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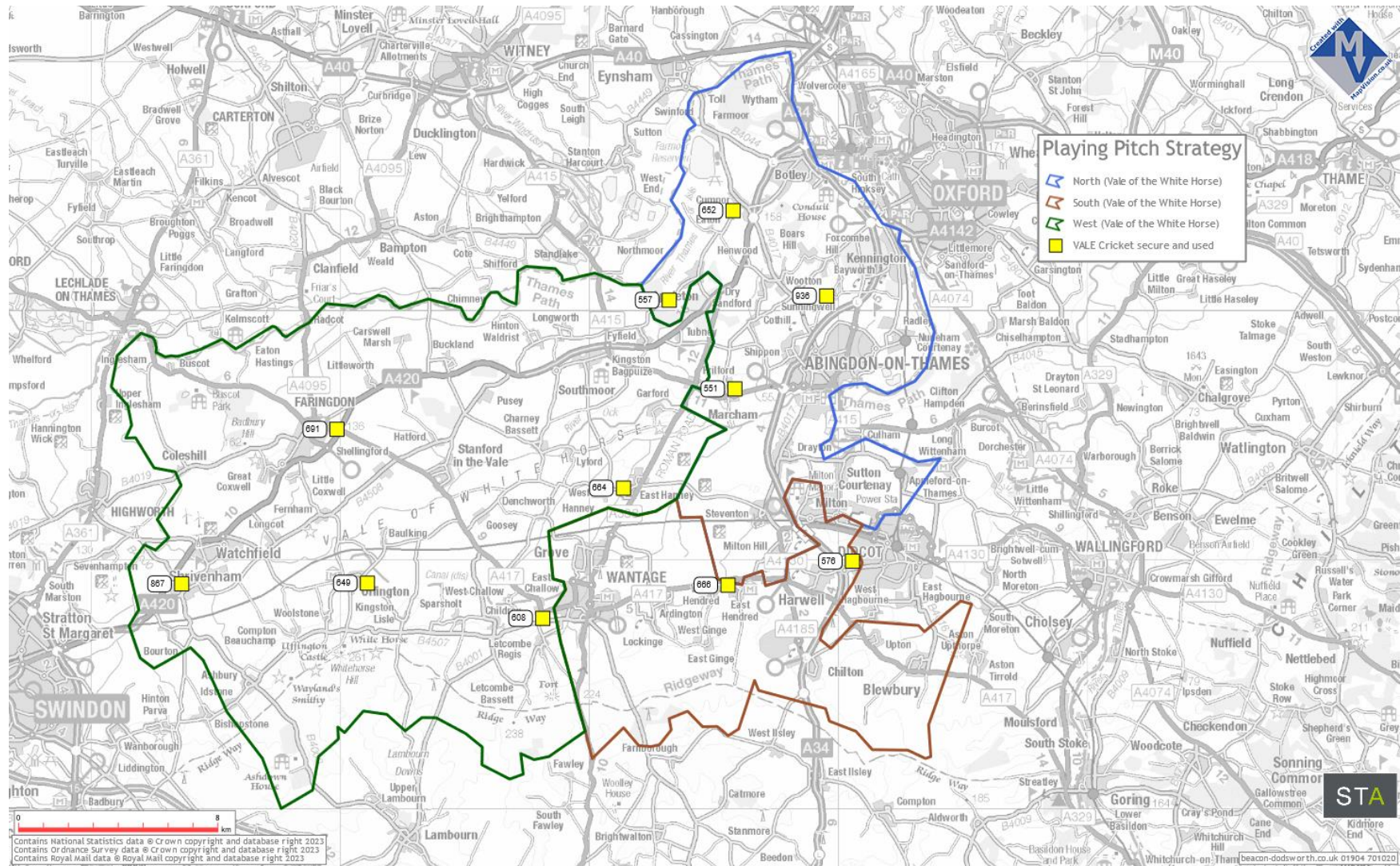
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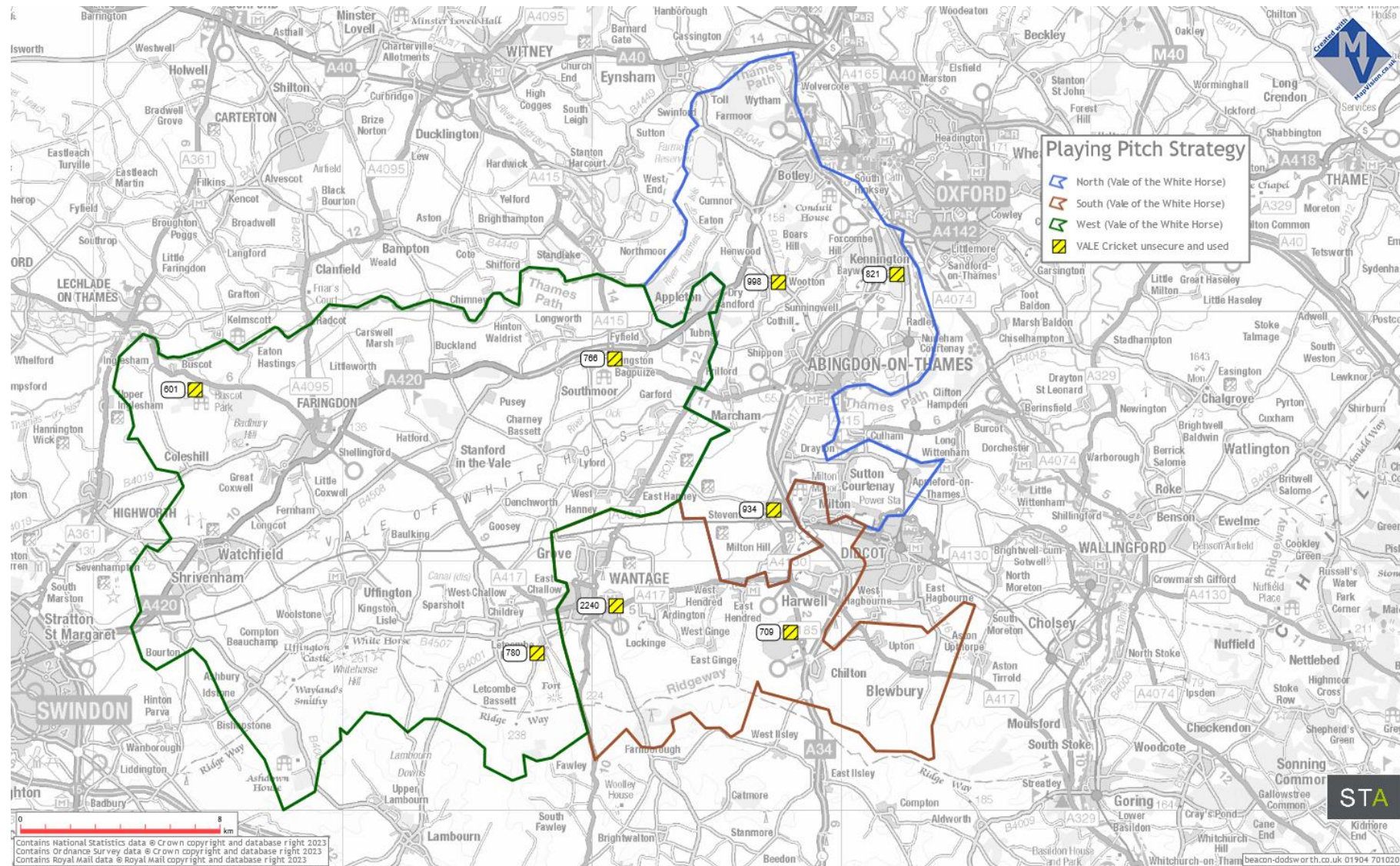
Appendix 1: Location Maps

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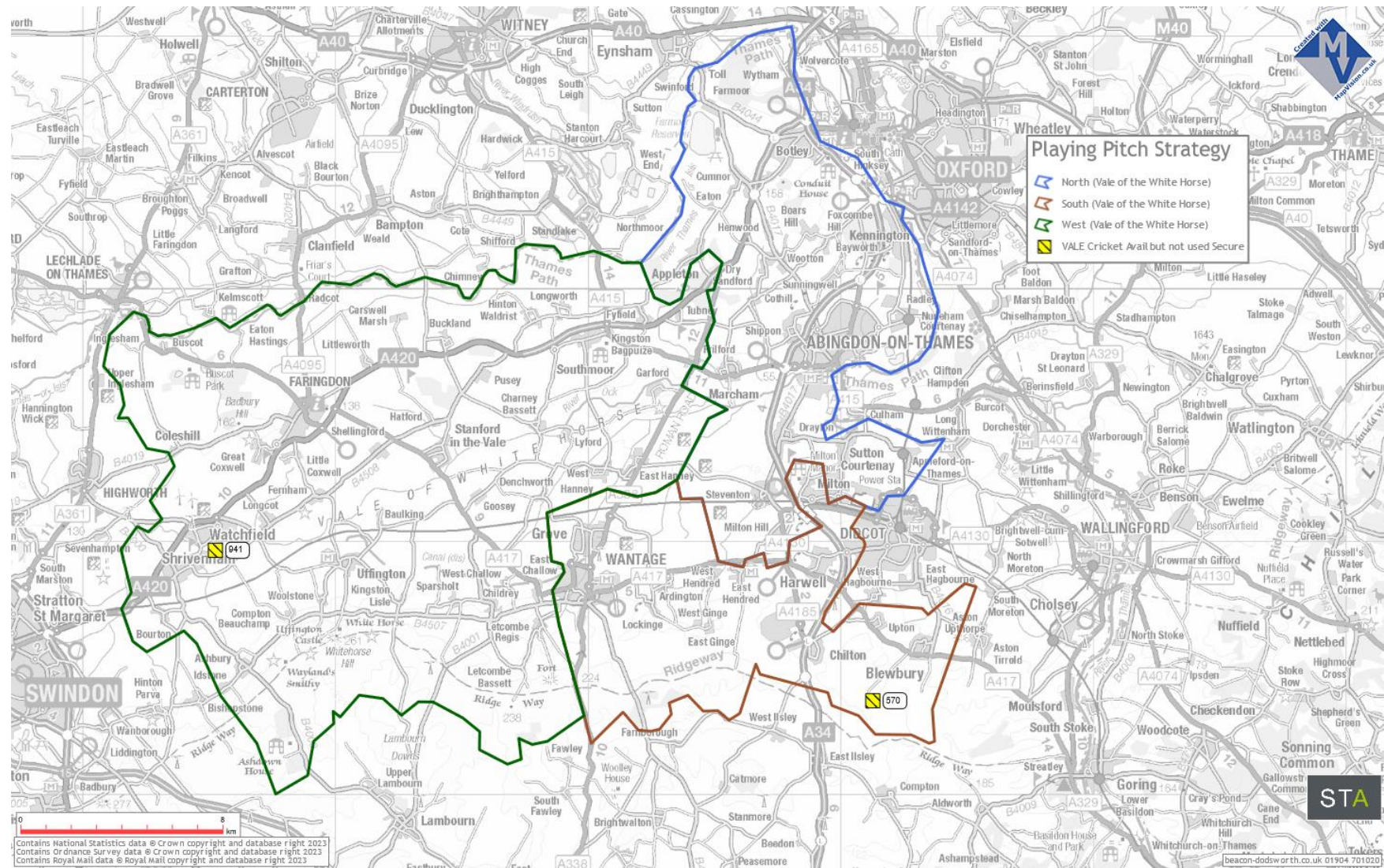
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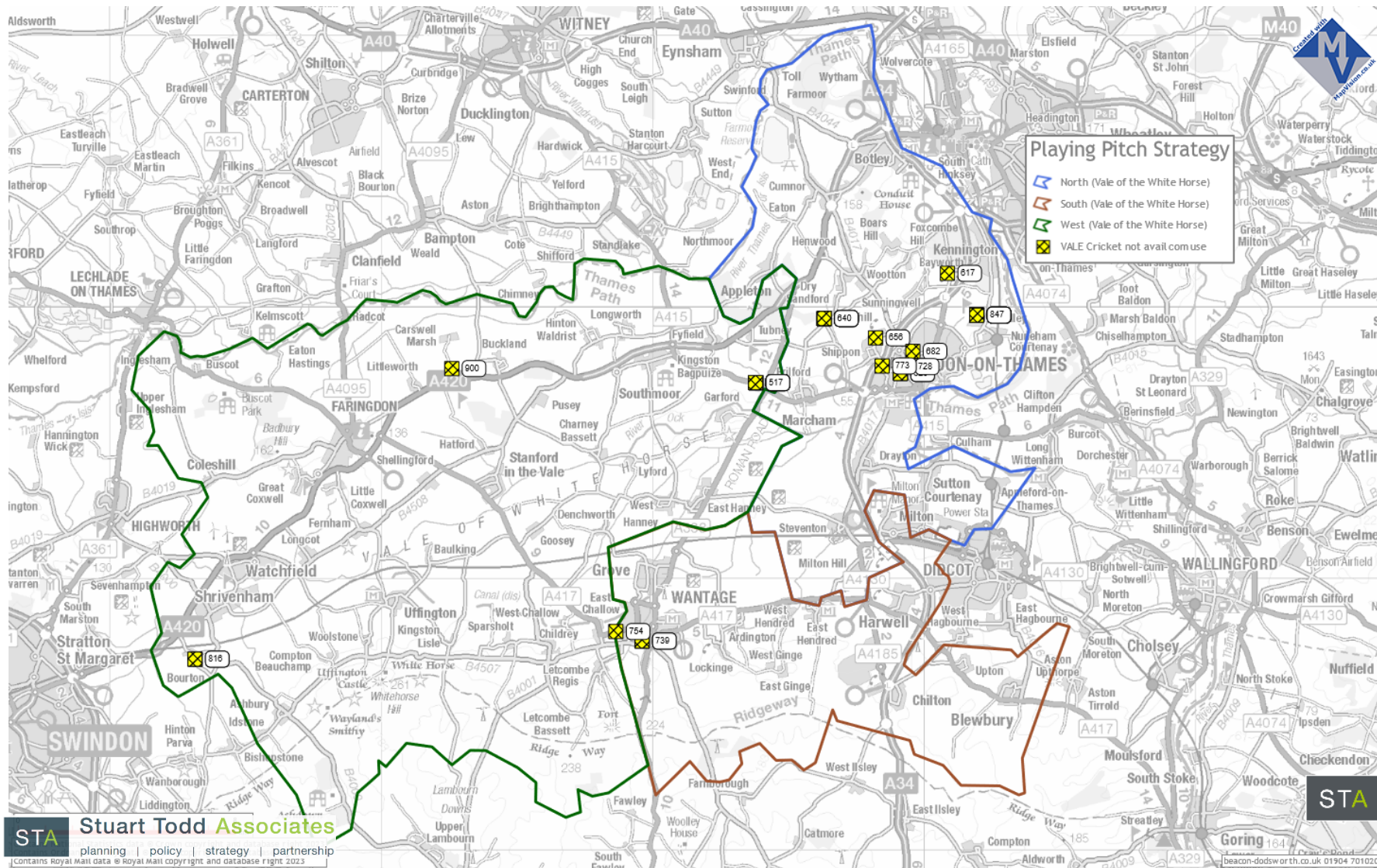
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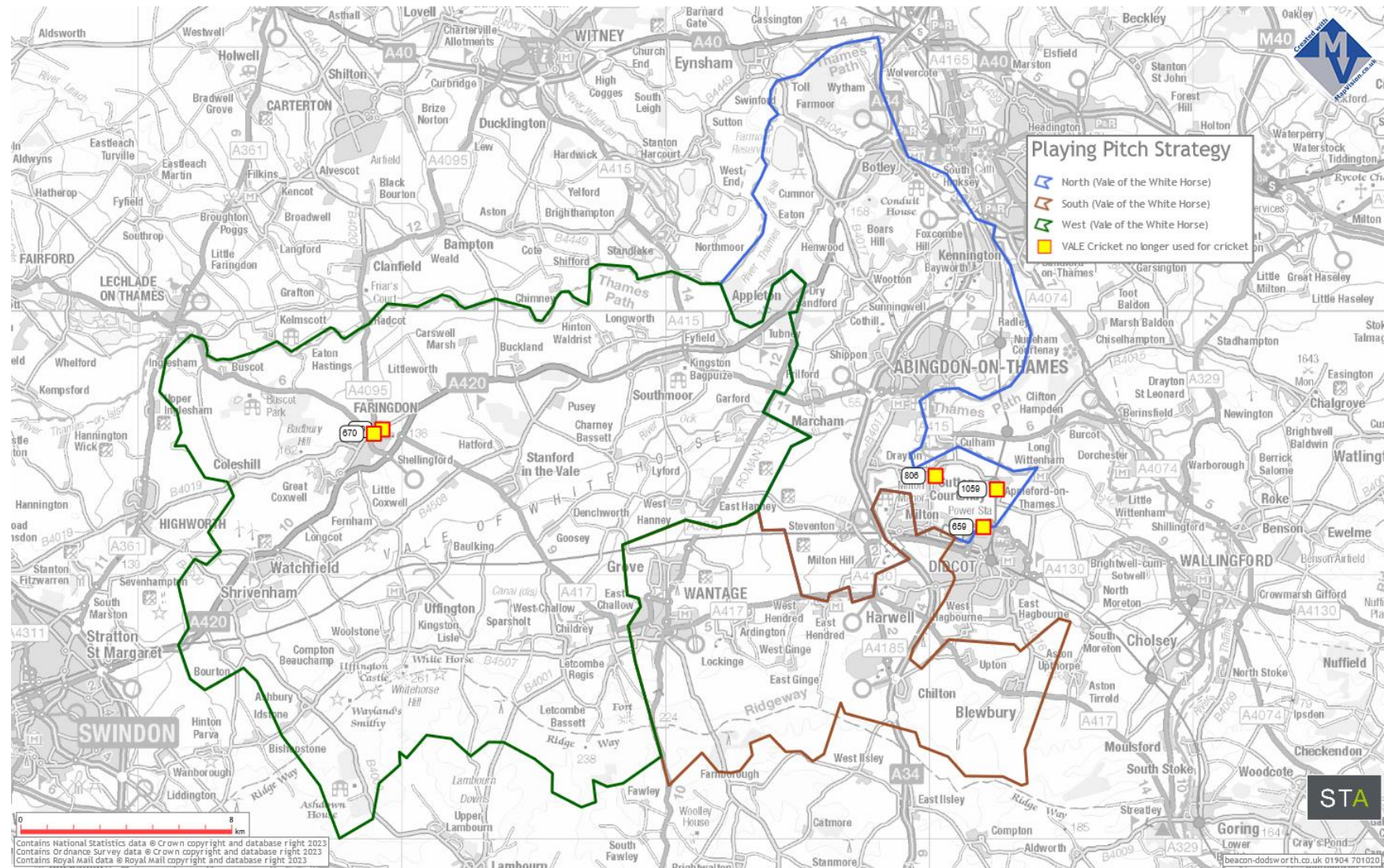
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All pitches (grass) – Not Available for Community Use

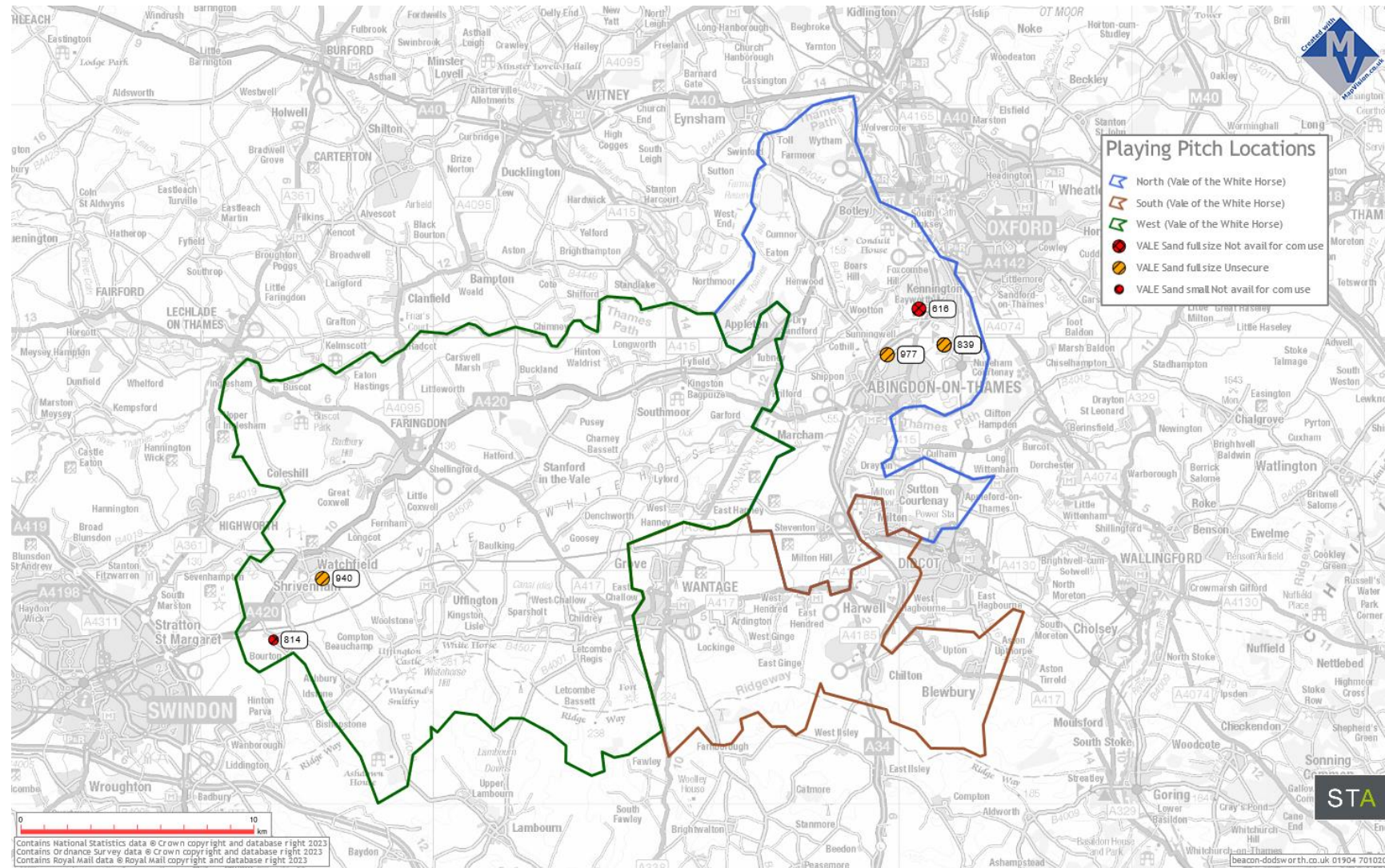


All Pitches (grass) – No longer used for Cricket



HOCKEY

All pitches (AGP – sand/water-based)

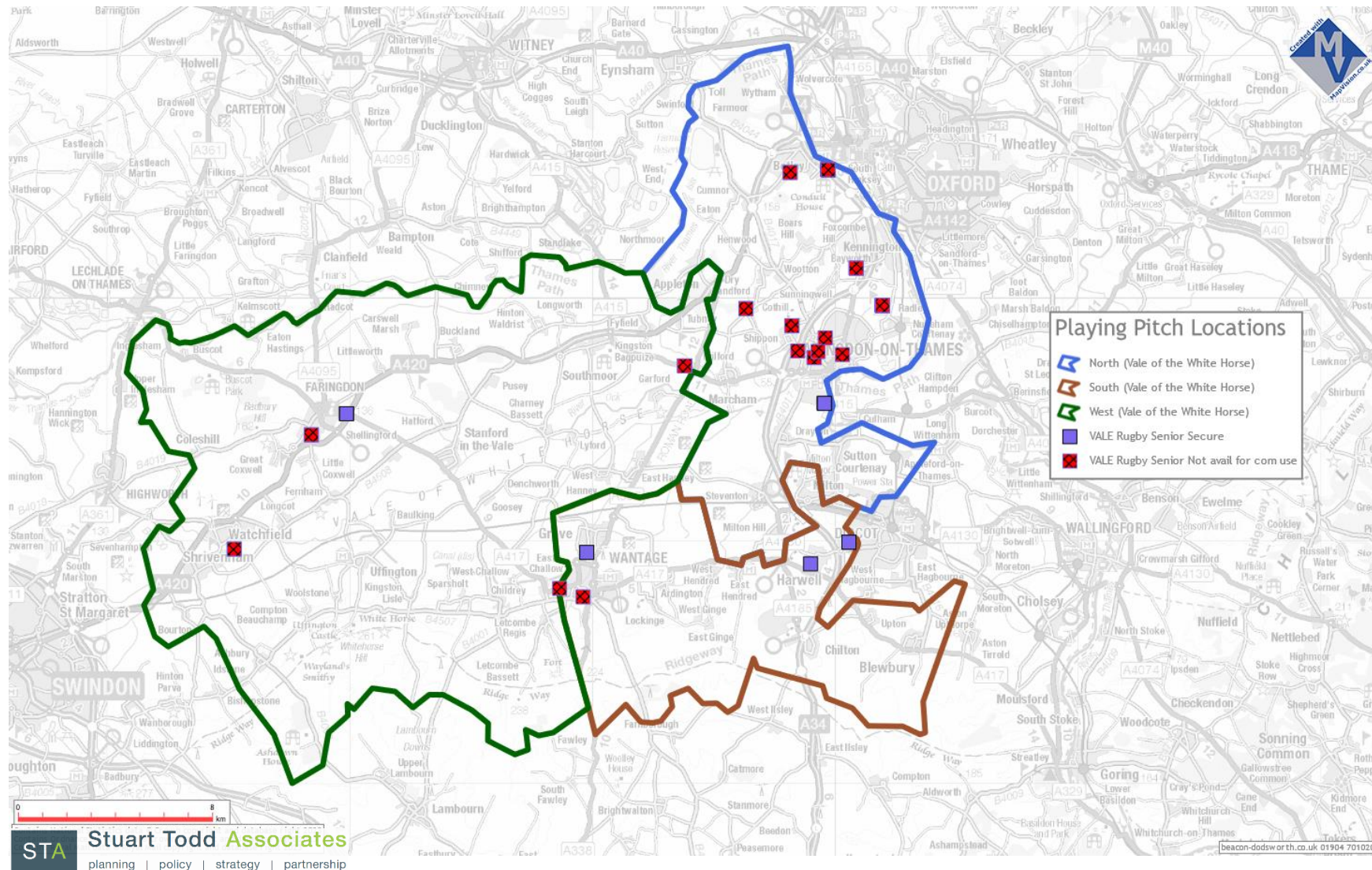


AGP Key

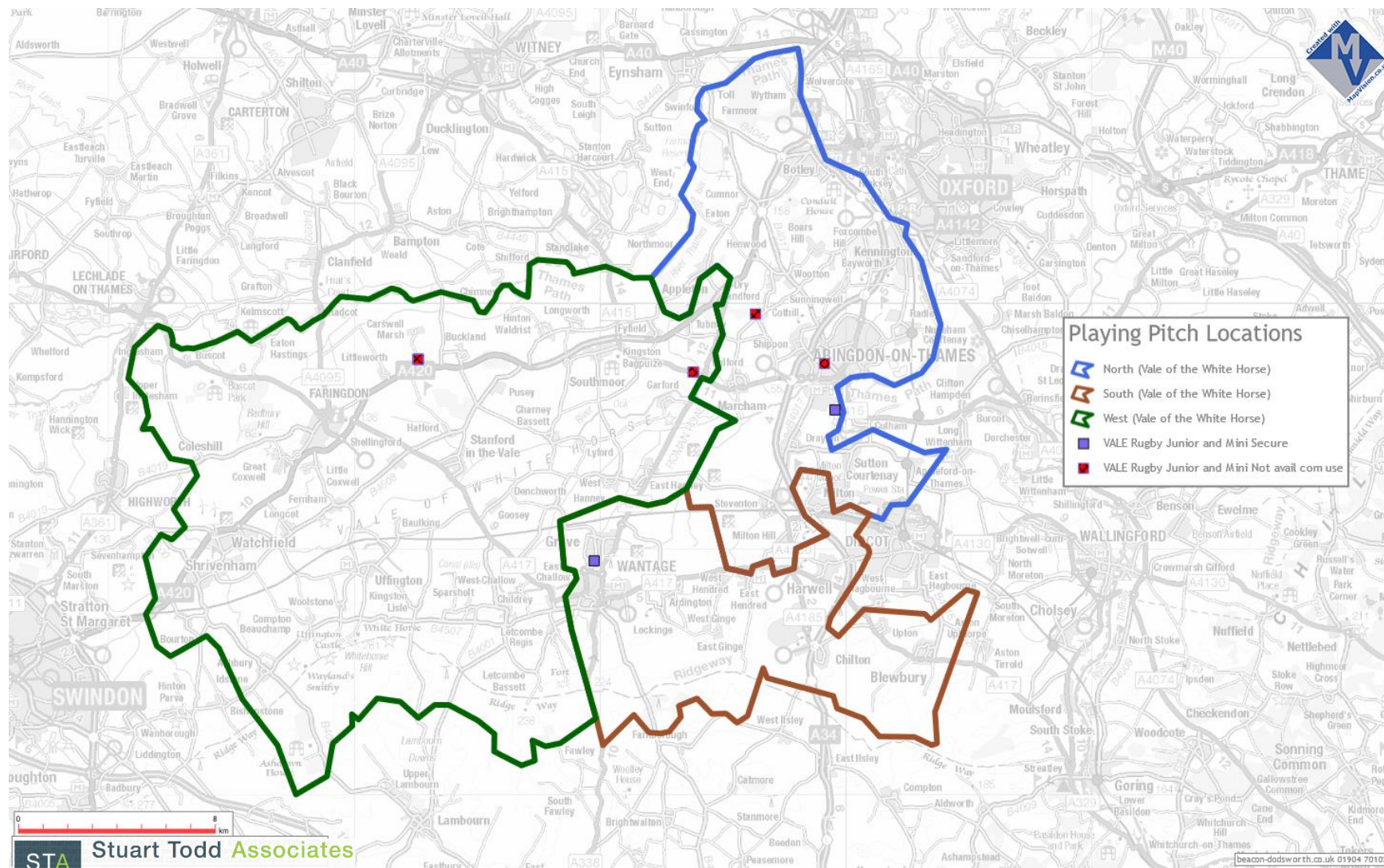
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616	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 6	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
814	PINEWOOD SCHOOL 2	PINEWOOD SCHOOL		West (Vale)	AGP - sand filled
838	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 11	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
839	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 12	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	AGP - sand filled
840	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 13	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
940	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION) 3	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION)		West (Vale)	AGP - sand filled
973	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 5	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
977	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 6	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
1067	ANSON FIELD 7	ANSON FIELD	Anson Trust Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	AGP - polymeric
1072	SHRIVENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	SHRIVENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL		West (Vale)	AGP - sand filled

