



LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET DRAFT STAGE D PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

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PRIORITY SPORT SPECIFIC ACTIONS

- 4.1 All existing playing field land is protected by the LB Barnet Local Plan, Sport England policies and the NPPF to deliver current and future needs.
- 4.2 As a priority for all partners on the Steering Group there is a need for the Local Authority LB Barnet, Football Association, Middlesex Football Association, England Hockey, ECB and Middlesex Cricket, Rugby Football Union and Sport England to work together to provide a local investment plan to ensure the successful implementation of this Playing Pitch strategy.
- 4.3 The Football, Cricket, Rugby Union, Hockey, Gaelic Football and Tennis Individual Sport Specific actions are shown in the table below.
- 4.4 Clubmark and equivalent NGB accreditations: LBB fully supports the Clubmark model and encourages all clubs within the borough to work towards Clubmark (or their NGB equivalent accreditation e.g. Charter Standard) and adopt the good practice framework and approaches to club development and governance and associated support that is available from their respective NGBs and Sport England. This has been included here as an overarching action for all clubs rather than including it within the sport specific sections of the action plan listed below.
- 4.5 The action plans are given a priority:
- **High. Delivered against or worked towards within three years (ahead of the first full review of the Playing Pitch Strategy)**
 - **Medium. Delivered within 6 years**
 - **Ongoing. No specific date – In many instances the action is a general support for clubs or other bodies to progress with ground improvements and is not necessarily an action the Council or the Playing Pitch Steering Group have control over.**

Table 4.1: Individual Sport Specific Action Plans

OBJECTIVE	RECOMMENDATION	STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY SITES/ CLUBS/ACTIONS	PRIORITY	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY	COST
FOOTBALL							
PROTECT	Football 1.	All football pitches in London Borough Barnet should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields and remain of potential value,	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet	
PROTECT	Football 2.	Ensure formal Community Use Agreements are in place with Education establishments providing football pitches and 3G rubber crumb pitches for community use	All schools, colleges and Higher Education facilities used by clubs.	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet / Schools / Academies / Colleges and Higher Education	
PROTECT	Football 3.	Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long-term future of the club.	All relevant clubs	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet / Owners / Tenants.	
ENHANCE	Football 4	Develop 3 sites across LB Barnet as Sports Hubs and carry out Master Planning exercise at these Sports Hubs.	Priority Sites: Copthall, West Hendon Playing Fields, Barnet Playing Fields.	High	Medium	LB Barnet, NGBs and Sport England	
ENHANCE	Football 5.	Increase the quality and playing capacity of pitches at priority sites and those that are classified as 'Poor' in the assessment for Adult, junior 11 v 11, junior 9 v 9 and mini soccer	Priority Sites Sports Hubs: Copthall, West Hendon Playing fields, Barnet and King George Playing fields. 'Poor' site classification: Brook Farm Open Space	High	Medium	Site Owners / Schools	

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			<p>Mill Hill Park New Southgate Recreation Ground Princes Park Barnet Burnt Oak Leisure Centre Christ College Finchley Ashmole Academy Brondesbury Sports</p> <p>Other pitches that require improvement's:</p> <p>Bethune Park Ludgrove Playing Fields Old Cholmelians – improve drainage Old Elizabethans Memorial Playing Field - Needs support to improve the maintenance of the pitches and therefore improve the quality.</p>				
ENHANCE	Football 6.	Improve the standard of non-playing pitch facilities including access and car parking and the quality of changing rooms to provide segregated changing for male and females where feasible.	<p>Ancillary Facilities: Subject to the 3 hub sites been identified in the Parklife programme</p> <p>Bethune Park - Changing rooms require additional security to stop break-ins.</p> <p>Chase Lodge Park - Improved integration of Chase Lodge with Copthall and improved car parking.</p> <p>Copthall - Consider the replacement of current changing facilities and pavilions in the master plan.</p> <p>Hadley Disability Sports Association - Currently seeking funds to refurbish the clubhouse.</p> <p>Ludgrove Club – Clubhouse is currently being refurbished.</p> <p>Ludgrove Playing Fields - Clubhouse is poor and quality of pitches is impacted upon by poor drainage.</p> <p>Old Cholmelians Sports Ground - The current clubhouse is old, and requires updating. Rowley Lane – ageing ancillary facilities</p> <p>Victoria Recreation Ground – need to consider use for outdoor changing as part of leisure centre rebuild.</p>	Medium	Medium	Football clubs, LB Barnet, FA and Middlesex FA.	

