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Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Playing pitch strategy
Annual update 2023

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1. Introduction

1.1 Since the sports facilities strategy was published in 2020 this is the Council's first annual update of the playing pitch strategy and action plan. The assessment methodology adopted for the PPS follows the published guidance from Sport England.

1.2 For the Council to identify whether there have been any changes since the strategy was published in 2020, National governing bodies (NGBs) and key partner organisations were asked to complete a survey which outlines any changes in demand/supply.

1.3 The 2020 playing pitch strategy focused on the following outdoor sports.

- Football
- Cricket
- Rugby union
- Hockey
- Tennis
- Netball
- Lacrosse
- Golf
- Cycling
- Bowls
- Athletics

1.4 This report also includes an update from Badminton and Skiing.

Sport	Contact	Rationale
Football	Hertfordshire FA	National governing body
Cricket	Hertfordshire Cricket	County cricket association
Rugby union	Rugby Football Union	National governing body
Hockey	England Hockey	National governing body
Tennis	Lawn Tennis Association	National governing body
Netball	England Netball	National governing body
Lacrosse	England Lacrosse Welwyn Warriors	National governing body Only club in the borough
Golf	England Golf	National governing body
Cycling	British Cycling	National governing body
Bowls	Bowls England	National governing body
Athletics	England Athletics	National governing body
Badminton	Badminton England	National governing body
Skiing	Snowsport England	National governing body

2. Football

2.1 Supply update

Table 2.1 Changes in football pitch supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Chancellors School	Football	Hatfield	Ongoing issues with the drainage. To maintain their grass pitches verti-draining is now carried out by contractors.	Protect

2.2 Demand update

Table 2.2 A comparison of competitive football clubs in 2020 and 2023.

Demand data 2019		Demand data 2023	
Football teams	Number of teams per age category	Football Teams	Number of teams per age category
Adult Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	54	Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	62
Adult Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	7	Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	5
Youth Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	48	Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	50
Youth Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	3	Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	5
Youth Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	37	Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	44
Youth Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	2	Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	7
Mini Soccer Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	43	Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	47
Mini Soccer Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	30	Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	44
Total	224	Total	264

2.3 Key updates for football

- Herts FA published a Local Football Facilities plan which identified 7 natural grass pitches as a priority for improvement, which would include an enhanced maintenance regime.
- The Ridgeway academy reported that they have good drainage on their pitches, so they tend to stay in good condition. The school are working in partnership with Welwyn Garden City Youth FC to gain a £120k grant from the Football Foundation to carry out maintenance work on the pitches over the next 6 years.
- Chancellors School are carrying out verti-draining to improve the drainage.
- No other site has reported an enhanced maintenance regime.

- Hatfield Town Council have recently completed a consultation with regards to the future of football at Birchwood leisure centre. For any club to progress to step 4, Birchwood need to meet FA requirements.
- National programmes such as Wildcats are not included within the strategy, so we haven't captured those participation rates.

2.4 Football pitch summary and conclusions

- Overall participation levels for football have increased, for adult men, youth girls (10-11yrs), and mini soccer mixed (6-7yrs).
- There has been a decline in the number of adult women football teams, but it is likely we will see an increase in future demand.
- There is desire from Welwyn Garden City FC to start a women's team.
- Due to an increase in the number of teams it's likely that the spare capacity recorded in the PPS is now unavailable.
- All recommendations from the 2020 strategy remain.
- The PPS does not capture any data for national programmes, so we do not have a clear representation of participation rates.

3. Third generation turf (3G) Artificial Grass Pitches (AGPs)

3.1 Supply update

Table 3.1 Changes in 3G and AGP supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
The Ridgeway academy	Football	Welwyn Garden City	The Ridgeway academy have resurfaced their sand based 3G to an AGP rubber crumb. This pitch has been added to the 3G register and can be used for match games.	Provide
Hatfield leisure centre	Football	Hatfield	GLL have undertaken maintenance repairs to the fences on the 5aside AGP.	Provide
Welwyn Garden City football club	Football	Welwyn Garden City	The community use agreement at the club has been updated to reflect the current climate and ensure	Provide

			more community usage.	
Breaks Manor	Football	Hatfield	In the process of replacing the wall and fencing of the AGP.	Protect
University of Hertfordshire (De Havilland Campus)	Football	Hatfield	Upgrading the x2 3G pitches to make them FIFA 1 star quality and compliant with Rugby training and American Football.	Enhance

