

# Update to the Playing Pitch Strategy Addendum, September 2019

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## Introduction

Since the publication of the Playing Pitch Strategy addendum document Sport England have updated the Playing Pitch Calculator (PPC). As discussed in the addendum this helps to calculate future playing pitch demand for a local authority. Formally a stand alone Excel database this is now integrated within the Active Places Power website. This will make it easier for any future updates to the database to be carried out by Sport England.

This latest version<sup>1</sup> now has added in an estimate of demand for the use of pitches for training activity for all sports except Cricket. This has resulted in adding 3G pitches under the estimated demand and costs for pitches. The PPC has now added in the need for entering the number of junior hockey members. Demand for training for junior is dictated by the number of junior members at a club rather than the number of teams.

The PPC has now added the need to enter the number of teams and members per sport group rather than entering the Team Generational Rate (TGR). The calculator still uses the TGR in the same way as the previous version; however the calculator now uses the teams and members entered alongside the population data to calculate the TGR itself.

The new calculator also now includes an estimation of the level and cost of ancillary provision (changing rooms) to support the estimated level of new pitches. Please note that this is an indicative level and cost only as it is based on each pitch requiring its own two team changing rooms.

Other changes to the PPC include-

- Amended the age groups for Football (Adult 16-45yrs to 18-45yrs, Youth 12-15yrs to 12-17yrs).
- Amended the age and gender groups for Hockey (Adult 16-55yrs to 17-55yrs, Junior 11-15yrs to Junior 14-16yrs and Junior 11-13yrs, added Junior 5-10yrs)
- Separated the match play results for Hockey into separate figures for adult and junior play;
- Separated the results for estimated demand and costs for pitches into sections for natural and artificial grass pitches.

## Local Football Facilities Plan

Since the addendum report the Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP) is due to be published for Wyre Forest District Council. Every local area is to have a LFFP. This has been produced by KKP on behalf of the FA, Premier League and Sport England. This finances the National Football Facility Strategy and commissions the Football Foundation to deliver it.

The LFFP is an investment portfolio of priority projects for potential investment and cannot be used as a replacement for the PPS. The LFFP will not be accepted as an evidence base for site change of use or disposal. The LFFP paper supports the findings of the PPS in proposing that two 3G pitches should be initially sought to be delivered within the plan period.

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<sup>1</sup> Playing Pitch Calculator Guide, Active Places Power. April 2019

## Team and Members Data

Since 2018 the team member's data has slightly changed, as different age groups have been used in some sections. Since 2018 there are now two additional mixed 7 to 12 year old Rugby Union teams in the district, increasing from 12 to 14. Additionally member data is now used for junior hockey players rather than teams-

### Football Teams

Group (Yrs)	Number of Teams
Men 11x11 (18-45)	32
Women 11x11 (18-45)	4
Boys 11x11 (12-17)	38
Girls 11x11 (12-17)	4
Boys 9x9 (10-11)	16
Girls 9x9 (10-11)	4
Mixed 7x7 (8-9)	22
Mixed 5x5 (6-7)	20

### Cricket Teams

Group (Yrs)	Number of Teams
Men (18-55)	38
Women (18-55)	1
Boys (7-18)	26
Girls (7-18)	0

### Rugby Union Teams

Group (Yrs)	Number of Teams
Men (19-45)	7
Women (19-45)	0
Boys (13-18)	7
Girls (13-18)	0
Mixed (7-12)	14

### Hockey Teams

Group (Yrs)	Number of Teams
Men (17-55)	8
Women (17-55)	8
Boys (14-16)	4
Girls (14-16)	6
Boys (11-13)	0
Girls (11-13)	0
Mixed (5-10)	1

### Hockey Junior Members

Group (Yrs)	Number of Members
Boys (14-16)	33

Girls (14-16)	61
Boys (11-13)	32
Girls (11-13)	54
Mixed (5-10)	91

### Playing pitch requirements for housing areas - overview

Using the updated PPC the potential pitch requirements of area of the district can be calculated. For further detail on how demand is calculated please refer to the *Playing Pitch Calculator Guide* document. Estimated demand for match equivalent sessions as shown as per the weekly peak period for all sports with the exception of Cricket which is now shown as per season.