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ENHANCE	Football 7.	Consider the re-designation of some adult pitches for junior, and 9 v 9 use	Childs Hill Park - 1 adult pitch Copthall - 5 adult pitches Glebelands - 1 adult pitch Princess Park - 2 adult pitches Victoria Recreation Ground - 1 adult pitch West Hendon Playing Fields - 3 adult pitches Woodside Park - 1 adult pitch	High	On going	FA, Middlesex FA, Site Owners, LB Barnet	
ENHANCE	Football 8.	There is a lot of club ownership in the borough who are maintaining their own sites. A priority should be to develop a grounds maintenance service/equipment bank to support these clubs.	Clubs with leased sites	High	On going	FA, Middlesex FA, Site Lease Holders, LB Barnet	
ENHANCE	Football 9.	Work with junior football clubs that meet the Council and National Governing Bodies (NGB) priorities to support them to achieve Charter Standard accreditation as a minimum kite mark for the Council. To provide future support and funding to those clubs that has a desire to develop and work towards and achieve accreditation standards.	Clubs where appropriate	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet, Clubs and Middlesex FA	
ENHANCE	Football 10.	Support junior clubs to develop with the management and improvement of facilities and ensure security of tenure of playing facilities for junior clubs either through leasing or community asset transfers so clubs can become sustainable in the future. There is a need to encourage clubs to utilize resources i.e. Club Matters and London Sport support.		High	Medium	All site owners, Middlesex FA. FA	
PROVIDE	Football 11.	Support the development of 4 x 3G rubber crumb pitches (artificial grass pitches AGP).	Copthall Sports Hub 2 3G pitches (Possible Football and Rugby 3G), West Hendon Sports Hub 2 3G pitches	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet, FA, Middlesex FA and RFU.	
PROVIDE	Football 12.	Provide a solution to meet latent demand and future demand of pitches up to 2031.	Can be met from current and planned pitches along with introduction of 3G rubber crumb pitches at proposed sports hubs. Need to provide quality facilities in the future to compete with new facilities coming into fruition in Borehamwood on the LB Barnet borders.	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet other site owners, Clubs, FA and Middlesex FA	
PROVIDE	Football 13.	Provide Section 106 (planning gain) and CIL payments to enhance football facilities across London Borough Barnet for use by residents of new developments.	LB Barnet is currently seeking a Capital Bid for funding including Section 106 and CIL funding along with development capital funds from the Local Authority and identifying possible partnership funding required.	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet, Partners and other Stakeholders.	