3.2 Key updates for 3G and AGP

- The LFFP identified two geographic areas in which to deliver new facilities to address the shortfall of three 3G FTPs in Welwyn Hatfield. Hertfordshire FA are currently in conversations to develop AGPs on the following sites:
 - The Ridgeway Academy – Welwyn Garden City
 - Chancellors School – Hatfield
- Onslow St Audrey’s School have plans to build a 9v9 3G pitch on site. Herts FA have not been engaged with any consultations with the school. The Council would proceed to put in place a CUA to secure community use on the site.
- Hatfield football academy scored in the lower end of the Standard ratings in the AGP audit (Table 4.1 PPS needs assessment) and have confirmed that their sand based AGP pitches are due to be resurfaced in 2024.

3.3 3G and AGP summary and conclusions

- Since 2020 there has been upgrading to some of the existing AGP facilities.
- These improvements do not contribute towards the need for three full sized AGP facilities as identified in the PPS.
- Due to the increase in the number of teams and the delivery of national programmes it is likely that there is now a further requirement for more than three AGP 3G pitches in the borough.
- All recommendations from the 2020 strategy remain.

4. Cricket

4.1 Supply update

Table 4.1 Changes in cricket pitch supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Welwyn Garden City cricket club	Cricket	Welwyn Garden City	Internal improvements on site and new nets installed.	Enhance
Roe Hill	Cricket	Hatfield	Roe Hill is no longer a site serving cricket	Provide

4.2 Demand update

Table 4.2 A comparison of competitive cricket clubs in 2020 and 2023.

Demand data 2019		Demand data 2023	
Cricket teams	Number of teams per age category	Cricket Teams	Number of teams per age category
Men (18-55yrs)	18	Men (18-55yrs)	21
Women (18-55yrs)	0	Women (18-55yrs)	0
Junior (7-18yrs)	26	Boys (7-18yrs)	19
		Girls (7-18yrs)	1
Total	44	Total	41

4.3 National programmes are also delivered in the borough for junior boys and girls, this data is not captured in the sports strategy.

Table 4.3 national cricket programmes which are delivered in the borough

Programme	Gender/age	Number of participants	Club
All Stars	Mixed (5-8 yrs)	40+	Hatfield Hyde
Dynamos	Mixed (8-11 yrs)	20+	Hatfield Hyde

4.4 Key updates for Cricket

- Roe Hill is no longer serving Cricket as the site has been redeveloped for Rugby. All cricket resources were moved off site onto Newgate Street.
- Hatfield Town Council invested over £40,000 in setting up the new wicket and changing rooms at Newgate Street so are keen for it to be a premium site.
- Herts Cricket note that due to the lack of capacity at times on cricket sites, this can cause a barrier to more clubs delivering national programmes. It's important for these programmes to be delivered as it'll provide more opportunities for the development of junior teams for both boys and girls.
- The ECB recently completed an audit in 2022 and are currently completing a county facilities strategy on all sites, which will provide a true reflection of cricket pitches.
- Hatfield crusaders could move sites to Hollybush Lane, this would include 2 new cricket grounds which would enable the club to expand to two teams.

4.5 Cricket summary and conclusions

- Overall demand for cricket has decreased for men and juniors.
- National programmes are not mentioned within the strategy; therefore, this doesn't cover a true representation of the number of juniors playing cricket who are not affiliated to a club.
- North Mymms Cricket club have now entered an under 11 girls team into the league.
- Welwyn Garden City sub-area continues to concentrate the highest amount of supply and demand across Welwyn Hatfield.
- All recommendations from the 2020 strategy remain.

5. Hockey

5.1 supply update

Table 5.1 Changes in Hockey pitch supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Ridgeway academy	Hockey	Welwyn Garden City	The sand-based AGP pitch has been resurfaced into a 3G rubber crumb, therefore no Hockey can take place on site.	Provide

5.2 Demand update

Table 6.2 A comparison of competitive clubs in 2020 and 2023.