RUGBY UNION

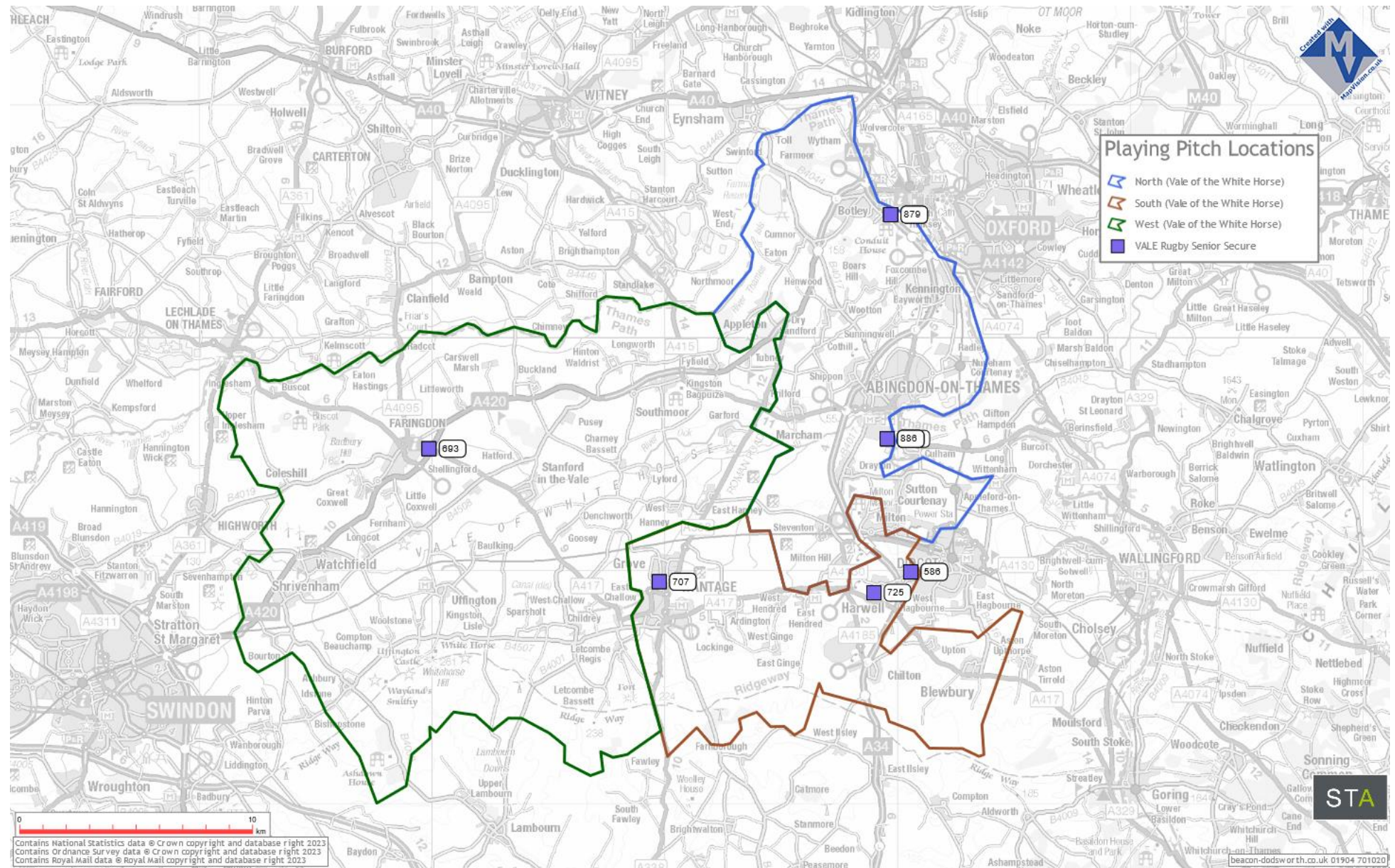
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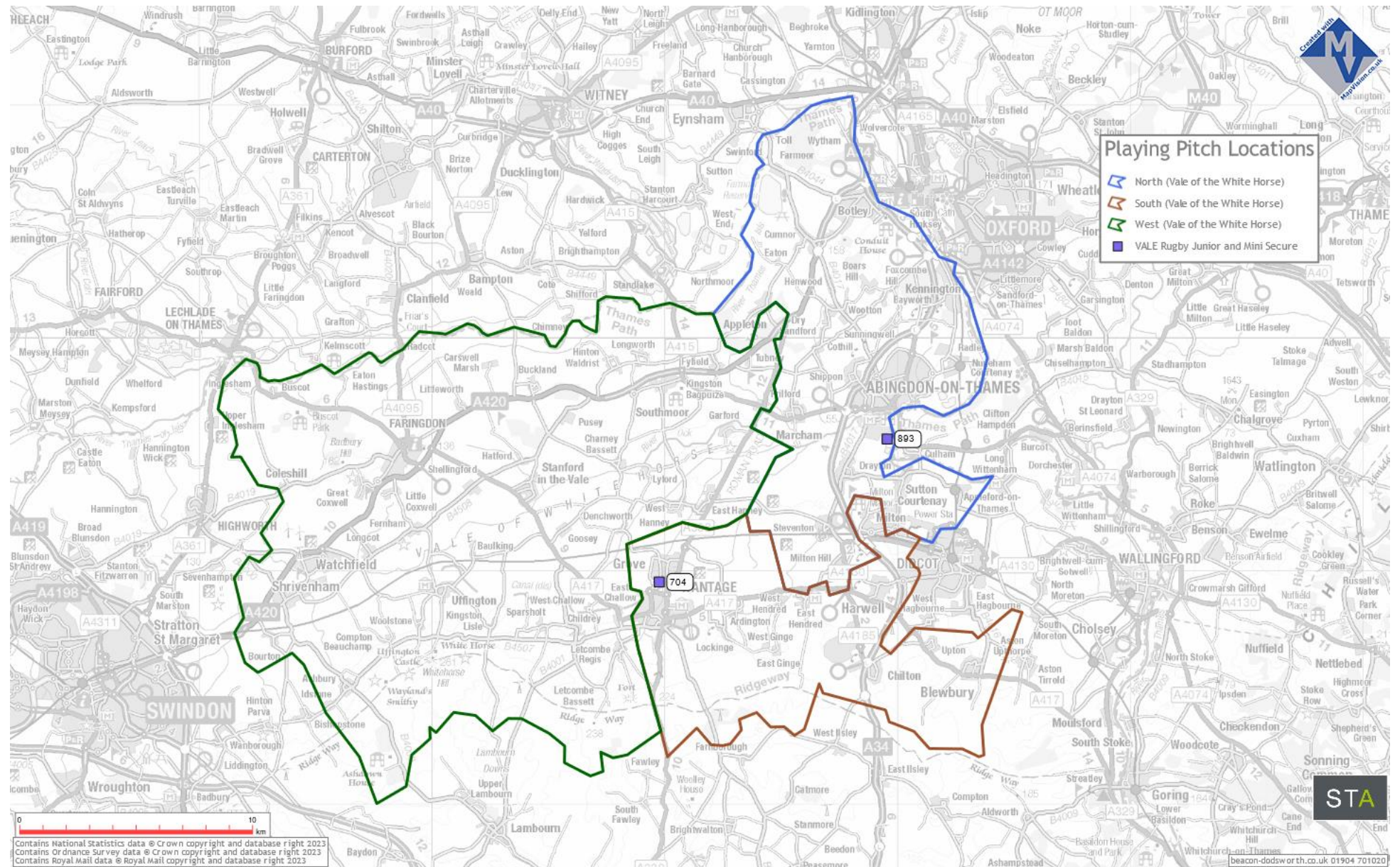


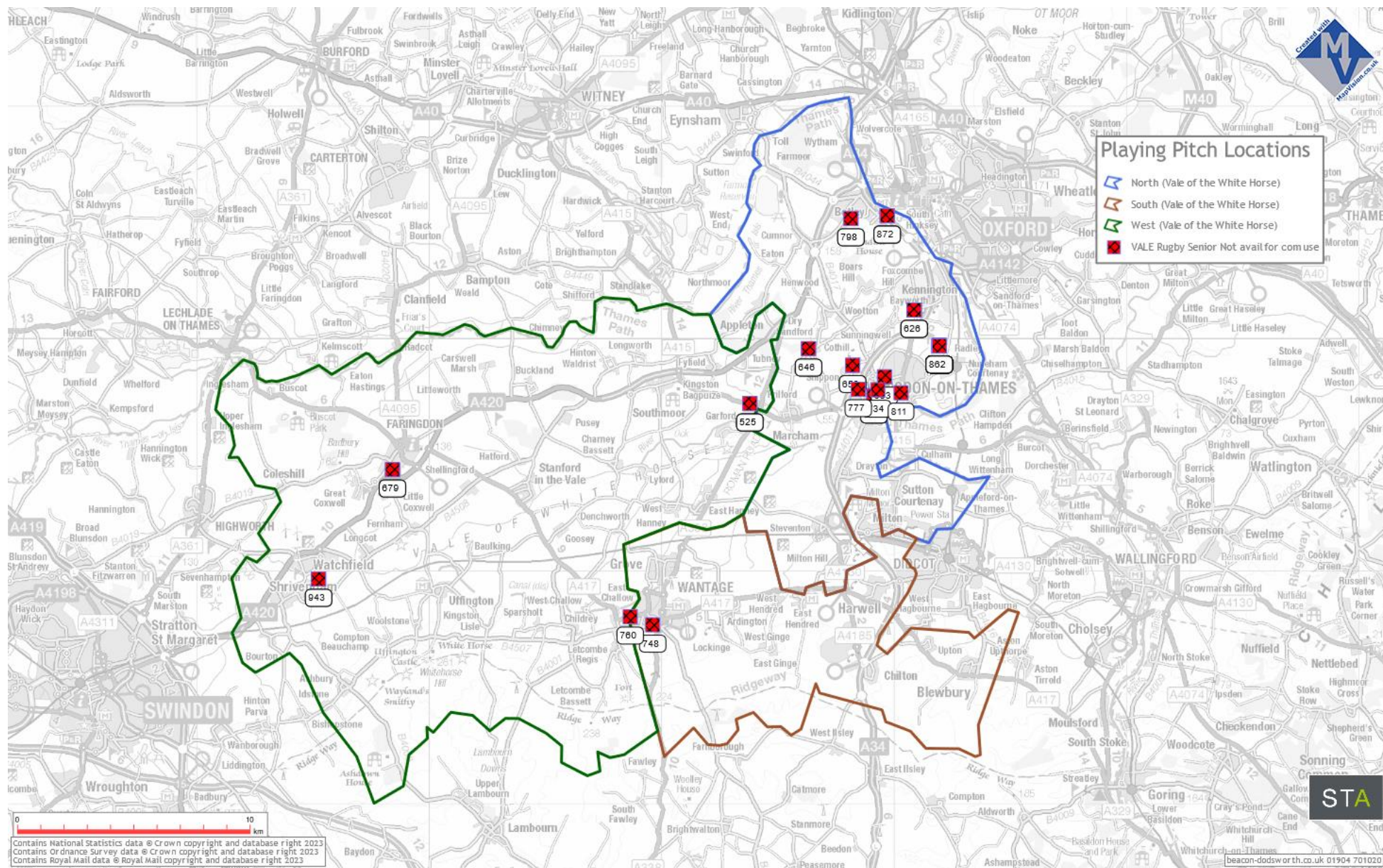
All junior / mini pitches (grass)



All pitches (grass) (with labels)







Rugby Pitches Key

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
518	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 10	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Junior rugby
519	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 11	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Junior rugby
520	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 12	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Junior rugby
521	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 13	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Junior rugby
522	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 14	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Junior rugby
523	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 15	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
524	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 16	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
525	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 17	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
531	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE 6	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Junior rugby
536	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE 11	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
537	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE 12	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
538	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE 13	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
585	BOUNDARY PARK (HARWELL) 11	BOUNDARY PARK (HARWELL)	Didcot RFC Pitch 1	South (Vale)	Senior rugby

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
586	BOUNDARY PARK (HARWELL) 12	BOUNDARY PARK (HARWELL)	Didcot RFC Pitch 2	South (Vale)	Senior rugby
599	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 10	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY (HARCOURT HILL)		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
600	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 11	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY (HARCOURT HILL)		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
624	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 14	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
625	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 15	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
626	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 16	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
641	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 8	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini rugby
642	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 9	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini rugby
645	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 12	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
646	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 13	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
657	DALTON BARRACKS 5	DALTON BARRACKS		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
658	DALTON BARRACKS 6	DALTON BARRACKS		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
678	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 8	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE		West (Vale)	Senior rugby
679	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 9	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE		West (Vale)	Senior rugby
683	FITZHARRYS SCHOOL 3	FITZHARRYS SCHOOL		South (Vale)	Senior rugby

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
692	FOLLY SPORTS PARK 2	FOLLY SPORTS PARK	Faringdon RFC Pitch 1	West (Vale)	Senior rugby
693	FOLLY SPORTS PARK 3	FOLLY SPORTS PARK	Faringdon RFC Pitch 2	West (Vale)	Senior rugby
704	GROVE RECREATION LANE 6	GROVE RECREATION LANE	Grove RFC Pitch 3 (Denchworth Road)	South (Vale)	Junior rugby
706	GROVE RECREATION LANE 8	GROVE RECREATION LANE	Grove RFC Pitch 2	South (Vale)	Senior rugby
707	GROVE RECREATION LANE 9	GROVE RECREATION LANE	Grove RFC Pitch 1	South (Vale)	Senior rugby
717	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION 10	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION	Harwell RFC	South (Vale)	Senior rugby
725	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND 5	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Senior rugby
734	JOHN MASON SCHOOL 7	JOHN MASON SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
748	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (CENTRE SITE) 12	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (CENTRE SITE)		South (Vale)	Senior rugby
760	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (WEST SITE) 8	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (WEST SITE)		South (Vale)	Senior rugby
777	LARKMEAD SCHOOL 6	LARKMEAD SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
797	MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL 11	MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
798	MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL 12	MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
811	OUR LADY'S ABINGDON SPORTS PITCHES 5	OUR LADY'S ABINGDON SPORTS PITCHES		North (Vale)	Senior rugby

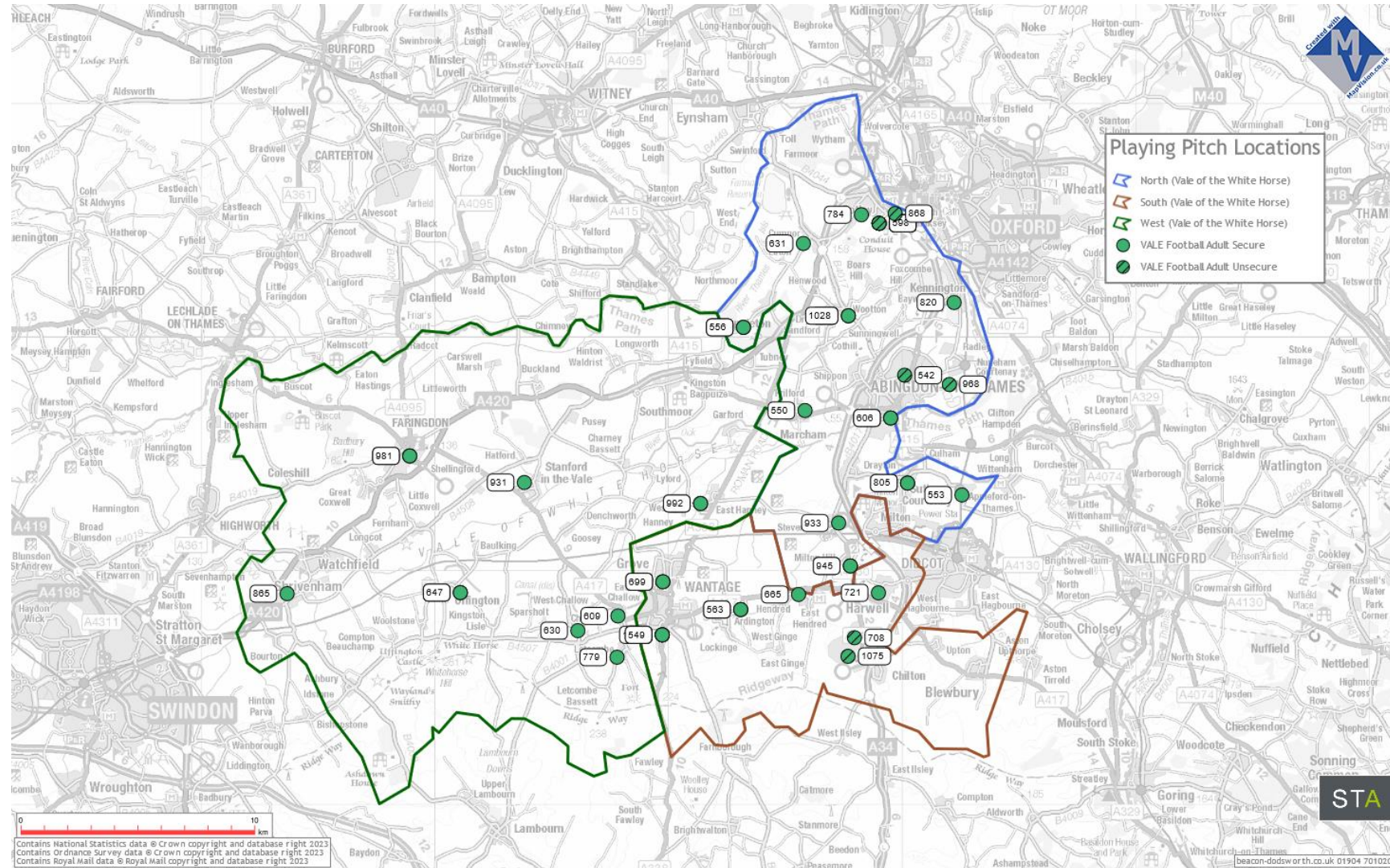
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848	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 21	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
849	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 22	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
850	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 23	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
851	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 24	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
852	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 25	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
853	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 26	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
854	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 27	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
855	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 28	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
856	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 29	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
857	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 30	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
858	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 31	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
859	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 32	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
860	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 33	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
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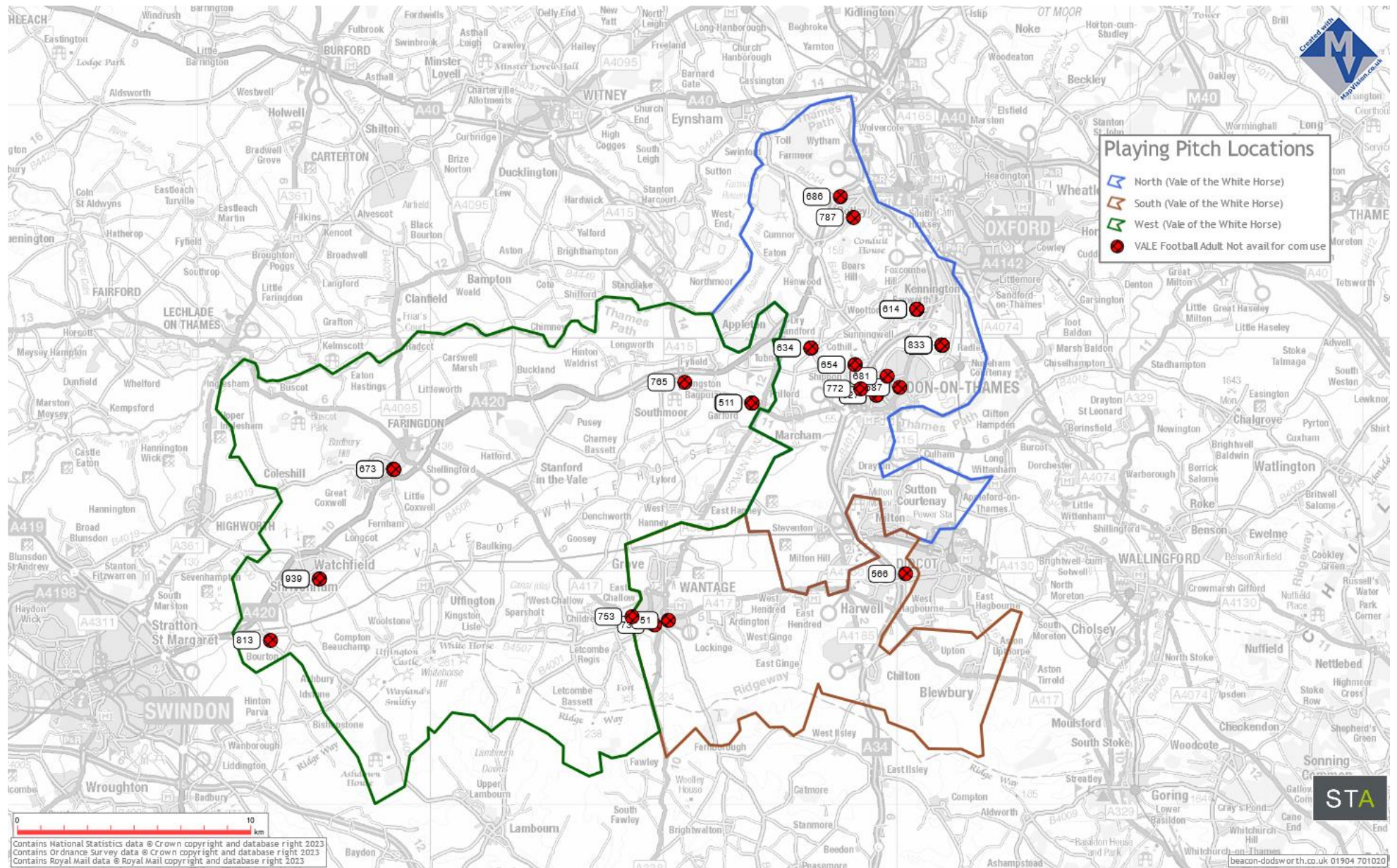
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862	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 35	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Senior rugby
870	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND 3	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND	St Peter's College Rec (Botley)	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
871	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND 4	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND	St Peter's College Rec (Botley)	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
872	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND 5	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND	St Peter's College Rec (Botley)	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
877	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND 10	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND	Oxford RFC Pitch 1	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
878	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND 11	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND	Oxford RFC Pitch 2	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
879	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND 12	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND	Oxford RFC Pitch 3	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
886	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 7	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK	Abingdon RFC Pitch 4	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
892	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 13	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK	Abingdon RFC Pitch 1	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
893	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 14	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK	Abingdon RFC Pitch 5 Training area	North (Vale)	Junior rugby
894	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 15	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK	Abingdon RFC Pitch 3	North (Vale)	Senior rugby
914	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 16	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
915	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 17	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
916	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 18	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
917	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 19	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
918	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 20	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
919	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 21	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
920	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 22	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
921	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 23	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
922	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 24	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
923	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 25	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Junior rugby
942	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION) 5	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION)		West (Vale)	Senior rugby
943	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION) 6	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION)		West (Vale)	Senior rugby
1050	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 16	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK	Abingdon RFC Pitch 2	North (Vale)	Senior rugby

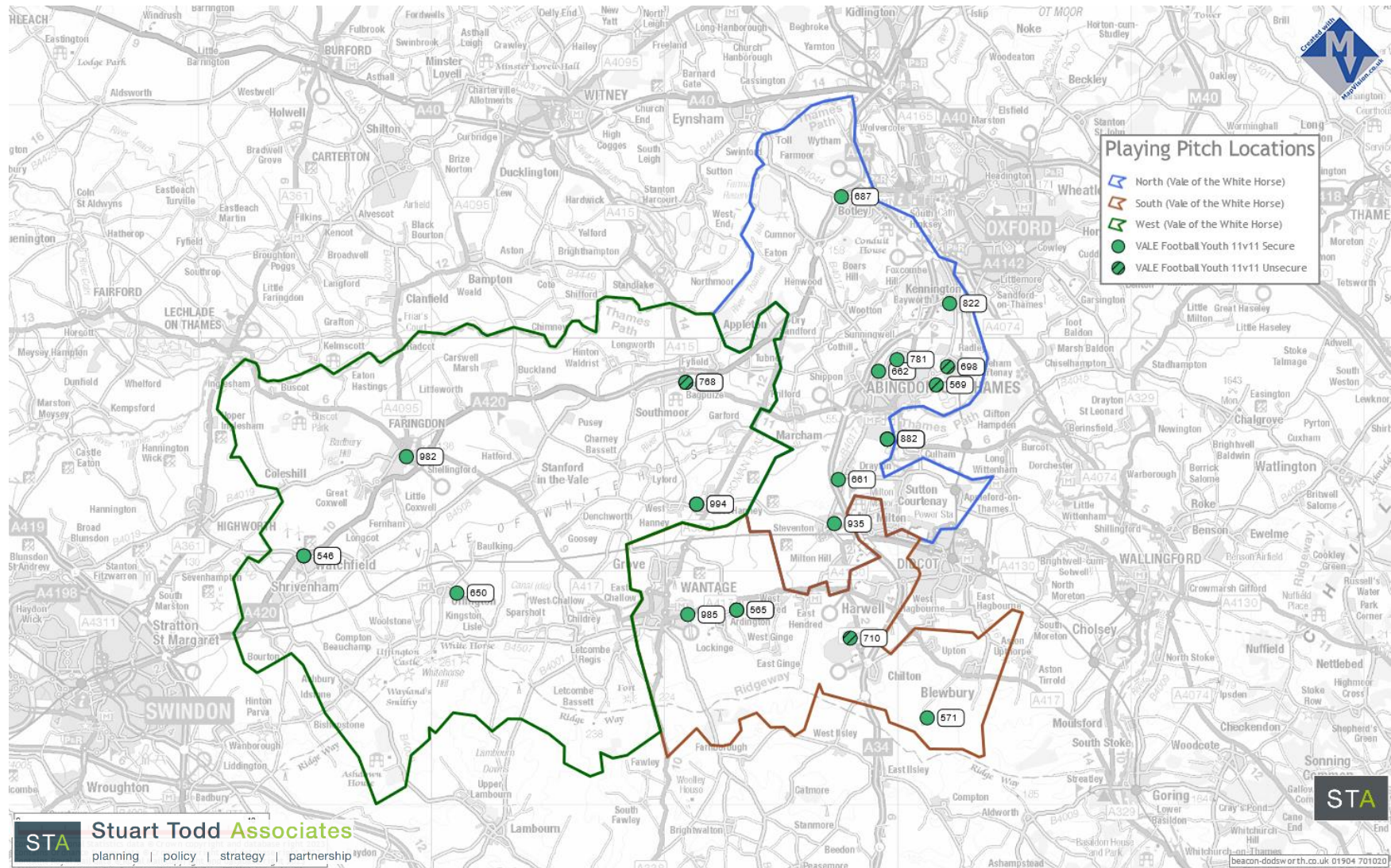
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Grass Pitches (Adult 11v11)

