

Test Valley Borough
Sports Facilities Strategy and Playing Pitch Strategy 2020 to 2036
Executive summary



1. Introduction

Test Valley Borough Council has a long tradition of supporting the provision and development of facilities for sport and physical activity for its residents and visitors. The Council recognises that these facilities, both formal and informal, are essential components of the borough's overall infrastructure which both drive and respond to growth, change and improvement across Test Valley.

The last assessment of facility needs for sport in Test Valley Borough was undertaken in 2013 for playing pitches and in 2014 for other sports facilities. Sport England recommends that local authorities refresh sports facility strategy documents every three years so that local area leisure and planning policies are based on robust, up to date, assessments of sports facility needs.

In March 2019, Test Valley Borough Council convened a Steering Group comprising representatives from the Council's sports, leisure and planning teams together with representatives of its key external partner agencies for sports and leisure including Sport England, EnergiseMe (the County Active Partnership for Hampshire & the Isle of Wight) and Places Leisure (the Council's leisure management contractor) plus nominated representatives of the governing bodies of the four main playing pitch sports, football, cricket, hockey and rugby union.

The Steering Group was tasked to guide the process of re-assessing sports facility needs in the borough for 2020 and to identify strategic priority sports sites and projects taking into account forecasts for population growth and potential facility needs by 2036.

The Steering Group agreed the following objectives for the two sports facility strategy documents in a brief to consultants:

1. *'To provide an evidence base and clear priorities for protecting and enhancing the existing provision of sports facilities and playing pitches and to inform responses to future planning applications, capital investment plans and external funding bids for new provision.'*
2. *'To improve health and wellbeing in Test Valley by ensuring all residents have access to good quality facilities for sport and physical activity.'*

Continuum Sports & Leisure were appointed in April 2019 to lead this work and draft a new Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Facility Strategy documents. These have been prepared in accordance with the guidance methodology published by Sport England in 2013 - *Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance*, and in 2014 - *Assessing Needs and Opportunities Guide for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities*.

For reporting purposes, the borough has been divided into two sub areas, North and South. This is based on Ward boundaries, the distribution of the main centres of population and the predominant travel patterns of residents seeking to access community sports facilities.

Both the main towns in Test Valley, Andover in the north and Romsey in the south have benefited from investment in sports and recreation facilities since the previous strategies (2013/14). These investments include:

In Andover the new £16m Andover Leisure Centre opened in April 2019. A number of new playing fields with pavilions have been provided at Augusta Park/East Anton, Picket Twenty and Picket Piece. The Rugby Football Union has grant aided the provision of additional pitch floodlighting at Andover

Rugby Club's home Goodship Ground in Foxcotte Sports Park. Sport England provided a grant support to the Andover Salto Gymnastics Club for facility enhancements. The Lawn Tennis Association has supported Andover Lawn Tennis Club to relocate to a larger site with indoor and outdoor courts. In 2015, the England Hockey Foundation supported the resurfacing of the artificial grass pitch used extensively by Andover Hockey Club at John Hanson School. TVBC have also provide funding to many of these projects through CAF grants. The recipients of these grants include, Andover Lawn Tennis Club, Andover hockey Club, Andover Salto Centre, and Andover Rugby Club.

In Romsey, the Rapids swimming complex has undergone a refurbishment of the changing rooms (including new disabled access lockers, toilet and changing areas) and a new health suite (with infra-red sauna, steam, drench showers and treatment rooms) has been provided. A new playing field for football and community building has been provided at Abbotswood and works are on site at Kings Chase/Ganger Farm towards development of a major new outdoor sports hub which will provide for sports clubs, schools and the wider community a large pavilion, two rugby pitches, one adult football pitch, three junior football pitches and two artificial grass pitches. At Knightwood Leisure Centre in Valley Park, the Council has invested in improved drainage to the sports pitches as well as upgrades to the tennis courts a new gym and refurbished changing rooms. These improvements were part funded by Sport England, The FA and the Football Foundation. In 2019 The England Hockey Foundation grant aided Romsey School to upgrade its artificial grass pitch used by Romsey Hockey Club.