Demand data 2019		Demand data 2023	
Hockey teams	Number of teams per age category	Hockey Teams	Number of teams per age category
Men (17-55yrs)	3	Men (17-55yrs)	4
Women (17-55yrs)	4	Women (17-55yrs)	4
		Total	8
		Hockey junior members	
		Boys (14-16yrs)	6
		Girls (14-16yrs)	6
		Boys (11-13yrs)	4
		Girls (11-13yrs)	4
		Mixed (5-10yrs)	24
		Total	44

5.3 Key updates for Hockey

- Due to the Ridgeway Academy resurfacing their sand based AGP to a 3G rubber crumb there's no Hockey facilities in Welwyn Garden City.
- Hockey facilities are only located in the southern settlements of the borough.
- The strategy recommended (Rec Hockey H2) 'Ensure long-term community use agreements are in place, especially at educational sites such as Hertfordshire Sports

Village’. The University confirmed that as part of the PFI agreement the Hockey pitch is on site for 10/11 years and therefore there is no need for a CUA, as the University are happy with current arrangements.

- The pitch at Chancellors school was not included within the strategy, there are no floodlights, so is unsuitable for winter training.
- Queenswood School do not have a CUA in place, the Council have not been able to engage with the school about improving facilities on site or implementing a CUA.
- England Hockey will be launching a new Facility Strategy in 2023.

5.4 Hockey summary and conclusions

- There has been an increase in men’s teams, and a decrease in women’s teams.
- Demand data in the PPS for juniors was captured by number of members rather than number of teams, therefore we are unable to compare junior demand data.
- The PPS does not capture any data for any programmes the club are delivering, therefore we do not have a true representation on the number of people participating.
- Due to less Hockey pitches in the borough its likely that there will be no spare capacity within the borough.
- All recommendations from the 2020 strategy remain.

6. Tennis

6.1 supply update

Table 6.1 Changes in Tennis court supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
King George V playing fields	Tennis	Welwyn Garden City	The tennis courts are now free to access for the community. There is no booking system, it operates as turn up and play.	Provide
Monks Walk School	Tennis	Welwyn Garden City	The school have built a MUGA on site with Tennis courts. The school use the facilities, but the courts have been used for external sessions.	Provide
Chancellors School	Tennis	Hatfield	A community use agreement	Provide

			has been put in place at the School to allow access to the MUGA which has Tennis markings.	
Dellcott Family tennis club	Tennis	Welwyn Garden City	Refurbished the clubhouse	Protect

6.2 Demand update

Table 6.2 A comparison of tennis memberships in 2020 and 2023.

Demand data 2019		Demand data 2023
Tennis clubs	Number of members	Number of members
Orchard Tennis club	200	No data
Brookmans Park Tennis club	200	No data
Dellcott Family Tennis club	No data	418
Ponsbourne Tennis club	277	N/A

6.3 Key updates for Tennis

- Within the strategy demand data was collected for Ponsbourne Tennis club however, the club is no longer operating. Therefore, the Council still need to ensure that local plans take into account the loss of the site as mentioned in recommendation Tennis T3 - protect tennis provision at Brookmans Park Golf Club, which has been identified as a potential site for housing developments.
- Monks Walk School have built a MUGA on site with Tennis courts, conversations were held with the LTA about the potential to add a gate booking system on site to allow community access on evening and weekends, this did not progress however can be revisited.
- The tennis courts at Welham Green recreational ground that are managed by North Mymms Parish Council were identified as meeting the criteria to renovate their courts through UK Government funding. However, the parish Council decided not to proceed with the proposal. No other sites in the borough were identified as meeting the criteria.

6.4 Tennis summary and conclusions

- The LTA don't expect any significant changes for team participation or club membership over the last few years. The LTA conduct a monthly survey on participation which covers both Clubs and community and overall participation numbers have increased through the pandemic, especially adult participation.

- The LTA note that the current cost of living crisis may have an impact on future participation numbers.
- No data was collected from Dellcott Family Tennis club during the consultation period in 2019 however, membership has significantly increased at the club, they are also delivering programmes.
- Allowing the tennis courts to be open to the public at KGV has provided more people with the opportunity to play.
- National programmes are not mentioned within the strategy; therefore, we are unable to compare data demand in participation numbers across the programmes.
- The LTA confirmed the following programmes are delivered in the borough
 - LTA Youth, including LTA Youth Start, LTA Youth Schools and LTA Youth Compete
 - Cardio Tennis
 - Walking Tennis
 - Disability Tennis
 - SERVES – LSEG programme
 - Performance programme
- All recommendations from the 2020 strategy remain.

7. Lacrosse

7.1 Demand update

Table 7.2 A comparison of competitive clubs in 2020 and 2023.

