

Appendix 1

Overarching strategic recommendations	
Issue or opportunity to address	Strategic recommendation
In order to bid for capital funding and develop long-term strategies to improve facilities and programmes, sports clubs require long-term security of tenure.	Work with multi-team, well run sports clubs across Middlesbrough to ensure they have long term community use and subsequently, the ability to invest and grow facilities and club infrastructure.
Some ancillary facilities across Middlesbrough have been identified as being of poor quality, which reduces the quality of experience for participants and reduce the likelihood of those people coming back on a regular basis.	Address the issue of poor ancillary and changing pavilion quality through the refurbishment and replacement of existing ancillary facilities, with key local authority owned sites being the priority.
There are some facilities across Middlesbrough that are currently operating over-capacity, which reduces the quality of facilities and may compromise the experience of participants.	Enhance the drainage and maintenance of pitches that are currently operating over-capacity to increase the pitch capacity to accommodate demand of current user clubs.
There is a future deficit of 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) provision across Middlesbrough with a requirement of 3 full sized 3G AGP's over the lifetime of the PPS.	Develop at least one multi-sport facility hub site in Middlesbrough providing high quality pitch provision for residents.
There is significant development identified across Middlesbrough to meet the growing need for housing and statutory services. If playing pitch sites (including those identified as being disused or lapsed) are identified as being surplus to use or they are required for development, it is key that any capital receipt is invested back into sport and physical activity to meet current and future need.	Where there are disposals of sites identified as surplus, ensure that where appropriate, capital receipt is secured for investing into pitch sports, either through improving existing provision or developing new provision to meet current and future need.

Football key issues and strategic recommendations	
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There is a deficit of football pitch provision during the peak period across Middlesbrough.	As part of the Local Plan and ongoing planning policy, protect all sites designated as football playing fields.
The PPS has identified some grass pitch sites that are not currently fit for purpose and require improvement in order to meet the demand from local residents.	Continue to invest in the grass pitches across Middlesbrough to improve the quality and reduce the amount of cancelled games during periods of poor weather.

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The PPS has identified that a large proportion of demand is taking place on the wrong sized pitches, such as youth 11v11 teams playing on adult pitches.	Reconfigure and reallocate pitch sizes (for example, from adult-sized to youth-sized) to meet demand with the appropriate size of pitch provision.
There are continuing issues with vandalism and anti-social behaviour across a number of football sites in Middlesbrough.	Work with key sites to continue to address issues with site security, engaging with the Football Foundation and Football Association to maximise support and expert advice.
Boro Rangers FC currently plays outside of the local authority and this is considered displaced demand as the club originated within Middlesbrough and moved out due to lack of appropriate facilities. The club has identified an objective to relocate back into Middlesbrough should an appropriate site be made available.	Work with Boro Rangers to identify a suitable site that can accommodate as many teams as possible within a single co-located facility. This site identification should look to take into consideration the aspiration to provide long-term security of tenure and facility further growth of a highly successful club.

Cricket key issues and strategic recommendations	
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There is a deficit of cricket pitch provision during the peak period across Middlesbrough.	As part of the Local Plan and ongoing planning policy, protect all sites designated as cricket playing fields.
A small number of facilities in Middlesbrough have been identified as requiring support.	Work with key sites, such as Nunthorpe & Marton CC to continue to address issues with ancillary provision.
The English Cricket Board (ECB) launched the South Asian Action Plan in 2018, which focusses on increasing playing opportunities for South Asian residents. This is relevant to Middlesbrough given the demographic profile of the study area.	Work with the ECB and Yorkshire Cricket Board (YCB) to engage with new and hard-to-reach participant groups, through the ECB's latest Cricket Unleashed strategy, especially focusing on South Asian residents as part of the South Asian Action Plan.
There are a small number of sites that have been identified as having an issue with waterlogging, however it is not clear whether this is due to poor maintenance or a lack of drainage infrastructure.	Support clubs and facilities that currently suffer from waterlogging during periods of wet weather to identify the root cause of the issues and, where appropriate, the most efficient and effective mitigation approach.
The ECB launched a new strategy (Inspiring Generations) in 2019 for 2020 to 2024. A key focus of the strategy is Women and Girls Cricket, with £50m of new investment into the women and girls game planned over the period of the strategy.	Work with the YCB, local clubs and wider stakeholders such as the Tees Valley Active Partnership to identify clubs and organisations that can support with the overall objective of growing the women's and girls' side of the game.