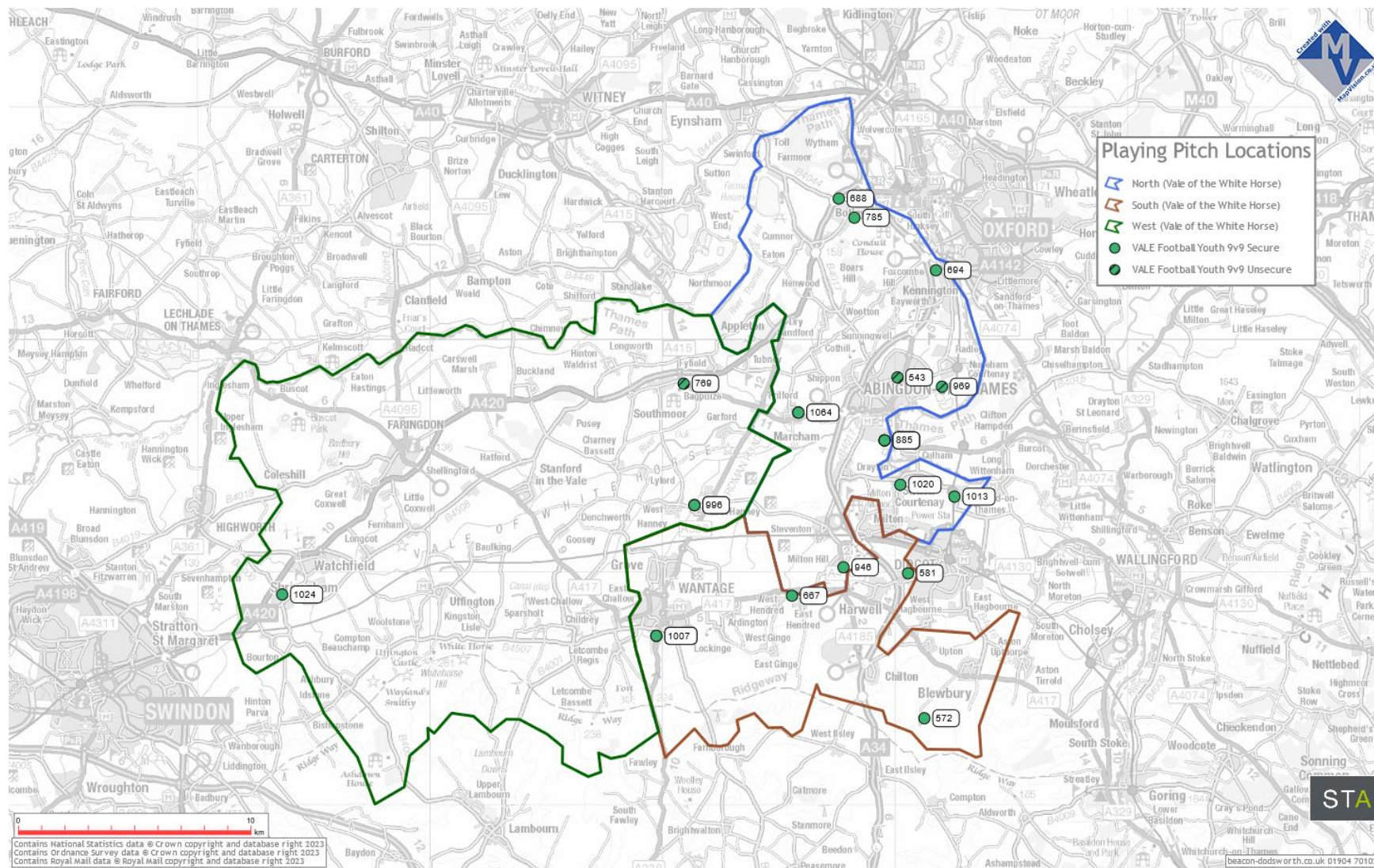




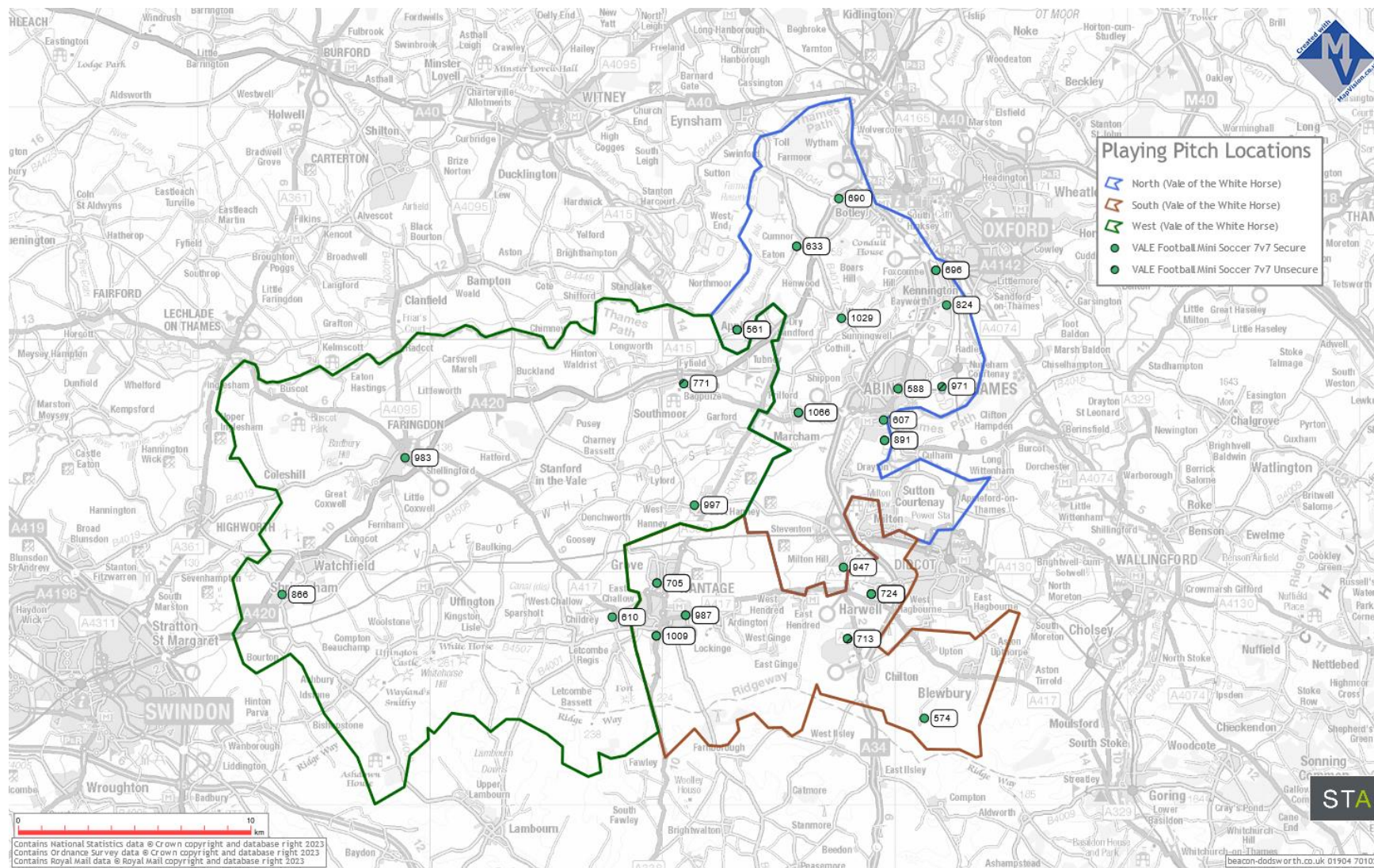
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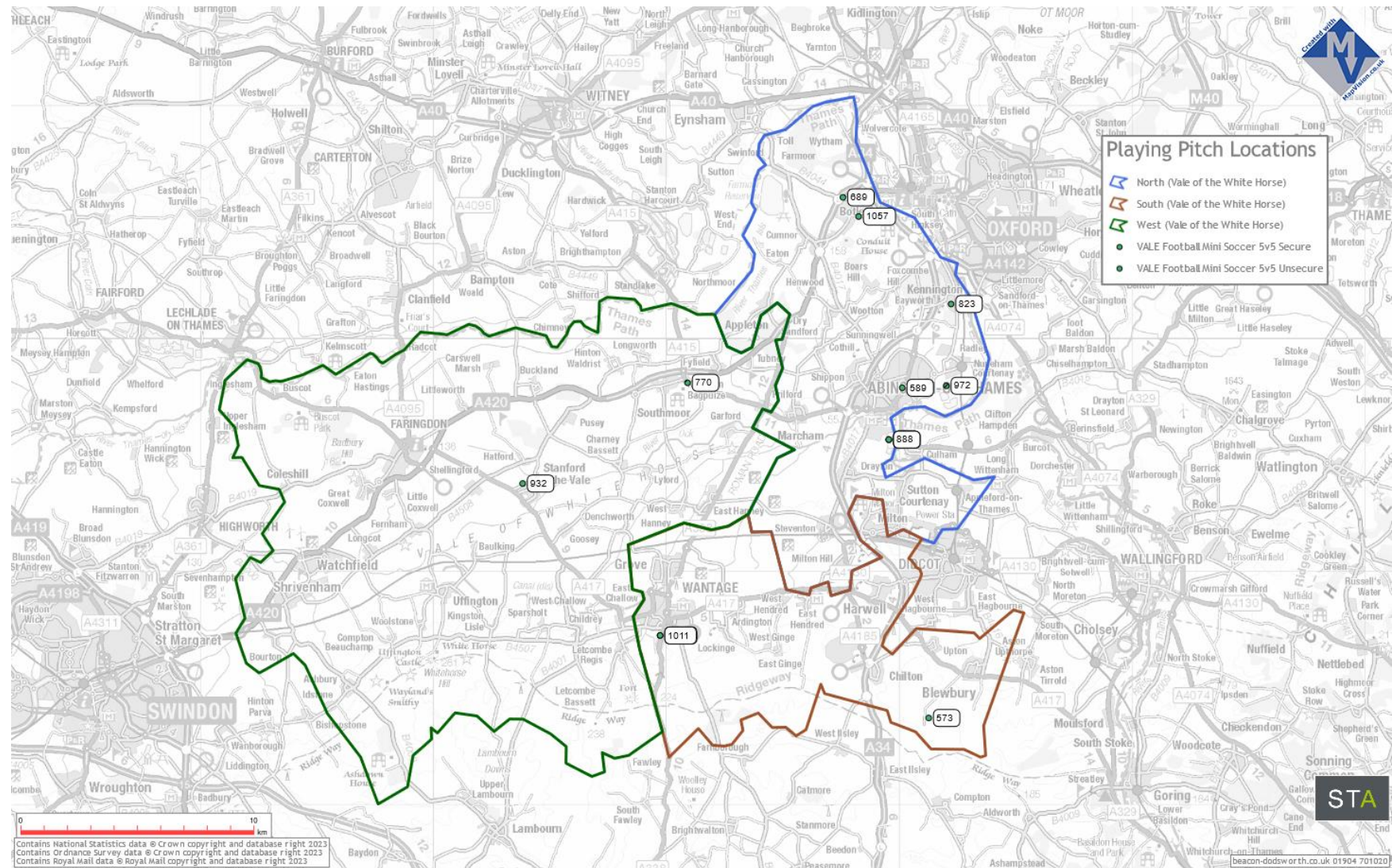
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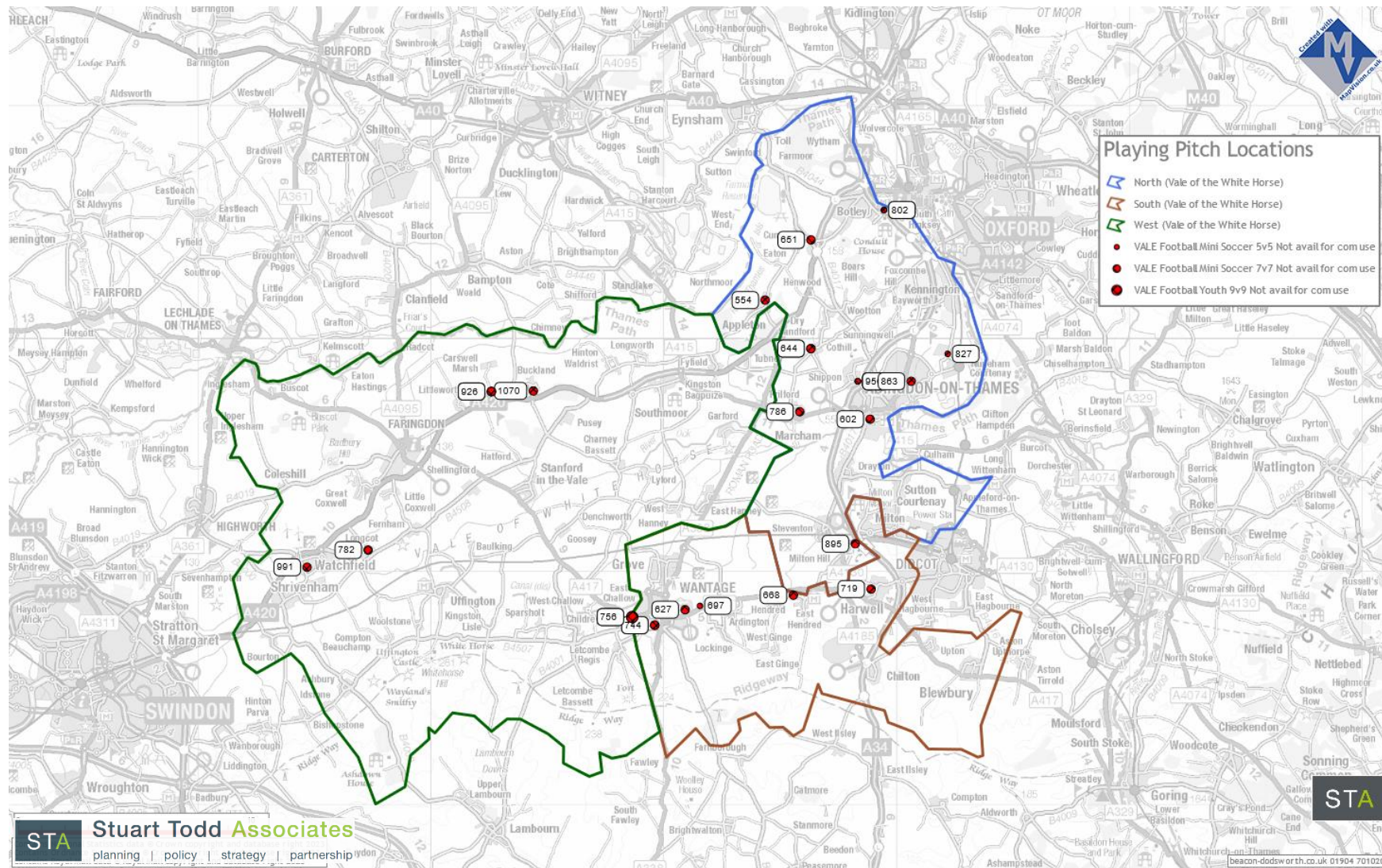
Grass Pitches (Mini 7v7)



Grass Pitches (Mini 5v5)



Grass Pitches Not available (Youth 9v9, Mini 7v7 and Mini 5v5)



Grass Pitches Key

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
509	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 1	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
510	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
511	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL 3	ABINGDON PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
526	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE 1	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
527	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE 2	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
530	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE 5	ABINGDON SCHOOL AND SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
542	ABINGDON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB 1	ABINGDON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB	THE NORTHCOURT	North (Vale)	Adult Football
543	ABINGDON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB 2	ABINGDON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB	THE NORTHCOURT	North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
544	ABINGDON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB 3 - NO 3RD PITCH	ABINGDON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB	THE NORTHCOURT	North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
545	AIREY NEAVE MEMORIAL GROUND 1	AIREY NEAVE MEMORIAL GROUND		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
546	AIREY NEAVE MEMORIAL GROUND 2	AIREY NEAVE MEMORIAL GROUND		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
547	ALFREDIAN PARK 1	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Adult Football
548	ALFREDIAN PARK 2	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Adult Football

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
549	ALFREDIAN PARK 3	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Adult Football
550	ANSON FIELD 1	ANSON FIELD	Anson Trust Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Adult Football
552	ANSON FIELD 3	ANSON FIELD	Anson Trust Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
553	APPLEFORD RECREATION GROUND	APPLEFORD RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Adult Football
554	APPLETON CE SCHOOL	APPLETON CE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
555	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD 1	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD		North (Vale)	Adult Football
556	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD 2	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD		North (Vale)	Adult Football
558	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD 4	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
559	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD 5	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
560	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD 6	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
561	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD 7	APPLETON WITH EATON SPORTS FIELD		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
562	ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE SPORTS CLUB 1	ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE SPORTS CLUB		South (Vale)	Adult Football
563	ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE SPORTS CLUB 2	ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE SPORTS CLUB		South (Vale)	Adult Football
564	ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE SPORTS CLUB 3	ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE SPORTS CLUB		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
565	ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE SPORTS CLUB 4	ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE SPORTS CLUB		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
566	AUREUS SCHOOL 1	AUREUS SCHOOL		South (Vale)	Adult Football
569	BARROW HILLS	BARROW HILLS		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
571	BLEWBURY RECREATION GROUND 2	BLEWBURY RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
572	BLEWBURY RECREATION GROUND 3	BLEWBURY RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
573	BLEWBURY RECREATION GROUND 4	BLEWBURY RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
574	BLEWBURY RECREATION GROUND 5	BLEWBURY RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
587	BOXHILL RECREATION GROUND 1 - NO ROOM FOR AN 11V11	BOXHILL RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Adult Football
588	BOXHILL RECREATION GROUND 2	BOXHILL RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
589	BOXHILL RECREATION GROUND 3	BOXHILL RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
590	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 1	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	Adult Football
591	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 2	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	Adult Football
592	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 3	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	Adult Football
598	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 9	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	Adult Football

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
602	CALDECOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL 1	CALDECOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
605	CALDECOTT RECREATION GROUND 1	CALDECOTT RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Adult Football
606	CALDECOTT RECREATION GROUND 2	CALDECOTT RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Adult Football
607	CALDECOTT RECREATION GROUND 3	CALDECOTT RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
609	CHALLOW RECREATION GROUND 1	CHALLOW RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Adult Football
610	CHALLOW RECREATION GROUND 2	CHALLOW RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
611	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 1	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
612	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 2	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
613	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 3	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
614	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 4	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
615	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 5	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
627	CHARLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL 1	CHARLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
630	CHILDREY PLAYING FIELD	CHILDREY PLAYING FIELD		West (Vale)	Adult Football
631	CLOSES FIELD 1	CLOSES FIELD		North (Vale)	Adult Football

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
632	CLOSES FIELD 2	CLOSES FIELD		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
633	CLOSES FIELD 3	CLOSES FIELD		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
634	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 1	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
635	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 2	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
636	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 3	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
643	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 10	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
644	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL 11	COTHILL HOUSE SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
647	CRAVEN PLAYING FIELDS 1	CRAVEN PLAYING FIELDS	Uffington Sports Club	West (Vale)	Adult Football
648	CRAVEN PLAYING FIELDS 2	CRAVEN PLAYING FIELDS	Uffington Sports Club	West (Vale)	Adult Football
650	CRAVEN PLAYING FIELDS 4	CRAVEN PLAYING FIELDS	Uffington Sports Club	West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
651	CUMNOR C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	CUMNOR C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
653	DALTON BARRACKS 1	DALTON BARRACKS		North (Vale)	Adult Football
654	DALTON BARRACKS 2	DALTON BARRACKS		North (Vale)	Adult Football
660	DRAYTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	DRAYTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11

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661	DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL	DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL	Drayton Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
662	DUNMORE ROAD	DUNMORE ROAD		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
663	EAST HANNEY PLAYING FIELD 1	EAST HANNEY PLAYING FIELD		West (Vale)	Adult Football
665	EAST HENDRED SPORTS GROUND 1	EAST HENDRED SPORTS GROUND	Hendred Sports Club	South (Vale)	Adult Football
667	EAST HENDRED SPORTS GROUND 3	EAST HENDRED SPORTS GROUND	Hendred Sports Club	South (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
668	EAST HENDRED SPORTS GROUND 4	EAST HENDRED SPORTS GROUND	Hendred Sports Club	South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
671	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE		West (Vale)	Adult Football
672	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE		West (Vale)	Adult Football
673	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 3	FARINGDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE		West (Vale)	Adult Football
681	FITZHARRYS SCHOOL 1	FITZHARRYS SCHOOL		South (Vale)	Adult Football
684	FITZHARRYS SCHOOL 4	FITZHARRYS SCHOOL		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
686	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND 1 - ONLY PITCH 2&3	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Adult Football
687	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND 2	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
688	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND 3	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
689	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND 4	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND	Marked on / over pitch 3	North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
690	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND 5	FOGWELL ROAD RECREATION GROUND	Marked on / over pitch 3	North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
694	FOREST SIDE 1	FOREST SIDE		North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
695	FOREST SIDE 2	FOREST SIDE		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
696	FOREST SIDE 3	FOREST SIDE		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
697	GEMS WANTAGE PRIMARY ACADEMY	GEMS WANTAGE PRIMARY		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
698	GOOSEACRE	GOOSEACRE		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
699	GROVE RECREATION LANE 1	GROVE RECREATION LANE	Western pitch close to clubhouse. Also has 1 x Youth 11v11 pitch overmarked.	South (Vale)	Adult Football
700	GROVE RECREATION LANE 2	GROVE RECREATION LANE	Eastern pitch close to clubhouse. Also has 2 x 7v7 pitches overmarked.	South (Vale)	Adult Football
701	GROVE RECREATION LANE 3 - NOT SEPARATE PITCH	GROVE RECREATION LANE		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
702	GROVE RECREATION LANE 4 - NOT SEPARATE PITCH	GROVE RECREATION LANE		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
703	GROVE RECREATION LANE 5	GROVE RECREATION LANE		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7

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705	GROVE RECREATION LANE 7	GROVE RECREATION LANE		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
708	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION 1	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION		South (Vale)	Adult Football
710	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION 3	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
711	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION 4	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
712	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION 5	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
713	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION 6	HARWELL LABS RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
719	HARWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL 2	HARWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
721	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND 1	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Adult Football
722	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND 2	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
723	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND 3	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
724	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND 4	HARWELL RECREATION GROUND		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
726	JOHN BLANDY PRIMARY SCHOOL 1	JOHN BLANDY PRIMARY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11

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737	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (CENTRE SITE) 1	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (CENTRE SITE)		South (Vale)	Adult Football
743	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (CENTRE SITE) 7	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (CENTRE SITE)		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
744	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (CENTRE SITE) 8	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (CENTRE SITE)		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
753	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (WEST SITE) 1	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (WEST SITE)		South (Vale)	Adult Football
755	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (WEST SITE) 3	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (WEST SITE)		South (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
756	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (WEST SITE) 4	KING ALFRED'S ACADEMY (WEST SITE)		South (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
765	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND 1 - NO PITCH	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND		West (Vale)	Adult Football
767	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND 3	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
768	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND 4	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
769	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND 5	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND		West (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
770	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND 6	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
771	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND 7	KINGSTON BAGPUIZE SPORTS GROUND		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
772	LARKMEAD SCHOOL 1	LARKMEAD SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
779	LETCOMBE REGIS RECREATION GROUND 1	LETCOMBE REGIS RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Adult Football

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781	LONG FURLONG	LONG FURLONG		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
782	LONGCOT AND FERNHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHO	LONGCOT AND FERNHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
784	LOUIE MEMORIAL PAVILION 1	LOUIE MEMORIAL PAVILION		North (Vale)	Adult Football
785	LOUIE MEMORIAL PAVILION 2	LOUIE MEMORIAL PAVILION		North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
786	MARCHAM C OF E SCHOOL	MARCHAM C OF E SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
787	MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL 1	MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Adult Football
801	NORTH HINKSEY C OF E SCHOOL 1	NORTH HINKSEY C OF E SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
802	NORTH HINKSEY C OF E SCHOOL 2	NORTH HINKSEY C OF E SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
804	OLD WALLINGFORD WAY RECREATION GROUND 1	OLD WALLINGFORD WAY RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Adult Football
805	OLD WALLINGFORD WAY RECREATION GROUND 2	OLD WALLINGFORD WAY RECREATION GROUND		North (Vale)	Adult Football
808	OUR LADY'S ABINGDON SPORTS PITCHES 2	OUR LADY'S ABINGDON SPORTS PITCHES		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
812	PARKLANDS CAMPUS (CLOSED)	PARKLANDS CAMPUS		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
813	PINEWOOD SCHOOL 1	PINEWOOD SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Adult Football
820	PLAYFIELD ROAD 1	PLAYFIELD ROAD		North (Vale)	Adult Football

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822	PLAYFIELD ROAD 3	PLAYFIELD ROAD		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
823	PLAYFIELD ROAD 4	PLAYFIELD ROAD		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
824	PLAYFIELD ROAD 5	PLAYFIELD ROAD		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
827	RADLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	RADLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
828	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 1	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
829	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 2	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
830	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 3	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
831	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 4	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
832	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 5	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
833	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 6	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
834	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 7	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
835	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 8	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
836	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 9	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
837	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 10	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	Adult Football

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863	RUSH COMMON SCHOOL 1	RUSH COMMON SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
865	SHRIVENHAM FC	SHRIVENHAM FC		West (Vale)	Adult Football
866	SHRIVENHAM RECREATION GROUND 1	SHRIVENHAM RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
868	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND 1	SOUTHERN BYPASS GROUND	St Peter's College Rec (Botley)	North (Vale)	Adult Football
880	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 1	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
881	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 2	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
882	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 3	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
883	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 4	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
884	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 5	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
885	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 6	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
887	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 8	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
888	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 9	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
889	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 10	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
890	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 11	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
891	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK 12	SOUTHERN TOWN PARK		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
895	ST BLAISE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	ST BLAISE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
896	ST EDMUNDS PRIMARY SCHOOL 1	ST EDMUNDS PRIMARY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
905	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 7	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
906	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 8	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
907	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 9	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
908	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 10	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
909	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 11	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
910	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 12	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
911	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 13	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
912	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 14	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
913	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 15	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
924	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 26	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
925	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 27	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7

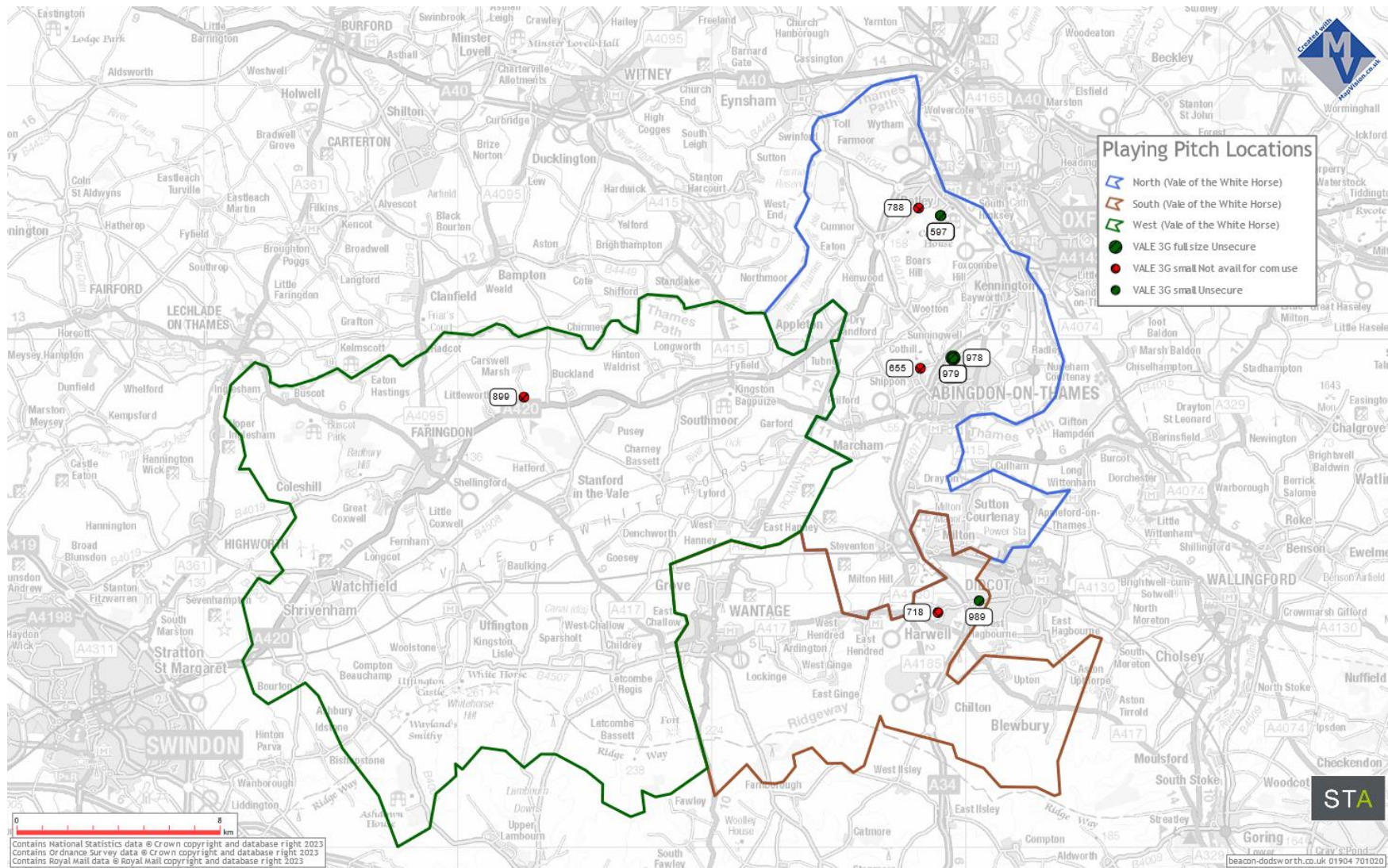
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926	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 28	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
931	STANFORD IN THE VALE RECREATION GROUND 1	STANFORD IN THE VALE RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Adult Football
932	STANFORD IN THE VALE RECREATION GROUND 2	STANFORD IN THE VALE RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
933	STEVENTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB 1	STEVENTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	STEVENTON VILLAGE GREEN	North (Vale)	Adult Football
935	STEVENTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB 3	STEVENTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	STEVENTON VILLAGE GREEN	North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
937	THAMESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	THAMESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
938	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION) 1	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION)		West (Vale)	Adult Football
939	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION) 2	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION)		West (Vale)	Adult Football
944	THE HEIGHTS 1	THE HEIGHTS		North (Vale)	Adult Football
945	THE HEIGHTS 2	THE HEIGHTS		North (Vale)	Adult Football
946	THE HEIGHTS 3	THE HEIGHTS		North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
947	THE HEIGHTS 4	THE HEIGHTS		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
948	THE MANOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL 1	THE MANOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
949	THE MANOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2	THE MANOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5

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950	THE MANOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL 3	THE MANOR PREPARATORY SCHOOL		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
965	THOMAS READE PRIMARY SCHOOL	THOMAS READE PRIMARY		North (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
968	THRUPP LANE 1	THRUPP LANE		North (Vale)	Adult Football
969	THRUPP LANE 2	THRUPP LANE		North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
971	THRUPP LANE 3	THRUPP LANE		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
972	THRUPP LANE 4	THRUPP LANE		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
980	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND 1	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Adult Football
981	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND 2	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Adult Football
982	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND 3	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
983	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND 4	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
984	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND 5 - NO 5TH PITCH	TUCKER PARK RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
985	TUGWELL FIELD 1	TUGWELL FIELD		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
986	TUGWELL FIELD 2	TUGWELL FIELD		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
987	TUGWELL FIELD 3	TUGWELL FIELD		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7