Demand data 2019		Demand data 2023	
Lacrosse teams	Number of teams/members per age category	Lacrosse Teams	Number of teams/members per age category
Men (16 – 55yrs)	40 members	Men (16 – 55yrs)	1 team 20 members
Women (14-55 yrs)		Women (14-55 yrs)	1 team 15 members
Total	40	Total	2 teams 35 members

7.3 Key updates for Lacrosse

- Welwyn Warriors Lacrosse team are effectively operating as a “wandering” club, with no social base, and reporting the same issues from the PPS consultation. The club have found it difficult to find a permanent home with changing room facilities and a club house.
- The men and women teams train and play their home matches at different venues.
- Any junior initiative involves the club ad hoc hiring of facilities at leisure centres or schools.

7.4 Lacrosse summary and conclusions

- The number of members at the club have decreased, the PPS did not collect data for men/women, so we are unable to compare figures.
- During the PPS consultation no figures were collected for the University of Hertfordshire team so there is no comparison.

- The PPS does not capture any information about additional programmes the club are delivering, so there is no true representation on the number of participants.
- The club are unable to expand if they do not have a permanent facility. They require changing rooms and a club house.

8. Golf

8.1 supply update

Table 8.1 Changes in Golf supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Panshanger Golf club	Golf	Welwyn Garden City	Drainage improvements have been carried out across the site	Protect

8.2 Key changes for Golf

- England Golf have published a playing pitch strategy report for Welwyn Hatfield in January 2023.
- England Golf note that within the local authority there is a very strong demand for golf when compared to the county and especially the region. The demand is split evenly over the 9 golfing profiles.
- Despite the high level of demand in the area, England Golf note that the level of provision is low as the local authority only contains six affiliated facilities, five of which are traditional 18 hole venues with one 36 hole golf complex.
- There is little variety on offer in the area, with all venues offering parkland courses and at a very similar price point, except for Panshanger Golf Club. This means that quicker and more affordable ways to play golf for new or casual golfers is difficult.
- Mill Green golf club have delivered the national 'Women on Par' programme where they are engaging with women completely new to golf. From this, the club have been able to offer additional programmes offering more casual competitive play.
- Mill Green have also delivered the HAPpy holiday activity programmes engaging with young children.
- Recommendation 10 and the consideration of the closure of the driving range at the Gosling Sports Park has not progressed, as this links back to recommendation 3 and the gosling master plan.

8.3 Golf summary and conclusions

- Demand data was not captured within the PPS however, England Golf have compared membership figures across affiliated clubs which highlights that there has been an increase in membership figures between 2018 – 2023 by 40%.
- Data is not captured in the PPS for national programmes that clubs are delivering, so we don't have a true representation on the number of participants.

- England Golf note that participation and membership in golf has seen a large resurgence over the last few years and particularly as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. Cycling

9.1 supply update

Table 9.1 Changes in Cycling supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Gosling sports park	Cycling	Welwyn Garden City	Lighting has been updated	Enhance
Gosling sports park	Cycling	Welwyn Garden City	GLL and Places to ride investment for improving the facility including the surrounding grass verges to allow cyclocross.	Enhance

9.2 Key updates for Cycling

- Welwyn Wheelers have received places to ride awards to improve the facilities at Gosling.
- GLL match funded on the Places to Ride Award
- GLL match funded the LED lighting upgrade, which was part funded by British Cycling
- The track exterior is also used for multi-discipline activity, namely cyclocross training, which further enhances the community space to its full potential.
- Welwyn Wheelers have delivered lots of programmes aimed at young children, women and girls, these figures are not included within the strategy.

9.3 Cycling summary and conclusions

- For British Cycling the preservation of activity around Gosling Sports Park and the Velodrome is important.
- Gosling sports park has received significant investment for cycling.
- The places to ride award is an interim solution for the next 3-5 years. Other works will need to be carried out if Gosling is going to remain a long term facility for cycling.
- British Cycling are awaiting progress of the gosling master plan to understand the future of cycling at Gosling.
- All recommendations from the 2020 strategy remain.

10. Bowls

Table 10.1 Changes in Bowls supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Hatfield bowls club	Bowls	Hatfield	Updating doors to make the club more accessible	Provide

Table 10.2 A comparison of competitive clubs in 2020 and 2023.