Outside the borough boundary, but within the Test Valley catchment area, The Stoneham Lane Football Complex opened in 2019. This large football hub site partly funded by The Premier League and the Football Foundation,

hosts the largest community club mini-soccer league in the area, providing three full size third generation artificial grass pitches, a large new pavilion and new grass pitches (still in development) to community clubs and recreational players from Eastleigh, Southampton and Test Valley.

Overall, these recent and ongoing sports facility enhancements projects and new provision, along with ongoing maintenance of the existing stock of sports and recreation facilities, have gone a long way towards ensuring residents of Test Valley have access to good quality facilities for sport and physical activity. This is reflected in the higher than average levels of participation in sport and physical activity by both adults and children in Test Valley borough despite the older than average age profile of the population.

2. Planning for the Future

Whilst the picture of regular participation in sport and physical activity in Test Valley Borough is good, it remains a concern that a fifth of adult residents and a quarter of children living in the borough are insufficiently active to maintain a healthy lifestyle. There are also pockets of relative deprivation in Andover and in some of the rural areas of the Borough. In the more remote villages, for those without access to a car, lack of transport is a significant barrier to accessing the towns, where most of the larger community sports facilities are located.

Romsey falls within the drive catchment area of the northern wards in Southampton to the south of the M27. As such, the Romsey Rapids with its leisure water and flume ride is a destination for young families and attracts a significant proportion of visitors from outside Test Valley, which restricts availability for residents in the peak times.

There are also shortfalls in provision for playing pitch sports in Southampton which results in imported demand at the larger playing pitch sites, located in Test Valley, most notably Trojans Sports Club in the south east of the borough. This large community club provides for hockey, rugby, cricket, squash and fitness. There are also major archery and bowls centres located adjacent to Trojans, which makes this location a key hub for community sport not just for residents in the south of Test Valley but also for residents of Eastleigh Borough and parts of Southampton.

In addition to these existing challenges, in the strategy period to 2036, further population growth will take place. Current estimates suggest the resident population will grow by approximately 12,200 people over the next 16 years. Incoming families will slow the ageing population trend and place additional needs on the existing sports infrastructure in both towns.

3. Key Findings

In summary, the main findings of the sports facility needs assessments against measures of the *quantity, quality, accessibility and availability* of the existing provision are as follows:

- The substantial investment the Borough Council and its partners have made in the sports facility stock over the last seven years has brought the current picture of formal sports facility provision in Test Valley to a position where supply and demand is broadly in balance.
- Sport England's Facility Planning Model (FPM) highlights current shortfalls in provision for both swimming pools and sports halls. Additionally, the FPM data shows that the existing available provision in Test Valley is used close to capacity in the peak times. The shortfall is largely generated from residents in villages living outside the primary catchment area of a pool or hall. No one area in the borough has a current shortfall that would justify provision of an additional community pool or a 4 court sports hall.
- Although the current supply and demand of sports facility provision is broadly in balance, there is likely to be increased shortfalls in the peak period (evenings and weekends) as the population of the Borough grows. There is expected population growth in both the Andover and Romsey area, which is likely to increase the demand for formal sports facility provision and increase the current capacity shortfalls (peak period) at the existing facilities for the most popular indoor sports (gymnastics and swimming).
- With regard to swimming, there may be the potential opportunities to address latent and future demand for learn to swim classes through negotiation of increased availability at existing school pools, for example at St Edwards School in the south and Farleigh School in the north.
- For gymnastics, both the specialist centres in Andover and Romsey have current aspirations to expand either in their existing premises (Andover Gymnastics Club) or by any opportunity of relocating to a larger premises (Starlight Gymnastics Club in Romsey) to accommodate their current waiting lists (i.e. current latent demand) and to provide additional capacity for future growth.
- In the south sub area growth will create a shortfall in community sports hall capacity moving forward, particularly given the current reliance on availability of school sports halls that are coming towards the end of their life at both Romsey School and Mountbatten School.