Rugby key issues and strategic recommendations	
Issue or opportunity to address	Strategic recommendation
There is a deficit of rugby pitch provision during the peak period across Middlesbrough and it is key that there is enough capacity to meet current and future rugby demand.	As part of the Local Plan and ongoing planning policy, protect all sites designated as rugby playing fields.
There are is one accredited WR22 AGP in the Middlesbrough and further 3G AGP provision that can be used for non-contact training. These facilities are not currently used on a regular basis by clubs and therefore represent an opportunity to improve capacity across the study area.	Engage with the Rugby Football Union (RFU), relevant site operators and local clubs to increase the availability and usage of WR22 AGPs located in Middlesbrough, working with clubs and players to change perceptions regarding playing full-contact rugby on artificial grass pitches.
There is a deficit of rugby provision during peak time, due to a lack of floodlighting across key clubs sites.	Improve the floodlighting, pitch drainage and maintenance regime on rugby pitches at rugby sites across Middlesbrough, prioritising Acklam Park, Tollesby Road and Talbot Park, to increase carrying capacity and to improve the quality of provision on site.
Two key sites in Middlesbrough do not currently have fit for purpose ancillary provision and require support to meet the needs of the clubs that use these facilities.	Work with Middlesbrough Rugby Club (Tollesby Road) and Acklam Rugby Club (Talbot Park) to acquire suitable ancillary and storage provision at each of these respective sites, subject to planning.

Hockey key issues and strategic recommendations	
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There are no sites in Middlesbrough that are secured for community use and suitable for competitive hockey provision. While there are sites that are suitable but not secured, these sites do not have spare capacity during the peak period.	As part of the Local Plan and ongoing planning policy, protect all sites designated as hockey playing fields.
Marion Furness Hockey Club has identified an opportunity to invest in a sand-based AGP at the Marion Cricket Club site, which would provide a home ground for the club, as well as long-term security of tenure.	Support the hockey club with plans to invest in a new sand-based AGP, with the overall objective of creating a sustainable and fit-for-purpose multi-sport hub site, alongside the existing cricket provision. If development at this site is not possible, support the club with agreeing a greater level of security of tenure at the Kings Academy.

Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) key issues and strategic recommendations	
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There is a need for 3 additional full sized AGP's to cater for the sports included within the PPS, over the lifetime of the strategy. This requirement assumes that rugby clubs can secure greater use and long-term security of tenure at existing WR22 sites.	Undertake further feasibility work to identify potential sites for 3 full sized 3G artificial grass pitches, ideally delivered as part of a multi-pitch facility that can cater for a range of different sports and deliver a high-quality sustainable hub site.
All sand-based AGP provision that is currently used for hockey community use is key to the future of the sport and requires protection, especially sites such as Macmillan school. Further provision is also required to meet the current and future demand across Middlesbrough.	Improved access to sand-based AGP provision is required in order to improve the long-term security of use for hockey clubs within Middlesbrough. The current availability does not allow clubs to grow or invest strategically, due to the lack of long-term security.

Additional non-core sports key findings and recommendations	
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In order to keep tennis maintained to a high standard, periodic updates are required, such as resurfacing or replacement of nets and fencing. It is important that funding is in place to do this and a sinking fund is the most effective way of ensuring this is available when maintenance work is required.	Work with all tennis site operators to ensure a sinking fund is in place to fund future renovations and ensure facilities are maintained to a high standard.
Through and Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) partnership with Middlesbrough Council, there is an opportunity to invest in grass roots provision and provide high quality publicly accessible tennis provision across Middlesbrough.	Invest in grass-roots tennis court provision, through the improvement of court surfaces and the addition or refurbishment of floodlights.
Any site that is currently operating under capacity across the study area represents an opportunity to increase participation in tennis and improve the sustainability of future facilities.	Work with sites that are currently under capacity, such as Tennis World, to develop a Tennis Development Plan and programme of activity aimed at growing court utilisation and membership figures.
For golf to remain sustainable and to convert latent demand into actual participation, clubs, operators and those delivering programmes need to continue to innovate and provide high quality options for potential participants.	Work with England Golf to sustain golf participation in Middlesbrough, through the introduction and development of non-traditional playing opportunities wherever appropriate.