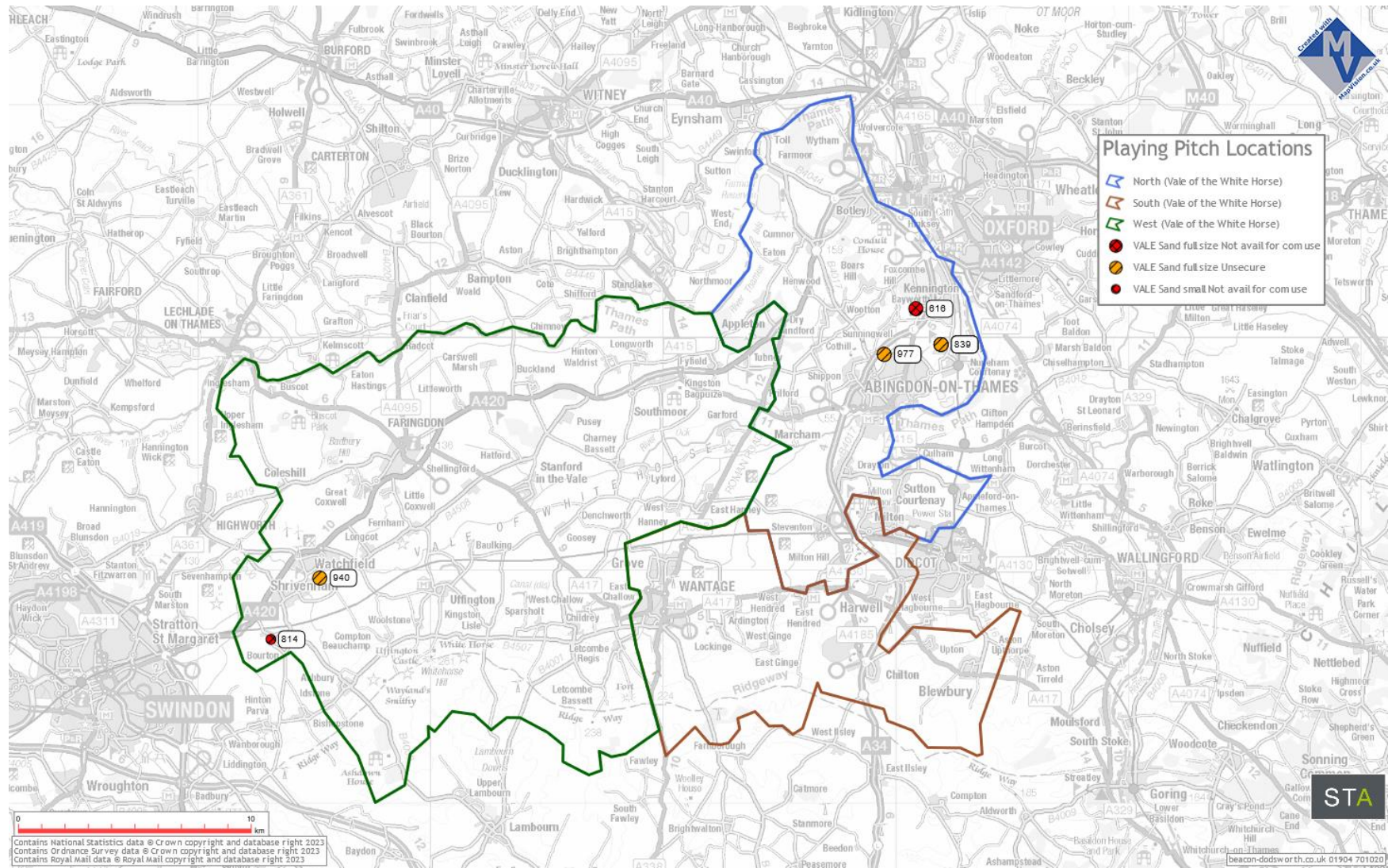
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988	UPTON RECREATION GROUND	Upton Recreation Ground		South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
990	UTC OXFORDSHIRE 2	UTC		South (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
991	WATCHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	Watchfield Primary		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
992	WEST HANNEY PLAYING FIELD (HANNEY YOUTH FC) 1	West Hanney Playing Field		West (Vale)	Adult Football
993	WEST HANNEY PLAYING FIELD (HANNEY YOUTH FC) 2	West Hanney Playing Field		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
994	WEST HANNEY PLAYING FIELD (HANNEY YOUTH FC) 3	West Hanney Playing Field		West (Vale)	Youth Football 11v11
995	WEST HANNEY PLAYING FIELD (HANNEY YOUTH FC) 4	West Hanney Playing Field		West (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
996	WEST HANNEY PLAYING FIELD (HANNEY YOUTH FC) 5	West Hanney Playing Field		West (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
997	WEST HANNEY PLAYING FIELD (HANNEY YOUTH FC) 6	West Hanney Playing Field		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
999	WOOTTON & DRY SANDFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE 1	Wootton & Boars Hill	Wootton Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Adult Football
1006	ALFREDIAN PARK 10	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Adult Football
1007	ALFREDIAN PARK 9	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
1008	ALFREDIAN PARK 8	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
1009	ALFREDIAN PARK 7	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Pitch Size and Type
1010	ALFREDIAN PARK 6	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
1011	ALFREDIAN PARK 5	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
1012	ALFREDIAN PARK 4	ALFREDIAN PARK	Wantage Town FC	South (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
1013	APPLEFORD RECREATION GROUND	APPLEFORD RECREATION GROUND	Pitch marked on/over main pitch	North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
1020	OLD WALLINGFORD WAY RECREATION GROUND	OLD WALLINGFORD WAY RECREATION GROUND	Practice / training pitch	North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
1024	SHRIVENHAM RECREATION GROUND 3	SHRIVENHAM RECREATION GROUND		West (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
1028	WOOTTON & DRY SANDFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE 2	Wootton & Boars Hill	Wootton Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Adult Football
1029	WOOTTON & DRY SANDFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE 3	Wootton & Boars Hill	Wootton Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
1057	LOUIE MEMORIAL PAVILION 3	LOUIE MEMORIAL PAVILION		North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 5v5
1064	ANSON FIELD 4	ANSON FIELD	Anson Trust Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Youth Football 9v9
1065	ANSON FIELD 5	ANSON FIELD	Anson Trust Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
1066	ANSON FIELD 6	ANSON FIELD	Anson Trust Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
1070	BUCKLAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	BUCKLAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL		West (Vale)	Mini Soccer 7v7
1075	RUTHERFORD LABS	RUTHERFORD LABS		South (Vale)	Adult Football

3G Pitches



(AGPs – water / sand / other based)



AGP Key

Pitch Ref No.	Pitch Name	Site Name	Also known as	Sub-area	Surface
593	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 4	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
594	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 5	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
595	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 6	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
596	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 7	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
597	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY 8	BROOKES SPORT BOTLEY		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
616	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL 6	CHANDLINGS SCHOOL CHANDLINGS SCHOOL		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
655	DALTON BARRACKS 3	DALTON BARRACKS		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
718	HARWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL 1	HARWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL		South (Vale)	AGP - 3G
788	MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL 2	MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
814	PINEWOOD SCHOOL 2	PINEWOOD SCHOOL		West (Vale)	AGP - sand filled
838	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 11	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
839	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 12	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	AGP - sand filled
840	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE 13	RADLEY COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
899	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL 1	ST HUGH'S SCHOOL		West (Vale)	AGP - sand-based
940	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION) 3	THE DEFENCE ACADEMY (SHRIVENHAM STATION)		West (Vale)	AGP - sand filled
973	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 1	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
974	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 2	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G

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975	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 3	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
976	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 4	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
977	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 5	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - sand dressed
978	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 6	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
979	TILSLEY PARK SPORTS COMPLEX 7	TILSLEY PARK		North (Vale)	AGP - 3G
989	UTC OXFORDSHIRE 1	UTC		South (Vale)	AGP - 3G
1067	ANSON FIELD 7	ANSON FIELD	Anson Trust Recreation Ground	North (Vale)	AGP - polymeric
1072	SHRIVENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	SHRIVENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL		West (Vale)	AGP - sand filled

Appendix 2: Summary of Other Strategies & Plans and Funding Opportunities

(What key strategies & plans and funding opportunities are relevant to the PPS?)

National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)¹ sets out the Government's planning policies which provide, alongside various legislation, the 'rules' of the planning system. It sets out a 'golden thread' for the planning system which should respond positively to help achieve the delivery of sustainable development. Paragraph 11 states that there is "a presumption in favour of sustainable development" and implies that there is a need for local authorities to react positively to other policies in the NPPF. In relation to playing pitches, there is particular importance to respond positively to section 8 of the NPPF "Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities" which states (in paragraph 92) that planning policies and decisions should "...plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as...meeting places, sports venues, open space...) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments" and "guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services".

Paragraphs 96 and 97 (see box) go further in relation to sport specifically and provide the basis of and justification for an up-to-date assessment of playing pitch provision and an associated strategy. They include important reference to the role of facilities and pitches to health and wellbeing and provide the policy 'hook' on which planning policies, backed up by an up-to-date assessment of need, can be developed.

96. Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities (including quantitative or qualitative deficits or surpluses) and opportunities for new provision. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sport and recreational provision is needed, which plans should then seek to accommodate.
97. Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:
 - a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
 - b) the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
 - c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

¹ See <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

The Government's Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) helps the policies in the NPPF to be interpreted and appropriately applied through a series of questions and answers for various topics. The guidance refers to Sport England guidance in relation to assessing needs for sport and offers advice on how open space should be taken into account in planning (Paragraph: 001, Reference ID: 37-001-20140306, Revision date 06-03-14 – see box below). Again, this ties in the importance of the consideration of pitches in a wider context including health, recreation and landscape.

Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 37-001-20140306

How should open space be taken into account in planning?

Open space should be taken into account in planning for new development and considering proposals that may affect existing open space (see [National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 73-74](#)). Open space, which includes all open space of public value, can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to open areas within a development, linear corridors and country parks. It can provide health and recreation benefits to people living and working nearby; have an ecological value and contribute to green infrastructure (see [National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 114](#)), as well as being an important part of the landscape and setting of built development, and an important component in the achievement of sustainable development (see [National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 6-10](#)).

It is for local planning authorities to assess the need for open space and opportunities for new provision in their areas. In carrying out this work, they should have regard to the [duty to cooperate](#) where open space serves a wider area. Guidance on Local Green Space designation, which may form part of the overall open space network within an area, can be found [here](#).

Revision date: 06 03 2014

Against the context of the current guidance and Government policy, at the time of drafting, the Government had published a White Paper "Planning for the Future", which proposes significant changes to the planning system. This is not reflected upon further here, as proposals are likely to continue to be shaped, but it is worth noting that the planning system is likely to change significantly during the strategy period, including how funding from development, currently gathered through s106 obligations or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) could change (for example through a national infrastructure levy).

Current District-wide Adopted Planning Policies

The most relevant planning policies relating to the protection and provision of playing fields and pitches are contained within the respective "development plans" for the District, namely, the strategic policies in the adopted Local Plan² produced by the

² See <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/local-plan-2031/>

District Council and any “made” Neighbourhood Plans³ developed by Parish and Town Councils. The key (non-site-specific) strategic policies relating to playing pitches for local authority area are reproduced below.



Development Policy 34: Leisure and Sports Facilities

- a. New housing developments will be required to provide or contribute towards indoor and outdoor leisure and sports facilities in accordance with the local standards as set out in Appendix K.

On sites of major development^a financial contributions towards providing or improving off-site provision will be required.

- b. Development of existing leisure and sports facilities will only be permitted provided that:
 - i. when assessed against the Leisure Facilities Study, Local Leisure Facilities Study and / or Playing Pitch Study, it is clearly shown that the leisure and / or sport facility is surplus to requirements; or
 - ii. the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of scale, quantity and quality in a suitable and accessible location; or
 - iii. the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss; or
 - iv. the proposed development is ancillary to the main use of the site and strengthens its function.

^aAs defined by Development Management Procedure Order 2010.

Policies in adopted development plans have statutory (legal) weight in the planning system. It should be noted that policies within the plans should not be read or used in isolation from other policies in the plans which might be relevant to planning applications (i.e. development plans should be read as a whole).

This strategy and its recommendations can inform the review of these planning policies at the appropriate time and their interpretation and use while they remain adopted. The strategy can also inform the review of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) alongside the use of section 106 planning obligations.

³ See <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/neighbourhood-plans/>

The PPS methodology does not recommend the use of provision standards for pitches and standards are therefore not recommended for inclusion in the emerging new Local Plan. However, should planning officers need to understand a snapshot of provision required in relation to specific development proposals to understand the demand arising from specific developments and the level of financial contributions to seek from development, Sport England has produced a playing pitch calculator to understand requirements for pitch numbers and costs, but must not be used in isolation from this strategy's recommendations.

Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood plans are statutory development plans (when "made", or adopted) which can be prepared by Parish and Town Councils and neighbourhood plan forums in unparished areas. They provide a layer of local detailed planning policy within the context of national and District planning policies. In Vale of White Horse, the following parishes have a "made" neighbourhood plan. Those "made" at the time of drafting this strategy are noted below (according to the Vale of White Horse website at the time of drafting this strategy). Others are simply classed as "in development" and individual Parish Councils' websites should be viewed to understand the up-to-date position regarding neighbourhood plans at any point during the strategy period.

- Abingdon (in development)
- Appleton with Eaton (made)
- Ashbury (made)
- Blewbury (made)
- Charney Bassett (in development)
- Chilton (made)
- Cumnor (made)
- Drayton (made)
- East Challow (made)
- East Hanney (in development)
- Faringdon (made)
- Great Coxwell (made)
- Longworth (made)
- North Hinksey (made)
- Marcham (in development)
- Radley (made)
- Shellingford (in development)
- Shrivenham (made)
- Stanford in the Vale (in development)
- Steveneton (in development)
- Sunningwell (in development)
- Sutton Courtenay (in development)
- Uffington and Baulking (made)
- Wantage (in development)
- West Hanney (made)
- Wooton and St Helen Without (made)

These plans are important to take into account in terms of how the strategy deals with pitches in those areas relative to policies in the plans. There is also an opportunity for the District Council to inform the Plans in development and made Plans being reviewed by using this strategy as evidence where it remains up-to-date. There is also a connection between the priorities that a community identifies in terms of infrastructure provision (including pitches and facilities), the recommendations made for specific sites in this strategy and any Community Infrastructure Levy payments made to the local community which should be recognised by all of those organisations and providers with an interest and / or responsibility in maintaining and delivering high quality spaces, sports pitches and ancillary / associated facilities.

Sport England: “Uniting the Movement” 2021-2031

In 2021, Sport England published their latest strategy, “Uniting the Movement”⁴, a 10-year vision to transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity. The strategy has three objectives: advocating for movement, sport and physical activity; joining forces on five big issues (recover and reinvent, connecting communities, positive experiences for children and young people, connecting with health & wellbeing, and active environments); and, creating the catalysts for change.

The PPS will play a clear role in helping to achieve some of these objectives in the local land-use context and there is a very clear and direct link with objectives such as supporting and delivering active environments and positive experiences for children and young people.



Football Association “Strategic Plan” 2020-24, and Local Football Facility Plans

The FA’s latest strategy is its Strategic Plan 2020-24 “Time for Change”⁵. Its Vision is “Unite the game, inspire the nation”. The FA website states that the strategy has “six Game Changer objectives and eight Serve the Game objectives. These demonstrate our determination to substantially change the fabric of the game and address key societal issues. In England, football must be a game where the opportunities for every girl to play are the same as for every boy. A game in which, wherever you live, you have easy access to a great, affordable facility on which to play. A game run by the latest digital tools – easily administered from a phone as part of everyday life, lessening the burden on our wonderful volunteers. Football must be a game which

⁴ See <https://www.sportengland.org/why-were-here/uniting-the-movement>

⁵ See <https://www.thefa.com/about-football-association/what-we-do/strategy>

embraces diversity and battles discrimination. Everyone must be made to feel welcome on our pitches and our terraces. Discrimination is an unacceptable societal issue that football must play a key role in tackling.”

The Football Foundation’s Local Football Facility Plans (LFFP)⁶ set out the priority projects for delivery at grass roots level. The LFFP for the District identifies a need to deliver 5 AGPs, 32 natural grass pitches, 2 changing pavilions and 5 small-sided facilities. However, close liaison with the Football Foundation and FA during the development of the PPS means that we have a more up-to-date picture than that presented in the most recent LFFP in relation to priority projects and their delivery.

England Hockey “Creating A Future For Our Game Together” 2023-2028

England Hockey’s strategy “Creating a Future for our Game Together”⁷ provides the strategic direction to hockey to 2028. Its mission is to “Work together to make hockey more visible, relevant and accessible to all”, setting out four key values for the sport and sets 5 objectives for the strategy’s 5 year period. These are: lead positive change; meaningful growth; drive visible impact; responsible leadership; and, inspirational international success.

England and Wales Cricket Board “Inspiring Generations” 2020-2024

The England and Wales Cricket Board strategy, sets out its purpose as “We connect communities and improve lives by inspiring people to discover and share their passion for cricket” and also outlines its ambition as “A generation inspired to say that ‘cricket is a game for me”.

To achieve the purpose and ambition there are 6 priorities

- Grow and Nurture the Core - Ensure that there is a thriving county network at the heart of the domestic game
- Inspire through Elite Teams - Create and celebrate the heroes at the pinnacle of the elite game
- Make Cricket Accessible - Give more people the opportunity to engage with cricket more often
- Engage Children and Young People - Inspire a new generation of players and fans to develop a love for cricket
- Transform Women’s and Girls’ Cricket - Drive cricket’s progress to becoming a truly gender-neutral sport
- Support our Communities - Use our purpose to connect communities and improve lives more broadly across society

Rugby Football Union (England Rugby) Strategy 2021 onwards

The England Rugby Strategy 2021 onwards⁸, sets out its purpose to “To enrich lives, introduce more people to rugby union and develop the sport for future generations” with a vision for a “Successful and Thriving Game across England”. It establishes

⁶ See <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/local-plans>

⁷ See <https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/governance/about-england-hockey/creating-a-future-for-our-game-together>

⁸ See <https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/facilities>

strategic direction for the game by capturing objectives and actions under three key principles, “Players First”, “Open to All” and “Financially Strong”. The objectives, which then filter down to the PPS, are split into game objectives and driving objectives as follows:

Game objectives

- Enjoyment
- Winning England
- Welfare
- Flourishing rugby communities

Driving objectives

- Diversity and inclusion
- Understand
- Connect
- Commercial and operational excellence

The Strategy’s Relationship with Health and Wellbeing and Active Travel

The PPS has clear links to helping maintain and improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of residents in the District through the use of pitches by both formal sports clubs and teams, informal and social use of facilities such as artificial grass pitches (AGPs) and also the use of grass pitch space where it is part of an area of open greenspace such as a park or recreation ground. The public health agenda and provision for sport is becoming more focused on provision for informal, casual and social play in addition to formal / competitive play, in order to help get people more active in their day to day lives. Coronavirus brought this into perhaps sharper focus. There is also a clear role for multi-purpose pavilion or clubhouse facilities in the promotion and use of pitch and facility space for sport and other wider health and recreation activities. It will be important, therefore, for the PPS to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board’s next review of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2030⁹. There are also close links between the provision of good quality pitches and facility infrastructure with the work of the Active Partnership whose Vision is “Everybody in Oxfordshire is physically active”.

The data which underpins the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is set out in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)¹⁰ which, amongst other data, cites the link between levels of deprivation (identified by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation) across the District and impacts on health. Levels of deprivation will need to be considered alongside future programmes of improvement of existing pitches and facilities (where needed) in the District and how best to utilise greenspace for improvement in levels of activity, which may or may not involve playing pitches.

Many of the recommendations of the strategy link closely with some of the principles of “Active Design” supported by Sport England¹¹, which centre around accessibility,

⁹ See <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/health-wellbeing>

¹⁰ See <https://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/joint-strategic-needs-assessment>

¹¹ See <https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/active-design/> for Active Design guidance. For all other Sport England advice and guidance relating to

awareness and amenity, and the appropriate provision of pitches and associated facilities (in terms of location and quality) can help contribute positively to achieving the delivery of active places “on the ground”.

Linked closely to the opportunity for more people to be more active through sport is the desire for a greater number of people to take active travel options more often. The Oxfordshire Local Transport and Connectivity Plan 5¹², sets out the strategic plan for transport with a vision “to deliver a net-zero Oxfordshire transport and travel system that enables the county to thrive while protecting the environment and making Oxfordshire a better place to live for all residents”. Other plans, such as the Active Travel Strategy¹³ and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) being developed across the county (for example, and related to the District, are the plan in place at Abingdon and plans to develop a LCWIP for Didcot) seek to enable active travel change through improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure.

At the District level, there is a joint South and Vale Districts Active Communities Strategy now in place. The strategy sets out how the Councils’ plan to improve the health and wellbeing of its residents and the key role that the authorities play in providing high quality active opportunities for our communities, to contribute to tackling inactivity and addressing the inequalities that challenge society. The main themes in the strategy are: enabling everyone to be active, create healthier communities through walking and cycling, maximise the potential of our natural environment, building the skills base of our communities, effective communication, promotion and consultation, and collaborative partnerships and funding advice. The PPS should play a key component part in helping the Councils deliver improving health and wellbeing, alongside a multitude of other action plans, programmes and strategies all seeking or contributing to improved health outcomes for the residents of the Districts.

Funding Opportunities

The nature of funding for sports pitches and facilities is constantly changing and evolving, and particularly so in light of the coronavirus pandemic. This strategy, therefore, given that it covers an extensive period of time, does not seek to define what current funding opportunities are in detail due to changes which will undoubtedly occur over time. However, the list below provides a brief (but not exhaustive) summary of funding opportunities across sports. Readers should not rely on this list being either comprehensive or up-to-date and those with an interest in funding pitch maintenance, improvement or additional new provision should discuss funding opportunities available to them at the time of interest with the local authority, Sport England, Sports Governing Bodies and other relevant organisations such as the Football Foundation, Rugby Football Foundation and National Hockey Foundation.¹⁴

planning for sport see <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport>

¹² See <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/ltcp>

¹³ See <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/active-travel-0>

¹⁴ At the time of writing this strategy, the following webpages provide gateway information to understanding more about funding opportunities:

<http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/facilities> ,
<https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/> ,

<p><i>Across-sports</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)¹⁵ • Section 106 planning obligations¹⁶ • Sport England Small Grants Programme¹⁷ • Sport England Active Together¹⁸ • Big Lottery Fund¹⁹ • Public Work Loans Board (PWLB)²⁰ • Multi-sport Funding²¹ 	<p><i>Football</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch Improvement Programme²² • PlayZones Programme²³ • Home Advantage Programme²⁴ • Energy Support Programme²⁵ • Shared Access (floodlights)²⁶ • Premier League and FA Facilities Single Fund²⁷ • Premier League Stadium Fund²⁸
<p><i>Rugby Union</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Investment support and Guidance, clubs should contact the RFU 	<p><i>Hockey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See England Hockey's website for the most up-to-date funding options²⁹
<p><i>Cricket</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Grants Fund³⁰ • Interest Free Loan Scheme³¹ 	

<https://www.englandrugby.com/governance/club-support/financial-management/funding/> , <http://www.rugbyfootballfoundation.org/> , <http://www.englandhockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=2388§ionTitle=Sinking+Funds> , <http://www.54408.mrsite.com/page11.htm> , <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding>

¹⁵ a charge on new developments applied by the local authority to developments which meet certain criteria and is most often collected for housing schemes on a charge per square metre – see <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/community-infrastructure-levy-cil-charging-schedule/> for more information.

¹⁶ Section 106 planning obligations deliver infrastructure and site specific requirements related to a development that cannot be delivered through CIL but are necessary in order for planning permission to be granted.

¹⁷ See <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/funding/small-grants>

¹⁸ See <https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds>

¹⁹ See <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

²⁰ See <https://www.pwlb.gov.uk/responsibilities/local-authority-lending-pwlb/>

²¹ See <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/multi-sport>

²² See <http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/facilities/the-fa-pitch-improvement-programme>

²³ See <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/playzones-programme>

²⁴ See https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/home-advantage-programme?gclid=CjwKCAjw1t2pBhAFEiwA_-A-NF0owM4uvCIHUUFHdnKzUadJpDUBg7jSgypbCHGOW_R6r_pZFJy7YBoCAycQAvD_BwE

²⁵ See https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/energy-support-programme?gclid=CjwKCAjw1t2pBhAFEiwA_-A-NNulqozJi5-wFpFTiXBeG911fdQGsjAffsQPiak3YRT3eCRgn6C8xBoCf0gQAvD_BwE

²⁶ See <http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/clubs-leagues/shared-access>

²⁷ See <https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund/>

²⁸ See <https://premierleaguestadiumfund.co.uk/>

²⁹ See <https://www.englandhockey.co.uk/deliver/facilities/funding-for-facilities>

³⁰ See <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/club-support/club-funding/county-grant-fund>

³¹ See <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/club-support/club-funding/interest-free-loan-scheme>

In addition to accessing capital funding opportunities, those providing additional pitches and facilities must take into account the long-term revenue implications of running, managing, maintaining and replacing facilities and pitches as they plan for the future. Many funders providing capital grants and loans will likely require a sustainable viability test and / or business plan to be in place (particularly where large sums of money are involved).

Appendix 3: Sport-by-Sport Recommendations

The assessment reports concluded with the findings for each main sport and pitch type from the data and information gathered and analysed. These recommendations are reproduced here from the assessment reports for ease of reference. The recommendations for each sport and pitch type are responsive to the requirements set out in the PPS guidance, which suggest that recommendations are set out under the headings of “protect”, “enhance” and “provide”.

FOOTBALL

PROTECT

District-wide

- F1) Protect the existing supply of grass pitches and AGPs identified in the assessment and their capacity (for existing known, projected and potential additional currently unidentified future demand) unless the strategy proposes their replacement or alternative re-use for sport, leisure and recreation or unless replacement equivalent capacity can be provided elsewhere to an equal or better standard (i.e. “net improvements”) reflecting the demand and type of use required “on the ground” by clubs. The PROVIDE section sets out criteria which responds to proposals where the loss of a pitch is unavoidable. Any proposals which suggest potential loss of a playing pitch or wider playing field to supply should respond appropriately to Sport England’s Playing Fields Policy³². It must not be assumed that the intensification of provision on an existing playing pitch or playing field site equates to satisfactory mitigation for loss of a grass pitch.
- F2) Where pitches are lost to formal pitch use, where appropriate, the Local Planning Authority should seek to ensure that there is significant policy protection through the Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plans or legal means to prevent their loss as open or green space.
- F3) Maintain the quality of existing pitches to at least current standards where they have a quality rating of “standard” or “good”.
- F4) The identified notional spare grass pitch capacity at pitches already used for matches should be retained during the strategy period to allow for “capacity headroom” and flexibility of provision to help accommodate growth to the end of the strategy period.
- F5) “Mothballed”, closed or lapsed pitches previously used for football and pitches rested or reserved on multi-pitch sites should be retained as green / open space to protect potential future long-term demand and capacity for football or other sports should demand suggest a need. It should be noted that reinstatement of pitches could require investment to ensure that they are available to a “good” standard of quality. Re-opening pitches could also have implications for ancillary facilities and the suitability or age-group of teams

³² See https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport?section=playing_fields_policy

using the pitches. If such pitches are unavoidably lost, replacement should be made in line with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy³³ to mitigate loss.

- F6) The supply / capacity provided by existing grass pitches within a 20-minute drive-time catchment of a new 3G pitch should not be considered for loss from formal use / supply until their capacity is replaced and utilised by operational secure community use 3G capacity and they are deemed surplus over and above the identified "capacity headroom". No team should be left without its usual home grass pitch just because a 3G has been provided and transition from grass to 3G use must be well-managed.
- F7) Ensure that all existing and new pitches that are on the 3G FA register are re-tested every three years to sustain certification.
- F8) Seek agreement between hockey (EH) and football (FA), and with providers and clubs, about which sport should have sole or priority use of sand based full size AGPs as new 3G pitches proposed are introduced.
- F9) Proposals for development which have an implication for the use of an existing pitch (such as change of land use) should take into account the recommendations of this strategy and policies of relevance in adopted Development Plans relevant to the site / pitch (i.e. Adopted Local Plans, other Development Plan Documents and Made Neighbourhood Plans).

Sub-Area Specific

North

- F10) Protection of grass pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities).
- F11) Protect the 3G surfaces at Tilsley Park and Brookes Sport Botley (Harcourt) from loss (or mitigate loss through replacement), on the basis that they currently play an important role in supporting demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play.
- F12) Protect the sand-based surfaces at Tilsley Park from loss, on the basis that they currently play an important role in supporting demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play. These pitches may continue to play an important role moving forward, subject to the ability to deliver additional and pipeline 3G pitches. The pitches also play a critical role in supporting hockey in the town (see Hockey assessment).
- F13) Protect the AGP facility Radley College Sports Centre from loss, on the basis that it currently plays an important role in supporting demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play. The pitch may continue to play an important role moving forward, subject to the ability to deliver additional and pipeline 3G pitches.

South

³³ See https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport?section=playing_fields_policy

- F14) Protection of grass pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities).
- F15) Protect the 3G surface at Harwell Primary School from loss, on the basis that it currently plays an important role in supporting local demand for training and from informal, casual and small-sided league play.
- F16) Protect the AGP facility at UTC Oxfordshire from loss, on the basis that it currently plays an important role in supporting demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play. The site may continue to play an important role moving forward, subject to the ability to deliver additional and pipeline 3G pitches.

West

- F17) Protection of grass pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities).
- F18) Protect the AGP surface St Hugh's School from loss, on the basis that it could play a role in supporting local demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play.