- In this context, consideration needs to be given to the options to secure more community availability to pools, sports halls and other sports facilities on secondary school sites, with particular priority afforded to those schools located closest to the planning areas for new housing. As part of this work with schools, any associated investment needed to secure greater availability for the community should also be assessed. If community access can be negotiated, then Community Use Agreements will need to be put in place.
- A further major consideration for the Borough Council and its partners over this strategy period is the Romsey Rapids Sports Complex. This venue will be over 45 years old by 2036, there are existing management challenges caused by the separation of the squash courts and changing facilities from the main building, the cricket and tennis pavilions are no longer adequate to meet the needs of the respective clubs and the future of the rugby clubhouse needs to be decided when the rugby club relocates to the new sports hub in development at Kings Chase (Ganger Farm).
- The Council needs to begin to plan for the future provision of community sports and leisure facilities on the Romsey Sports Complex site, ideally in association with the adjacent Bypass (Romsey FC) Ground, which is in private ownership. Detailed consideration should be given to the opportunity to include a community sports hall as part of the master planning considerations for the future provision of sports facilities at the Romsey Rapids Sports Complex.
- In Andover, the playing pitch needs assessment identifies the need for more 3G AGP capacity particularly to meet the midweek evening training needs of mini-soccer and youth football teams of the several large community football clubs based in the town. A study is needed to identify the optimum location in the town for a second full size 3G AGP and how this new provision could be funded and managed to maximise its accessibility and availability. There are a number of potential locations available in the Andover area, which need to be explored in further detail to determine the best location for a new 3G AGP.
- Both Charlton Park and Foxcotte Sports Park, located within half a mile of each other, are key hub locations for outdoor sports and recreation participation and events in Andover and the established base for a number of key community sports clubs. Both sites have needs for facility enhancement in the short term as well as presenting possible opportunities for the future as the population of the town continues to grow.
- In the Charlton area there are sports facilities for athletics (track & field), football (a stadium pitch and a 3G artificial grass pitch), rugby (grass pitches), BMX, golf (18 hole par 3 and crazy golf) and a large judo centre. For informal recreation and community events the park has an excellent network of paths (for walking, running and cycling) and lakes (for angling, kayaking and other water-based activities).
- In the short term, both of the successful BMX club's (Andover and Knightwood) are looking to improve their facility by investing in track lighting. In the longer term, the par 3 golf course at Charlton needs to be reviewed to establish whether the site should be reconfigured to allow for the introduction of new activities (FootGolf) or potentially release land for alternative outdoor sports, recreation or play uses. Subject to feasibility assessment, a review of the course layout may present an opportunity to add other facilities on the site. For example,

to address the established need in Andover for a second 3G artificial grass pitch for football.

- The Foxcotte Sports Park provides facilities for rugby, football and archery on separate playing areas served by a shared access road and car park. The community clubs for each sport are well supported and have their own clubhouses.
- In the short term, a review needs to be completed to examine the ancillary facility needs of all three sports clubs (archery, rugby, football) and the potential for shared provision to improve quality, inclusivity of access and financial sustainability of all three community sports clubs. Similar to Charlton, Foxcotte could also be considered as a potential location for the second 3G AGP in Andover, taking into account the potential for shared use (football and rugby) to meet the aspirations of rugby to consolidate all playing and social activities at secured community club grounds. In the longer term the Council need to review the progress of the short term recommendations and support the clubs to implement any necessary actions that will improve Foxcotte Park.

The firm conclusion of the assessments is that with the current and future population projections, there is a need to retain all existing sports and recreation facilities including playing pitches to meet either current or forecast future needs (to 2036).

Therefore, it is recommended that the current Test Valley Local Plan Policy LHW1 paragraphs D to F (see Figure 1), continues to be applied in future versions of the Local Plan to 2036.

Figure 1 - Extract from Test Valley Local Plan Policy LHW1

Development proposals that would result in the loss of existing open spaces or other recreation facilities will only be permitted if:

d) the pace or facility is not needed to meet the full range of leisure and recreational needs of the local community;

e) the proposed development is for an alternative open space, sport or recreation facility for which there is such a need as to outweigh the loss; or

f) any space or facility to be lost would be replaced by an equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality and be in a suitable location.

Source: Test Valley Borough Council Adopted Local Plan 2011 -2029

4. Leading Priorities

The priority sites and projects for enhancement and/or new provision are set out in the Figures 2-5 on the following pages first for playing pitch facilities and, second for other built sports facilities. The recommendations for action are shown by sub area (North and South) and in the short term (1-2 years) and the longer term.