### Playing pitch requirements for each area

The table below is a further update of table 7.8 Playing Pitch Requirements for individual sites in the Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan. Any development which has less than 10 dwellings will have no requirement for playing pitch contributions. Any non residential development sites have also been excluded. As discussed Cricket playing demand is shown by per season, with all other sports showing estimated demand for match equivalent sessions.

Since the previous addendum document the site allocations for the local plan have been updated. Site AKR/18 Yew Tree Walk (85 dwellings) has been removed from the site allocation list. Following receipt of further information the site has been reclassified as Greenfield.

There has been no evidence of the field has ever been previously developed. The plateau has been formed by the deposit of unwashed and ungraded pulverised fuel ash from the former power station. Any construction would therefore require extensive piling and this is also likely to make any development unviable.

Site WFR/CB/3 Land off Station Drive, Blakedown (50 dwellings) is an additional site. This is a mixed development of residential and car parking for the Blakedown train station. The development will help to meet housing need in Blakedown and to meet additional car parking demand at the station.

There is also an additional site L1/13 Land off Zortech Avenue has also been added to the local plan. This part of the former Burlish Golf Course and has been allocated for employment use. As it is for employment only this would not form part of the playing pitch requirements.

Housing sites AS/1, AS/5, BHS/18 and BW/4 have already received planning permission for development so are not included in the table below.

Please note for site MI/5 Baldwin Road a housing dwelling number of 73 is used. The site has been allocated for 19 dwellings, but in addition to this it has planning permission for a further 54 dwellings.

### Kidderminster Town

Using the total number of 932 dwellings of and using the 2.24 occupancy rate persons per household this will result in a population growth of 2088. This is measured below the as estimated demand for

match equivalent sessions in the weekly peak period for all sports, apart from Cricket which is per season.

The playing pitch requirements for Kidderminster Town up to 2036 is as follows-

Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Cricket Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior
0.37	0.64	0.44	0.18	12.41	0.17	0.11

The costing for the above would be

Total Capital Cost £309,599	Total Life Cycle Cost (Per Annum) £44,794
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The estimated number of changing rooms is 2.79 with the capital cost of £456,404.

### Kidderminster North

Using the total number of 1463 dwellings of and using the 2.24 occupancy rate persons per household this will result in a population growth of 3,277. The playing pitch requirements for Kidderminster North up to 2036 is as follows-

Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Cricket Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior
0.59	1.01	0.68	0.29	19.48	0.26	0.18

The costing for the above would be

Total Capital Cost £485,898	Total Life Cycle Cost (Per Annum) £70,301
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The estimated number of changing rooms is 4.37 with the capital cost of £716,301.

### Kidderminster East

Using the total number of 1440 dwellings of and using the 2.24 occupancy rate persons per household this will result in a population growth of 3,226. The playing pitch requirements for Kidderminster East up to 2036 is as follows-

Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Cricket Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior
0.58	0.99	0.67	0.28	19.18	0.26	0.18

The costing for the above would be

Total Capital Cost £478,336	Total Life Cycle Cost (Per Annum) £69,207
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The estimated number of changing rooms is 4.31 with the capital cost of £705,154.

### Stourport-on-Severn

Using the total number of 1038 dwellings of and using the 2.24 occupancy rate persons per household this will result in a population growth of 2,325. The playing pitch requirements for Stourport-on-Severn up to 2036 is as follows-

Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Cricket Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior
0.42	0.72	0.49	0.20	13.82	0.18	0.13

The costing for the above would be

Total Capital Cost £344,740	Total Life Cycle Cost (Per Annum) £49,878
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The estimated number of changing rooms is 3.10 with the capital cost of £508,209.