ENHANCE

District-wide

- F19) Gain the secure use of clubs' and teams' home grounds / pitches which do not currently have secure community use, to provide certainty of future supply and enable clubs and users to access necessary funding to invest in improvements. This includes club or team use of pitches on education sites and any newly marked out pitches on any site. This could be through a secure community use agreement (where the local authority or other body is identified to enforce the agreement), long-term lease or long-term tenure of the ground, extending to ancillary facilities if possible.
- F20) Gain secure community use of unsecure 3G pitches.
- F21) Gain secure community use of unsecure sand based pitches where they are currently in use for football training and social / small-sided games to maintain security of supply until additional 3G pitches are delivered to accommodate training and informal / small-sided game demand.
- F22) Prioritise pitch quality improvements at secure community use grounds over unsecure community use grounds. Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality, and improve maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. There should be a focus on improving secure use pitches rated as "poor" and "standard", where feasible.
- F23) Improvement of unsecure community use pitches should be a second priority after secure use pitch improvements. Where unsecure use pitches are secured, they should be added to the programme of improvement set out in the sub-area sections below.
- F24) To inform fully, the specific programme of improvements to be made to a pitch to enhance quality, delivery must be informed by an independent GROUNDS

- MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION / Pitch Power report or equivalent, instructed by the NGB, local authority or club.
- F25) Enhance the quality of existing secure community use pitches or consider replacement where flooding / waterlogging is known to be a consistent issue over several seasons and is preventing consistency and certainty of play by improving drainage (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term).
- F26) Enhance the quality of existing pitches where they are subject to dog fouling by considering the introduction of open fencing and / or signage where cost effective to do so, where shared uses allow and practical to do so (in view of the available space outside the pitch for recreational use and where shared pitch sites can be fenced without compromising the quality of summer sports' areas of play).
- F27) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where necessary to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced. Particular focus should be on supporting the growth of girls' and women's football through improvements which enhance the quality and accessibility of facilities.
- F28) Enhance where necessary, outside of the sites named in sub-area sections below, the quality of toilets and storage facilities, where improvements are required as a priority.
- F29) NGBs and the local authority should work with clubs, operators and providers, on sites where facilities and / or pitch areas are shared between sports, to ensure that management, maintenance and access is shared appropriately between sports, for example, through establishment of multi-sport site Trusts or other management bodies.
- F30) Improve the current use of existing pitches, where physically and logistically possible, by considering flexibility of when matches take place.
- F31) Support proposals for improved energy efficiency and localised renewable and low carbon energy generation at facilities and grounds through measures such as LED directional lighting, solar pv, heat pumps and building insulation.
- F32) Work with partners and key stakeholders to improve sustainable travel options to grounds, pitches and facilities.
- F33) Support provision of secure cycle stands and ev vehicle charge points at club and other providers' grounds and facilities to enhance provision for low carbon forms of travel.
- F34) Clubs should be encouraged to open-up facilities and pitches that they own and manage to other local clubs where there is capacity for them to do so (rather than allowing only their own teams to use their facilities and pitches).

Sub-Area Specific

North

- F35) Gain the secure use of unsecure community use pitch sites through clubs and relevant authorities working with pitch providers / owners to seek a long-term secure use agreement to provide certainty of supply and reduce the need for additional secure use new pitches (where desirable by the club and provider). These include:

- Thrupp Lane.

F36) Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality and improve maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. There should be a focus, where feasible, on improving the following pitches rated as “poor” to “standard” as a priority, and then secure use “standard” pitches to “good”, where there are known pressures on demand identified by clubs. Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Harwell Recreation Ground 1, 11v11;
- Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre 2, 11v11; and,
- Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre 3, 7v7;

Standard

- Abingdon Utd FC, 11v11;
- Abingdon Utd FC, 9v9;
- Boxhill Recreation Ground 2, 7v7;
- Boxhill Recreation Ground 3, 5v5;
- Forest Side and Playfield Road - all pitches at Kennington FC sites (club has funding to make pitch improvements);
- Southern Town Park 11, 7v7;
- Southern Town Park 12, 7v7;
- Southern Town Park 4, 9v9; and,
- Southern Town Park 5, 9v9.

F37) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where possible to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced (with a focus on those of “poor” quality listed below, and then those with “standard” quality). Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Appleford Recreation Ground;
- Boxhill Recreation Ground;
- Caldecott Recreation Ground;
- Forest Side;
- The Heights, Milton Utd.; and,
- Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Such improvements are particularly important to help grow participation in the women’s game and pitches hosting women’s teams should be prioritised where improvements are required. Improvement of unsecure community use pitch changing and other ancillary facilities should be a second priority after secure use site improvements. Where unsecure use pitches are secured, sites should be added to the programme of improvement set out in the list above.

South

F38) Gain the secure use of unsecure community use pitch sites through clubs and relevant authorities working with pitch providers / owners to seek a long-term secure use agreement to provide certainty of supply and reduce the need for additional secure use new pitches (where desirable by the club and provider). These include:

- Harwell Labs Recreational Association; and,
- Rutherford Labs.

F39) Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality and improve maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. There should be a focus, where feasible, on improving the following pitches rated as “poor” to “standard” as a priority, and then secure use “standard” pitches to “good”, where there are known pressures on demand identified by clubs. Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Tugwell Field 3, 7v7.

F40) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where possible to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced (with a focus on those of “poor” quality listed below, and then those with “standard” quality). Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Harwell Recreation Ground.

Such improvements are particularly important to help grow participation in the women’s game and pitches hosting women’s teams should be prioritised where improvements are required. Improvement of unsecure community use pitch changing and other ancillary facilities should be a second priority after secure use site improvements. Where unsecure use pitches are secured, sites should be added to the programme of improvement set out in the list above.

West

F41) Gain the secure use of unsecure community use pitch sites through clubs and relevant authorities working with pitch providers / owners to seek a long-term secure use agreement to provide certainty of supply and reduce the need for additional secure use new pitches (where desirable by the club and provider). These include:

- Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground.

F42) Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality and improve maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. There should be a focus, where feasible, on improving the following pitches rated as “poor” to “standard” as a priority, and then secure use “standard” pitches to “good”, where there are known pressures on demand identified by clubs. Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Tucker Park Recreation Ground 4, 7v7; and,

- West Hanney Playing Field 5, Hanney Youth FC, 9v9.

Standard

- Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground 3, Youth 11v11; and,
- Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground 4, Youth 11v11.

F43) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where possible to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced (with a focus on those of “poor” quality, if any emerge during the strategy period, and then those with “standard” quality). Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised. Such improvements are particularly important to help grow participation in the women’s game and pitches hosting women’s teams should be prioritised where improvements are required. Improvement of unsecure community use pitch changing and other ancillary facilities should be a second priority after secure use site improvements. Where unsecure use pitches are secured, sites should be added to the programme of improvement.

PROVIDE

District-wide

- F44) Where the loss of an existing pitch is unavoidable, ensure that replacement pitch capacity and associated facilities are provided to a good quality standard in a location appropriate to demand to mitigate loss. Opportunities should be taken to replace pitches to a better quality than the provision they are replacing.
- F45) Ensure that proposals for new pitches, both grass and 3G, and ancillary facilities, are provided outside of flood risk zones, or provision can be satisfactorily tested through the sequential and exceptions tests to mitigate satisfactorily against adverse impact and risk.
- F46) Ensure that proposals for new and resurfaced 3G pitches:
- a) provide satisfactory protection and mitigation to minimise rubber crumb and other infill loss (retrofitting containment if necessary);
 - b) are constructed to meet FA and / or RFU recommended quality performance standards to meet performance testing criteria; and,
 - c) provide energy efficient directional LED sports-lighting;
 - d) satisfy tests applied by the local authority in relation to carbon emissions, whole lifecycle of materials and requirements for net gains in biodiversity;
 - e) for new pitches, explore the provision on multi-pitch sites where demand can be demonstrated.
- F47) Ensure that the provision of any new pitches and facilities meet the most up-to-date quality design standards and dimensions supported by the FA and Sport England. Provision must ensure that all sexes, genders and age groups are supported and catered for. Any new grass pitches provided by a developer must be signed-off by an agronomist prior to “handover”.
- F48) Ensure that new 3G pitches are marked out to cater for quarter pitch segregation and capable of hosting 11v11, 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5 matches. Essentially however, markings and design should be prepared aligned to an

- intended programme of use to ensure the pitch is best able to meet local demand.
- F49) Ensure that delivery of additional 3G pitch capacity takes into account use of non 3G based pitches by teams for training and is introduced in-step with demand required by hockey teams for additional sand based pitches.
- F50) Ensure that any new facilities and other associated pitch infrastructure are provided to meet the most up-to-date Building Regulations, including, but not restricted to, those relating to accessibility.
- F51) Ensure that any new pitches and facilities have a sustainable long-term business and financial management plan in place to ensure long-term viability which includes usage plans. This includes, for 3G pitches in particular, the need for a sinking fund to retain funds during use for refurbishment or replacement of the surface and for recycling of the carpet and infill, a maintenance programme agreed between the provider, local authority and the FA, and the provider must report to the local authority, Sport England and the FA on an annual basis on the state of the sinking fund and statement of availability and use during the agreed peak period hours. Sinking funds established should be monitored to ensure that collection is taking place. The costs of hiring 3G pitch time and space will need to be competitive to help ensure future viability but it is important that, to help enable transition from use of grass for matches to maximise use of capacity on 3Gs at weekends, match play charges reflect those paid for grass pitch use.
- F52) Ensure that all new 3G pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity) for community access for a 38 hour peak period³⁴ where feasible and that the appropriate body is identified to monitor and enforce such agreements. Providers should ensure that provision is made for different user groups during the peak period including clubs, pay and play, informal use and casual leagues.
- F53) Ensure, as far as possible, that any proposed new grass pitches have certainty of users (clubs / teams) committed to them and that commitments to the management and maintenance of the ground are in place prior to delivery. The management and operation of new pitches and facilities should rest with a single operator if possible.
- F54) Ensure that all new pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity) and that the appropriate body is identified to monitor and enforce such agreements.
- F55) Support opportunities to utilise sites not currently available for community use where the provider has indicated a desire to do so, where they fill a spatial gap in supply, address a local team's demand not already catered for locally and where secure use can be agreed.
- F56) Ensure that the supply of grass pitches can accommodate existing and future demand for matches in sync with the provision of additional 3G capacity. At no time should the total supply of grass pitches not be able to accommodate demand for play outwith 3G capacity and "on the ground" demand for match play by each age group within the structure of the game. The role of grass

³⁴ The peak period is Mon-Thurs 5pm-9pm, Fri 5pm-7pm and Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

pitches is particularly important should the additional 3G capacity not be delivered.

- F57) Where needed, increased capacity and / or use of grass pitches to meet demand could come from a combination of:
- a) Increasing reliability of pitches through improved quality, drainage and maintenance;
 - b) Considering better grouping of age groups (and therefore pitch types and sizes) on multi-pitch sites;
 - c) Making better use of pitches which are available for community use but not yet currently used by teams, where additional community use on those pitches would not result in unacceptable wear which significantly reduces a pitch's ability to cope with the additional demand / use placed upon it (for example, careful consideration must be given to use of education site pitches if those pitches are already well-used by students during the week);
 - d) Re-opening "mothballed", lapsed or closed pitches, where they provide supply in a location which can respond to demand. If such pitches are unavoidably lost, however, replacement should be made in line with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy³⁵ to mitigate loss; and,
 - e) Provision of additional pitches in appropriate locations as demand requires during the strategy period to:
 - i. respond to growth in demand (as a result of club unmet and latent demand, club growth, growth in social / informal and non-club participation, increased population and spatial gaps in provision) where this cannot be catered for on existing pitches; and / or,
 - ii. provide new additional capacity on strategic housing allocation sites where a new club can be formed to fully utilise pitches provided, where such provision responds to demand arising from the new residents, and / or responds to insufficient supply locally to respond to demand, enabling an existing club to make the new pitches their home ground or an additional home ground. Such sites, if providing sufficient pitch capacity, could form new home grounds for nomadic clubs which currently play across more than one site and are looking to consolidate club activity in one location; and / or,
 - iii. replace and increase the capacity of existing pitches of poor or standard quality; or, which prove uneconomical to manage and maintain; or, are unattractive to club use due to quality and / or cost.
- F58) Suggested provision of pitch sizes in the sub-area sections which follow needs to be considered flexibly as calculator outputs for future provision are projections and do not reflect specificity of team composition on the ground. Therefore, provision could be made, for example, for 1 x 11v11 instead of 4 x 5v5 pitches to ensure that flexibility is there in the long-term for clubs to adapt pitch sizes and markings to the needs of teams they have at any given point in time.

³⁵ See https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport?section=playing_fields_policy

- F59) New grass pitches should be secure and, where feasible, be resistant to dog fouling and vandalism.
- F60) New grass pitches should be provided to a “good” quality, with programmes put in place and managed to help ensure that this quality is retained into the future.
- F61) Provision of new additional pitches which increase net capacity / supply will need to respond to demonstrable demand “on the ground”. This is particularly important in the latter part of the strategy period to ensure that supply responds to demand which has actually or will come forward.
- F62) For development detailed in the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule / infrastructure list, CIL monies could be secured towards the upgrade and management of existing strategic outdoor sports and recreation provision and creation of new provision and associated facilities (this includes playing pitches as identified in the PPS). However, it is recommended that local authority officers consider the benefits of bringing forward new and improved facilities related to development through s106 planning obligations as the most appropriate mechanism to understand and apply requirements generated for sports pitches and ancillary facilities by a given population.
- F63) Support provision of or contributions to fund new full-size sports-lit 3G pitches where certainty of delivery of the intended new 3G is or can be put in place (for example, planning permission secured) and mitigation of loss of the existing grass pitch on which the 3G would be built is considered satisfactory.
- F64) Enable opportunity for club progression up the FA pyramid by ensuring that one or more pitches can meet FA requirements for progression to the next step.
- F65) The provision of additional pitches and / or facilities should be closely co-ordinated between NGBs, clubs, leagues, Sport England, the local authority, and the land owner (where not one of the aforementioned bodies).
- F66) Ensure that usage plans are developed for new 3Gs and include agreement on the balance of use between rugby and other sports where relevant.
- F67) In cases where mitigation is required as the result of a loss of a pitch to development, and that mitigation is in the form of off-site contributions, to ensure certainty that the contributions can be used to deliver the intended provision in part or in full (and in turn help to address any “knock-on” mitigation required on the site to which the contribution applies), the Local Planning Authority should consider introducing a Grampian condition³⁶ on permission to ensure that mitigation is delivered as intended (and therefore certainty of delivery is guaranteed).

³⁶ See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-of-planning-conditions#Application-of-the-six-tests> for further details on use of Grampian Conditions. Section - “When can conditions be used relating to land not in control of the applicant?” Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 21a-009-20140306. The NPPG states that Grampian Conditions are conditions which are “prohibiting development authorised by the planning permission or other aspects linked to the planning permission (eg occupation of premises) until a specified action has been taken (such as the provision of supporting infrastructure)”.

- F68) A “plan, deliver, monitor, manage” approach should therefore be taken to the management and any necessary “re-packaging” of existing supply (if necessary) and the provision of additional capacity.
- F69) Given the nature of demand, provision set out in the sub-area sections below may require adjustment during the strategy period, and provision should be considered in a flexible way to allow provision of additional supply in one area to respond to demand which arises in another, in other words, reflecting spatial need across sub-area boundaries and likely travel times to the nearest pitch.

Sub-Area Specific

North

- F70) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
- a. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to “standard” quality from “poor” and to improve “standard” quality pitches to “good” where indicated in “ENHANCE”, deliver 1 x 11v11 and 2 x 9v9 good quality pitches in one or more of the following locations, to respond to demand:
 - i. in or on the edge of Abingdon;
 - ii. on the edge of Oxford;
 - iii. on the edge of Didcot (in alignment with recommendations in the South Oxfordshire PPS);
 - iv. responding to demand at St Edmunds FC;
 - v. responding to demand at Abingdon Youth FC;
 - vi. responding to demand at Steventon FC.
- F71) Deliver pitches to respond to additional demand arising from growth in population at the strategic housing allocations:
- a. At Dalton Barracks, deliver 3 x 11v11, 3 x 9v9 and 3 x 7v7 pitches and associated necessary ancillary facilities. To ensure their use, identify either an existing club or clubs which can relocate to the pitches as a new home ground, an existing club which will use the pitches at a home ground in addition to its existing home ground, or that capacity and support exists to create a new club.
- F72) Deliver proposed pitches “in the pipeline” to meet demand arising in those locations. This means that pitches at:
- a. land North of Dunmore Road, Abingdon, to deliver 1 x 11v11 pitch and 2 x Youth 7v7 pitches and associated necessary ancillary facilities.
- F73) Provide 3 x full-size sports-lit 3G pitches to serve Abingdon to address unmet and future demand (one of which could be delivered at Dalton Barracks), and consider additional +1 x full-size sports-lit 3G to serve the edge of Oxford (Botley – Kennington arc) should demand arise in the middle to late part of the period to 2041. Also consider additional +1 x full-size sports-lit 3G to serve western catchment of Didcot, with provision made in conjunction with overall

sequencing of additional 3G provision in the town (also see South Oxfordshire report). This could be provided, for example, at The Heights, Milton United.

South

- F74) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
- a. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to “standard” quality from “poor” and to improve “standard” quality pitches to “good” where indicated in “ENHANCE”, deliver 4 x 11v11 good quality pitches in one or more of the following locations, to respond to demand:
 - i. in or on the edge of Wantage;
 - ii. on the edge of Didcot (in alignment with recommendations in the South Oxfordshire PPS);
 - iii. responding to demand at Ardington & Lockinge FC;
 - iv. responding to demand at Blewbury Amazons Girls FC;
 - v. responding to demand at East Hendred AFC;
 - vi. responding to demand at Grove Challengers FC (should the additional proposed pitches at Grove Airfield not satisfy demand);
 - vii. responding to demand at Wantage Town FC (should the proposed 3G at their home ground not satisfy demand).
- F75) Deliver proposed pitches “in the pipeline” to meet demand arising in those locations. This means pitches at:
- a. Valley Park, Didcot to deliver 2 x grass youth (Alma Park), 2 x grass youth (Common Park) and 2 x grass 11v11 adult pitches (Common Park), 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G (Common Park) and associated necessary ancillary facilities. Consideration should also be given strategically, across Didcot as a whole and in both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, whether future provision for some sports in the town could be consolidated on one or other of the Boundary Park and Valley Park sites.
 - b. Crab Hill, Wantage, 2 x grass adult 11v11 and 1 x grass youth 11v11 and associated necessary ancillary facilities.
 - c. Grove Airfield, 2 x grass adult, 4 x youth 9v9 / 11v11 and 6 x 5v5 / 7v7 pitches.
 - d. North-west Grove, 1 x grass adult pitch, subject to location being appropriate to local club use or off-site contributions to deliver the pitch elsewhere in the Grove / Wantage area.
 - e. Alfredian Park, Wantage Town FC, deliver 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G pitch and associated necessary ancillary facilities.
- F76) Provide 0.5 x additional full-size sports-lit 3G pitch to serve demand, in a location to be determined, in the middle to latter part of the strategy period, to serve areas where demand appears on the ground, either in the Wantage / Grove or edge of Didcot area. This could be increased to a full-size 3G should demand be demonstrated that this will be viable at the time of proposal.

West

- F77) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
- a. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to “standard” quality from “poor” and to improve “standard” quality pitches to “good” where indicated in “ENHANCE”, deliver 1 x 7v7 and 2 x 9v9 good quality pitches in one or more of the following locations, to respond to demand:
 - i. in or on the edge of Shrivenham;
 - ii. in or on the edge of Faringdon;
 - iii. responding to demand at Kingson Colts FC.
- F78) Deliver proposed pitches “in the pipeline” to meet demand arising in those locations. This means pitches at:
- a. Faringdon Community College to deliver 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G pitch and any associated necessary ancillary facilities.
- F79) Consider provision of an additional +1 x full-size sports-lit 3G should demand arise in the middle to late part of the period to 2041, in either Faringdon or split on 2 x 0.5 3G pitches in Faringdon and Shrivenham.

HOCKEY

PROTECT

District-wide

- H1) Protect the existing supply of pitches (and the capacity they provide) identified in the assessment unless replacement capacity is provided (for existing known, projected and potential additional currently unidentified future demand).
- H2) Maintain any good quality AGP surfaces and lighting to the appropriate quality standard.
- H3) Protect the capacity available for hockey use on England Hockey Category 1, 2 and 3 surfaces. Consultation should take place between providers, clubs, England Hockey, Football Association and the Football Foundation prior to any change in surface type is introduced (for example, from sand to 3G). A change of surface type (or carpet) will require planning application and applicants will have to show that there is sufficient AGP provision available for hockey within the demand catchment if the surface is changed. Advice from Sport England and England Hockey should be sought prior to any planning application being submitted. In the event of any proposed replacement of an AGP pitch used for hockey with a 3G pitch, to ensure protection of capacity for hockey, any replacement capacity must be provided for hockey clubs at the same site or an alternative site convenient for the club to access within the same settlement or wider sub-area if not feasible.
- H4) For the future long-term sustainability of hockey clubs (with regard to financial viability and maximising the availability of volunteer / coaches’ time) a “one site model” for focusing club activity on one central site for each club should be followed.

- H5) Protect the current number of hours used by hockey in the peak period as a minimum (i.e. seek to prevent use by additional football training on pitches used for hockey).
- H6) Seek agreement between hockey (England Hockey) and football (Football Association), and with providers and clubs, about timely sole or priority use of sand based full size secure use AGPs within the context of the football assessment conclusions and recommendations.
- H7) Proposals for development which have an implication for the use of an existing pitch (such as change of land use) should take into account the recommendations of this strategy and policies of relevance in adopted Development Plans relevant to the site / pitch (i.e. Adopted Local Plans, other Development Plan Documents and Made Neighbourhood Plans).

Sub-Area Specific

North

- H8) There is sufficient demand at the current time and projected during the strategy period to 2041 to warrant protection of the sand-based pitches at Tilsley Park used by Abingdon HC.
- H9) There is not strictly any need to protect the sand based pitches which can support hockey play for the club at Radley College when the pitches need resurfacing, but retention of two of the pitches with a surface which can accommodate hockey (such as sand or Gen2) when they need to be resurfaced would put the club in a good position should risk of loss of the surfaces at Tilsley Park not be minimised.

ENHANCE

District-wide

- H10) Gain formal agreement or greater security of use (in relation to unsecure tenure) on pitches used by clubs to provide certainty of supply for hockey.
- H11) Support proposals for improved energy efficiency and localised renewable and low carbon energy generation at facilities and grounds through measures such as LED lighting, solar pv, heat pumps and building insulation.
- H12) Work with partners and key stakeholders to improve sustainable travel options to grounds, pitches and facilities at times when players are most likely to travel to and from the sites. This is particularly important in the district with only one community based club in operation.
- H13) Support provision of secure cycle stands and ev vehicle charge points at club and other providers' grounds and facilities to enhance provision for low carbon forms of travel.

Sub-Area Specific

North

- H14) Gain formal agreement or security of use or tenure for club use of the Tilsley park pitches.
- H15) Support improvements to the lighting at Tilsley Park, upgraded to LED lighting meeting England Hockey standards.

- H16) Implement an improved maintenance regime / plan for the Tilsley Park sand AGPs.
- H17) Resolve sharing issues between hockey and football use if apparent as the hockey club grows and requires additional weekday evening slots at times which reduce operational and volunteer pressures. If 3G provision is made in Abingdon, ensure that a managed transition takes place as hockey demand grows on-site and as solutions for football 3G surfaces are delivered to accommodate demand for football training.

West

- H18) Work with Shrivenham HC and Academy to enable non-student and staff members to join the club, as this is an issue which needs resolving. Enabling community members' access to the club will help ensure that residents in the western part of the district do not have to travel as far to access hockey provision.

PROVIDE

District-wide

- H19) Where the loss of an existing pitch is unavoidable, provide replacement pitch capacity on a surface compliant for hockey use to good quality standard in a single site / location appropriate to demand to mitigate loss.
- H20) Ensure that proposals for new AGPs, and ancillary facilities, are provided outside of flood risk zones, or provision can be satisfactorily tested through the sequential and exceptions tests to mitigate satisfactorily against adverse impact and risk.
- H21) Ensure that proposals for new AGPs:
- satisfy tests applied by the local authority in relation to carbon emissions, whole lifecycle of materials and requirements for net gains in biodiversity.
- H22) Ensure that the provision of any new pitches and facilities meet the most up-to-date quality design standards and dimensions supported by the NGB and Sport England and include directional energy efficient LED sports lighting with a minimum of 350 lux.
- H23) Ensure that any new facilities and other associated pitch infrastructure are provided to meet the most up-to-date Building Regulations, including, but not restricted to, those relating to accessibility. Pitches should be secure; be easily and safely accessible by cycle, foot and public transport; have secure cycle storage / parking; electric vehicle charge points; and, have sufficient car parking spaces to accommodate demand for the use of the facility and any associated shared uses and comply with the most up-to-date Highways Authority, Local Planning Authority and Sport England requirements / guidance.
- H24) Ensure that any new pitches and facilities have a sustainable long-term business and financial management plan in place to ensure long-term viability. This must include arrangements for a sinking fund to ensure that the replacement or refurbishment of the pitch surface is viable when renewal is likely to be required. Sink funds established should be monitored to ensure that collection is taking place. It should also include a management and maintenance regime appropriate for the surface and level of use agreed with

- the appropriate bodies (for example, the District Council, England Hockey and / or Sport England).
- H25) Ensure that all new pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity) for peak period use and that the appropriate body or bodies are identified to monitor and enforce such agreements. Pitches should be available for 38 peak period hours (Mon – Thurs 5pm-10pm, Fri 5pm-7pm and Sat – Sun 9am-5pm).
- H26) The provision of additional pitches and / or facilities should be closely co-ordinated between NGBs, clubs, leagues, Sport England, the District Council, and the land owner (where the latter is not one of the aforementioned bodies).
- H27) For development detailed in the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), CIL monies could be secured towards the upgrade and management of existing strategic outdoor sports and recreation provision and creation of new provision and associated facilities (this includes playing pitches as identified in the PPS). However, it is recommended that local authority officers consider the benefits of bringing forward new and improved facilities related to development through s106 planning obligations as the most appropriate mechanism to understand and apply requirements generated for sports pitches and ancillary facilities by a given population.
- H28) Monitor closely the change in demand to map against projected demand and understand the real demand “on the ground” for additional match and training time. Additional new pitch provision, if required, should be provided only in response to demonstrable demand “on the ground”, together with a full understanding of feasibility and viability. The delivery of additional pitches should be made in a timely fashion, i.e. co-ordinated in alignment with demand, availability of supply and risk of loss of existing supply on unsecure sites. A “plan, deliver, monitor, manage” approach should therefore be taken to the provision of additional capacity.
- H29) New AGP pitches will be considered as “development” and the local authority should consider applying requirements to proposals, through planning policy, for future new AGPs, which assess impact in relation to carbon emissions from development through to the long-term use of the pitch, sports lighting and ancillary facilities, the impact of travel to and from the site and how the local authority and other partners will help to mitigate the impact of travel by private car and encourage active travel, the life of the surface and recycling at the end of its life, confirmation of maintenance regimes and viability of funding for them in the long-term to ensure longevity of the surface, and how net gains in biodiversity will be achieved.
- H30) New AGPs should be located on a managed site hosted by a provider which will: adhere to the recommendations for pitches above; and, not rely on third party management of the pitch and ancillary facilities.

Sub-Area Specific

North

- H31) No recommendations to provide additional capacity, based on existing capacity being available at Tilsley Park for Abingdon HC.

South

- H32) The appropriate level of off-site contributions for hockey sought from any new developments in this sub-area should be discussed between the local authority and England Hockey, given that the playing pitch calculator can only be used based on a baseline number of teams and club members (which in this sub-area is zero). Contributions should be focused on making improvements in existing provision at the clubs most likely to receive additional players from the location of the new development.

CRICKET

PROTECT

District-wide

- C1) Protect the existing supply of pitches (and their capacity) identified in the assessment unless replacement equivalent capacity can be provided elsewhere to an equal or better standard (i.e. “net improvements”) reflecting the demand and type of use required “on the ground” by clubs (also see PROVIDE recommendations).
- C2) Protection from loss also extends to where a club folds, as additional capacity on a lost ground and previously used for cricket may be required by other clubs and this should be explored in relation to potential demand where this scenario happens. Such sites also need protection for future supply as the anticipated growth in junior age groups moves through into the adult game towards during the strategy period.
- C3) Protect pitches by seeking to establish security of tenure for grounds / pitches currently considered as unsecure and explore community use on those not currently available (also see **Enhance** below). The implications of any changes to security of use will need to be understood and factored into planning for delivery during the strategy period.
- C4) Regular monitoring of the balance between supply and demand should take place to ensure that appropriate use of any available capacity is being made and confirm that any spare “headroom” capacity to accommodate growth is not considered as “surplus” to cricket use.
- C5) Proposals for development which have an implication for the use of an existing pitch (such as change of land use) should take into account the recommendations of this strategy and policies of relevance in adopted Development Plans relevant to the site / pitch (i.e. Adopted Local Plans, other Development Plan Documents and Made Neighbourhood Plans).

Sub-Area Specific

North

- C6) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches as there is overlap across this sub-area.
- C7) Protect the currently “mothballed” pitch sites (at Old Wallingford Way Recreation Ground and Appleford Recreation Ground) from development, holding in reserve to ensure that headroom capacity could be available to

respond to potential demand if no other suitable site with existing use and headroom capacity is available.

South

- C8) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for all club pitches as the sub area is broadly at capacity.

West

- C9) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for all club pitches. Although there is some spare capacity at a couple of sites, all sites are in use by local clubs who provide cricket opportunities to their local communities.

ENHANCE

District-wide

- C10) Gain the secure use of clubs' pitches which do not currently have secure community use, to provide certainty of future supply and enable clubs and users to access necessary funding to invest in improvements.
- C11) Consider increasing the current use of existing pitches where spare capacity notionally exists, where physically, practically and logistically possible.
- C12) Support projected growth in the women's and junior games by ensuring that the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities meets their needs (i.e. that they are fit for purpose) where junior and women's teams play and train.
- C13) Support the training needs of clubs by providing in-situ practice nets where necessary to improve the capacity for training which can help retain the quality of pitches on the main square.
- C14) Support proposals for improved energy efficiency and localised renewable and low carbon energy generation at facilities and grounds through measures such as LED directional lighting, solar pv, heat pumps and building insulation.
- C15) Support the continual improvement of facilities, and the workforce that prepare them, to a good quality to help attract and retain players.
- C16) Work with partners and key stakeholders to improve sustainable travel options to grounds, pitches and facilities.
- C17) Support provision of secure cycle stands and ev vehicle charge points at club and other providers' grounds and facilities to enhance provision for low carbon forms of travel.
- C18) NGBs and the local authority should work with clubs, operators and providers, on sites where facilities and / or pitch areas are shared between sports, to ensure that management, maintenance and access is shared evenly and appropriately between sports, for example, through establishment of multi-sport site Trusts or other management bodies.

Sub-Area Specific

North

- C19) Gain the secure use of pitches which currently have unsecure community use at Playfield Road (Kennington); and Steventon Village Green to provide certainty of future supply.
- C20) Consider increasing the current use of existing pitches where spare capacity notionally exists, where physically, practically and logistically possible at Anson Field and Appleton with Eaton Sports Field.
- C21) Seek to address overplay at Cumnor CC, Wootton & Boars Hill CC and Steventon Village Green if overplay is causing reduction in pitch quality, through improved maintenance, replacement of surfaces (at artificial pitches), provision of in situ practice nets for training and / or provision of additional grass or artificial pitches.
- C22) Support the improvement of club ancillary facilities to provide fit for purpose facilities, to service current membership and the growth in the Women & Girls game at Sunningwell CC, Cumnor CC and Steventon Village Green. This list will need to be monitored as more and more clubs establish new women & girls' sections.