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CRICKET							
PROTECT	Cricket 1.	All cricket pitches in LB Barnet should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields and remain of potential value,	High	On going	LB Barnet	
PROTECT	Cricket 2.	Ensure clubs have appropriate levels of security of tenure at playing pitch sites where feasible to secure the long-term future of the club and that rental fees are realistic for a sports clubs to manage.	All clubs	High	On going	LB Barnet / Owners / Tenants.	
ENHANCE	Cricket 3.	LB Barnet to work in partnership with the England Cricket Board (ECB) and Middlesex Cricket Board to support clubs and schools in improving the quality of pitches, and in accessing funding through the ECB Grant Aid and Pitch Advisory Scheme. Any improvements undertaken should seek to ensure that facilities are in line with ECB standards as well as meeting specifications for the local leagues	Grounds and Square quality improvements Mill Hill Village Sports Club, Old Elizabethans Cricket club – outfield and Totteridge Millhillians Cricket club	High	On going	Site Owners, Clubs, LB Barnet, ECB and Middlesex Cricket Board.	
ENHANCE	Cricket 4.	Work with cricket clubs that meet the Council's and NGBs priorities.	The ECB are currently in the process of creating a club development framework, which incorporates ECB Clubmark within its design. The aim of the framework is to reduce bureaucracy and allow more clubs to access the most relevant support to enhance sustainability and improve provision for all involved.	High	On going	ECB/ LB Barnet	
ENHANCE	Cricket 5.	Ensure that ancillary facilities meet club needs and requirements to ensure sustainability of use. All ancillary facilities should meet Sport England and ECB Guidance	Net Facilities: Alice Owen, Brondesbury sports Club, Finchley Cricket club, Mill Hill Village Sports Club, Totteridge Millhillians Cricket Club and Old Fincleians Cricket club Car Parking: Mill Hill Village Sports Club Changing Facilities: Finchley Cricket Club Mill Hill Village Sports Club Old Elizabethans Cricket club	High	On-going	LB Barnet, ECB, Middlesex Cricket, Site Owners and Clubs	

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PROVIDE	Cricket 6.	Work with clubs to identify satellite facilities of appropriate quality when demand exceeds supply at the club base.	Priority clubs are: Brondesbury CC Finchley CC Totteridge Millhillians CC	High	On-going	ECB. Clubs, LB Barnet	
PROVIDE	Cricket 7.	Provide a solution to meet latent demand and future demand of pitches up to 2031.	Latent Demand and Future demand can be met by quality improvements to existing cricket facilities and planned additional cricket facilities to be provided	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet other site owners, Clubs, ECB Middlesex Cricket	
PROVIDE	Cricket 8.	Provide off site payments to enhance cricket facilities across LB Barnet for use by residents of new developments.	LB Barnet is currently seeking a Capital Bid for funding including Section 106 and CIL funding along with development capital funds from the Local Authority and identifying possible partnership funding required.	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet	
RUGBY UNION							
PROTECT	Rugby 1.	All Rugby pitches in LB Barnet should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as playing fields and remain of potential value,	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet	
PROTECT	Rugby 2	Work with rugby clubs to provide a long-term lease or a community asset transfer to include maintenance of pitches	Mill Hill Rugby Club, Hendon Rugby club, Barnet Elizabethans Rugby Club.	High	Complete as soon as possible	LB Barnet, RFU, Mill hill Rugby club, Hendon Rugby Club, Barnet Elizabethans Rugby Club.	
ENHANCE	Rugby 3	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing rugby pitches to meet current and future needs of clubs. Particular emphasis on improving maintenance and installing drainage and access to floodlit training facilities.	Mill Hill Rugby Club Hendon Rugby Club BERFC Hampstead Heath Rugby Club Finchley Rugby club Glebelands Paying Fields rugby pitches.	High	On-going	LB Barnet, Rugby Clubs, RFU	
ENHANCE	Rugby 4	Support the improvement of all ancillary facilities to the required National Governing Board (NGB) standard.	Mill Hill Rugby Club Hendon Rugby Club BERFC	High	On-going	LB Barnet Rugby Clubs, RFU	
ENHANCE	Rugby 5	Work with rugby clubs that meet the Council's and NGBs priorities. The Rugby Football Union have a Whole Club Accreditation Scheme.	LB Barnet and the RFU to support development of clubs with accreditation.	High	On-going		
PROVIDE	Rugby 6	3G World 22 rugby pitch IRB compliant.	Copthall – 1 Football and Rugby Barnet Elizabethan Rugby Club – 1 Rugby	High	Within 3 years	RFU, Rugby clubs, LB Barnet	
PROVIDE	Rugby 7	Discussions need to take place regarding the reconfiguration of football pitches to rugby pitches at Glebeland's and Hampstead Heath.	Sites impacted upon are Glebelands Playing Fields Barnet 2 pitches. LB Barnet Hampstead Playing Fields 1 pitch. City of London Corporation.	High	ongoing	RFU, LB Barnet, Rugby clubs, City of London, Middx FA	