### Bewdley

Using the total number of 225 dwellings of and using the 2.24 occupancy rate persons per household this will result in a population growth of 504. The playing pitch requirements for Bewdley up to 2036 is as follows-

Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Cricket Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior
0.09	0.16	0.11	0.04	3.00	0.04	0.03

The costing for the above would be

Total Capital Cost £74,731	Total Life Cycle Cost (Per Annum) £10,812
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The estimated number of changing rooms is 0.67 with the capital cost of £110,167.

### Rural Villages

Using the total number of 108 dwellings of and using the 2.24 occupancy rate persons per household this will result in a population growth of 242. The playing pitch requirements for the rural villages up to 2036 is as follows-

Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Cricket Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior
0.04	0.07	0.05	0.02	1.44	0.02	0.01

The costing for the above would be

Total Capital Cost £35,883	Total Life Cycle Cost (Per Annum) £5,192
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The estimated number of changing rooms is 0.32 with the capital cost of £52,897.

### Strategic Allocation Sites

In recognising that for large scale developments proposals such as new settlements or urban extensions, most of the provision should look to be delivered on site. The Local Plan proposes two strategic allocation sites for development. These have been separated out below to show the playing pitch requirements.

#### Lea Castle Village

At Lea Castle Village, the Local Plan proposes 1,400 new dwellings. Using the total of 1,400 dwellings and the 2.24 occupancy rate persons per household this will result in a population growth of 3,136. The playing pitch requirements for the Lea Castle Village up to 2036 is as follows-

Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Cricket Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior
0.56	0.97	0.65	0.27	18.64	0.25	0.17

The costing for the above would be

Total Capital Cost £464,991	Total Life Cycle Cost (Per Annum) £67,276
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The estimated number of changing rooms is 4.19 with the capital cost of £685,481.

#### Kidderminster Eastern Extension

For the Kidderminster Eastern Extension, the Local Plan proposes 1,440 new dwellings. Using the total of 1,440 dwellings and the 2.24 occupancy rate persons per household this will result in a population growth of 3,226. The playing pitch requirements for the Kidderminster Eastern Extension up to 2036 is as follows-

Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Cricket Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior
0.58	0.99	0.67	0.28	19.18	0.26	0.18

The costing for the above would be:

Total Capital Cost £478,336	Total Life Cycle Cost (Per Annum) £69,207
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The estimated number of changing rooms is 4.31 with the capital cost of £705,154.

### **Playing Pitch requirements for individual development sites**

The table below is the updated version of table 7.8: Playing Pitch Requirements for individual residential developments sites in the Playing Pitch Strategy & Action Plan. Any development which has 10 or less dwellings will have no requirement for playing pitch contributions, and are not listed. Any non residential development sites have also been excluded.



Location	Ref	Housing Number	Population	Adult Football Pitches	Youth Football Pitches	Mini Soccer Pitches	Rugby Union Pitches	Hockey Pitches Adult	Hockey Pitches Junior	Cricket Pitches
<b>Kidderminster Town</b>										
Lea St School	AS/6	24	54	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.32
Bromsgrove St	BHS/2	35	78	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.46
Timber Yard Park Lane	BHS/16	55	123	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.73
Kidderminster Fire Station	BHS/38	20	45	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27
Churchfields	BW/1	231	517	0.09	0.16	0.11	0.04	0.04	0.03	3.07
Limekiln Bridge	BW/2	80	179	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	1.06
Sladen School	BW/3	72	161	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.96
BT building Mill Street	FHN/11	40	90	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.53
Ambulance Station	FPH/5	12	27	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16
British Sugar Phase 2	FPH/10	58	130	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.77
Severn Grove shops Rifle Range	FPH/15	12	27	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16
Naylors Field Sutton Park Rise	FPH/18	35	78	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.46
British Sugar Phase 1 remainder	FPH/23	59	132	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.78
Stourminster School	OC/11	56	125	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.74
Land at Low Habberley Phase 1	WA/KF/3	120	269	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.01	1.60
<b>Kidderminster North</b>										
Lea Castle Hospital	WFR/WC/15	600	1344	0.24	0.41	0.28	0.12	0.11	0.07	7.99
Sion Hill School	WFR/WC/18	56	125	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.74
Lea Castle East A451	WFR/WC/32	300	672	0.12	0.21	0.14	0.06	0.05	0.04	3.99
Lea Castle West A449	WFR/WC/33	400	896	0.16	0.28	0.19	0.08	0.07	0.05	5.33
Lea Castle North Axborough Lane	WFR/WC/34	100	224	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	1.33
<b>Kidderminster East</b>										
Husum Way	OC/5	30	67	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.40
r/o Offmore	OC/6	300	672	0.12	0.21	0.14	0.06	0.05	0.04	3.99
Land at Stone Hill North	OC/13N	1100	2464	0.44	0.76	0.51	0.21	0.20	0.13	14.65