South

- C23) Gain the secure use of pitches which currently have unsecure community use at Harwell Labs Recreational Association certainty of future supply.
- C24) Consider increasing the current use of existing pitches where spare capacity notionally exists, where physically, practically and logistically possible at Blewbury Road, Wantage and Gove CC and Harwell Labs Recreational Association.
- C25) Seek to address overplay at Boundary Park and East Hendred Sports Ground if overplay is causing reduction in pitch quality, through improved maintenance, replacement of surfaces (at artificial pitches), provision of in situ practice nets for training and / or provision of additional grass or artificial pitches.
- C26) Support the improvement of club ancillary facilities to provide fit for purpose facilities, to service current membership and the growth in the Women & Girls game at East Hendred Sports Ground and Ardington & Lockinge Sports Ground. This list will need to be monitored as more and more clubs establish new women & girls' sections.

West

- C27) Gain the secure use of pitches which currently have unsecure community use at Buscot Park, Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground and Letcombe Recreation Ground to provide certainty of future supply.
- C28) Consider increasing the current use of existing pitches where spare capacity notionally exists, where physically, practically and logistically possible at Shrivenham Recreation Ground, Craven Playing Fields Buscot Park and Letcombe Regis Recreation Ground.
- C29) Seek to address overplay at Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground if overplay is causing reduction in pitch quality, through improved maintenance,

replacement of surfaces (at artificial pitches), provision of in situ practice nets for training and / or provision of additional grass or artificial pitches.

- C30) Support the improvement of club ancillary facilities to provide fit for purpose facilities, to service current membership and the growth in the Women & Girls game at Challow & Childrey CC and Craven Playing Fields. This list will need to be monitored as more and more clubs establish new women & girls' sections.

PROVIDE

District-wide

- C31) Assuming that unsecure sites can be secured for community use and other measures to improve existing capacity have been taken, consider providing 86 additional grass pitches capacity, or 8 additional artificial pitches, or a combination of both grass and artificial is more realistic. This could be provided (on existing grounds rather than a new ground where feasible and where the provision of additional capacity equates to real availability on the days demand requires, the majority of which is likely to occur in sub-area North and South, followed by sub-area West. Where the additional demand is for capacity at existing club home grounds and there is no additional capacity on days when new teams require pitch use, an additional new ground may be required should the team generating the demand not be willing to play at sites where there may be available capacity when it is required.
- C32) Where the loss of an existing pitch or practice nets is unavoidable, provide replacement pitch capacity with secure community use to good quality standard in a location appropriate to demand to mitigate loss.
- C33) Ensure that the provision of any new pitches and facilities meet the most up-to-date quality design standards and dimensions supported by the NGB and Sport England.
- C34) Ensure that any new facilities and other associated pitch infrastructure are provided to meet the most up-to-date Building Regulations, including, but not restricted to, those relating to accessibility.
- C35) Ensure that any new pitches and facilities have a sustainable long-term business and financial management plan in place to ensure long-term viability.
- C36) Ensure that all new pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity) and that the appropriate body is identified to monitor and enforce such agreements.
- C37) Seek to provide additional capacity, where needed, at (or, if this is not possible, within close proximity to) existing club home grounds as a preference over sites far from home grounds, where physical, ownership and planning constraints do not prevent such change. This will help to ensure the long-term financial stability of clubs given the social tradition and culture of the sport.
- C38) For development detailed in the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulation 123 Infrastructure list, CIL monies could be secured towards the upgrade and management of existing strategic outdoor sports and recreation provision and creation of new provision and associated facilities (this includes

playing pitches as identified in the PPS). However, it is recommended that local authority officers consider the benefits of bringing forward new and improved facilities related to development through s106 planning obligations as the most appropriate mechanism to understand and apply requirements generated for sports pitches and ancillary facilities by a given population.

- C39) The total amount of additional supply should come from a variety of sources, i.e. the projected demand is unlikely to need to be delivered solely through additional, new, grass pitches. Increased capacity to this amount will come from a combination of:
- Improved maintenance on sites that are rated as poor which will increase the number of match equivalents that the pitch can sustain.
 - Provide replacement of surfaces (at artificial pitches) which will increase the number of match equivalents that the pitch can sustain.
 - Provide in situ practice nets for training to move the usage for training from the match pitches to the practice nets.
 - Provide additional grass or artificial pitches on existing sites to increase capacity, where feasible to do so.
 - Bringing “mothballed” pitches back into use where and when necessary, provided they are in close proximity to the identified demand (i.e. providing additional capacity on sites where grass pitches are not currently in use but where there have been pitches before);
 - Provision of new additional grass pitches at new grounds provided they are in close proximity to the identified demand.
- C40) A “plan, deliver, monitor, manage” approach should be taken to the provision of additional capacity. The combination of provision between grass and artificial pitches will also need to be provided to fit with real demand (for example, to match increased participation in the junior and women’s game should it materialise as projected / targeted by the ECB / the County Cricket Board)².
- C41) The management of existing supply and the balance between supply and demand should be closely monitored and provision managed to ensure that supply (i.e. grounds) is best suited to the type and format of the game played and when matches take place. The provision of additional pitches and / or facilities should also be closely co-ordinated between the NGB, clubs, league administrators, Sport England, the local authority, and the landowner (where the latter is not one of the aforementioned bodies) to ensure that additional supply responds to required demand.

Sub-Area Specific

North

- C42) Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 24 additional grass pitch capacity, or 2 additional artificial pitches, or a combination of both grass and artificial is more realistic, across this sub-area.

- C43) Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE, bullet point ix).
- C44) Dalton Barracks development will generate demand around 7 grass cricket pitches. Demand arising from this site will probably be best dealt with a new ground to be constructed as part of the development. However, this should be in consultation with a local club so that an anchor tenant can be found from the outset and ensure the site is fully utilised as intended.
- C45) Dunmore Road development near Abingdon a new cricket ground has been agreed as part of the development. This is to accommodate future additional demand from the development and the final number of cricket pitches on the ground needs to be agreed.
- C46) If additional pitches are required, capacity increases should be concentrated at the following sites as these clubs are continuing to grow and require additional facilities to service this growth. It should be noted these sites are already at or close to capacity so securing access to existing grounds with spare capacity or providing new grounds should be considered as a priority. Each site needs to undertake an assessment to identify exactly how much and where additional capacity can be provided.
- Cumnor CC
 - Playfield Road
 - Steventon Village Green
 - Wootton & Boars Hill CC

South

- C47) Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 36 additional grass pitch capacity, or 3 additional artificial pitches, or a combination of both grass and artificial is more realistic, across this sub-area.
- C48) Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE, bullet point ix).
- C49) Valley Park development near Didcot will provide additional playing field land but no agreement has been yet as to the exact make up of this provision and if it will include a new cricket ground.
- C50) If additional pitches are required, capacity increases should be concentrated at the following sites as these clubs are continuing to grow and require additional facilities to service this growth. It should be noted these sites are already at or close to capacity so securing access to existing grounds with spare capacity or providing new grounds should be considered as a priority. Each site needs to undertake an assessment to identify exactly how much and where additional capacity can be provided.
- Boundary Park
 - East Hendred Sports Ground

West

- C51) Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 27 additional

- grass pitch capacity, or 3 additional artificial pitches, or a combination of both grass and artificial is more realistic, across this sub-area.
- C52) Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE, bullet point ix).
- C53) Lioncourt, East of Kingston Bagpuize – West sub area – will provide a new cricket ground and supporting pavilion around 200sqm. An agreement has not been signed but discussions are at an advanced stage.
- C54) If additional pitches are required, capacity increases should be concentrated at the following sites as these clubs are continuing to grow and require additional facilities to service this growth. It should be noted these sites are already at or close to capacity so securing access to existing grounds with spare capacity or providing new grounds should be considered as a priority. Each site needs to undertake an assessment to identify exactly how much and where additional capacity can be provided.
- Challow & Childrey CC
 - Folly Sports Park
 - East Hanney Playing Field

RUGBY UNION

PROTECT

District-wide

- R1) Protect the existing supply of pitches (and their capacity) identified in the assessment (for existing known, projected and potential additional currently unidentified future demand) unless replacement equivalent capacity can be provided elsewhere to an equal or better standard (i.e. “net improvements”) reflecting the demand and type of use required “on the ground” by clubs (also see PROVIDE recommendations).
- R2) Monitor the position in relation to clubs which have rolling annual, short and medium term leases or rental / hire arrangements for their home ground during the strategy period to ensure in advance of their expiry that they are renewed to provide certainty into a new period, preferably for the long-term.
- R3) Regular monitoring of the balance between supply and demand should take place to ensure that appropriate use of any available capacity is being made and confirm that any spare “headroom” capacity to accommodate growth is not considered as “surplus” to rugby union use.
- R4) Ensure that all existing and new pitches that are World Rugby 22 compliant are re-tested every two years to sustain certification.
- R5) Protect the quality of changing facilities through formal agreements to maintain the quality to a standard quality, at least, and improve to a “good” quality where possible.
- R6) Proposals for development which have an implication for the use of an existing pitch (such as change of land use) should take into account the recommendations of this strategy and policies of relevance in adopted

Development Plans relevant to the site / pitch (i.e. Adopted Local Plans, other Development Plan Documents and Made Neighbourhood Plans).

Sub-Area Specific

North

- R7) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities) used by Abingdon RFC (Southern Town Park) and Oxford RFC (Southern Bypass Ground).
- R8) Protect the WR22 compliant 3G surface at Tilsley Park from loss on the basis that it could play an important role in supporting additional demand from Abingdon RFC.

South

- R9) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities) used by Didcot RFC (Boundary Park), Grove RFC (Grove Recreation Lane) and Harwell RFC (Harwell Labs).

West

- R10) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities) used by Faringdon RFC (Folly Sports Park).

ENHANCE

District-wide

- R11) Prioritise pitch quality improvements at secure community use grounds over unsecure community use grounds. Improving the carrying capacity of pitches should be aligned with provision of sports-lighting to ensure that additional capacity provided by pitch improvements can be practically utilised on weekday evenings. The specific programme of works required to improve a pitch's quality must be informed by an independent GMA / Pitch Power report instructed by the NGB, local authority or club. 2023 GMA report recommendations are captured in the data tables report for rugby.
- R12) Gain the secure use of clubs' pitches which do not currently have secure community use, to provide certainty of future supply and enable clubs and users to access necessary funding to invest in improvements.
- R13) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where necessary to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced.
- R14) Improve the current use of existing pitches, where physically and logistically possible, by considering flexibility of when matches take place.
- R15) NGBs and the local authority should work with clubs, operators and providers, on sites where facilities and / or pitch areas are shared between sports, to ensure that management, maintenance and access is shared appropriately

between sports, for example, through establishment of multi-sport site Trusts or other management bodies.

- R16) Support proposals for improved energy efficiency and localised renewable and low carbon energy generation at facilities and grounds through measures such as LED directional lighting, solar pv, heat pumps and building insulation.
- R17) Work with partners and key stakeholders to improve sustainable travel options to grounds, pitches and facilities.
- R18) Support provision of secure cycle stands and ev vehicle charge points at club and other providers' grounds and facilities to enhance provision for low carbon forms of travel.

Sub-Area Specific

North

- R19) Gain the secure use / tenure of the 2 x pitches used by Oxford RFC at St Peter's College Recreation Ground to provide certainty of future supply.
- R20) Enhance capacity on pitches at Abingdon RFC and Oxford RFC by improving quality through improved drainage (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term), by introducing sports-lights where necessary and feasible and by improving surface maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. Pitch improvements should be made to enhance capacity to at least 3.25 match equivalents (D2/M2 rating) and improvements should follow the recommendations made in the most up-to-date GMA pitch assessment report.

South

- R21) Gain the secure use / tenure of the ground at Harwell RFC which does not currently have secure community use, to provide certainty of future supply and which will in turn enable the club to access necessary funding to invest in improvements if necessary.
- R22) Enhance capacity on pitches at Didcot RFC (Boundary Park) and Grove RFC (Grove Recreation Lane) by improving quality through improved drainage (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term), by introducing sports-lights where necessary and feasible and by improving surface maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. Pitch improvements should be made to enhance capacity to at least 3.25 match equivalents (D2/M2 rating) and improvements should follow the recommendations made in the most up-to-date GMA pitch assessment report.

West

- R23) Enhance capacity on pitches at Faringdon RFC (Folly Sports Park) by improving quality through improved drainage (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term), by introducing sports-lights where necessary and feasible and by improving surface maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. Pitch improvements should be made to enhance capacity to at least 3.25 match equivalents (D2/M2 rating) and

improvements should follow the recommendations made in the most up-to-date GMA pitch assessment report.

- R24) Explore opportunities for a joint lease arrangement on the pavilion at Folly Park with the ECB and cricket club to increase access and viability of RFC in the long-term.

PROVIDE

District-wide

- R25) Where the loss of an existing pitch is unavoidable, provide replacement pitches or capacity to good quality standard in a location appropriate to demand to mitigate loss.
- R26) Ensure that proposals for new pitches, both grass and 3G, and ancillary facilities, are provided outside of flood risk zones, or provision can be satisfactorily tested through the sequential and exceptions tests to mitigate satisfactorily against adverse impact and risk.
- R27) Ensure that proposals for new and resurfaced 3G pitches:
- provide satisfactory protection and mitigation to minimise rubber crumb and other infill loss (retrofitting containment if necessary);
 - are constructed to meet FA and / or RFU recommended quality performance standards to meet performance testing criteria; and,
 - provide energy efficient directional LED sports-lighting;
 - satisfy tests applied by the local authority in relation to carbon emissions, whole lifecycle of materials and requirements for net gains in biodiversity.
- R28) Ensure that the provision of any new pitches and facilities meet the most up-to-date quality design standards and dimensions supported by the Rugby Football Union and Sport England.
- R29) Ensure that any new facilities and other associated pitch infrastructure are provided to meet the most up-to-date Building Regulations, including, but not restricted to, those relating to accessibility.
- R30) Ensure that any new pitches and facilities have a sustainable long-term business and financial management plan in place to ensure long-term viability, which includes usage plans. This includes, for 3G pitches in particular, the need for a sinking fund to retain funds during use for refurbishment or replacement of the surface and for recycling of the carpet and infill, a maintenance programme agreed between the provider, local authority and the RFU, and the provider must report to the local authority, Sport England and the RFU on an annual basis on the state of the sinking fund and statement of availability and use during the agreed peak period hours. Sinking funds established should be monitored to ensure that collection is taking place. The costs of hiring 3G pitch time and space will need to be competitive to help ensure future viability but it is important that, to help enable transition from use of grass for matches to maximise use of capacity on 3Gs at weekends, match play charges reflect those paid for grass pitch use.
- R31) Ensure that all new pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity), including

secure tenure, and that the appropriate body is identified to monitor and enforce such agreements.

- R32) Seek to provide additional capacity, where needed, at (or, if this is not possible, within close proximity to) existing club home grounds as a preference over sites far from home grounds, where physical, ownership and planning constraints do not prevent such change. This will help to ensure the long-term financial stability of clubs given the social tradition and culture of the sport. Developer contributions sought for pitch provision / improvements for rugby should (for example, from the Community Infrastructure Levy or section 106 planning obligations) where feasible within planning regulations be considered first as contributions towards existing rugby club sites given the nature of how and where rugby is played (as a club on-site based sport). This could help to avoid contributions being sought or spent inappropriately on sites which may be remote from existing club home grounds and infrastructure and help to ensure any new provision or additional capacity provided through development is used (and in the most effective way). Additional capacity could be provided through grass, hybrid or 3G pitches.
- R33) For development detailed in the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule / infrastructure list, CIL monies could be secured towards the upgrade and management of existing strategic outdoor sports and recreation provision and creation of new provision and associated facilities (this includes playing pitches as identified in the PPS). However, it is recommended that local authority officers consider the benefits of bringing forward new and improved facilities related to development through s106 planning obligations as the most appropriate mechanism to understand and apply requirements generated for sports pitches and ancillary facilities by a given population.
- R34) Support provision of or contributions to fund new full-size sports-lit 3G pitches where certainty of delivery of the intended new 3G is or can be put in place (for example, planning permission secured) and mitigation of loss of the existing grass pitch on which the 3G would be built is considered satisfactory.
- R35) Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand.
- R36) The total amount of additional supply should come from a variety of sources, i.e. the projected demand is unlikely to need to be delivered solely through additional, new, grass pitches. Increased capacity to this amount will come from a combination of:
- a. Increase reliability of pitch use and improving the quality and / or maintenance regimes of existing pitches to improve quality to a D2/M2 rating to accommodate 3.25 match equivalents per week (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term) (see **Enhance**);
 - b. providing sports lighting to increase evening training capacity (see **Enhance**);
 - c. securing community use and security of tenure on current non-club unsecure sites if possible and feasible for club use, for example on education or other provider sites;

- d. new additional pitches at existing club grounds where feasible, for example, through reconfiguration of existing pitch layouts to accommodate additional pitches, or provision adjacent or close to existing club sites; and / or,
 - e. WR22 compliant 3G pitch(es) to serve as strategic provision if other provision to accommodate overplay and additional demand cannot be catered for through the above measures. (If a shared rugby and football 3G is seen as a solution for both sports, a programme of use and certainty of availability for each sport should be agreed.)
- R37) New additional pitches required should be provided as close to existing club grounds or provided on new sites which accommodate all club needs. Where this cannot be achieved and provision of s106 or CIL monies are not provided to enhance capacity at existing clubs sites, satellite grounds could be explored, but practical use will be dependent upon a club's ability to adequately run (and maintain) a satellite ground. Volunteer capacity must feature as one of the tests to assess viability and feasibility, amongst others, and other risks to the club's long-term sustainability and viability must be mitigated. An alternative option, subject to financial viability and critical masses required to ensure viability both at start-up and in the long-term could be the establishment of a new club at a new ground. All off-club site provision must take into account the RFU position on provision of pitch capacity and facilities away from existing club sites.
- R38) In cases where mitigation is required as the result of a loss of a pitch to development, and that mitigation is in the form of off-site contributions, to ensure certainty that the contributions can be used to deliver the intended provision in part or in full (and in turn help to address any "knock-on" mitigation required on the site to which the contribution applies), the Local Planning Authority should consider introducing a Grampian condition³⁷ on permission to ensure that mitigation is delivered as intended (and therefore certainty of delivery is guaranteed).
- R39) Provision of new additional pitches will need to respond to demonstrable demand "on the ground". This is particularly important in the latter part of the strategy period to ensure that projected demand has actually come forward. A "plan, deliver, monitor, manage" approach should therefore be taken to the provision of additional capacity.
- R40) The provision of additional pitches and / or facilities should be closely co-ordinated between the club, RFU, Sport England, the local authority, and the land owner (where not one of the aforementioned bodies).
- R41) Ensure that usage plans are developed for new 3Gs and include agreement on the balance of use between rugby and other sports where relevant.

³⁷ See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-of-planning-conditions#Application-of-the-six-tests> for further details on use of Grampian Conditions. Section - "When can conditions be used relating to land not in control of the applicant?" Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 21a-009-20140306. The NPPG states that Grampian Conditions are conditions which are "prohibiting development authorised by the planning permission or other aspects linked to the planning permission (eg occupation of premises) until a specified action has been taken (such as the provision of supporting infrastructure)".

Sub-Area Specific

North

- R42) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
- a. Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 19.5 match equivalents across this sub-area with demand likely to arise at Abingdon RFC and Oxford RFC.
 - b. Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE.
 - c. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to accommodate 3.25 match equivalents per pitch, additional capacity should be provided to the following scale at the following clubs:
 - i. Abingdon RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 1-2 grass pitches with sports lighting, unless sufficient capacity can be guaranteed for the club at the Tilsley Park WR22 compliant 3G. Alongside the recommendations for South Oxfordshire in relation to rugby demand arising from Culham and Berinsfield development populations, consider the appropriate approach to catering for the additional demand generated by those developments in relation to provision at Abingdon RFC, in addition to catering for demand from the Dalton Barracks development. Also consider long-term opportunities to explore potential for a new single rugby club site in the town.
 - ii. Oxford RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 1-2 grass pitches, should secure community use and certainty of tenure not be achieved on the St Peter’s College pitches used by the club as overspill at the current time.

South

- R43) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
- a. Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 36.25 match equivalents across this sub-area with most demand likely to arise at Didcot RFC and Grove RFC.
 - b. Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE.
 - c. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to accommodate 3.25 match equivalents per pitch, additional capacity should be provided to the following scale at the following clubs:
 - i. Didcot RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 6-7 grass pitches with sports lighting, unless capacity can be provided

through a new WR22 compliant sports-lit 3G pitch. This response to demand includes an element of demand generated in South Oxfordshire's West sub-area within which part of Didcot sits. Off-site contributions from major developments in the town can help fund improvements in capacity. Consideration should also be given strategically, across Didcot as a whole and in both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, whether future provision for some sports in the town could be consolidated on one or other of the Boundary Park and Valley Park sites.

- ii. Grove RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 1-2 grass pitches, should the additional capacity brought to the club from the move of the football club from two football pitches at the club site not provide sufficient additional supply.

West

R44) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:

- a. Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 15 match equivalents across this sub-area with demand likely to arise at Faringdon RFC.
- b. Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE.
- c. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to accommodate 3.25 match equivalents per pitch, additional capacity should be provided to the following scale at the following club:
 - i. Faringdon RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 4 grass pitches with sports lighting, unless sufficient capacity can be guaranteed for the club from use at a new 3G pitch in Faringdon, if, for example, the proposed pitch at the College comes forward and is WR22 compliant or at least is able to cater for rugby training (through the appropriate pile and inclusion of a shock-pad. Following delivery of a new 3G pitch and confirmation of the nature and amount of rugby club use, the number of additional grass pitches needed can be reduced.

Appendix 4: Recommendations Split by Sub-area

The assessment reports concluded with the findings for each main sport and pitch type from the data and information gathered and analysed. These recommendations are reproduced here from the assessment reports (as duplicated in Appendix 3) but for the District area as a whole and by sub-area (i.e. spatially). The recommendations for each sport and pitch type are responsive to the requirements set out in the PPS guidance, which suggest that recommendations are set out under the headings of “protect”, “enhance” and “provide”.

DISTRICT-WIDE

PROTECT

Football

- F1) Protect the existing supply of grass pitches and AGPs identified in the assessment and their capacity (for existing known, projected and potential additional currently unidentified future demand) unless the strategy proposes their replacement or alternative re-use for sport, leisure and recreation or unless replacement equivalent capacity can be provided elsewhere to an equal or better standard (i.e. “net improvements”) reflecting the demand and type of use required “on the ground” by clubs. The PROVIDE section sets out criteria which responds to proposals where the loss of a pitch is unavoidable. Any proposals which suggest potential loss of a playing pitch or wider playing field to supply should respond appropriately to Sport England’s Playing Fields Policy³⁸. It must not be assumed that the intensification of provision on an existing playing pitch or playing field site equates to satisfactory mitigation for loss of a grass pitch.
- F2) Where pitches are lost to formal pitch use, where appropriate, the Local Planning Authority should seek to ensure that there is significant policy protection through the Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plans or legal means to prevent their loss as open or green space.
- F3) Maintain the quality of existing pitches to at least current standards where they have a quality rating of “standard” or “good”.
- F4) The identified notional spare grass pitch capacity at pitches already used for matches should be retained during the strategy period to allow for “capacity headroom” and flexibility of provision to help accommodate growth to the end of the strategy period.
- F5) “Mothballed”, closed or lapsed pitches previously used for football and pitches rested or reserved on multi-pitch sites should be retained as green / open space to protect potential future long-term demand and capacity for football or other sports should demand suggest a need. It should be noted that reinstatement of pitches could require investment to ensure that they are available to a “good” standard of quality. Re-opening pitches could also have implications for ancillary facilities and the suitability or age-group of teams

³⁸ See https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport?section=playing_fields_policy

using the pitches. If such pitches are unavoidably lost, replacement should be made in line with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy³⁹ to mitigate loss.

- F6) The supply / capacity provided by existing grass pitches within a 20-minute drive-time catchment of a new 3G pitch should not be considered for loss from formal use / supply until their capacity is replaced and utilised by operational secure community use 3G capacity and they are deemed surplus over and above the identified "capacity headroom". No team should be left without its usual home grass pitch just because a 3G has been provided and transition from grass to 3G use must be well-managed.
- F7) Ensure that all existing and new pitches that are on the 3G FA register are re-tested every three years to sustain certification.
- F8) Seek agreement between hockey (EH) and football (FA), and with providers and clubs, about which sport should have sole or priority use of sand based full size AGPs as new 3G pitches proposed are introduced.
- F9) Proposals for development which have an implication for the use of an existing pitch (such as change of land use) should take into account the recommendations of this strategy and policies of relevance in adopted Development Plans relevant to the site / pitch (i.e. Adopted Local Plans, other Development Plan Documents and Made Neighbourhood Plans).

Hockey

- H1) Protect the existing supply of pitches (and the capacity they provide) identified in the assessment unless replacement capacity is provided (for existing known, projected and potential additional currently unidentified future demand).
- H2) Maintain any good quality AGP surfaces and lighting to the appropriate quality standard.
- H3) Protect the capacity available for hockey use on England Hockey Category 1, 2 and 3 surfaces. Consultation should take place between providers, clubs, England Hockey, Football Association and the Football Foundation prior to any change in surface type is introduced (for example, from sand to 3G). A change of surface type (or carpet) will require planning application and applicants will have to show that there is sufficient AGP provision available for hockey within the demand catchment if the surface is changed. Advice from Sport England and England Hockey should be sought prior to any planning application being submitted. In the event of any proposed replacement of an AGP pitch used for hockey with a 3G pitch, to ensure protection of capacity for hockey, any replacement capacity must be provided for hockey clubs at the same site or an alternative site convenient for the club to access within the same settlement or wider sub-area if not feasible.
- H4) For the future long-term sustainability of hockey clubs (with regard to financial viability and maximising the availability of volunteer / coaches' time) a "one site model" for focusing club activity on one central site for each club should be followed.

³⁹ See https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport?section=playing_fields_policy

- H5) Protect the current number of hours used by hockey in the peak period as a minimum (i.e. seek to prevent use by additional football training on pitches used for hockey).
- H6) Seek agreement between hockey (England Hockey) and football (Football Association), and with providers and clubs, about timely sole or priority use of sand based full size secure use AGPs within the context of the football assessment conclusions and recommendations.
- H7) Proposals for development which have an implication for the use of an existing pitch (such as change of land use) should take into account the recommendations of this strategy and policies of relevance in adopted Development Plans relevant to the site / pitch (i.e. Adopted Local Plans, other Development Plan Documents and Made Neighbourhood Plans).

Cricket

- C1) Protect the existing supply of pitches (and their capacity) identified in the assessment unless replacement equivalent capacity can be provided elsewhere to an equal or better standard (i.e. “net improvements”) reflecting the demand and type of use required “on the ground” by clubs (also see PROVIDE recommendations).
- C2) Protection from loss also extends to where a club folds, as additional capacity on a lost ground and previously used for cricket may be required by other clubs and this should be explored in relation to potential demand where this scenario happens. Such sites also need protection for future supply as the anticipated growth in junior age groups moves through into the adult game towards during the strategy period.
- C3) Protect pitches by seeking to establish security of tenure for grounds / pitches currently considered as unsecure and explore community use on those not currently available (also see **Enhance** below). The implications of any changes to security of use will need to be understood and factored into planning for delivery during the strategy period.
- C4) Regular monitoring of the balance between supply and demand should take place to ensure that appropriate use of any available capacity is being made and confirm that any spare “headroom” capacity to accommodate growth is not considered as “surplus” to cricket use.
- C5) Proposals for development which have an implication for the use of an existing pitch (such as change of land use) should take into account the recommendations of this strategy and policies of relevance in adopted Development Plans relevant to the site / pitch (i.e. Adopted Local Plans, other Development Plan Documents and Made Neighbourhood Plans).

Rugby

- R1) Protect the existing supply of pitches (and their capacity) identified in the assessment (for existing known, projected and potential additional currently unidentified future demand) unless replacement equivalent capacity can be provided elsewhere to an equal or better standard (i.e. “net improvements”) reflecting the demand and type of use required “on the ground” by clubs (also see PROVIDE recommendations).
- R2) Monitor the position in relation to clubs which have rolling annual, short and medium term leases or rental / hire arrangements for their home ground

- during the strategy period to ensure in advance of their expiry that they are renewed to provide certainty into a new period, preferably for the long-term.
- R3) Regular monitoring of the balance between supply and demand should take place to ensure that appropriate use of any available capacity is being made and confirm that any spare “headroom” capacity to accommodate growth is not considered as “surplus” to rugby union use.
- R4) Ensure that all existing and new pitches that are World Rugby 22 compliant are re-tested every two years to sustain certification.
- R5) Protect the quality of changing facilities through formal agreements to maintain the quality to a standard quality, at least, and improve to a “good” quality where possible.
- R6) Proposals for development which have an implication for the use of an existing pitch (such as change of land use) should take into account the recommendations of this strategy and policies of relevance in adopted Development Plans relevant to the site / pitch (i.e. Adopted Local Plans, other Development Plan Documents and Made Neighbourhood Plans).

ENHANCE

Football

- F19) Gain the secure use of clubs’ and teams’ home grounds / pitches which do not currently have secure community use, to provide certainty of future supply and enable clubs and users to access necessary funding to invest in improvements. This includes club or team use of pitches on education sites and any newly marked out pitches on any site. This could be through a secure community use agreement (where the local authority or other body is identified to enforce the agreement), long-term lease or long-term tenure of the ground, extending to ancillary facilities if possible.
- F20) Gain secure community use of unsecure 3G pitches.
- F21) Gain secure community use of unsecure sand based pitches where they are currently in use for football training and social / small-sided games to maintain security of supply until additional 3G pitches are delivered to accommodate training and informal / small-sided game demand.
- F22) Prioritise pitch quality improvements at secure community use grounds over unsecure community use grounds. Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality, and improve maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. There should be a focus on improving secure use pitches rated as “poor” and “standard”, where feasible.
- F23) Improvement of unsecure community use pitches should be a second priority after secure use pitch improvements. Where unsecure use pitches are secured, they should be added to the programme of improvement set out in the sub-area sections below.
- F24) To inform fully, the specific programme of improvements to be made to a pitch to enhance quality, delivery must be informed by an independent Grounds Management Association / Pitch Power report or equivalent, instructed by the NGB, local authority or club.