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			All of these require discussion between the Council, MFA and the RFU				
PROVIDE	Rugby 8.	Provide a solution to meet latent demand and future demand of pitches up to 2031.	Latent Demand and Future demand can be met by quality improvements to existing rugby union facilities, development of World 22 IRB compliant pitches and additional pitches for training at Glebeland’s and Hampstead Heath Extension.	High	On-going	LB Barnet, Rugby Club, RFU, FA and Middx FA to be involved in discussions on Glebelands.	
PROVIDE	Rugby 9.	Provide off site payments to enhance rugby facilities across LB Barnet for residents of new developments.	LB Barnet is currently seeking a Capital Bid for funding including Section 106 and CIL funding along with development capital funds from the Local Authority and identifying possible partnership funding required.	High	Ongoing		
HOCKEY							
PROTECT	Hockey 1.	All hockey suitable sand-based Artificial Grass Pitches (AGP) in LB Barnet area are required to be protected.	All existing pitches and sites that have been previously used as hockey AGPs and remain of potential value: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashmole AcademyMill Hill County High SchoolUniversity College School Playing FieldsWhitefield School	High	On-going	LB Barnet	
		Change of use of existing hockey artificial turf pitches to 3G rubber crumb pitches should be discussed and agreed with LB Barnet, the Football Association, England Hockey and the Rugby Football Union.		High	On-going	LB Barnet, FA, England Hockey, RFU	
PROTECT	Hockey 2	There is a requirement for a community use agreement to be put in place with Ashmole Academy and Whitefields School.	Partners to work together to implement a community use agreement at Ashmole Academy and Whitefields School.	High	On-going	LB Barnet, Ashmole Academy, Whitefields School, Hockey Clubs, England Hockey and London Sport	
PROTECT	Hockey 3.	It is important to ensure that those AGPs used for hockey and provide community use have prioritised peak time match slots and training slots for hockey use.	Clubs and schools.	High	Ongoing	Clubs / LB Barnet / NGB / Schools / Academies/Colleges and Higher Education	
ENHANCE	Hockey 4.	The quality, availability and carrying capacity of existing sand-based AGPs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashmole AcademyMill Hill SchoolUniversity College School Playing FieldsWhitefield School	High	Short Term	Site Owners / Schools	
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		High		Medium Term	Clubs/ England Hockey/ LB Barnet		
ENHANCE	Hockey 5.	Encourage ongoing development of junior hockey through school and hockey club links.	Intention to work through London Sport on satellite programmes and a programme of Teacher Training will be implemented	High	Ongoing	Clubs/ London sport/ England Hockey	