Figure 2: PLAYING PITCHES - Recommended Short Term Actions

Site	Sport(s)	Action(s)	Lead	Partners	Cost
North Sub Area					
Andover (Site to be determined)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football (Possibly rugby) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission a feasibility study / site options appraisal for provision of a second 3G AGP in Andover in the medium term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FA / FF Site owners Key clubs RFU (if at Foxcotte and rugby compliant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. £12k study (£925k - £1.2m 3G AGP)
Foxcotte Sports Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football / Rugby / Archery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the ancillary facility needs of all three sports clubs (archery, rugby, football) and potential for shared provision to improve quality, inclusivity of access and financial sustainability of all three community sports clubs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC FA RFU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer Time.
Goodship Ground, Foxcotte Sports Park / Charlton Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the feasibility of reconfiguring the current pitch provision to provide additional playing pitch capacity (rugby compliant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andover RFC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC RFU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. £12k study Any pitch reconfiguration cost: To be determined
Andover Cricket Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace club pavilion (2 team) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andover CC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECB TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined

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London Road Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implement actions recommended in HCB Pitch Advisor Ground Report (Dec 19) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC / Andover CC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined ○ c. £12k
Picket Twenty Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implement actions recommended in HCB Pitch Advisor Ground Report (Dec 19) ○ Promote use of sites Non-Turf Pitch (NTP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined
Picket Piece Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalise handover of pavilion and pitch ○ Consider long term management arrangement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club users ○ FA - support as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ n/a
Harrow Way School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-establish community use of pitches and ancillary facilities and consider potential for community programming links with Portway Junior School field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harrow Way School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC ○ Portway Junior School ○ Andover New Street FC ○ Andover YFC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined
Upper Clatford Sports Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improvements to pavilion. ○ FA Pitch Adviser to assess options and costs to improve pitch quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parish Council ○ FA 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined

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Bulbery Sports Fields, Abbotts Ann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA Pitch Adviser to assess options and costs to improve pitch quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parish Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined
South					
Romsey Rapids Sports Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cricket ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HCB Pitch Adviser to assess options to improve outfield ○ In the long term, programme and mark the current rugby training area for youth football training, following the opening of Ganger Farm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OT&RCC ○ ECB ○ Romsey Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined ○ c. £12k ○ n/a
Bypass (Romsey) Stadium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upgrade changing, showers (utilities etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Romsey Town FC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA/FF (FSIF grant) ○ Site owner ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined
Kings Chase/ Ganger Farm Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hockey ○ Rugby ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete new pitches and pavilion ○ Finalise management arrangements, core programme and facility hire charges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facility Operator ○ NGBs - support as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funded

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Abbotswood Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalise handover of pavilion & pitches ○ Finalise management arrangements, core programme and facility hire charges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club users ○ FA - support as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funded
Trojans Sports Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rugby ○ Hockey ○ Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upgrade pavilion changing areas ○ Commission a feasibility study for a 2nd hockey AGP and conversion of a rugby pitch to a rugby AGP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trojans Sports Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eastleigh BC ○ TVBC ○ EH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ c. £500k pavilion ○ To be determined ○ c. £10k AGP feasibility study
Hunts Farm Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football ○ Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA to assess options and costs to improve drainage to football pitches ○ Improve levels of cricket squares by implementing actions recommended in HCB Pitch Advisor Ground Report (Dec 19) ○ Install a Non-Turf Pitch (NTP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA ○ ECB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined ○ c. £12k
Knightwood Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implement actions recommended in HCB Pitch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined

Site	Sport(s)	Action(s)	Lead	Partners	Cost
		Advisor Ground Report (Dec 19)			
Broughton Sports Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cricket ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replace pavilion (2 team) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broughton PC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECB ○ FA / FF ○ TVBC ○ Broughton clubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ c. £255k
North Baddesley Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implement actions recommended in FA pitch improvement report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parish Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined
Sherfield English Sports Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete new pavilion fit out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SERP Trust 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined
Mottisfont Sports Pitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA to assess options and costs to improve pitch subject to confirmation by Sports Trust and Club of continued demand for affiliated play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports Trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA ○ Parish Council ○ Mottisfont FC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be determined
Ampfield Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cricket ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve car park, remove former pavilion building and relocate play area further from cricket boundary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parish Council 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funded (CAF, S106)