Demand data 2019				Demand data 2023		
Bowls Club	Senior men	Senior women	Junior	Senior male	Senior women	Junior
Welwyn & District Bowls club	75	50	No data	60 (6 teams)	40 (4 teams)	No data
Welwyn Garden City Bowls club	51	18	No data	63	33	No data
North Mymms Bowls club	38	22	No data	51	32	No data
Hatfield Bowls club	73	35	No data	157 (indoor) 49 (outdoor)	74 (indoor) 24 (outdoor)	No data
Northaw and Cuffley bowls club	58	42	No data	No data	No data	No data
Parkside Bowls club	18	11	No data	No data	No data	No data
Total	313	178	No data	380	203	No data

10.3 Key updates for bowls

- de Havilland Bowls Club are no longer in existence as of 2020, due to Covid and losing members, they were unable to grow members quickly to make the club sustainable. Some members moved over to other bowls clubs.
- Hatfield Bowls club want to maximise their facility use to the community and have begun to let out their facility to other clubs. They are in the process of making the facility more accessible with new doors.
- There is still a need for indoor bowls in Welwyn Garden city and the proposed location for indoor bowls is King George V.

10.4 Bowls summary and conclusions

- Junior figures across the bowls clubs are not included within membership numbers.
- Hatfield bowls club are holding regular Saturday morning sessions which have been well attended.
- The PPS does not capture any figures for programmes that are being delivered by the clubs, therefore we do not have a true representation of the number of participants.
- All recommendations remain from the 2020 strategy.

11. Athletics

11.1 supply update

Table 11.1 Changes in Athletics supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Gosling sports park	Athletics	Welwyn Garden City	A track clean was completed in 2022.	Provide
Gosling sports park	Athletics	Welwyn Garden City	The roof was repaired for the equipment store cupboard and lights have been installed	Protect
Gosling sports park	Athletics	Welwyn Garden City	Replaced the spike mat and the cover on the high jump bed	Protect

11.2 Affiliated member data 22/23

Club name	County	Category	21-22 affiliated club members
Herts Phoenix AC	Hertfordshire	Track & Field & Off Track	327

11.3 Key updates for athletics

- Since the strategy was published England Athletics organised a track inspection, which highlighted the need for a track clean, moss treatment and repairs to the outside lane on the back track.
- England athletics, Herts Phoenix, GLL and the Council contributed towards a track clean.
- Oaklands college confirmed that they can provide land for a new athletics track but no capital.
- As there has been no progression of the gosling master plan, there have been no further conversations about the consideration of a new track.

11.4 Athletics summary and conclusions

- During 2022 the facilities within the stadium at Gosling Sports Park have been substantially improved. However, there are still works that would need to be completed should the track remain as a long term facility.
- England Athletics are awaiting the progress of the Gosling master plan to understand the future of athletics at Gosling.

12. Badminton

Table 12.1 Changes in Badminton supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Gosling sports park	Badminton	Welwyn Garden City	Gosling sports park no longer provides daytime access on their badminton courts	Provide

Table 12.2 A comparison of competitive clubs in 2020 and 2023.

Demand data 2019		Demand data 2023	
Badminton teams	Number per category	Badminton teams	Number per category
Adults		Adults	253
Juniors (12-16)		Juniors (12-16)	141
Racketpack (Under 11):		Racketpack (Under 11):	61

Table 12.3 Demand data for national programmes

Programme	Gender/age	Number of participants	Location
No Strings Badminton (Pay & Play)	Adults	210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birchwood Leisure Centre • David Lloyd, Hatfield • Hatfield Leisure Centre • Gosling Sports Park
Primary Badminton Engagement (The Racketpack)	Juniors	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applecroft • Commonswood • Howe Dell • Peartree

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St John's Lemsford
Essentials – Periodic Courses to coach beginners/returners up to feel confident enough to feed into No Strings sessions	Adults	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various

12.4 Key updates for Badminton

- Badminton England note that there remains insufficient provision in the Welwyn garden city area to cater for demand for badminton and particularly daytime access.
- Badminton England have developed a model to open school facilities for local badminton clubs and coaches, taking on the letting themselves and sub-letting to local groups. This is a viable method of opening facilities. They are keen to explore the model in the area as a way of addressing the shortfall in provision.
- Badminton England and clubs note that demand data does not include unaffiliated activity such a social play.
- Clubs have reported waiting lists which accumulate 20+ people, due to the lack of court availability it prevents clubs from expanding.