<b>Stourport-on-Severn</b>										
Cheapside	AKR/2	72	161	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.96
Swan Hotel/Working Mens Club	AKR/7	20	45	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27
Queens Road shops	AKR/10	22	49	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.29
Pearl Lane	AKR/14	250	560	0.10	0.17	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.03	3.33
Carpets of Worth	AKR/20	110	246	0.04	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	1.46
Land west of former school site Consiton Crescent (formerly part of golf course)	LI/11	200	448	0.08	0.14	0.09	0.04	0.04	0.02	2.66
County Buildings	MI/1	40	90	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.53
Baldwin Road	MI/5	73	164	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.97
Steatite Way	MI/6	106	237	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	1.41
Worcester Road Car Sales (southern part)	MI/7	15	34	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
3 Sandy Lane Titton	MI/11	13	29	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17
School site Coniston Crescent	MI/38	115	258	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	1.53
<b>Bewdley</b>										
Bewdley Fire Station	BR/BE/1	15	34	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
Stourport Road triangle	WA/BE/1	100	224	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	1.33
Catchem's End	WA/BE/3	75	168	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	1.00
Land south of Habberley Road	WA/BE/5	35	78	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.46
<b>Rural Villages</b>										
Lem Hill Nurseries	BR/RO/2	20	45	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27
Bellmans Cross Shatterford	WA/UA/1	16	36	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21
Land off Station Drive-NEW	WFR/CB/3	50	112	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.67

Location	Ref	Total Capital Cost	Total Life cycle cost (per annum)	Number of Changing Rooms	Capital Cost	Potential Nearest Site for Investment (if required)
<b>Kidderminster Town</b>						
Lea St School	AS/6	£8,007	£1,158	0.07	£11,804	24:King Charles I Secondary School
Bromsgrove St	BHS/2	£11,565	£1,673	0.10	£17,050	23:King Charles I Secondary School, 1 Aggborough Stadium
Timber Yard Park Lane	BHS/16	£18,238	£2,639	0.16	£26,886	50: St John's C of E Primary School
Kidderminster Fire Station	BHS/38	£6,672	£965	0.06	£9,836	23:King Charles I Secondary School 1 Aggborough Stadium
Churchfields	BW/1	£76,558	£11,091	0.69	£113,008	14:Chester Road Cricket Ground, 27 Springfield Park
Limekiln Bridge	BW/2	£26,481	£3,840	0.24	£39,127	14: Chester Road Cricket Ground
Sladen School	BW/3	£23,872	£3,454	0.21	£35,192	14: Chester Road Cricket Ground
BT building Mill Street	FHN/11	£13,345	£1,931	0.12	£19,673	14: Chester Road Cricket Ground
Ambulance Station	FPH/5	£4,003	£579	0.04	£5,902	52:Wyre Forest Leisure Centre, 53 Sutton Park Community School
British Sugar Phase 2	FPH/10	£19,276	£2,789	0.17	£28,416	52:Wyre Forest Leisure Centre
Severn Grove shops Rifle Range	FPH/15	£4,003	£579	0.04	£5,902	52:Wyre Forest Leisure Centre, 53 Sutton Park Community School
Naylors Field Sutton Park Rise	FPH/18	£11,565	£1,673	0.10	£17,050	52:Wyre Forest Leisure Centre, 53 Sutton Park Community School
British Sugar Phase 1 remainder	FPH/23	£19,572	£2,832	0.18	£28,853	52:Wyre Forest Leisure Centre
Stourminster School	OC/11	£18,534	£2,682	0.17	£27,323	24: King Charles I Secondary School
Land at Low Habberley Phase 1	WA/KF/3	£39,886	£5,771	0.36	£58,799	6:Bewdley Leisure Centre, 5 Bewdley Cricket Ground
<b>Kidderminster North</b>						
Lea Castle Hospital	WFR/WC/15	£199,282	£28,833	1.79	£293,778	47:Lea Castle Drive
Sion Hill School	WFR/WC/18	£18,534	£2,682	0.17	£27,323	47: Lea Castle Drive, 21 Heathfield School
Lea Castle East A451	WFR/WC/32	£99,641	£14,416	0.89	£146,889	47: Lea Castle Drive, 21 Heathfield School
Lea Castle West A449	WFR/WC/33	£132,855	£19,222	1.20	£195,852	47: Lea Castle Drive, 21 Heathfield School