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Boroughwide				
Football, Rugby & Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the extent of the need for, and the costs of providing, a maintenance hub resource with specialist equipment for hire to clubs, sports associations, parish councils in order to improve quality and capacity of club and parish pitches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGBs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGB Pitch Advisors TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined
Football, Rugby & Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise and promote sports turf maintenance training update sessions annually for grounds staff working on playing pitches in the borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGBs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC Sparsholt College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace fixed goalposts with moveable systems at all sites used for affiliated football. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FA Parish Councils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined

Figure 3: PLAYING PITCHES - Recommended Longer Term Actions

Site	Sport(s)	Action	Lead	Partners	Cost
North					
Foxcotte Sports Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football / Rugby / Archery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the progress of the short term recommendations (see figure 2). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC FA RFU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined

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<i>Andover (Site to be determined)</i>	○ Hockey	○ Review a needs case for a second hockey AGP to serve demand in Andover and the site and funding options.	○ TVBC	○ EH ○ Andover Hockey Club	○ c. £10k review ○ (c. £800k sand dressed AGP)
Barton Stacey Recreation Ground	○ Football	○ Replace pavilion (2 team)	○ Barton Stacey PC	○ FA / FF ○ TVBC ○ Barton Stacey FC & Youth FC	○ c. £255k
Anton Junior School	○ Football	○ Resurface 2 No. small sided 3G pitches	○ Anton Junior School	○ Andover Town YFC ○ Andover New Street FC ○ FA - advisory support only (not a funding priority)	○ To be determined
Andover Sports Academy	○ Football	○ Establish feasibility/ business case of converting disused single tennis court to a small sided 3G AGP.	○ Andover Community Services	○ TVBC ○ FA - advisory support only (not a funding priority)	○ c. £405k
South					

Site	Sport(s)	Action	Lead	Partners	Cost
Romsey Rapids Sports Complex Bypass (Romsey) Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cricket ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commission a feasibility study / master plan to review all provision on the two sites (including the indoor sports and leisure facilities) and establish a preferred option, costs and funding strategy for enhancing this key sports hub, to include replacement of the existing inadequate pavilion facilities of Old Tauntonian & Romsey Cricket Club and Romsey Football Club. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA / FF ○ ECB ○ OT&R CC ○ Romsey Town FC ○ Bypass Ground landowner ○ Romsey Future ○ Romsey Extra Parish Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ c. £20k feasibility study
Trojans Sports Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rugby ○ Hockey ○ Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subject to findings of feasibility study, provide a second hockey AGP and change of surface of a rugby pitch to 3G AGP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trojans Sports Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eastleigh BC ○ TVBC ○ NGBs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £800k hockey AGP ○ £1.285k rugby AGP
Nursling & Rownhams Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pavilion provision (4 team) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nursling & Rownhams PC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FA / FF ○ TVBC ○ Newton Heath ○ Nursling Vets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ c. £665k

Figure 4: SPORTS FACILITIES - Recommended Short Term Actions

Project Site	Proposed Action	Lead	Partners	Cost
Andover Leisure Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the ancillary facilities, accessibility and peak time customer experience at the Andover Leisure Centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Places Leisure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined
St Edwards School and Farleigh School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the opportunity for community access/ availability at St Edwards School and Farleigh School (subject to Community Use Agreements being implemented). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School governing bodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined
Trojans Sports Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade changing facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trojans Sports Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGBs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. £500k
Foxcotte Sports Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the ancillary facility needs of all three sports clubs (archery, rugby, football) and potential for shared provision to improve quality, inclusivity of access and financial sustainability of all three community sports clubs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC FA RFU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer time
Charlton Sports Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review options to reconfigure the current facility with the potential for the introduction of Foot Golf to widen appeal. Also, consideration should be given to other alternative sports / recreation uses of potential land released from the reconfiguration (e.g. informal recreation / cycling and/or site for 3G AGP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Places Leisure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff time