- F25) Enhance the quality of existing secure community use pitches or consider replacement where flooding / waterlogging is known to be a consistent issue over several seasons and is preventing consistency and certainty of play by improving drainage (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term).
- F26) Enhance the quality of existing pitches where they are subject to dog fouling by considering the introduction of open fencing and / or signage where cost effective to do so, where shared uses allow and practical to do so (in view of the available space outside the pitch for recreational use and where shared pitch sites can be fenced without compromising the quality of summer sports' areas of play).
- F27) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where necessary to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced. Particular focus should be on supporting the growth of girls' and women's football through improvements which enhance the quality and accessibility of facilities.
- F28) Enhance where necessary, outside of the sites named in sub-area sections below, the quality of toilets and storage facilities, where improvements are required as a priority.
- F29) NGBs and the local authority should work with clubs, operators and providers, on sites where facilities and / or pitch areas are shared between sports, to ensure that management, maintenance and access is shared appropriately between sports, for example, through establishment of multi-sport site Trusts or other management bodies.
- F30) Improve the current use of existing pitches, where physically and logistically possible, by considering flexibility of when matches take place.
- F31) Support proposals for improved energy efficiency and localised renewable and low carbon energy generation at facilities and grounds through measures such as LED directional lighting, solar pv, heat pumps and building insulation.
- F32) Work with partners and key stakeholders to improve sustainable travel options to grounds, pitches and facilities.
- F33) Support provision of secure cycle stands and ev vehicle charge points at club and other providers' grounds and facilities to enhance provision for low carbon forms of travel.
- F34) Clubs should be encouraged to open-up facilities and pitches that they own and manage to other local clubs where there is capacity for them to do so (rather than allowing only their own teams to use their facilities and pitches).

Hockey

- H10) Gain formal agreement or greater security of use (in relation to unsecure tenure) on pitches used by clubs to provide certainty of supply for hockey.
- H11) Support proposals for improved energy efficiency and localised renewable and low carbon energy generation at facilities and grounds through measures such as LED lighting, solar pv, heat pumps and building insulation.
- H12) Work with partners and key stakeholders to improve sustainable travel options to grounds, pitches and facilities at times when players are most likely to travel to and from the sites. This is particularly important in the district with only one community based club in operation.

- H13) Support provision of secure cycle stands and ev vehicle charge points at club and other providers' grounds and facilities to enhance provision for low carbon forms of travel.

Cricket

- C10) Gain the secure use of clubs' pitches which do not currently have secure community use, to provide certainty of future supply and enable clubs and users to access necessary funding to invest in improvements.
- C11) Consider increasing the current use of existing pitches where spare capacity notionally exists, where physically, practically and logistically possible.
- C12) Support projected growth in the women's and junior games by ensuring that the quality of pitches and ancillary facilities meets their needs (i.e. that they are fit for purpose) where junior and women's teams play and train.
- C13) Support the training needs of clubs by providing in-situ practice nets where necessary to improve the capacity for training which can help retain the quality of pitches on the main square.
- C14) Support proposals for improved energy efficiency and localised renewable and low carbon energy generation at facilities and grounds through measures such as LED directional lighting, solar pv, heat pumps and building insulation.
- C15) Support the continual improvement of facilities, and the workforce that prepare them, to a good quality to help attract and retain players.
- C16) Work with partners and key stakeholders to improve sustainable travel options to grounds, pitches and facilities.
- C17) Support provision of secure cycle stands and ev vehicle charge points at club and other providers' grounds and facilities to enhance provision for low carbon forms of travel.
- C18) NGBs and the local authority should work with clubs, operators and providers, on sites where facilities and / or pitch areas are shared between sports, to ensure that management, maintenance and access is shared evenly and appropriately between sports, for example, through establishment of multi-sport site Trusts or other management bodies.

Rugby

- R11) Prioritise pitch quality improvements at secure community use grounds over unsecure community use grounds. Improving the carrying capacity of pitches should be aligned with provision of sports-lighting to ensure that additional capacity provided by pitch improvements can be practically utilised on weekday evenings. The specific programme of works required to improve a pitch's quality must be informed by an independent GMA / Pitch Power report instructed by the NGB, local authority or club. 2023 GMA report recommendations are captured in the data tables report for rugby.
- R12) Gain the secure use of clubs' pitches which do not currently have secure community use, to provide certainty of future supply and enable clubs and users to access necessary funding to invest in improvements.
- R13) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where necessary to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced.

- R14) Improve the current use of existing pitches, where physically and logistically possible, by considering flexibility of when matches take place.
- R15) NGBs and the local authority should work with clubs, operators and providers, on sites where facilities and / or pitch areas are shared between sports, to ensure that management, maintenance and access is shared appropriately between sports, for example, through establishment of multi-sport site Trusts or other management bodies.
- R16) Support proposals for improved energy efficiency and localised renewable and low carbon energy generation at facilities and grounds through measures such as LED directional lighting, solar pv, heat pumps and building insulation.
- R17) Work with partners and key stakeholders to improve sustainable travel options to grounds, pitches and facilities.
- R18) Support provision of secure cycle stands and ev vehicle charge points at club and other providers' grounds and facilities to enhance provision for low carbon forms of travel.

PROVIDE

Football

- F44) Where the loss of an existing pitch is unavoidable, ensure that replacement pitch capacity and associated facilities are provided to a good quality standard in a location appropriate to demand to mitigate loss. Opportunities should be taken to replace pitches to a better quality than the provision they are replacing.
- F45) Ensure that proposals for new pitches, both grass and 3G, and ancillary facilities, are provided outside of flood risk zones, or provision can be satisfactorily tested through the sequential and exceptions tests to mitigate satisfactorily against adverse impact and risk.
- F46) Ensure that proposals for new and resurfaced 3G pitches:
 - a) provide satisfactory protection and mitigation to minimise rubber crumb and other infill loss (retrofitting containment if necessary);
 - b) are constructed to meet FA and RFU recommended quality performance standards to meet performance testing criteria; and,
 - c) provide energy efficient directional LED sports-lighting;
 - d) satisfy tests applied by the local authority in relation to carbon emissions, whole lifecycle of materials and requirements for net gains in biodiversity;
 - e) for new pitches, explore the provision on multi-pitch sites where demand can be demonstrated.
- F47) Ensure that the provision of any new pitches and facilities meet the most up-to-date quality design standards and dimensions supported by the FA and Sport England. Provision must ensure that all sexes, genders and age groups are supported and catered for. Any new grass pitches provided by a developer must be signed-off by an agronomist prior to "handover".
- F48) Ensure that new 3G pitches are marked out to cater for quarter pitch segregation and capable of hosting 11v11, 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5 matches. Essentially however, markings and design should be prepared aligned to an

- intended programme of use to ensure the pitch is best able to meet local demand.
- F49) Ensure that delivery of additional 3G pitch capacity takes into account use of non 3G based pitches by teams for training and is introduced in-step with demand required by hockey teams for additional sand based pitches.
- F50) Ensure that any new facilities and other associated pitch infrastructure are provided to meet the most up-to-date Building Regulations, including, but not restricted to, those relating to accessibility.
- F51) Ensure that any new pitches and facilities have a sustainable long-term business and financial management plan in place to ensure long-term viability which includes usage plans. This includes, for 3G pitches in particular, the need for a sinking fund to retain funds during use for refurbishment or replacement of the surface and for recycling of the carpet and infill, a maintenance programme agreed between the provider, local authority and the FA, and the provider must report to the local authority, Sport England and the FA on an annual basis on the state of the sinking fund and statement of availability and use during the agreed peak period hours. Sinking funds established should be monitored to ensure that collection is taking place. The costs of hiring 3G pitch time and space will need to be competitive to help ensure future viability but it is important that, to help enable transition from use of grass for matches to maximise use of capacity on 3Gs at weekends, match play charges reflect those paid for grass pitch use.
- F52) Ensure that all new 3G pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity) for community access for a 38 hour peak period⁴⁰ where feasible and that the appropriate body is identified to monitor and enforce such agreements. Providers should ensure that provision is made for different user groups during the peak period including clubs, pay and play, informal use and casual leagues.
- F53) Ensure, as far as possible, that any proposed new grass pitches have certainty of users (clubs / teams) committed to them and that commitments to the management and maintenance of the ground are in place prior to delivery. The management and operation of new pitches and facilities should rest with a single operator if possible.
- F54) Ensure that all new pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity) and that the appropriate body is identified to monitor and enforce such agreements.
- F55) Support opportunities to utilise sites not currently available for community use where the provider has indicated a desire to do so, where they fill a spatial gap in supply, address a local team's demand not already catered for locally and where secure use can be agreed.
- F56) Ensure that the supply of grass pitches can accommodate existing and future demand for matches in sync with the provision of additional 3G capacity. At no time should the total supply of grass pitches not be able to accommodate demand for play outwith 3G capacity and "on the ground" demand for match play by each age group within the structure of the game. The role of grass

⁴⁰ The peak period is Mon-Thurs 5pm-9pm, Fri 5pm-7pm and Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

pitches is particularly important should the additional 3G capacity not be delivered.

- F57) Where needed, increased capacity and / or use of grass pitches to meet demand could come from a combination of:
- a) Increasing reliability of pitches through improved quality, drainage and maintenance;
 - b) Considering better grouping of age groups (and therefore pitch types and sizes) on multi-pitch sites;
 - c) Making better use of pitches which are available for community use but not yet currently used by teams, where additional community use on those pitches would not result in unacceptable wear which significantly reduces a pitch's ability to cope with the additional demand / use placed upon it (for example, careful consideration must be given to use of education site pitches if those pitches are already well-used by students during the week);
 - d) Re-opening "mothballed", lapsed or closed pitches, where they provide supply in a location which can respond to demand. If such pitches are unavoidably lost, however, replacement should be made in line with Sport England's Playing Fields Policy⁴¹ to mitigate loss; and,
 - e) Provision of additional pitches in appropriate locations as demand requires during the strategy period to:
 - i. respond to growth in demand (as a result of club unmet and latent demand, club growth, growth in social / informal and non-club participation, increased population and spatial gaps in provision) where this cannot be catered for on existing pitches; and / or,
 - ii. provide new additional capacity on strategic housing allocation sites where a new club can be formed to fully utilise pitches provided, where such provision responds to demand arising from the new residents, and / or responds to insufficient supply locally to respond to demand, enabling an existing club to make the new pitches their home ground or an additional home ground. Such sites, if providing sufficient pitch capacity, could form new home grounds for nomadic clubs which currently play across more than one site and are looking to consolidate club activity in one location; and / or,
 - iii. replace and increase the capacity of existing pitches of poor or standard quality; or, which prove uneconomical to manage and maintain; or, are unattractive to club use due to quality and / or cost.
- F58) Suggested provision of pitch sizes in the sub-area sections which follow needs to be considered flexibly as calculator outputs for future provision are projections and do not reflect specificity of team composition on the ground. Therefore, provision could be made, for example, for 1 x 11v11 instead of 4 x 5v5 pitches to ensure that flexibility is there in the long-term for clubs to adapt pitch sizes and markings to the needs of teams they have at any given point in time.

⁴¹ See https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/planning-sport?section=playing_fields_policy

- F59) New grass pitches should be secure and, where feasible, be resistant to dog fouling and vandalism.
- F60) New grass pitches should be provided to a “good” quality, with programmes put in place and managed to help ensure that this quality is retained into the future.
- F61) Provision of new additional pitches which increase net capacity / supply will need to respond to demonstrable demand “on the ground”. This is particularly important in the latter part of the strategy period to ensure that supply responds to demand which has actually or will come forward.
- F62) For development detailed in the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule / infrastructure list, CIL monies could be secured towards the upgrade and management of existing strategic outdoor sports and recreation provision and creation of new provision and associated facilities (this includes playing pitches as identified in the PPS). However, it is recommended that local authority officers consider the benefits of bringing forward new and improved facilities related to development through s106 planning obligations as the most appropriate mechanism to understand and apply requirements generated for sports pitches and ancillary facilities by a given population.
- F63) Support provision of or contributions to fund new full-size sports-lit 3G pitches where certainty of delivery of the intended new 3G is or can be put in place (for example, planning permission secured) and mitigation of loss of the existing grass pitch on which the 3G would be built is considered satisfactory.
- F64) Enable opportunity for club progression up the FA pyramid by ensuring that one or more pitches can meet FA requirements for progression to the next step.
- F65) The provision of additional pitches and / or facilities should be closely co-ordinated between NGBs, clubs, leagues, Sport England, the local authority, and the land owner (where not one of the aforementioned bodies).
- F66) Ensure that usage plans are developed for new 3Gs and include agreement on the balance of use between rugby and other sports where relevant.
- F67) In cases where mitigation is required as the result of a loss of a pitch to development, and that mitigation is in the form of off-site contributions, to ensure certainty that the contributions can be used to deliver the intended provision in part or in full (and in turn help to address any “knock-on” mitigation required on the site to which the contribution applies), the Local Planning Authority should consider introducing a Grampian condition⁴² on permission to ensure that mitigation is delivered as intended (and therefore certainty of delivery is guaranteed).

⁴² See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-of-planning-conditions#Application-of-the-six-tests> for further details on use of Grampian Conditions. Section - “When can conditions be used relating to land not in control of the applicant?” Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 21a-009-20140306. The NPPG states that Grampian Conditions are conditions which are “prohibiting development authorised by the planning permission or other aspects linked to the planning permission (eg occupation of premises) until a specified action has been taken (such as the provision of supporting infrastructure)”.

- F68) A “plan, deliver, monitor, manage” approach should therefore be taken to the management and any necessary “re-packaging” of existing supply (if necessary) and the provision of additional capacity.
- F69) Given the nature of demand, provision set out in the sub-area sections below may require adjustment during the strategy period, and provision should be considered in a flexible way to allow provision of additional supply in one area to respond to demand which arises in another, in other words, reflecting spatial need across sub-area boundaries and likely travel times to the nearest pitch.

Hockey

- H17) Where the loss of an existing pitch is unavoidable, provide replacement pitch capacity on a surface compliant for hockey use to good quality standard in a single site / location appropriate to demand to mitigate loss.
- H18) Ensure that proposals for new AGPs, and ancillary facilities, are provided outside of flood risk zones, or provision can be satisfactorily tested through the sequential and exceptions tests to mitigate satisfactorily against adverse impact and risk.
- H19) Ensure that proposals for new AGPs:
- a. satisfy tests applied by the local authority in relation to carbon emissions, whole lifecycle of materials and requirements for net gains in biodiversity.
- H20) Ensure that the provision of any new pitches and facilities meet the most up-to-date quality design standards and dimensions supported by the NGB and Sport England and include directional energy efficient LED sports lighting with a minimum of 350 lux.
- H21) Ensure that any new facilities and other associated pitch infrastructure are provided to meet the most up-to-date Building Regulations, including, but not restricted to, those relating to accessibility. Pitches should be secure; be easily and safely accessible by cycle, foot and public transport; have secure cycle storage / parking; electric vehicle charge points; and, have sufficient car parking spaces to accommodate demand for the use of the facility and any associated shared uses and comply with the most up-to-date Highways Authority, Local Planning Authority and Sport England requirements / guidance.
- H22) Ensure that any new pitches and facilities have a sustainable long-term business and financial management plan in place to ensure long-term viability. This must include arrangements for a sinking fund to ensure that the replacement or refurbishment of the pitch surface is viable when renewal is likely to be required. Sink funds established should be monitored to ensure that collection is taking place. It should also include a management and maintenance regime appropriate for the surface and level of use agreed with the appropriate bodies (for example, the District Council, England Hockey and / or Sport England).
- H23) Ensure that all new pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity) for peak period use and that the appropriate body or bodies are identified to monitor and enforce such agreements. Pitches should be available for 38 peak period hours (Mon – Thurs 5pm-10pm, Fri 5pm-7pm and Sat – Sun 9am-5pm).

- H24) The provision of additional pitches and / or facilities should be closely co-ordinated between NGBs, clubs, leagues, Sport England, the District Council, and the land owner (where the latter is not one of the aforementioned bodies).
- H25) For development detailed in the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), CIL monies could be secured towards the upgrade and management of existing strategic outdoor sports and recreation provision and creation of new provision and associated facilities (this includes playing pitches as identified in the PPS). However, it is recommended that local authority officers consider the benefits of bringing forward new and improved facilities related to development through s106 planning obligations as the most appropriate mechanism to understand and apply requirements generated for sports pitches and ancillary facilities by a given population.
- H26) Monitor closely the change in demand to map against projected demand and understand the real demand “on the ground” for additional match and training time. Additional new pitch provision, if required, should be provided only in response to demonstrable demand “on the ground”, together with a full understanding of feasibility and viability. The delivery of additional pitches should be made in a timely fashion, i.e. co-ordinated in alignment with demand, availability of supply and risk of loss of existing supply on unsecure sites. A “plan, deliver, monitor, manage” approach should therefore be taken to the provision of additional capacity.
- H27) New AGP pitches will be considered as “development” and the local authority should consider applying requirements to proposals, through planning policy, for future new AGPs, which assess impact in relation to carbon emissions from development through to the long-term use of the pitch, sports lighting and ancillary facilities, the impact of travel to and from the site and how the local authority and other partners will help to mitigate the impact of travel by private car and encourage active travel, the life of the surface and recycling at the end of its life, confirmation of maintenance regimes and viability of funding for them in the long-term to ensure longevity of the surface, and how net gains in biodiversity will be achieved.
- H28) New AGPs should be located on a managed site hosted by a provider which will: adhere to the recommendations for pitches above; and, not rely on third party management of the pitch and ancillary facilities.

Cricket

- C31) Assuming that unsecure sites can be secured for community use and other measures to improve existing capacity have been taken, consider providing 86 additional grass pitches capacity, or 8 additional artificial pitches, or a combination of both grass and artificial is more realistic. This could be provided (on existing grounds rather than a new ground where feasible and where the provision of additional capacity equates to real availability on the days demand requires, the majority of which is likely to occur in sub-area North and South, followed by sub-area West. Where the additional demand is for capacity at existing club home grounds and there is no additional capacity on days when new teams require pitch use, an additional new ground may be required should the team generating the demand not be willing to play at sites where there may be available capacity when it is required.

- C32) Where the loss of an existing pitch or practice nets is unavoidable, provide replacement pitch capacity with secure community use to good quality standard in a location appropriate to demand to mitigate loss.
- C33) Ensure that the provision of any new pitches and facilities meet the most up-to-date quality design standards and dimensions supported by the NGB and Sport England.
- C34) Ensure that any new facilities and other associated pitch infrastructure are provided to meet the most up-to-date Building Regulations, including, but not restricted to, those relating to accessibility.
- C35) Ensure that any new pitches and facilities have a sustainable long-term business and financial management plan in place to ensure long-term viability.
- C36) Ensure that all new pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity) and that the appropriate body is identified to monitor and enforce such agreements.
- C37) Seek to provide additional capacity, where needed, at (or, if this is not possible, within close proximity to) existing club home grounds as a preference over sites far from home grounds, where physical, ownership and planning constraints do not prevent such change. This will help to ensure the long-term financial stability of clubs given the social tradition and culture of the sport.
- C38) For development detailed in the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulation 123 Infrastructure list, CIL monies could be secured towards the upgrade and management of existing strategic outdoor sports and recreation provision and creation of new provision and associated facilities (this includes playing pitches as identified in the PPS). However, it is recommended that local authority officers consider the benefits of bringing forward new and improved facilities related to development through s106 planning obligations as the most appropriate mechanism to understand and apply requirements generated for sports pitches and ancillary facilities by a given population.
- C39) The total amount of additional supply should come from a variety of sources, i.e. the projected demand is unlikely to need to be delivered solely through additional, new, grass pitches. Increased capacity to this amount will come from a combination of:
- Improved maintenance on sites that are rated as poor which will increase the number of match equivalents that the pitch can sustain.
 - Provide replacement of surfaces (at artificial pitches) which will increase the number of match equivalents that the pitch can sustain.
 - Provide in situ practice nets for training to move the usage for training from the match pitches to the practice nets.
 - Provide additional grass or artificial pitches on existing sites to increase capacity, where feasible to do so.
 - Bringing “mothballed” pitches back into use where and when necessary, provided they are in close proximity to the identified demand (i.e. providing additional capacity on sites where grass pitches are not currently in use but where there have been pitches before);

- Provision of new additional grass pitches at new grounds provided they are in close proximity to the identified demand.
- C40) A “plan, deliver, monitor, manage” approach should be taken to the provision of additional capacity. The combination of provision between grass and artificial pitches will also need to be provided to fit with real demand (for example, to match increased participation in the junior and women’s game should it materialise as projected / targeted by the ECB / the County Cricket Board)².
- C41) The management of existing supply and the balance between supply and demand should be closely monitored and provision managed to ensure that supply (i.e. grounds) is best suited to the type and format of the game played and when matches take place. The provision of additional pitches and / or facilities should also be closely co-ordinated between the NGB, clubs, league administrators, Sport England, the local authority, and the landowner (where the latter is not one of the aforementioned bodies) to ensure that additional supply responds to required demand.

Rugby

- R25) Where the loss of an existing pitch is unavoidable, provide replacement pitches or capacity to good quality standard in a location appropriate to demand to mitigate loss.
- R26) Ensure that proposals for new pitches, both grass and 3G, and ancillary facilities, are provided outside of flood risk zones, or provision can be satisfactorily tested through the sequential and exceptions tests to mitigate satisfactorily against adverse impact and risk.
- R27) Ensure that proposals for new and resurfaced 3G pitches:
- a) provide satisfactory protection and mitigation to minimise rubber crumb and other infill loss (retrofitting containment if necessary);
 - b) are constructed to meet FA and RFU recommended quality performance standards to meet performance testing criteria; and,
 - c) provide energy efficient directional LED sports-lighting;
 - d) satisfy tests applied by the local authority in relation to carbon emissions, whole lifecycle of materials and requirements for net gains in biodiversity.
- R28) Ensure that the provision of any new pitches and facilities meet the most up-to-date quality design standards and dimensions supported by the Rugby Football Union and Sport England.
- R29) Ensure that any new facilities and other associated pitch infrastructure are provided to meet the most up-to-date Building Regulations, including, but not restricted to, those relating to accessibility.
- R30) Ensure that any new pitches and facilities have a sustainable long-term business and financial management plan in place to ensure long-term viability. which includes usage plans. This includes, for 3G pitches in particular, the need for a sinking fund to retain funds during use for refurbishment or replacement of the surface and for recycling of the carpet and infill, a maintenance programme agreed between the provider, local authority and the RFU, and the provider must report to the local authority, Sport England and the RFU on an annual basis on the state of the sinking fund and statement of

availability and use during the agreed peak period hours. Sinking funds established should be monitored to ensure that collection is taking place. The costs of hiring 3G pitch time and space will need to be competitive to help ensure future viability but it is important that, to help enable transition from use of grass for matches to maximise use of capacity on 3Gs at weekends, match play charges reflect those paid for grass pitch use.

- R31) Ensure that all new pitches and facilities have a secure community use agreement in place for the long-term (preferably in perpetuity), including secure tenure, and that the appropriate body is identified to monitor and enforce such agreements.
- R32) Seek to provide additional capacity, where needed, at (or, if this is not possible, within close proximity to) existing club home grounds as a preference over sites far from home grounds, where physical, ownership and planning constraints do not prevent such change. This will help to ensure the long-term financial stability of clubs given the social tradition and culture of the sport. Developer contributions sought for pitch provision / improvements for rugby should (for example, from the Community Infrastructure Levy or section 106 planning obligations) where feasible within planning regulations be considered first as contributions towards existing rugby club sites given the nature of how and where rugby is played (as a club on-site based sport). This could help to avoid contributions being sought or spent inappropriately on sites which may be remote from existing club home grounds and infrastructure and help to ensure any new provision or additional capacity provided through development is used (and in the most effective way). Additional capacity could be provided through grass, hybrid or 3G pitches.
- R33) For development detailed in the adopted Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Chargin Schedule / infrastructure list, CIL monies could be secured towards the upgrade and management of existing strategic outdoor sports and recreation provision and creation of new provision and associated facilities (this includes playing pitches as identified in the PPS). However, it is recommended that local authority officers consider the benefits of bringing forward new and improved facilities related to development through s106 planning obligations as the most appropriate mechanism to understand and apply requirements generated for sports pitches and ancillary facilities by a given population.
- R34) Support provision of or contributions to fund new full-size sports-lit 3G pitches where certainty of delivery of the intended new 3G is or can be put in place (for example, planning permission secured) and mitigation of loss of the existing grass pitch on which the 3G would be built is considered satisfactory.
- R35) Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overlay and future demand.
- R36) The total amount of additional supply should come from a variety of sources, i.e. the projected demand is unlikely to need to be delivered solely through additional, new, grass pitches. Increased capacity to this amount will come from a combination of:
- a. Increase reliability of pitch use and improving the quality and / or maintenance regimes of existing pitches to improve quality to a D2/M2 rating to accommodate 3.25 match equivalents per week (where viable /

- subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term) (see **Enhance**);
- b. providing sports lighting to increase evening training capacity (see **Enhance**);
 - c. securing community use and security of tenure on current non-club unsecure sites if possible and feasible for club use, for example on education or other provider sites;
 - d. new additional pitches at existing club grounds where feasible, for example, through reconfiguration of existing pitch layouts to accommodate additional pitches, or provision adjacent or close to existing club sites; and / or,
 - e. WR22 compliant 3G pitch(es) to serve as strategic provision if other provision to accommodate overplay and additional demand cannot be catered for through the above measures. (If a shared rugby and football 3G is seen as a solution for both sports, a programme of use and certainty of availability for each sport should be agreed.)
- R37) New additional pitches required should be provided as close to existing club grounds or provided on new sites which accommodate all club needs. Where this cannot be achieved and provision of s106 or CIL monies are not provided to enhance capacity at existing clubs sites, satellite grounds could be explored, but practical use will be dependent upon a club's ability to adequately run (and maintain) a satellite ground. Volunteer capacity must feature as one of the tests to assess viability and feasibility, amongst others, and other risks to the club's long-term sustainability and viability must be mitigated. An alternative option, subject to financial viability and critical masses required to ensure viability both at start-up and in the long-term could be the establishment of a new club at a new ground. All off-club site provision must take into account the RFU position on provision of pitch capacity and facilities away from existing club sites.
- R38) In cases where mitigation is required as the result of a loss of a pitch to development, and that mitigation is in the form of off-site contributions, to ensure certainty that the contributions can be used to deliver the intended provision in part or in full (and in turn help to address any "knock-on" mitigation required on the site to which the contribution applies), the Local Planning Authority should consider introducing a Grampian condition⁴³ on permission to ensure that mitigation is delivered as intended (and therefore certainty of delivery is guaranteed).
- R39) Provision of new additional pitches will need to respond to demonstrable demand "on the ground". This is particularly important in the latter part of the strategy period to ensure that projected demand has actually come forward.

⁴³ See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-of-planning-conditions#Application-of-the-six-tests> for further details on use of Grampian Conditions. Section - "When can conditions be used relating to land not in control of the applicant?" Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 21a-009-20140306. The NPPG states that Grampian Conditions are conditions which are "prohibiting development authorised by the planning permission or other aspects linked to the planning permission (eg occupation of premises) until a specified action has been taken (such as the provision of supporting infrastructure)".

A “plan, deliver, monitor, manage” approach should therefore be taken to the provision of additional capacity.

- R40) The provision of additional pitches and / or facilities should be closely co-ordinated between the club, RFU, Sport England, the local authority, and the land owner (where not one of the aforementioned bodies).
- R41) Ensure that usage plans are developed for new 3Gs and include agreement on the balance of use between rugby and other sports where relevant.

NORTH

PROTECT

Football

- F10) Protection of grass pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities).
- F11) Protect the 3G surfaces at Tilsley Park and Brookes Sport Botley (Harcourt) from loss (or mitigate loss through replacement), on the basis that they currently play an important role in supporting demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play.
- F12) Protect the sand-based surfaces at Tilsley Park from loss, on the basis that they currently play an important role in supporting demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play. These pitches may continue to play an important role moving forward, subject to the ability to deliver additional and pipeline 3G pitches. The pitches also play a critical role in supporting hockey in the town (see Hockey assessment).
- F13) Protect the AGP facility Radley College Sports Centre from loss, on the basis that it currently plays an important role in supporting demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play. The pitch may continue to play an important role moving forward, subject to the ability to deliver additional and pipeline 3G pitches.

Hockey

- H8) There is sufficient demand at the current time and projected during the strategy period to 2041 to warrant protection of the sand-based pitches at Tilsley Park used by Abingdon HC.
- H9) There is not strictly any need to protect the sand based pitches which can support hockey play for the club at Radley College when the pitches need resurfacing, but retention of two of the pitches with a surface which can accommodate hockey (such as sand or Gen2) when they need to be resurfaced would put the club in a good position should risk of loss of the surfaces at Tilsley Park not be minimised.

Cricket

- C6) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches as there is overplay across this sub-area.

- C7) Protect the currently “mothballed” pitch sites (at Old Wallingford Way Recreation Ground and Appleford Recreation Ground) from development, holding in reserve to ensure that headroom capacity could be available to respond to potential demand if no other suitable site with existing use and headroom capacity is available.

Rugby

- R7) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities) used by Abingdon RFC (Southern Town Park) and Oxford RFC (Southern Bypass Ground).
- R8) Protect the WR22 compliant 3G surface at Tilsley Park from loss on the basis that it could play an important role in supporting additional demand from Abingdon RFC.

ENHANCE

Football

- F35) Gain the secure use of unsecure community use pitch sites through clubs and relevant authorities working with pitch providers / owners to seek a long-term secure use agreement to provide certainty of supply and reduce the need for additional secure use new pitches (where desirable by the club and provider). These include:

- Thrupp Lane.