Lea Castle North Axborough Lane	WFR/WC/34	£33,214	£4,805	0.30	£48,963	47: Lea Castle Drive, 21 Heathfield School
<b>Kidderminster East</b>						
Husum Way	OC/5	£9,334	£1,437	0.09	£14,645	47:Lea Castle Drive, 21 Heathfield School
r/o Offmore	OC/6	£99,641	£14,416	0.90	£146,889	47:Lea Castle Drive, 21 Heathfield School
Land at Stone Hill North	OC/13N	£365,350	£52,860	3.29	£538,592	24:King Charles I Secondary School, 32 Stone Cricket Club
<b>Stourport-on-Severn</b>						
Cheapside	AKR/2	£23,872	£3,454	0.21	£35,192	34: Stourport Rugby Club, 36:Stourport Swifts FC
Swan Hotel/Working Mens Club	AKR/7	£6,672	£965	0.06	£9,836	4:Stourport Rugby Club, 36:Stourport Swifts FC
Queens Road shops	AKR/10	£7,265	£1,051	0.07	£10,711	36:Stourport Swifts FC, 38:Stourport Cricket Club
Pearl Lane	AKR/14	£83,034	£12,014	0.75	£122,407	36:Stourport Swifts FC, 38:Stourport Cricket Club
Carpets of Worth	AKR/20	£36,476	£5,277	0.33	£53,772	34:Stourport Rugby Club,51 Burlish Park Primary School
Land west of former school site Consiton Crescent (formerly part of golf course)	LI/11	£66,427	£9,611	0.60	£97,926	26:Morgan Advanced Ceramics Ltd
County Buildings	MI/1	£13,345	£1,931	0.12	£19,673	51:Burlish Park Primary School
Baldwin Road	MI/5	£24,317	£3,518	0.22	£35,848	51:Burlish Park Primary School
Steatite Way	MI/6	£35,141	£5,084	0.32	£51,805	26:Morgan Advanced Ceramics Ltd
Worcester Road Car Sales (southern part)	MI/7	£5,041	£729	0.05	£7,432	26:Morgan Advanced Ceramics Ltd, 51 Burlish Park Primary School
3 Sandy Lane Titton	MI/11	£4,300	£622	0.04	£6,339	41:Wilden Top, 54:Hartlebury C of E Primary School
School site Coniston Crescent	MI/38	£38,255	£5,535	0.34	£56,395	26:Morgan Advanced Ceramics Ltd, 51 Burlish Park Primary School
<b>Bewdley</b>						
Bewdley Fire Station	BR/BE/1	£5,041	£729	0.05	£7,432	5: Bewdley Cricket Club, 6:Bewdley Leisure Centre
Stourport Road triangle	WA/BE/1	£33,214	£4,805	0.30	£48,963	5: Bewdley Cricket Club, 6:Bewdley Leisure Centre
Catchem's End	WA/BE/3	£24,910	£3,604	0.22	£36,722	5:Bewdley Cricket Club
Land south of Habberley Road	WA/BE/5	£11,565	£1,673	0.10	£17,050	5: Bewdley Cricket Club, 6:Bewdley Leisure Centre
<b>Rural Villages</b>						
Lem Hill Nurseries	BR/RO/2	£6,672	£965	0.06	£9,836	28: St Annes C.E Primary School