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Romsey School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade tennis / netball courts and lights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Romsey School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTA Romsey & Abbey LTC TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. £30k resurfacing c. £45k lighting
BMX Track sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess opportunities for the clubs to enhance their sites, including the improvement of power supply, lighting, CCTV and water supply at the BMX track. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Cycling Andover BMX Knightwood BMX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined

Figure 5: SPORTS FACILITIES - Recommended Longer Term Actions

Project Site	Proposed Action	Lead	Partners	Cost
Romsey Rapids Sports Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission a feasibility study to establish a design brief, capital cost estimates and a funding strategy as part of a wider master plan to review all sports facility provision (including the indoor sports and leisure facilities and playing pitch provision) on the Romsey Rapids Sports Complex. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Places Leisure FA / FF ECB OT&R CC Romsey Town FC Bypass Ground landowner Romsey Future Romsey Extra Parish Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. £20k feasibility study. From £11.125m (SE 'Affordable Model': 8l pool, learner pool, 5 ct sport hall, 100 stn gym, 2 studios)
Foxcotte Sports Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the progress of the short-term actions (see Figure 4). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TVBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer time

<i>Project Site</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Partners</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Charlton Sports Centre	○ Resurface the athletics track	○ TVBC	○ Andover Athletics Club	○ c. £150k
Romsey School	○ Replacement sports hall	○ Romsey School	○ TVBC	○ c. £2.5m
Mountbatten School	○ Replacement sports hall	○ Mount-batten School	○ TVBC	○ c. £2.5m
Winton School	○ Upgrade tennis/netball courts and lights	○ Winton School	○ LTA ○ TVBC	○ c. £30k resurfacing ○ c. £45k lighting
North Baddesley Recreation Ground	○ Upgrade existing 2 tennis courts or replace in better location.	○ Parish Council	○ LTA	○ c. £20k resurfacing
Andover Sports Academy	○ Review the Andover Sports Academy future prior to the lease ending in 2027.	○ TVBC		○ To be determined
Bowls Sites	○ Review of all bowls facilities in the Borough (both north and south) to ensure they best meet the needs of the population.	○ TVBC ○ Andover Bowls ○ Andover Vision ○ Romsey Bowls ○ Romsey Future ○ Banister Park Bowling Club		○ To be determined
East Anton (Site to be determined)	○ Work with housing developers to ensure appropriate facilities and physical activity provision is developed to meet the needs of the community based on a review of	○ TVBC	○ Housing Developers	○ To be determined

<i>Project Site</i>	<i>Proposed Action</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Partners</i>	<i>Cost</i>
	the delivery of the priorities within this strategy at the time of any site development.			

5. Summary

Test Valley Borough Council is in the midst of an important and defining time as the plans (and evidence base) are being put in place to ensure that the development and growth of its infrastructure and population provides the right amount of facilities for sport, physical activity recreation and playing pitches which can meet both current and future demand.

The overall strategy has shown evident need for investment into a number of built facilities and playing pitch facilities with the over-riding message that the Council needs to ensure not only the protection of (and retention of) their sports facilities but also the additional development of specific sports facilities types as set out in this summary document and the two leading full strategies that underpin this work.

The Council and its partners has a good track record of investment in sport and leisure facilities and the Council has long recognised the value of sport and leisure facilities as a key contributor to health and wellbeing, quality of life and community development. Since the last strategy period the Council have invested in sport and leisure facilities in Test Valley to provide high quality opportunities for residents to improve the quality of life as well as the ability to lead active lifestyles and participate in sport and physical activity. The adoption and implementation of this overall strategy will ensure this can continue.

The Council and its partners have shown great vision in committing to this strategy and the overall Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Facilities Strategy

as well as the subsequent potential delivery of the leading priorities and recommendations that have been detailed from the robust evidence base and research that supports this work.

The Council must now ensure that the Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Facilities Strategy, and the policies and recommendations presented within each of the leading reports, become embedded within the emerging Local Plan and the local planning process to ensure that sport, leisure and recreation can continue to get the investment it needs to making the lasting and positive impact that it has on the lives of the residents of Test Valley.