- F36) Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality and improve maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. There should be a focus, where feasible, on improving the following pitches rated as “poor” to “standard” as a priority, and then secure use “standard” pitches to “good”, where there are known pressures on demand identified by clubs. Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Harwell Recreation Ground 1, 11v11;
- Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre 2, 11v11; and,
- Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre 3, 7v7;

Standard

- Abingdon Utd FC, 11v11;
- Abingdon Utd FC, 9v9;
- Boxhill Recreation Ground 2, 7v7;
- Boxhill Recreation Ground 3, 5v5;
- Forest Side and Playfield Road - all pitches at Kennington FC sites (club has funding to make pitch improvements);
- Southern Town Park 11, 7v7;
- Southern Town Park 12, 7v7;
- Southern Town Park 4, 9v9; and,

- Southern Town Park 5, 9v9.

F37) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where possible to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced (with a focus on those of “poor” quality listed below, and then those with “standard” quality). Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Appleford Recreation Ground;
- Boxhill Recreation Ground;
- Caldecott Recreation Ground;
- Forest Side;
- The Heights, Milton Utd.; and,
- Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Such improvements are particularly important to help grow participation in the women’s game and pitches hosting women’s teams should be prioritised where improvements are required. Improvement of unsecure community use pitch changing and other ancillary facilities should be a second priority after secure use site improvements. Where unsecure use pitches are secured, sites should be added to the programme of improvement set out in the list above.

Hockey

- H14) Gain formal agreement or security of use or tenure for club use of the Tilsley park pitches.
- H15) Support improvements to the lighting at Tilsley Park, upgraded to LED lighting meeting England Hockey standards.
- H16) Implement an improved maintenance regime / plan for the Tilsley Park sand AGPs.
- H17) Resolve sharing issues between hockey and football use if apparent as the hockey club grows and requires additional weekday evening slots at times which reduce operational and volunteer pressures. If 3G provision is made in Abingdon, ensure that a managed transition takes place as hockey demand grows on-site and as solutions for football 3G surfaces are delivered to accommodate demand for football training.

Cricket

- C19) Gain the secure use of pitches which currently have unsecure community use at Playfield Road (Kennington); and Steventon Village Green to provide certainty of future supply.
- C20) Consider increasing the current use of existing pitches where spare capacity notionally exists, where physically, practically and logistically possible at Anson Field and Appleton with Eaton Sports Field.
- C21) Seek to address overplay at Cumnor CC, Wootton & Boars Hill CC and Steventon Village Green if overplay is causing reduction in pitch quality, through improved maintenance, replacement of surfaces (at artificial pitches), provision of in situ practice nets for training and / or provision of additional grass or artificial pitches.

- C22) Support the improvement of club ancillary facilities to provide fit for purpose facilities, to service current membership and the growth in the Women & Girls game at Sunningwell CC, Cumnor CC and Steventon Village Green. This list will need to be monitored as more and more clubs establish new women & girls' sections.

Rugby

- R19) Gain the secure use / tenure of the 2 x pitches used by Oxford RFC at St Peter's College Recreation Ground to provide certainty of future supply.
- R20) Enhance capacity on pitches at Abingdon RFC and Oxford RFC by improving quality through improved drainage (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term), by introducing sports-lights where necessary and feasible and by improving surface maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. Pitch improvements should be made to enhance capacity to at least 3.25 match equivalents (D2/M2 rating) and improvements should follow the recommendations made in the most up-to-date GMA pitch assessment report.

PROVIDE

Football

- F70) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
- a. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to "standard" quality from "poor" and to improve "standard" quality pitches to "good" where indicated in "ENHANCE", deliver 1 x 11v11 and 2 x 9v9 good quality pitches in one or more of the following locations, to respond to demand:
 - i. in or on the edge of Abingdon;
 - ii. on the edge of Oxford;
 - iii. on the edge of Didcot (in alignment with recommendations in the South Oxfordshire PPS);
 - iv. responding to demand at St Edmunds FC;
 - v. responding to demand at Abingdon Youth FC;
 - vi. responding to demand at Steventon FC.
- F71) Deliver pitches to respond to additional demand arising from growth in population at the strategic housing allocations:
- a. At Dalton Barracks, deliver 3 x 11v11, 3 x 9v9 and 3 x 7v7 pitches and associated necessary ancillary facilities. To ensure their use, identify either an existing club or clubs which can relocate to the pitches as a new home ground, an existing club which will use the pitches at a home ground in addition to its existing home ground, or that capacity and support exists to create a new club.
- F72) Deliver proposed pitches "in the pipeline" to meet demand arising in those locations. This means that pitches at:

- a. land North of Dunmore Road, Abingdon, to deliver 1 x 11v11 pitch and 2 x Youth 7v7 pitches and associated necessary ancillary facilities.

F73) Provide 3 x full-size sports-lit 3G pitches to serve Abingdon to address unmet and future demand (one of which could be delivered at Dalton Barracks), and consider additional +1 x full-size sports-lit 3G to serve the edge of Oxford (Botley – Kennington arc) should demand arise in the middle to late part of the period to 2041. Also consider additional +1 x full-size sports-lit 3G to serve western catchment of Didcot, with provision made in conjunction with overall sequencing of additional 3G provision in the town (also see South Oxfordshire report). This could be provided, for example, at The Heights, Milton United.

Hockey

H30) No recommendations to provide additional capacity, based on existing capacity being available at Tilsley Park for Abingdon HC.

Cricket

- C42) Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 24 additional grass pitch capacity, or 2 additional artificial pitches, or a combination of both grass and artificial is more realistic, across this sub-area.
- C43) Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE, bullet point ix).
- C44) Dalton Barracks development will generate demand around 7 grass cricket pitches. Demand arising from this site will probably be best dealt with a new ground to be constructed as part of the development. However, this should be in consultation with a local club so that an anchor tenant can be found from the outset and ensure the site is fully utilised as intended.
- C45) Dunmore Road development near Abingdon a new cricket ground has been agreed as part of the development. This is to accommodate future additional demand from the development and the final number of cricket pitches on the ground needs to be agreed.
- C46) If additional pitches are required, capacity increases should be concentrated at the following sites as these clubs are continuing to grow and require additional facilities to service this growth. It should be noted these sites are already at or close to capacity so securing access to existing grounds with spare capacity or providing new grounds should be considered as a priority. Each site needs to undertake an assessment to identify exactly how much and where additional capacity can be provided.
 - o Cumnor CC
 - o Playfield Road
 - o Steventon Village Green
 - o Wootton & Boars Hill CC

Rugby

- R42) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
 - a. Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 19.5 match

equivalents across this sub-area with demand likely to arise at Abingdon RFC and Oxford RFC.

- b. Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE.
- c. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to accommodate 3.25 match equivalents per pitch, additional capacity should be provided to the following scale at the following clubs:
 - i. Abingdon RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 1-2 grass pitches with sports lighting, unless sufficient capacity can be guaranteed for the club at the Tilsley Park WR22 compliant 3G. Alongside the recommendations for South Oxfordshire in relation to rugby demand arising from Culham and Berinsfield development populations, consider the appropriate approach to catering for the additional demand generated by those developments in relation to provision at Abingdon RFC, in addition to catering for demand from the Dalton Barracks development. Also consider long-term opportunities to explore potential for a new single rugby club site in the town.
 - ii. Oxford RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 1-2 grass pitches, should secure community use and certainty of tenure not be achieved on the St Peter’s College pitches used by the club as overspill at the current time.

SOUTH

PROTECT

Football

- F14) Protection of grass pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities).
- F15) Protect the 3G surface at Harwell Primary School from loss, on the basis that it currently plays an important role in supporting local demand for training and from informal, casual and small-sided league play.
- F16) Protect the AGP facility at UTC Oxfordshire from loss, on the basis that it currently plays an important role in supporting demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play. The site may continue to play an important role moving forward, subject to the ability to deliver additional and pipeline 3G pitches.

Cricket

- C8) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for all club pitches as the sub area is broadly at capacity.

Rugby

- R9) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club

home ground and facilities) used by Didcot RFC (Boundary Park), Grove RFC (Grove Recreation Lane) and Harwell RFC (Harwell Labs).

ENHANCE

Football

F38) Gain the secure use of unsecure community use pitch sites through clubs and relevant authorities working with pitch providers / owners to seek a long-term secure use agreement to provide certainty of supply and reduce the need for additional secure use new pitches (where desirable by the club and provider). These include:

- Harwell Labs Recreational Association; and,
- Rutherford Labs.

F39) Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality and improve maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. There should be a focus, where feasible, on improving the following pitches rated as “poor” to “standard” as a priority, and then secure use “standard” pitches to “good”, where there are known pressures on demand identified by clubs. Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Tugwell Field 3, 7v7.

F40) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where possible to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced (with a focus on those of “poor” quality listed below, and then those with “standard” quality). Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Harwell Recreation Ground.

Such improvements are particularly important to help grow participation in the women’s game and pitches hosting women’s teams should be prioritised where improvements are required. Improvement of unsecure community use pitch changing and other ancillary facilities should be a second priority after secure use site improvements. Where unsecure use pitches are secured, sites should be added to the programme of improvement set out in the list above.

Cricket

C23) Gain the secure use of pitches which currently have unsecure community use at Harwell Labs Recreational Association certainty of future supply.

C24) Consider increasing the current use of existing pitches where spare capacity notionally exists, where physically, practically and logistically possible at Blewbury Road, Wantage and Gove CC and Harwell Labs Recreational Association.

C25) Seek to address overplay at Boundary Park and East Hendred Sports Ground if overplay is causing reduction in pitch quality, through improved maintenance, replacement of surfaces (at artificial pitches), provision of in situ practice nets for training and / or provision of additional grass or artificial pitches.

- C26) Support the improvement of club ancillary facilities to provide fit for purpose facilities, to service current membership and the growth in the Women & Girls game at East Hendred Sports Ground and Ardington & Lockinge Sports Ground. This list will need to be monitored as more and more clubs establish new women & girls' sections.

Rugby

- R21) Gain the secure use / tenure of the ground at Harwell RFC which does not currently have secure community use, to provide certainty of future supply and which will in turn enable the club to access necessary funding to invest in improvements if necessary.
- R22) Enhance capacity on pitches at Didcot RFC (Boundary Park) and Grove RFC (Grove Recreation Lane) by improving quality through improved drainage (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term), by introducing sports-lights where necessary and feasible and by improving surface maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. Pitch improvements should be made to enhance capacity to at least 3.25 match equivalents (D2/M2 rating) and improvements should follow the recommendations made in the most up-to-date GMA pitch assessment report.

PROVIDE

Football

- F74) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
- a. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to "standard" quality from "poor" and to improve "standard" quality pitches to "good" where indicated in "ENHANCE", deliver 4 x 11v11 good quality pitches in one or more of the following locations, to respond to demand:
 - i. in or on the edge of Wantage;
 - ii. on the edge of Didcot (in alignment with recommendations in the South Oxfordshire PPS);
 - iii. responding to demand at Ardington & Lockinge FC;
 - iv. responding to demand at Blewbury Amazons Girls FC;
 - v. responding to demand at East Hendred AFC;
 - vi. responding to demand at Grove Challengers FC (should the additional proposed pitches at Grove Airfield not satisfy demand);
 - vii. responding to demand at Wantage Town FC (should the proposed 3G at their home ground not satisfy demand).
- F75) Deliver proposed pitches "in the pipeline" to meet demand arising in those locations. This means pitches at:
- a. Valley Park, Didcot to deliver 2 x grass youth (Alma Park), 2 x grass youth (Common Park) and 2 x grass 11v11 adult pitches (Common Park), 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G (Common Park) and associated necessary ancillary

facilities. Consideration should also be given strategically, across Didcot as a whole and in both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, whether future provision for some sports in the town could be consolidated on one or other of the Boundary Park and Valley Park sites.

- b. Crab Hill, Wantage, 2 x grass adult 11v11 and 1 x grass youth 11v11 and associated necessary ancillary facilities.
 - c. Grove Airfield, 2 x grass adult, 4 x youth 9v9 / 11v11 and 6 x 5v5 / 7v7 pitches.
 - d. North-west Grove, 1 x grass adult pitch, subject to location being appropriate to local club use or off-site contributions to deliver the pitch elsewhere in the Grove / Wantage area.
 - e. Alfredian Park, Wantage Town FC, deliver 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G pitch and associated necessary ancillary facilities.
- F76) Provide 0.5 x additional full-size sports-lit 3G pitch to serve demand, in a location to be determined, in the middle to latter part of the strategy period, to serve areas where demand appears on the ground, either in the Wantage / Grove or edge of Didcot area. This could be increased to a full-size 3G should demand be demonstrated that this will be viable at the time of proposal.

Cricket

- C46) Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overlap and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 36 additional grass pitch capacity, or 3 additional artificial pitches, or a combination of both grass and artificial is more realistic, across this sub-area.
- C47) Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE, bullet point ix).
- C48) Valley Park development near Didcot will provide additional playing field land but no agreement has been yet as to the exact make up of this provision and if it will include a new cricket ground. Consideration should also be given strategically, across Didcot as a whole and in both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, whether future provision for some sports in the town could be consolidated on one or other of the Boundary Park and Valley Park sites.
- C49) If additional pitches are required, capacity increases should be concentrated at the following sites as these clubs are continuing to grow and require additional facilities to service this growth. It should be noted these sites are already at or close to capacity so securing access to existing grounds with spare capacity or providing new grounds should be considered as a priority. Each site needs to undertake an assessment to identify exactly how much and where additional capacity can be provided.
- Boundary Park
 - East Hendred Sports Ground

Rugby

- R43) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:

- a. Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 36.25 match equivalents across this sub-area with most demand likely to arise at Didcot RFC and Grove RFC.
- b. Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE.
- c. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to accommodate 3.25 match equivalents per pitch, additional capacity should be provided to the following scale at the following clubs:
 - i. Didcot RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 6-7 grass pitches with sports lighting, unless capacity can be provided through a new WR22 compliant sports-lit 3G pitch. This response to demand includes an element of demand generated in South Oxfordshire’s West sub-area within which part of Didcot sits. Off-site contributions from major developments in the town can help fund improvements in capacity. Consideration should also be given strategically, across Didcot as a whole and in both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, whether future provision for some sports in the town could be consolidated on one or other of the Boundary Park and Valley Park sites.
 - ii. Grove RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 1-2 grass pitches, should the additional capacity brought to the club from the move of the football club from two football pitches at the club site not provide sufficient additional supply.

Hockey

- H33) The appropriate level of off-site contributions for hockey sought from any new developments in this sub-area should be discussed between the local authority and England Hockey, given that the playing pitch calculator can only be used based on a baseline number of teams and club members (which in this sub-area is zero). Contributions should be focused on making improvements in existing provision at the clubs most likely to receive additional players from the location of the new development.

WEST

PROTECT

Football

- F17) Protection of grass pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities).
- F18) Protect the AGP surface St Hugh’s School from loss, on the basis that it could play a role in supporting local demand from clubs for training and additional demand from informal, casual and small-sided league play.

Cricket

- C9) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for all club pitches. Although there is some spare capacity at a couple of sites, all sites are in use by local clubs who provide cricket opportunities to their local communities.

Rugby

- R10) Protection of pitch supply is particularly important for club pitches. In this sub-area, this means protecting from loss all pitches (and the entirety of the club home ground and facilities) used by Faringdon RFC (Folly Sports Park).

ENHANCE**Football**

- F41) Gain the secure use of unsecure community use pitch sites through clubs and relevant authorities working with pitch providers / owners to seek a long-term secure use agreement to provide certainty of supply and reduce the need for additional secure use new pitches (where desirable by the club and provider). These include:

- Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground.

- F42) Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality and improve maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. There should be a focus, where feasible, on improving the following pitches rated as “poor” to “standard” as a priority, and then secure use “standard” pitches to “good”, where there are known pressures on demand identified by clubs. Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised:

Poor

- Tucker Park Recreation Ground 4, 7v7; and,
- West Hanney Playing Field 5, Hanney Youth FC, 9v9.

Standard

- Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground 3, Youth 11v11; and,
- Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground 4, Youth 11v11.

- F43) Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities where possible to help ensure the quality of the experience for the sport is enhanced (with a focus on those of “poor” quality, if any emerge during the strategy period, and then those with “standard” quality). Pitches with secure community use should be prioritised. Such improvements are particularly important to help grow participation in the women’s game and pitches hosting women’s teams should be prioritised where improvements are required. Improvement of unsecure community use pitch changing and other ancillary facilities should be a second priority after secure use site improvements. Where unsecure use pitches are secured, sites should be added to the programme of improvement.

Hockey

- H16) Work with Shrivenham HC and Academy to enable non-student and staff members to join the club, if this is an issue which needs resolving. Enabling community members’ access to the club will help ensure that residents in the

western part of the district do not have to travel as far to access hockey provision.

Cricket

- C27) Gain the secure use of pitches which currently have unsecure community use at Buscot Park, Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground and Letcombe Recreation Ground to provide certainty of future supply.
- C28) Consider increasing the current use of existing pitches where spare capacity notionally exists, where physically, practically and logistically possible at Shrevenham Recreation Ground, Craven Playing Fields Buscot Park and Letcombe Regis Recreation Ground.
- C29) Seek to address overplay at Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground if overplay is causing reduction in pitch quality, through improved maintenance, replacement of surfaces (at artificial pitches), provision of in situ practice nets for training and / or provision of additional grass or artificial pitches.
- C30) Support the improvement of club ancillary facilities to provide fit for purpose facilities, to service current membership and the growth in the Women & Girls game at Challow & Childrey CC and Craven Playing Fields. This list will need to be monitored as more and more clubs establish new women & girls' sections.

Rugby

- R23) Enhance capacity on pitches at Faringdon RFC (Folly Sports Park) by improving quality through improved drainage (where viable / subject to funding and a business plan being in place to ensure maintenance costs are catered for in the long-term), by introducing sports-lights where necessary and feasible and by improving surface maintenance to ensure that the better quality is sustained in the long-term. Pitch improvements should be made to enhance capacity to at least 3.25 match equivalents (D2/M2 rating) and improvements should follow the recommendations made in the most up-to-date GMA pitch assessment report.
- R24) Explore opportunities for a joint lease arrangement on the pavilion at Folly Park with the ECB and cricket club to increase access and viability of RFC in the long-term.

PROVIDE

Football

- F77) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
 - a. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to "standard" quality from "poor" and to improve "standard" quality pitches to "good" where indicated in "ENHANCE", deliver 1 x 7v7 and 2 x 9v9 good quality pitches in one or more of the following locations, to respond to demand:
 - i. in or on the edge of Shrevenham;
 - ii. in or on the edge of Faringdon;
 - iii. responding to demand at Kingson Colts FC.

- F78) Deliver proposed pitches “in the pipeline” to meet demand arising in those locations. This means pitches at:
- a. Faringdon Community College to deliver 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G pitch and any associated necessary ancillary facilities.
- F79) Consider provision of an additional +1 x full-size sports-lit 3G should demand arise in the middle to late part of the period to 2041, in either Faringdon or split on 2 x 0.5 3G pitches in Faringdon and Shrivenham.

Cricket

- C50) Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 27 additional grass pitch capacity, or 3 additional artificial pitches, or a combination of both grass and artificial is more realistic, across this sub-area.
- C51) Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE, bullet point ix).
- C52) Lioncourt, East of Kingston Bagpuize – West sub area – will provide a new cricket ground and supporting pavilion around 200sqm. An agreement has not been signed but discussions are at an advanced stage.
- C53) If additional pitches are required, capacity increases should be concentrated at the following sites as these clubs are continuing to grow and require additional facilities to service this growth. It should be noted these sites are already at or close to capacity so securing access to existing grounds with spare capacity or providing new grounds should be considered as a priority. Each site needs to undertake an assessment to identify exactly how much and where additional capacity can be provided.
- o Challow & Childrey CC
 - o Folly Sports Park
 - o East Hanney Playing Field

Rugby

- R44) Within this sub-area, the following measures should be taken to address the current and projected demand:
- a. Enable the supply of additional pitch capacity to accommodate existing overplay and future demand to a total equivalent capacity of 15 match equivalents across this sub-area with demand likely to arise at Faringdon RFC.
 - b. Providing for additional supply should come, broadly sequentially, following the process set out in the district-wide recommendation above in PROVIDE.
 - c. Should quality improvements be achievable to improve the quality and capacity of existing pitches on club grounds to accommodate 3.25 match equivalents per pitch, additional capacity should be provided to the following scale at the following club:
 - i. Faringdon RFC – provision to support a net additional demand of around 4 grass pitches with sports lighting, unless sufficient capacity can be guaranteed for the club from use at a new 3G pitch in

Faringdon, if, for example, the proposed pitch at the College comes forward and is WR22 compliant or at least is able to cater for rugby training (through the appropriate pile and inclusion of a shock-pad. Following delivery of a new 3G pitch and confirmation of the nature and amount of rugby club use, the number of additional grass pitches needed can be reduced.

Appendix 5: Action Plan

A detailed Action Plan and delivery monitor spreadsheet will be provided to the District Council for use with the PPS steering group to track and monitor change and delivery of the actions and priorities during the strategy period. The table below provides a high-level summary of the main priorities identified by NGBs in that Action Plan, most of which are actionable in the earlier parts of the strategy period. The list of priorities are not set out in area priority order.

Key:

LA - Local Authority

OCCB – Oxfordshire County Cricket Board

ECB – England and Wales Cricket Board

EH – England Hockey

RFU – Rugby Football Union

FF – Football Foundation

BBFA – Berks and Bucks Football Association

Priority Ref.	Priority Project	Whose priority?	Sport	Sub Area(s)	Main partners	When			
						2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-41
PROTECT									
P1	Hockey: Protect the sand-based pitches at Tilsley Park used by Abingdon HC.	EH	Hockey	North	LA, EH, Abingdon School / Abingdon Sports and Leisure				
P2	Rugby: Protect the WR22 compliant 3G surface at Tilsley Park from loss on the basis that it could play an important role in supporting additional demand from Abingdon RFC.	RFU	Rugby	North	LA, RFU, Club, Abingdon School / Abingdon Sports and Leisure				
ENHANCE									
P3	Hockey: Support improvements to the lighting at Tilsley Park, upgraded to LED lighting meeting England Hockey standards.	EH	Hockey	North	LA, EH, Abingdon School / Abingdon Sports and Leisure				
P4	Hockey: Gain formal agreement or security of use or tenure for club use of the Tilsley park pitches.	EH	Hockey	North	LA, EH, Abingdon School /				

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						2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-41
					Abingdon Sports and Leisure				
P5	Hockey: Implement an improved maintenance regime / plan for the Tilsley Park sand AGPs.	EH	Hockey	North	LA, EH, Abingdon School / Abingdon Sports and Leisure				
P6	Football: Maximise use of existing sites in Abingdon by improving the quality of pitches and identifying new / existing sites for additional grass pitches.	BBFA	Football	North	LA, FA, FF, Clubs				
P7	Cricket: Address overplay through improved maintenance, new NTPs and enhanced practice facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumnor CC; • Wootton & Boars Hill CC; and, • Steventon Village Green. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	North	LA, ECB, OCCB, Clubs				
P8	Cricket: Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunningwell CC; • Cumnor CC; and, • Steventon Village Green. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	North	LA, ECB, OCCB, Clubs				

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						2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-41
P9	Cricket: Gain the secure use / tenure of the ground at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playfield Road (Kennington); and, Steventon Village Green. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	North	LA, ECB, OCCB, Clubs				
P10	Rugby: Gain the secure use / tenure of the 2 x pitches used by Oxford RFC at St Peter's College Recreation Ground to provide certainty of future supply.	RFU	Rugby	North	LA, RFU, Club, St Peter's College				
P11	Football: Enhance capacity on existing pitches by improving quality and improve maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tugwell Field. 	BBFA	Football	South	LA, BBFA, Clubs				
P12	Football: Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harwell Recreation Ground. 	BBFA	Football	South	LA, BBFA, Clubs				
P13	Rugby: Gain the secure use / tenure of the ground at Harwell RFC.	RFU	Rugby	South	LA, RFU, Club, Owners				
P14	Cricket: Address overplay through improved maintenance, new NTPs and enhanced practice facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary Park; and, East Hendred Sports Ground. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	South	LA, ECB, OCCB, Clubs				
P15	Cricket: Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Hendred Sports Ground; and, Ardington & Lockinge Sports Ground. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	South	LA, ECB, OCCB, Clubs				

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						2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-41
P16	Cricket: Gain the secure use / tenure of the ground at Harwell Labs Recreation Ground.	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	South	LA, ECB, OCCB, Club, Owners				
P17	Cricket: Enhance the quality of changing and other ancillary facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunningwell CC; Challow & Childrey CC; and, Letcombe Regis Recreation Ground. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	West	LA, ECB, OCCB, Clubs				
P18	Cricket: Gain the secure use / tenure of the ground at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buscot Park; Kingston Bagpuize Sports Ground; and, Letcombe Recreation Ground. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	West	LA, ECB, OCCB, Clubs				
P19	Rugby: Explore opportunities for a joint lease arrangement on the pavilion at Folly Park with the ECB and cricket club to increase access and viability of RFC in the long-term.	RFU	Rugby	West	LA, RFU, ECB, OCCB, Clubs				
PROVIDE									
P20	Football (3G): Faringdon 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G ("pipeline" / commitment, Community College)	LA	Football	West	LA, FA, FF, College				
P21	Football (grass): Kingston Bagpuize. Additional grass pitches provided, or replacement of existing cricket wicket with football pitch(es) – pending delivery of new cricket wicket.	BBFA	Football	West	LA, FA, FF				

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P22	Rugby: In Faringdon, 4 grass full-size pitches with sports lighting, unless sufficient 3G capacity can be provided on planned 3G football pitches if provided to WR22 standard. Rugby club use of a 3G could reduce the number of additional grass pitches needed	RFU	Rugby	West	LA, RFU				
P23	Cricket: Lioncourt, East of Kinston Bagpuize, 1 x new cricket ground (Agreement not yet signed but discussions in advance stage)	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	West	LA, ECB, OCCB				
P24	Cricket: Secure access to additional grounds or provide more capacity in existing site, where feasible, at; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challow & Childrey CC Folly Sports Park East Hanney Playing Field 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	West	LA, ECB, OCCB				
P25	Football (grass): Grove Airfield 2 x 11v11 (adult), 4 x 9v9 / 11v11 (youth), 6 x 5v5 / 7v7 ("pipeline" / commitment)	LA, BBFA	Football	South	LA, FA, FF				
P26	Football (grass): North-west Grove 1 x 11v11 (adult), subject to demand for location / off-site contribution ("pipeline" / commitment)	LA, BBFA	Football	South	LA, FA, FF				
P27	Football (grass): Crab Hill, Wantage 2 x 11v11 (adult), 1 x 11v11 (youth) ("pipeline" / commitment)	LA, BBFA	Football	South	LA, FA, FF				
P28	Football (3G): Alfredian Park, Wantage 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G ("pipeline" / commitment)	LA, BBFA	Football	South	LA, FA, FF				

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						2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-41
P29	Football (grass): Valley Park, Didcot 2 x 11v11 / 9v9 (youth) (Alma Park), 2 x 11v11 / 9v9 (youth) (Common Park), 2 x 11v11 (adult) (Common Park) (“pipeline” / commitment)	LA, BBFA	Football	South	LA, FA, FF				
P30	Football (3G): Valley Park, Didcot 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G (Common Park) (“pipeline” / commitment)	LA, BBFA	Football	South	LA, FA, FF				
P31	Rugby: Grove 1-2 full-size grass pitches (if additional capacity from relocation of FC not enough)	RFU	Rugby	South	LA, RFU, Club				
P32	Rugby: Didcot 6-7 grass full-size pitches with sports lighting, or WR22 compliant 3G if this satisfies demand (also accounts for element of demand from South Oxfordshire West sub-area)	RFU	Rugby	South	LA, RFU				
P33	Cricket: Valley Park, Didcot to provide 1 x new cricket ground on this site or preferably at Boundary Park.	LA, ECB, OCCB	Cricket	South	LA, ECB, OCCB				
P34	Cricket: Secure access to additional grounds or provide more capacity in existing site, where feasible, at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary Park; and, East Hendred Sports Ground. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	South	LA, ECB, OCCB				
P35	Cricket: Land North of Dunmore Road, Abingdon 1 x new cricket ground (“pipeline” / commitment)	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	North	LA, ECB, OCCB				
P36	Cricket: Dalton Barracks 1 x new cricket ground	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	North	LA, ECB, OCCB				

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						2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-41
P37	Cricket: Secure access to additional grounds or provide more capacity in existing site, where feasible, at; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumnor CC; Playfield Road; Steventon Village Green; and, Wootton & Boars Hill CC. 	ECB, OCCB	Cricket	North	LA, ECB, OCCB				
P38	Rugby: Abingdon 1-2 full-size grass pitches (to serve Abingdon RFC), unless sufficient capacity can be increased at Tilsley Park 3G if football demand moves to new 3Gs. Possible off-site contributions from Culham and Berinsfield allocations (South Oxfordshire) to Abingdon RFC.	RFU	Rugby	North	LA, RFU				
P39	Rugby: Edge of Oxford (Botley to Kennington "arc") 1-2 full-size grass pitches, subject to St Peter's College pitches being secured for long-term community (club) use	RFU	Rugby	North	LA, RFU				
P40	Football (3G): Milton / Milton Hill (for example, at The Heights, Milton Utd). 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G, subject to demand arising (and considering the sequence of 3G pitch delivery in Didcot.	BBFA	Football	North	LA, FA, FF, Club				
P41	Football (grass): Land North of Dunmore Road, Abingdon 1 x 11v11, 2 x 7v7 ("pipeline" / commitment)	LA	Football	North	LA, FA, FF				

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						2023-27	2028-32	2033-37	2038-41
P42	Football: Dalton Barracks, Abingdon 3 x grass 11v11, 3 x grass 9v9, 3 x grass 7v7, 1 x full-size sports-lit 3G	LA	Football	North	LA, FA, FF				
P43	Football (grass): Abingdon 1 x 11v11, 2 x 9v9 (although some of this demand may arise on edge of Oxford and Steventon)	LA	Football	North	LA, FA, FF				
P44	Football (3G): Abingdon 2 x full-size sports-lit 3G	LA	Football	North	LA, FA, FF				

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