12.5 Badminton summary and conclusions

- Badminton England and clubs report that there is a need for more daytime courts, in particular within Welwyn Garden city.
- Post Covid junior clubs are becoming inundated with requests for coaching and playing.
- The partial closure of Gosling has greatly restricted the scope for expansion of coaching activities there
- Clubs are unable to expand or deliver additional recreational programmes due to the lack of court space.

13. Skiing

13.1 supply update

Table 13.1 Changes in Skiing supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Gosling sports park	Skiing	Welwyn Garden City	New motor and belts have been installed to the two Poma lifts at the slope.	Provide
Gosling sports park	Skiing	Welwyn Garden City	Two new container huts have been installed at the centre. An additional hut is planned to be built for summer	Enhance

			2023 for storage of new ski equipment.	
Gosling sports park	Skiing	Welwyn Garden City	Gosling Ski User group has completed several maintenance days at the slope to replace slope mats, fixing of crash barriers, laying new gravel around the ski centre reception, and clearing and weeding areas around the slope. More dates are planned in March / April 2023.	Protect

13.2 Gosling Group Skier Numbers - Annual Current

	Total Skier Attendances	Weeks Attending	Average Skiers/Session	Average No. of Groups/Week
Schools	650	26	25	1
Scouts	325	26	25	0.5
Adult Ski	416	52	8	1
3CS Club	156	26	6	1
Beginners Course Sat	260	26	10	1
Beginners Course Sun	260	26	10	1
JSC Sat	1560	52	30	1
JSC Wed	780	52	15	1
UCL Race Training	300	20	15	1
WGC Ski Race Club	750	30	25	1
Team Evolution	375	25	15	1
Regional Club Ski Races	320	2	160	1
National Club Ski Races	260	2	130	1

London School Ski Races	190	2	95	1
National Schools Ski Races	45	3	15	1
Private Lessons	750	30	25	1
Recreational Skiers	780	52	15	1

13.3 Key changes for Skiing

- Welwyn Garden City ski and race club identified incorrect statements in the following documents.
 - Built Facilities Study and Strategy - Evidence Base document - removal of point 3.196.
 - Evidence base document 3.196 - Removal of point 1.44.
 - Strategy Recommendations document: 1.44 – 1.46 - Removal of section 1.46 and list of Bassingbourn Ski Club views on Gosling Sports park outdoor ski facility. No clear source, incorrect and out of date information
- The Ski club are delivering sessions with School and scout groups, as well as beginner sessions. These figures are not included within the strategy.

13.4 Skiing summary and conclusions

- Demand data has increased due to the additional sessions that the club are delivering.
- The PPS does not capture any data for any programmes being delivered, table 14.2 provides a true representation of the number of people skiing.
- The club have completed many improvements on site however, further developments need to be made if the site is to provide ski provision over the long term.
- Snowsport England are waiting on the progress of the Gosling master plan to understand the future of skiing at Gosling.
- Recommendations from the 2020 strategy for Skiing remain.

14. Rugby

14.1 supply update

Table 14.1 Changes in Rugby supply and quality

Site	Sport	Settlement	Update	Aim
Roe Hill	Rugby	Hatfield	Roe Hill is no longer a site serving cricket. The site only serves Rugby which should provide more availability.	Provide

14.2 Demand update

Table 14.2 A comparison of competitive rugby clubs in 2020 and 2023.

Demand data 2019		Demand data 2023	
Rugby Teams	Number of teams per age category	Rugby Teams	Number of teams per age category
Adult Men (19-45yrs)	6	Adult Men (19-45yrs)	4
Adult Women (19-45yrs)	1	Adult Women (19-45yrs)	1
Boys (13-18yrs)	4	Boys (13-18yrs)	5
Girls (13-18yrs)	3	Girls (13-18yrs)	4
Mixed (7-12yrs)	8	Mixed (7-12yrs)	6
Total	22	Total	20

14.3 Key updates for Rugby

- Hertfordshire RFU completed a Facility Audit in November 2022, there were returns and engagement from both Welwyn RFC and Hatfield QE RFC.
- The RFU are in conversations with Hatfield Town Council and Hatfield QE RFC with regard to potential upgrading of the facilities at Roe Hill.
- The RFU are currently collaborating with the Football Foundation to roll out PitchPower and Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund for Rugby Union.
- Chancellors school and Roe hill are still reporting issues with the drainage of pitches.