Bellmans Cross Shatterford	WA/UA/1	£5,338	£772	0.05	£7,869	3:Areley Sports & Social Club
Land off Station Drive	WFR/CB/3	£16,607	£2,403	0.15	£24,481	14: Chester Road Cricket Ground, 24:King Charles I Secondary School

## Update to Stourport High School Facilities

Since the publication of the playing pitch addendum we have been informed that the playing pitch facilities as described at Stourport High School<sup>2</sup> was incorrect. The report listed the school as having 1 NTP cricket pitch and two 11x11 junior football pitches.

We have since been informed by the School the correct details (letter received 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Appendix 1) as having one 11x11 junior football pitch. The old middle school site (MI/38) NTP surface has not been used in recent years was in a very poor condition with a damaged concrete base and no artificial carpet.

Furthermore, it was surrounded by a rough outfield which made practising and playing matches potentially dangerous. The whole area had not been maintained for several years and it would be prohibitively expensive for any school to repair and maintain. Cricket is well catered at the school with indoor cricket nets. School home matches are also played at Stourport Cricket Club.

The School also has a 125 year lease with Stourport Sports Club giving it access for play on three hockey pitches athletics and cycling track, and an indoor netball dome. The school offers indoor net practice and outdoor practice play on the hockey pitches. These facilities can also be used for cricket school lessons and practices.

The school is also proposing to install one 3G pitch replacing its existing grass pitch. This will offer greater playing capacity and evening play, and would be consistent with FA policy.

### Summary

This update to the addendum has revised the playing pitch demand for the 2016-2036, as based on the new playing pitch calculator from Sport England. Taken with the playing pitch strategy this will seek to improve pitch quality and capacity on existing pitches via S106 contributions, and to seek installation of two new 3G pitches in the district to meet future demand. This will be consistent with the NPPF paragraph 96 in regards to good quality open space and also the Local Plan policy 9 in promoting health and wellbeing.

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<sup>2</sup> KKP Assessment Report, Tables 2.9 & 5.2 (2017)

**Appendix 1- Letter from Severn Academies Education Trust (SAET) in regards to playing pitch provision at Stourport High School**

12 August 2019

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Wyre Forest District Council  
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[REDACTED] the Wyre Forest PPS Final Assessment Report (April 2017) regarding Stourport High School (SHS) facilities were reported incorrectly. Specifically, with regard to table 5.2- Summary of NTPs in Wyre Forest (p60) and also table 2.9 Football Pitch Capacity analysis (p28):

1) Stourport High School doesn't have any usable non-turf pitches (NTP) that are available to school or community use. The old middle school /old 6th Form site NTP surface hasn't been used for many years because once the middle school closed it was found to be in a very poor condition with a broken / damaged concrete base and no artificial carpet. Furthermore, it is surrounded by a rough outfield which made practising and playing matches potentially dangerous. The whole area has not been maintained for several years and it would be prohibitively expensive for any school to repair and maintain. Cricket is very well catered for at SHS through a number of means:

- Use of the specialist indoor cricket nets in the main school sports hall during the whole year
- Use of 2 large (football pitch sized) flat and suitable artificial playing surfaces during the spring/summer terms for school lessons and practices.
- Use of a large indoor tarmacked playing area (2 netball court size dome) particularly during winter term and early spring or wet periods,
- All school-home matches are played at Stourport Cricket Club where several PE and school staff are playing members of the club. They also actively encourage pupils to become members of the youth section. The take up is very good.

2) With regard to the football pitch analysis, we have only 1 sized 11v11 youth-sized grass pitch that has been used by the school and community (maximum of 2 games per weekend) in recent years. The school as a partner with Stourport Sports Club has also use of two further full-sized artificial playing surfaces for school lessons and matches.

Yours sincerely