outdoor court.
- All opportunities to play advertised on LTA find a court / AllPlay / Calderdale Council website.

Cricket

- Support clubs with indoor practice facilities, in terms of access & quality
- Support provision of high quality outdoor practice facilities for clubs, in line with YCB Facilities strategy and ECB recommended minimum standards
- Support facility development for clubs committed to the development of the Women & Girls game
- Support facility development and other resource availability for clubs committed to providing opportunities for people with disabilities
- Assist with the development of the Calderdale CDGs schools linking project
- Provide security fencing for Illingworth CC to ensure the clubs vandalism issued are resolved

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Hockey

- Where a school want a multi use surface for football and hockey, they should be encouraged to opt for the 40mm 3G pile length so that both sports can be played.
- Where hockey has a particular interest in a site and there is the potential for growth we should be pushing for sand based or sand dressed.
- Prioritise Rastrick and Ryburn as areas for hockey facility development.
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Schools

- Work with Schools to open there sports facilities for local community clubs in line with the new Youth Sport Strategy.
- Establish links between the clubs and schools, focussing on the facility requirements if clubs as identified in this strategy
- Ensure that new provision within schools meets the needs identified in this strategy

AGP

- Further analysis is required of the AGP data in order to assess where the greatest need for AGP facilities is in order that our supply can meet that demand.
- An action plan and priority list will be established that will complement th sport specific plans.