14.4 Rugby summary and conclusions

- Overall participation levels for Rugby have decreased, for adult men (19-45yrs), and mixed (7-12yrs). However, participation rates have increased for boys (13-18yrs) and girls (13-18yrs).
- There has been no change in the number of women's team, as this remains as one.
- All recommendations from the 2020 strategy remain.
- The PPS does not capture any data for national programmes, so we do not have a clear representation of participation rates.

15. Section 106 funds

Table 15.1 section 106 funds allocated between 2020-2023.

Year	Location	Project	Amount
2020	Gosling changing rooms	Refurbishment of the changing area and toilets	£26,780.93
2020	Gosling gymnastics hall	New dedicated gymnastics hall	£53,561.85
2021	KGV Skatepark	Towards a new skatepark	£35,000
2021	Hatfield swim centre	Replacing diving boards	£16,115.33
2022	Hatfield leisure centre	Refurbishment works to the football 5aside pitches	£3,940
2022	Gosling Squash courts	Refurbishment of the indoor squash courts	£7,179.78
2022	Hatfield swim centre	Swim centre changing room refurbishment	£39,732.00
2023	Hatfield swim centre	Replacing worn pool side flooring	£13,929
2023	Hatfield swim centre	Refurbishing the diving area	£18,138
2023	Stanborough lakes	Towards an outdoor changing area and disabled toilet	£10,148.00
2023	Hatfield bowls club	Improving doors to ensure more accessible	£11,115.60
2023	Birchwood leisure centre (Project in progress)	renovating the sports halls at the Birchwood Leisure Centre including new equipment, flooring, changing facilities and redecorating	£38,240.00
2023	Breaks manor (Project in progress)	Refurbishment to fencing and wall on 5aside pitch	£4,204.00
			£278,013.49

16. Survey

Current demand data

To help us produce the annual report please can you provide information for the following:

Part 1 - Teams

1a) How many teams/members do you have registered in the borough of Welwyn Hatfield?

Football

Number of teams

Men 11v11 (16-45yrs)	
Women 11v11 (16-45yrs)	
Boys 11v11 (12-15yrs)	
Girls 11v11 (12-15yrs)	
Boys 9v9 (10-11yrs)	
Girls 9v9 (10-11yrs)	
Mixed 7v7 (8-9yrs)	
Mixed 5v5 (6-7yrs)	

Rugby union teams

Men (19-45yrs)	
Women (19-45yrs)	
Boys (13-18yrs)	
Girls (13-18yrs)	
Mixed (7-12yrs)	

Rugby league teams

Men (19-45yrs)	
Women (19-45yrs)	
Boys (12-18yrs)	
Girls (12-18yrs)	
Mixed (7-11yrs)	

Cricket teams

Men (18-55yrs)	
Women (18-55yrs)	
Boys (7-18yrs)	
Girls (7-18yrs)	

Hockey teams

Men (17-55yrs)	
Women (17-55yrs)	
Boys (14-16yrs)	
Girls (14-16yrs)	
Boys (11-13yrs)	

Girls (11-13yrs)	
Mixed (5-10yrs)	

Hockey junior members

Boys (14-16yrs)	
Girls (14-16yrs)	
Boys (11-13yrs)	
Girls (11-13yrs)	
Mixed (5-10yrs)	

For other sports, please add your team information broken down into categories (e.g. age range/gender) relevant to your sport below:

Sport _____

Team categories:	Number of teams/members

1b) Do any of the clubs have waiting lists and if so which clubs, and for what sections?

Part 2 – Programmes

2a) Do you deliver any programmes i.e. wildcats, dynamos, or walking sports?

Yes/No

If yes, please proceed to 2b)

If no, please skip to 2d)

2b) For us to understand the growth in participation and demand for facilities, please provide details of any programmes your sport delivers.

Programme	Age/gender/no. of participants	location

2c) Do you have any waiting lists for your programmes?

2d) Are there any facility barriers preventing you from delivering programmes?

Part 3 – Facilities, changes since 2020

3a) Since 2020 have you undertaken any facility audits, or do you have plans to audit facilities in the next 12 months?

3b) Please list any key changes since 2020 in relation to new/enhanced/closed facilities, as well as any issues with the quality or access to the facilities.

3c) Do you have facility plans that will occur in the next 12-24months? If yes, please provide details and include info on how the project will be funded.

3d) Since 2020, have you published any strategies/plans for developing facilities?

4) Have there been any other significant changes for your sport not listed above? Please give details.