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			through England Hockey. There will be continued use of the Primary Premium in Primary Schools to deliver hockey.				
ENHANCE	Hockey 6.	Clubs to continue working with England Hockey to promote Back to Hockey and other programmes to increase participation.		High	Ongoing	Clubs/ England Hockey/ LB Barnet	
PROVIDE	Hockey 7.	Provide a solution to meet latent demand and future demand of pitches up to 2031.	Latent Demand Sufficient pitches currently provided. Future Demand Sufficient pitches currently provided. However, it is important to note that one specific reason why there is sufficient provision for West Hampstead HC is because they have access to Preston Manor School outside of the borough in Brent if they need it. However, the Brent PPS identifies that there is only a need to protect one of JFS or Preston Manor. A loss of Preston Manor could limit growth of West Hampstead HC particularly as they have recorded junior growth this year. It is unlikely that they would travel to Ashmole or JFS.	High		Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group	
ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES (AGPs)							
PROTECT	AGP 1.	Protect all existing AGPs currently in use for hockey football and Rugby (Allianz Park).	All existing pitches	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet	
PROTECT	AGP 2,	Ensure that there remains sufficient sand based/dressed facilities to fulfil hockey need at both the current time and in the future by retaining sand based facilities that are strategically important for hockey	Ashmole Academy	High	Ongoing	Clubs / LB Barnet / NGB / Schools / Academies	
ENHANCE	AGP 3.	Ensure that the quality of AGPs is sufficient and that a sinking fund is in place for the refurbishment of existing facilities.	All AGPs	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet / Clubs / Schools / Academies	
ENHANCE	AGP 4.	There needs to be a drive for more 3G rubber crumb pitches to achieve the FiFA Quality Performance Standard and that for all 3G pitches going forward a condition of planning is that they achieve this performance standard otherwise these pitches have nil impact of weekend match play.	All 3G rubber crumb pitches	High	Ongoing	FA, Middlesex FA, LB Barnet	
PROVIDE	AGP 5.	Provide 4 additional 3G rubber crumb pitches: Ensure new sites can accommodate floodlights, changing, toilets, car parking and shelters.	Provide 4 additional 3G rubber crumb pitches at:	High	Short Term	Site Owners / LB Barnet, FA, RFU and England Hockey.	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Copthall 2 pitches (one football only and a second for football and rugby)1 West Hendon1 Barnet Playing Fields <p>Ensure new sites can accommodate floodlights, changing, toilets, car parking and shelters.</p>				
TENNIS							
PROTECT	Tennis 1.	Protect all existing tennis courts	All existing courts	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet	
PROTECT	Tennis 2.	Ensure as much as possible that Clubs are maintaining sinking funds for the future facilities developments.	All existing courts	High	Ongoing	Lawn Tennis Association	
ENHANCE	Tennis 3.	LB Barnet and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to work together to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop strong Local Park and other community tennis venue partnerships to deliver inclusive tennis provision for all.Invest in great people delivering great experiences in parks.Target investment in “welcoming “park facilities for people to socialise and play.Explore opportunities for floodlights at key locations to improve accessibility throughout the year and improve sustainability of key park sites	Tennis facilities in parks with high latent demand and have 3 courts or more:	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet – Lawn Tennis Association	
ENHANCE	Tennis 4.	LB Barnet to focus its work with the LTA on tennis facilities with 3 or more courts to further develop and prioritise any opportunities to invest or seek capital investment into tennis facilities. Enhance for 2 clubs above capacity – Brondesbury, Avenue short and long term plans. .	Tennis facilities with 3 or more courts <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mill Hill ParkOak Hill ParkOld Courthouse Rec.Sunny Hill Park.Victoria ParkLyttlleton Playing FieldsVictoria Recreation Ground	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet, Lawn Tennis Association	
ENHANCE	Tennis 5.	Work with tennis clubs that meet the Council’s and NGBs priorities. The LTA work to clubmark.					

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GAA – GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION							
PROTECT	GAA 1.	All Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) pitches in LB Barnet should be protected unless suitable equivalent or better replacements are provided.	All existing pitches	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet	
PROVIDE	GAA 2.	LB Barnet is committed to the provision of a GAA Pitch to replace the GAA pitch at Copthall	<p>The first, and preferred, option is to create a new Gaelic Football pitch with ancillary facilities on a currently unused grassed area as part of the redevelopment for residential use of the former medical research site.</p> <p>The second option is the Montrose Recreation Ground which is currently used for training by the Gaelic Football club that plays at Copthall. In the unlikely event of the council not being able to provide permanent facilities for the playing of Gaelic football within the wider NIMR site redevelopment in option 1 the playing of Gaelic football could be relocated to Montrose Recreation Ground.</p> <p>The Council recognises that temporary arrangements will need to be put in place for the playing of Gaelic Football for the 2017 season, and possibly, the 2018 season following commencement of the re provision of the Copthall Leisure Centre and the completion of new, permanent facilities on the former NIMR site and these will be put into place at Montrose Recreation Ground.</p>	High	Ongoing	LB Barnet, GAA Club	

